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New Officers for 2018

Special points of interest:

- New Leadership takes office
- New Commodore is highly qualified
- Two events scheduled for Wisconsin area
- Website has new features
- New Post Office Box in Wisconsin

Welcome to the first edition of the Spreader for 2018. our first news event for this year is the installation of new officers for the LMYA who were elected at the annual meeting last November. Our new Commodore is Tom Dogan, who has been a board member and our Commodore once before, as well as Judge Advocate for many years. Tom's biography is included in the story below. Other officers include Matthew Dogan, Vice Commodore, Jim Mergener, Secretary, Sally Mergener, Treasurer, and Scott Robertson, Past Commodore. Tom Dogan will also serve as the Judge Advocate for another term.

Regional Rear Commodores will now be Jim Mergener for Wisconsin, Jim Hubbell for Illinois, and

Christine Hunt for the Michigan/Indiana Region.

With this new leadership team, we will make changes to our enrollment process, add more options to our website, explore new social media connections, provide easier access for Cruising Card offers, and move the membership enrollment process back to January rather than mid year which we tried last year.

Our emphasis will be to provide more current information on what is happening at the legislative level which impact boaters around the lake, and improving communications methods to reach boaters in a more timely manner.

Bridge for 2018

Commodore: Thomas Dogan
Vice Commodore: Matthew Dogan
Secretary : Jim Mergener
Treasurer : Sally Mergener
Past Commodore : Scott Robertson
Judge Advocate: Tom Dogan

State Rear commodores
WI : Jim Mergener
IL: Jim Hubbell
MI/IN: Christine Hunt

New Post Office Box:

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Tom Dogan Elected new Commodore

Tom has been a recreational boater all of his life on the great lakes and the oceans. He owns three large yachts– the Hot Tomolly, a 76' Lazzara Motor Yacht in Michigan City Indiana, a 58' Ocean Yacht Sport fish in Stuart Florida, and a 58' Fountain Sport Cruiser in

Washington, North Carolina. He has completed several water journeys of greater than 1000 miles, and holds a USCG Master's license for vessels up to 100 tons.

Tom has served as Judge advocate and also four years as Commodore of Lake Michigan Yachting Assoc.

Has been secretary, Vice-President, and President of the National Boating federation, which has over 2 million recreational boating members in the United States. He has served on the board of Marquette Yacht club. He has also served seven years on the NBSAC –National

Tom Dogan—new Commodore

Boating Safety Advisory Council, a US presidential advisory committee, and attended numerous boating safety related conferences and meetings around the country.

Tom graduated from Indiana University, BA in Accounting, and Valparaiso University Law School.

Tom owns a private law practice in Indiana, Dogan and Dogan, specializing in aviation accident litigation and marine related

legal issues.

Tom has served on the Board of Governors of Lake County Bar Association in Indiana.

Tom was recently appointed to the NAVSAC—Navigational Safety Advisory Council which includes freighter owners and captains, cruise ship operators, large yachts, and naval vessels.

You couldn't find a more knowledgeable boater to lead the LMYA once again. Tom's experience,

connections, and committee work give him access to some of the country's finest decision makers on boating activities and boating safety. Tom drafts new advisory legislation and participates with the councils where the future of boating is on the table.

We are fortunate to have a man of his credentials leading the LMYA for a second time.

**Tom Dogan
Commodore**

Summer Events Scheduled

Two annual events are already scheduled for the Wisconsin area this summer. First is the Rendezvous to be held at the port Washington Yacht Club on June 15 and 16th. On Friday night we will have the gathering at the Port Hotel for dinner and socializing, followed by a return to the yacht club for after party. Saturday activities include a luncheon at the Yacht Club, the LMYA

update review, and an afternoon cruise on the Jakob, a 55 foot sailing ship operating out of Port Washington this summer. The evening activities include dinner at the Yacht Club, a silent auction, and games and prizes.

On the July 7th weekend, South Shore Yacht Club will once again host the annual SSYC/LMYA open house with meals, games, prizes, auction, and plen-

ty of wonderful hospitality on the lake front. This is a super fun event and LMYA members can get an extra night of free dockage at the yacht club with their LMYA Cruising Cards to save them some money and extend their stay an extra day and night. This Open House draws people from around the lake and is a popular way to enjoy the week at the Milwaukee lake front.

LMYA Rendezvous and SSYC open house are already scheduled - mark your calendars

Website Enhancements

This year when you renew your membership in the LMYA you will be able to do it with an on-line interactive form on our website. You can fill in the blanks on-line and submit the resulting document directly to the LMYA secretary, and even make your payment of dues using paypal at

the same time you submit the membership form. Or another option would be to fill in the form, print it off, and send it in with a check to our new post office box listed on the first page of the Spreader.

Once the membership form has been submitted, you will receive

a confirmation email with instructions on how to access to our Members Only Info area of the website which lists all of our membership information of sustaining members from all four states around the lake.

Renewing your membership on LMYA.net is really easy.



LMYA Burgee