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The Kenosha Yacht Club



Food and fun at the February “Any Soup But Chili” Membership Meeting!

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Waypoints...

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Hi All!

I want to thank **John Colwell, Stephanie Gruchow, Lea Kreuser, Shannon Montano, Suzanne Niemi, John Paulin and Gary Powell** for agreeing to be part of the *Membership and Entertainment Committee*. Our hope is that this committee will put together an outstanding series of events this year. Moving the membership meetings to Saturday was a great start! The meetings do not last long and the attendance has been phenomenal. The food and comradeship that follows has been heartwarming. This is a first step but a regular calendar of events is needed to attract and keep members.

Membership Drive - In an effort to increase membership, we have developed a membership incentive program that will be in effect until July 4th 2011. A member that brings in a **NEW** member (Notice, I said **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.

To be eligible, the following criteria must be met:

1. The new member cannot have been a member in the last five years.
2. The recruiter's dues must be paid in full.
3. The new member's dues must be paid in full to qualify.
4. The new member's application must have the name of the recruiting member clearly written on it and be signed by the recruiting member.

Spring 2011 Member Assessment. At the February board meeting, the board voted to make a onetime assessment to all current members (Members on December 31, 2010). The assessment will be \$50.00 for all members and an additional \$50.00 assessment for those members that store on the dock. This is needed, in part, because of the \$20,000.00 crane expense this fall. A continuing, and more important, issue is the low number of members; this issue lowers not only the available resources for committees (House, Entertainment, Membership etc.), it lowers our funds. I should make the point that the club has not changed membership fees since they were lowered from \$299.00 a year to \$200.00 a year in 1998. Find another club with that record!

John Paulin says that, "This yacht club is the best kept secret on the lake!" Let's spread the word and do some recruiting!

Restaurant Committee Volunteers – We will be working with Doug Crowe and Bob Smith to develop a new contract for the **Lighthouse**. I am looking for three volunteers to serve on this committee. If you are interested, please email me at jbuck1@wi.rr.com. We need to get going on this, so do so ASAP.

Spring Adult Sailing Lessons – We will be offering Adult Sailing Lessons on Monday and Wednesday evenings starting in May. We have done this for the past few years and, if properly marketed, we should be able to fill both classes. While this is geared to attracting new members, someone on your boat might benefit from taking this class. Ask your crew! Often times it is better to learn from someone that is not family. The cost will be \$100.00.

Together we can make this not only the most inexpensive yacht club on Lake Michigan, but also the greatest club on the lake!

James Buck
Commodore



Good Winds

Rita LaPoint



How sweet it was to see that snow disappear! Even the mud that surfaced looked good. And what an extra bonus to see a green patch.

People have always said, "When you can't think of anything to talk about, you can always talk about the weather." This past winter has certainly given us all something to tell. Some more drastic than others.

Mother Nature was especially unkind to **Jennifer and Steve Casey** who have their sail boat stored at **Southport Marina**. During the week of our unforgettable blizzard of 2011, high winds knocked the mast loose, causing it to collapse, doing considerable damage to the boat.

Congratulations, **Tim Helgesen**, on your **Venture Leadership Award** from the **Southeast Wisconsin Boy Scout Council!** A limited number of these awards are presented on an annual basis to those involved in Venturing who have made exceptional contributions their level and who exemplify the Venturing Code.

At least something good comes out of March – ***St. Patrick's Day*** – my favorite day! That wonderful corn'd beef and cabbage, green beer and Irish songs. If you're not Irish, why not pretend and enjoy the fun!

Past Commodore Daniel Mattson's father passed away in February. Condolences were sent to the family. Sorry for you loss.

Please plan to attend the **53rd Annual Blessing of the Fleet** at the Kenosha Yacht Club, Sunday, June 5th, 2011 at 10:30 AM!

Make your club proud of its members. Show support for our honored guests and the veterans who return every year.

Fair Winds! Smooth Sailing!

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





View from the Lantern Room



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Ed. C. Werner

Ah yes, there is always time for the telling of a local (sea) story, especially if you were a participant. As noted in the first sentence of the following “story,” some “exaggerations” have a tendency to creep into the true telling of the adventure. To set this story straight, the local newspaper set the record straight.

June 24, 1887 *The Kenosha Telegraph*

THE YACHT HARRY BURKE

So many extravagant stories have appeared in the Milwaukee, Chicago and other papers, in respect to the perilous voyage on the lake of the yacht **Harry Burke**, on board of which were a number of persons belonging to this city, it is deemed proper to simplify the statements and divest them of some of their sensational features.

The yacht **Harry Burke**, from Chicago, came into the harbor here on Friday last at 11 o'clock A.M. and took on board, a number of ladies and gentlemen, as invited guests, making the number of passengers fifteen, and left for Milwaukee, reaching that city at 7:30. There being only a slight breeze, the yacht was over eight hours in reaching Milwaukee; a distance thirty-five miles. The party slept on board, as the accommodations were ample. At 5:30 o'clock Saturday morning the yacht left for Racine, arriving at that place about noon. Remaining there about three hours, the yacht bore out into the lake six or seven miles, in order more easily to strike the entrance of the Kenosha harbor.

Here what little breeze there was subsided, until about 8 o'clock, when there suddenly came what seemed the prelude to a cyclone; the wind was furious, and the yacht had a lively dance on the waves. Fortunately it was not of long duration, and then followed a dead calm, and the vessel was soon as stationary as if at anchor. The passengers could do nothing else but sit on deck and watch the silent stars.

The Star of Bethlehem, which once on a time wise men came to worship, astronomers say appears at intervals of about three hundred and fifteen years, and it is said now is about the time for its reappearance. Whether there was any discovery by the night watchers as to the whereabouts in the heavens this star may be seen is not stated. But in whatever way the party on deck may have spent the night hours, their friends on land were intensely anxious for their safety. The semi-cyclone which occurred in the early part of the evening added greatly to the fear that a calamity had befallen the party.

It was known at Racine and Kenosha the yacht had not reached land, and was expected. The life-saving service in this city sent out a boat to search for the missing yacht; a boat also went out from Racine for the same purpose. Both of the sent out boats found the yacht **Harry Burke** right side up, and no special damage done, beyond the fright of the passengers, and that could not be well estimated. The yacht declined the services of the tugs to be helped to reach Kenosha harbor, concluding that the slight wind which had arisen would enable them to reach their destination without aid, which they did on Sunday morning.

Note: I wonder how many of those guests ever sailed again!



Pictures from the
February "Any Soup
But Chili"
Membership
Meeting

Soups Entered

- Spicy Tomato**
- Wisconsin Cheese Head**
- Spicy Mushroom and Rice**
- Broccoli Cheese**
- Chick and Wild Rice**
- Chicken Noodle**
- Aspau Con Pollo**

Winner!!!!

- Shrimp Sausage Gumbo**
- Steve Tredup**



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Membership Meeting 12 pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Board Meeting 7 pm	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Spring begins at 12 midnight!!	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



