

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



Happy New Year 2024!

As we reflect on the memories created at the Racine Yacht Club's New Year's Eve celebration, it's clear that the bonds strengthened and the joy shared will linger in our hearts well into the coming year. The festivities began with delicious appetizers to a sumptuous main course, each bite was a celebration of flavors, setting the tone for an evening of indulgence. The night continued to unfold with the rhythmic beats of wonderful music that beckoned everyone to the dance floor. The sound of laughter and the graceful movements of friends and family twirling in harmony filled the air, creating an atmosphere of pure joy and camaraderie.

Beginning with an Irish Toast at 6 PM and another traditional Toast at Midnight anticipation filled the room. The clinking of glasses echoed the collective excitement, and a hush fell as the final moments of the year unfolded. The champagne toast marked not just the start of a New Year but a continuation of the cherished tradition of coming together at the Racine Yacht Club, creating memories that endure beyond the passing of time.

Tom & Jerry's on Christmas morning, another joyous RYC tradition of savoring the delightful hot, sweet drink. The warmth of the season was not only found in the comforting blend of spices and spirits but also in the dedication of our wonderful members. Their tireless efforts in crafting the batter and skillfully serving the festive cocktails brought the essence of togetherness to life. The shared experience became a testament to the camaraderie within the Club, making the Christmas celebration all the more memorable. Many thanks to those behind the scene, Sean Fox, Ben & Kadie Kohls, Tess & Kerry Brown, Charlie Manning, Beth Pramme, & Jim Mc Bain. It would not have happened without your dedication to our Club.

Reflecting back, summer 2023 for Youth Sailing was amazing! This past Summer, 200+ youth had the opportunity to experience sailing at the Racine Yacht Club.

98 Sailing instruction spots were filled
75+ Racine Park Participants
23 Kids went to Chicago SailGP
13 Kaszube Cup Participants
27 Andrea T Regatta Participants
15 Tuesday Night Racing Participants

Consistently we had 15 youth racing on Tuesday nights all summer. I would

encourage anyone who has a small boat (ie: Butterfly, Laser, etc) to join the fun. Racing could not be possible without our Race Committee-Mike Freitag and Jacqueline Sieracki and our on the water support by Maddie Lyon, Buck Mercer, Leah Hansen, Ethan Lewis and Rick and Amy Cermak.

I am most thankful for our Head Instructor, Maddie Lyon and her team of Instructors.

Leah Hansen

Isaac Schultz

Beckett Sabanosh

Andrew Hansen-Assistant Instructor

Gabe Posnanski-Assistant Instructor

In December our Youth gathered to celebrate the season.

Lincoln Lewis was awarded Sailor of the Year 2023!

This is the third year Lincoln has been in our sailing program. He is also a third generation sailor, following in the footsteps of his Grandfather, Bill Lewis and his Father, Ethan Lewis. Lincoln is a very determined young sailor. He shows amazing leadership qualities and strives to be the best sailor he can be. Lincoln is very coachable, and listens carefully to directions. This past summer Lincoln was seen racing aboard Diamond Girl, Flying Lyon, and his dad's Star, What I Got. We are also appreciative of the on the water coaching that his dad, Ethan has given him.

Our 5 Core Awards were the following:

Leadership Award-Michael Van Sickle

Most Improved-Bowie Thompson

Miss Competitive-Charlie Murin

Mr. Competitive-Aaron Van Sickle

Sportsmanship-Aisling Fahy

On January 13, 2024 Mike and Jennifer Fetzner will be at the Club to talk about their Looping Adventure. They left Racine the end of October and so far they have made it to the Gulf of Mexico. I have followed their trip and found it to be amazing, and truly educational. I had the opportunity to talk with them on their recent trip back to Racine. Mike and Jennifer were on fire about their experience. You won't want to miss their talk. Check the E-Blast for the exact time of their presentation.

I hope to see all of the racers and their crew on Saturday, January 27, 2024 for our annual awards banquet, "Illuminating Excellence in Sailboat Racing".

Wishing you and your family good health, and happiness for 2024!

