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**NOVEMBER 2023**

## LETTER FROM THE COMMODORE

Greetings KYC Members and Friends,

As I write my first Mainsheet article, I want to thank all who attended the Past Commodores' and Installation Event. What a great night that was. It was so good to be back in the portion of our building that is now completed and to spend some time together and good to see so many past commodores. The decorations were beautiful thanks to Amy Adams and the hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed by all thanks to Deb Strouf. Thanks to Rich Popovich (our new Yachtsperson of the Year!) and all who worked with him for the endless hours spent completing phase one of our restoration and making it possible for us to enjoy this evening in our own space.

That night, Doug Vaccarello installed a great board and I look forward to the year ahead as we work together to continue to move this organization forward. Thanks to all

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## EVENTS

- Mixed Nuts**  
Every Wednesday KYC at 3pm  
Come join the fun!!!
- [Annual Holiday Party](#)  
Saturday, Dec 2, 4:00 - 8:00 PM
- KYC Foundation Board Meeting**  
Monday Dec 4, 6:30 PM
- KYC Board Meeting**  
Wednesday Dec 6, 6:00 PM
- KYC Membership Meeting**  
Wednesday Dec 20, 6:30 PM

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who said "yes" to this immense job.

I am also thankful for each KYC Member and look forward to hearing from you. I want to know what your thoughts and ideas are and what you want from your Yacht Club. I also want to know what you are willing to contribute to the KYC throughout the year – what your talents, skills and interests are that you would like to offer to make our Club run well.

I invite you to save the following dates and come enjoy the camaraderie.

December 2nd Our annual Holiday Party and bring your gifts for kids for the Outreach Center which need to be at the KYC by December 9th.

December 6th Board Meeting

December 20th Member Meeting

January 26th Happy Hour with the Commodore

Enjoy these remaining Fall days as we head toward winter. As I see most of the boats covered now, I know winter is coming. And, spring will follow and we will be on the water again!

*Joyce Rinehart*

Commodore



The Mainsheet is a collaborative effort of members of the KYC.

Thank you to this month's photographers: Gary Powell, Jim Pappas, Martia Kemps, Ron Otto, Mike Ludtke, Carol Stanley, Chip Ostenberg, Deb Strouf, Anne Cassidy, Bob Rinehart, Mark LeServe.

**KYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Commodore Joyce Rinehart**

**Vice Commodore Amy Adams**

**Rear Commodore Rich Popovich**

**Secretary Anne Cassidy**

**Treasurer Cecelia Lucas**

**Trustee Matt Gallion**

**Trustee Carol Stanley**

**Trustee Virginia Hartley**

**House Director Jim Pappas**

**Past Commodore Deb Strouf**

**Holiday Party Time**

Please join us on **Saturday, December 2nd** for the KYC Annual Holiday party from **4:00 - 8:00pm**.

We will once again have our infamous **White Elephant** gift exchange. So bring your best White Elephant gift and have some laughs with your fellow members.

The club will be providing a variety of deli meats and cheeses from Tenuatas for sandwiches and would love to have you bring your favorite pot luck dish.

**Giving Tree**

Please remember to bring your Giving Tree gifts to the Holiday party as well. If you are unable to join the party, please be sure to bring all your packages to the KYC no later than December 9th. As a reminder, please leave gifts unwrapped and attach the numbered tag to the outside of your gift(s).

If you have any questions or would like to participate in the Giving Tree please contact Kathy Otto at motto@gmail.com or 262-331-3762.

Hope to see you all there!

*Amy Adams*

Vice Commodore Kenosha Yacht Club

# KYC Yachtsman of the Year

## Rich Popovich



Rich Popovich was named **KYC Yachtsman of the Year** at the annual Installation Dinner on November 4. Never has the award been more richly deserved. Rich is both an active sailor and an active power boater. On and off the water, he has been a valued member of the Club for over 20 years. Moreover, during this past year his service has been heroic. After the disaster that struck the Club last spring, Rich stepped up and offered his expertise to oversee the rebuilding of much of the structure. The fire damage was extensive, and Rich has spent many hundreds of hours -- the equivalent of a second full-time job -- managing the complex difficult tasks of administration, accounting, project management, liaising, and physical labor. He has also coordinated with other Club members to accomplish tasks that required large amounts of volunteer labor supplementing insurance-financed work. Congratulations and thank you, Rich!





