



BOARD NEWS:

No news to report from the July Board meeting.



FROM YOUR DOCK CHAIRMAN: Gene Ott

As reported last month, the north dock rebuild is now complete with all of the docks repaired and placed back in the river. It was a rather long and tedious process (and hot), but we are finally DONE! A BIG thank you to Brian Petersen (who was there almost every day) and all of the other guys (and gals) who took time out of their busy schedules to help me get these docks put back in place. Good job everyone! Sorry, but now we have to pay for it. Please contact me for your portion of the expenses.

Once again, please don't forget to tag your trailers. It's very important in case we need to move your boat, and also for security reasons.

It's almost the end of the season already. Look for Docks Out date and other information in next month's newsletter.



FROM YOUR FLEET CAPTAIN: Shane Benson

I would like to give you a recap of the Hog Roast, which was held July 19. The weather was somewhat uncooperative but most of the party goers stayed on hand through the storm. Thanks to ALL of our helpers who cooked, shucked corn, cleaned up, decorated, prepared the horseshoe pits, sold raffle tickets, brought food, and all of the other tasks too numerous to mention. I appreciate your help!

We had more than 400 people in attendance (a record) and 36 horseshoe tournament entrants (a record). Dale Blue rocked the house and a wonderful time was had by all.

Congrats to the horseshoe tournaments champs: Harvey Claypool & Larry Eisenhower (2nd winning year for Larry). Congrats also to each of you who won the raffle prizes.

And a BIG thank you to Sioux-Preme Pork Products, John Morrell, Jay Layman, Mark Rawlings for the hog. Our next event will be the Poker Run scheduled for August 30.....

The 6th Annual Dog Days of Summer Poker Run will be held Saturday, August 30. Please contact Shane Benson or Dennis Butler if you are interested in volunteering to "man" stops #2 & #3. Hands are \$10 each and the stops will be:

1. MRBC club house
2. Sandbar #9 (or Sandbar #5) (need volunteers)
3. Rivertime Resort (14 miles up river) (need volunteers)
4. Jeff Reinders beach
5. Fantasy Island – 734 mile marker (Nebraska side)

Each location will be identified with a Poker Run banner.

You can pre-register on Friday (August 29) at the MRBC club house from 6:00p – 9:00p. Or you can register on Saturday from 9:00a to 12:00n. T-shirts will be available for sale at the club both days.

Hands MUST be turned in no later than 6:00p on Saturday. Of course you can come in earlier, but no later. Winners will be announced on Sat. You MUST be present to win!

Trouble Makers will be the entertainment after all the hands have been counted and winners announced. Music will start at 7:00p – 11:00p. Please stick around for some great music. They will rock the house!

100% of proceeds from the Poker Run will dispersed. 30% will go to this year's charity, Siouxland Dive Rescue. The remaining 70% will be paid out as follows:

- 40% to 1st place poker hand
- 30% to 2nd place poker hand
- 20% to 3rd place poker hand
- 10% to 4th place poker hand

As stated earlier, we need volunteers. Please contact Shane or Dennis if you are interested in helping out with any of the Poker Run stops.

Note: You don't have to have a boat to participate in this event. You can drive in, walk in, or fly in. Stop out anytime to participate.



We are also looking for Poker Run sponsors. \$100 each if you wish to donate. Contact Dennis or Sonny. And we appreciate your support.



Happy Birthday:

Board meeting	August 13
Bob Schmidt	August 16
Joyce Seivert	August 25



Happy Anniversary:

Bruce & Susan Pausch	August 4
Mike/Julie Pottorff	August 7
Troy/Nan Brown	August 9
Joe/Linda Rieger	August 12

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:

Labor Day breakfast	September 1
MRBC golf outing	September 21

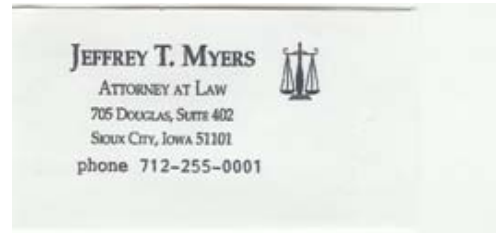


Please sign up at the club house for what you wish to bring to the Labor Day breakfast. Remember ladies....the guys do all of the cooking (and we clean up). All members are welcome...bring the whole family for some great breakfast fare and some great fun with family and friends.

STORM WATCH:

Want to wish Bruce and Susan a happy 35th wedding anniversary. Bruce would like to share his wisdom as to why his marriage has lasted so long”The reason we have been together so long is I make all of the decisions, and then Susan tells me what we are going to do.”!

We did mention last month that Mike Pottorff had a birthday, but we did not mention it's the BIG 50. Yahoo and congrats Mike! Many more!



Our deepest condolences go to Scooter Stolen, a long-time MRBC member, who lost his mother, Muriel, July 9. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Scooter and his family.

Our condolences also to the family and friends of George Lensink who died at his home on July 27. George was also a long-time MRBC member.

