

Dear Local Business Owners & Racine Yacht Club Members,

This year Racine Yacht Club's 101st Opening Day celebration will take place on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. It will be held combined with our annual New Member Open House. This event is open to the public and is always well attended.

Our Opening Day includes Opening Day Ceremony, lunch specials, *new* RYC Spring apparel & fashion show, a fabulous *Silent Auction* and entertainment. In order to make our *Silent Auction* a success, we are asking local business owners and members for a donation of goods or services.

Your donation will enhance our *Silent Auction* and will give you or your business publicity and great exposure. The funds raised from the *Silent Auction* will be used toward funding our new RYC Youth Foundation. This new 501.(c)(3) program is operated by Racine Yacht Club certified sailing instructors and volunteers and is open to the public. The program will provide participating youth with instruction on sailing, boating and water safety. The purchase of eight Optimistic sailboats will be used for instructional training. Your donation will be used to fund this program allowing for a tax deductible donation. Your support of this fundraiser would be greatly appreciated. We thank you for your kind consideration.

Please contact Sandi Fox if you have any questions. If you want to make a donation of goods or services, please contact me at [spfox@wi.rr.com](mailto:spfox@wi.rr.com) or send or drop off your donation to Racine Yacht Club no later than Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Sincerely,

Sean Fox

Membership Chairman