



BOARD NEWS:

First of all, the entire Board (and most of all, Dennis and Shane) wish to extend their thanks for a JOB WELL DONE on the Hog Roast, which was held on July 25. There was an extraordinary bunch of volunteers who helped put this event together, and we wish thank each and every one of you. Please see the Fleet Captain section for all of the details.

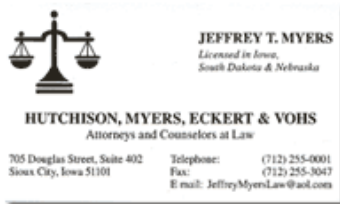


It has come to our attention that the IDNR will be monitoring the Big Sioux River for any violators of the 5 mph speed limit along the "S" curve. PLEASE make sure you adhere to this rule, or you will be ticketed. It is very important as there have been accidents along this path, but recently a boat was capsized and a woman almost drowned due to a speeding boat passing a fishing boat. The Missouri River Boat Club takes pride knowing the river rules & regulations and being responsible for not only our boats and passengers, but for others as well. If you have any questions on what is safe passage or what is part of the waterway laws, please contact the IDNR or go on line to <http://www.boat-ed.com/ia/handbook/oper.htm>.

Please let me know if you wish me to include some of these articles in our safety portion of upcoming newsletters.

FROM YOUR DOCK CHAIRMAN: Gene Ott

There are still currently 3 docks available for purchase. If you or someone you know is interested in obtaining a dock (or you have a dock for sale), please contact Gene at 712/898-6785.



FROM YOUR FLEET CAPTAIN: Shane Benson

The Hog Roast which was held on July 25, was a HUGE success. The food (pig done with luau style fixings) went over very well as usual. Thanks to Jay Layman & Mark Rawlings for donating the pork butts and Supreme for donating the hog. A big thank you to EVERYONE for their help in the preparation, selling of the concessions, selling MRBC memorabilia, clean up, help with the horseshoe tournament, and everything else in between. This is another big fund raiser for the club, and your help is needed and appreciated. A big thank you to all!!!! Julie Barrett, Ginger Zaber, Dave Waller, Stormy Ott, Gene Ott, Jay Burruss, Shane Benson, Jaimee Benson, Dennis Butler, Kenny Rose, Joe Rieger, Tim Gard, Leon/Stacy Brasch, Daryl Prichard, Roger Clarke, Tim Goehring, Bobby Schmidt, Brian Peterson, Sonny Dawdy, Curt Baker....and if I have forgotten anyone, I'm truly sorry for the oversight. And also a big thank you to our "beer" tenders and concession helpers.

Winners of the horseshoe tournament were Cory and Craig, who went undefeated. Also consolation winners were our own Shane Benson & Tim Gard. Congrats to all and thank everyone for your participation. Let it also be noted that we had a few first timers who joined in the fun. And by the way, there were quite a few great shoers in the mix. Well done everyone. We hope you enjoyed it and please come back next year.

Don't forget to stop by the club house and check out the MRBC T-Shirts, Koozies, tank tops, etc. available for sale with the newest logo. .

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



Happy Birthday:

Melody Dawdy
Pat Kilburn
Joyce Seivert

August 1
August 2
August 25



Happy Anniversary:

Bruce & Susan Pautsch	August 4
Mike & Julie Pottorff	August 7
Troy & Nan Brown	August 9
Joe & Linda Rieger	August 12
Jim & Penny Seivert	August 23
Melody & Sonny Dawdy	August 30

Special congratulations to Dave Waller and Ginger Zaber on getting hitched August 15. Many happy years.

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.



Will the Storm Watch have any Sturgis stories. Please tell us.....or do we want to know!

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:

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

MRBC Poker Run: You can pre-register on Friday (September 4) 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.

Stops this year include:

1. MRBC club house
2. Olsen Beach (south)
3. Sandbar #5
4. Pirate's Cove (Jeff Reinders beach)
5. RiverTime Resort (mile marker 747)

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!**

Establishment 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.

100% of proceeds from the Poker Run will be dispersed. 30% will go to this year's charity (unknown as of this printing) 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 Shane. And we appreciate your support.



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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.



Boat Maintenance: Motor Care, Trailer Tips, Boating Terms & More



Read through the following boat maintenance tips to learn best practices for responsible boat maintenance and care. Not only will proper boat maintenance extend the life of your boat and reduce the need for costly repairs, but it also helps ensure boating safety for all those aboard.

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.

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.



These tips are taken from:

<http://about.com-www.discoverboating.com>