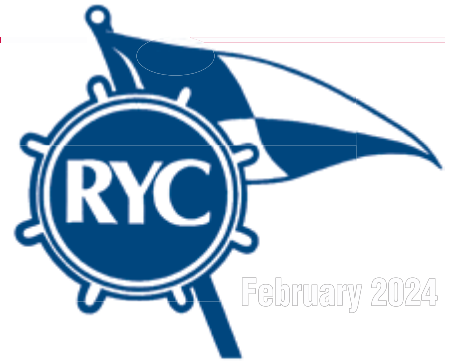


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*"For the encouragement and promotion of yachting
and the creation of spirit of good fellowship..."*
(RYC Constitution, Article II)



February 2024

Racine Yacht Club

Racine, Wisconsin

COMMODORE'S REPORT



Ahoy Racine Yacht Club members!

Set sail with us on an exciting journey to elevate our Yacht Club experience! We're thrilled to announce the launch of the Racine Yacht Club Bathroom Remodel Project. Our Club is a second home for many of us, and ensuring that every aspect of our facilities reflects the excellence we hold dear is essential. The bathrooms,

being a vital part of our Clubhouse, are set to undergo a remarkable makeover that promises improved functionality.

We received a generous splash from John and Lori Kilsdonk, who kicked off our fundraiser with a \$2000 donation.

Now, it's time for us to join the crew and set the course for success. Rick and I are proudly stepping forward to contribute a match of \$2000, and we invite each and every one of you to help make waves in the transformation project.

RYC is moving ahead with Phase 1 of the bathroom remodel project. Our beloved Club is 52 years old and the underground infrastructure is failing. Those cast iron pipes don't last forever! During the 2022 Club Survey there was an overwhelming request to update our bathrooms. The Long Term Planning Committee made a recommendation to the Board of Directors to begin the project. We will begin with a Family bathroom, which will include a toilet, sink, and a baby changing table. The bathroom will be entered off of the hallway just north of the current Men's bathroom door. It will occupy some space in the Men's locker and changing area. Phase 2, next year we will remodel the men's and ladies bathrooms.

Why contribute?

1. Elevate your Yacht Club Experience: Picture yourself walking into beautifully renovated bathrooms that add a touch of functionality to our beloved Clubhouse. Your contribution will directly enhance the overall ambiance of our shared space.
2. Community Pride: Your support is a symbol of our collective commitment to the Yacht Club's future. By contributing, you become a cornerstone in the foundation of our community, fostering a sense of pride and unity among members.
3. Pay it forward: John & Lori Kilsdonk and Rick and I have started the ripple effect. Your donation, regardless of size, adds to this momentum and sets the stage for continued improvements that benefit everyone.

To contribute, please drop off your donation with Kim in the Club office. Let's make this project a reality and elevate the Racine Yacht Club to new horizons.

Race Director, Steve Gancarz and Kris recently hosted RYC's much anticipated Annual Winter Sailor's Awards Dinner, a night dedicated to illuminating the exceptional achievements in sailboat racing within our vibrant community.

The Clubhouse looked nothing short of spectacular. The warmth beckoned sailors, enthusiasts and guests to come together in celebration of a season well sailed. The atmosphere was alive with the hum of shared stories, camaraderie, and the shared love for the open waters. Once again, Erica and her team did a fantastic job on the delicious meal! The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the special awards, where members were recognized for their dedication. Tony Herrmann presented the Old Man of the Sea Award to Jim Rooney Sr. Tony spoke of Jim's dedication to our Club, & the Racine Harbor. Jim is truly a visionary who followed his ideas through, for all of us to enjoy.



Jim Rooney
Old Man of the Sea

Other Special Awards were:
Beyond the Call of Duty
Race Committee Excellence
Crew Member of the Year
Most Improved Skipper

Randy Bennett
Mike Fetzer
Maddie Lyon
John Lyon

Behind the scenes, orchestrating this splendid affair were the masterminds themselves, Bob and Cathy Sample.

Their unwavering dedication and meticulous planning once again shone through, ensuring that every detail was seamlessly executed, making our Annual Dinner a resounding success. Their passion for sailing, coupled with their event organizing prowess continues to elevate our Club's social calendar and create lasting memories for all who attend.

