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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Ahoy, Fellow Members!

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the splendid August breezes out on the water. As we sail through the final stretch of this summer season, there's much to share and celebrate within our cherished Kenosha Yacht Club.

Rebuilding Stronger Together

The spirit of resilience has truly shone brightly within our club since the unfortunate fire that struck our premises. We're thrilled to report that progress is being made on the restoration front. Our beloved bar area is on track to open its doors in early fall, providing us all a warm and welcoming space to gather and share stories. While the kitchen's comeback might take a bit longer, with an expected reopening in 2024, we can already imagine the delectable dishes that await us once it's back in operation.

Sailing Success on KYC Waters

Let's raise a toast to our incredible KYC racers, who've been conquering the waves and leaving their mark on the competition circuit this season. With unwavering dedication and teamwork, our racers have achieved remarkable success, bringing honor and pride to our yacht club. Their

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EVENTS

Mixed Nuts

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

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Tuesday, August 8, 6 PM

[KYC Foundation Meeting](#)

Wednesday, August 9, 6:30 PM

[KYC Board Listening Session](#)

Friday, August 11, 5:00 PM

KYC Membership Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 6:30 PM

Race Night

Thursday, August 10, 6:30 PM

Thursday, August 17, 6:00 PM

Thursday, August 24, 6:00 PM

Full Moon Race

Reverse Dock Start

Thursday, August 31, 6:00 PM

KYC Regatta & Dock Party

Saturday August 19, 12 - 5 PM

Sunday Race

August 6, 11:00 AM

August 13, 11:00 AM

KYC Board Meeting

Wednesday September 6, 6:00 PM



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victories reflect the camaraderie and sportsmanship that define us as a community, both on and off the water.

A Heartfelt Thank You

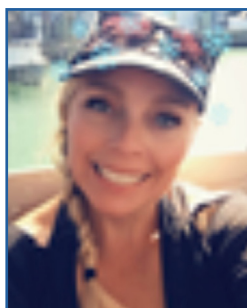
On a personal note, I'd like to express my deepest gratitude for the overwhelming support and compassion shown by our remarkable membership during a challenging time. The outpouring of kind messages, thoughtful emails, and heartfelt phone calls following the loss of my father-in-law has truly touched my heart. It is in moments like these that the true spirit of our Kenosha Yacht Club shines the brightest. The support and camaraderie we share remind us that we're more than just a club; we're a family bound by our love for the sea and each other.

As we continue to navigate the waters of life together, let's hold onto the values that make our club truly special. The dedication, friendship, and support that define us will undoubtedly guide us through whatever challenges lie ahead.

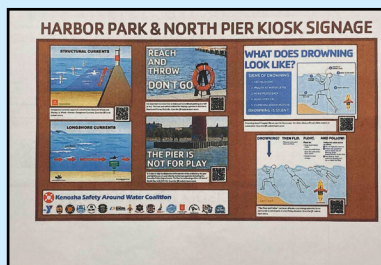
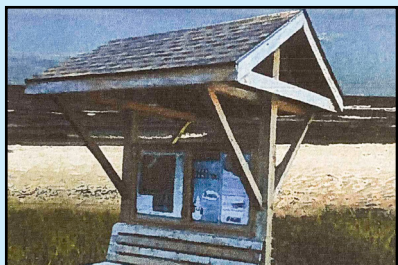
Wishing you fair winds and smooth seas,

Deb Strouf

Commodore



Water Safety Project a Community Effort



The KYC Foundation has pledged \$500.00 to support the Indian Trail DECA 2023 Water Safety Project. With the assistance of the Kenosha Safety Around the Water Coalition (SaW), the kids are building a water safety kiosk that will be placed between the Simmons Island boardwalk and the north pier. One side will provide water safety information in English and other side in Spanish. There will be benches built into the kiosk for people to rest and look out over the lake. The kiosk will provide valuable information to the community about staying safe in Lake Michigan and around the pier.

Donations to support this project can be made online at www.kycfoundation.org or contact treasurer@kycfoundation.org to arrange donation by check.

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COME TO THE DOCK AND CHAT WITH US

The Kenosha Yacht Club Board invites all members and friends to come on down to the dock for our third and final Listening Session on Friday, August 11th from 5pm to 7 pm. This event has been scheduled for a later time to allow those who work the opportunity to join us. Come have your favorite beverage, enjoy the Island Deck and the best lakeside view in town. Bring your thoughts and questions to share with Board Members who will be available to greet you and listen to what you have to say. This is your time to let us know what you are thinking about the Kenosha Yacht Club.

If you have questions about this Listening Session, talk to any Board Member.

Hope to see you on the dock!



Welcome to Our Newest Members

A warm welcome to two new KYC members.

