

# REEF POINT

*"For the encouragement and promotion of yachting  
and the creation of spirit of good fellowship..."*

*(RYC Constitution, Article II)*



Dec. 2023

**Racine Yacht Club**

**Racine, Wisconsin**

## COMMODORE'S REPORT



The magic of the holidays will fill the air when Santa visits the Racine Yacht Club for our annual, "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, December 10, 2023. Be sure to reserve your table as reservations fill up fast,

Everyone is welcome to attend the Youth Sailing get together, Saturday, December 9, 2023. RSVP on the link in your E-blast or call Kim, so we know how many to expect. Our Youth Sailor of the Year will be revealed.

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 the Adult Adult Family Sail Cruise (AFSC) will have a Holiday Celebration and New Year kickoff and planning dinner. Everyone is welcome. It's a great time to meet new people and talk about being on the water.

Thank you so much for your vote of confidence, I am honored to have the privilege to serve as Commodore for a fifth term. Thanks too for the dedication of our Board members who will continue to serve on the Board. This is a member run Club and it takes everyone working together. If you see any of the following Board members, please reach out and thank them. It takes a labor of love and true dedication to keep our Club running smoothly as we encourage and promote yachting and continue to create a spirit of good fellowship among our members and fellow yachters.

Commodore: Amy Cermak  
Vice Commodore: Sean Fox  
Rear Commodore: Dr. Aaron Cruthers  
Treasurer: Greg Miller  
Recording Secretary: Laurie Hennig  
Membership Secretary: Deanna Pederson  
Yard Director: Bill Halliday  
Pier Director: Heather Ellis  
Race Director: Steve Gancarz  
House Director: Terry Marcus  
Entertainment: Dani Dickert



Members Mike and Jennifer Fetzer aboard Sailing Vessel Paper Sails left Racine on Friday, October 27th headed to the Bahamas and eventually back to Racine on what is called the Great Loop! You can follow them on Facebook, SV PaperSails. The photos they post of the Chicago Skyline, the St. Louis Arch, secluded anchorages, quaint towns, hiking in State Parks etc. has been quite educational. They are currently on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway in Mississippi (popularly known as the Tenn-Tom). It is a 234 mile artificial US waterway that links commercial navigation from the nation's midsection to the Gulf of Mexico. Periodically they return to Racine and I happened to see them a few weeks ago at the Club. Mike and Jennifer were on fire with excitement about their trip. Their advice, if you have ever thought of doing a trip like theirs, "Just Do it!" They plan to return to Racine at Christmas time, I look forward to seeing them and hearing more stories.

Gregg Henning is easing into retirement and is stepping down from his duties as Webmaster and all Club things electronic. With speed and accuracy Gregg has done an excellent job for many years mastering these tasks. I am very appreciative of his dedication. Best of Luck Gregg, I am pleased to announce Jonathan Baseheart (AKA, Dani Dickert's husband) will be our new Webmaster. Jonathan comes with a wealth of knowledge and we are excited to have him aboard. Gregg and Jonathan will work together to assure a smooth transition.



Have a safe and wonderful Holiday! I look forward to seeing you all at the Club.

*Amy Cermak*  
Commodore

## **RYC News in Brief**

### **RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Laurie Hennig

The minutes of the October 12, 2023 board meeting approved as written/ corrected.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Greg Miller

November 2023 Treasurers Report  
Financial Results

► After 9 months, our results are in line with the previous year and performance is better than the budget in terms of both revenue and expense.

► Notable October financial activity included the expenses for the Badger football game and the crane rental for haul out, both aligned with budget.

► November begins planning for the FY24 budget. Over the next 8 weeks I plan to sit down with each board member to review FY23 in more detail and to understand any changes for FY24 in your respective areas. FY24 planning is critical as we develop plans for the bathroom renovations.

### **Nov 3rd Water Levels**

November 3rd water levels are 2 inches below their levels of a month ago and 1 inch below their levels at this time last year. All Great Lakes are still above their long-term average levels. Over the next 30 days, the forecast shows levels declining 3 inches.