Clean Marina...

Racine Yacht Club is on track and half-way into our five year Clean Marina certification period. With the Clean Marina Program, there's awareness for everybody to consciously think about their responsibility at the Lake.

Fair winds and following seas,

Amy Cermak

Commodore

RYC News in Brief

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Laurie Hennig

The minutes of the December 14, 2023 board meeting approved as written/ corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Greg Miller

Financial Results

We are winding down the fiscal year and taking extra time to review plans in 2024. December was a normal month and our Net Income was within \$400 of budget.

January 5th Water Levels

Lake Michigan decreased 2 inches versus a month ago, as expected.

For some historical context:

- We are 3 inches above the long-term monthly average
- We are 34 inches below the highest monthly mean recording in 2020
- We are 33 inches above the lowest monthly mean recording in 2013

Lake Michigan is forecasted to decrease 1 inch in the next month.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Miller

COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Amy Cermak

Happy New Year!

As we prepare our 2024 budget, we should align our spending with the mission of the Club; which is, "For the encouragement and promotion of yachting and the creation of a spirit of good fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted,
Commodore Amy Cermak

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:

Kim Shortess

Monte Pyburn Has the new POS system up and is going to start training everyone.

We do not have a credit card processor yet for the new system. We discussed whether we should rent or own the processor. We are getting more information on this.

The Stepping On workshop will be on Tuesdays starting 3/5/24 – 4/16/24, from 10:00am till noon. You must be 65 years old or older to sign up. They will have vision specialists, pharmacists, therapists and police officers at different workshops to discuss and answer any questions.

The awards banquet is January 27th and we currently have 61 people signed up for it. Please contact Kim if you would like to attend.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Sean Fox

Once again, I want to thank all of our Club members that gave up their Christmas morning to continue our tradition of Tom and Jerry's. It's great to see new faces wanting to help out. It's one of the things that makes this Club so great.

Speaking of helping out, be on the lookout for more information on the Club shutdown which begins on February 12th. This is a great way to earn work or pay as well as meet other members.

Dani has some great entertainment coming up. I am especially looking

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

forward to the Soup-er Bowl on February 11th!

Christmas decorations are coming down on January 13th, starting at 9:00am.

Submitted,
Sean C Fox

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Aaron Cruthers

I have nothing new to report

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S

REPORT: Deanna Pederson

There are currently no new member applications to be considered. There are currently no status changes or resignations to be considered.

Current membership is 308

HOUSE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Terry Marcus

Current Project

- Bids for new Cooler/Freezer walk-ins Projects in Process
- Flooring for Kitchen (new product)
- Broken Waste Pipe
- Roll out of new POS system (Thank you Monte Pyburn)
- Family Restroom (Tile Samples) Tile samples are in the back by Kim's office.

We are planning on using the same tile for all of the bathrooms.

Closed Projects.

- Paper towel dispenser removed from the kitchen (Thanks again to Rick Cermak)

PIER DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Heather Ellis

The piers are all set for the season. The ice eaters are in, but not running yet. I expect to have them running this weekend. Thanks to Mark Lukow, Johnny Frey and Kevin and Pam Kennedy. Also, thanks to Mark Lukow for completing another round of soundings.

New Slip Contracts are needed from everyone not already on a 3 year contract. Updated forms will be sent by the January General Membership meeting. These reflect the increased annual slip lease fee of \$1540 + tax and a minimum insurance requirement of \$300,000.

Final price increase for transient slip rental for RYC guests is \$1.50/foot per night. RYC Active Member transient slip rental increase was previously

communicated (flat fee \$16.50 per night).

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Ellis

YARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Bill Halliday

Not much snow this morning. Cleaned up the parking lot because under 2" the plow company doesn't plow the lot. Tomorrow and Saturday they are predicting over 6" of snow. I will keep an eye on that to make sure the lot is plowed and good to go. Nothing else to report.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Halliday

RACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Steve Gancarz

I hope everyone had a good holiday season. Now that we are into the new year, it's time to start thinking about racing. Hopefully you have that list of improvements you want to make to get that extra edge this year. I know I have my list started. Now just waiting for some warmer weather to get out there and start accomplishing them.

