REEF POINT

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

(RYC Constitution, Article II)



Racine Yacht Club Racine, Wisconsin

Commodore's Report

This year Racine Yacht Club is celebrating 106 years of camaraderie and 50 years in our current clubhouse. I feel honored and privileged to be a member of this Club and I am grateful that 50 years ago members had the vision to build this clubhouse. The view looking out the window is amazing, in any type of weather.

The following people have been RYC members for over 50 years.

81 years Pat Berbe

76 years Janice Tomasek

74 years Helen Veenstra

66 years Barb Gorsiske

63 years Arlene Henig

63 years Tony Herrmann

63 years Frank Catrine

63 years Ron Meissner

62 years Jim Rooney

60 years Ken Luedtke

59 years Louise Kivlin

59 years Gerry Nitz

56 years Sherm Foertsch

55 years Shirley Meyer

54 years Jim Seitz

53 years Charlie Rice

53 years Don Putning

51 years Joan Tobias

We are in the process of developing a partnership with the City of Racine Fire Department. They have purchased a jet dock to store their 17ft. Zodiac rigid inflatable boat at the Yacht Club. Pier Director Heather Ellis is working out the details with them. The purpose of having their boat at the Club is to allow the dive team quick access to the lake in an emergency situation.

May is a busy month at the Club as the long-awaited boating season is right around the corner. There are plenty of opportunities to get your work or pay hours in. Contact Heather Ellis if you would like to work on the pier or Joyce Hoffman if you would like to work in the yard, plant flowers, or tend to the beach.

Dust off your hat for the Kentucky Derby party and Chili Cookoff on Saturday, May 7th.

May 14th is boat launch: see Charlie Manning's detailed instructions.

Sunday, May 15, (3-5PM) Sarah Pederson will present a seminar titled, "Unexpectedly in Charge." Sarah has a wealth of information and will cover situations that you may experience and how to handle them.

May 21st is Yard and Dock day. Come down, meet new friends and get some work or pay hours in. This is always a great time and you won't want to miss the delicious chili prepared by Todd Knop.

May 25th is our first Wednesday race! Get your boat ready and join in the fun. Race Director, Steve Gancarz has a great season planned!

Opening Day Ceremony and the Blessing of our Fleet will be held on Saturday, May 28 at 10AM Sharp. I hope you can attend. Erica will have lunch specials (11am-2pm), informal modeling of new RYC apparel (Noon-2pm), there will be Happy Hour Drink specials (2pm-6pm), and there will also be music in the afternoon by Stan Karcz "The Piano Man."

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

See you on the water.

Commodore Amy



Amy Cermak-Commodore



Debbie Hauer & Lynn Monroe-dressed like the 1970's.



Jim & Nancy Rooney-members 62 years



Joan & Charlie Rice-members 53 years

SPRING CLUB HOURS

CLOSED Monday 11:00 - Close Wed/Fri/Sat 4:00 - Close Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 - Close Sunday

Check most recent E-blasts for Erica's Dining Room Hours!

From the April board meeting minutes: From Treasurer Frank Randall:

- We had an adjusted income for the month of \$27,150 and for the year to date \$41,184. A major reason for the gains are payments for the HOOK Race, Youth sailing school and Adult sailing school. Most expenditures for these activities will come later. For example we took in \$13,282 in HOOK fees and have spent only \$966 YTD. We have taken in \$14,350 for youth classes which have not yet begun. We have received \$4940 in fees for the Adult Sailing School, but have spent only \$317 YTD.
- I have moved the section on the front page listing Great Lake water levels to the back page and replaced it with a table listing donations. So far this year we have had no donations, but \$2053 remains unspent from the house redecorating fund.
- Lake Michigan has gone up four inches in the last month and is expected to go up another four inches during the next month. We are past the seasonal low water levels.

From Commodore Amy Cermak:

• The 106th Opening Day ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 28 @ 10AM sharp. Board Members: Please confirm that you are able to attend or let me know if you are unable to attend.

From **Office Manager Kim Shortess:** No report

From Vice Commodore Sean Fox:

• The Long Term Planning committee met on March 28th to discuss and prioritize capital improvements for RYC. The last report that was done was for 2013-2022. We will be working on updating a 10 year plan. I will be providing information to the directors as to what we discussed and what we will be looking at doing. After getting more information, quotes and anything else we may need I will compile everything and provide a report for the general membership.

