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LETTER FROM THE COMMODORE

December Greetings Kenosha Yacht Club Members and Friends,

As we move through this month of holidays, I want to thank our Vice Commodore, **Amy Adams**, for the great Holiday Party on December 2nd. Thanks to all who were able to join us for food, fun and our annual white elephant gift exchange. I hope you are all enjoying your “gifts!” Especially **Kathy Barth** who is now the proud owner of the ever-popular raffle plunger. Our newly remodeled bar area, thank you **Rich Popovich**, was beautifully decorated and the camaraderie was very enjoyable. We missed those who were unable to join us and look forward to seeing you soon.

What a great pleasure to see the Kenosha Yacht Club members reach out to the Kenosha Community through our Outreach Center Christmas Gifts. This year we provided presents for 60 children and youth. Thank you to each of you who participated in this opportunity and provided gifts. The upstairs meeting room was filled with great gifts and wrapping paper donations. Great job everyone and thank you to **Kathy Otto** for organizing this event and

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EVENTS

Mixed Nuts

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

Cribbage

Sign-up deadline Dec 28

KYC Board Meeting

Wednesday Jan 3, 6:00 PM

KYC Membership Meeting

Wednesday Jan 17, 6:30 PM

Iceboating and Safety on the Ice

Tuesday Jan 16, 6:30 PM

Commodore's Happy Hour

Friday Jan 26, 4:30 - 6:30

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Jim Strouf

COMMODORE'S LETTER
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continuing our connection with the Outreach Center.

I invite you to hold several upcoming dates:

There will be no Member Meeting in December and our January meeting will be Wednesday, January 17th, at 6:30pm. We will again have a hybrid meeting and will have technology available that will make hearing easier for everyone. Thanks for your patience while we work to get this doable for everyone. It is important that those who cannot be present at the KYC have the option to join us virtually. A Zoom link will be sent with the meeting invitation.

At the January meeting, the Board will offer Galley Operating Models and recommendations and invite comments and questions. Thank you to **Deb Strouf** for leading us through this process as we move forward following the fire.

On Tuesday, January 16th we are all invited to the first of several winter Educational Events offered by the Kenosha Yacht Club Foundation. Please see the article in this Mainsheet and save the date for this Iceboating and Safety on the Ice Event. Then watch for upcoming educational events in the months ahead. If you have a nautical skill or have knowledge about cruising or racing that you would be willing to present as part of this educational series, please contact Anne Cassidy. Thank you to the Foundation Board for offering these educational events to all of us and the community and to Anne Cassidy for taking the lead in organizing these opportunities.

We will end the month of January with a **Happy Hour with the Commodore** on Friday, January 26th, from 4:30 – 6:30pm. I extend a special invitation to our newer members and hope that you will come and spend some time with other KYC members as we enjoy this time together. Scott and our bar staff will have drink specials to offer us during this time. Hope to see you all there. To those who celebrate in any way, I wish you happy holidays!

Joyce Rinehart
Commodore

**KYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Trustee Carol Stanley

Trustee Virginia Hartley

House Director Jim Pappas

Past Commodore Deb Strouf

KYC Members Volunteer Opportunities

The skills and energy of Kenosha Yacht Club members are needed for many ongoing and one-time projects.

A few ways to help:

- ◇ Bring take-out menus from your favorite restaurants to the bar. Scott runs out of menus very quickly, and customers like to see menus to order food when they're hungry.
- ◇ Attending meetings and Club functions is good for the Club, and counts towards the annual required hours of participation.
- ◇ Contribute to the Mainsheet. Our monthly newsletter needs photographs of Club activities and writers to report on them. Have an idea for an article? Contact Anne Cassidy.
- ◇ The House Committee is frequently in need of help. Contact Jim Pappas.
- ◇ Attend a KYC Foundation meeting.
- ◇ Join a committee at the upcoming January members meeting.
- ◇ Do you have a nautical skill or story that you are willing to share in a winter education presentation? Contact Mike Ludtke.

Suggestions? Contact the Commodore, or any member of the Board.

Or email secretary@kenoshayachtclub.com



Are You Ready for Some Cribbage?

Virginia Hartley

The KYC Cribbage League will be starting up again on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 7:00pm.

