



BOARD NEWS:

No news to report from the August Board meeting.

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FROM YOUR DOCK CHAIRMAN: Gene Ott

It's almost the end of the season already. Docks Out is tentatively scheduled for October 11 (2nd Sat. in October). All dock owners (or a representative) MUST be in attendance for this event or you will be assessed \$50 in addition to your dock dues. Remember.....these are your docks!!!! Please be there at 8:00a. Lunch will be provided afterwards. Contact your dock chairman if you have any questions on this event.

PONCA, NE
RiverTime
 RESORT
 BAR & GRILLE
 What Happens on the River Stays on the River
 Brad Verzani
 River Mile Marker 747
 Ponca NE 68770 402-755-2125

FROM YOUR FLEET CAPTAIN: Shane Benson

I would like to give you a recap of the 6th Annual Dog Days of Summer Poker Run. As you know our charity this year is Siouxland Dive Rescue, and I am proud to announce that we donated \$900. We had over 50 boats partake in this year's event and I want to thank everyone who joined in the festivities. A BIG thank you to all of the volunteers...

Sandbar 5: Roger Clarke & Mike Harrison (Tonya) - hot dogs and burgers/chips. PS: Mike – hope you got to the dentist on Tues!

RiverTime Resort: Brad & Bruce Pautsch.

Pirates Cove (Reinders' beach): Jeff Reinders (Dee) - grog, tattoos, koozies, games, some even had to "walk the plank".

Fantasy Island: Beth & DeWayne Rassmussen, Bill & Sue Blatchford, Mac, and ALL of the gang for the loosemeats, chips/soda and some great music.

MRBC: Sonny/Melody Dawdy, Marcy, and ALL of the gang who helped us get ready for this event as well as helped with clean up...and of course everything else.

The Troublemakers played until 11:00p. Thank all of you who stayed to the end and helped celebrate our 6th annual event.

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The weather was perfect for a day of boating with lots of sunshine and the water was "up". Gotta love that!

Congrats to the poker hand winners:

- 1st place (\$910) Lindsey Pottorff
- 2nd place (\$680) Sonny Dawdy
- 3rd place (\$480) Dave Barnes
- 4th place (\$230) Mike Crone/Jay Burruss

Thanks to all of you who donated money for the Benevolent Fund. Please contact Jay Burruss as he is our new Benevolent Fund coordinator.

I cannot thank you all enough for a job well done. Another success for the MRBC.

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I also want to thank all of the guys for cooking the Labor Day breakfast (and the gals for the clean up). We had quite the crowd with of course great breakfast fare.....scrambled eggs, Memosas, cheesy hashbrowns, fruit, bacon & sausage and breakfast burritos. Thanks to everyone for a great breakfast. Welcome all you newcomers and of course our old friends who joined us for this wonderful meal.



Happy Birthday:

Melody Dawdy (belated)	August 1
Dennis Butler	September 1
Linda Rieger	September 3
Board meeting	September 10
Vicky Baker	September 25

Happy Anniversary:

Sonny/Melody Dawdy (belated)	August 30
Curt & Vicky Baker	September 8



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:

MRBC golf outing***	Canceled
Docks Out	October 11
Halloween Party	October 25

***Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, this event has been **canceled** for this year. However, we hope to have the golf outing on our schedule of events for 2009.



STORM WATCH:

What.....I mean what.....is going on? NO news to report here. Hey you guys.....give me something!

Well, okay, I do have a little something. All you guys out there, we do have a great service provided at the MRBC.....if you ever need a Boat Valet....please contact Gene Ott. Apparently, one of the boats came loose up at Pirates Cove during the Poker Run and speedy Geno to the rescue. He just grabbed the loose boat rope and pulled it back into shore. Leon came a running to help (since it was his boat) but alas Geno had it under control.

Here are some tips to help get your boat ready for the winter:

WINTERIZE

Unfortunately, the boating season is winding down in many parts of the country and it is time to start thinking about protecting your valuable recreational asset. The time and effort you spend now will have a definite effect on your boat's performance, or lack of it, and certainly save you time, effort and money come spring. You should remember that your insurance policy may not cover damage done by lack of maintenance or neglect.

The best place for your boat to be during the winter is out of the water, under cover, in a climate-controlled boat storage area. This, however, can be expensive. If don't have this option perhaps you should consider shrink-wrapping your boat. This, too, is a little expensive but provides a very protective cover. Short of these two items, make sure that your boat is well covered with a tarp or some other sturdy cover.

