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LETTER FROM THE COMMODORE

Spring Greetings KYC Members and Friends,

As I see more and more boats uncovered and preparations beginning, I know that we are getting closer to launching boats and being on the water. What a great time of the year! I wish for safety for all as we move through the spring launch.

Along with boat preparations, the dock and yard have been busy in other ways. You may have seen pictures of the south lawn filled with people on Monday. Thank you to Dan Newman for offering a great opportunity to members and the community as he set up his telescopes so many could view the eclipse. There was a great turnout and those who stopped by enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Scott for opening the bar for participants on a day we are usually closed and it was great to see folks enjoying the Island Deck on such a beautiful day. A sight that we are seeing more frequently now.

As we look forward, two events will happen on April 20th. Following the Race Committee meeting at noon, we will have

EVENTS

Mixed Nuts

Every Wednesday KYC at 3pm
Come join the fun!!!

Annual Chili Cookoff

Saturday April 20, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

KYC Spring Race Meeting

Saturday April 20, 12 - 1:00 PM

Live Trivia

Wednesday April 24, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Every other Wednesday

Public Education: Crew Overboard!

Wednesday April 24, 6:30 PM

Cinco de Derby

Saturday May 4, 4:00 PM - finish line

KYC Board Meeting

Monday May 6, 6:00 PM

Beach Cleanup

Saturday May 18, 9 -11:00 AM

Practice Race

Thursday May 30

Blessing of the Fleet

Sunday June 2, 10:30 AM

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COMMODORE'S LETTER

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our annual Chili Cookoff from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. If you are participating in the Race Committee meeting, stay and enjoy some chili. If you are not a part of that meeting, come by the KYC at 1:00pm and join the fun. Either way bring a crockpot of your favorite chili to share in the competition. Following voting for our favorite, there will be prizes for the top two winners. If you plan to bring chili, please let Amy know by sending her an email at adamsa311@gmail.com so she can plan for the number of entries. If you are not bringing chili, just come and enjoy!

Financially we are moving forward. Our treasurer and the board have been hard at work developing a 2024 budget and this week the board was able to adopt that budget. It has been posted on our Members Only Website and you can access it there or through the link emailed to you with the invitation to the Happy Hour with the Commodore.

April marks the beginning of a new collection focus as we reach out to the community so please remember to bring socks for the Outreach Center and put them in the basket Kathy Otto has provided and also let Martia Kemps know if anyone needs some "Good Winds."

Upcoming dates to add to your calendar include:

April 24th – Person Overboard Event at 6:30pm

May 4th – Cinco de Derby Party

May 6th - Kenosha Yacht Club Board Meeting at 6:00pm

June 2nd - Blessing of the Fleet

I look forward to seeing you at the KYC.

Fair Winds and Following Seas to All!

Commodore Joyce



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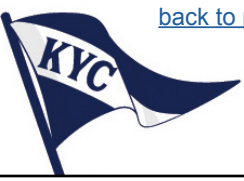
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Report from the KYC Foundation Mike Ludtke

This month, I want to talk about education. The KYC Foundation is the educational arm of the Kenosha Yacht Club, so one of our objectives is to offer educational opportunities to the community.

I believe education is the key to having fun on a boat. I've been boating for 30+ years and seen many boaters come and go. Those that embrace educating themselves about their new hobby enjoy it more than those who don't. As a Vessel Examiner, I've seen many new boaters buy a boat, who didn't know what they were doing, only to give up because they just never got the hang of it. But, they never tried to learn the many aspects of boating safely and competently.

This month we planned to offer America's Boating Course to the public. Anyone born after Jan 1, 1989, is required to have a valid boat operators' certificate to operate a powerboat or PWC in the state of Wisconsin and many other states. Students who

complete the course will receive their Boating Safety Certificate. But it just didn't work out, we didn't get enough students to fill the class. We will try to schedule another class in the future.

On Wednesday, April 24th, at 6:30pm, I'll be presenting a **Person Overboard Seminar**. Thank god I've never had to recover someone who went overboard. We've all thought about it and maybe discussed the possibility with our crews. I'll have the United States Power Squadrons slideshow to present. But, the most valuable part of the presentation will be the discussion. What equipment do you have on board? What experiences do you have? Join us for this group discussion on how to handle this situation.