From Rear Commodore Rob Jossart:

 Richter Building roof replacement is scheduled for some time in 2nd half of April.

From Membership Secretary Theresa Rooney:

| In County | Out of County | Total |
|-----------|---|---|
| 0 64 | 38 | 102 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 55 | 14 | 69 |
| 25 | 4 | 29 |
| 55 | 17 | 72 |
| 0 | 17 | 17 |
| 196 | 90 | 289 |
| 72% | 28% | |
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VOTING: 200 NON VOTING: 89

- NonRes to Active: Maryanne Theyerl Active to Senior: Bill and Carol Halliday Steve and Dianne Paulson Mary Vandehei, Kurt Lasson Senior to Life: Gretchen Romanshek Active to Inactive: Ellie and Jerry Smith Assoc to Inactive: Mark Conrad and Ann Jambois (not resigned from March) Brian and Carol Duffy Inactive to Active: Walter & Nancy Joerg New member Applications: Associate: Donna Reierson, Tom and Mary Rhind, Steve and Tammy Schindler Theresa moved (Steve 2nd) to accept new applications and change requests.
- Once again a thank you to all who helped at Milaeger's Farmers Market. We had dozens of leads for youth sailing and membership. I will be sending an invite to the RYC open house on June 4th to those people who gave us their e-mail addresses on the signup sheet.

Passed

- Kim has ordered the new membership cards for May 1, 2022 to April 2023.
- The updated rack cards with the QR code was dropped off at the Racine Visitor Center.
- Due to a conflict I notified the Racine Zoo that I would not be attending the Eggstravaganza. I will be having a booth at the first Animal Crackers on July 13th. I contacted Rely Local to remove outdated information on the website.
- A big thank you to Racine Riverside for a vendor booth at their Mix and Mingle on May 1st. Membership will be donating a raffle basket for the event.
- July 16th RYC will be at the Meet and Greet at Reefpoint.
- Two requests from inactive to remain associates (Sellers (2015 to 2017) / Clair and David Holland). Never paid active dues. Discussion followed. Since they did not quit the Club and we retained their certificate, they can come back as

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

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

May

- 5 7:00pm New Member Night
- 12 6:00pm Board Meeting
- 19 General Membership Meeting

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- 9 6:00pm Board Meeting
- 16 General Membership Meeting

CURRENT CLUB OPENINGS

Mon. CLOSED Tues., Thurs. – 4PM Weds Fri Sat – 11AM

Weds., Fri., Sat. – 11AM* 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

| Wed., Fri. Lunch | 11:00-2:00 |
|------------------------|------------|
| Wed. Thur. Fri. Dinner | 5:00-8:00 |
| Sunday Breakfast | 9:00-2:00 |
| Check most recent E-b | |

Dining Room hours of operation.

OFFICE HOURS 8 AM until 2 PM M-F

Associate.

• I will be attending an adult sailing class to promote membership.

From House Director Robin Posnanski

- Current Projects
 - Replacement of current dishes.
- Closed Projects

We have experienced damage to the beer cooler floor due to the negligent handling by our vendor. The vendor has acknowledged this and is paying to have it fixed. Once again Rick Henning and family paid for the aluminum to be placed on the floor and Rick Cermak installed everything.

Notes

I want to thank Rick Cermak, Amy Cermak and Kim Shortess for stepping in for me while I was out of commission.

From Pier Director Heather Ellis:

• Pier Maintenance/Repairs

Ice eaters are off and out of the water. Total 46 days run. Thanks to Johnny Frey, Charlie Manning and Stacey Ellis

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Visit RYC's Website at www.racineyachtclub.org

for the most up-to-date information, events and race results.

for hauling them out.

Water in dry sail area will be on as of today compliments of Dennis Barclay and Charlie Manning.

Finger 46/48 is reattached and surprisingly straight. Thanks to Mark Lukow, Charlie Manning, Chad Faulds, Dave Janke, and Dennis Barclay for the safe restoration.

Next priority, lowering fingers and adding stairs to lowered fingers. Then on to repairing and rerouting water lines on west pier, railing and re-decking east pier, electrical repair on west pier, etc.

chelpful but not required. Anyone interested should contact Heather Ellis.

