

### **Racine Yacht Club**

## Commodore's Report

### Sailing, it's what we do at Racine Yacht Club!

This year was the 39th running of the HOOK race. This is RYC's premier long distance race from Racine to Menomonee Michigan, a 189 nautical mile trek. The boats head North "hooking" through Death's Door (Porte Des Morts passage), a narrow and often treacherous passageway between Washington Island and Wisconsin's Door County Peninsula, continuing across Green Bay, and ending in Menominee, Michigan.

New this year was the Super HOOK, which after passing through the finish in Menomonee they race back to Racine. Five boats registered for the Super HOOK; however, due to equipment failures, and time constraints only 1 boat, Dale Smirl's, Defiance finished the Super HOOK! Congratulations, Defiance!

This year was considered to be a slow race. Many of my friends and fellow Yacht Club members were on the race and it gave me comfort to know they were not subject to danger with crazy strong winds and storms as we have had in the past.



Many thanks to our members who volunteered their time to assure the race goes off without a hitch. It takes an army of people to attend to big details such as registration all the way down to making sure the garbage is emptied. A special, thank you, to Kris Gancarz and her committee for handling all of the HOOK registration. Her attention to detail is amazing! It's not easy tracking down all of the Skippers to get complete forms. Racine, Wisconsin

Results for our Racine Yacht Club boats:1st PlaceBootlegger, Dave Bonzon (Single Handed)1st PlaceSplit Pearsonality, Stephan Gancarz (PHRF 4)2nd PlaceLegacy, Scott Monroe (Turbo)2nd PlaceShmokin Joe, Jeff Schaefer (PHRF 1)2nd PlaceInvictus, Aaron Cruthers (Cruising)3rd PlaceHasten, Fred Stritt (PHRF 2)

12 of our youth sailors raced in the Kaszube Cup in Milwaukee under extremely windy conditions. We are very proud of all of our sailors especially Beckett Sabanosh who placed 1st in the Laser Radial division and Mary Westfall who received the Sportsmanship Award.

Going to an out of town regatta is a big endeavor, but well worth it! The masts are taken down, the shrouds are shrink wrapped, and then they are properly tied down to the trailer. The trailers are checked to assure they are road ready. All boats are launched from a dolly, so all dollies need to go too. Then who tows which boat? Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and club members who helped in towing all of our boats to and from Milwaukee. We took 5 Opti's, 2 420's, 3 lasers, and 2 support safety boats. Thanks to everyone for making our program successful.

Summer is in full swing. Stop by the patio to enjoy the beautiful view, or better yet, get out on the water. Join the Adult Family Sail Cruise group to get out on the water. They meet on the patio Thursday evenings at 5:30PM or Saturday, August 6th or 20th at 9:00AM. We have club canoes, kayaks, and other water craft for you to enjoy. Wear your life jacket and be safe out there.

Sail on... Amy Cermak, Commodore



## SUMMER HOURS OPEN: Monday /Tuesday / Thursday at 4PM

Monday /Tuesday / Thursday at 4PN Wednesday / Friday at 11AM Saturday / Sunday at 9AM

Special congratulations goes to Scott Monroe and his crew aboard his new TP52, Legacy; who took line honors! For those of you who don't sail that means they were first to cross the finish line. All of these boats race under a performance handicap rating system (PHRF). Sagamore finished close behind, correcting over Legacy to take 1st place in the Turbo Section.



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# **RYC News in Brief**

#### RECORDING SECRETARY: Carol Stanley

The minutes of the June 9, 2022 board meeting approved as written. Maddie Lyon spoke to the board to comment on the minutes from the June 9th meeting about the Youth Sailing Notes stating the racing group is dwindling. Maddie said the group is not dwindling but is going strong. They have 10 to 15 boats out on Tuesday nights.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT: Frank Randall

We had a good month with an adjusted income of \$ 2,415. For the year our adjusted income is \$ 45,006. These are positive results! Frank was asked why \$2400, as it sounded low for a summer month. We have a lot of activities coming up which we are paying for. The water level of Lake Michigan appears to be at the seasonal peak. It is currently seven inches below last year and is at the same level as last month. The Corp of Engineers looks for no net change in level during the next month. I added two new plots to the report. One shows the member numbers in each RYC class over the last few years. The other shows the increase in dues for an Act 30 member. It has doubled in the last twenty years from \$400 a year to \$800 a year. This is an average increase of \$20 a year.

#### COMMODORE'S REPORT: Amy Cermak

I'd like to thank our caterer, Erica for always taking care of our youth sailors by making sure they are hydrated and well fed.