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Amy Cermak

Commodore

RYC News in Brief

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Laurie Hennig

The minutes of the November 9, 2023 board meeting approved as written/ corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Greg Miller

Financial Results

► Financial results continue as planned with November Net Income of \$17,365. This is slightly less than budget, but explained by timing of merchandise and clothing purchases.

► Budget workbooks have been distributed to the board. Details will be finalized before the start of our next fiscal year on February 1st. Please continue to work through your respective areas.

Dec 8th Water Levels

November 3rd water levels are 3 inches below their levels of a month ago and 1 inch below their levels at this time last year. Over the next 30 days, the forecast shows levels declining another 2 inches.

Since Greg was not at the meeting, Amy mentioned for Greg that if any board members wish to sit down with Greg before the General Membership Meeting to discuss their budget, he will be at the Club early. You can also contact Greg before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Miller

COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Amy Cermak

Thank you to everyone who has helped decorate our Club, it looks beautiful! Erica and her team did an

amazing job with our Breakfast with Santa, 193 served, 70 kids.

Phase 1 plans for the new bathroom design are in the Club library for your review.

Respectfully Submitted
Commodore Amy

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:

Kim Shortess

Kim was going to talk to Bill Halliday regarding our lawn service, Naturescapes. They handle our weed control and fertilizing. It may be possible that we can handle this ourselves, but Kim will discuss with Bill.

Amy asked Kim about the POS system. Kim will call the company handling this to start formal training. Charlie Manning has been housing all of the equipment and he would like it to be moved to the Club at some point.

We received a request from Ruth Stauersbol. She works for Aging and Disability Resource Center and she would like to hold a course at the Club. We would need to block off 7 weeks, (1 day per week). They do seminars for people over 65 to help them to learn how to protect themselves from falling in their home. They have Doctors come in and other professionals to give their perspective on how to keep safe. It is a \$10 per person suggested donation and they would like to offer it to the Club.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Sean Fox

Thank you to everyone who helped with Tom and Jerry's on Thanksgiving

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

morning! Was great to see some new faces helping with a longstanding tradition. Looking forward to Christmas morning! Also, thank you to everyone that helped with the Christmas decorations. And to Aaron Cruthers for donating a new tree! The Club looks great! We're planning on taking the decorations down on Saturday January 13th at 9am.

Submitted,
Sean C. Fox

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Aaron Cruthers

I will be sitting with pier, yard, and race directors in the coming month to understand our needs for 2024 in preparation for budgeting and scheduling. In addition, I will be

News in Brief. cont'd

reaching out to the AFSC program to review the successes of the past year and challenges going forward. Again, I am always available if anyone has any suggestions or concerns. Please don't hesitate to call.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Deanna Pederson

STATUS CHANGES

Associate to Active: Philip & Wendy Paul

RESIGNATIONS

Senior Members:

Garry Karrow and Susie Verley

Non-Resident Members: Buck and Bernadette Mercer

Sean Fox made a motion through electronic email to accept all changes, Greg Miller 2nd the motion. Motion passed by electronic email.

Kim has not heard back from James Draper. We will talk to Scott Lewis to see what the legal next steps should be.

VOTING MEMBERS	210
NON VOTING	98
TOTAL	308

HOUSE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Terry Marcus

Current Project

- Kitchen meat slicer broke and the repair will be done soon. (Thanks to Charlie Manning)

Projects in Process

- Flooring for Kitchen (new product)
- Broken Waste Pipe

Closed Projects.

- Eco Lab installed a silverware presoak dispenser in the kitchen
- Bar sink clog repaired by Rick Cermak

PIER DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Heather Ellis

Will be gathering a crew to complete the last of the winter preparations soon.

Still finalizing the project plans for next year but conduit and dock board replacement is at the top of the list. In the short-term, Charlie Manning is coordinating the removal of one of the outside pilings at the end of the east pier.

The slip contract will be updated to include the addition of insurance requirements and clarifying some of the confusing language.

I'm also proposing we increase slip rates by about 10% to ensure we stay competitive. We would still be a lower price point compared to local marinas (by nearly half in several cases) and slightly less than to SSYC. The changes would be as follows:

- seasonal slip rental fees from \$1400 + tax to \$1540 +tax

- daily transient slip rental fees for RYC members flat fee from \$15 to \$20.00/ night + tax

- daily transient slip rental fees for RYC guests. We discussed replacing the per foot fee to a flat fee, final pricing still to be determined.

