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## LMYA News for May 2018

### Special points of interest:

- Fox River Locks
- Lakeshore State Park
- Coast Guard Coverage
- Wisconsin Rendezvous plans for Port Washington YC
- South Shore YC Day by the Lake
- Operation Dry Water

### Fox River Locks

Keith Ponath is our representative on the Friends of the Fox council. He reports that all of the locks are done except for the lift station lock. However, six of the locks will not be operating this summer as they will be going through testing. The Menasha lock will be closed due to the round goby problem. The Fox system is being promoted for use by kayaks and canoes, but larger boats may use the locks as well. Daily and annual passes are being sold.

### Lakeshore State Park

LMYA's representative, Wayne Happel, has met with the Building Chairperson for the Friends of Lakeshore State Park, Gloria McCutcheon, regarding the new

education and boaters utility facilities planned for the park. They have received contributions of one half million dollars toward the construction of the new facility, **LMYA will be donating \$5,000 to the project.** Construction could start in a year, with soil testing beginning this year. The plan includes a restroom and shower for boaters who use the park, which is less than adequate, but it is a start. Once the facility is built, there will also be water connections added to the marina docks which currently have only electricity. The LMYA is encouraging our members to get involved with this worthwhile project to help them reach their goal for building the facility to complete the park for boaters.

### Bridge for 2018

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## Wisconsin Rendezvous at Port Washington YC

This year's Wisconsin rendezvous is our 29th annual event which will be held at Port Washington Yacht Club on June 15th and 16th. Saturday's events include a light lunch followed by the LMYA briefing. Our afternoon activity is a 2 hour cruise on the sailing ship Jakab,

out of Port Washington. The Jakab is a 1920's style America's cup inspired sailing cutter which can accommodate up to 40 guests. Following the cruise we will have cocktails and a cookout at the yacht club, with a silent auction, prizes, musical entertainment and

dancing. Free beer and soda will also be provided at the yacht club. For more information, contact Jim Mergener, Rear Commodore for Wisconsin, at 262-255-1934, or email [jsmergener@gmail.com](mailto:jsmergener@gmail.com).

## Fuel Additive Update



Fuel Additives are being tested and will soon be ready to be certified by the NMMA .

Finding the right fuel additive continues to be a challenge but relief is on the horizon. With no specifications for fuel additives, and increased demand for ethanol treatments, the situation has been ripe for confusion, said Marvin Griffin, president of ValvTect petroleum products, which supplies both marine fuel and marine fuel additives and private labels additives for engine manufacturers.

“The market created such a great demand...and many products came out of the woodwork making exaggerated claims without any backup,” he said.

Not only do some additives currently available not solve the problems, they can cause engine failures, leading to upset customers that end up leaving boating altogether.

To address this problem, the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) is in the process of developing a specification and certification for a marine grade fuel additive, similar to the NMMA Certification program developed for 2-and 4-cycle marine motor oils. The

program is designed to address problems that ethanol may cause in marine applications and engine problems that may have actually been caused by some fuel additives. The program will certify fuel additives that meet NMMA’s specs. Most importantly, the program is designed to ensure an NMMA certified fuel additive will not cause engine damage. see articles at:

[www.boatingindustry.com](http://www.boatingindustry.com)

## Coast Guard Coverage in Kenosha to Change

### *Coast Guard Station Kenosha to be Eliminated*

We were recently made aware that the Coast Guard Station at Kenosha will be eliminated this summer. One of the four Coast Guard boats from the Milwaukee station will be sent there on duty on weekends in the summer for emergency calls. This means that the Milwaukee station will have to cover the area going all the way to the Great Lakes Training Center once the Kenosha station has been eliminated. The

thinking is that local rescue teams will still be able to cover most emergencies on the lake. A helicopter stationed in Traverse City, which often flies out of Chicago, will still be available if needed.

The Milwaukee Coast Guard staff have also been very active in restarting the Milwaukee Har-

bor Safety Committee which was inactive for several years. This group consists of approximately 30 members from various boating and navigational interests in the Milwaukee Harbor. The Coast Guard has been making an effort to address recreational boaters needs especially as it pertains to increased boat traffic in the inner harbor and the river.



