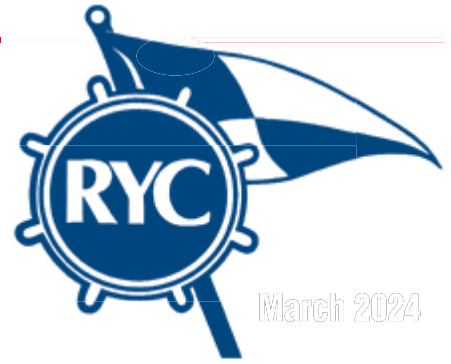


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# REEF POINT

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



**Racine Yacht Club**

**Racine, Wisconsin**

## COMMODORE'S REPORT



As the wind fills our sails and the camaraderie of the Racine Yacht Club continues to thrive, we find ourselves at a crucial juncture. The heartbeat of our beloved Clubhouse infrastructure is beginning to fail. The original cast iron pipes are over fifty years old and are deteriorating. It is our duty, as custodians of this legacy, to ensure its resilience and vitality for future generations.

Some of us are here because we love to sail, some for dining, some for the view and socializing, but everyone young and old, uses the restroom.

Phase One is to install a Family Restroom for all to enjoy. To do so, we are using part of the Men's Locker Room. This project is well on its way and I invite you to witness the progress of our Restroom Project. The underground plumbing has been redone with PVC pipe and a new cement floor has been laid. In just 28 days the cement will be cured and then we will add the final touches.

Phase Two will require a complete redo of the Men's and Women's Restrooms. To realize this vision, we seek your support through monetary donations. Your contribution will not only enhance the aesthetics and comfort of our restroom but will also plan a pivotal role in fortifying the foundation of our shared haven. Every donation is a pledge to the continuity of our legacy, ensuring that Racine Yacht Club remains a beacon for all to enjoy for years to come.



Join us in this journey to set sail into the future, where the winds of change are met with the strength of unity. Your support is the wind in our sails, propelling us towards a Clubhouse that stands as a testament to our shared history and a promise to future generations.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club. There are many events planned for March, especially our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner and party on Saturday, March 16, 2024.

Thank you for being a vital part of our Racine Yacht Club family.

Warm regards,  
*Amy Cermak*  
Commodore



## ***RYC News in Brief***

### **RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Laurie Hennig

The minutes of the January 11, 2024 board meeting approved as written/ corrected.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Greg Miller

January wraps up our fiscal year and our net income for the year was \$66,867 which was \$26,175 higher than our budget of \$40,692. The variance can be explained by:

Higher Revenue: +\$73k  
Higher Expense: (-\$53K)  
Interest Income: +\$6k  
Net Variance: +\$26k

The favorable variance is helpful in growing our savings and rainy-day funds.

### **COMMODORE'S REPORT:**

Amy Cermak

I would like to thank Todd Knop for coordinating the building permits and professional work required for our new Family Bathroom. Club members, Rick Cermak and Ben Kohls have volunteered their time to prepare the area (removal of the vanity, mirror, lockers, & bench) for the work to be done during shutdown. Thank you!

Thank you to Randy Bennett who was at Milaeger's with Commodore Amy on February 4, 2024 to promote Membership at the Racine Yacht Club. I also appreciate all of our members who came out to support us. The next dates are February 18 and March 10, 2024.

I would also like to thank Monte Pyburn for setting up and

coordinating the training of the POS system. We plan to have it up and running when we reopen after shutdown.

### **OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Kim Shortess

Kim reported that she will be filing papers tomorrow at small claims court against James Draper for money that is owed to the Club.

### **VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT:**

Sean Fox

Shut down begins Monday, February 12th. There will be a lot of projects so stop down and earn some work or pay hours. Be sure to stop down on the 21st for trivial!

We will also be putting a Firestick on the TV in the hallway. This will enable us to update in real time any updates to Yacht Scoring, The HOOK Race, Menus etc.

Submitted,  
Sean

### **REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT:**

Aaron Cruthers

Nothing to report

### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Deanna Pederson

New Member Applications to be Approved

Active (+30) Ricky and Terry Moe  
Kevin and Lyndsey  
Newton

Greg Miller made a motion to accept the new member applications

## ***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

Terry Marcus seconded the motion  
Motion passed unanimously

Voting Members 212  
Non Voting Members 98  
Members 310

### **HOUSE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Terry Marcus

Current Project

- Shutdown (Kitchen, Dining room, Family Restroom)

Projects in Process

- Roll out of new POS system (Thank you, Monte Pyburn)
- Bid on the walk-in cooler/freezer, \$15,000 for the box
- Ice machine door closure

Closed Projects.