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Miller

### **2023 Treasurers Annual Report**

November 9th, 2023

The Racine Yacht Club had an adjusted income of \$42,993 for fiscal 2022. Through October, we have a gain in adjusted income of \$38,806. The board has done an excellent job of holding down expenses this year.

We have increased our savings/checking to \$305,499 and formed a new relationship with Summit Credit Union to earn higher returns on our savings balances. If necessary, we carry a \$50,000 revolving

line of credit as insurance. We have no debt.

Lake Michigan water levels have been stable this year, as measured by the Army Corp of Engineers, with a current decrease of one inch vs. last year. Our exact water levels will vary vs. these trends, and dredging remains a significant financial exposure.

The current financial condition of the Club is acceptable to meet current day-to-day operations, but our buildings and pier system are old, and we must find a way to increase our reserves to make significant long-term improvements.

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Miller

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

Amy Cermak

Commodore's End of the Year Report 2023

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your Commodore this past year. I continue to encourage yachting and promote a spirit of good fellowship among our members. Our Office Manager, Kim Shortess has been promoted to General Manager. We all appreciate her detailed and dedicated work. Her warm and friendly personality puts everyone at ease. Our caterer, Erica does an excellent job accommodating all of our needs. Erica, her husband Andy, and her staff have done an excellent job with the food and bar service this past year.

Thanks also to the Flag Officers and Board of Directors who keep the Club running smoothly. 2023 has been a great year for RYC!

Financially, we are doing well thanks to our treasurer, Greg Miller for his creative ideas partnering with Summit Credit Union to earn higher returns on our savings balances. Our Board has also done a great job holding down expense. Currently, we have no debt but need to keep a close eye on the Club's infrastructure and mechanicals due to the age of our building.

Deanna Pederson has done an excellent job promoting our Club. Since December

## **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

2023 we have brought in 30 new members.

Vice Commodore, Sean Fox has overseen the House and Entertainment Directors. Last year, Sean had the Members complete a survey and the results indicated that our Membership categories need to be reviewed, our bathrooms need to be updated to accommodate ADA standards, the Pier system needs updating, and the Club house outside brown color should be updated. Inside the Club, Terry Marcus has a challenging job keeping the Club mechanicals working properly. The cast iron pipe under the Women's bathroom has a hole and will need to be addressed. All that aside, Dani Dickert our Entertainment Director, has kept the Club rocking with ongoing entertainment activities for all to enjoy.

It's been a pleasure to have Aaron Cruthers serve as Rear Commodore. He has overseen the Yard, Pier, and Race Directors. The Richter Building got its long overdue tuck pointing and a fresh

coat of paint. The Richter Building also was cleaned out, and organized. We are pleased to welcome Bill Halliday aboard as the new Yard Director. Heather Ellis and her team have rebuilt the East Pier to accommodate more boats and our Race Director, Steve Gancarz ran a great season of racing. We also hosted the S2 7.9 Class Championship. Crazy storms kept the 49 HOOK Racers on their toes for another successful race. Thank you, HOOK Co-Chair's Fred Stritt and Ed Palladino.

Charlie Manning and his team again spearheaded our Adult Sailing course. Classroom sessions begin in May and the hands-on portion of the class was aboard member's boats in June. The very successful course has taught many to sail and wetted their appetite to learn more. There already is a wait list for the 2024 Learn to Sail course. Our Adult Family Sail Coordinator, Randy Bennett has worked tirelessly to encourage many members to participate in several distance cruises as well as day sails. When not on the water, the educational sessions have also been welcomed by our members.

Youth Sailing has had another strong year under the direction of our Head Sailing Instructor, Maddie Lyon. You can learn more about those accomplishments in the Youth Sailing Committee Report.

