



**BOARD NEWS:**

The new air conditioner has been installed, but remember to be sure you shut the doors when entering and leaving the club house.



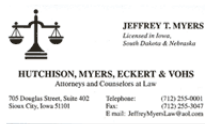
**FROM YOUR DOCK CHAIRMAN: Gene Ott**

There is still currently 1 dock available for purchase. If you or someone you know is interested in obtaining a dock (or you have a dock for sale), please contact me at 712/898-6785.

Once again I must inform you that all dockers have the preferred parking along the river's edge. All guests **must** park along the east side (park/bathroom side). Even if you are a docker in another area, please either park in your own spot or park in the guest parking. We appreciate your understanding and hope you will abide by this guideline.

If you have an extra set of boat keys, please drop one by the clubhouse. We promise, no one will steal your boat. Really! We just want the extra set in case of an emergency if there is rising river water or inclement weather and we have to move your boat in your absence.

We have a phone tree of sorts in place....all of the Board members have volunteered to call a preset number of dockers to advise them that their boat is in peril and they need to come out and move their boat from the docks. Hopefully, we will not have to use this phone tree, but it is always nice to have just in case. So, it is very important for all members, not just the dockers, to make sure the club has your current, up-to-date information.



**FROM YOUR FLEET CAPTAIN: Shane Benson**

The June 13 Steak Fry was a huge success. I know it's hard for everyone to make all of the events we have planned for the MRBC members and friends, but this is

one that is just our way of saying thanks for being a part of the MRBC. The steaks were awesome and so was the entertainment provided by Leo (and Barb) Torticill of Showtime Karaoke. Pat Pinney was our featured singer most of the evening. You go, Pat. Is it American Idol next for you? We enjoyed all of the great singers and partygoers. Everyone had a great time and the weather was spectacular, with no rain all day. Unfortunately, for those of you who missed it, you missed it. We could not hold on to the steaks after that day.

We have new MRBC T-Shirts, Koozies, tank tops, etc. available for sale with the newest logo. Please stop by the club to view the selection.

We also have available for sale MRBC stickers for your vehicles and boats.



**Happy Birthday:**

- Independence Day July 4
- Jo Chingren July 7
- Board Meeting July 8
- Jaimee (Lucy) Benson July 10
- Mike Pottorff July 12
- Troy Brown July 17
- Mark Garner July 29
- Nan Brown July 29

**Happy Anniversary:**

- Daryl & Jill Prichard July 31

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



It is with a sad heart that I must inform you that our friends Dave Barnes and Charlie Trott are leaving us.



As a matter of fact, they have already left. Boo hoo. Good for Dave, but sad for us, as he has accepted a job in St. Louis, MO. We wish you both happiness and good fortune always and remember... It "ain't" about where you end up on your journey, it's all about the ride! And baby, what a ride it's been. You know you will be missed. Keep in touch.

I have been remiss in not giving a special THANK YOU to Stacy Brasch who volunteered to clean our bathrooms last year. Thanks Stacy. Buddy Baber is doing the cleaning this year. So, the next time you have the need to use the bathrooms, you can thank Stacy/Buddy for its condition.

Also, on this same note, please take the time to clean up after yourselves when there...Anyway, thanks for keeping the area, grounds, bathrooms, parking lots, and club house clean after use. We always like to keep things looking nice. Don't you agree? So, pick up your own trash/garbage when coming off the boats, and clean up after parties. We certainly appreciate it.

As you know, almost everything we do here at the MRBC is based on volunteerism. If you are interested in helping with any of the events going on during the course of the season, please feel free to contact the club house, or any of the board members (or me). We appreciate your help.

Another big thank you to all of the painters and stainers and all of those who helped get the deck ready for the Steak Fry last month: Dave, Ginger, Geno, Leon, O'Ring, Rock, Blake, Sonny, and any one else I forgot to mention. The horseshoe pits are the next thing we will need volunteers for. This needs to be done before the hog roast. We appreciate your help.