- Bar faucet leak

**PIER DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Heather Ellis

Slip Contracts have been sent out. Reminder that everyone needs to submit a contract again this year and all contracts are required to include proof on liability insurance for at least \$300,000. We have 6 slips available.

The warm weather melted all the ice, so the ice eaters are turned off. We've only had 19 days of runtime, so far this season.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather Ellis

**YARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Bill Halliday  
Nothing to report this month

**RACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Steve Gancarz

I would again like to thank Bob and Cathy Sample, our staff, and everyone who attended this year's Awards Banquet. The turnout was tremendous and a wonderful night was had by all. Congratulations to all of the awardees.

Now it's time to look forward to the 2024 season. PHRF applications are open on the MWPHRF website. Make sure you get them in early, as March 31st is the cutoff for the early discount. If you are thinking you might like to race your boat this year for the first time, go ahead and get you PHRF certificate. The early price is only \$30. Just visit <https://mwphrf.org>

This year's registration form and NOR's have been hosted on the website. Sunday May 19th is the

deadline for this year's registration. Don't forget to include your proof of Insurance with your registration. I look forward to seeing everyone back out on the water this year!

Lastly if you are interested in becoming a part of the RYC Race Committee, checkout the "Join the Race Committee" [https://www.racineyachtclub.org/s/join-the\\_race-committee-2019.pdf](https://www.racineyachtclub.org/s/join-the_race-committee-2019.pdf) informational pamphlet on the RYC Racing webpage. Additionally, you can email Mary Vandehei at [newdiggs@wi.rr.com](mailto:newdiggs@wi.rr.com).

**ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Danielle Dickert

A huge shout-out to Erica and her team for putting together a wonderful Mystery Dinner and Super Bowl Party! The entertainment committee met the last Wednesday in January to start looking toward our spring and summer events. As we start looking forward to Spring, we have several events to start looking forward to: We have our St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 16th and our very own Deb has agreed to head up the Irish feast! If you are interested in volunteering to help with our St. Patrick's Day Party, please contact Kim in the office.

Be on the lookout for fliers with details about St. Patrick's Day festivities.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Danielle Dickert

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

By-Laws:

Hook:

As of February 8th, we have 14 boats signed up.

We have decided to use Yellow Brick for race tracking this year. This will be an additional charge to the boat owner. The fee is \$50.00.

We have started to get the HOOK website set up to be able to sell merchandise online.

RYC Youth Sailing Program:

Thank you to Maddie Lyon, Maggie Westfall, Gabe Posnanski, Aisling Fahey, Ciara Fahey, and Charlie Kading who all assisted in the booth at the Milaeger's Market on Sunday, February 4, 2024 to promote Youth Sailing. The next dates are February 18 and March 10, 2024.

Maddie Lyon and Commodore Amy will attend the Zim Regional Roundtable at Jackson Park Yacht Club in Chicago on Saturday, Feb.17, 2024. The focus of the program will be to collaborate with other youth sailing programs in the Midwest to enhance and strengthen all of our programs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Commodore Amy Cermak

**RYC Youth Foundation:**

**Adult Family Sailing/Cruising:**

2/10 Sat.1 pm Lunch; 2 pm Presentation

SELLING AND BUYING A BOAT  
Scott Monroe Riverside Marine  
See AFSC Pre-Season Selling Buying Keelboat.



2/11 Sun 11 am – 12:30 pm  
2024 Kayaking Planning Meeting  
Brunch at Racine Yacht Club  
Joan Ferguson

2/15 Registration and payment for  
America's Boating Course is due.

2/29 4th Thurs 6 pm  
INTRO TO BASICS OF  
POWERBOATING  
(Applies to Sail Boating)  
Gene Schnagl Master Captain

**MWPHRF:**

Our last meeting was January 16th.