. • Slip Rentals

Currently have 43 filled slips (3 are for Club boats) and 7 open slips.

Working with Racine Fire Department to find a suitable location for their water rescue boat and jet dock. With the Fire Dept using our dock, they have offered to give a CPR class. Also, as they have some of their dive training events, they might be able to rescue some dropped items.

From **Yard Director Joyce Hoffman**:

- Star Crane Inspection Wisconsin Lifting Specialists, Inc. will make an annual safety inspection of the Star Crane on April 22, 2022.
- Spring Cleaning A beach and lawn cleanup is planned Friday, April 22, 2022 from 10:30 am - noon. Sand removal is also needed around the clubhouse. Work-or-Pay opportunity. Meet at picnic tables.
- Summer Boat Storage Trailered boats can be stored by active members in the Drysail area after Yard & Dock Day (scheduled May 21, 2022). Rack storage is also available for dinghies and other watercraft. Contact Kim in the RYC office for contract details.

 Summer Yard Help - I am looking for a couple of teens interested in working for pay in the RYC yard June through August.

From Race Director Steve Gancarz:

- Due to supply chain issues, the replacement buoys that were ordered in Orange have been changed to Yellow.
- Spring is here and our committee boats are in need of some spring preparations.
 If you would like to volunteer please contact me. My email address is sgancarz@ymail.com.

From **Entertaiment Director Kurt Lasson**:

- Sat. May 7th. Derby Bash Race at 5:50 Entertainment in the making
- Sunday May 8th. Mothers Day 9:30 am
 1 pm Jess Piano Piano bar experience
- Opening Day, Sat. May 28th. 2-6 pm. Piano-man Stan Karcz Piano/Sax
- Open House, Sat. June 4th. 2-5 pm Judson Brown Duo Guitar - Violin
- TRI-CLUB RYC is LAST 5-pm. Band to be announced shortly

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **By-Laws:** *Nothing to report.*
- **HOOK:** We have 48 boats signed up and 5 for the Super HOOK.
- Adult Family Sailing/Cruising: Squares raffle is sold out. Winner will be

pulled at the April Bingo night. April meeting is 4/28 and will be on Aids to Navigation. May 15th Sarah Pederson will be giving a presentation on "Unexpectedly In Charge". We have a diamond painting raffle of the RYC being raffled at Open House June 4th.

• RYC Youth Sailing Program: Registration for this summer's youth sailing classes are in full swing. Session 1 & 2 are full, session 3 & 4 still have a few spots open.

• RYC Youth Foundation:

Class agendas are being created for the season. Registration for Youth Sailing classes has begun. The Annual RYC Youth Foundation board meeting was held on March 30. The Bylaws were updated and approved. Equipment needs for the Youth Sailing Program are being evaluated for the 2022 sailing season.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Both Society Assets and The Prairie School sent a request for a donation. Carol will check with Jack aand Lynn Landwehr to see if they are still interested in donating sailboat rides. Steve Gancarz said he would be available to offer a ride also.

NEW BUSINESS:

Venetian Night will be July 30th if anyone is interested in entering and decorating their boat.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

None





RYC Calendar of Events — May-June

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| Club Opens 9:00 Breakfast (9AM to 2PM) Adult Sail Orientation | CLUB CLOSED 2 | Club Opens @ 4:00 3 Adult Sail Classroom Session 1 | Club Opens 4 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) BUNCO 6PM | Club Opens 5 @ 4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) Karaoke Night - 6PM New Member Night - 7PM | Club Opens 6 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) OLD TIMER'S LUNCH - NOON | Club Opens 7 @ 9:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Derby Day |
| Club Opens @ 9:00 Mother's Day Breakfast (9AM to 1PM) | CLUB CLOSED 9 | Club Opens @ 4:00 10 Adult Sail Classroom Session 2 | Club Opens 11 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) Bingo Night 6PM | Club Opens @ 12 4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) Board Meeting - 6:00 | Club Opens @ 11:00 13 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) | Club Opens 14 @ 9:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) LAUNCH DAY |
| Club Opens @ 9:00 15 Breakfast (9AM to 2PM) Unexpectedly In-Charge Seminar | Club Opens 16 @ 4:00 | Club Opens @ 4:00 17 Adult Sail Classroom Session 3 | Club Opens 18 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) | Club Opens @ 19 4:00 General Membership Meeting 7PM | Club Opens @ 11:00 20 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) | Club Opens 21 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Yard & Dock Day |
| Club Opens 22 @ 9:00 Breakfast (9AM to 2PM) | Club Opens @ 4:00 6:30 pm Kayaking 101: "What you need to get started" presented by Rutabaga Paddlesports, Madison | Club Opens 24 @ 4:00 Adult Sail Classroom Session 4 | Club Opens 25 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) First Wednesday Race | Club Opens 26 @ 4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) | Club Opens 27 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) | Club Opens 28 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) OPENING DAY |
| Club Opens @ 9:00 29 Breakfast (9AM to 2PM) | Club Opens 30 @ 11:00 MEMORIAL DAY | Club Opens @ 4:00 31 Adult Sail On-the -Water Session 1 | Club Opens 1 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) Wednesday Racing June | Club Opens 2 @ 4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) | Club Opens 3 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) OLD TIMER'S LUNCH - NOON | Club Opens 4 @ 11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) |