Lakeshore Towers is going to be replacing some of their docks, so

Aaron, Heather and Bill would like to go over there and look at what they are getting rid of and see if it is anything we can use.

YARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Bill Halliday

Yard equipment has been winterized. The oil has been changed and fuel stabilized in the lawn mower, both power washers, and the stick welder. The snowblower has been set up and running with a full tank of fuel. Charlie Manning and I went through the boats stored in the yard for verification for billing. Kim was provided with this information. Doesn't look like it will snow for a bit but we are ready for it.

Respectfully,
Bill Halliday

RACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Steve Gancarz

Not too much happening on the racing front this month.

Preparations are continuing on the Awards Banquet. Stan Karcz will be the entertainment for the evening. If you have seen Stan play before, you know what a great performer he is. Make sure to watch the eblast for more information and contact Kim for reservations.

The 2024 racing schedule is in the works and should be released sometime after the first of the year.

ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Danielle Dickert

We had a wonderful turnout for Breakfast with Santa, and I want to thank Erica, the servers, and all of our volunteers for making the event a wonderful success! We have a lot

of exciting events coming to the RYC this winter and we want to give you a chance to get them onto your calendars.

Upcoming Winter Entertainment Events:

- December 16th - RYC Holiday Party - Music by Jimmy Lerose
 - o Put on your ugliest Christmas sweater and bring a white elephant gift
 - December 22nd - Benjamin Nelson on Piano
 - o Enjoy live holiday music during the dinner service
 - December 25th - Tom & Jerry's (9:00 am - 12:00 pm)
 - o Enjoy a classic cold-weather drink with your RYC Family
 - December 31st - New Year's Eve Party (5:00 pm - 12:00 am)
 - o Cocktail Party 5-7 pm
 - o Dinner 7 pm - 9 pm
 - o (Dinner must be pre-ordered through Erica)
 - o Dancing to V.I.P. After dinner service
- January 1st - Splash & Dash (9:00 am - 4:00 pm)
 - o New Year's Day frozen plunge into Lake Michigan
 - o Breakfast Burritos & Chili available to purchase- January 27th - RYC Awards Banquet (Timeline to come)
 - o Awards, Dinner, and Music
- February 10th - Valentine's Mystery Dinner (Timeline to come)
 - o Dinner and a mystery at the RYC
- February 11th - Super Bowl - (Timeline to come)
 - o Soup-er Bowl Soup Cook-Off

- February 12th - 21st - RYC SHUT-DOWN
 - o Clubhouse Closed (work-or-pay hours available)
- February 22nd - Music Trivia B.I.N.G.O. (Timeline to come)
 - o Come test your music knowledge for fun and prizes
- February 24th - Family Movie Night (Timeline to come)
 - o Come down in your favorite PJs to watch a family-friendly movie
 - o Movie Themed Crafts and Snacks available

If you have any questions about any of the events or wish to get some work-or-pay hours in by volunteering for any events please contact Kim in the office.

Respectfully submitted,

-Dani Dickert

STAFF COMMODORE'S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

By-Laws: Mark Lukow is currently working on updating the By-Laws along with Scott Lewis, Kim Shortess and Deanna Pederson.

Hook: We are finalizing the NOR's. We are looking at using Yellowbrick for race tracking for the HOOK. They have dropped their pricing.

Adult Sailing Education:
Adult Family Sailing/Cruising:
AFSC is for all Sailing & Boating:
Sailing & Cruising; Powerboating & Paddling---
Thriving/Flourishing at RYC

All Docs in italics are on the bulletin board, table by the closet, and in <https://tinyurl.com/afscdocs> Table also has potential, new member packets.

1) Thank You and Much Appreciation to all who attended the 12/12 Holiday Celebration and New Year Kickoff & Planning. See the Agenda.

2) AFSC Steering Committee met 12/13.

3) Determined AFSC 2024 Calendar of Events for the entire year.

4) See Pre-Season Meetings dates in Calendar and Planning. a Complete Pre-Season Meetings Planning. Thank You!

5) See 2024 Day Sailing and Cruising dates in Calendar and Planning. a Complete Day Sailing and Cruising Planning. Thank You!

