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and the creation of spirit of good fellowship..."
(RYC Constitution, Article II)*



Racine Yacht Club

Racine, Wisconsin

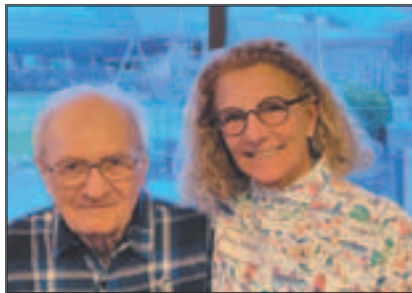
COMMODORE'S REPORT



Dr. Marshall Cushman is a Man of Many Passions and Dedication

Dr. Marshall Cushman, renowned for his expertise in neurological surgery, was recently honored by family and friends on the occasion of his 95th birthday. While his professional accomplishments in medicine are well-known, there's much more to Dr. Cushman than meets the eye.

Beyond the operating room, Dr. Cushman has demonstrated a deep commitment to his community of Racine, Wisconsin. His involvement in the arts, is evident with his involvement on the Racine DeKoven and Racine Symphony Boards of Directors, which showcases his passion for cultural enrichment.



Yet, it's his love for the water that truly sets Dr. Cushman apart. A seasoned sailor and racer, he finds solace and excitement in the open sea. What some of you may not know is his steadfast dedication to the Racine Fire Department.

Since the 1960's, Dr. Cushman has served as the Racine Fire Department physician, a role that goes far beyond mere title. Equipped with an official fire department radio and a complete set of firefighting gear in his car, he's always prepared to rush to the scene of any fire.

What's remarkable is Dr. Cushman's hands-on involvement with the department. Not content with just providing medical aid, he underwent firefighter training, becoming a certified firefighter and eventually an instructor. Weekends were spent teaching at practice burns and going on rounds with the chief, forging deep connections with his fellow firefighters. He also really enjoyed going on "rounds" with the chief and visiting

with the guys at the different stations.

The recent celebration of his 95th birthday, marked by the arrival of three fire trucks at the Racine Yacht Club, serves as a testament to the profound impact Dr. Marshall Cushman has had on the Racine Fire Department. His unwavering support and active participation have endeared him to every member of the department, showcasing a man whose heart burns as brightly as the fires he helps extinguish.



Congratulations to Dr. Marshall Cushman on celebrating his 95th Birthday!

Open House and Crew Search Party

Ahoy, fellow sailing enthusiasts! Get ready to hoist the sails and set course for adventure as the Racine Yacht Club invites you to our highly anticipated annual Open House and Crew Search Party. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 13, from 4pm to 6pm, and prepare to embark on an unforgettable journey with us.

Whether you're a seasoned sailor or a curious novice, our Open House is the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in the exhilarating world of sailing. Discover the beauty of Lake Michigan from a new perspective as you learn about our mission of promoting yachting and the creation of a spirit of good fellowship among all members.

Join us for an afternoon of camaraderie and connection as you mingle with fellow members and guests who share your passion for sailing. Swap stories, share tips, and forge lasting friendships with individuals who understand the unique thrill of harnessing the wind.

Are you eager to get out on the water, but lack a crew to join you? Look no further than our Crew Search Party! Connect

with experienced sailors who are seeking crew members for upcoming races and excursions. Whether you're a seasoned sailor looking to join a competitive team or a newcomer seeking guidance, our Crew Search Party is the perfect opportunity to find your sailing soulmates.

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a member of the Racine Yacht Club? Our Open House is the ideal time for them to learn more about the exclusive benefits and privileges that come with membership.

As you mingle and explore, indulge in delicious refreshments. Kick back, relax, and soak in the vibrant atmosphere as you envision the exciting adventures that lie ahead.

RYC Going Cashless

I am excited to share some updates about the enhancements we are making to elevate your experience at our bar and restaurant. In line with the latest technological advancements and to provide you with a more seamless and

secure payment experience, Racine Yacht Club will be transitioning to a cashless payment system. Starting April 3, 2024, members can conveniently settle their bill using the House Charge, Debit Card, Credit Card or Personal Check.

This transition to a cashless system is driven by our commitment to streamline operations, enhance efficiency and offer each Club member a more convenient and secure payment method. Plus it easily keeps track of your expenses through detailed electronic receipts, providing you with a transparent overview of your purchases at the Racine Yacht Club.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we strive to improve and evolve to meet the needs of our valued members.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Cermak
Commodore

Meetings/Club Hours

Please check RYC eblasts for info about food service and Club hours.

