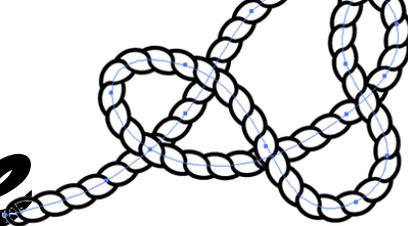


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November 2020

Greetings from the Commodore Kris Johnson



Another boating season has come to an end. Hopefully soon this pandemic will too. Harbor Dan did a great job as Dock Day wrapped up in extreme fashion. Thank you for the great food afterwards. Jason has been getting a handle on our grounds, prepping for our plowing and salting season. Jay has been keeping our club clean and sanitized for Todd to prepare you a pallet pleasing meal. Although our entertainment has been with restrictions, lets look forward to giving our all once they are lifted. Our club is thankful to all that have stuck in there and allowed us to serve. Everything is at a changing pace. We will keep everyone updated as changes are implemented. Next month will be our voting month. We have a few open positions to be filled. Hope everyone continues to be safe and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Kris





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House Jay Zahn



Hello from bizarro world 2020! Where up is down, left is right, black is white. The mask mandate continues for now. Same rules apply that have been in place since this started. Masks to come in, none required while eating or drinking. Continue to try and social distances also. We are all in this together, we will get through this. I know it's the same way I started in the last dockline. Not much has changed.

Packer games are on down at the club. I know everyone loves bringing and passing a dish during the game, but we just can't at this time. We will however have Todd on duty during the noon games. We will make an announcement in the Duck o gram if there is any changes to this schedule.

Smokers will not be held in November or December. The next club scheduled event is the Xmas eve social. Will keep you updated and see if anything changes with this event.

November is nomination month for next years board. I will not be running for the board this year. I had a great 4 year run working with all the bartenders and Todd. They are a great group and we are lucky to have them as our employees. If anyone is interested in the house or any of the other positions talk to John Kennedy who is taking care of this for the club. (920-265-3270 or captjohn652@gmail.com)

Until next month.

Jay

Grounds Jason Dorner



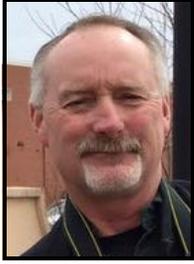
A big thanks to all that made Dock Day a success!! Be on the lookout in the Duck O Gram for fall cleanup. To all that this may apply to.... the clean up will consist of removing ALL THE LEFTOVER junk that's been left behind on the south side and in the storage area . That being said if you have stuff laying in the weeds ,or in the storage area take it home, or it's gone !

Thanks , Jason

Pot of Gold *Every Tuesday!*



**Fleet Captain
Dan Emmel**



Hello all!
Well the harbor is closed for the season and boats are covered or being covered.
Lets hope we have an early spring and a little lower water level.
Thanks to all who helped on dock day!!!
If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me.
Other than that, have a great thanksgiving!
I'm out.



Grassy Island Range Lights

Range Lights

When David Nelson and Merlin Baenen were asked why they decided to restore the range lights once located on Grassy Island, they replied, "I guess we're crazy. We don't expect to get paid, but there is a good feeling of satisfaction in doing it." Perhaps restoration runs in David's blood because he has actively restored a number of boats starting with a pleasure craft built on Washington Island, This he donated to the Door County Maritime Museum at Gills Rock, The two, boating buddies of some duration, saw the deteriorating light houses and decided that someone had to rescue them. The one that was located next to the Coast Guard station on the north side of the slip was in critical condition due to dry rot. When the Coast Guard decided that this range light was in the way for their expansion and demolition was imminent, these two pals sprung into action. Merlin seemed to have the expertise to accomplish what most said couldn't be done and David had the finances to see that it could be done.

Merlin was an electrician who formed his own business in 1978. Today he's semi-retired and according to him, he only works a 60-hour week with time off to do some traveling with his wife. David is a businessman heading a multi-state media organization with headquarters in the Appleton area and is the vice-president of a travel agency and chairman of the board of a printing business. Formerly he was the business manager of the *Green Bay Press-Gazette*.

The range lights came into being because of some peculiarities of the entrance to the Fox River. As early as the 1850's the mayor of Green Bay called for a cut through Grassy Island allowing the passage of ships to avoid a longer, more treacherous channel to the west. In the late 1860's the federal government was authorized to make a channel through this obstruction. In 1872 these two range lights came into being to guide the passage of ships. One was 22 feet high and the other was 29 feet high and both were located on the eastern side of the channel. These lights remained unchanged until 1934 when the lights were changed to green to increase their visibility because of the on-shore lights of a growing city. A lighthouse keeper's residence was also built for the keeper of the lights.

