



KYC MainSheet
The Official Newsletter of the Kenosha Yacht Club

Waypoints

Happy 2012! A new year is upon us. We are hoping for an early spring and another Great Summer on the Great Lake. The boats wait, patiently, as they do each winter, for melting snow, open water, and the tender caresses of their skippers. The skippers are a bit less patient, but must also endure the long sleep, counting the months and days until that day.

If you have looked into the yard, you may have noticed that several of the boats are showing lights! While they are not, strictly speaking, proper navigation lights, they are very nice to look at and add a festive spirit to the dock. It seems to make both boat and skipper a bit more sanguine during this "waiting" time. Next year, I think, more of us should show our lights!

After our January Membership Meeting, we adjourned to the Breakwater Grill for our 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off! The chilies were awesome and the attendance was great. What a crowd! It was difficult to choose a favorite, and I, like many others, was forced to sample all the choices several

times before submitting my vote. First Prize – "Special Ed Montano Home Brew", went to Jim Strouf; Second Prize – "A Fabulous KYC Shirt", was taken by Brian Tjader; and Third Prize – "The Classic KYC Cap", was won by John and Amy Colwell. All of us who got to "judge" the entries were sure that we were the real winners!

By the time you read this, thanks to the efforts of Gary Powell, we will have enjoyed the wit and wisdom of the "Wizard of Zenda", Buddy Melges. What an honor to host him at this KYC event. At the time of this writing, we are expecting a good turnout, including members from the Racine, and other Yacht Clubs. We will be hosting several more "chats", as Gary has described them, in the coming winter months.

Our next Member Meeting is Feb. 4th, at noon. At this time, I would like to remind our members that this is their club. The Officers and Board are in service to you. The monthly meetings are conducted by the officers, but are for the membership. We need your input. We need to know what you want the club to be, what we should be doing and how we might get there. We look

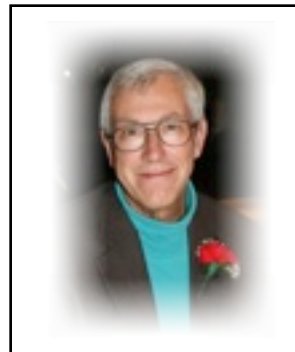
forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions. Please speak up!

After our February meeting, we will again adjourn to the Breakwater for sandwiches. The KYC will provide the ingredients, and we will make our own! We look forward to seeing you there and invite you to bring and share hors'd'oeuvres, snacks or a dessert.

If possible, I encourage you to break the winter by attending Strictly-Sail Chicago (Jan 26-29) in Chicago, or the Milwaukee Boat Show (Jan 20-29) in State Fair Park, or both! Of course, another way to break the winter is to join us at the Breakwater for Thirsty-Thursday, Double-Bubble on Friday, and after our meetings.

Paul Lendved

Commodore, KYC



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Breakwater Bar & Grill

The Breakwater Bar & Grill is using it's winter schedule now but when it is open it is hopping. Friday January 27th was a perfect example. The place was packed. I was amazed at how efficiently Lisa and Laura Took care of everyone. Even Bob Smith was serving customers. The winter schedule is as follows. Closed Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Sunday.

Thursday
Thirsty Thursday
\$1.00 Off Tap Beers

Friday
Fish Fry
Double Bubble (4-7 PM)

Saturday
\$5.00 Burgers
\$2.00 Domestic

Good Winds by *Rita LaPoint*

We finally got our first major snow fall. So, I guess winter is officially here. I hope everybody enjoyed and took advantage of the wonderful days we had in January. Just think, it won't be too long before Spring gets here. That means I will be working hard on organizing the 54th Annual Blessing of the Fleet on Sunday, June 3rd, 2012 at the Kenosha Yacht Club. Plan on being there and be proud to represent your club.

A plant and Get Well wishes were sent to Gary Powell. Gary is recovering after having knee surgery. We wish him Good Luck and Good Health. (Do your therapy!)



Don't forget to send your sweetie a Valentine on February 14th.

Also, Happy Birthday to all the February 29th Leap Year babies. Fair Winds – Smooth Sailing If you know of someone who is ill, Call Rita at 262-654-6723.

Lunch at February meeting

To keep the Saturday meetings enjoyable and to keep the camaraderie going, we are planning a lunch at the February meeting.

The club will provide breads, lunch meat, and cheese. We invite the members to bring condiments (butter, mayo, lettuce, tomatoes,) and/or salads. We are not asking everyone to bring something every time. We don't need that much food. We appreciate those who brought the chili's at the last meeting. They were very good and thanks to all. Maybe other members can bring something to go with the sandwiches. I am sure that everyone has different recipes for Cole Slaws, potato salads and any other tasty salad.

See you February 4th at noon.
Carol

Letters to the Editor

Hey! Kenosha Yacht Club members. We want your feedback and ideas. We are starting a new section in the mainsheet titled, Letters to the Editor. Send me your information and I will put it in the mainsheet.

The KYC board does have final say when it comes to information that is published in the Mainsheet.

Send to:
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Wally's World

by
Walter Kreuser

Baby it's COLDDDDDD outside.....

Another season gone by the way of the winds, soon Ice burgs will be the only behemoths cruising the lake.

I returned to my desk after a nice holiday season, and try to get caught up on everything I put off at the end of last year 2011. After sorting out my Important, not so important and my spam, I opened a couple of projects that were started long ago.

