



# June 2011 Mainsheet

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## The Kenosha Yacht Club



Storm of April 19, 1973  
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## Waypoints...

Hi All!

Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> we combined putting in the remaining boats with the Spring Dock Cleanup. There are only three boats left on the dock and I have been assured that they will be gone by the Blessing of the Fleet next Sunday. This has been one of the slowest springs in memory for putting boats in. Thanks to everyone who helped!

*The Blessing of the fleet* is **Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 AM. Rita and her committee have been working diligently on this year's event. Make plans to attend this event. A brunch will be available. Rita guarantees good weather!

*Dock and house cleanup* went well this year. Thanks to everyone that took time to come and work on the grounds and dock. We made a concerted effort to stack the cradles to maximize the amount of free space this year. As you are aware we will be hosting two Regatta's this year and we need all of the room we can get.

The *Kenosha Community Sailing Center* will be offering adult, youth and junior sailing lessons this summer. These sailing lessons are a great way to introduce friends and relatives to this great sport. These lessons make great gifts for the grand kids or nieces and nephews. Check out the web site at [www.kenoshasailing.org](http://www.kenoshasailing.org) for additional information. The sailboat magic is also available for charts whether it be a birthday, wedding or business meeting.

*Membership Drive* – I cannot emphasize enough the importance of all of us recruiting new members this year. We have already had a number of members take advantage of this offer. Take a few minutes, visit with your neighbors at the Marina, and tell them about this deal! If a member that recruits a NEW member will be entitled to a \$50.00 gift certificate at the **Lighthouse**. In addition, the new member will also get a \$50.00 gift certificate. Do the math... bring in four members and your dues are essential non-existent!

**To be eligible, the following criteria must be met:**

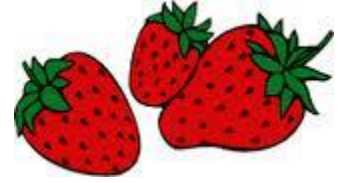
1. Member must join before **July 4<sup>th</sup> 2011**.
2. The new member cannot have been a member in the last five years.
3. The recruiter's dues must be paid in full.
4. The new member's dues must be paid in full to qualify.
5. The new member's application must have the name of the recruiting member clearly written on it and be signed by the recruiting member.

**James Buck**  
Commodore



# Good Winds

*Rita LaPoint*



Time is flying away from us. The Blessing of the Fleet will soon be history. The boats will all be repaired and freshly painted and are in the slip, anxious to get out on t Lake Michigan. Aren't we all?

Congratulations to Honey Walker. Honey celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in May. Way to go, Honey! We love ya!

Several of our members have been busy at the club during the past weeks. Marilyn Baker and Kathy Sytkowski were hard at work, trying to clean up the club and also get the plants and flowers looking good for Easter and the Blessing of the Fleet. Thanks, Marilyn! We can always count on you for a job well done.

We saw Dave Hirst working to clean the area between the side walk and fend going up the hill, digging all the old plants and weeds, raking and getting the ground ready for whatever? Maybe some more tomato plants like last year. I wonder who picked and ate them. Thank you, Dave!

Ed Werner recently had major surgery. He is recovering at home. However, he does not feel up to his usual presentation at the Blessing of the Fleet. Past Commodore Carol Stanley will read the names of the deceased members from the past year. The Southport Lighthouse will be lit in their honor. The names will be listed in the next Mainsheet.

We wish Ed Werner a Speedy Recovery!!  
Good Luck and Good Health!

Hope to see all of our members at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Blessing of the Fleet. Weather of not!

***Fair Winds! Smooth Sailing!***

**If you know someone who is ill, call Rita - 262-654-6723.**





# View from the Lantern Room



June 2011

Ed. C. Werner

August 8, 1958 *Kenosha Evening News*

## Filling Pike Basin Won't Hurt Harbor

Filling the Pike Creek will neither help nor worsen harbor conditions in Kenosha, Army Corps of Engineer representatives told local officials Thursday.

However, opening of the harbor lagoon near 45<sup>th</sup> Street will somewhat alleviate the problem; the group the group was informed.

C.R. Nicolazzo, director of public works, said the present proposal for filling in Pike Creek basin as "on solid ground" as far as the ACE men were concerned. The army has no jurisdiction in the matter and the representatives were here merely in an advisory capacity yesterday.

Those who attended the session, held in the office of Mayor Eugene R. Hammond, included the Common Council public works committee, the harbor commission, Benjamin Seal, city engineer, Vernon Bingham of the Chamber of Commerce public affairs committee, Hammond and Nicolazzo.

## General Conclusion

**"The general conclusion was that the proposal will not help present harbor conditions insofar as wave action is concerned, but it will not worsen it." Nicolazzo reported.**

The establishment of an opening in the north end of the harbor, the public works head declared, would improve existing conditions. He explained that the opening would take a lot of the "surge" that now dead ends into the lagoon.

A review of the present plan for filling in the creek was aired at the meeting and an outline of plans for erection of a seawall just east of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bridge was presented. Nicolazzo said the city would construct the seawall of steel sheeting with protective, stone rip-rap "stepped" up to the top of the wall from the harbor bottom. The landfill would extend to near the top of the seawall.

## Long Range Plan

Officials feel the board of harbor commissioners who voted 4-2 against filling in the Pike Creek area on July 28, may reconsider their decision in favor of the program.

Both the public works committee and the city plan commission have recommended filling in the basin.

Filling in of the basin, proponents say, will establish a fine downtown parking area.

NOTE: To finish off this "article" I would like to add that later the Harbor Commission held a meeting at the City Hall. Only THREE members of the yacht club attended and voiced their opinion that filling in the Pike Creek basin was NOT a good idea. It was noted, at the meeting, that no one on the commission took notes! This told us that closing the Pike Creek was a forgone conclusion. You may remember that, at the time, Main Street in downtown Kenosha was closed off and made into a walking Mall! It, of course, never worked out and the supposed parking lot never really materialized as such! And, I might add, we also were not fond of the idea of opening the north end of the small boat basin. We were of the opinion that without a breakwater, any heavy lake surge would overwhelm the "river" flow into the lake. Were we right? Look at the photos I took during the time when we had high water in the harbor, April 9, 1973. Thank goodness, no boats had been launched yet.

## Storm of April 19, 1973



Photos courtesy of  
Ed Werner





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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Racing	3	4
5 Blessing of the Fleet 10:30 am	6	7 Membership Meeting 7 pm	8	9 Racing	10
					11 KCSC Open House
12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16 Racing	17
					18
19 <u>Fathers Day</u> Weekend Racing	20	21 Board Meeting 7 pm	22	23 Racing	24
					25
26	27	28	29	30 Racing	

