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COMMODORE'S LETTER

Commodore Deb Strouf

Dear Members of the Yacht Club,

Spring is finally here and we are excited to kick off another amazing sailing season at the club. As we gear up for our 111th fun-filled season, I wanted to take a moment to update you on what's been happening.

As you all know, we had a devastating fire in our kitchen a couple of weeks ago. While there was severe damage to the kitchen area, we want to assure our members that the situation is well under control. Our team is working hard day and night with authorities, our insurance adjustor, contractors and each other to ensure an efficient and appropriate recovery. We expect to have the Bar area up and running again soon, whereas the kitchen will take more time to complete. In the meantime, we are working on interim dining solutions to ensure our beautiful Island Deck can be enjoyed by both our membership and the community this summer.

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EVENTS

Mixed Nuts

Every Wednesday at 3pm

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Come join the fun!!!

KYC Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 3

6:00 PM

KYC Foundation Meeting

Thursday, May 11

6:30 PM

KYC Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

6:30 PM

Beach Cleanup and Cookout

Saturday, May 20

9:00 AM

Winners' Party

Saturday, May 20

Time TBD

"First Sail"

Tuesday May 23

6:30—8:00 PM

Practice Race

Thursday, May 25

6:30 PM

Race Night

Thursday, June 1

6:30 PM

Sunday Race

Sunday, June 4

1:00 PM

Sail 101

Tuesday, June 6

6:00—8:00 PM

**KENOSHA YACHT CLUB MAINSHEET****APRIL-MAY 2023*****Commodore's letter continued***

Despite the setback, we are optimistic and eager to get back to enjoying all the wonderful things that the club has to offer. We are planning a host of exciting events and activities that are sure to keep you entertained all season long. Our annual Blessing of the Fleet will be held on Sunday, June 4th, boats will start going into the water this month and the KYC Foundation will begin sailing lessons very soon. We will start planning some social events as the weather warms up and as the club renovations progress. So please stay tuned and follow us on Facebook Instagram for the latest updates!

I want to send special Thank You's to everyone in the community who has reached out to support us and offer assistance to the KYC... Specifically...

Thank you to the **Boathouse** for hosting our last 2 weeks of Cribbage League.

Thank you to **Andy at Rustic Road** for hosting our staff meeting in their awesome upstairs area!

A thank you to **Matt Berg & The Factory** for hosting Mix Nuts, donating towards our rebuilding fund and for all the continued ongoing support that Matt offers to the KYC.

Please be sure to patronize these local businesses and thank them for supporting our beloved KYC!

Appreciation to some of our members....

Thank you to the **Board of Directors** for working endless and thankless hours to ensure the KYC recovers and remains the strong organization that it is. Shifting priorities at the drop of a hat as well as maintaining and growing ongoing day to day operations is no easy task!

Thank you to **all of the members and staff that have reached out to offer assistance in clean up and recovery functions** – your eagerness to jump in and

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

help out does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to **Tom & Virginia Hartley** and **Amy Adams** for your generous donations!

Thank you to **Rich Popovich** for jumping in and spear heading our clean up and rebuilding efforts!!

Thank you to **Jim Strouf & Randy Bredin** for proactively cleaning up the dumpster area – that is a job that nobody wants to do!

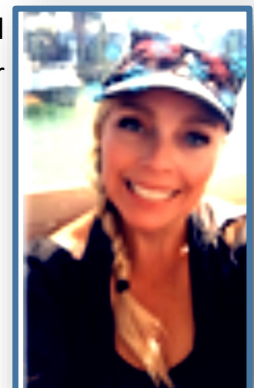
I'm sure I'm missing some folks here – it's not intentional....but THANK YOU!!!!

Our members are the heart of the club, and we're grateful for your continued support. We are committed to providing you with the best possible experience, and we look forward to seeing you all at the club soon.

So, get your boats ready, and let's set sail for another unforgettable season.

Sincerely,

Commodore Deb





Blessing of the Fleet Around the Corner Sunday, June 4

Plans for the annual Blessing of the Fleet are progressing nicely, with the able assistance of **Carol Stanley** and **Martia Kemps**. **Kathy and Ron Otto** will once again be planting flowers to beautify the area around the flagpole. **The Coast Guard** will once again be providing their boat to take the officiants to the inner harbor and Southport Marina to bless the boats in those two locations. — **Virginia Hartley**



These photos are all from the Blessing of the Fleet 2022. More photos of this event and others can be found in the "Photo Albums" area of our site.