I got busy on the phone and contacted the "Army Corp of Engineers" to find out just where the information I requested ended up. I spoke with the Great Lakes north engineer, and after a good 1/2 an hour conversation he asked if he could add a few other people to our call. All in all there were five of us on the call and things got hopping. We confirmed multiple items and dispelled several rumors, and discovered that these guys are definitely on our side and are in process of creating a brief for me.

The facts to this date are as follows;

1. The Army Corp has only 2 ports in Lake Michigan they are responsible for, Milwaukee and GreenBay. Both of these ship and receive over 1 million tons of cargo yearly, this is the Federal Governments cut off point for Funding.

2. The Army Corp is hired out to do various projects funded by local and state municipalities.

3. There is no Study (that can be found) that was done for the de-commercialization of the Kenosha Harbor and existing break water. This does not necessarily mean that there wasn't a study done. But not done by the Army Corp.

4. I confirmed this information with the City of Kenosha, Kenosha County, the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin DNR and the US Coast Guard.

5. The only Municipality who has any say in the ongoing repairs, funding and operation is the City Of Kenosha, Public Works and Park Department.

6. The Army Corp is putting together a application for funding in their next year's budget for a Study to determine the corrective action needed to correct the "wave surge" and silt deposit in the harbor. This is being done per our joint request for the study, that being Army Corp and Myself.

7. A new group was started the "Kenosha Harbor Association" will be the voice of the businesses and other entities/ people that rely on the harbor for their livelihood and recreation. This group will be the voice of the Kenosha Harbor and will jointly speak to those governmental bodies and coordinate the efforts to make our home viable for everyone into the future. A web site is under construction and Email is open at www.KenoshaHarborAssociates.com Info@Kenoshaharborassociates.com

We as a group have a lot to gain and loose by changes to our home we call the Kenosha Harbor. My father once told me" there are just 3 choices, Lead, Follow or Fail....." which one will we be.

As we work on our five year plan there is much to be thought about.

Walter Kreuser

Trustee Kenosha Yacht Club



Area in Question

January 2012

Things you see at the KYC



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Membership Meeting 12:00 PM
8	9	10 KYC Board Meeting 7:00 PM	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Buddy Melges 7:00 PM	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

*View from the
Lantern Room*
January, 2012
Ed. C. Werner

August 5, 1897
The Telegraph-Courier

STEAM YACHTS RACE

*When They Passed Port
the 'Pathfinder' Was Ahead.*

There was a race on the lake between Chicago and Racine today and when the boats passed this port there was any number of "rubber necks" about. The fact that there was to be a race was announced in the Times-Herald, and so a great many watched. The race was between the steam yachts Pathfinder, of Chicago [moored in Kenosha] and Enquirer, of Buffalo. The start was made from Chicago at 9 o'clock and passed this port about noon. When they passed here there was quite an outfit of boats bunched together. When it was announced that a race would take place the whaleback Christopher Columbus and the Virginia captains announced that they would keep close by where passengers could see the whole race. That being the case and one of the yacht captains having announced that he would beat the big boats into Milwaukee harbor, in order that there might be no race between the big passenger boats, the United States Revenue cutter Walter Q. Gresham accompanied the whole outfit.

So these five boats were all together in passing port, though the Columbus seemed to be ahead of all.

In the yacht race the Pathfinder seemed to be leading the Enquirer by quite a distance, and unless there was some accident the Pathfinder undoubtedly won out easily.

The course was over sixty-two and a half miles and the trophy striven for was a silver cup, costing \$500, to be paid for by the defeated boat owner.

In addition to being one of the warmest tests of speed, the race was unique in other respects, for there were neither starters nor judges nor referees. The signals for starting were agreed upon and left to the honor of the rival owners. As soon as the boats were once off the contest was a go-as-you-please, and every pound of steam the engines were capable of carrying was put on until Racine Point was reached.

There are said to be some big bets up among Chicago yachtsmen on the results of the race.

Later. – The race was declared to have been won by the Enquirer. The Pathfinder for some reason, though fully fifteen minutes ahead of the Enquirer, turned and headed back toward Chicago. No one here knows why this was done.

[Note: It was later found that the reason the Pathfinder gave up the race and was unable to finish the race was due to a tube breaking in the boiler].

The Pathfinder



Edward C. Werner

A native Kenosha who spent his early years in and around the Kenosha harbor. This experience led to an interest in Kenosha harbor and lighthouse history and expanded with a tour of military service in the U.S. Coast Guard. Enlisted as a Seaman Second Class in 1947 and served aboard the CGC Unalga (WAK-185), Attu Loran Station (in the Aleutian Islands) and CGC Klamath (WPG-66). Enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve as an Electrician's Mate Second Class in 1962 and retired from the Coast Guard Reserve as a Lieutenant Commander in 1988.

A Graduate of local schools he also attended the Milwaukee School of Engineering and Northwestern University.

Is the historian for the Kenosha (Southport) Light Station, served as Commodore of the Kenosha Yacht Club, Commander of the Navy Club of Kenosha and is Past Chairman of the Kenosha Lighthouse Preservation Committee. He is also a member of the U.S. Lighthouse Society.

Currently is a guest lighthouse lecturer at local third-grade elementary schools during school sessions on Kenosha history and is assimilating background data for a book on the lighthouses of Kenosha.

Has published an 88 page book on the history of the Kenosha Life-Saving Station entitled,

"U.S. Life-Saving Station Kenosha, Wisconsin 1879-1915."





Strictly Sail Booth & Assorted Shots



Trouble Makers



*Every time I drink at KYC I see
weird stuff*



Burhani finds out he's bald



Buddy Melges