Keep in mind, this is a member run Club. Daily things happen behind the scene that we all take for granted. Sandi Fox keeps us looking sharp with our RYC apparel. I've been to many yacht Clubs from the East to West Coast and there has never been better looking merchandise than what our Club has to offer. New items will be out next week and our members can't wait. Chet Danko takes pride in keeping our lawn mowed. John Connell tends to the weeds and brush keeping it all at bay. Marie Connell and her team have beautiful plantings for all to enjoy. The patio is such a welcoming place, graced in the beauty of the flowers. Have you been to our website? Greg Henning for many years has kept the website as well as Facebook current. Greg is easing

into retirement and is stepping down from his duties, so if anyone has website/Facebook admin skills, please let us know. For those who race in the Performance Handicap Division, we are lucky to have our member, Bob Warnecke as the chief handicapper for the Midwest PHRF. Rick Hennig and John Kilsdonk represent our Club on the Midwest Handicap Committee helping to assure that the ratings are fair for all.

I'd like to thank Laurie Hennig for her dedication as Club Secretary. She does an excellent job of accurately reporting all of the minutes from our Board and General Membership meeting's.

As the year comes to a close, I remind myself how lucky the Racine Yacht Club is to have dedicated members who volunteer their time and money to support our Club that we all love so much.

Finally, a tremendous shout out to the First Man, my husband Rick Cermak for supporting me in everything I do.

Respectfully submitted,  
Commodore Amy

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

Kim Shortess

We are planning on having the POS system up and running by February 1st.

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

I want to thank everybody that came down and participated in Trunk or Treat. We had some great costumes as well as decorated trunks. Congratulations to Nick and Angela Ekstowicz on winning the best decorated trunk.

Plans are moving forward with the bathroom updates. We will continue to keep you updated as we have more information.

Christmas decorations will be going up November 25th. I will keep everyone updated as to when decorations will be

coming down as we're always looking for volunteers. Aaron Cruthers will be donating his Christmas Tree to the Club. The tree we currently have is looking very tired. Thank You Aaron. Also, Dani Dickert is going to be painting Santa's Chair.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thanksgiving morning for Tom and Jerry's at 9AM till noon.

Submitted,  
Sean C Fox

### **Vice Commodores End of Year Report**

I want to thank our members and board members for allowing me to serve as your Vice Commodore for another year. It has been a privilege and honor to do so. Serving on the board this year has been very rewarding as we have all worked very well together to accomplish the many goals we had.

I'm very excited for this coming year as we have a lot to look forward to. The Long-Term Committee has listened to the members of the Club and are taking the necessary steps to update the men's and women's bathrooms. This is long overdue project and one that will benefit everyone.

The Long-Term committee will also be looking at many other aspects to improve the Club, By-Law updates, membership categories, and future improvements around the Club.

House Director Terry Marcus has done a fantastic job keeping our house looking phenomenal. Obviously, it's an older building and there are many challenges and issues, but she has navigated them all. She has worked tirelessly over the past year making this Club better and I look forward to her continuing as House Director.

For the first time in 15+ years we had a new Entertainment Director, Dani Dickert. She hit the ground running last

year and hasn't stopped. We have had some fantastic entertainment and parties this past year with great turnouts to all of them. She has put together a great team to help her coordinator all these events and I'm looking forward to a fun filled calendar in 2024.

Finally, I want to thank all the members for all their volunteer work around the Club. This Club is truly what you make of it and volunteering is a great way to meet new people and see how great this Club truly is. As always, feel free to reach out to any of the board members, Kim or see the eblast/board for opportunities.

Respectfully Submitted  
Sean C. Fox  
Vice Commodore

**REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT:**

Aaron Cruthers

Due to being away and a family emergency I have nothing to report for the month of November. I look forward, however, and thank the Club for placing your trust and confidence in me as your Rear Commodore this past year and continuing on in 2024! Rear Commodores' 2023 Annual Report: This year was a very productive year! One of my primary objectives was to help support our pier director and team get the East pier raised and we are proud to report that we achieved that objective with the hard work and dedication of so many of you. A lot of sweat went into that project, which will result in a substantial boost in revenue in 2024 for the Club. A special thanks to Heather Ellis, Charlie Manning, Rick Rowinski, Dave Janke, and my son Ole who were the key players in making this possible. Way to go!

