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November 2022

Racine Yacht Club

Racine, Wisconsin



Commodore's Report

Please plan to attend the November General Membership meeting on November 17, 2022. The following members will be sworn onto the Board.

Commodore - Amy Cermak
Vice Commodore - Sean Fox
Rear Commodore - Aaron Cruthers
Treasurer - Greg Miller
Secretary - Laurie Hennig
Membership Director - Deanna Pederson
Entertainment Director - Dani Dickert
House Director - Teri Marcus

Thank you Charlie Manning for once again coordinating a safe and successful haul out. 14 boats are stored on the hard at the Club. New this year, we are storing Rick Rowinski's 40 foot catamaran! Next time you are down at the Club, check it out.



Thank you John Stanley for painting the bottom on the Racer Chaser boats! It's a big job, but skills and equipment are needed and is much appreciated.

Thanksgiving is coming up fast. Bring your guests down for Gobble Wobble on Wednesday, November 23rd. Our new Entertainment Director, Dani has some nice music planned. Thanksgiving morning the Club will be serving our traditional Tom & Jerry's. Bring your family down to enjoy before you bite into the turkey.



Rick and I look forward to seeing all of you at the club for the upcoming festivities.

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!
Commodore Amy

Amy Cermak, Commodore



WINTER CLUB HOURS Begin after Haul Out

Mon & Tues - CLOSED
Wed & Fri - 11AM to Close
Thur - 4PM to Close
Sat - 11AM to Close
Sun - 8AM to Close

RYC News in Brief

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Carol Stanley

The minutes of the September 8, 2022 board meeting approved as emailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Frank Randall

Attached is the September Report. We continue to do well with an adjusted income of \$7,037 for the month and \$44,242 for the year. Other than our \$9,000 lease payment, I don't know of significant expenses coming up. Kim had to move some money from savings to checking this month. This usually happens at this time of year as sailing activity drops as well as club income.

The water level of Lake Michigan continues to drop. It went down four inches in the past month and is ten inches below last year. I replaced the plot of historic lake levels with one showing annual high and low levels for the last thirty years. The lake level is several feet over the level where we have had to dredge in the past, but it is dropping.

COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Amy Cermak

Many thanks to all of the Board Members and their committee's for a great job keeping the club looking nice and bringing in new members. Little by little things are getting put away for winter. Haul out is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2022; the weather is look like it will cooperate.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:

Kim Shortess

We are looking into a new POS system. What do we need this system to do? Kim has a demo with Dine-amics to see what they have to offer.

Discussion followed: Steve was asking Erica what her needs are to make it easier for employees. Do we want the system to track work or pay? Track employees? Reconcile with QuickBooks? Do we want a desktop system or an online one which can be tracked remotely? ClubSpot is one system we are looking at. We should have more than 1 person understanding the system. Amy mentioned SSYC has Northstar and MYC uses Club Essential.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Sean Fox

Response for the survey has been very good. We have over 160 submitted already. If you haven't completed it, please do so as the last day to complete it will be October 23rd. From there the long term planning committee will analyze the results and share it with the general membership. 388 surveys were sent out on line.

Trunk or Treat is October 29th, 2-4pm

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Rob Jossart

I just want to express a big thanks to Joyce Hoffman, Heather Ellis, and Steve Gancarz. They've done a great job this past summer with the Yard, Dock, and Races. I appreciate the commitment and diligence that each of them has provided to RYC this past summer.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S

REPORT: Theresa Rooney

The Mix and Mingle had a great turnout. Thanks to all who brought food and attended the event.

A special "thank you" to my team: Dan and Kristi May, Sean and Grace Fox, Tom and Mary Rhind, Wendy and Phil Paul, James Draper, Amy Cermak, Carol Stanley and Randy Bennett. I could not have done it without all of you.

Theresa moved (Steve 2nd) we approve new member applications and changes. Passed.

New member applications:

Associate:

Robin & Patty Jacobsen
William Lopp

Changes:

Active to Senior:

Dave & Jane Berger
Assoc to Inactive:
Tom & Teri Wirkus
Chuck & Brittney Caley

Resignations:

Associate:

Charles & Gloria Wennerberg
Markus Krug

307 memberships

Meetings/Club Hours

Please check RYC eblasts for info about food service and Club hours.

See this month's calendar on page 4 for additional coming events:

CURRENT CLUB OPENINGS

Monday /Tuesday / Thursday at 4PM

Wednesday / Friday at 11AM

Saturday / Sunday at 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)

SaturdayLunch (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

HOUSE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Robin Posnanski

Current Project

- The beer cooler has developed an issue with the ventilation and is being worked on.
- The patch in the beer sink is no longer working.
- Carpet Cleaning on 10/18 – Carpet cleaning will be done every 6 months

Projects in Process

- We have hired a plumber to install a hand washing sink in the kitchen. This will satisfy our compliance issue with the City of Racine Health Department. Due to the code requirements we will need to install a separate sink in the kitchen. I am working with the plumber to determine the most cost-effective solution. The handwashing sink cannot be attached to a counter and must be hands free.
- A new toilet is being installed in the ladies room. The toilet has been ordered once it comes in it will be installed.
- We have hired an electrician to fix the deficiency in the hood exhaust vent. (There is conduit running thru the vent.