June was a busy month for me racing my Diamond Girl in Chicago; unfortunately, I was unable to attend our Open House and Tri-Club Rendezvous. I understand that Theresa Rooney, Kurt Lasson and their committee did an awesome job showcasing our club. Amy sent an email out about the costs of securing the east door with a pushbar exit and fob entry. For safety reasons the door should be kept locked. Frank also reminded us the IRS requires a private club to have locked doors. Frank moved (Sean 2nd) we order the push bar and fob access for the east door. Passed. Sean asked about the door being locked at all times. It is unlocked on Wednesday race nights as some of the crew are not

#### members.

Kim made a batch of fobs for the Hook sailors and they paid the \$10/deposit. Sandy offered to collect them Saturday morning and return their deposit. Sean will speak with Erica on who unlocks the door.

#### OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:

Kim Shortess

Marilyn Blood has offered to help with editing the Reefpoint.

# VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT: Sean Fox

The long term planning committee has been working on a membership survey, as I've mentioned the past few months, and we are in the final stages of finalizing the questions. Our plan is to have the board approve the questions by August 5th and hopefully have it sent out to the general membership by mid-August.

We're doing this for a few reasons: to improve communication, help the long term planning committee learn the priorities of our members, and give everyone an opportunity to voice their opinions.

This survey will be open to all individuals and family members associated with a membership. You will also be able to do this anonymously or have your name associated with your survey. We will be sending this out electronically as well as have paper copies available.

We will make it very well known when the surveys do go out to the general membership.

Also, I want to thank Greg Miller for all his efforts in putting this survey together.

#### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT: Rob Jossart No report

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Theresa Rooney

Membership committee meeting summary:

The hot topic was the book behind the bar and who needs to sign it. We were in agreement that the following guests SHOULD be asked by the bar staff to sign it:

Someone presenting a weekend pass or a temporary guest pass, or a "walk in"

## **Meetings/Club Hours**

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

See this month's calendar on page 4 for additional coming events:

### **CURRENT CLUB OPENINGS**

Monday /Tuesday / Thursday at 4PM Wednesday / Friday at 11AM Saturday / Sunday at 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 B	reakfast (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)
	nt E-blasts for Erica's
Dining Room hou	rs of operation.

OFFICE HOURS 8 AM until 2 PM M-F

that is allowed to stay for one drink per the bylaws.

Reciprocal members from any club or guests of a member DO NOT need to sign the book.

At this point we do not think that having greeter at the door checking for membership is necessary. RYC prides itself on being friendly and welcoming. We encourage members to introduce themselves to people they are not familiar with and politely ask if they are members. We have many new members, returning members who have not been in the club for a while or people using weekend or guest passes.

The east door is not always locked and this is a safety concern. Amy will check into a push bar.

If members bring a guest or guests they must leave the club when the member leaves. Theresa will ask Kim to add this reminder in next week's Eblast.

There is a sign on the front door stating we are a private club for members only. Could this be painted to make it stand out more? Could there be a sign that bathrooms are for members only?

## News in Brief. cont'd

If a member gets a request from a "walk up" nonmember just to use the restroom and they feel it is pertinent; then the member is responsible to make sure the visitor leaves after using the restroom.

We also discussed if future POS equipment could have more detailed features on the tickets for data collection purposes.

Carol suggested a corporate membership category would be beneficial to the club. Theresa will focus on this in the upcoming months.

Upcoming promotional events are Animal Crackers on July 13th and Reefpoint Open House on July 16th. Theresa thanked Fred Stritt for opening the Facebook conversation about nonmembers and reciprocity. There were 82 comments. This brought about the discussion at the membership meeting about the signing of the book. Theresa moved (Frank 2nd) to accept applications and membership changes. Passed

Applications: Active: Connie Ziccarelli

Associate:

Mary Jo Houser and Steven Frank Jess and Karen Jankowski Kari Kittermaster Changes in membership: Senior to Life: Casey Jones Assoc to Active: Ken and Carrie Reid 301 memberships Theresa went to Animal Crackers at the Zoo and handed out 10 guest cards. Reefpoint cancelled their Meet and Greet due to staffing.

HOUSE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Robin Posnanski Current Project Redesign of hood in Kitchen Projects in Process Complete cleaning of hood New screen door in Kitchen Closed Projects The hood filters were all cleaned Tiles on the roof were re-secured – by Rick Cermak A new multi phone charger has been

installed due to the old one not charging iphones.

It was brought to my attention that the hot water in the men's room could burn someone. After review we need to keep the temperature of the hot water where it is at for the dishwasher in the kitchen.

#### Notes

Under NO circumstances should the front door be propped open, for security, flying insect and energy efficiency reasons. Please, DO NOT TOUCH the thermostat in the House

# PIER DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Heather Ellis
Pier Maintenance/ Projects
The 10 minute Dock section was repaired by Rick Cermak and is ready to be reinstalled.
Greg Schneberger and Joe Fox repaired

• Greg Schneberger and Joe Fox repaired the electrical connection at the end of the west pier.