*New rules on Life Vests*

## New USCG Rules Regarding PFD’S

The US Coast Guard is in the process of changing its regulations on the carriage and labeling of CG approved personal flotation devices. The crux of the new regulation is to remove the basic type codes from the new regulations for the various types of PFDs, (e.g. type I, type II, type IV etc.) The Coast Guard is issuing this final rule

to remove references to type codes to facilitate future incorporation by reference of new industry consensus standards for PFD labeling that more effectively conveys the safety information, and is a step toward harmonization of our regulations with PFD requirements in Canada and

other Countries.

To view documents mentioned in this final rule, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and insert “USCG-2013-0263” in the address bar.

From Thomas Dogan— member of Nathional Boating Safety Advisory Council.

## South Shore Yacht Club - Harbor of Hospitality

South Shore Yacht Club in Milwaukee has been a long time sponsor of the LMYA/South Shore open house over the July 4th weekend. The club has earned a great reputation as the 'Harbor of Hospitality' over the years and it is well deserved. Founded in 1913, the club currently has over 800 members and 230 boat slips. It hosts the Queen's Cup Race each year in June which draws upwards of 300 sailboats for the over-night race across to Michigan.

The club began its life by purchasing a commercial three masted sailing ship, the Lily E, to use as a floating clubhouse. The ship served them well until 1921 when it was severely damaged by an ice storm and had to be destroyed. The next club house, completed in 1937 has been expanded many times since to meet the needs of a growing club. Concrete docks were installed in the '40's and six main docks arranged around the central "horseshoe" which is

used to accommodate transient boats or guests of the club. Over the years, yacht or sail racing has been popular at South Shore YC which sponsors the Queens Cup race, the Kaszube Cup Race, and other sailing activities. This includes weekly racing and the SSYC Junior Sailing Foundation. The juniors program teaches young people how to handle and care for sailboats and gives them racing opportunities to improve their boat handling skills. South Shore

Auxiliary program for spouses of active members, and a Power Boaters group that holds many social events throughout the seasons. Both of these groups are known for their high level of volunteerism. This makes the club a great place to participate in events with your fellow boaters. South Shore also features a first class restaurant facility on the second floor where you can dine on delicious entrees while enjoying a superb view of the lake.

## South Shore 's Day by the Lake—July 7th

This year the annual South Shore Open House has been titled A Day by the Lake. It features a flea market in the morning, three meals for purchase, a large silent auction of almost a hundred items, a live auction of Adirondack chairs that have been painted by 18 local artists, beer tasting, a wine pull contest, ice cream bucket prize raffle, and a band to provide music under the

big tent. Part of the activities will be our annual LMYA membership briefing on the latest events and regulations affecting boaters on the lake. LMYA members can use their LMYA Cruising Cards to receive a full two nights of free dockage on Friday and Saturday nights. This dockage offer saves the LMYA members much more than the cost of their annual member-

ships. All moneys raised from this event are used later in the year to fund a day of fun on the lake for the Big brothers and Big sisters of Milwaukee as a way that the club gives back to the community to help inner city youth to experience the joys of boating on the lake. Each year over a hundred youth are treated to a day at the yacht club and given sailboat or power boat

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*South Shore's Day at the Lake will feature 18 painted Adirondack chairs for Auction*

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## Reports show E15 damage in Marine Engines

The U.S. department of energy recently released the results of two studies on the effects of using fuel that is 15 percent ethanol in volume in marine engines, and the reports showed significant problems with outboard, stern drive, and inboard engines, the NMMA reported. Studies were conducted on engines provided by Volvo Penta and Mercury Marine. The

Energy Department approved the final results. the reports show severe damage to engine components and an increase in exhaust emissions, reinforcing the recreational boating industry's concern that E15 is not a suitable fuel for marine engines the NMMA said. The report showed degraded emissions performance beyond

certification limits, and increased fuel consumption on engines using E15 fuel. In separate testing on engine durability, engines tested showed deterioration with two of three outboard engines damaged severely enough to prevent completing the test cycle. Current proposals by the ethanol industry to increase the amount of ethanol in gasoline should seri-

ously concern all boaters and owners of other small engine equipment. NMMA president Thom Dammrich said "Although NMMA strongly supports renewable fuels as a means to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil, there is growing evidence that ethanol is not the answer to America's energy challenge."