We will need to remove and re-route the conduit and patch the holes in the vent)

Closed Projects

- Erica's Catering has applied for a license thru the City of Racine.
- A new screen door for the Kitchen has been installed.
- The sink in the bar was leaking it has been fixed (valve issue). – Scott Posnanski
- There was a problem with a sink in the Kitchen it has been fixed (valve issue). – Scott Posnanski
- Ice Machine has been fixed – it has been recommended that every 6 months it be cleaned

Notes

I want to give a special Thank you to my house adviser on projects Pat Sullivan.

We will be asking members to please use the carpet runner (clear plastic) to be placed in front of the food tables for Packer Sundays, and events to help protect the carpet.

This will be in the e-blast and newsletter.

PIER DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Heather Ellis

Pier Maintenance/ Projects Completed

- The 10 minute Dock section was reinstalled.
- Finger 3/4 structure is reinstalled thanks to Charlie Manning, Mark Lukow, Rick Rowinski, Steve Gancarz, and Stacey Ellis

In Progress

- Dennis Barclay is building 4 new ice eater electrical panels. A trial version will be set-up to test the current monitoring capabilities.
- Finger 3/4 needs decking and stairs reinstalled.
- East pier improvements in progress.
- Pier Wi-Fi installation in progress.
- Winter preparations are under way.

Slip Rentals

- Currently have 44 filled slips (2 are for club boats) and 10 available slips.

YARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Joyce Hoffman

Summer boating is over; winter storage is starting. Many thanks are due to all of our capable volunteers who make our yard look good and help us haul out.

Roofing: Thanks to Jeff and Don Schaefer for supplying labor and supplemental materials needed to reroof the pavilion and bulletin board/electrical panel cabinet. Thanks to Charlie M for use of his truck to haul off the waste and to Joe Fox for needed electrical work.

Repairs: Thanks to John Connell for repairing the fire pit table and galley fence gate.

Droprite trimmed all three trees last week. Mary Manning trimmed the overgrown junipers along the walkway to the pier.

Discussion: The Pier gate is hard to open. Can we get the key fob system added to the gate? Kim mentioned that one of the systems would allow the membership card used rather than the fobs.

RACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Steve Gancarz

The 2022 race season is in the books. I would like to give a shoutout to the AFSC program and their participation in the race season this year. Gary and the Crew of Fortitude have made great improvements throughout the year and ended their season with a First Place JAM finish in the Blue Nose Regatta. Great Job!

The awards banquet is scheduled for January 28, 2023. Mark it on your calendar and look for more information in the coming months.

Steve found a Luhrs 30 ft boat that would make a good committee boat. A diesel with 290 hrs on the engine, one owner, heated storage and no trailer.

Discussion followed: This boat would have a larger aft deck to run the races from. It is more suited for running races. Robin moved (Joyce 2nd) to give Steve permission to purchase the Luhrs up to \$12,750. Passed.

Steve said John Stanley & Fred Stritt would accompany him to inspect the boat. It was recommended they do an oil analysis.

ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Kurt Lasson

Halloween we're going to be having our party on Saturday October 29th. 6pm. There will be karaoke and I want the "peeps" to bring some ghoulish treats. I have been waiting for my agent to get back to me about the Gobble Wobble Wednesday, November 23rd. Pull Tabs will be coming back soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

By-Laws: Mark Lukow sent an email. Attached here.

1. Suspension of SUMMER Membership Meetings: Our bylaws specify that suspending a meeting requires a majority vote at the meeting prior to the proposed suspensions. (Article X, Section A.). I met with Fred Stritt and he agreed to let this lay until the May GMM meeting.

2. Electronic voting: A member asked about electronic voting in general membership meetings (GMM.) The short answer is probably not, at least not yet.

• Voting for officers and directors: Article V Section C states that "a majority vote of the members present shall elect a candidate to office" and makes provisions for absentee ballots to be cast at the clubhouse. Remote/electronic voting is not permitted for elections.

• Voting by "secure electronic means" is explicitly permitted for board meetings as specified in Article VI Section C of the bylaws.

• Robert's Rules of Order state that alternative methods of voting, such as mail, email, or fax must be specified in the bylaws.

• There are good reasons to allow/promote virtual participation in GMM meetings. There are also challenges to running hybrid meetings and some changes and commitments we'd have to make. If the interest is sufficient we should pursue virtual participation, including a tweak to the bylaws.

