

COMMODORES' LETTER Commodore Deb Strouf

Holiday Greetings KYC Members and Friends!

As we move through this final month of the year and look forward to the new year to come, I am grateful for those who are working hard to make our club a good place to come and a good place to connect with each other. I am also grateful for everyone who has participated in the events and activities of the Club in the past months.

Through hard work, we have gotten our boats out of the water and onto the hard safely. Thanks, Doug and crew! The docks and yard have been lighted with additional lighting for safety and security. Through the hard work of our House Chair, Jim Pappus, and his faithful crew, we have maintained our building and grounds and decorated the outside for the holidays and we are looking good. Thanks for all your hard work!

Thanks to Rear Commodore Amy Adams for an awesome holiday party! We had a great day together, a great turnout and have heard from many that all had a good time. Thanks, also, for decorating the inside of the KYC. It looks beautiful and we appreciate all that you do to keep us connected with each other!

The restaurant has entered the quiet time of the year and we have moved to our winter hours, winter menu and a minimal staff. I encourage you to visit the restaurant as often as possible and enjoy one of Matt's good meals and your favorite winter drinks. Please be patient with our staff as they do their best to serve us all with only a few hands on deck.

DECEMBER 2022

EVENTS

Mixed Nuts

Every Wednesday at 3pm Meet at the KYC Bar Come join the fun!!

KYC Membership Meeting

Wednesday, Dec 21st 6:30pm Zoom – Online Only

KYC Board Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 4th 6:30pm

Cribbage League Begins

Thursdays, Jan 5th – Apr 6th 7:00pm

KYC Membership Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 18th 6:30pm Hybrid Meeting

KYC Board Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 1st 6:30pm

We are excited to be moving forward with standing up the Kenosha Yacht Club Foundation which will be our new non-profit organization. To date, we have incorporated, been approved by the Kenosha Community Foundation for a Fiscal Sponsorship, and are prepared to apply for our own 501(c)(3). The fiscal Sponsorship will allow us to begin fundraising under their non-profit status while we are waiting for our 501(c)(3) to be approved. This can take up to six months and we are thankful for the opportunity the Kenosha Community Foundation has offered us.

If you would like to be a part of standing up this new adventure, please go to our members only section of the website and in the volunteer opportunities sign up to help. Make sure to indicate your area(s) of interest. We will appreciate your help in any way and whether it is giving an hour to share ideas or serving on the new board your help is needed.

We have walked through good times and bad this past year and I hope the year ahead is a good one for the KYC and for the KYC Foundation.

Happy Holiday however you celebrate and here's to a great new year!

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commodore	Deb Strouf
Vice Commodore	Joyce Rinehart
Rear Commodore	Amy Adams
Secretary	Mike Ludtke
Treasurer	Ralph Ruffolo
Trustee	Rich Popovich
Trustee	Matt Gallion
Trustee	Carol Stanley
House Director	Jim Pappas
Past Commodore	Virginia Hartley

Volunteer Hours

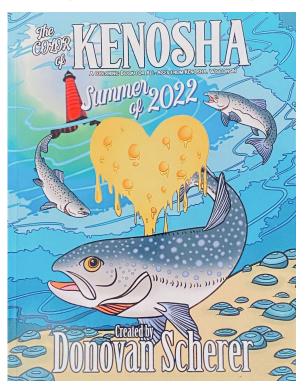
If you have some free time and would like to get an hour or two working around the club, Contact Jim Pappas at 262-620-0369. He'll tell you want needs to be done and help you get started.

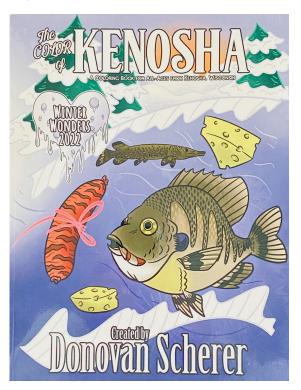
The club depends on its volunteers, and we need everyone to help just a little bit with 12 hours of service annually; that's just 1 hour a month.

STOCKING STUFFERS

The club has your stocking stuffers for your kids and adults who love coloring. Each coloring book, appropriately named *The Color of Kenosha*, features places and businesses around Kenosha. The current issue is for winter 2022, but there are a few summer issues left too. Each is just \$10.00.

Stop by the club and pickup your stocking stuffers from the Ships Store.





DOCK & DERRICK Doug Vaccarello

Just a reminder. Come down to KYC once in a while to check your covers on your boat. With some hard winds some covers loosen up. While you are there, come in and patronize your club. We need you to get through the winter with some CASH! A cocktail or two and some food will be greatly needed.

