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Racine Yacht Club Racine, Wisconsin



COMMODORE'S REPORT

Racine Yacht Club's Opening Day Ceremony and Blessing of the Fleet will be held on May 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM..... We are celebrating 107 years of Yachting and Camaraderie! This year the Club has granted Honorary memberships to Bill Haakenson, Dick and Barbara Salisbury, and John and Lorry Murphy. I am very honored and touched by their contribution to our Club. They will be recognized during our Opening Day celebration.

After the ceremony Erica will have lunch specials, Sandi Fox will have informal modeling of new RYC apparel and there will be Happy Hour Drink specials followed by Casino Night.

The long awaited boating season is right around the corner. Lots of work needs to be done to get the outside ready for summer. Contact our Yard Director, Joyce Hoffman if you would like to work in the yard, water flowers or tend to the beach. If you would like to assist with the pier system contact our Pier Director, Heather Ellis. Yard and Dock Day is scheduled for May 20th, so stop down and join in the fun. It's a great way to meet other members and get your work or pay hours in. Remember, hours worked in May can be used for last year or this year. Homemade Chili will be served to all of the workers at 12 NOON.

Dust off your hat and join in the fun at the Kentucky Derby Party followed by a cookout on May 6th.

Boat launch will take place on Saturday, May 13th. Please follow Charlie Mannings detailed instructions.

Bring the family down to enjoy a delicious breakfast and celebrate Mom on Mother's Day, May 14th.

May 24th is the first Wednesday night race. Be sure to turn in all of your paperwork, your entry form, PHRF certificate and proof of insurance.

Good Luck and all my best for a safe boating season.

See you on the water!

Amy Cermak
Commodore

CLUB HOURS

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Mon - CLOSED
Tues - 4PM to Close
Wed & Fri - 11AM to Close
Thur - 4PM to Close
Sat - 9AM to Close
Sun - 9AM to Close

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

#### **RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Laurie Hennig
The minutes of the March 9, 2023
board meeting approved as written/
corrected.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Greg Miller Monthly Results March was a positive month with Net Income of \$12,728 vs. a budget of \$10,396.

Higher income from racing fees helped offset timing of higher house expenses in the month. House expenses were higher in the month related to the install of the water fountain, hand washing sink in the kitchen, and drain rebuilds in the women's shower and behind the bar.

Year to Date Results YTD Net Income is \$43,163 which is above budget and \$3,434 above the same time last year.

Our total checking and savings balance is \$259,000 which is \$78,000 higher than the same time one year ago. Dredging appears unlikely to occur this fiscal year, and we will explore putting more funds into longer term CDs.

April 7th Water Levels
Lake Michigan rose +4 inches versus
a month ago, but is (-4) inches
the same time last year. We are +5
inches higher than the March long
term average. During the next 30
days, Lake Michigan is expected to
rise 4 more inches.

We will start using Quickbooks Online starting 4/14/23. This is a cloud-based program.

We are putting together a financial audit committee. This will consist

of Greg Miller, Frank Randall, Edgar Hoffman and Stacy Buettner. Respectfully submitted, Greg Miller

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

Amy Cermak

I hope everyone had a nice Easter. I'd like to thank Dani and her team for organizing a wonderful St. Patrick's dinner. I'd also like to thank Dani's husband, Johnathan and her mom, Jill Dickert, for their hard work making St. Patrick's Day a success!

Congratulations to Erica and her team for a well-done Easter Breakfast. There are many activities planned; check out the calendar and make some plans.

I also had made name plaques for the Chili Cook off trophies.

May 27th is Opening Day. Please plan to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Commodore Amy

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

Terry Marcus had her Milwaukee Tools in the office and they have gone missing. She had them in the office during shutdown. This happened after shutdown was done. The board discussed key access to the office. The board is going to look into what can be done regarding key access to the office.