## Operation Dry Water Curbing Drunken Boating

In 2009, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) took the lead in an ongoing battle to fight against impaired boating. It was that year the nonprofit organization was launched in partnership with the US Coast Guard, Operation Dry Water became a national awareness and enforcement campaign designed to reduce the occurrence of boating under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The heightened and targeted enforcement portion of the cam-

paign takes place across the span of three days (Friday through Sunday) during the last weekend in June, just prior to the fourth of July holiday. Purposefully, the period selected is a non-holiday weekend since many other boating safety initiatives may compete during the Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Independence Day periods. Each year, participation in operation Dry Water grows. In the 2013 campaign, 6,219 officers contacted 144,044 boaters.

Operation Dry Water is accomplishing what it was designed to do— reduce the instances of boating under the influence. The average percentage of fatalities related to alcohol in 2008 was 20.75%. In its first year of action, Operation Dry Water was able to reduce the occurrence of alcohol related fatalities to 17%. Clearly the NSABLA’s efforts to fight BUI are going to have a positive effect on driving down alcohol-related fatalities.

*Operation Dry Water Curbs alcohol and Drug related boating fatalities. Enforcement is last weekend in June.*

## Great Lakes Heading for Trouble

Michigan City—the Great Lakes are suffering from “massive ecosystem breakdowns” and are “heading for trouble” says wildlife expert Andy Buchsbaum, the executive director of National Wildlife Federation’s Great Lakes Regional Center. “People think that the lakes are indestructible and we can do anything to them. But now we are learning how vulnerable they are.” Buchsbaum said among the problems scientists have identi-

fied are the decline of tiny freshwater shrimp that are the “basis of the food chain”, toxic algae, fish-killing viruses, Asian carp, and water depletion. Invasive species such as zebra and quagga mussels which came from discharged ballast water from ocean-going vessels, have caused a 94% decline in the shrimp from the lake bottoms. There are dead zones where fish can’t live in Green Bay and Saginaw Bay.

Phosphorus from farm fertilizer runoff causes “too much food in the wrong form”, on which algae thrives. Algae blooms on Lake Erie appear as green mud six inches thick on the water. Even charter boat captains are getting sick from the fumes the algae emit, which are toxic to fish, animals, and people. The problems are fixable, but we have a lot of work to do to prevent new stresses and protect the parts of the lake that are in good shape.

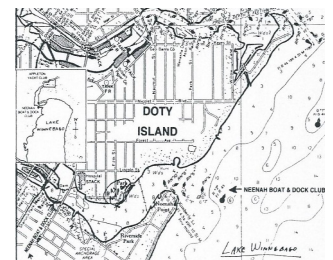
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## Free NOAA PDF Nautical Charts Now Permanent

PDF versions of NOAA nautical charts are becoming permanent product, free to the public. The free PDFs, which are digital images of traditional nautical charts, are especially valued by recreational boaters to plan sailing routes and fishing trips. The free charts are part of a suite of enhanced navigational products designed to make NOAA’s

data more accessible to the general public in the new digital age. New up-to-date charts help boaters avoid groundings and dangers to navigation, so we need to get them in the hands of as many boaters as possible. NOAA has launched an interactive chart locator to help people select charts and maps they need and choose their format.

NOAA is also making available for free the NOAA ENC Online, a new web map viewing application that shows chart data previously only available to users who purchased specialized viewing systems. Printing PDFs, however, may alter the chart scale, color, or legibility which may impact their suitability for navigation purposes.



*New NOAA Nautical Charts Available*