We will have a 14-week season (thirteen weeks of regular season play followed by a one-night double-elimination tournament). The regular season will run from January 5th – March 28th. The one-night tournament will take place on Thursday, April 4th. As always,

we will play in teams of two. New teams are welcome. It would be great to see some more KYC Members playing! If you'd like to participate on an infrequent basis, we are always looking for reliable subs, so please get in touch. Team fee is \$40 payable on the first night of play, January 4th. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams in both the regular season and the tournament.

THERE IS ONLY ONE RESTRICTION ON THE LEAGUE AND THAT IS, FOR LOGISTICAL REASONS WE CAN ONLY HAVE AN EVEN NUMBER OF TEAMS. AS THEY SAY ON THE AMAZING RACE, "IF YOU ARE THE LAST TEAM TO ARRIVE YOU MAY BE ELIMINATED."

Please contact me, Virginia Hartley, by email to let me know that you wish to play.

Email: office@kenoshayachtclub.com

Team sign-up for the Cribbage League will close at 5:00pm Thursday, December 28th. NO teams will be added after that date...NO exceptions will be made. Please take care of this promptly, as I cannot call or e-mail you individually. Therefore, I urge both partners to respond rather than thinking that your partner has taken care of this.

If you have any questions regarding the KYC Cribbage League, feel free to get in touch at the e-mail address shown above.



Holiday and Winter Outreach

Best wishes to all for the holiday season!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Holiday Outreach. Your generosity is witnessed in the many bags overflowing with gifts for the child / children you chose.

Thank you as well for your continuing gifts of hats, gloves, and scarves. The bin is filled and then some!!! You can continue to bring those items through 12/31.

Beginning in January and through March we will be collecting toiletry items such as deodorant, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes etc.

Thank you all again for your kind hearts.

**Ron and I wish you and all those you love the happiest of holidays
and a happy and healthy New Year!!!! Cheers!**

Kathy Otto





Good Winds

by Martia Kempf

- * Condolences to the family of **Dick Schmidt**, who passed away in October. He was a Sailor, longtime active member of Kenosha Yacht Club and devoted to the Sea Scouts. He could often be seen plying the waters of Lake Michigan in his trusty Rhodes 19 with family, friends, or Sea Scouts. He served as Flag Officer for the KYC, and he and his wife **Pat** attended Club parties and events regularly. Whether overseeing KYC participation in the Chicago Stricly Sail show or serving on Race Committee, Dick was an important positive presence for the Club and for his friends. He will be missed. See [Remembrance p. 12](#).
- * Our wishes to **Chip Ostenberg** as he continues to recover from foot surgery.
- * The Christmas party December 2nd was an enjoyable time! Here is **Doug** in his new sweatshirt from the **Otto's**.



Martia Kempf

The *Mainsheet* is a collaborative effort of members of the Kenosha Yacht Club.

Thank you to this month's photographers: **Gary Powell, Jim Pappas, Jim Strouf, Martia Kempf, Eric Johnson.**

Writers: **Joyce Rinehart, Mike Ludtke, John Weiss, Martia Kempf, Kathy Otto, Carol Stanley.**

Editor and Publisher: Anne Cassidy.

Join the staff of the *Mainsheet* and add to your volunteer hours for the Club. We need writers, photographers, and editors.

To join our staff, email secretary@kenoshayachtclub.com

Do you have news for the *Mainsheet*?

Email: secretary@kenoshayachtclub.com



Jim Pappas



2023 in Review

Mike Ludtke

MAY

Simmons Island Beach Cleanup

Twenty-one volunteers met on Simmons Island to collect 85 pounds of trash from the beach. The Great Lakes hold 20% of the world's fresh water. Many of us get our drinking water from Lake Michigan. It's important to keep our lake and beach clean for us and future generations. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success.

JUNE-JULY

First Sail Experience

The US Sailing "First Sail" program offers a sailing experience to anyone in the community interested in getting their feet wet, so to speak, by taking their first sail aboard a KYC member boat. We customized the experience by adding a few hours of dock talk with the students before they went on the water.

JUNE-JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

Sail 101 & 102

After their "First Sail" experience many signed up for our Sail 101. In Sail 101, students learn boating terms, docking procedures, how sails work, safety and more. Some just couldn't get enough, so we added a Sail 102 in September.

NOVEMBER

Beach Kiosk Dedication

The Foundation granted \$500 to the Indian Trail HS DECA club to help fund a water safety kiosk featuring water safety information in English and Spanish. It's located near the circle between the water plant and the pier.