Secondly, I spent significant time networking with city, state, and local government officials with regards to our future needs with dredging and protection of our pier system. Maintaining strong lines of communication with these individuals and coordinating, where and when possible, will ultimately benefit the Club and potentially curb costs down the road. I reached out to several dredging companies and former dredgers I knew both locally

and nationally to better understand all options and resources to do everything we can to keep these future costs down to a minimum. This will take some very careful, coordinated, and strategic budgetary planning by the board in 2024 to stay on track. But I am confident that we will meet these challenges working together as a TEAM and staying positive.

We also made significant strides in the yard this year removing a lot of junk and clearing out dilapidated boat racks and boats out of our dry-sail area. Ultimately this will create more winter and summer storage space and revenue for the Club! Areas of improvements for 2024 for pier and yard directors will include: revision and streamlining of storage and pier contracts in addition to looking at fair and equitable transient slipping off the main dock. This may include extending fingers off the main dock for easier access and slippage for transients. And reviewing our pier safety security needs will be of concern.

Repairs were also made to the driveway and future estimates procured for maintenance and strategic budgeting purposes. The Richter building was also cleaned out and organized. We will need to be better stewards of our inventory going forward to prevent buying things we don't need that we already have and simply couldn't find. Everyone will need to help with this. Put things back where you found them! Painting of the pavilion and the Richter building were also completed, and the fencing will be slated to be completed in the spring. Surveys, assessments, and prioritizing of future needs are ongoing. Lastly, I worked with AFSC in establishing the necessary documentation and insurance for the Club sailboat Fortitude. I feel strongly that this will be something that will continue to grow and that we should encourage and continue to support going forward in addition to growing and promoting our racing fleet! And Invictus will be back in 2024! Watch out!

Thank you for all of your support this past year!

Aaron Cruthers  
Rear Commodore

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Deanna Pederson

**NEW MEMBERS**

Active: Ben and Katie Kohls

**STATUS CHANGES**

Senior to NRES: John & Barbara Nowak  
John Balthazor

Resignations: Walter and Nancy Joerg  
James and Jodi Draper

Sean Fox made a motion to accept all membership changes except the resignation of James and Jodi Draper. Steve Gancarz seconded the motion.

Once the Draper's pay their outstanding balance due, then the board will accept their resignation.

**Membership Summary**

Active 116

Senior 60

Life 33

Associate 83

NRES 16

Total 309

Our Membership Appreciation Party is November 11th from 3pm – 6pm. We will have sign up sheets for people who are interested in work or pay opportunities.

**HOUSE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Terry Marcus

**Current Project**

- Legacy's framed photograph will be hung on the Wall of Art according to guidelines

**Projects in Process**

- Flooring for Kitchen (new product)

- Broken Waste Pipe

- Working with Eco Lab to install a silverware presoak dispenser in the kitchen

**Closed Projects**

- The toilet handle was replaced in the Women's restroom.

- The Lift Station was cleaned out large amount of grease was clogging the pump

- Dining room carpet was cleaned by Great Lakes Carpet Cleaning



## **PIER DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Heather Ellis

Winter preparations are well underway. Mark Lukow and Heidi Haakenson winterized the pier water lines and the city has removed the meter. The fall soundings still need to be taken and the ladders, life rings and the small work floater need to be stowed. We will wait on dropping the ice eaters into place until the water gets a little closer to freezing.

Planning has begun for next year's project list.

Apparently, I failed to actually send the pier questionnaire. I will send to all 2023 slip holders with an updated return by date of November 23rd.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Ellis

### **Pier Director Annual Report- 2023**

Thanks to last year's mild winter, we only needed to run the ice eaters for twenty days. That is less than half as long as the previous year. We were still able to prove-out the new electric panels and monitoring system.

Slip rental increased by seven from the previous year to forty-nine for 2023 season. There were twelve slips available at the end of the season. Five of these were recovered after the end of the east pier was raised and rebuilt.

Besides all the regular maintenance work, several notable improvement projects were completed. There was a grand undertaking to restore the five slips at the end of the east pier, returning the slip system back to full capacity. We also installed a railing on the upper deck on the east pier, made security improvements, and added cross-bracing to many finger piers to reduce sway.

Lastly, with the water levels decreasing, the new CHIRP 2 sonar is expected to be quite helpful in understanding when dredging might be needed.