It's been a very unusual boating season this year with snow in April, May brought cooler weather and storms, the loss of the docks in June due to a very large tree and raging water, and too many activities with family and friends, but it was very WONDERFUL to finally get a few of us out on the river for overnight camping. I for one have missed this and truly had a great time. Although I spent some of it on the ground cuz I fell out of my chair, BUT nothing broken (but my pride) and we all had a laugh. I have several items to report but I was told I must start with me. So, there it is.

Daryl Pricharda 1 and a 2 and a 3 and a 4 times a charm. Four times trying to jump in the boat, but alas the ladder will do.



What happened on July 4 Russ Hodges? Did you get a little close to the pole while docking. Yes, we are still



trying to find out who put up the pole at the club house. Seems like the pole 1...Russ 0.

Welcome Back Mr. Goehring.....we missed you and are glad you have returned safely from Iraq.

Congrats to Justin Menard. He just finished his Basic Training and is off for more schooling. Way to go, Justin.

We want to wish all of you Sturgis travelers a fun and safe trip. We want details.....or maybe not!




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As many of you know, our website is under construction at this time, but we are hopeful it will be up and running very soon. I'll keep you posted on when it will be ready.

Tips on Boat Maintenance:

1. Cleaning & Care

One of the keys to boat maintenance is also one of the simplest- wash your boat regularly. Not only does routine cleaning facilitate a more pleasant and organized environment, but it also goes a long way towards counteracting the long-term effects of environmental wear and tear. Routine waxing and use of anti-fouling paint can also help protect your boat from the elements. You may also want to consider using environmentally-safe products for your boat maintenance needs!

2. Checklists

There are a myriad of finer points to keep in mind when it comes to boat maintenance. The best way to ensure that you have all the bases covered is to follow a professional checklist.

3. Proper Mooring

One of the most common ways a boat can start to show scratches and damage is not only from when it's in use- but from when it's being docked. Make sure lines are securely fastened in place, neatly coiled, and do not show signs of breakage or wear.

4. Battery Care

Depending on the type of battery your boat uses, check to ensure that it is properly charged and that it has the correct fluid levels. Also be sure to keep your

battery clean, as dampness and dirt can also drain your battery.

5. Routine Inspection

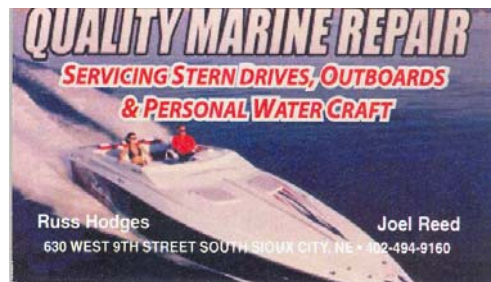
Proper boat maintenance means being actively involved in, and attuned to, all aspects of your vessel. This means keeping an eye out for everything from loose fittings to fraying ropes to any other areas of your boat that may need special attention or replacement. Many times, damages incurred to a boat could easily have been prevented by following a preventative boat maintenance routine.

6. Boat Motor Maintenance

Follow best practices for both inboard and outboard motor care. Be sure to flush your engine after every outing, and check everything from your fuel tanks to clamps on your fuel line for rust, damage or corrosion. Also be sure to check your oil both for correct levels as well as proper filtration and cleanliness. Last but not least, keep an eye on your engine's cooling system to make sure it's functioning correctly.

7. Winterization

Boat maintenance doesn't only mean paying attention to your boat when you're actively using it during the warm weather months- you also need to be sure to protect your boat through an effective winterization routine. Whether you're able to store your boat in a climate controlled environment, or if you have to go with an in-water storage option, please visit our winterization page below for more in-depth guidelines.



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8. Bilge Pumps

Another crucial aspect of boat maintenance is ensuring that your bilge pump is functioning properly. There's much that can cause more irreparable damage to a boat than having it sink. In the event that you need to use your pump, you'll also want to make



sure that your battery system contains enough power to support running the pump for a prolonged period of time.

9. Electrical Components

Many boating failures occur as a result of corroded electrical systems, so keeping electrical components dry should be a regular part of your boat maintenance routine. Electrical fittings can be protected with a water-repellant, non-conductive grease or corrosion inhibitor.

10. Consider a Boat Cover

Making an investment in a boat cover can help keep your boat clean and free of a variety of contaminants that aren't just related to dirt or water- falling leaves and bird droppings can also cause a lot of damage if left unchecked. A boat cover can also prevent UV rays from breaking down hoses or fading carpets and upholstery.

11. Stay in the Know

Last but not least, responsible boat maintenance means taking the time to familiarize yourself with all aspects of boat care. Consult your owner's manual for in-depth guidelines. If you're new to boating, your boat dealer may know of helpful boating instruction classes that deal specifically with your type of boat. Become comfortable with boating terms and definitions. And while it's always important to take the time to learn how to do things yourself, also don't be afraid to seek the help of a professional when needed.

Safety tips are researched at various boating safety web sites. These tips are taken from <http://www.powerboat.about.com>