Good Winds by Joyce Rinehart

*Good Winds go out to **Kathy Durden** for healing after a hospital stay. Kathy is Amy Adams's mom.*

We wish you well, Kathy.

*Our thoughts, wishes and “thank yous” are sent to each member of our **restaurant staff** for the great service they have provided and for each of them in this time when our restaurant is not open and they find themselves without the employment we offered to them.*

*Good Winds go out to **all who will be involved in the clean-up and rebuild** of our KYC Building and gratitude that no one was hurt in the fire.*

*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 send Good Winds out to **Doug and his crew** who will be launching boats soon. Have a safe Launch season!*

*Good winds to **Ron and Kathy Barth** who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary! Happy Anniversary Kathy and Ron!*



*Good Winds are sent to **Deb and Jim Strouf** as they continue to care for their fathers. AND Congratulations to Deb and Jim, who have welcomed a new grandson and to the proud parents, Brody and Makayla!*



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



KENOSHA YACHT CLUB FOUNDATION NEWS

The KYC Foundation board and volunteers have been hard at work. We are excited about fulfilling our mission of community service and providing quality boating education to the Kenosha community.

**JOIN AN
ADOPT-A-BEACH
CLEANUP!**

BEACH	Simmons Island Beach
DATE	May 20, 2023
TIME	9:00am – 11:00am

Scan the QR code or visit
adopt.greatlakes.org to learn
more and reserve your space!

KENOSHA YACHT CLUB
FOUNDATION

After the clean-up,
come to the Kenosha
Yacht Club dock for a
hot dog and cool drink.

**Free for all
volunteers.**
Provided by the
Kenosha Yacht Club
Foundation.

For those interested in taking their sailing experience to the next level, we have Sail 101. On Tuesday, June 6 from 6:00-8:00pm we'll meet to teach you the basics and more advanced aspects of sailing. Then for the next three Tuesdays (June 13, 20 & 27), practice your skills with the Kenosha Yacht Club sailors by sailing from 5:30-8:00pm.

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First up, in partnership with GreatLakes.org, we will be hosting a Simmons Island Beach Cleanup on Saturday, May 20. We'll meet at the Simmons Island Bath House at 9am and get the beach looking good before the start of summer. To register for the beach cleanup, go to GreatLakes.org and follow the link to "Find a Cleanup", then search for Kenosha. Afterwards, about 11am, we'll gather at the KYC for a cookout. Weather permitting, we'll have some member boats tied up and available for tours and a chance to get acquainted with the boats and instructors.

We are offering two educational programs this spring, targeting adults and youth.

The US Sailing sponsored First Sail will be our first offering. Join us Tuesday, May 23rd from 6:30 to 8:00pm to learn the basics. Then on Tuesday, May 30 at 5:30pm, we'll get you out on the lake on one of our members boats to experience the joy of sailing for yourself!

All for just \$50/per person. Register at KYCFoundation.org.

TAKE THE FIRST SAIL EXPERIENCE

Interested in learning how to sail?

Take the First Sail Experience to see first-hand why sailing is one of the most exhilarating activities on Earth!

This unique on-the-water opportunity is designed to provide a memorable experience that will motivate newcomers to continue sailing.

First Sail Experience participants will also have access to online training designed to prepare beginners for their first time sailing.

The two-hour lesson is offered to anyone for only \$50.

Sign up for your First Sail Experience today at firstsail.org!





Foundation news continued

We recommend trying the First Sail to see how you like sailing before signing up for Sail 101. We have various pricing for families and discounts which you can find on our website KYCFoundation.org.

The KYC Foundation hopes these programs will introduce people to our wonderful Kenosha lakefront, as well as spark an interest in sailing and boating in general.

As always, if you would like more information or are interested in joining us as a volunteer, don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Mike Ludtke
KYCF President
President@KYCFoundation.org
262-286-0566

Another Successful Cribbage Season

An exciting double-elimination tournament closed out the KYC cribbage tournament on April 13. Everyone had a great time, and especially these winners:

Regular Season Winners

1. Ryan and Bill
2. Niki and Bob
3. Ted and Rick

Double Elimination Tournament Winners:

1. Jaime and Brigitte
2. Kyle and Brandon
3. Dan and Lisa

Congratulations to the winners.

Thank you to Virginia Hartley.

Now for boating season!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THE OUTREACH CENTER

Even though we are not currently in our building to make donations, please continue to gather your donations for those in our community who need our support.

During the months of April, May and June, we are requesting donations of **socks (any color or size)** and you can also continue to donate hygiene products as well.