And of course we have our on the water classes, with our **First Sail** and **Sail 101** classes beginning soon. Registration is available on our website, KYCFoundation.org.



HAWSER BEND.



Affordable On-Water Powerboat Training Courses Now Offered in Milwaukee & Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; South Haven, Michigan

MILWAUKEE, April 8, 2024 – If you have always wanted to see what boating is like, or you're a boat operator with a desire to grow your powerboat-handling skills or give yourself a boost of confidence behind the helm, now is your chance. On-water training provider Boat Safe Great Lakes, Carefree Boat Club, Gull Lake Marine, and the nonprofit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water have teamed up to offer a series of at-the-helm boating courses in Milwaukee and Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and South Haven, Michigan.

The three-hour on-water courses are affordably priced at \$199 and held aboard 21- to 26-foot single engine powerboats under the watchful eye of a U.S. Coast Guard-licensed instructor. Class size is limited to a maximum of four students per vessel, ensuring everyone gets sufficient time at the helm. Courses follow a National Safe Boating Council modular curriculum and are held Mondays through Thursdays.

"Courses follow a sequential learning process that allows you to take the one you need, such as Introduction to Powerboating for beginners, or build upon your skills by continuing with Precision Docking & Boat Handling, Open- Water Boat Handling or Advanced Maneuvers," said Alan Dennison, program supervisor for the BoatUS Foundation.

The minimum age to participate is 16 years old, and there is a two-person minimum per boat for the classes to take place. BoatUS Foundation On-Water Training programs are offered at 15 locations across the U.S. Sign up at BoatUS.org/On-Water



Kenosha Yacht Club Bar and Grille is open to the public Wednesday - Sunday.

These photos were sent in to the Mainsheet on Thursday April 18 by Tina Niemi and Scott Reich. A U.S. Geological Survey ship had pulled up to the dock. The warm spring day was now a cooling rainy spring evening, but the warm friendly KYC bar was abuzz with conversation and laughter.

In a very few weeks, boats will be launched. Then the Island Deck will reopen for a relaxed open air experience of KYC's that brings the best beautiful location.





Dock and Derrick

Dockmaster Doug Vaccarello

We will start launching boats when we can get at least 3 to make it worth while to come down. Let's get them ready.

Saturday April 13





JOIN AN ADOPT-A-BEACH CLEANUP!

BEACH **Simmons Island, Kenosha WI**

DATE **Saturday May 18, 2024**

TIME **9:00am – 11:00pm**



Scan the QR code or visit
adopt.greatlakes.org to learn
more and reserve your space!



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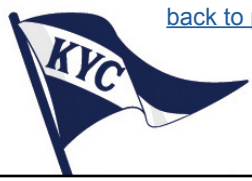
Join the staff of the *Mainsheet* and never worry about volunteer hours for the Club again!

We need a Publisher and an Editor. The Editor is responsible for planning each issue, soliciting articles and photos from members, and getting it all to the Publisher in time for each issue. The Publisher lays out the newsletter and creates a pdf.

To join our staff, email secretary@kenoshayachtclub.com

Do you have news for the *Mainsheet*?

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Good Winds by Martia Kemps

⚓ We continue to keep Chip Ostenberg in our thoughts as he continues with therapy and healing.

⚓ Good wishes for quick healing to Mike Marquardt as he heals from a fractured ankle.

⚓ Our good wishes to Tom Hartley as he heals from recent surgery. Take good care.

⚓ We wish the best to Ron Barth during hospitalization and testing.

⚓ A big congratulations to our Yacht Club bartender Jill on her recent engagement to boyfriend Greg. So happy for you both!

⚓ Thank you to Dan Newman for setting up his magnificent telescopes for all to witness the recent eclipse. You made it quite a day and experience for all who attended. Thank you so much!





OUTREACH

Kathy Otto

Happy Spring to all!

