



BOARD NEWS:

You should all have received your publication on what is expected from you, the member, and from us, the boat club. We all here at the MRBC want everyone to have a pleasant experience when coming to the club and a safe and fun boating season. If you have any questions or did not receive your "do's and don'ts" list, please contact me at 712/898-6787.



Due to the lack of participation, we have decided to discontinue the potlucks.

FROM YOUR DOCK CHAIRMAN: Gene Ott

If you have not heard already, some of the docks on the north end came loose the first weekend in June. We believe this was due to the rising (almost flood) water on the Big Soo and a rather large tree that found its way to our side of the river. Docks 6 – 11 were lost, but were saved intact and taken to a safe harbor further down river. Fortunately, the weather did finally cooperate and we are now making the necessary repairs, and the docks should be back at the MRBC soon. We have only one-half back in the water and are working on the other one-half. As we have stated numerous times in the past, this is not a one-person task, it takes many dedicated people, and I want to give a BIG thank you to all of you who have taken the time to assist me with this rather daunting task. We all need to help each other...and if you need some help, please don't be afraid to ask for help. All of the north dockers have come together and worked very hard to get their docks back in shape. It's times like these that we realize what a wonderful organization we belong to. When the call for help comes out, then everyone comes together. I also want to thank the south dockers who have come to help our cause. And of course we had several people who were not dockers that knew we needed help. Thanks again EVERYONE!!!

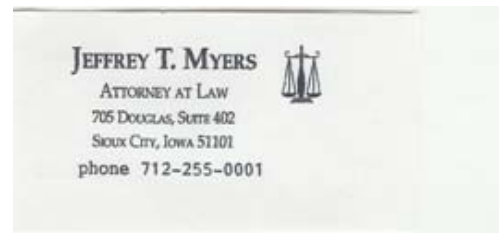


Once again I need to tell you.....PLEASE mark your trailers. You have been provided a trailer tag....use it! This is VERY IMPORTANT as we need to know who is parking where and we want to make sure that those parking up there in the trailer parking area ARE boat club members. IF you do not mark your trailers, we have every right to remove them from the property. Please be sure you do this ASAP!!!!

FROM YOUR FLEET CAPTAIN: Shane Benson

Don't forget to purchase your Hog Roast tickets.... scheduled for July 19. Tickets are on sale now for \$20 per person. Remember this is open to the public...not just for club members. PLEASE contact any of the board members or stop out to the club if you are interested in purchasing a ticket. This is another fundraiser for the club, so all of your participation is greatly appreciated. The MRBC horseshoe tournament will start at 3:00p. Come sign up and draw for your partner. It's only \$5.

We'll have door prizes and raffles, and of course some great roast pig with all of the luau style fixins'. Come join the party. Guaranteed good food and a lot of fun. Dale Blue will be on hand beginning at 8:00p for some audience participation-style music and great entertainment. You might remember him from the Dry Dock Party.



Happy Birthday:

Independence Day

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| Jo Chingren | July 4 |
| Board meeting | July 7 |
| Jaime Benson | July 9 |
| Mike Pottorff | July 10 |
| Troy Brown | July 12 |
| Ryan Whitney | July 17 |
| Nan Brown | July 27 |
| Mark Garner (I've got a question, Mark ?) | July 29 |
| (You know that never gets old)..... | |

Happy Anniversary:

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| Daryl & Jill Prichard | July 31 |
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If there is a birthday or anniversary (or anything) you wish to share with us, please contact me at home 712/274-1727 or on my cell at 712/898-6787. Email



address: ott1727@netzero.net or contact us at themrbc.com. I would be happy to include in the newsletter.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

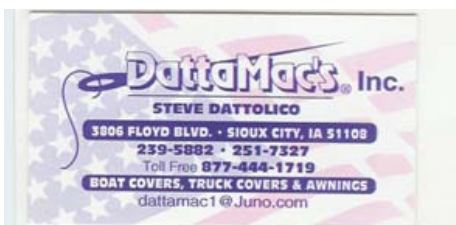
RiverTime Resort – Blow out for Raft Regatta	July 12
Cruise Night at the MRBC	July 14
Hog Roast	July 19
Poker Run	August 30

Sonny & Melody have scheduled a "Cruise Night" at the MRBC. Please come check out the classics and bring yours to show off. We'll have something good to eat for sale at the clubhouse. Car show to start 4:30p. And don't forget to park your own vehicles AWAY from the docker parking...Thank you!

RiverTime is hosting a blow out party on July 12 for the River Raft Regatta (which was canceled), but the Blow Out festivities are still going on. There will be volleyball tournaments and live bands all day. Anne Marie and Brad would like you to come join them part of the day or all day. If you have any questions on further details, please phone 402/755-2125.



Thanks to those of you who were down on the riverfront for the River Relief Clean Up event held early last month. I, for one, did not realize the amount of garbage and debris that have found its way to our river. Ginger Zaber and I were on the same crew (partnered with the folks from Cargill) and we saw more than 10 water heaters, stoves, and metal garbage deposited on the river banks (among others too numerous to mention). And we only scraped the surface. This is from years and years of neglect and it looked like a dumping ground. We spent a great deal of time trying to dig out a stove which had become embedded in the roots of a rather large tree. I took several of us with pick axes, shovels, and back-breaking manpower to dislodge this stove.



Thanks also Russ, Geno, Dave, Ginger, Blake Burruss, and Jordan Menard. As of what I know today, this event will happen again next year and I'm sure we will be asked to once again volunteer. But, I believe it will also include areas on the Big Soo as well. This is not confirmed yet, and of course I will update you more on this when the information becomes available. We hope to have more MRBC representation next year.