I am so appreciative of all the volunteers that donated so much of their time, energy, and skills to the maintenance and improvement of our pier system. Their dedication has ensured another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Ellis

## **YARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Bill Halliday

Boat haul out went very well. Watching this crew work it was evident that everyone knew exactly what they're doing. Very impressive. We are contracting with a snow plowing service, Blown Away, to keep the lot cleared this winter. They will plow when there is more than two inches of snow and will shovel the entryways also. Anything under that I can take care of with my plow. There is a bag of salt by the main entrance in case it is needed. Another full bag is in the Richter building if needed. I will get a couple of snow shovels placed at the entrances to be used if necessary.

Respectfully,  
Bill Halliday

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

Steve Gancarz

The season is officially over with all boats now out of the water. Race Committee boats have all been winterized and have been put away for the season. I would like to thank John Stanley, Mike Freitag, and Fred Stritt for helping to make sure all were ready for winter.

Planning continues for the 2023 Awards Banquet.

Beginning to look at next year's schedule. If you know of any races that should be on our schedule, please let me know.

This is the tentative race schedule for RYC racing  
May 29th, 1st Wednesday night  
September 25th, last Wednesday night  
Regatta will be the 1st weekend in August  
Blue Nose will be September 28th and 29th.

Race Director 2023 Annual Report

The year started out with another successful awards banquet. The banquet was very well attended with over 100 attendees braving the big snow storm. Lots of great awards were handed out with the following personal awards.

Old Man of the Sea Gary Hendrickson

Sportsmanship Bryn Williams  
Race Committee Excellence Mary Vandehei  
Most Improved Skipper Gary Hendrickson  
Crew Member of the Year Adam St.Pierre  
Beyond the Call of Duty John Stanley

Several improvements were done for this year's racing season. All 10 of the seasonal race marks returned, allowing race courses to be set and races to be started more efficiently. New number boards were created and a new mounting system was created for the back of Romey with the assistance of John Stanley. Romey also received new fold down seating for the Race Committee thanks to the assistance of Dean Steger and his crew at Boat Tailors, resulting in additional space for the Race Committee to run races.

The race season started off with the first Wednesday night race being cancelled due to weather, and a total of three races for the season being canceled for weather. Not quite as good as 2022, but still a pretty good season with 14 Wednesday nights of racing.

The Pursuit series started out slow, but ended the season with a total of 7 boats participating in the last race. This was due in part to Dave Bonzon helping to promote the series within the Lake Michigan Singlehanded Society (LMSS) group of sailors.

A total of 18 boats participated in both this year's Racine Regatta and Blue Nose Regatta. Additionally we hosted this year's S2 7.9 Class Championship Regatta with 20 boats attending from across the United States and Canada.

The 40th running of The HOOK Race had a total of 49 boats registered at the start of the race. Weather affected the racers across Green Bay and out into Lake Michigan late on Sunday afternoon resulting in 7 boats retiring from the race.

**ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Danielle Dickert

Thank you to everyone who came out for the RYC Halloween Party! I want to give a big Shout-Out to Kurt Lasson for putting together a great time with karaoke.

Events we can look forward to in the upcoming months include:

- Gobble Wobble - November 22nd
- Tom & Jerry's - November 23rd
- Breakfast with Santa - December 10th
- RYC Holiday Party - December 16th
- Tom and Jerry's - December 25th
- New Year's Eve Party - December 31st
- Awards Dinner - January 27

I am also excited to announce that thanks to the efforts of Erica and several dedicated members we have raised money to bring in the Yacht Rock band 'Nauti Nauti' on June 8th for a tropical party at the RYC. If you are interested in earning work or pay hours by helping with any of our events please contact Kim, Erica, or Dani to sign up as a volunteer. You can email me directly - Danielle. Dickert@Gmail.com or call the RYC with your name and the events you are interested in volunteering for.

Respectfully submitted by Dani Dickert, Entertainment Director.

**STAFF COMMODORE'S REPORT:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

By-Laws: Mark Lukow is looking at the By-Laws to see if we need to make any changes.