See this month's calendar on page 5 for additional coming events:

CURRENT CLUB OPENINGS

MONDAY CLOSED
TUESDAY CLOSED
WED/FRI/SAT 11AM
THUR 4PM • SUN 9AM

*Closing times are determined at the bartender's discretion; Club is typically open until 9:00 if there are patrons present.

GALLEY HOURS

Sunday Breakfast (9AM to 2PM)
Wednesday Lunch (11AM to 2PM)
Dinner (5PM to 8PM)
Thursday Dinner (5PM to 8PM)
Friday Lunch (11AM to 2PM)
Dinner (5PM to 8PM)
Saturday Lunch (11AM to 2PM)

Check most recent E-blasts for Erica's Dining Room hours of operation.

OFFICE HOURS

8 AM until 2 PM M-F

RYC News in Brief

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Laurie Hennig

The minutes of the February 8th, 2024 board meeting approved as written/corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Greg Miller
Financial Results

February marks the start of our new fiscal year and net income was \$17,000 favorable vs. budget. Largest Variances include:

- Income: Favorable +\$13,000 primarily driven by timing of class fees and recognition of fundraising income
- Expense: Favorable +\$4,000 primarily driven by budget pacing

Treasurer Topics

• Kim and I have been in discussions with our accountant and will recognize fundraising income as part of our overall operations in the P&L. This will create favorability to our results (vs. budget) throughout the year and also bring visibility to the progress of our bathroom remodel financial goals.

• Two tranches of CDs will be maturing within the next 120 days and a decision needs to be made on reinvesting for another 9 months with Summit Credit Union. Current rates are 4.85%. The decision should be based on the probability of dredging within the next 12 months.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Miller

COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Amy Cermak

Thank you to Terry Marcus and your Team of Volunteers who worked diligently cleaning the Club during our annual shutdown.

I received a message from Melanie Aikin, who is the Property Manager at Bell City Square. She is interested in setting up some sort of incentive exclusively for the residents. They could include our marketing material in their move-in packets with an exclusive offer or signage around the property advertising our amenities, packages, dining etc.

Bayshore Yacht Club BSYC is organizing a Poker Run on the River (July 20, 2024 between 2pm and 4pm) as a fundraiser for Hospice Alliance-Racine/Kenosha. Carolyn Rand is asking if RYC would like

News in Brief. cont'd

to participate in the event as one of the stops. Cards and stamps will be provided. They are asking to tie up to our Dingy Docks. They would also be happy to get a donation of a keg of beer or drinks, or RYC shirt or membership discount.

Riverside Marina has agreed to use their Clubhouse for the start and after party end point. Joey's Yardarm will supply the food at 5pm, delivered to the Riverside Clubhouse. The menu will be BBQ Beef & Chicken, Brats, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob and Dessert. (\$15.00/meal* does not include tax or tip).

The Poker Run stops include: Reefpoint, Chartroom, Harbor Lite, Brew House and maybe the Gaslight Party Dock.

Due to current commitments and capacity at the Club that day, we will not be able to participate as a stop. A motion was made by Aaron Cruthers and seconded by Bill Halliday that the Club makes a \$200.00 donation to Alliance Hospice. Motion passed unanimously.

The Venetian Trophy which belongs to the Heritage Museum, is currently at Harbor Lite. The trophy rotates between our Club and Harbor Lite. Reefpoint and 5th St. Yacht Club does not want the trophy because they would have to insure it and have a safe place to display it and locked up.

August 3rd is Riverfest, there will be a 5k run, Cardboard Boat Races and Venetian night will be at 9:00

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:
Kim Shortess

Big shout out to Monte Pyburn who has been working diligently on our POS System. The goal is to have it up and running by April 1st.

We had our Zoom small claims court hearing on March 7th. James Draper did not show up for the court proceedings until after it was over. Judgement was awarded to the Club for the full amount plus court costs. James Draper has paid us in full minus the court costs. He still owes us for the court costs

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT:
Sean Fox

Nothing new to add.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT:
Aaron Cruthers

I have discussed with all directors and coordinated with AFSC expectations for the 2024 season. We look forward to another great year!

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Deanna Pederson

New Member Applications to be Approved

Active (+30) Justin & Paige Hans
Joe & Gail Rickard

Senior to Life: Marshall Cushman

Steve Gancarz made a motion to accept all changes, Sean Fox seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Total Membership 311

The Club Open House and Crew Search Party is set for April 13th from 4pm to 6pm. There will be Refreshments, Tours and Raffles.