It's very important to ALWAYS leave your campsite in better condition than when you arrived. PLEASE try and keep your glassware (bottles) off the river. Always pick up your trash. Keeping our children safe on the river is our main concern. No cut fingers or toes!



We always mention in the newsletters that if you have a question or a problem to contact a Board member. Please find listed below the contact numbers for the Board and their area of responsibility:....you may want to keep this section posted on your refrigerator.

- Mark Garner – Commodore 712/253-7911
- Any and all Board questions/concerns
- Dennis Butler – Vice Commodore 712/203-0520
- Any and all grounds, parking, club questions/concerns
- Gene Ott – Dock Chairman 712/898-6785
- Any and all dock questions/concerns
- Shane Benson – Fleet Captain 712/258-2757
- All fund raisers, calendar events, memorabilia
- Curt Baker – Ship's Purser 712/253-2200
- Record keeping for club funds, filing regulatory papers, membership dues
- Ginger Zaber – Ship's Writer 712/259-1949
- Preparation/distribution of Meeting Minutes
- Stormy Ott - Ship's Historian 712/898-6787
- Newsletter information and distribution
- Russ Hodges – Board member 712/898-3379
- Jay Burruss – Board member 712/253-3577
- Pat Pinney – Board member 712/203-0874
- Roger Clarke – Board member 712/204-1164
- Daryl Prichard – Board member 712/276-4308
- Brian Petersen – Board member 712/266-8407
- Mike King – Board member 712/258-7747
- Tim Goehring – Board member 712/943-6268
- Melody Dawdy – Board member 712/898-5610
- Club house 712/234-0155



We have 2 new sponsors for the newsletter. Welcome Dean Poss, Heartland Chiropractic and Pat Pinney Contractors. Thank you for your support of the MRBC newsletter.

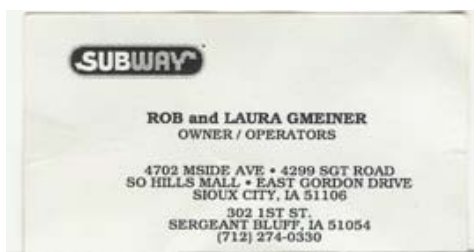
STORM WATCH:

Josh Eldridge – mmmm’ How do I begin.
36’ Fountain Big bucks ??
Running out of gas \$300 - \$450
Having someone park your boat Priceless
I guess it’s back to boat docking 101 for you, Josh. Oh by the way, thanks Russ for the drive in!

We are taking donations for new playground equipment and would appreciate your support. If you wish to give anything, there is a “donation jar” at the clubhouse. Thanks in advance for your generosity. We’ll give you further updates on this project as they become available.

Just a quick update for those of you who are new to the boat club and the Storm Watch. What goes in this column is all about fun and funny things happening to our members. We ALWAYS have watch dogs out, no matter who you are or what you do...if someone thinks it’s funny, it generally ends up here. So all you watch dogs out there, send me your “oops, I hope no one was watching that” items. We’d love to put them here. I heard once that...”Be careful.... you better not mess up, cuz it’s going in the newsletter”. And we hope it does.

Remember....we are not laughing at you, we are laughing with you. It’s ALL good (and good fun)!



Well, I must report this even though it pains me to do so. You know, we always have special people who help everyone when they need a tow, or gas, or just about anything. Well, we have such a person in our own Jay Burruss. Unfortunately, one day up at RiverTime Resort, he pulled in and alas took out one of his lower units by a misplaced log. Even though he was in the same spot the day before with no mishap. Jay is still waiting for the Pebble’s Beach to return from Dr. Russ.



Dave Waller is new to the boat club and also fairly new to boating. He purchased a Cobalt last year, but since it was older he (also) sent it to Dr. Russ for some major repairs. So, we gotta give him credit, but I think he needs “know your boat” 101 training. The manual is long gone, but you don’t always have to push in the IDLE button on your shifter to get it into either gear. Green means go, Dave. Oops! In the mortal words of Captain Kirk: Engage!

Reminder: Please add the MRBC to those you notify when changing your address (or email/phone).

SAFETY TIPS:
Pre-Departure Checklist:

Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)

At least one Coast Guard approved device per passenger.
An additional throwable device is required if the vessel is over 16’ long.
Explain PFD location to all passengers.

Sound Producing Devices

Must have horn capable of producing a 4 second audible blast than can be heard 1/2 mile.
If a portable air horn, have a spare can of air.

Lights & Shapes

All navigation lights as required.
Instrumental lights working.
If you intend to engage in an activity that requires a day shape, have the required shapes.
Flashlight on board.



Distress Signals

Accessible flares, day signals, etc. stored in a dry location.
Carry signals at all time, even if not required by the Coast Guard.
Inform crew & passengers of their location and their use.

Tools & Spares

Basic tool box on board.
Box of spares aboard (fuel filter, light bulbs, head parts, plugs, etc.).

Ventilation

On any powered vessel, check that all interior spaces are well ventilated.
If fuel smells are detected before ventilating, check after running the blowers for several minutes before starting.
If odor persists, stop and look for the source of the leak.

Fire Extinguishers

Accessible fire extinguisher.
Check to be sure mounts are secure and functional before departure.
Take the time to point out locations to passengers.

Safety tips are researched at various boating safety web sites. These tips are taken from <http://www.boatsafe.com/nauticalknowhow/safetytips.htm>