Until our bar area is again open, donations can be made by bringing them directly to the Outreach Center at 6218 26th Avenue or

you can give them to me and I will make sure they get there.

Thanks to all who continue to support the Outreach Center and our community through your generous donations.

Joyce





Fire Update

The fire in the KYC kitchen at the beginning of April closed the club while officers, board members, and many volunteers got to work to get the club and restaurant open asap. Check the minutes of the last membership meeting for extensive news about the fire and recovery work underway. Rich Popovich is coordinating and facilitating the complex business of recovery. His full report is in minutes from April 19. Below is an update. – Ed.

Update as of Sunday April 30

The power is back on in the bar area with limited lighting and outlets. All of the salvageable contents on the lower level have either been removed or boxed for removal and cleaning. Items from the upstairs are being readied to be removed for storage. It's still pretty stinky inside but Servpro is definitely making progress! Once all of the contents are removed demo and remediation will be next. We are hoping to see this begin the first week of May.

Environmental testing was done throughout the building to determine the level of smoke damage as well as to look for other hazards such as asbestos. We are hoping to get the report back from the testing company early next week. Once the full extent of the smoke damage is determined, ServPro will be able to give us a more accurate scope of work and a better timeline for re-opening can be established. We will be sending out a weekly email every Wednesday to all members to update everyone on the progress. It's going to be a unique summer at the KYC but we will come out of it stronger than before!

Rich Popovich



Lights on in the bar area!



Good progress!



The kitchen the day after the fire.



DOCK & DERRICK

Doug Vaccarello

Boats will start launching Saturday May 6. Everyone should have their boats prepped by now so we won't have to drag this out for a long time. Come prepared for work: wear proper attire. Work gloves. No flip flops.

It's going to be a good sailing season. Get out and enjoy that boat!





Welcome to Our Newest Members!

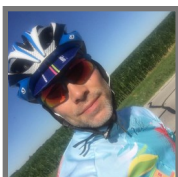
A warm welcome to four new KYC members.

Christian Dye recently moved to Kenosha. He has a CustomFlex Penguin sailboat named *Flappy*.

Michael Fluhr lives in Lombard, Illinois. He sails a Precision 15'.

Jeffrey and Christine Kostrostki live in Gurnee, Illinois. They sail their Beneteau 305, named *GEOK2*, out of North Point.

Hector Figueroa recently purchased a 1968 Hughes, named *Magic*. Hector is an avid cyclist, father, and sailboat enthusiast. He will definitely make the most of Magic: he told us that he's, "looking forward to learning and going out on adventures sending good winds." Welcome to Hector and the entire adventure loving family!



Welcome to Hector, pictured above with *Magic* and below left with his family.



*Photographers, writers,
and editors needed!*

The Mainsheet needs volunteers to take photos at club events. Also writers to help us report on the many activities of the club and club members. Also editors to tighten up wordy copy like this!

Contact Anne Cassidy.



RACE COMMITTEE REPORT

John Weiss, Chair

Hey Racers,

The 2023 KYC Race Season is just a few weeks away. Mother Nature told me she still owes us from her bad COVID behavior so she's promising great weather for our program as an on-going reparation.

In preparation for the 2023 Race Season, here are a few important updates:



[Race Calendar](#) is posted on the KYC site. It's important to review the calendar since there are some dates where there won't be racing i.e. 6/15 conflicts with the Double Handed race so no Thursday race on that date.



Stay informed by signing up for [KYC Groups IO](#) email list. We've been a bit quiet this spring (I've been slacking...) but this is the best place to stay up to date on KYC Racing.



New buoy lines have been spliced and John Weiss will have the buoys deployed in the usual locations by 5/24



Registration will be live on the KYC website in few days. Price is unchanged from prior years.



Important Dates:

5/20 - Winners Party (2022) - details to follow but we are hoping to get together early afternoon on 20th at KYC deck. This may be a "game time" decision if weather is an issue - stay tuned to our Groups IO for updates

5/25 - Thursday Practice Starts & Race

6/1 - First Thursday Night Race

6/4 - First Sunday Race

That's all for now - get your boats in the water so when we finally get our 2 days of Spring ~ May 20th and 21st, you are ready to have fun!

Ciao,

John



MIXED NUTS CRACKS ON REGARDLESS!!!



No hardship can deter dedicated members from keeping a beloved institution alive: Wednesday afternoon socializing, *Mixed Nuts*.

Until the bar reopens, meetings are roving. Pictured here, a recent Mixed Nuts at the Southport Marina. All are welcome! Ask the dockmaster for location.



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.

