



# May 2011 Mainsheet

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## The Kenosha Yacht Club



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## Waypoints...

Hi All!

The weather has not been good. When I am on the dock I see a few people working on their boats... bundled up as if it is mid-October. However, we have managed to put in a few boats in the last couple of weeks. Oh well, any day now it will warm-up... right?

The last Saturday member meeting is scheduled on **Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 PM. At the last member meeting the members voted unanimously (well almost) to move the membership meetings back to Tuesday's for the summer. Everyone at the meeting liked the meetings on Saturday during the winter but there was too much going on during the summer to hold the meetings on the weekends. We will move the meeting back to Saturdays this fall.

**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!

Recently, I have been checking out other Yacht Club web sites looking to see what they are doing to grow membership and increase member involvement. Our web site stands out... have you checked out our web site lately? Ed Montano seems to work on it constantly and he puts up new features regularly. I think the calendar is one of the most useful. Take a few minutes and check it out. He is currently adding the ability to enter your member hours online. Many thanks to Ed for the work he has done.

**Ron Otto, Jim Strouf and Bob Rinehart** were kind enough to take time from their schedules to cover the electrical conduit along the dock. Thanks guys!

**Dock and house cleanup** is scheduled for **Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 AM. Make plans to come and help with the cleanup... many hands make light work. This is a great time to see folks after a long winter and a good opportunity to take care of your hours. Remember, if you store on the dock you must come for dock cleanup or you will be billed for the hours.

**Membership Drive** – As boats go in and we start spending more time at the marina, take some time and promote our club to your neighbors. Take advantage of this drive, which will be in effect until **July 4<sup>th</sup> 2011**. Remember, 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. 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 Adult Sailing Lessons** START Monday, May 2nd or Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Someone on your boat might benefit from taking this class. Ask your crew, friends and family! Often times it is better to learn from someone that is not family. Sign up by emailing me at [jbuck1@wi.rr.com](mailto:jbuck1@wi.rr.com) ASAP! Be sure to include your preferred day and contact information. Enrollment is on a first come first serve basis. The cost will be \$100.00.

**James Buck**  
Commodore



# Good Winds

*Rita LaPoint*



Easter is history. So, what's next? The Kentucky Derby. That's when I start to panic. That means the **53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Blessing of the Fleet** is less than a month away. I hope Mother Nature has her frustrations out of her system by then.

Welcome home to **Doug Vaccarello and Martia Kemps** from their trip to Peru. (I'll bet you made sure your passport had not expired, Doug!)

Time to join all boaters and get your boats in shape for launching. Time will fly by.

I have not heard of anyone being on the sick list. If you don't call me, I don't know what is happening. So, please call.

May birthdays.

**Carol Stanley**

**Doug Vaccarello**

***Happy Birthday!!!***

I hope I can count on your support and see all you smiling faces at the **53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Blessing of the Fleet, Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am, at the Kenosha Yacht Club. Bring a Friend!!**

***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

October 22, 1886 *The Kenosha Telegraph*

## SUNK IN A FOG Two Steamers Collide on Lake Michigan – One of Them Sinks in fourteen Fathoms of Water – Five of Her Crew Missing and Presumably Drowned

**Milwaukee, Wis.,** Oct. 15. A special from Sheboygan to the *Evening Wisconsin*, says: “The steambarge **Selah Chamberlain**, of Cleveland, collided with the steamer **John Pridgeon, Jr.**, Wednesday night, between eight and nine o’clock, when about three miles northeast of this place, and sunk in forty-two feet of water. Five men are missing and are supposedly to have gone down with the **Chamberlain**.

The **Chamberlain** left Milwaukee Wednesday afternoon and was bound for Escanaba for iron. She had the schooner **Fayette Brown** in tow. The **Pridgeon** arrived here yesterday morning.

Captain Greenley, of the lost steambarge **Selah Chamberlain**, says the **Chamberlain** was struck on the port bow and was cut down to below the waterline. She immediately began to sink, and Captain Greenley ordered the boats lowered. The five men who were lost jumped into one of the boats, when the davits broke, and they were dumped into the lake and drowned. The **Chamberlain** lies about three miles east of Sheboygan Point.

We know that the months of October and November can be, and are, treacherous on Lake Michigan but September can be cruel too.

September 5, 1884 *The Kenosha Telegraph*

## Rescued from a Raft on Lake Michigan

**Muskegon, Mich.,** Sept. 1. The schooner **Walker Smith**, which arrived here early Saturday morning, brought to port the Captain and crew of the schooner **W.W. Brigham**, which capsized in a gale last Sunday night. The **Brigham**, was bound from this port for Chicago with lumber, and about midnight Sunday encountered a violent storm. She began to leak badly very soon, and the crew worked the pumps until ten o’clock next morning, when she suddenly rolled over and turned bottom up. The deck cargo was floating about, and the crew managed to construct a raft while afloat on the timer, and on this they floated about until six o’clock Thursday morning, when they were picked up by the **Smith**. While on the raft the crew suffered terribly from the cold and hunger, having been unable to take any provisions with them owing to the suddenness with which the schooner rolled over

# 2011 Cribbage League

Our 2011 Cribbage League was a huge success and a whole lot of fun as well. We had a record-number 17 teams participate this year. As we have always done, we played a regular 12-week season followed by a 2-week seeded double elimination tournament. By running the league in this way, we are able to have more winners, and as you might imagine anything can happen. This year certainly proved that to be true.

Our regular season champions, **Jerry Ruffolo & Mike Pobar**, shot out to an early lead and they soon proved to be uncatchable. They wound up beating our second place team, **Tim Helgesen & Tim Crook**, by 15 points overall. We had a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> between **Andy & Ken Schmelling** and **Virginia & Tom Hartley**.

In tournament play **Ed Montano & Shannon Devine**, who were seeded 10<sup>th</sup>, did not lose a single game and went on to become our tournament champions. In a stunning reversal of fortune, our lowest ranked team (16<sup>th</sup>) **Liz Findlay & Steve Ogren** finished second, losing only once to **Ed & Shannon** in the championship game. Coming up through the loser's bracket, **Andy & Ken Schmelling** took third place once again.

Our 2012 league will begin right after the first of next year, so if you're interested mark your calendars. We have a great time and it's a great way to get through our long, cold Wisconsin winters...especially after football season ends!

## **Virginia Hartley**



**2010 Blessing of the Fleet**



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day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Noon Membership Meeting 1 pm Kentucky Derby Party
8 Mothers Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 7 pm Board Meeting	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Dock and House Clean Up
29	30	31				



Join Us For

*The*  
52<sup>nd</sup> Annual

*Blessing of the  
Fleet*

Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 A.M.

*Kenosha Yacht Club  
5130 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Kenosha, Wisconsin*

# Thursday Night Races 2010