Your first step in winterizing should be to make a checklist of all items that need to be accomplished. Check the owner's manual of your boat and motor(s) for manufacturer's recommendations on winterization. If you are a new boat owner, perhaps you should employ the assistance of a friend with experience in winterizing or hire a professional to do the job. The following is a generic outline of areas which should be of concern to you, however, there are many resources on the Internet with more detailed and specific information.



Inboard Engine(s)

You should run the engine(s) to warm it up and change the oil while it is warm. This tends to allow impurities to be drained away with the oil. You should also change the oil filter(s). Flush the engine(s) with fresh water. You should circulate antifreeze through the manifold by using a pickup hose from the waterpump to a bucket of antifreeze. Start the engine and allow the antifreeze to circulate until water starts to exit the exhaust. This process will vary slightly depending on whether you have a "Raw Water" cooling system or an "Enclosed Fresh Water" cooling system. While you're in the engine room you should also change the fluid in your transmission. Remove spark plugs and use "fogging oil" to spray into each cylinder. Wipe down the engine with a shop towel sprayed with a little fogging oil or WD-40.



Stern Drive(s)

You should thoroughly inspect the stern drive and remove any plant life or barnacles from the lower unit. Drain the gear case and check for excessive moisture in the oil. This could indicate leaking seals and should be repaired. Clean the lower unit with soap and water. If your stern drive has a rubber boot, check it for cracks or pinholes. Grease all fittings and check fluid levels in hydraulic steering or lift pumps. Check with your owner's manual for additional recommendations by the manufacturer.

Outboard Engine(s)

Flush engine with fresh water using flush muffs or similar device attached to the raw water pickup. Let all water drain from the engine. Wash engine down with soap and water and rinse thoroughly. Disconnect fuel hose and run engine until it stops. It is important to follow a step by step process to make sure that all fuel is drained from the carburetor to prevent build-up of deposits from evaporated fuel. Use fogging oil in the cylinders to lubricate the cylinder walls and pistons. Apply water resistant grease to propeller shaft and threads. Change the gear oil in the lower unit. Lightly lubricate the exterior of the engine or polish with a good wax.

Fuel

Fill your fuel tank(s) to avoid a build up of condensation over the winter months. Add a fuel stabilizer by following the instructions on the product. Change the fuel filter(s) and water separator(s).



Bilges

Make sure the bilges are clean and dry. Use soap, hot water and a stiff brush to clean up any oil spills. Once the bilges are clean, spray with a moisture displacing lubricant and add a little antifreeze to prevent any water from freezing.

Fresh Water System

Completely drain the fresh water tank and hot water heater. Isolate the hot water heater by disconnecting the in and out lines and connect them together. Pump a **non-toxic** antifreeze into the system and turn on all the facets including the shower and any wash-down areas until you see the antifreeze coming out. Also put non-toxic antifreeze in the water heater.

Head

Pump out the holding tank at an approved facility. While pumping, add fresh water to the bowl and flush several times. Use Vanish crystals or whatever your owner's manual recommends that will not harm your system and let sit for a few minutes. Again add fresh water and pump out again. Add antifreeze and pump through hoses, holding tank, y-valve, macerator and discharge hose. Again, check your owners manual to make sure that an alcohol-based antifreeze won't damage your system.

Interior

Once you have taken care of the system you should remove any valuables, electronics, lines, PFD, fire extinguishers, flares, fenders, etc. Over the winter these items can be cleaned, checked and replaced as necessary. Open all drawers and lockers and clean thoroughly. Turn cushions up on edge so that air is able to circulate around them or, better yet, bring them home to a climate controlled area. Open and clean the refrigerator and freezer. To keep your boat dry and mildew-free you might want to install a dehumidifier or use some of the commercially available odor and moisture absorber products such as "No Damp," "Damp Away" or "Sportsman's Mate."



Out of Water Storage

Pressure wash hull, clean barnacles off props and shafts, rudders, struts and trim tabs. Clean all thru-hulls

and strainers. Open seacocks to allow any water to drain.

Check the hull for blisters and if you find any that should be attended to you might want to open them to drain over the winter. While you're at it, why not give the hull a good wax job? It is probably best to take the batteries out of the boat and take them home and either put them on a trickle charger or charge them every 30-60 days.

In Water Storage

Close all seacocks and check rudder shafts and stuffing boxes for leaks, tighten or repack as necessary. Check your battery to make sure it is fully charged, clean terminals, add water if necessary and make sure your charging system is working. Check bilge pumps to ensure they are working and that float switches properly activate the pumps and that they are not hindered by debris. Make sure either to check your boat periodically or have the marina check it and report to you. If in an area where the water you are docked or moored in actually freezes, you should have a de-icing device or bubbling system around your boat.

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