I received an email from John Stanley addressed to the directors and officers of the RYC. John is upset because he could not get into the Juniors room to retrieve chairs for the Improv Night. Amy and I

#### **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 4PM 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 Brea                            | kfast (9AM to 2PM)  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| WednesdayLu                            | nch (11AM to 2PM)   |  |  |  |
|                                        | Dinner (5PM to 8PM) |  |  |  |
| Thursday Di                            | inner (5PM to 8PM)  |  |  |  |
| FridayLu                               | nch (11AM to 2PM)   |  |  |  |
|                                        | Dinner (5PM to 8PM) |  |  |  |
| SaturdayLu                             | nch (11AM to 2PM)   |  |  |  |
| Check most recent E-blasts for Erica's |                     |  |  |  |
| Dining Room hours of operation.        |                     |  |  |  |

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

have keys to the Juniors room. If we had known that they needed more chairs than was originally requested, we would have had the chairs out of the Juniors room and in the dining room, ready for the show. Apparently additional tickets were sold that we were not made aware of. Amy arrived at the Club with the key at 6:10. The show did not start until 7:00.

The board discussed this matter, such as a master key, a key being kept on the board in the office, and re-keying everything. It was decided for now to keep things the way they currently are.

The Club has found a POS system that we feel will work well. It interfaces with Quickbooks. The name of the system is Dine-Amics and Charlie Manning looked into it.

#### News in Brief. cont'd

He feels it would be a good way to go. He said that training could be done at his business. The initial cost is \$13,000, but there is no monthly fee like others that we looked at. There is an annual fee. Aaron Cruthers made a motion to approve the new POS system, and Terry Marcus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Sean Fox

This past month has been very busy for me personally, so I do not have much to report. I'll be working on my past to-do-list and getting caught up with things. I'll also be looking at dates for another Long Term Planning meeting as I'd like to meet before we're full swing into the summer/ boating season.

With that said, a lot is going on around the Club! Dani has some great events and entertainment lined up for the rest of April and May. Keep an eye out for those dates.

Respectfully submitted, Sean C Fox

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

**Aaron Cruthers** 

This past month I reached out to Roley Brehm who is the new Director of Public Works & Development Services with regards to the North Pier project. After being denied funds from a federal program to make repairs on the North Pier, they are now pursuing remedies with the Army Corps of Engineers and the state to shore up funding. He stated that at the earliest any work on the North Pier would be next year. However, he understands our concerns with the

silting in of our boat basin, which based on our previous survey is coming from North Beach. Mr. Brehm understands the financial burdens of dredging on our Club and will keep us in the loop with any developments and support us in any way they can. Meanwhile, we hope to complete our survey of the boat basin this month and hone in our estimate for our future project which will be a significant expense to the Club.

#### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S**

**REPORT:** Deanna Pederson New member applications to be approved:

ACTIVE (+30):

Jon & Tracy Gunderson Keith & Deborah Mann

ACTIVE (-30):

Augustine Begeanis

ASSOCIATE:

Steven Anderson

Carol Richard

HONORARY:

John & Lorry Murphy

Status Change:

NRES to ACTIVE:

Dave & Nicole Collette

ACTIVE to SENIOR:

Robert Melby

ACTIVE to INACTIVE:

Susan & Jerry Greenfield

Jack & Bonnie Rickard

Resignations:

ACTIVE (+ 30):

Robert & Lisa Lancaster

Mike & Vickie Langton

**ASSOC:** 

Lori Artiomow

Sue Ziegler

Mark & Dawn Patzke

Membership Count:

297 total members

202 Voting

95 Nonvoting

Kim Shortess made a motion to pass

all new membership applications, and Steve Gancarz seconded the motion.

Danielle Dickert made a motion to accept membership status changes, and Terry Marcus seconded the motion.

Danielle Dickert made a motion to accept the resignations, and Terry Marcus seconded the motion.

Sean Fox made a motion for an Honorary membership for John and Lorry Murphy and Danielle Dickert seconded the motion.

