



BOARD NEWS:

August: The issue of the marine radio is ongoing. It seems we are not able to either hear people calling, or we cannot call out on the current radio we have at the clubhouse. But, Jay Burruss is in the process of looking over viable solutions to remedy this. He has solicited the help of Dan Lewis who has checked all of the internal working mechanisms and has found nothing wrong. So, rather than spend any more time on this, it was decided to purchase a new radio for the clubhouse. Hopefully, this will be done before the newsletter is published.

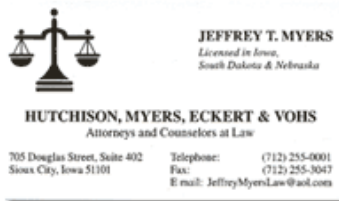
It was discussed and agreed to place a durable (and pretty cool, if I do say so myself) floor coating in clubhouse and in the bathrooms. This project will be completed during the off season, because all of the counters, coolers, etc. will have to be removed.

The ramp has been fixed, but we are now looking into the railroad ties on either side of the ramp. They are bowing out and need to be addressed during the upcoming year. The Board is researching ways to fix this area and getting cost estimates.



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

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:

Dennis Butler September 1
Linda Rieger September 3
Board meeting **September 9**
Vicky Baker September 25

Happy Anniversary:

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.



STORM WATCH

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you that I will no longer be writing the newsletter after this season. October will be my last newsletter. If you are interested in serving on the Board as the Historian, please contact me or one of the Board members. It has been a pleasure serving you with all of the MRBC news and fun facts for off and on these some 9 years. And of course, I will help whomever takes over these duties.



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.

Porker Run stops this year include:

1. MRBC club house
2. Olsen Beach (south)
3. Sandbar #5 (volunteers needed here) – See Dennis
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!**

The Establishment will be the entertainment after all the hands have been dealt 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 (Coast Guard Auxiliary).

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. Don't forget to invite your friends. The more the merrier.

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

Don't forget to stop down to the club anytime and sign up for what you wish to bring to the Labor Day breakfast on 9/7.

Ladies – the guys will be cooking all of the breakfast fare (we do the clean up). There will be Memosas on hand no doubt. Guys start cooking around 9:00a with breakfast ready around 11:00a. Sometimes it gets later than that, but this will be one of the last events for the season, so we'd love to see you! And – this is for all club members, friends, and guests.

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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.

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Some of the items included in the Iowa Boating Handbook include, and I'll be reporting on these until season is over:

It's the Law includes: registering and titling, registration fees, display of numbers, legal operating age, required equipment, unlawful operation, boating under the influence, reporting accidents, enforcement, environmental restrictions, and laws governing PWC and vessels towing skiers.

Boating Basics includes: vessel length and capacity, fueling, float plans, navigational rules, U.S. Aids to Navigation, weather and other boating emergencies, and personal watercraft (PWC) basics.

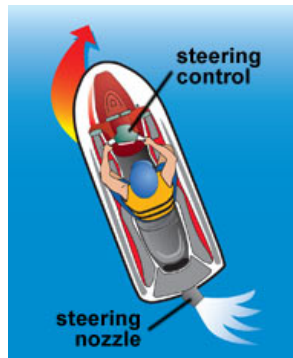
Also included in this handbook are pages and links to other useful information for boaters: a boater's telephone directory, Iowa motor regulations for lakes, and information on the public use of waters for navigation purposes.

Iowa Department of Natural Resources Officers patrol our waterways to make your boating experience safe and pleasant. Cooperate with them by following the suggestions outlined in this manual as well as the rules of common courtesy while operating your boat.

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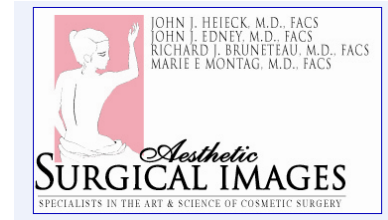
Specifically for PWCs

Although a personal watercraft (PWC) is considered an inboard vessel and comes under the same rules and requirements of any other vessel, there are specific considerations for the PWC operator.



Steering and Stopping a PWC

PWCs are propelled by drawing water into a pump and then forcing it out under pressure through a steering nozzle at the back of the unit. This "jet" of pressurized water is directed by the steering control—when the steering control is turned, the steering nozzle turns in the same direction. For example, if the steering control is turned right, the nozzle turns right and the jet of water pushes the back of the vessel to the left, which causes the PWC to turn right.



Remember—no power means no steering control
You always must have power in order to maintain control. If you allow the engine to return to idle or shut off during operation, you lose all steering control. The PWC will continue in the direction it was headed before the engine was shut off, no matter which way the steering control is turned.

A PWC has no brakes. Always allow plenty of room for stopping. Just because you release the throttle or shut off the engine does not mean you will stop immediately.

