

From the Deck – October 2010

It is that time of year when everyone is starting to think about what day they want to take their boats out. This last weekend was my time, there were quite a few boats at the ramp waiting their turn to be taken to the crib for winter storage, mine was being taken up to Port Washington. I was noticing how nice McKinley is for the boater and how nice the city looks from the water. We have a lot to be thankful for in Milwaukee.

This will be my last article for McBoat. I have submitted my resignation to the board at the last meeting. I have been President of McBoat for the last four years, Vice President for two, and a member of McBoat for about 13 years, and at McKinley for 11 years. I have seen a lot of changes and I feel it is time for new blood. Since I have not had our boat at McKinley for the last two years I have been detached from the on goings at McKinley. It is necessary to have tenants at McKinley to be on the board.

I leave the board with one disappointment and that is not being able to get more people active on the McBoat board. I do look at the accomplishments and those are plenty. We had the boat grilling issue of years ago, we are financially sound, we have had great turn out our grill outs, we have a great website and a new individual who can continue on to make the site better. We had a great response when the county officials tried to increase the fees 16%, although this was settled at 6 percent. Because of this and the mass exodus from McKinley in 2009, there was a 20% discount if paid early this last year. We have mats in the showers, flowers at the docks, and two parking passes for the Fourth of July. So I believe that there are a number of pluses.

As I have written earlier in other articles it is necessary for the tenants of McKinley to step up and become active on the board. This is the only way that you can keep the fees down, and letting the county officials know the desires at McKinley. There is strength in numbers. We have heard this from our meetings with County officials. There is more that can be done!

Again, it has been a pleasure being a member of Mcboat and your President.

George Graubner – past President - McBoat