As we move into Spring we will be changing our Outreach donations. During April, May, and June we will be collecting **socks** and hopefully **more socks**. We need men's, women's, and children's socks.

We know we can count on your continued generosity and support.



During March we collected at least another 25 hygiene items. January through March we hit about 100!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

KYC Continues A Beloved Tradition

Sunday, June 2, 2024

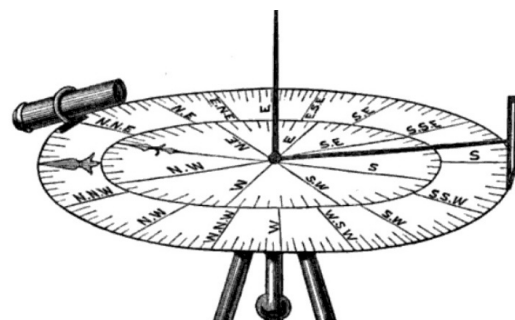
Your Kenosha Yacht Club takes pride in announcing its 66th annual Blessing of the Fleet, which will begin at 10:30am, on Sunday, June 2nd at the KYC. As always the general public is welcome.

At the Kenosha Yacht Club, as with many boating organizations and communities worldwide, the Blessing of the Fleet symbolizes the start of the boating season. This centuries-old tradition has been passed down from generation to generation, asking that ships and their crews be safeguarded from the dangers of the seas, for a fisherperson's bountiful catch, and for a safe return to harbor.

Mark the Blessing of the Fleet on Sunday, June 2nd at 10:30am, in your calendars, and look for further updates in the coming months.

Wishing you fair winds and following seas,

Virginia Hartley, Martia Kemps, Carol Stanley





CINCO DE DERBY Party 2024



Please join us in our Kenosha Yacht Club infield!

Saturday, May 4th at 4:00 pm

Drink specials and complimentary Salsa and chips

Derby lottery opens at 4pm

50-50 raffles at 5 and 6 pm

Derby Finery Contest – women and men dress for the Derby, 4:45pm

Post time 5:24pm

Dan Neuman Brings the Heavens to KYC

Hours before the moon caught up with the sun on Monday April 8, **Dan Neuman** was on the side lawn of the Kenosha Yacht Club setting up huge telescopes for all comers to watch the eclipse. Offering assistance was **Greg Carpenter**. Also on the scene, **Scott Reich** was readying the Bar and Grille and so the stage was set for a celebration of the awe-inspiring spectacle.

Turnout was good, new friends were made, and it was a memorable joy to share the eclipse experience together!





Racing Report

Racing Committee Chair John Weiss

KYC Racers - few important dates:

- ✿ April 20th - KYC Spring Race Meeting
Location: KYC upper meeting room
Time: 12pm to 1pm
- ✿ April 20th - KYC Race Season Primer Seminar/
Party (Invite your crew to this!)
Review 2024 Sailing Instructions
Review "How to Start" a race
Review Key Race Rules
Enjoy beverages, chili and fun

- ✿ May 18th should be target date to have boats in water - your are welcome Doug :)

- ✿ May 30th - Thursday Practice Race
- That said, as you start to get ready for a new race season, here are some technologies you might want to consider -

Starboard Sail - I'm new to this app, but it looks like a pretty good app for race season planning, goal setting and crew management - <https://www.starboardsail.net/>

US Sailing Race Rules - as with most things these days, the US sailing race rules are digital. If you have your US sailing membership, the race rules can be logged into for free via their app - <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/racing-rules/>

RaceQs - Many of our KYC fleet boats use this FREE app to log their race and do some post-race analysis. It's fun to see your top speed, and to see how you did comparison to others in our fleet. <https://raceqs.com/>

Digital Compasses can be extremely beneficial. The lift/header changes that you see with a digital compass are much easier to grasp than the old analog type. I witnessed this personally when Ed Montano upgraded to digital compass and significantly improved his wind shift assessment. I wish Ed would go back to the analog...