Jeff & Maria Dahnke live in Barrington Illinois and have a Catalina 400 named **Symphony**, at Southport Marina.

Kimberly Brunet lives in Kenosha and joined as a social member. She sailed in school, and joined KYC to gain experience in sailing. Her particular interest is racing. Kimberly joined the *Mainsheet* staff as photographer and writer; rode the KYC float in the Civic Veterans Parade, and brought dessert for an impromptu pre-race buffet on a Thursday night, all in her first month of membership!. And she has been crewing on Thursdays and Sundays..



Outreach Center Donations Continue!

Thanks to all who have been bringing donations to the Dock for the Outreach Center. Your support is greatly appreciated. Items can be brought to the KYC container on the dock at the Kenosha Yacht Club Outdoor Bar at any time.

We will be collecting the following items:

July - September - School supplies for distribution in early August and into the early fall (please see the KUSD supply lists available in many stores that carry school supplies or access the lists on the KUSD website).

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

Socks and hygiene items are always appreciated as well.

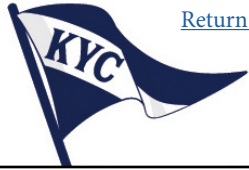
Please give cash donations to me or Karl.

We are so grateful that we are able to step up our donation collection again following the fire. Karl will pick up all items 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
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with any questions or
suggestions.
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An Inside Look at the Kenosha Civic Veterans Parade July 2

Kimberly Merideth

It was a cold and drizzly morning when they rolled up to the KYC. Immediately the intrepid crew began to prepare **Rich Popovich's** boat, for her maiden voyage.



As a parade float, that is.

Vice Commodore Joyce headed the team of decorators, eager spectators, and boat deckers. What's the distinction? Boat deckers climb.

The team included **Bob, Aurora, Kimberly**, and, crucially, **Doug** with his special float decorating know-how. Club Secretary and KYC Foundation President **Mike and Ellen** arrived with the truck, ready to tow.

Everyone paused for a donut break.

"Aurora, you can come trim my Christmas tree," shouted an unknown woman.

Aurora smiled... The boat did look pretty good. She'd climbed all over it and gotten the garland as high as it could go. She had a way with the décor. It just bent itself to her will and imagination.

Then they were off!

Mike, a fine skipper, navigated a tangled mass of streets, schoolchildren, exuberant aeronautic teenagers, marching bands and parade officials.

However, nothing could make this skipper lose his cool and after he had finally placed the boat to his and the event staff's satisfaction, he was, in addition, gentleman enough to approve the ladies' last ditch efforts to deck the boat, and themselves, with every available bead. "Well, I think you've used up all the beads," he remarked. Totally deadpan.

"Put some more around your head, **Ellen**," urged Kimberly Brunet, new member. "But silver, you know, like a tiara." Ellen complied.

There was a rather protracted wait, enough time for Aurora to place a few more flags. And Mike to say they were too tall. And take them down. (There is a height limit on the parade floats).

At long last, the rain having stopped and the sun consented to shine, it was time for the parade. It got off a bit late, but the enthusiasm was rampant. The crowd absolutely loved the KYC float. The crew told them all about the KYC's fire.



The plucky recovery.

The patio, open to the public.

The "open to all" policy.

Yes, a successful parade.

No candy unfortunately.

Several small children were so bold as to protest this



Kenosha Civic Veteran's Parade cont.

omission, but some of the crew got catty with them and said, "I thought you were bringing the candy!"

It is a tribute to the generous Wisconsin spirit that several children actually offered the crew candy. (Crew refused, of course. "Give it to your mama!")

Speaking of the Wisconsin spirit, although it took quite a bit to dampen the enthusiasm of the crew, it was disappointing to find that this year's KYC float was mistakenly listed as an "entry" but not a "float", and was therefore ineligible to win the grand prize for float decorating. This year anyway.

As the crew knew, they were not only a float. They were a boat. In fact, the only entry around which could actually...

Float.

But despite the bad puns, worse weather, lack of throwable candy, and the superabundance of beads resembling Mardi Gras with which the female members of the team insisted upon decking themselves...

It was a highly successful affair.

Let's do it again.

And next time, let's win that prize!

Aftermath:

The Driving of the Truck was agreed upon by all to be the very highest honor a yacht club could bestow.

And Mike, the doughtiest driver.

"Are you going to cede driving the truck next year, Mike, if a worthy driver presents himself, or herself?"

He smiled indulgently.

"Just let me know when you find 'em," he said politely.

Unfailing courtesy. Hallmark of a true sportsman.



The KYC Foundation will be meeting on Wednesday, August 9 to review our first season, discuss our future and set some goals for 2024. If you'd like to join us, please reach out to me and I'll include you with the meeting details and let you know of meeting time changes.