Hook: Steve Gancarz mentioned that they are looking at not having the food trucks next year and instead have the AFSC do the food such as burgers, hotdogs etc. There will still be dinner served in the Club on Friday night

Adult Sailing Education:

Adult Family Sailing/Cruising:

AFSC (Adult Family Sailing; Cruising)

NOVEMBER 2023 BOARD UPDATE

Submitted by Randy 847 809-4821 randy@maxfulfillment.com

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

For the November 4  
AFSC End of Season Celebration & Appreciation

THANK YOU!! to

All who came, and who brought a Potluck contribution; for

Sharing 2023 highlights, experiences and learnings, and what's next in 2024, and to the

Recipients of 10 Thank You and Appreciation Awards!

Steering Committee Meeting Wed. 10/25 and 11/8

AFSC will have a table at the 11/11 Member Appreciation

6 pm Tue. December 12  
AFSC Holiday Celebration & New Year Kickoff

What do we want for our Sailing & Boating--  
-Sailing & Cruising;  
Powerboating & Paddle Sports in 2024 starting with

AFSC Jan. - May Pre-Season Meetings and Presentations  
RYC Youth Sailing Program:  
RYC Youth Foundation:  
Youth Sailing/RYC Youth Foundation  
Annual Report 2023

Youth Sailing had another fantastic year! Over 100 youth participated in our program. This year RYC employed four instructors and two assistant instructors who worked diligently under the direction of our Head Sailing Instructor, Maddie Lyon.

The summer began with our youth and adults traveling to Chicago to tour behind the scenes of the Sail Grand Prix foiling 50ft. catamaran boats.

Tuesday nights the kids raced the Opti's, 420's, and Lasers. May thanks to Mike Freitag and Jacqueline Sieracki for doing race committee and Buck Mercer for his on the water coaching.

This year 14 of our youth participated in the Kaszube Cup at South Shore Yacht Club in Milwaukee. All of our sailors performed

very well. Lincoln Lewis placed 1st in the White division of the Opti fleet and Beckett Sabanosh placed 2nd in the Laser fleet.

Once again RYC hosted the Andrea T Youth Regatta. We were pleased that 11 youth from South Shore Yacht Club attended the Regatta. Sixteen of our youth raced in the regatta. In the Laser fleet Beckett Sabanosh placed 1st and Gabe Posnanski placed 3rd. We were proud of all of our sailors. The thrill is not just in the winning but the courage to join the race.

We continue to partner with the Racine Parks Department to promote water safety and teach the kids basic sailing skills and knot tying. This year 75 Park kids participated in the program. The kids were able to sail in the 420's and they also canoed, kayaked, and tried the standup paddle board.

The RYC Youth Foundation received a generous donation from Dr. Aaron Cruthers. This allowed us to purchase a new 15ft. Gala Rigid Inflatable safety boat to support our program. The Foundation accepts tax deductible donations which are used to purchase boats, and update equipment for our young sailors.

It's been a great year and we are looking forward to our annual Youth Get Together on December 9, 2023. Our Youth Sailor of the Year will be announced. You are all welcome, we hope to see you at the Club for the Event.

Respectfully Submitted  
Commodore Amy  
**MWPHRF:**

We had our meeting on October 26th. We went over penalty sails and are in the process of laying out the penalty structure for boats that use these sails.

We started going over provisional boat rating reviews.

I would like to see RYC members start signing up for their 2024 MWPHRF certificates.

Port Huron registration is now open. I think the 2024 HOOK Race should open theirs so we can compete for competitors. If anyone has any problems with MWPHRF, please contact myself or John Kilsdonk and we will help you along.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Rick Hennig

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Amy received a letter from Gene McCarthy regarding nominations for the Lake Michigan Sailing Hall of Fame. Also, Greg Henning is retiring from being the Club's Webmaster/Facebook Manager, so we will be looking for any volunteers who would be interested in taking this over.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:**

**OFF WATCH:**

Ken Luedtke was in the hospital, and Bill Halliday's son, Jacob Halliday passed away. A moment of silence was taken for Jacob. The board meeting adjourned at 1846 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Hennig, Recording Secretary



Mike and Jennifer's adventure.