Below are a few options, that you may want to consider. I will be updating from my Tactic to the Vakaros Atlas 2

this year. The great thing about the Atlas 2 is that you can set it up to operate per class rules, which makes it legal for the Buccaneer18 class, but with a simple change, you can turn around and use it to ping the line with other classes that allow more data. This is also great for those who are practicing so that you can get dialed in with all of the electronics when practicing, but then revert to class legal operation for sanctioned regattas.

Here are a few to consider:

[Raymarine Tacktick](#) - while somewhat dated, this device is tried and true for the basics but no App or data logging.

[Velocitek ProStart](#) - More advanced than the Tacktick but still simple to use. Big boost to help you start races better.

[Vakaros Atlas 2](#) - somewhere to the pro start, but it has some additional features and allows expansion to other sensors to really create a robust instrument. This can also be dumb down to race with restrictive classes like the Buccaneer18. This unit also has a battery life that exceeds 100 hours and includes wireless charging. The drawback is this is the most expensive option.

[Sailmon Max](#) - this unit has added features similar to the Atlas 2, but it is less expensive. The drawback is the battery is less than half the life of the atlas to, but it has a more robust app for playback of your race.

Here's a more link to a more detailed review - <https://www.sail-world.com/news/270456/Sailing-instruments-from-Velocitek-Sailmon-Vakaros>

Hope this gets you moving and jazzed for a great season - see you all at our Spring Meeting / Party on April 20th!



Racing Report

Open Sailing Regatta ***Presented by the Kenosha Yacht Club*** **Saturday, July 6th 2024**

Kenosha Yacht Club Racing Committee is inviting all Southport Marina Sailors to participate on Saturday July 6th in an “Around the Race Buoys” regatta for fun and to introduce all sailors to the racing experience in a friendly low pressure environment.

Further details to follow. But for now we are planning on:

1. An orientation/”chalk talk” in the lounge above A dock is planned for **Saturday June 22, at 10:00 o’clock** to familiarize interested sailors on how a race is generally structured and how this regatta will be run. Also, we will try to pair up interested sailors with KYC sailors to either sail with or coach them through the regatta;
2. On **July 6th, an open start at the center buoy between 12 noon and 12:30** in order to minimize congestion and racing the circumference of the buoys back to the starting line. Everyone will mark their own course time. Depending on wind speed and direction, the course will take around 60 to 90 minutes (plus or minus) to complete; and,
3. At **14:30 (2:30 p.m.)** the Kenosha Yacht Club Racing Committee will host a cook-out & beer for all participants. Docking at KYC will be provided.

If you have ever had any interest in sail racing and learning about what’s involved, this will be your chance to learn in an easy non-competitive environment. To be kept up to date on further details, send your email to:

Eric Routman: eric@routmanlaw.com *Lizard*, Dock C Slip 205

Mike Ludtke: mikel643@outlook.com *Smokin’ J*, Dock C Slip 206

Ron Otto: RJO_MKO@msn.com *Take Down 2*, Dock B Slip 723

John Weiss, KYC Race Committee Chair john@myweiss.com

KYC Sailors are needed to volunteer to act as “guides” for any Southport sailors who express interest in participating in our regatta. We are particularly interested in volunteers who are on A, D, E & F through H docks.



Racing Report

News From Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation

April 1, 2024

Hello KenoshaYC,

Happy Spring!

2024 Hall of Fame Inductee announcement.

Call to Action.

Chicago Area Hanson Medal Awardees.

SailSafe signup info.

Tons of other materials for you, your crew, your club, your program to act
on!

We'll be on the water in just a few weeks.

Let's go!

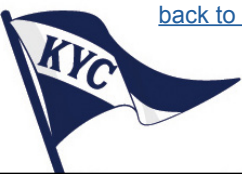
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Sincerely,

Gail M. Turluck

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BOAT FOR SALE

\$4000

1985 Hunter 25'

Comes with a 9 HP outboard engine in good condition.

Boat has 2 main sails and 2 jib sails.

Newer battery (installed 7/22).

Comes with a boat cradle and is currently on the dock at the KYC.

I can be reached via text/call at 262-496-3638.



Eric Routman and Randy Bredin awaiting eclipse totality at McCloud Nature Park in central Indiana. Photo by Diane Routman.

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