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COMMODORE'S LETTER

Greetings Kenosha Yacht Club members,

As the weather begins to warm up and the days get longer, it's time to start thinking about getting our boats ready for the upcoming sailing season. While it's important to make sure everything is shipshape and ready to go, it's also a great opportunity to get excited about all the possibilities that lie ahead.

There's nothing quite like the feeling of being out on the water, with the wind in your sails and the sun on your face. Whether you're an experienced sailor or just starting out, the Kenosha Yacht Club is the perfect place to enjoy everything that sailing has to offer.

We have some upcoming events – On March 18th we have the KAPDA Bagpipers playing at the KYC at 2:00pm. If you haven't attended in the past, this is something you don't want to miss. The Annual Cinco de Derby party is Saturday, May 6th; we are looking for folks to help with this awesomely fun event. Help is

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EVENTS

Mixed Nuts

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

KYC Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 15
6:30 PM

KYC Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 5
6:00 PM

Cribbage League

Thursdays, Jan 5th—April 6
7:00 PM

KYC Foundation Meeting

Thursday, April 13
6:30 PM

KYC Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 19
6:30 PM

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needed with decorations, board creation, advertising, etc. Please reach out to Rear Commodore Amy to volunteer your expertise. Our annual Blessing of the Fleet will be held the Sunday, June 4th. With our annual Club Clean Up day on Saturday June 3rd. All great opportunities to earn your participation hours. We also have a variety of races and cruises scheduled throughout the season, so there's always something to look forward to.

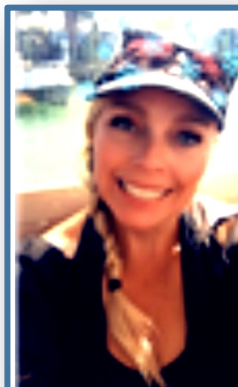
Of course, before we can hit the water, there are a few things we need to take care of first. Make sure to take the time to thoroughly inspect your boat and equipment, and don't hesitate to reach out to other members if you need any assistance or advice.

As a club, we pride ourselves on our strong sense of community and our commitment to safety on the water. So, as you get your boat ready for the season, don't forget to review water safety policies and procedures, and make sure you're up-to-date on all the latest regulations and guidelines. Also, please remember as you work on readying your vessel for launch, please make sure to place trash, debris, etc in proper receptacles. We don't want Dock Master Doug looking for you.

I'm looking forward to another fantastic season on the water with all of you. Let's make it a safe, enjoyable, and memorable one.

Best regards,

Commodore Deb



Blessing of the Fleet

Sunday, June 4

Your Kenosha Yacht Club takes pride in announcing its 65th annual Blessing of the Fleet, and I am especially proud to have been asked to Chair the event, which will begin at 10:30am, on Sunday, June 4th at the KYC. As always the general public is welcome.

At the Kenosha Yacht Club, as with many boating organizations and communities worldwide, the Blessing of the Fleet symbolizes the start of the boating season. This centuries-old tradition has been passed down from generation to generation, asking that ships and their crews be safeguarded from the dangers of the seas, for a fisherperson's bountiful catch, and for a safe return to harbor.

Mark the Blessing of the Fleet on Sunday, June 4th at 10:30am, in your calendars, and look for further updates in the coming months. Please contact me if you wish to help out with our planning.

Wishing you fair winds and following seas,

Virginia Hartley

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commodore	Deb Strouf
Vice Commodore	Joyce Rinehart
Rear Commodore	Amy Adams
Secretary	Mike Ludtke
Treasurer	Ralph Ruffolo
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Trustee	Matt Gallion
Trustee	Carol Stanley
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Past Commodore	Virginia Hartley



RACE COMMITTEE REPORT

John Weiss, Chair

Planning for the 2023 KYC Race season is in full swing. The March 7th meeting was attended by a hardy group of 13 racers spread across North & Central America - awesome how our club travels but we can still make time to ensure the 2023 season is a success! For full details on race everything "KYC Sailboat Racing", please join our Groups.IO email list at <https://groups.io/g/kyc-racing/>

Here are some important dates for 2023 KYC Race season:

- May 6th Winner's Party to celebrate 2022 and get ready for 2023
- Race buoys will be deployed by ~ May 20th
- Practice Race May 25th
- 1st Thursday Race June 1st
- 1st Sunday Race June 4th (after Blessing of Fleet??)

The full schedule will be live on our KYC website soon - thank you Aurora!

Calling All Captains

Calling all captains, time to get your boat registered for the 2023 season. Registration will be live soon on our site - thank you Mike!

Volunteer Update

With Pete and Jeane Thompson doing the Great Loop, we are fortunate to have **Jeffrey Cramer**, **Bruce and Barb Conrad** to anchor our Thursday night series. They are skilled in the art of being a Race Committee having done so for years in Chicago. **Aurora Contreras** has offered to assist RC. **Patrick Perlman** will take over doing our scoring. While we'll miss the tandem of Lee & Chad, we are grateful that Patrick is taking on this important role. So if you've been paying off Lee & Chad, now you'll have to redirect your bribe to Patrick :)

We can always accept more volunteers to assist with things like party planning, etc. If you'd like to help, email John Weiss at john@myweiss.com.