## *Good Winds*

by Martia Kemp

*Congratulations to **Joyce Rinehart** as she begins her role as Commodore and also to all new Board members. Thank you to the outgoing Board of Directors. Well done!*

*Our wishes to **Chip Ostenberg** for a speedy recovery from foot surgery.*

*Our wishes to **Pete Thompson** for a speedy recovery from surgery.*

*Our wishes to **Alex and Niki Kyle's daughter** who is struggling with health issues.*



*Fair Winds and smooth sailing to **Mark LeServe**, as he begins his sail to the Bahamas along with his crew of Jim S, Jim P, Eric R and Mark S.*

## **Holiday and Winter Outreach Donations**

### **KYC Members Bring Holiday Cheer and Gifts to 61 Children**

Thank you to everyone! All 61 children have been chosen and will be receiving Christmas gifts, thanks to your kindness and generosity. Please return gifts unwrapped with the numbered tag firmly attached. You can leave gifts upstairs or on the stairway at KYC. All gifts need to be received by Noon on Saturday, December 9th.

We will continue to collect hats, scarves and gloves throughout November and December. These can be left in the bin outside the bar. Thank you to so many who have already helped fill the bin.

Happy Thanksgiving and again thank you for your continued support for Outreach.

**Kathy Otto**

Outreach Coordinator







**DOCK AND DERRICK**  
*Dockmaster Doug Vacarello*

When winterizing your boat engines  
please recycle the empty containers  
at home and not in our garbage cans.  
Any large garbage please take to our  
dumpster. Thanks and get ready for  
ice boating.





## ***Annual Installation Dinner A Celebration to Remember***

The bar sparkled with shiny new fixtures, freshly painted walls, and the happy smiles of Club Members who could finally gather together to celebrate. The traditional Installation Ceremony is a time to thank the outgoing Commodore and members of the KYC Board of Directors for their service, and to witness the ceremonial swearing-in of a new Commodore and Directors.

This is always a happy occasion, but this year it was extra special. After several years of unusual challenges - including pandemic disruptions and isolation and then a devastating fire in the Club - the gathering in a beautifully renovated bar felt like a new beginning in more ways than one.

Outgoing Commodore **Deb Strouf**, who steered us through a series of some of the most challenging times the Club has ever seen, was thanked and applauded and lauded. Every other member of the Board was thanked for dedication and hard work that kept the Club afloat.

Incoming Commodore **Joyce Rinehart** was sworn in, along with new Board members.

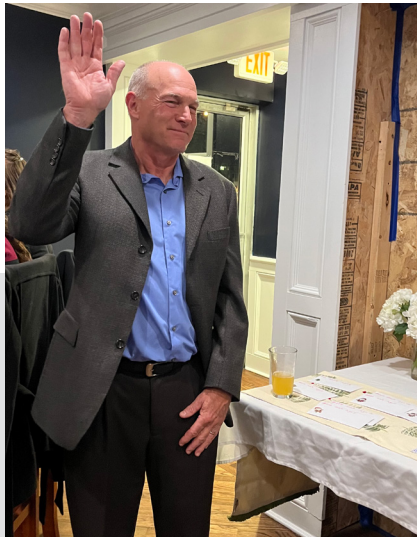
The KYC Foundation Board of Directors, newly appointed, were also sworn in.

In addition, this year's KYC Yachtsman of the Year was announced: **Rich Popovich**. ([see page 3](#)).





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### KYC Foundation News

Mike Ludtke, President

The KYC Foundation's new Board of Directors was sworn in at the annual KYC Installation Dinner on November 4. Next up: a planning meeting on December 4. Anyone interested in attending the meeting, please contact me. This one will be a virtual meeting.

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A new Safety on the Water information kiosk has been placed by the north pier in Kenosha. The kiosk project was initiated by 3 local high school students. It was supported by the Kenosha Safety Around the Water Coalition, of which the KYCF is a member. KYCF donated \$500 toward its completion.

A dedication ceremony for the kiosk took place on



November 11. Joyce Rinehart, Bob Rinehart, and Carol Stanley joined me in representing the KYCF and the KYC at the event.

Above are the Indian Trail High School students who initiated the project. From left, junior Claire Koch, junior Ieva Cimiaska and senior Tayden Reese.

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As always, if you would like more information or are interested in volunteering for any of our projects, don't hesitate to reach out to me. My email is [President@KYCFoundation.org](mailto:President@KYCFoundation.org).





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