6) Upcoming Pre-Season Meetings (Jan.-May)---Saturday, January 13 2024 (first one); 1/25 4th Thurs.; 2/10 Sat.

7) 1/20 AFSC Movie Night Fundraiser.

RYC Youth Sailing Program:

RYC Youth Foundation:

We are looking to purchase two Opti's for our program. Anyone interested in sponsoring an Opti will get naming rights. Please contact Maddie Lyon or myself for more detail.

MWPHRF:

MWPHRF had their meeting on December 12th.

We had discussions and reviews of a list of over 60 boats that is a work in progress until the list is complete.

We assigned dates for boats waiting to appeal their rating.

TP 52's need to have direct OCR conversions every year.

We reviewed publication of sail area parameters and adjustments for penalty sails. That will be published soon. We discussed rudder modification penalties. Every boat's modification will be looked at individually. Please look at updating and getting your 2024 MWPHRF certificate for the new season. Let me know if myself, John Kilsdonk or Bob Warnecke can help you.

See you out there,
Rick Hennig

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

We received an email from one of our members complaining that another member was looking at her funny and calling her a name. I spoke with this other person and they claim that this is not true. So, it appears to us that this is a member to member issue and not a board issue, also there are layers of other personal issues that has happened way off of our property with other relatives of theirs. Both parties were advised to be respectful of one another and to leave each other alone. This is not a board issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg Miller made a motion to give Kim Shortess her annual Holiday Bonus of \$1,000. Sean Fox seconded the motion, Motion passed by electronic email.

Steve Gancarz had an issue with our caterer, Erica. Steve was having the HOOK meeting and they were discussing AFSC doing the sale of food outside this year instead of having food trucks. Steve had mentioned it to Erica and she seemed to be fine with it, but later on she was very upset. Steve had to leave the Club to avoid the argument. According to the caterer's contract, Erica has the first right of refusal. Erica feels she can handle both inside and outside food service.

The Board feels that there was no need for things to escalate the way they did. We should be respectful to others.

Steve also had a member come up to him regarding a flyer that they had put on the bulletin board. Apparently, someone removed it. No one on the board removed it, nor do we know who did.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE Club:

OFF WATCH: Kathy Vail passed away. The board had a moment of silence for Kathy. Lucy Sullivan is slowly

improving after suffering a stroke several months ago. Sharon Groenke had back surgery and Diane Luedtke is out of the ICU.

The board meeting adjourned at 1930 hours. Laurie made the motion to adjourn and Terry Marcus seconded the motion. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Hennig
Recording Secretary





Aaron Van Sickle - Mr. Competitive



Lincoln Lewis Sailor of the Year



Sportsmanship Aisling Fahy



Micheal Van Sickle
Leadership



Charlie Murin
Miss Competitive



Bowie Thompson
Most Improved



Happy New Year



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 — January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NO BREAKFAST SERVICE 31	SPLASH & DASH 1	CLOSED 2	Club Opens @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) BUNCO 3	Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) KARAOKE NIGHT PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER MEETING 4	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) OLD TIMERS LUNCHEON 5	Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM) 6
Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast Served 9AM to 2PM 7	CLOSED 8	CLOSED 9	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) 10	Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 11	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) 12	Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM) AFSC LUNCH/PROGRAM STAR MEETING & DINNER 13
Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast Served 9AM to 2PM 14	CLOSED 15	CLOSED 16	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) BINGO 17	Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 18	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) 19	Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM) AFSC MOVIE NIGHT 20
Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast Served 9AM to 2PM 21	CLOSED 22	CLOSED 23	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) 24	Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) AFSC PRE SEASON MEETING 25	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) 26	Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM) AWARDS BANQUET 27
NO BREAKFAST SERVICE 28	CLOSED 29	CLOSED 30	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) 31	Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) KARAOKE NIGHT 1	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) OLD TIMERS LUNCHEON 2	Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM) 3