We continued looking at all  
provisional boats.  
We are looking into an appeal of a  
participants rating  
Finalizing all penalty sails as to the  
rating penalty for each penalty sail  
Working on assigning new boat  
ratings

Please go the MWPHRF website and  
sign up for your 2024 renewal rating  
certificate. The website is up and  
running.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The 2024 budget was discussed and  
Steve Gancarz made a motion to  
approve, Terry Marcus seconded the  
motion. The motion was approved  
unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Dear Commodore Cermak,

Thanks for renewing your yacht  
club's membership in the LMYA for  
2024. Our databases have  
now been updated with your  
club's new information from your

application. If you want to see the  
yacht club officer's information,  
go to our website, LMYA.net, then  
select the Member Clubs section. We  
depend on the clubs to provide us  
with their current information about  
officers and directors so we can keep  
the website updated.  
The last issue of the Spreader was sent  
to you in November. The next one is  
planned for mid-February. You will  
receive all future Spreadsers at your  
email address: acermak@gmail.com.  
Thanks once again for your continued  
support of the LMYA. It's good to  
have long standing clubs like yours  
back with the association.

Jim Mergener, Secretary, LMYA

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Sean Fox  
and was seconded by Greg Miller  
for the Club to go cashless for the  
bar and food sales. Motion passed  
unanimously. This will start when  
the Club reopens after shutdown.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:**

**OFF WATCH:**

Dianne Luedtke is home and is  
making progress.  
Amy Henning made a suggestion to  
the club that when someone passes  
away, can we put a notice in the  
eblast. Kim said we could do that.

The board meeting adjourned at  
1940 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Hennig  
Recording Secretary

**Family Restroom Progress...**



Family Restroom Progress...



**St. Patrick's PARTY**

LET'S EAT, DRINK AND BE IRISH

**Sat March 16 at RYC**

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**Cribbage Tournament**

**Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00PM**

**\$20 Buy-In Per Team of Two**

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**Call the club to sign up your team! 262-634-8585**



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 — March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast Served 9AM to 2PM	25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED	28 Club Opens @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM)	29 Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM)	1 Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) OLD TIMER'S LUNCH 12:00 NOON	2 Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM)  The Kaptain from 5 - 7
Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast Served 9AM to 2PM	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED	5 CLOSED  STEPPING OUT 10AM - 12NOON	6 Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM)  BUNCO	7 Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) KARAOKE AT 6PM  PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS MEETING 7PM	8 Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM)	9 Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM)
Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast Served 9AM to 2PM MILAEGER'S FARMERS MARKET 10 - 2 CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT 1:00PM	10 CLOSED	11 CLOSED	12 CLOSED  STEPPING OUT 10AM - 12NOON RLAMPS LIGHTHOUSE PRESENTATION 6PM	13 Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM)	14 Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM)  BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 6PM	15 Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM)	16 Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM) AFSC - LINES & ROPES PRESENTATION 1PM LUNCH, 2PM PRESENTATION / ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY 4:30
Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast Served 9AM to 2PM	17 CLOSED	18 CLOSED	19 CLOSED  STEPPING OUT 10AM - 12NOON	20 Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM)  BINGO 6PM	21 Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM)  GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7PM	22 Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM)	23 Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM)
Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast Served 9AM to 2PM	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED  STEPPING OUT 10AM - 12NOON	27 Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM)	28 Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM)  AFSC WEATHER PRESENTATION NOAA	29 Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM)	30 Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM)
31 EASTER BRUNCH 9 AM TO 1PM							

### Mark Your Calendar

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 1 - Old Timer's Lunch 12:00 noon
- March 2 - The Kaptain from 5 - 7
- March 5, 12, 19, 26 - Stepping Out 10am - 12noon
- March 6 - Bunco
- March 7 - Karaoke at 6PM  
Prospective New Members Meeting 7pm
- March 10 - Milaeager's Farmers Market 10 - 2  
Cribbage Tournament  
Sunday March 10th, 1:00PM
- March 12 - RLAMPS Lighthouse Presentation 6PM
- March 14 - Board of Directors Meeting 6PM
- March 16 - AFSC - Lines & Ropes Presentation  
1PM lunch, 2PM Presentation  
St. Patrick's Day Party 4:30
- March 20 - BINGO 6PM
- March 21 - General Membership Meeting 7PM
- March 28 - AFSC Weather Presentation NOAA
- March 31 - Easter Brunch 9 am to 1PM



## Racine Yacht Club

### Easter Breakfast

**Sunday March 31, 2024**

(Served from 9AM til 1PM)

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2023	53'	DUFOUR 530	849,900
2020	46'4"	DUFOUR 460	459,000
2012	45'8"	ALLURES 45	595,000
2023	27'4"	ROBALO 272	226,874
2023	27'6"	ROBALO 270	238,569
2022	21'	WALKER BAY - REVO 21	122,582
2022	12'	WALKER BAY - GEN 12	29,874
1999	44'	GOZZARD	294,000
2014	33'	HUNTER 33	109,999
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