• Finger 3/4 was removed and dismantled by Charlie Manning, Mark Lukow, Mark Rode and Dennis Barclay. Charlie is building a new finger to replace it. Decking and installation should be completed soon.

• The next big project is the east pier restoration up to (but not including) the sunken section. Anyone interested in helping, contact Heather- Email heatherlellis@yahoo.com or Cell 262-880-9570

Slip Rentals

• Currently have 43 filled slips (2 are for club boats) and 6 available slips.

#### YARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jovce Hoffman

\* Summer Storage - Contracts were billed for 33 boats/trailers, kayaks and dinghies stored in the Drysail area, as well as 2 storage trailers. RYC welcomes 13 Stars and a Soling sailboat from the Western Lake Michigan Star Fleet. The RYCYF fleet and storage trailer, plus the Hook race trailer are also stored in Drysail. \* For Sale - 2 Sunfish; 1 Butterfly and 1 Bat are for sale, along with 2 dinghies and a railroad train wheel mooring. Ask Carol Stanley for details. Amy mentioned the Butterfly and Bat were donated to the Foundation.

\* Yard Help - Luke Baird is working in the yard this summer. He has been repairing things with Charlie M.; Mike F.

\* Grill - Thank you, Ed Palladino, for evaluating our older grill. The question is whether to refurbish or replace? Looking at the cost to refurbish

# RACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Steve Gancarz

The racing season is moving along with 8 Wednesday night races completed. Romey seems to finally have both engines running strong once again. The Hook Race kicks off this weekend with 54 Entries. Along with the Hook Race this year is the first Super Hook with 7 boats registered. The Super Hook is now the longest race on Lake Michigan at 379 nautical miles or 436 statute miles. This makes the Super Hook over 100 miles longer than the Chicago to Mackinac race at 333 statute miles.

July 30-31 is the annual Racine Regatta. This year we will be including the Catalina 30 fleet as part of their Catalina 30 Nationals.

It's not too late to get involved with the RYC Race Committee. If you are interested please contact the Race Director, Steve Gancarz.

### ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR'S

REPORT: Kurt Lasson

Lineup for RYC thru Labor day Weekend:

Aug.13th Squad 51 Classic Rock from 5-8:30 pm.

Aug. 27th Liam Nugent - Country Rock from 5-9 pm.

Sept. Fri the 2nd. Ron Starr, Dance Party. I am working on one more act for Labor Day weekend.

We sold about 89 tickets for the Tri-Club at \$20. each.

We are still investigating where to get pull tabs. They aren't available anywhere.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

By-Laws: no report

Hook: Come on down for the weekend. The Hook is ready to go. The Reefpoint said this is our 38th Hook. It is our 39th. Adult Sailing Education: no report Adult Family Sailing/Cruising: July 23/24 the group is going to the Milwaukee Air Show. Riverside has made BiFrost available to the AFSC group to use on Thursday nights. RYC Youth Sailing Program: Next week, July 19-20 we have 10 kids who will race in the Kaszube Cup in Milwaukee. Dig your Laser out and join the kids racing on Tuesday night. This past Tuesday we had 12 boats and 15 kids racing. Thank you Mike Freitag and

# News in Brief. cont'd

Jacqueline Sieracki for doing Race Committee.

All of our classes this summer are full with 25+ kids. It's great we were able to hire five instructors who are doing beautiful job. Please stop down during the day and watch them sail; it is very impressive especially how eloquently they dock their boat.

RYC Youth Foundation: no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

### COMMUNICATIONS:

A donation request was received from Racine Friendship Clubhouse. A sunset sail was donated to their auction.

A letter was received from a member with a formal complaint against another member. A note was received from a member about the actions of another member. The incident arose from a nonmember just walking into the club to use the bathroom. Kim will draft a letter to be sent to the member. A special board meeting will be set up with the parties involved to hear both sides of the incident. Sean will head this meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Sean: Gregg Miller along with Beth Pramme put together a survey to be sent to the membership. The Board will look it over and then we hope to send it out by mid-August. Frank moved (Rob 2nd) we purchase the Survey Monkey to be able to send out and receive the responses to the survey.

Carol asked if we renewed our contract with Erica. Yes the contract was signed July 1st for 1 year with a couple changes to the cleaning procedure.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB: No report OFF WATCH: The board meeting adjourned at 1912 hours.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Stanley Recording Secretary





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# RYC Football Game Wisconsin vs Illinois

Saturday October 1, 2022 Tickets: \$150.00 per person Game Includes: Ticket, bus, parking, beverages, prizes, and food!