Mark Your Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JAN 1 - SPLASH & DASH
 - JAN 3 - BUNCO
 - JAN 4 - Karaoke Night
Prospective New Member Meeting
 - JAN 5 - OLD TIMERS LUNCHEON
 - JAN 11 - Board of Directors Meeting
 - JAN 13 - AFSC Lunch/Program
STAR Meeting & Dinner
 - JAN 17 - BINGO
 - JAN 18 - General Membership Meeting
 - JAN 20 - AFSC Movie Night
 - JAN 25 - AFSC Pre Season Meeting
 - JANUARY 27 - AWARDS BANQUET
-
- FEB 1 - Karaoke Night
Prospective New Member Meeting
 - FEB 2 - Old Timers Luncheon
 - FEB 7 - Bunco
 - FEB 8 - Board of Directors Meeting
 - FEB 10 = Valentine's Day Murdery Mystery Dinner
 - Feb 11 - SUPERBOWL PARTY
w/Soup-er Bowl Soup Cook-Off
 - FEB 12 - FEB 20 SHUTDOWN
 - FEB 21 - Re-Open

Newport Realty Corp

Maria Bisceglia
Broker Associate

FIVE-STAR: Best in Overall Satisfaction
NINE YEARS IN A ROW!

1020 West Blvd.
Racine, WI 53405
Cell: (262) 914-6364
Email: mbisceglia@remax.net
Office: (262) 632-9990
Fax: (262) 898-4960

Each Office Independently Owned and Operated

Up-Schedule™

Agent Branded Sports App

Scott Posnanski

Co-Founder

55 WOBURN BLVD
PO BOX 45225
Racine WI 53404

Phone: 262 902 9249
scott@up-schedule.com
www.up-schedule.com

ILLUMINATING EXCELLENCE IN SAILBOAT RACING



AWARDS BANQUET
JANUARY 27, 2024

Save the Date...

January 27, 2024. It's coming! Prepare to be enlightened by the "Illuminating Excellence in Sailboat Racing" 2023 Awards Banquet. We will be honoring the accomplishments of our sailors on this festive evening so Dress to Impress in Black and Gold with a touch of Silver. Reserve your tickets at \$50.00 each with Kim, our General Manager, to enjoy this special event including a gourmet dinner, awards presentation and entertainment arranged by Danielle Dickert. It will be an evening to remember.

NEW/USED INVENTORY FOR SALE

YEAR	LOA (FT.)	MODEL	PRICES
2023	48'9"	DUFOUR 470	750,000
2023	56'3"	DUFOUR 56	899,900
2023	36'11"	DUFOUR 390	460,657
2023	35'4"	DUFOUR 37	364,999
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
1998	34'6"	CATALINA 34 MkII	69,900
2017	13'	TOPAZ - TOPPER	7,900



Sales - Service - Winter storage



WINTER STORE HOURS:

Monday - Friday
8:00am - 4:30pm.

950 Erie Street
Racine, WI

262-636-8020



KARRIE WICHMAN
Mortgage Loan Officer
 NMLS: 1260035
 262.554.3911
 kwichman@johnsonbank.com

Member FDIC

JOHNSONBANK.COM


BANKING WEALTH INSURANCE

JOHNSON BANK

"World Award Winning"

Boat Tailors
Custom Canvas & Upholstery

Dean Steger
 General Manager



2332 North Sylvania Ave. Sturtevant WI 53177
 262-835-9100 • Fax: 262-835-9102 • E-mail: rick@canvasforboats.com
 If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides...1 Pet. 4:11 (over)

RICCHIO
PRINTING SERVICES, INC.



1623 Douglas Avenue
 Racine, WI 53404
 Phone/Fax: 262-637-2344
 rpsinc@sbcglobal.net

Anthony (Tony) Ricchio
 President



CONTRIBUTING STAFF

Marsha Connet
 Reef Point Editor

Gregg Henning
 RYC Webmaster

RYC Members
 Photos & Articles

DEADLINE for articles is the 20th of the month PRIOR to publication.

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:

Reef Point Editor One Barker Street
 Racine, WI 53402 Fax (262) 634-8971
 email: office@racineyachtClub.org

Please support our advertisers_ — They support us!

Advertise with your business card: only \$10/month
 Contact Kim in the office, or
 email: office@racineyachtClub.org

Receive the RYC E-Blast!

Text RYCEBLAST to 22828 from your smart phone and you'll be added into the mailing list for the RYC bi-weekly news blast.