The 2024 Tentative Race schedule has been posted on the website.

Some Key Dates:

- First Wednesday Night Race - May 29
- Star 59th Mission Regatta - Jun 15
- First Pursuit Race - June 16
- The HOOK - Jul 20
- Racine Regatta - Aug 3-4
- Last Wednesday Race - Sep 25
- Blue Nose Regatta Sep 28-29

ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Danielle Dickert

We had a wonderful turnout for New Year's Eve, a huge shout out to Erica and her team for an amazing dinner, everything was wonderful. Thank you so much to Mark for finding a wonderful band from Chicagoland and to Deb for all of her help decorating the Clubhouse. We have the Awards Banquet coming up at the end of January on the 27th, please call Kim or Erica to make your reservations. Mark your calendars because we have a lot of exciting events coming up in February, so keep an eye out for our RYC emails and upcoming fliers for event times and specifics. If you are interested in attending the next Entertainment Committee meeting to plan our spring events it will be held the last Wednesday of this month, January 31st at 6:00 pm.

Upcoming Winter Entertainment Events:

- January 27th - RYC Awards Banquet (Timeline to come)
 - o Awards, Dinner, and Music
- January 31st - Entertainment Committee Meeting
 - o 6:00 pm at the RYC
- February 3rd - 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 21st - Music Trivia B.I.N.G.O. (Timeline to come)
oCome test your music knowledge for fun and prizes

February 24th - Family Movie Night (Timeline to come)
oCome down in your favorite PJs to watch a family-friendly movie
oMovie 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,
Danielle Dickert

STAFF COMMODORE'S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

By-Laws:

Hook:

We currently have 4 boats signed up for the HOOK.

We had a brainstorming session last night and we discussed how to get more racers, how to get more hype on the race. We also discussed possibly arranging transportation back from the HOOK. This is just in the discussion stages.

We also received pricing from Yellow Brick for race tracking. The cost would be \$50.00 per boat. We are going to reach out to the racers to see if this is an added expense that they would be ok with paying. Otherwise, we will stay with Kattack.

Adult Sailing Education:
Adult Family Sailing/Cruising:

AFSC is for all Sailing & Boating:
Sailing & Cruising; Powerboating &

Paddle Sports---
Thriving/Flourishing at RYC, what a Yacht Club is for.

For Docs in italics and further info; details, go to the bulletin board, table by the closet, Eblast and <https://tinyurl.com/afscdocs> Table also has potential, new member packets.

1) Potential, new member packets were updated.

2) AFSC Interest Assessment 2024 was created which you are welcome to fill out.

3) AFSC Steering Committee continues to meet the 2nd Wed. of the month and met 1/10/24.

4) AFSC 2024 Calendar of Events was updated.

5) Results from Pre-Season Meetings and Day Sailing and Cruising Planning worksheets completed in December 23 are in AFSC Pre-Season Meetings Day Sailing Cruising 2024 Planning Results.

6) AFSC January 2024 Events

1 pm Lunch 2 pm Program

Sat. January 13th

RYC and Zoom

GREAT AMERICAN LOOP

(LOOPING)

WITH THE FETZERS

7 pm Sat. January 21st

AFSC MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

FOOL'S GOLD

6 pm Thurs. January 25th

RYC and Zoom

SAILING THEORY AND TRIM

Bill Erdmann and Gary Hendrickson

7) Other AFSC Pre-Season Events dates: 2/10 Sat. 1 pm; 2/29 4th Thurs 6 pm;

3/16 Sat. 1 pm; 3/28 4th Thurs. 6 pm; 4/13 Sat. 1 pm; 4/25 4th Thurs. 6 pm; 5/11 Sat. Launch & Cookout; 5/23 4th Thurs. 6 pm

8) Pre-Season Events include a "gourmet menu" of PRE-SEASON AND NO-SAILING ACTIVITIES to choose from in the calendar.

RYC Youth Sailing Program:
The youth sailing schedule is in the works and should be available soon.