Anything special call me. 262-945-3994.



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Youth Sailing KYC Foundation

Mike Ludtke

The KYC board is in the process of creating the new KYC Foundation to support youth/adult sailing instruction and community outreach. While we wait for our 501(3)c application to be processed (it could take up to six months), we are working with the Kenosha Community Foundation to accept tax-deductible donations through their non-profit status. As of today, we are waiting on some paperwork from the KCF before we can begin accepting donations. Donations will belong to the KYC Foundation, just managed by KCF, until we finalize our 501(3)c status and can setup our own checking/saving accounts in the KYC

Foundation name. Then, any funds will be transferred to the KYC Foundation accounts.

In the meantime, we've setup a volunteer page for anyone interested in helping get this off the ground. This is not a commitment of your time or resources, just a way to identify those of you interested in keeping up with the new foundation and possibly helping as your time and resources allow. KYC members and nonmembers can sign-up.

We have a basic website, https://www.kycfoundation.org, but without an appointed board just yet and no 501(3)c status, it's a work in progress. You can also find a link to the volunteer page there.

Good Winds by Joyce Rinehart

- We send our condolences to Brian Lucas and his family at the passing of his father. You and your family are in our thoughts, Brian.
- Healing wishes are sent to Ron Otto for continued healing following his accident.
- We celebrate that all boats are out of the water and safely stored on the dock and are grateful for another safe year for all those who helped with this huge job! Working together and supporting each other is what the Kenosha Yacht Club is all about.
- As the days grow colder, I invite you to continue to participate in our commitment to the ELCA Outreach Center as they serve those in our community who need support. Please continue your donations of hats, gloves and scarves as you are able.
- I am truly grateful for each and every one of you that supported a child(ren) for the Holiday Gift Collection this year. Thank you so much! We helped make the holidays happen for 54 children! Just a reminder that all gifts need to be in the KYC upstairs meeting room by the 15th of December.
- We again thank Roger, Scott, Matt and their staff for their hard work to keep our restaurant looking good and keeping our doors open through the tough winter

month! We appreciate all you do. I encourage us all to support the Kenosha Yacht Club Bar and Grille often. Come on down and bring your family and friends and enjoy our new menu.

Please send requests for Good Winds concerns or celebrations to Joyce at goodwinds@kenoshayachtclub.com or 262-945-9183

SAIL RACING John Weiss

We held our 2022 Post Race Season Debrief on November 5th - great turn out, thanks to all that attended! We have a number of initiatives planned for 2023 including:

- New Race Committee for 2023 welcome to Jeffrey Cramer, Bruce and Barbara Conrad!
- Consider adding a "Kenosha Regatta" in 2023
- Consider giving credit to our great fleet for an "Offshore Series"
- Awards Dinner/Party in spring

Full details were emailed out with minutes to our Groups IO email list but suffice to say, 2023 will be a great race year at KYC!!

Happy Holidays!

John

Outreach Center Update

Your support of the Outreach Center has been great and thank you to each of you who continue to participate. As we approach the end of the year, we look towards 2023 and our continued support of the ELCA Outreach Center and those they serve. We will again offer quarterly item suggestions throughout the year and any of these items can be brought to the KYC drop basket at anytime.

Our Commitment for the new year includes the following:

January – March – hygiene items

April – June – Socks of all sizes

<u>June - September</u> - School supplies for distribution in early August

October - December - Hats, gloves, and scarves as well as Christmas gift collection

It is easy to contribute - just bring the items above to the KYC and place them in the container provided in the bar. There are also collection containers on the bar for those who would prefer to make cash donations. Karl will pick up all items and cash donations frequently and make sure they are distributed to those who can use them most. Thank you, Karl!

This is a great project in which to involve the community so please spread the word to family and friends and invite them to make contributions to this year-long event! Thanks again for your support!

Contact Vice Commodore Joyce with any questions or suggestions.

<u>Vicecommodore@kenoshayachtclub.com</u>, 262-945-9183

Advertise in the KYC Mainsheet Newsletter

The KYC Mainsheet newsletter is accepting ads from individuals and companies.

Cost:

\$10 per monthly issue **Size**: Business Card \$15 per monthly issue **Size**: Half Page \$20 per monthly issue **Size**: Full Page

Deadline: 10th of each month to be in that month's issue

Send requests or questions

to: Secretary@kenoshayachtclub.com

Installation Dinner November 5, 2022