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Entertainment/Events

MAY 7: Derby Day MAY 14: LAUNCH DAY MAY 15: Unexpectedly In-Charge Seminar

MAY 21: Yard & Dock Day

MAY 28: OPENING DAY

Join us for RYC's events! Celebration, camaraderie, laughs and good times.

It's what Racine Yacht Club is all about – so come on down and be a part of the fun!

AFSC Raffle

The AFSC is raffling off a diamond painting at the Open House June 4th. We will be selling \$5 tickets now through the Open House. The photo by Steve Paulson was sent in and put on sticky paper for a diamond painting completed by Carol Stanley.







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AFSC ADULT FAMILY SAILING/CRUISING

AFSC Adult Family Sailing/Cruising

What is a big, fun, main part of Sailing?

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the Cruising/Destination Sailing you want to happen!

See all the tools, guides and resources in the Cruising folder in https://tinyurl.com/afscdocs and Come to the AFSC Bi-Weekly Saturday Sailing; Cruising 6/11 Overnight Cruise, 25; 7/9,

23; 8/6, 20; 9/3, 17; 10/1. Put the dates in your Calendar. Speak up for the Cruising you want!

AFSC now has a super, comprehensive Cruising Program Thanks to Don Day for making

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The **SUMMER SAILING SEASON** is starting with the

- □ 5/14 Launch and AFSC Cookout, and the □ 6/2 start of AFSC Thursday Sailing; Boating and Paddling Boating!
- So A What are your **goals**; **plans or "bucket list"** for sailing? What do you want to learn and do the most for your sailing?

For example, RBs is:

- 1 Set up and go around gates like you would in snow and water skiing.
- 1 in Fun Learn Practice Sailing https://tinyurl.com/afscdocs
- 2 Learn and master Virtual Sailing and Learning in Resource Box.
- 3 Overnight cruising/destination sailing like to Milwaukee, Winthrop Harbor and most of all across the lake and harbor hopping
- 4 Overcome my fear of storms and going through one out on the lake
- 5 Learn how to cruise and be a skipper/captain for overnight cruising

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B How do you want to meet; achieve your sailing wants/needs, interests and goals?

For RB, it's:

- 1 A coach/mentor and sailing partner/buddy;
- 2 How to overcome a fear of storms, actually go through one?;
- 3 Learn Basic Coastal Cruising ASA 103 and Coastal Navigation ASA 105;
- 4 Set up tethering and reefing on a keelboat.
- 5 Learn these 5 Topics in *Learn to Sail Pass Club Sailboat Qualification---*15 Navigation; 17 VHF marine radio; 23 Heaving to; 24 Reefing; 25 Storms.

Refer to; use **A-E to help answer 1 and 2**, and what you want to learn and do the most for your sailing and how to achieve it. All docs in https://tinyurl.com/afscdocs

- A Sailing Action Plan
- B Learn to Sail and Pass Club Sailboat Qualification (26 Topics)
- C Skipper Qualification Sailing Skills (Sample On-the-Water-Test)
- D How to Learn Improve Sailing (13 ways)
- E Fun Learn Practice Sailing (15 activities)



Racine Yacht Club Opening Day Saturday May 28th, 2022

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