

October 1, 2009

Dear Members:

Its dues time again. We have managed, despite tough economic times, to begin our planning for 2010 without a dues increase. And, as those of you who visit our cottage know, we have not only maintained our Club but have improved both the cottage and the grounds in a significant fashion. I'm sure many would agree that the place has never looked better. We are not a commercial enterprise and offer nothing for sale to the public. Consequently, we are heavily dependent on dues to provide an attractive gathering place to socialize and share our mutual interest in boating and maritime activities. This is of special value to our members who live on the Island and in close-by communities. That end is further achieved by limiting our membership to 300 members so that our home is not taxed beyond its comfortable capacity.

To a large extent our success as a Club has been due, not only to management of our property by the Officers, Executive Committee and the Board, but to the unselfish volunteer efforts by many of our members in "doing chores about the house." And, of course, the outstanding work of our staff, especially our Manager, Tim McCleery, and Crew Member Leader, Laura Eiseler has been essential to the positive Club experience we have all shared. Not far over the horizon is the Club's 75th Anniversary Year: 2012. Hopefully, we will continue to improve our facility and build our activities toward an unforgettable commemoration of that event.

Please take the opportunity to keep up with what is going-on in terms of plans, events and activities by visiting our website at www.miyachtclub.com. And we do value your suggestions ideas, and yes, criticism. This kind of input is essential to keeping our Club family moving in the right direction. Please feel free to directly contact me or any of our Officers.

Please accept my best wishes for a great fall and holiday season.

Best wishes,

Stephen A. Schiller
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