Calling All Powerboaters

We know our yacht club is made up of more than just sailboaters so I'd like to take this opportunity to invite our powerboating friends to come out and join us on the race course. While you can jump on one of the sailboats as crew, you can also take your boat out and spectate. After racing, we usually end up back at the yacht club enjoying a few beverages and exaggerating what happened on the race course - all are invited to join in the fun!



DOCK & DERRICK

Doug Vaccarello

Thank you to **Sharon and Pat Cooper** for donating a new American flag for the flagpole!



Boat launching begins when weather permits, probably toward end of April.



Virginia Hartley

If you haven't been to the KYC Bar & Grille in a while, then you don't know what you're missing...and what you're missing is a lot! Chef Matt is cooking up some delicious menu items and super-special specials, sure to please even the most discerning palettes. Our Kenosha Restaurant Week offerings were a big hit and were entirely sold out by the week's end. We're hoping to see some of those delectables included on our regular menu for those of you who might have missed out. And of course we're looking forward to the Spring and Summer months, when we can once again enjoy the Island Deck and the best view on the lake! Don't forget to take advantage of your KYC member benefit of 15% off your food and beverage purchases every time you're down at the Club. Our staff, headed by GM Roger, aims to please and lets everyone know why we are called the "Port of Friendship."



Cribbage League Play Heats Up

*Reporting by former long time KYC members **Eric Johnson** and **Tina Niemi***

Each winter, KYC members, friends, and any interested community members gather at the KYC Bar and Grill on Thursday evenings for Cribbage League. On a recent cold, blustery Thursday, two reporters ventured down to investigate how the KYC Cribbage League is doing this year.

They found the warm, welcoming restaurant crowded with cribbage players. Many players come early for dinner and then settle down with drinks for the business at hand. Forty-four players, in teams of two, are competing this season for one of three prizes.

Thanks to the supreme organizing skills and dedication of Virginia Hartley, KYC Cribbage gives us a chance to meet up with friends, trash talk the competition, do a little math, and enjoy the great food and drink at our beautiful bar.

Don't take our word for it. Ask Rowdy Tellez, Brewers first baseman. "I love cribbage," Tellez said. "It's a good way to kill time, and it keeps the mind going because you have to think about strategy, how you want to set up your partner to gain points for yourself. I think it's a great game."



Photos by Johnson and Niemi, except for the Rowdy Tellez one, which is from the MLB.





Newly Formed KYC Foundation is Up and Running

The Kenosha Yacht Club Foundation's purpose is to provide outreach, education, training, support, and resources necessary to engage youth and adults in boating and other activities on and around the water, including water safety and conservation, and to encourage non-traditional participants in boating activities.

Last month we met and formed a new board, obtained our IRS 501(3)c status and opened a checking account. In March we had our second meeting and began the initial work to get some exciting programs going for the summer. We realize there is not a lot of time between now and spring, but we are hopeful we'll have some programs going this summer.

The Foundation is now taking donations through our website KYCFoundation.org. We are using Zeffy.com for the transactions, which is a secure website that has been built specifically for non-profits. Thanks to Zeffy, 100% of your donation will go to the Foundation, as Zeffy does not charge the non-profit any processing fee.

If you are interested in helping with our efforts, please reach out to Mike Ludtke at ContactUS@KYCFoundation.org. We are meeting the second Thursday in April and May on Zoom.

Mike Ludtke

Meteorologist Rebecca Hansen Visits KYC



Photo by Mike Ludtke

Thanks to **Mike Ludtke**, the Education Committee, and the National Weather Service for an informative presentation at the Club on Saturday, March 11. **Rebecca Hansen**, a meteorologist at the NWS/NOAA Milwaukee/Sullivan office gave a fascinating slide presentation with handouts and a lively question-and-answer period. Fifteen members and visitors attended.

For those who missed the presentation, Mike has put the slide show online at KenoshaYachtClub.org in the Recent News section. The show has lots of useful resources.

Rebecca Hansen also encouraged the audience to attend a Weather Spotter class provided by the National Weather Service. The full schedule for that class can be found here: <https://www.weather.gov/mkx/spotter-schedule>



Good Winds

by Joyce Rinehart

*Good Winds for healing are sent to
Ralph Ruffolo following eye surgery.*

*Good Winds are sent to Deb and Jim
Strouf as they care for their fathers
and for a good trip home.*

*A BIG "thank you" to all who continue
to contribute to the ELCA Outreach
Center helping them serve those in
our community who need support.
We will continue to collect personal
hygiene items through March.*

*A big thank you to all who are working
so hard to bring about the Kenosha
Yacht Club Foundation! Your work
is greatly appreciated and we
celebrate the progress you are
making!*

*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
Matt's awesome food.*

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

Outreach Center Donations Continue!

Joyce Rinehart

Your support of the Outreach Center has been great and thank you to each of you who continue to participate. As we move through 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 any time.

We are invited to consider the following:

March – hygiene items_– travel size items are requested

April – June – Socks of all sizes

June - September - 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.
Vicecommodore@kenoshayachtclub.com,
262-945-9183



MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

Classifieds are free to members.

Slip for Rent

60-foot slip available for sublease for the 2023 boating season.

Located at Prairie Harbor Yacht Club in Pleasant Prairie WI.

Contact Eugene at 847-791-6782.

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