HOUSE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
Terry Marcus

Current Projects:
Family Bathroom progressing
Walk-in cooler floor: Material will be ordered soon
POS Training needs to be completed by Erica and her staff.

Walk-in freezer needs replacement

Thank you to everyone that help with the shutdown!!!!

PIER DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
Heather Ellis

Completed slip contracts are coming in and billing has begun. Everyone that wants a slip this year needs to submit a contract and proof of liability insurance for at least \$300,000. We currently have 7 slips available.

The March Lake Michigan water level is expected to be an inch lower than last month but two inches higher than last year. It is predicted to rise an inch in the next month.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Ellis

YARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Bill Halliday
Nothing new to add

RACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Steve Gancarz

Big shout out to Dean Steger and Boat Tailors for the new canvas work for the Romey. Dean did this at cost, which saved the Club a lot of money. Thank you Dean!

May 8th we are having an Introduction to Racing and Skipper Meeting.

ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Danielle Dickert

I want to give a HUGE shout-out to Deb and her crew for running our St. Patrick's Day Party, I can't thank them enough for all the time and effort they put into making St. Patrick's Day an amazing event. Mark your calendars because we have a lot of exciting events coming up this Spring, be sure to keep an eye out for our "What's Happening at

the RYC," emails and upcoming fliers for event times and specifics. If you are interested in attending the next Entertainment Committee meeting to plan our summer events it will be held the last Wednesday of this month, March 27th at 6:00 pm.

Up-Coming Entertainment Events to look forward to:

- Saturday, March 16th - St Patrick's Day Party
- Sunday, March 31st - Easter Brunch
- Wednesday, March 20th - B.I.N.G.O.
- Wednesday, April 3rd - Bunko
- Thursday, April 4th - Karaoke
- Saturday, April 6th - Comedy Night Featuring the Over Our Head Players
- Saturday, April 13th - RYC Open House and Crew Search Party
- Wednesday, April 17th - B.I.N.G.O.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Dickert

STAFF COMMODORE'S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

By-Laws:
Hook:

We currently have 28 boats entered. The early registration discount ends on 3/31. Regular price will start on April 1st. The cost starting April 1st will be \$375.00

Adult Sailing Education:

We currently have 12 people signed up for Adult Sailing

Adult Family Sailing/Cruising:

March 16 Sat. 12:30 pm Lunch; 1:30 pm Presentation

1 CLUB SAILBOAT FORTITUDE

> Sailing and Racing;

> Day Sailing to Kenosha (6/15 and 8/10);

> Using, taking it out and skippering it yourself.

2 LINES/ROPES & KNOTS

AFSC Mentors; Leaders

March 23 Part 1 and March 30 Part 2 9 am-1 pm

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE (ABC)

Don Day and Bill Erdmann. Eagles Club Racine.

March 28 Thurs. 6 pm

NOAA YOUR WEATHER

Kevin Wagner - NWS Milwaukee Lead Meteorologist

RYC Youth Sailing Program:

Sign up for Summer Sailing Camp. Registration is available on the RYC Website.

Youth sailors promoted the Summer Sailing Camp at Milaeger's Farmers Market on Feb 4, 11, & 18, 2024.

I had the opportunity to attend the Zim Regional Roundtable at the Jackson Park Yacht Club in Chicago with our Head Instructor, Maddie Lyon. We collaborated with other Youth Program Directors around Lake Michigan from Indiana to Sheboygan. It was a long day, but we came away feeling connected to the other programs in addition to some fresh ideas.

RYC YOUTH FOUNDATION:

March 2, 2024 Bob Sample and I along with youth sailors, Maggie and Mary Westfall and Aisling and Ciara Fahey attended Youth Fest at the YWCA-Racine to promote our Youth Sailing Camp. We had great interest, so hopefully, they will sign up.

MWPHRF:

We had our meeting on March 12, 2024.

We put on hold all money for US Sailing until they start doing what they said they would do with the money from MWPHRF.

Made the penalty for all Code 0 sails -3 seconds a mile. It is the responsibility of the boat owner to declare a code

0 sail. If you have already received your PHRF certificate, please notify MWPHRF of your Code 0 sail if you have not already done so.

Worked on assigning ratings on the new boat list.

MWPHRF has over 525, 2024 certificates making all PHRF areas combined the largest handicap system in the world.

Worked on the provisional handicap boat list.

Working on cleaning up sail diagrams so they are up to date and make sense.