3. ByLaws revised to Sept 2022. I'm having some technical issues on my end. I hope to get updated bylaws out soon.

Hook: The NOR is in the works. July 15, 2023 is the race. There will be a Super Hook as Bayview and Chicago swapped dates for their Mac races based on Bayview's 100th anniversary.

Adult Sailing Education: no report
 Adult Family Sailing/Cruising: The AFSC is hosting a cookout after Haul Out this Saturday the 15th to thank the boaters who have helped us throughout the year. Oct. 27th is our end of year celebration.
 RYC Youth Sailing Program: December 10, 2022 (5:30PM) is the youth sailing "Get Together". Mark your calendar, details will follow. Maddie Lyon had a great turn out for the Free Sail Saturday. Kids were able to sail their boat of choice, the Laser, BIC, 420 or Opti. Afterwards the kids helped prepare the boats for winter.
 A big thank you also goes out to Maddie Lyon for putting all of the youth sailing boats away and cleaning up the dry sail area in preparation of haul out. A huge shout out to Terry & John Lyon for helping too!

RYC Youth Foundation: no report
 Midwest PHRF: October 27 meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 What happened with the employee appreciation sail and food? There was a miscommunication amongst several board members. We will hold a party in the spring.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Sean brought up Serving Food at the Bar on Friday nights. Discussion followed: In the past, on Friday nights there was no dining service at the bar as the bartender is too busy. It takes a long time to check out. Maybe from Memorial Day to Labor Day we could stop dinner service at the bar. We will discuss this with the staff.

Annual Reports are due next month.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB: none

OFF WATCH: none

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

	In County	Out of County	Total
ACTIVE, +30	70	39	109
ACTIVE, -30	0	0	0
SENIOR	52	14	66
LIFE	27	4	31
ASSOCIATE	61	24	85
NRES	0	16	16
	210	97	307
	72%	28%	

VOTING: 206
 NON VOTING: 101

Dani Dickert
 Entertainment Director Bio

My name is Dani Dickert and I am a third generation member of the Racine Yacht club. Growing up at the RYC I have seen many diverse events and activities that the club has provided members over the years. As a college student I worked for the Downtown Racine Corporation helping organize and hold events downtown such as Gallery Nights and Party on the Pavement. I have been racing sailboats at the RYC since I was eight years old, and continue to sail today in both Racine and Milwaukee. I am currently in my 13th year as a teacher in Racine and have a great deal of experience putting on events for schools. During that time I have made a number of connections with former students and staff that could provide a variety of entertainment opportunities. I believe that our club should be a place where members always feel welcome, and as Entertainment Director it would be my ultimate goal to provide a variety of opportunities for members to socialize and in order to build a stronger sense of community amongst our members.

Laurie Hennig
 Recording Secretary Bio

My name is Laurie Hennig and I have been an active member for over 35 years. Racine Yacht Club has been like a second home to me. I have made many lifelong friendships there. Many years ago I volunteered on the Race Committee and I did the scoring for the Wednesday night races.

I am running for the Recording Secretary position. I worked in banking until I married Rick and for the last 29 years I have been running with Rick our family business, Rite Engineering Company. I look forward to being the new Recording Secretary and trying to make the club all it can be for all of our members.

Greg Miller
 Treasurer Bio

Getting to Know Greg Miller

- Member since 2014, along with my wife of 18 years Jill and our son Brady (15). We had one 2-year period of being inactive while living in Arkansas from 2019 - 2021.
- Education: Finance, Investments and Banking BBA from UW Madison. MBA from Marquette.
- Experience: 20+ years of finance related jobs including the last 9 years with SC Johnson. Roles included managing finances for our Waxdale Mfg. plant and our global IT organization. Recently spent time in Corporate Development / Mergers & Acquisitions leading commercial teams in buying/selling of companies and brands.
- Favorite part of RYC is Wednesday Night racing. Crewed on Fortitude before it was the club boat and spent last year on Split Personality.
- Active in Long Term Planning.
- Excited for the opportunity of preserving the long-term financial health of RYC and smartly make investments to improve the club. I made my intentions known one year ago and have been learning from Frank since.
- Lastly, I want to thank Frank for his dedication to RYC. (I have big shoes to fill)

Amy Cermak
 Commodore Bio

I am honored to be elected as RYC Commodore for 2023. I am an ambitious visionary with the integrity to guide the club with fresh ideas as we move forward in 2023. I have a Master's degree in Education and 34 years of experience with the Kenosha Unified School District. I am an avid sailboat racer who skippers boats and loves to expose new people to sailing. My commitment to RYC is grounded in my background as an educator and my desire to share RYC's purpose "for the encouragement and promotion of yachting and the creation of a spirit of good fellowship".
 I am most proud of our Youth Sailing program under the direction of Maddie Lyon. We are very fortunate to have the RYC Youth Foundation to support the youth sailing by purchasing new boats, sails, and other necessary equipment.
 As Commodore I will continue to work closely with the Flag officers and Directors to support their efforts.