Jerry Grimsley now knows what vapor lock means or flooded engine or whatever the term is when your engine just needs a minute to rest. Thanks to Tom and Janet and the Ott2 for the rescue and tow in. Well, not exact a tow in....more like a tow for awhile! Anyway, glad you could enjoy most of the day, Jerry. Where are you all my Storm Watchdogs? I have little to report. PLEASE send me your funny stories.

Please notify me if you have changed your address, email address or phone number. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this effort.

**UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**Hog Roast** **July 25**

Don't forget to purchase your Hog Roast tickets. 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 **1:00p** (which is earlier than in past years). Come sign up and draw for your partner. It's only \$5.

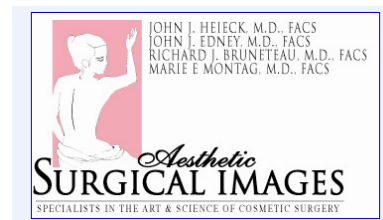
We'll have door prizes and raffles, and of course some great roast pig with all of the luau-style fixins'.

All for only \$20 per person. Come join the party. Guaranteed good food and a lot of fun. Our long-time friend, Dale Blue, will be on hand beginning at 8:00p for some audience participation-style music and great entertainment. You may remember him from the Dry Dock Party.

7 <sup>th</sup> Annual MRBC Poker Run	September 5
Labor Day Breakfast	September 7
Docks Out (tentative)	October 17
Halloween Party	October 31



MRBC club phone number is still: 234-0155. Please feel free to contact them should you have questions on hours, etc. Remember: IF you are a member in good standing, you can use the clubhouse for parties, graduations, wedding receptions, etc. Contact Melody for details.



The information provided here is from *the Handbook of Iowa Boating Laws and Responsibilities*:



**It's the Law: On the Water**

Top Three Violations by Iowa Boaters:

1. Various registration violations
2. Inadequate life jackets
3. Improper speed or distance

**Unlawful Operation of a Vessel**

In Iowa, these dangerous operating practices are illegal:

- Reckless or negligent operation of a vessel or the reckless manipulation of water skis, a surfboard, or similar device is operating in a manner that causes danger to the life, limb, or property of any person.
- Improper speed or distance (the most common violation) is not maintaining a proper speed or distance while operating a vessel. Specifically, it is illegal to operate a vessel:
  - At greater than "slow, no wake speed" in any posted "no wake zone".
  - At greater than 5 miles per hour (mph) within 100 feet of another vessel that is underway at 5 mph or less.
  - At greater than 5 mph within 50 feet of another vessel that is underway at greater than 5 mph.
  - At greater than 10 mph unless vision is unobstructed for at least 200 feet ahead
  - At greater than 10 mph within 300 feet of shore (except in specially zoned areas) on any inland lake or federal impoundment
  - At greater than 25 mph between one-half hour after sunset and sunrise on any lake in Dickinson County
  - At greater than 10 mph between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise on Lake Delhi



"Slow, No Wake Speed" - This is a speed at which the vessel does not produce a wake.

"Wake" means any movement of water created by a vessel that adversely affects the activities of another person or that may adversely affect the natural features of the shoreline.

- **Overloading** is loading the vessel with more passengers and crew than the capacity number recorded on the Registration Certificate. It's illegal to operate a vessel if its capacity would be exceeded by the persons in the vessel plus the persons being towed on water skis, a surfboard, or similar device.
- **Overpowering** is powering the vessel beyond the recommended carrying horsepower shown on the capacity plate installed by the vessel manufacturer.
- **Interference with Search or Rescue** is operating a vessel in areas in which search-and-rescue operations are being conducted or in an area affected by a natural disaster, unless authorized to be there by the officer in charge of the operation. If authorized to enter, you must operate your vessel at a "slow, no wake speed" and keep clear of all vessels engaged in the search-and-rescue or disaster operation.
- **Leaving Vessel Unattended** is leaving an unattended vessel tied or moored to a dock.



These tips are taken from:

<http://www.boat-ed.com/ia/handbook/oper.htm>

As a general gesture of good friendship and good boating, please be aware of all of the fishing boats at the mouth of the Sioux and also those fishing near the bridge (at which point you must start slowing down because of the Slow Wake zone). Take care to watch these areas, especially in early morning and late evening.