Annual Holiday Party December 2



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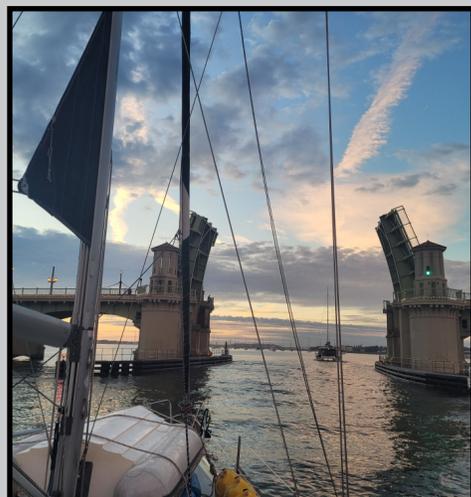
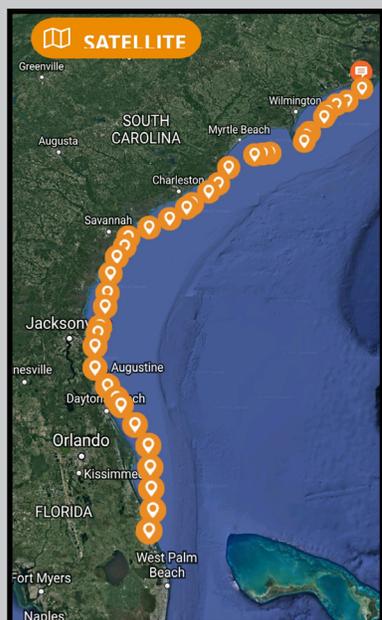
Cruising Reports

Some KYC sailors prefer southern cruising to ice boating.

Pete Thompson single handed *Saving Tortuga* from the Potomac to Jacksonville in record time. (What's his hurry? asks *Newin*.) Then **Jeannie** and **Buoy** crewed from Jacksonville to St. Augustine, arriving well before Christmas.

Mark LeServe left South Carolina captaining *Fifth Row Center* with a jolly crew aboard including **Jim Pappas**, **Jim Strouf**, **Eric Routman**, and **Marc Southard**. The crew debarked in Florida, and Mark is now single handing in the warmth and sunshine of Florida's coast.

Jim Strouf has returned to Kenosha for the holidays. He and **Deb** will be sailing from Florida to the Bahamas soon.



Photos and route from *Fifth Row Center's* trip south. There were some lift bridges, left, but not all. At right, the crew is heeling the boat by the boom in order to clear the bridge (it worked). Thanks to Jim Pappas and Jim Strouf for the photos.





Racing Report

Winter Advice From Our Race Committee Chair

We are now deep into the holiday season, which means all your Christmas stuff should be up and we should be ready for Iceboating! If you don't iceboat, you should still get out and check out the fun this winter. Bum a ride and you too can find yourself buying one or three iceboats before you know it (Rich) :)

Here are a couple of links that can keep you in the know:

<https://www.iceboat.org>

<https://niteracing.org>

<https://www.idniyra.org>

<https://www.iceboatfoundation.org>

John Weiss





Racing Report

2023 KYC Post Race Season Debrief Meeting

Minutes for the 2023 Post Race Season meeting were taken by Race Committee Chair John Weiss. They are in shorthand, breezy and fast, as might be expected. . -- Editor

Date: November 11th @ 9:30am
Location: KYC Bar and Zoom
Attendees: John Weiss, Jim Pappas, Patrick Perlman, Mike Ludtke, Karl, Randy, Ron, Eric, Jerry, Pete and a few others.

What was 'good' about 2023 race season? Weather was good, race committee,
What can be improved in 2024? Offer Jeff US sailing RC course if interested, consider doing 'make-up' day based on weather - maybe pick 2 'make-up dates' on calendar in August OR pick two days that are long days vote.

Buoy Report (John)
All buoys retrieved again
Buoy maintenance
Buoy deployment
Buoy retrieval *** Randy will coordinate this for 2024

Race Committee Report (John / Jeff)
Jeff Cramer will be back!
Support for Jeff?

Fleet Captain Report?
Buccaneer (Patrick)
PHRF (Doug)

2024 Draft Schedule (John)
John to create draft by ~ end of January
Email to John non-KYC events that should be included ASAP
Special Races
KYC Regatta??