#### HOUSE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Terry Marcus

**Current Project** 

·Tile for Kitchen (to be installed in July) After the start of the HOOK Race.

·I found some tiles for under \$2 a sq. ft. It is porcelain tile and they are 12x12".

·I will also get a quote from Mark Barr for Epoxy Flooring.

Projects in Process

· Walk-in freezer (looking for replacement)

·New Cleaning Service to start in April

·Closed Projects.

·Repair of pump on boiler (heating system)

·Women's shower assembly repaired

·Women's new hardware installed on restroom partitions (broken St. Patrick's day)

· Clog in drainage system

#### PIER DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Heather Ellis

A Deeper CHIRP 2 castable sonar unit and boat mount was purchased for assessing the water depths in our slip system. If this works, we should have decent sounding capability from the dock and the ability to create printable maps. We should also be able to do year-to-year

#### News in Brief. cont'd

studies of our slip system, giving us better insight into dredging needs. We are not anticipating water depth issues but should have a better idea once the sounding is complete. Mark Lukow completed a manual sounding of a few critical points in the system and reported no concerns with the current level (approx.. 7' at the lowest point checked). I'm still finalizing the slip plan. No significant changes, except where requested. All boats on the waitlist have been assigned a slip, and I expect we will have 9 available. 71% of slip contracts have been submitted. The ice eaters ran for 20 days this winter (26 days less than last winter). They are expected to be dirtier than usual due to their lack of use. The pier power will be turned on, and the water meter will be installed on 4/14. Water will remain off to the piers until there is no risk of a freeze. The Water Patrol delivered the floating docks. Thank you to the anonymous helper(s) that moved and installed the dinghy dock. Besides launch day on 5/13 and yard & dock day on 5/20, we have plenty of need for help. Projects include pier/ finger board replacement, pressure washing, water line repair, etc. Work or Pay hours are available. Please let me know if you can help.

#### YARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Joyce Hoffman

- \* Launch May 13 Spring Yard & Dock Day May 20 Opening Day - May 27
- \* Soffit replacement has been deprioritized and will not be done in the near term.
- \* Beach Cleanup High winds and seiches have left a lot of debris on our beaches. Those needing Work-or-Pay hours are encouraged to help clean up our grounds. Nice family Earth Day project.

\* Summer Boat Storage - Trailered boats can be stored by active members in the Dry sail area after Yard & Dock Day (May 20). Rack storage is also available for dinghies and other watercraft. Contact Kim in the RYC office for details.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Hoffman

April 13, 2023

#### **RACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Steve Gancarz

Preparations for the 2023 race season continue. There is a Skippers Meeting scheduled for April 19 @ 1900. Additionally, there is a Race Committee Meeting scheduled for the April 26 @ 1900.

John Stanley has completed the new number boards with bright yellow numbers to increase visibility. Thank You John!

Work continues to get the seasonal race markers ready for this season.

I am continuing to look at modifications for Romey this year. A new design for folding seats to replace the existing seats in the rear of the boat has been completed. This will allow the seats to be dropped down to increase the available floor space for Race Committee to move around. Materials still need to be ordered and fabrication needs to be completed before they can be installed.

### ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Danielle Dickert

March closed out with our St. Patrick's Day celebration, and Jess Piano provided great entertainment with his Irish Piano Bar. I want to very sincerely thank the volunteers who stepped up to help me with my first attempt at cooking anything for the