Sign up for your 2024 MWPHRF renewal or new boat certificate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Rental fees for use of the Club were brought up about whether we should look at the fees again. After discussing the matter, it was decided to leave the fees the way they are.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:

We would like to thank Katie Patzke for all of the years that she was the Club's Sunshine Lady. Katie would send out cards to Club members when they were sick, or had a family member pass away. After years of Katie doing this, she would like to pass the torch to someone else. We are looking for a volunteer, so if you are interested, please contact Kim or one of the Board members.

OFF WATCH:

Ira Kahoun passed away. We had a moment of silence for Ira. Nancy Catrine is off watch.

The board meeting adjourned at 19:20 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Hennig, Recording Secretary



Hi, my name is Chris Lie and I am a Life Member of RYC. I also had the privilege of serving as Commodore 1992 as well as several board positions. Raced several boats, from Hobies to a Peterson 34 circa 1982 to 1995. I retired after 44 years of banking and insurance, and decided to take up a secondary residence in Charleston, South Carolina about 7 years ago.

I continued my love of boating in the Lowcountry, and purchased a 22' bayboat which I slipped on the Folly River. After having my boat (Maggie May II – named after the nickname given to Dale Olesen a former RYC member and close friend) inspected by the Coast Guard Auxiliary pursuant to our Marina rules, I was invited to join the local Flotilla 070-12-08, based at Station Charleston.

I became active in the Flotilla and attained Boatcrew and Coxswain (small boat chief) Rating.

I was honored to have been elected the Charleston Commander as of the first of this year.

For those of you not familiar with the Auxiliary, we are a volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard. We have two Basic areas of responsibility:

Recreational Boating Safety- this includes Vessel Exams, Boating Safety classes, Dealer visits, Public Affairs (ie-boat shows).

Active Duty Augmentation-Search and Rescue, Maritime Safety, Pollution Patrol, Aids to Navigation, Culinary Arts, Watchstanding and much more. We are not involved in any Military or law enforcement activities.

Charleston was just recognized as a “Coast Guard Community” in part because of the growth of the fleet of 7- 420” Security Cutters. I was privileged to be on a shakedown cruise on board the Cutter Stone. We are the largest Flotilla in South Carolina and have a very active membership. As with most branches of the Military, the Coast Guard is understaffed, and using the Auxiliary as a Force Multiplier is a key way to support their Mission.

It's a pleasure and honor to support our Country and the Coast Guard. Happy to say my Grandson will be taking sailing lessons down at the Club this Summer!

Semper Paratus!

If you are aware of any dates or events that should be included in upcoming calendars, please contact the RYC office or e-mail information to the Reef Point editor.

RYC Calendar of Events — April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast Served 9AM to 2PM	CLOSED	CLOSED	Club Opens @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) BUNCO	Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) KARAOKE PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER MEETING	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) OLD TIMER'S LUNCH	Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM) OVER OUR HEAD PLAYERS COMEDY NIGHT AT RYC
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Mark Your Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

- APR 3 - Bunco
- APR - 4 Karaoke
Prospective New Member Meeting
- APR 5 - Old Timer's Lunch
- APR 6 - Over our Head Players
Comedy Night at RYC
- APR 9 - RLAMPS "History of RYC"
- APR 13 - AFSC Charts & Rules 2PM
CREW SEARCH/RYC OPEN HOUSE
4PM - 6PM
- APR 14 - Cribbage Tournament
- APR 17 - BINGO
- APR 18 - General Membership Meeting
- APR 20 - AFSC Boat Part Sale 3PM to 6PM
- APR 25 - AFSC Boat Maintenance
& Preparation for Launch



*A special thank you Milaegers!
RYC enjoyed being at the Farmer's Market
promoting our Club's Membership,
Youth Sailing and all of the programs the
Club has to offer.*

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NEW/USED INVENTORY FOR SALE

YEAR	LOA (FT.)	MODEL	PRICE\$
2024	48'9"	DUFOUR 470	850,000
2024	36'11"	DUFOUR 390	460,657
2023	35'4"	DUFOUR 37	364,999
2023	27'4"	ROBALO 272	226,874
2023	27'6"	ROBALO 270	238,569
2023	26'6"	ROBALO 266 CAYMAN	177,669
2023	24'6"	ROBALO 246 CAYMAN	131,114
2023	21'6"	ROBALO 222 EX - Blue	95,925
2023	21'6"	ROBALO R222 - White	89,200
2023	17'2"	WALKER BAY - GEN 525	59,497
2023	16'1"	WALKER BAY - VENTURE 16	49,660
2022	12'	WALKER BAY - GEN 12	29,874
2023	10'5"	WALKER BAY - GEN 10 LTE	23,820
2023	11'10"	GALA - A360L	25,525
2023	10'10"	GALA - V330	22,040



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