# 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.

## 2023 RYC/ERICA'S CATERING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE (NO BREAKFAST SERVICE)**  
(WILL OPEN BAR FOR PACKER GAME AT NOON, IF THERE IS INTEREST!)

**DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY TOM & JERRY'S BAR OPEN 9AM TIL NOON**

**DECEMBER 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY (NO BREAKFAST SERVICE)**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY FROM 5PM TIL MIDNIGHT**  
**COCKTAIL PARTY FROM 5PM - 7PM**  
**DINNER FROM 7PM - 9PM (Special Menu coming soon!)**  
**DANCING FROM 8PM TIL MIDNIGHT**

**JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY SPLASH & DASH BAR OPEN FROM 9AM TIL 4 PM**  
**BREAKFAST BURRITOS & CHILI AVAILABLE FOR SALE**

*RYC lost member  
Richard Britton  
on  
November 10th.  
Our sympathies to  
Karen Van Lone Britton  
on  
Dick's passing.*

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 — December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast Served 9AM to 2PM <b>27</b>	CLOSED <b>28</b>	CLOSED <b>29</b>	Club Opens @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) <b>30</b>	Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) <b>31</b>	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) Old Timer's Luncheon <b>1</b>	Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM) <b>2</b>
Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast Served 9AM to 2PM <b>3</b>	CLOSED <b>4</b>	CLOSED <b>5</b>	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) BUNCO <b>6</b>	Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) KARAOKE PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER MEETING <b>7</b>	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) <b>8</b>	Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM) YOUTH CHRISTMAS BANQUET <b>9</b>
Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast Served 9AM to 2PM BREAKFAST WITH SANTA  <b>10</b>	CLOSED <b>11</b>	AFSC HOLIDAY PARTY <b>12</b>	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) <b>13</b>	Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) <b>14</b>	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) <b>15</b>	Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM) RYC HOLIDAY PARTY <b>16</b>
Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast Served 9AM to 2PM <b>17</b>	CLOSED <b>18</b>	CLOSED <b>19</b>	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) <b>20</b>	Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) <b>21</b>	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) <b>22</b>	Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM) <b>23</b>
NO BREAKFAST SERVICE  <b>24</b>	TOM & JERRY'S <b>25</b>	CLOSED <b>26</b>	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) <b>27</b>	Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) <b>28</b>	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) <b>29</b>	Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM) <b>30</b>
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### Mark Your Calendar

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- DEC 1 - Old Timer's Luncheon
- DEC 6 - BUNCO
- DEC 7 - Karaoke  
Prospective New Member Meeting
- DEC 9 - Youth Christmas Banquet
- DEC 10 - Breakfast with Santa
- DEC 12 - AFSC Holiday Party
- DEC 16 - RYC HOLIDAY PARTY
- DEC 24 - NO BREAKFAST SERVICE
- Dec 25 - Tom & Jerry's
- DEC 31 - NO BREAKFAST SERVICE
- DEC 31 - New Year's Eve Party
- JAN 1 - SPLASH & DASH
- JANUARY 27 - AWARDS BANQUET

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- New assortment of prizes
- Bingo cards \$2 each or 3 for \$5
- FREE raffle ticket with every Bingo card purchased
- CASH prize for the final game

Nachos with all the fixings \$8 or Chicken Enchiladas w/rice & beans \$12

Holiday Blind Russian Drink Special \$6

Carry-outs available - Call 262-634-8585

Food served 5 – 8pm



## RYC Holiday Shop

*Make your Holiday Shopping easy!*

**Look for us to be selling at the following club events.**

**Free RYC Holiday Tote with any \$45 purchase**

*(Located in the library next to the RYC office)*

**Friday Dec 1** - Old Timer's Lunch 11:30am-1:30pm

**Sat Dec 9** - Youth Foundation Banquet 5:30pm-7:30pm

**Sun Dec 10** - Kids Christmas Party 9am - 1pm

**Tues Dec 12** - Adult Family Sail Christmas Party 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Sat Dec 16** - RYC Holiday Party 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Sun Dec 17** - Sunday Breakfast 10:30am - 12:30pm

**Weds Dec 20** - Holiday BINGO 5:30pm-7:30pm

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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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