Club. In the future, any RYC events involving large-scale cooking will be catered by Erica if we cannot get at least 12 volunteers to sign up due to the colossal undertaking of making that much food. April is in Full Swing with an event every weekend: April 22nd will be our Crew search party and RYC Birthday Bash. If you are interested in racing your sailboat, or are interested in becoming part of a sailing race crew, come down to learn more about the RYC racing program from 4:00 - 6:00 pm followed by a potluck dinner and entertainment by our own Kurt Lasson from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. We will end the month with a Pancake Breakfast on April 29th from 10:30 - 1:30 in support of the students of Starbuck Middle School. Come down to enjoy pancakes, sausage, beverages and a chance to win one of our many prize baskets, May will be bringing even more events to the RYC beginning with a Cinco De Mayo dinner Friday, May 5th. Our Derby Dash on May 6th will bring the excitement of the Kentucky Derby straight to the RYC and feature preand Post-Derby entertainment by Jimmy Lerose. Mother's Day on May 14th will feature a live piano and cello duet to entertain our special ladies as well as a special menu featuring Erica's Prime Rib. Saturday, May 27 will be Opening Day here at the RYC followed that evening by our Casino-Night featuring casino games and our very own Elvis to entertain us as we play. Memorial Day Eve will wrap up May featuring live entertainment by Indigo Canyon from 5:00 - 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted Dani Dickert

- Entertainment Director

#### News in Brief. cont'd

STAFF COMMODORE'S REPORT: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** 

**BY-LAWS:** 

HOOK: The HOOK currently has 41 boats registered and 6 of them are Super HOOK boats. They must all have a MWPHRF certificate. ADULT SAILING EDUCATION: ADULT FAMILY SAILING/ CRUSING:

➤4/29 Sat. 3 pm

AFSC SAILING; BOATING GEAR & EQUIPMENT SALE FUNDRAISER For both buying and "getting rid of" sailing, power or paddling boating gear and equipment. Contact Carol carolstanley23@gmail.com 262 945-1874 for anything you want to sell for a percentage back or can donate. THANK YOU! (Funds greatly needed for Club Sailboat.)

- ➤6 pm 4th Thursday
  APRIL 4/27 PRE-SEASON
  MEETING & PRESENTATION
  Total Navigation: How to sail from
  RYC to SSYC (South Shore) utilizing
  all needed Navigation and doing
  it right. An applied, practical case
  study.
- ➤ AFSC Steering Committee continues to develop forms, policies and procedures for use of the Club Sailboat, Fortitude.
- ➤ AFSC Mentors; Leaders continue to work on a basic/fundamental, How To Sail Curriculum for Beginners.

RYC YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM:

**RYC YOUTH FOUNDATION:** 

MWPHRF: We are currently working on all new applications and provisional rated boats.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None** 

**COMMUNICATIONS: None** 

**NEW BUSINESS: None** 

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB: None

**OFF WATCH: None** 

The board meeting adjourned at 1910 Hours.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Hennig Recording Secretary