Mike Ludtke
President, KYC Foundation

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Learn to Sail With the KYC Foundation

Starting at \$180 for individuals with discounts for families.

Come learn to sail with us.

Register at KYCFoundation.org.

Sail 101 class is on Tuesdays.

August 8 6–8pm (Dock Talk)

August 15 5:30–8pm (Sailing)

August 22 5:30–8pm (Sailing)

August 29 5:30–8pm (Sailing)



Good Winds by Joyce Rinehart

- ◇ In early July we were saddened by the news of the passing of former member **Jack Ciesemier**. We send our condolences to Jack's family and friends and celebrate all the memories we have of Jack.
- ◇ We were sad to hear of the passing of Jim Strouf's father, **Jack Strouf** recently. Jim and Deb, we send our thoughts and condolences to you and your family and are sorry for your loss. We also continue to think of you as you care for Deb's father in the days ahead.
- ◇ Congratulations to all those who participated in the **Hook Race** this year!
- ◇ 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 school supplies, socks and personal hygiene items at the outdoor bar (see article).
- ◇ Thank you to **Scott** for stepping up to be our KYC Bar manager! We send you and your staff Good Winds for a great summer! Stop by and give them your support.
- ◇ Please send requests for Good Winds concerns or celebrations to Joyce at goodwinds@kenoshayachtclub.com or 262-945-9183



The KYC Bar & Grille is temporarily an open air bar with guest food trucks on site in rotation. The Island Deck Bar hours are subject to weather, and the food truck schedule is subject to change.

Hours subject to change due to weather. Monday closed.



Kimberly Merideth

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 3pm until close

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11am until close

Food Truck Schedule

Mr. Wings on Saturdays

Big Head Tacos on Fridays and Saturdays

On weekdays, the bartender can provide you with menus for local restaurants who deliver.



Racing Report

KYC Racing has had a great season so far. Weather has cooperated and our KYC fleet has made its presence known across Lake Michigan and in parts beyond. Really proud to be a part of this club!

[Results are up to date on our site](#)

We are now over 50% through the 2023 race season but some great racing remains:

- * 8/17 - Move up start by 30 minutes (Bucc Warning 5:50pm)
- * 8/19 - **Saturday Race & Dock Party**
- * 8/31 - **Full Moon Race**

[Full race schedule is available on our KYC Website](#)

So come out and have some fun. Power boaters are definitely welcome to join the festivities!

John Weiss

photos by John Weiss





Racing Report



Gary Powell



Kimberly Merideth



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Racing Report

ANOTHER HOOK FOR THE BOOKS

Ron Otto

The 40th consecutive running of the Hook Race from Racine to Menomonee/Marionette in Green Bay via Death's Door passage took place July 15-16. Saturday saw shifty, variable winds challenging all crews strategies and sail handling. The leading fleet was hit by a fast-moving vicious storm Sunday in Green Bay – 50+ knot winds, some hail, lightning, and even waterspouts. Takedown-2 was knocked back from the leaders and suffered damage to a jib but persevered and was soon back racing. The rest of the fleet in Lake Michigan faired a little better as the storm lessened, but still took a beating.

The KYC showed up and did well. Six boats: **Takedown-2** (Ron Otto), **Joan Claire** (Jim Pappas), **Sirocco** (Doug Vaccarello), **Lizard** (Eric Routman), **Ace's Dream** (Brian Hettrick), and **Northern Wind** (Matt Berg) all competed in this year's race. **Takedown-2** finished **2nd** in the division. **Joan Claire** finished **2nd** in her division, once again besting her yellow nemesis.



Speaking of the yellow nemesis, **Doug Vaccarello** was recognized for finishing 36 of the 40 Hook races. In many of those, **Sirocco** placed 1st or 2nd in the division, and one year took 1st Place Overall. Outstanding.



Ron Otto



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Racing Report

ANOTHER HOOK FOR THE BOOKS



CONGRATULATIONS TO TAKEDOWN-2 AND JOAN CLAIRE!

Photos on this page (and course screen shot on previous page) from Jim Pappas





Racing Report

KYC in the Queens Cup

The annual Queens Cup race across Lake Michigan took place from June 30 - July 1. The course from the South Shore Yacht Club, Milwaukee to the Muskegon Yacht Club, Muskegon, MI was completed by all of the 123 boats who started.

Four KYC boats raced. **CONGRATULATIONS** to ***Takedown-2*** (Ron Otto) In the Short Handed Division, who finished 2nd!

Ave Maria (John McFadden), ***Lizard*** (Eric Routman), and ***Ace's Dream*** (Brian Hettrick) also raced. Congratulations to all!



Congratulations to Takedown-2!

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