The three buildings remained there until the 1960's when larger ships required a larger and deeper channel. The buildings were slated for demolition when Elmer Dost, a member of the Green Bay Yachting club, stepped forward and asked that they be moved to the eastern shore of the Fox River near their slip. There they stayed until 1999.

How does one move a deteriorating lighthouse? Critics said it was a waste of time particularly since one had to be moved a distance of about 1450 feet around the slip. It couldn't be jacked up with hydraulic jacks without disintegrating. It had to be stabilized so the jacking process could move it onto a large skid which then was dragged by a backhoe around the slip to the south side. Steel pilings had to be driven into the river bed to provide a stable base. Huge rebar-reinforced concrete pads had to be poured where each lighthouse would be established. At present the two work with other volunteers on the restoration of the wooden structures on Tuesday evenings and on Saturdays.

The lights are electrified and their handiwork can be seen from the Tower Drive Bridge if one looks towards the Bay. They can be better seen if one goes to the north end of Quincy Street and turns left towards the Fox River to the Green Bay Yachting Club. Thanks to the foresightedness of these two unsung heroes and their untiring devotion to this project, a bit of our nautical history is being preserved.

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Condolences to Todd Oudenhoven on the passing of his brother Mike. Mike too was an active member of the Club a few years back, always willing to participate in the work details - and the fun details as well! Sincere sympathy to Todd, Shelly and the entire Oudenhoven family.

The GBYC

Season of Giving

As in the past years our club has come through and our club is well recognized for our generosity. This year as a result of the pandemic, I read that the area shelters are really hit hard and very low on supplies. So lets come together and do it again. this year! *Last day to donate is December 9th*

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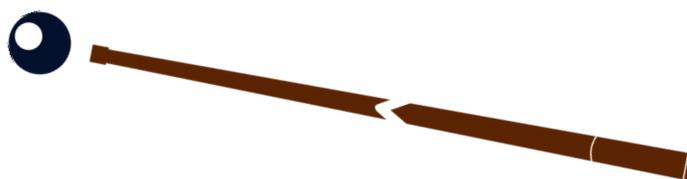
Our Veteran' Day Commemoration will be held **Nov. 7, 2020 at 11:00am.** by the flag pole. We have downsized our program this year because of the virus. The American Legion Honor Guard will be there and TAPS will be played. The program will last about ten minutes. You are welcome to attend if you want. **MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED.**



Thanks,
Veterans' Day Commemoration Committee

Pool Night Is Back Tuesday Nights

Just show up on Tuesday night. (6-6:30 ish) Don't have to be a pool shark. It's for fun, drinks and bragging. Also catch some grub from Todd in the kitchen.



From the Nominations Chair

Another year has flown by! We seem to have had more than our fair share of challenges - extremely high water, big projects to plan and implement, and plenty of normal maintenance and upkeep. Oh yeah, we had that "virus thing" to deal with as well. Given that we are a small club that has historically relied on its members to pitch in and "get to work" it is quickly noticeable when the labor pool shrinks. (You may have noticed that many of our older members are getting a little "long in the tooth"!)

At the top of the list for member involvement is the need for a steady infusion of members to volunteer for Board positions. When you think about it, with just a two year commitment, it's completely reasonable for every full member to have spent at least one term on the Board for each decade or so of membership. This not only helps the Club to get the needed work done in an efficient, cost effective manner, but it also provides the member with a close look at how the Club operates. It's all too easy to pitch "great ideas" at general meetings. But the experience of spending time on the Board can go a long way to temper and tailor those ideas to ensure the most benefit for our efforts (and expenditures!). So I would ask you all to think about volunteering for the Board this fall, to contribute your "fair share" to our future success. Feel free to contact me (920-265-3270 or captjohn652@gmail.com) with any questions. Thanks for your attention!

John Kennedy

John Demeny Benefit

John and I would like to thank all of the incredible people that donated, showed up, prayed up and paid up for the benefit. We had an amazing day even with the weather and other distractions. The committee did one hell of a job! We also want to thank those that couldn't show up for the many cards and thoughts of love that we received. Thank you doesn't seem like enough but that is all we can do for now. Much love to all



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