#### **RYC Calendar of Events — May**

| Sunday                                                           | Monday                                    | Tuesday                                           | Wednesday                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                          | Friday                                                                                                                                       | Saturday                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast Served 9AM to 2PM                    | Closed 1                                  | Club Opens @ 4 2                                  | Club Opens @ 11:00<br>Lunch (11AM to 2PM)<br>Dinner (5PM-8PM)<br>Bunco 6PM                            | Club Opens @4:00 4<br>Dinner (5PM-8PM)<br>Karaoke 6:30PM<br>Prospective New Member<br>Meeting 7PM | Club Opens @ 11:00 5<br>Lunch (11AM to 2PM)<br>Dinner (5PM-8PM)<br>Old Timer's Luncheon - Noon<br>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Cinco de<br>Mayo Dinner | Club Opens @ 9AM<br>(Lunch is served at 11AM) 6<br>Derby Bash 3PM           |
| Club Opens @ 9:00<br>Breakfast Served<br>9AM to 2PM              | 7 Closed 8                                | Club Opens @ 4 9<br>Adult Sailing School 5:30PM   | Club Opens @11:00 10<br>Lunch (11AM to 2PM)<br>Dinner (5PM-8PM)<br>Bingo 6PM                          | Club Opens @4:00 11<br>Dinner (5PM-8PM)<br>Board Meeting 6PM                                      | Club Opens @ 11:00<br>Lunch (11AM to 2PM)<br>Dinner (5PM-8PM)                                                                                | Club Opens @ 9AM 13<br>(Lunch is served at 11AM)                            |
| Club Opens @ 9:00<br>Mother's Day Brunch<br>9AM to 1PM           | Closed 15                                 | Club Opens @ 4 16<br>Adult Sailing School 5:30PM  | Club Opens @11:00 17<br>Lunch (11AM to 2PM)<br>Dinner (5PM-8PM)<br>Cathy's Watercolor<br>Class 5:30PM | Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) General Membership Meeting 7PM                                  | Club Opens @ 11:00<br>Lunch (11AM to 2PM)<br>Dinner (5PM-8PM)                                                                                | Club Opens @ 9AM (Lunch is served at 11AM) Yard & Dock Day                  |
| Club Opens @ 9:00 2*<br>Breakfast Served<br>9AM to 2PM           | Closed 22                                 | Club Opens @ 4 23<br>Adult Sailing School 5:30 PM | Club Opens @11:00 24<br>Lunch (11AM to 2PM)<br>Dinner (5PM-8PM)<br>1st Wednesday Night Races          | Club Opens @4:00<br>Dinner (5PM-8PM)                                                              | Club Opens @ 11:00<br>Lunch (11AM to 2PM)<br>Dinner (5PM-8PM)                                                                                | Club Opens @ 9AM 27 (Lunch is served at 11AM) Opening Day 10AM Casino Night |
| Club Opens @ 9:00 Preakfast Served 9AM to 2PM Memorial Day Party | Club Opens<br>@4:00<br>Memorial Day Party | Club Opens @ 4 30                                 | Club Opens @11:00 31<br>Lunch (11AM to 2PM)<br>Dinner (5PM-8PM)<br>Wednesday Night Races              | Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) Karaoke 6:30PM Prospective New Member Meeting 7PM               | Club Opens @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) Old Timer's Luncheon Noon                                                            | Club Opens @ 9AM (Lunch is served at 11AM) RYC OPEN HOUSE                   |

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 2 - Adult Sailing School 5:30PM

May 3 - Bunco 6PM

May 4 - Karaoke 6:30PM / Prospective New Member Mtg 7PM

May 5 - Old Timer's Luncheon Noon

May 6 - Derby Bash 3PM

May 9 - Adult Sailing School 5:30PM

May 10 - Bingo 6PM

May 11 - Board Meeting 6PM

May 13 - Boat Launch / Danielle Dickert's 40th Birthday Party

May 14 - Mother's Day Brunch 9AM to 1PM

May 16 - Adult Sailing School 5:30PM

May 17 - Cathy's Watercolor Class 5:30PM

May 18 - General Membership Meeting 7PM

May 20 - Yard & Dock Day

May 23 - Adult Sailing School 5:30 PM

May 24 - 1st Wednesday Night Races

May 27 - Opening Day 10AM / Casino Night

May 28 - Memorial Day Party

May 29 - Memorial Day Party

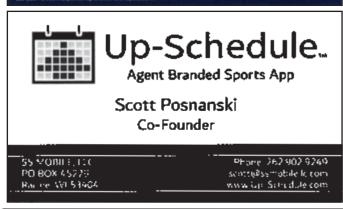
May 31 - Wednesday Night Races

June 1 - Karaoke 6:30PM/Prospective New Member Meeting 7PM

June 2 - Old Timer's Luncheon Noon

June 3 - RYC OPEN HOUSE





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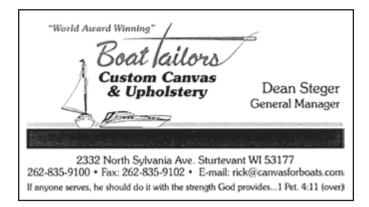


#### **WINTER STORE HOURS:**

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