Deanna Pederson
 Membership Secretary Bio

If you envision a successful Membership Secretary, what do you see? I am Deanna Pederson and am running for the position of Membership Secretary for the Racine Yacht Club members. I want to hear your thoughts, and am open to new ideas.

My goal is to organize the Membership duties with detail and enthusiasm. I am looking forward to hearing from other members of what our goals are for the future of the RYC to increase and maintain membership.


My husband Matthew Pederson and I have been members of the RYC for 23 years, Matt even longer. The RYC has been so much a part of our lives and our family. It is important to my husband and I to be a part of the growth and development for the future of the RYC for our family and others to enjoy.

Rear Commodore
 Aaron Cruthers

As a native of the Racine area, I began sailing Butterflies on Brown's Lake when I was 6 years old. Hopelessly hooked on sailing, since then, I began racing scows and lasers in college and worked as the Racine Yacht Club's youth sailing instructor for three years until leaving for dental school in 1996. Upon graduating from the University of Minnesota dental school, I served in the US Navy as a dental officer achieving the rank of LT commander aboard the USS Frank Cable AS-40. In 2004, I returned to Racine with my wife Pong whom I met on a sailing sabbatical in Thailand. I joined Racine Dental Group, in 2004, and have served on the board of directors and as a past president and chief of operations there. I have also been an active member of the yacht club since 2004 and am the proud owner of the slow but glamorous sailing vessel Invictus. Without hesitation, I look forward to serving the club and the board of directors as they position the club for the future while upholding the values and traditions of our past that make our club great!

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 — November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast (9AM to 2PM) 30	Closed 31	Closed 1	Club Opens @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) Bunco 6PM 2	Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) KARAOKE 6PM Prospective New Member Member Meeting 7PM 3	Club Opens @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) Old Timers Lunch (noon) 4	Club Opens at 11AM (Lunch is served at 11AM) 5
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Mark Your Calendar

- NOV 2 - Bunco 6PM
- Nov 3 - Karaoke 6PM
Prospective New Member Meeting 7PM
- NOV 4: Old Timer's Lunch (Noon)
- NOV 9: Bingo 6PM
- NOV 17: ANNUAL General Membership Meeting 7PM
- NOV 19: Vendor Fair 12 to 4PM
- NOV 24: Thanksgiving Day Tom & Jerry's 9AM to NOON
- Save the Date
- DEC 11: Breakfast with Santa



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RYC STAR FLEET NEWS

The Star Class held its 100th annual World Championship event September 8-17 at the Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA. Ross Adams, with crew AJ Brown, represented RYC and the Western Lake Michigan Star Fleet. They were scored 57th out of eighty-four boats with a best race finish of 33rd. Adams was scored 19th of twenty-three Master skippers, aged 50-60 years old. The regatta was Adams' seventh Star World Championship as either skipper or crew.

October 12-15, The Gull Lake (MI) Star Fleet hosted the 6th Annual Vintage Gold Cup Regatta at the Gull Lake Yacht Club, Richland, MI. Jack Rickard, with AJ Brown as crew, represented the WLM Fleet, and RYC, scoring 18th in a 25-boat fleet, with a best race placing of 10th, sailing the restored wooden "Bottoms Up." In doing so, Rickard revisited his roots in the class. He owned his first star, numbered 1160, at age fourteen, 68 years ago. The regatta is organized by the Gull Lake Fleet and Don Parfet and Jon VanderMolen, who restored fifteen of the boats, equipping them with modern rigs. Among competing skippers were seven Star Class world champions, including Lars Graef of Brazil who won the regatta with crew Isao Toyama, Star Olympians Mark Reynolds, and Paul Cayard, and Swedish champion and Star boat constructor Leif Carlsson.



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40'	1998	Caliber 40 LRC - Live Your Dream.....	\$179,000
38'	2023	Jeanneau SO 380 - New Boat in November.....	Call "Captain Ed"
38'	2001	Beneteau Oceanis 381 - Attractive ask	\$77,000
37'	2003	Dufour Gib' Sea 37 - Bow Thruster	\$98,000
37'	1986	Pacific Seacraft Crealock 37 - Ocean ready	\$119,900
36'	2022	Jeanneau Leader 10.5 Series2 -New - Deal Pending	"Captain Ed"
36'	1973	Islander 36 - Just for Fun.....	Reduced \$17,700
35'	2004	Catalina 350 MKII - Good Family Boat	\$129,900
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30'	2019	One Design L30 - Hot Racer with Comfort.....	\$230,000
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