RYC Youth Foundation:
The Foundation is still looking for a donation to purchase 2 Optis for our upcoming sailing season.

MWPHRF:

We will be having our next meeting on January 16th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

February will be when we approve the budget for 2024. Greg Miller went over each departments spreadsheet and answered any questions that were asked. Greg asked each board member to go over their spreadsheet and let him know if there need to be any changes so he can finalize the budget for 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Sean Fox brought up the fact that February's General Membership Meeting is during shutdown. Last year during shutdown we did have a meeting during shutdown and only 5 people were there. The question was asked, should we cancel February's General Membership meeting. Greg

Miller made a motion to recommend cancelling the meeting, Danielle Dickert seconded the motion. All were in favor except Steve Gancarz abstained. We will bring it up at the next Membership meeting.

Steve Gancarz spoke on behalf of Monte Pyburn regarding the New POS system as far as trying to do surcharges or upcharges for Non Members. This may be the time to do this with the implementation of the new POS system.

Amy Cermak would like the Club to be more involved in the Splash and Dash as it is a fundraiser for The Racine Food Bank and St. Luke's outreach Program. Amy would like to see the Club support it, whether it is monetarily or doing a food drive.

There was a concern that was brought up to Amy Cermak by several members on the day of the Splash and Dash. They were concerned that we unlock our doors and we let anybody come in who wants to. Several members could not find a place to sit. We had some new members with young children wondering why all these people were in our Club. Should we be letting everyone in the Club? Steve Gancarz mentioned that letting them in is how we support them by giving them a homebase. FOR THE GOOD OF THE Club:

OFF WATCH:

Kathy Vail, Jim Seitz and Ken Luedtke passed away. We had a moment of silence for them.

Off Watch: Lucy Sullivan, Dianne Luedtke, Bryn William and Jody Chiaravalotti

The board meeting adjourned at 1920 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Hennig
Recording Secretary

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Maddie Lyon
Crew Member of the 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 — February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Mark Your Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

- FEB 1 - Karaoke Night
Prospective New Member Night
- FEB 2 - Old Timer's Luncheon
- FEB 3 - Murder Mystery Dinner
PANDEMONIUM AT THE ROMAN
TOGA BASH/TACO BAR
- FEB 4 - RYC @ MILAEGERS 10 - 2
- FEB 7 - Bunco
- FEB 8 - BOARD MTG
- FEB 10 - AFSC - BUYING & SELLING A BOAT
1PM Lunch/2PM Program
- FEB 11 - SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
"SOUPER BOWL PARTY"

- SHUTDOWN: FEB 12 - FEB 20

- FEB 15: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG
CANCELLED

- FEB 21: Club RE-OPENING
MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT
- FEB 24 - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
- FEB 29 - AFSC: INTRO TO BASICS
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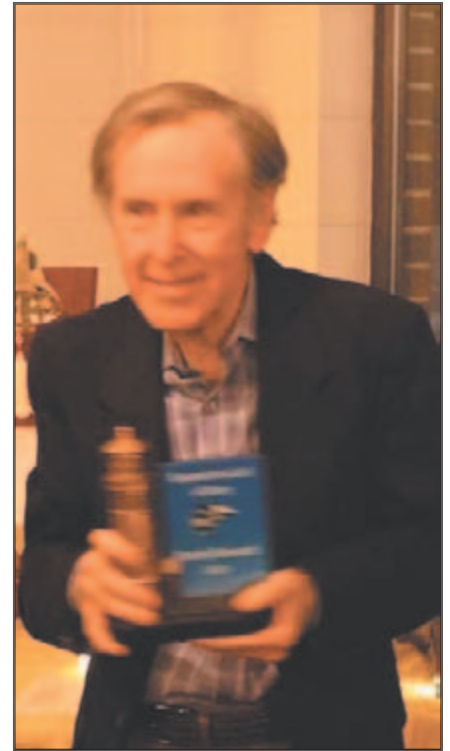
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John Lyon - Most Improved Skipper



Mike Fetzer - Race Committee Excellence



Randy Bennett - Beyond the Call of Duty

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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



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