KYC sponsor lake crossing, invite other Southport boats to join?
Buccaneer Regatta & Invite Other Fleets?? Thoughts??
Need to ensure we don't conflict with other events that our fleet participates in i.e. Q Race, etc

New Business
Race Channel - change from 68 to 1001 to get away from fishing reports? Can we check our radios or other channel i.e. 72?

Pursuit Race Starts - should the start be perpendicular to the Red light house? OR reduce motor speed to 4 mph until past Red lighthouse
Move race that corresponds to Queens Cup OR move to Wednesday??

Buccaneer day regattas i.e. should we do a race inland somewhere in May or ask to be a part of an inland lake regatta i.e. Kegonsa?? What about a Sunday in July?? Other?

Share buoy coordinates with fishing boats? How to share? Email to Kenosha Charter Boat Association - talk to Joyce??

Anyone interested in being on the MWPHRF Council of Handicappers? Ron is interested.

Kenosha Race Fleet to sponsor Christmas Outreach Gift Purchase of \$50 - approved

Attracting more boats to race at our club (Ron suggestion) - host a free party and race? Volunteers to pass out fliers - pick a Sunday to make our 'FREE' event. Start with an "intro to racing" clinic?? Do a cookout @ KYC after the race? i.e. Racing Open House - no handicapping, just fun! Do it Sunday after the 4th = 7th. Consider PHRF pairing with the Guest. Eric to create flier.



Racing Report

News From Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation

Hello KenoshaYC,

Our year-end issue is chock full of big information!

- We're inducting Raymond Teborek into the Lake Michigan Sailing Hall of Fame
- We're home to a Zim Youth Program Regional Roundtable
- We're updating our dues and operational structure
- It's time for our Annual Appeal
- Our 2023 Annual Awards Program is open for your nominations (due 1/2/2024)
- Our Members have had World Championship success

And much more! Click the link:

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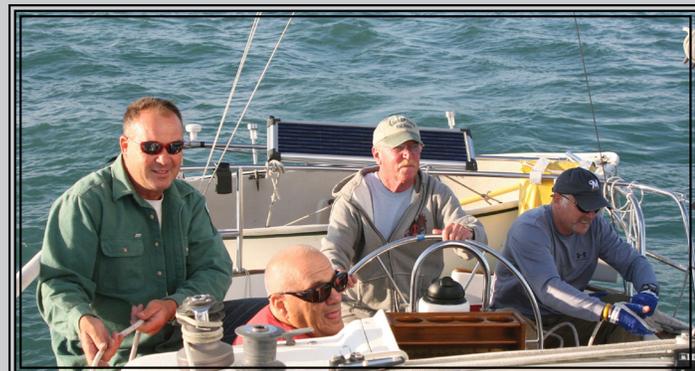
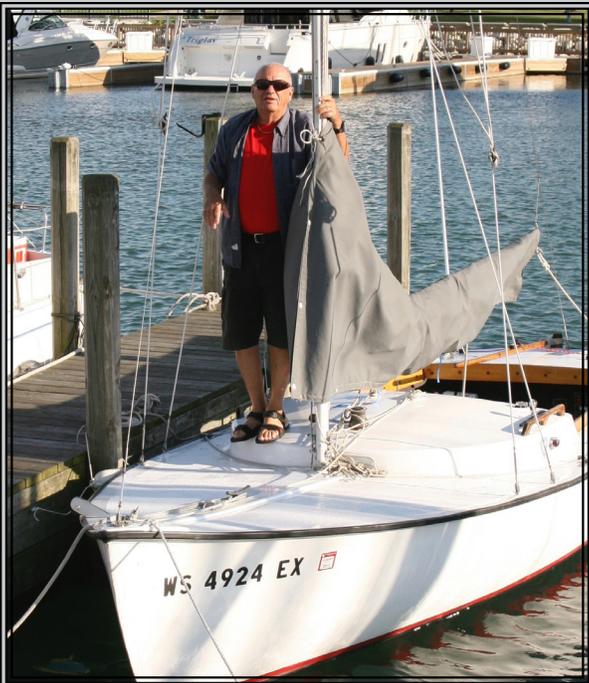
May the season bring you and yours peace, love and caring. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Gail M. Turluck
Editor/Publisher



Farewell to Our Friend Dick Schmidt



Photos by Gary Powell



NEW KYC MAILING ADDRESS

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