Call Steve Paulson for more details 1(262) 902-4075

> Sympathy to wife Marilyn: husband Dave Blood passed away

Sympathy to Larry: wife Mary Beth Wilkins passed away.

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# Photos...



Randy Bennett sun set cruise aboard Thank Full!



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Gabby Peterman & Jess Garcia Prepare their boat for Kaszube Cup.



Lincoln Lewis



Opti's being towed to the course.



# KASZUBE CUP at South Shore Yacht Club July 18-20

by Maddie Lyon



Huge CONGRATULATIONS to Beckett Sabanosh, a long-time member of the RYC youth program. He took 1st place in the laser fleet today in Milwaukee!! All your hard work and perseverance has finally paid off!



And another huge CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Westfall for receiving the sportsmanship award. Mary took time out of her race to turn around and head back up wind to help a capsized boat retrieve all his lost belongings in the water. What a rockstar!!

And lastly, a BIG thank you to every single family for being there every step of the way for these awesome kids. We truly would not be able to do this without the support from all of you!

GO TEAM RYC!



Gabe Posnanski





Cygnus Steve Sirota & Patti Thompson A Sunday afternoon cruise! 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 — August - September**

Sunday			Saturday			
Club Opens 31 @ 9:00 Breakfast (9AM to 2PM)	Ciub Opens 1 @ 4:00	Club Opens 2 @4:00 Bunco 6PM YOUTH RACING	Club Opens 3 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) Wednesday Night Races	Club Opens 4 @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) AFSC THURSDAY 5:30PM KARAOKE 6PM Prospective New Member Member Meeting 7PM	Club Opens 5 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (SPM-8PM) Old Timer's Luncheon 12 Noon	Club Opens 6 Opens at 9AM (Lunch is served at 11AM)
Club Opens <b>7</b> @ 9:00 Breakfast (9AM to 2PM)	Club Opens 8 @ 4:00	Ciub Opens 9 @4:00 YOUTH RACING	Club Opens <b>10</b> @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) Wednesday Night Races	Club Opens 11 @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) AFSC THURSDAY 5:30	Ciub Opens <b>12</b> @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM)	Club Opens 13 Opens at 9AM (Lunch is served at 11AM) Music on the Patio
Club Opens 14 @ 9:00 Breakfast (9AM to 2PM) PURSUIT RACE	Club Opens 15 @4:00	Club Opens 16 @4:00 YOUTH RACING	Club Opens <b>17</b> @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) Wednesday Night Races	Club Opens <b>18</b> @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM)	Club Opens 19 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) LMSS Solo/2x2 Challenge	Club Opens 20 Opens at 9AM (Lunch is served at 11AM)
Club Opens 21 @ 9:00 Breakfast (9AM to 2PM)	Club Opens 22 @4:00	Club Opens 23 @4:00	Club Opens 24 @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) Wednesday Night Races	Club Opens 25 @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) AFSC THURSDAY 5:30PM	Club Opens 26 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM)	Club Opens 27 Opens at 9AM (Lunch is served at 11AM) Party - Liam Nugent music from 5 - 9
Club Opens 28 @ 9:00 Breakfast (9AM to 2PM)	Club Opens 29 @4:00	Club Opens 30 @4:00	Club Opens 31 @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) Wednesday Night Races	Club Opens <b>1</b> @4:00 Dinner (SPM-8PM) AFSC THURSDAY 5:30PM Karaoke at 6PM	Club Opens 2 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) Old Timer's Lunch on Friday at Noon Ron Starr "Dance Party"	Club Opens 3 Opens at 9AM (Lunch is served at 11AM) LABOR DAY WEEKEND

# Mark Your Calendar

Bunco
Tuesday Youth Racing
Wednesday Night Races
AFSC Thursday Night
1st Thursday Karaoke
Prospective New Member Meeting
Old Timer's Luncheon
Tuesday Youth Racing
Wednesday Night Races
AFSC Thursday Night
Music on the Patio
Pursuit Race
Last Tuesday Youth Racing
Wednesday Night Races
AFSC Thursday Night
LMSS Solo/2x2 Challenge
Wednesday Night Races
AFSC Thursday Night
Live Entertainment
"Liam Nugent" on the Patio
Wednesday Night Races



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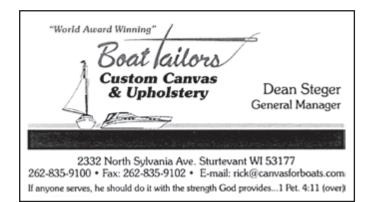




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We like to include photos of members' activities, so take your camera along next time you go to the Club, while you're racing or cruising – or even vacationing! Digital photos work best – just e-mail them. You can get your photos, news and event info to us by using the mailbox in RYC's office, or you can mail, fax or e-mail to:

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