

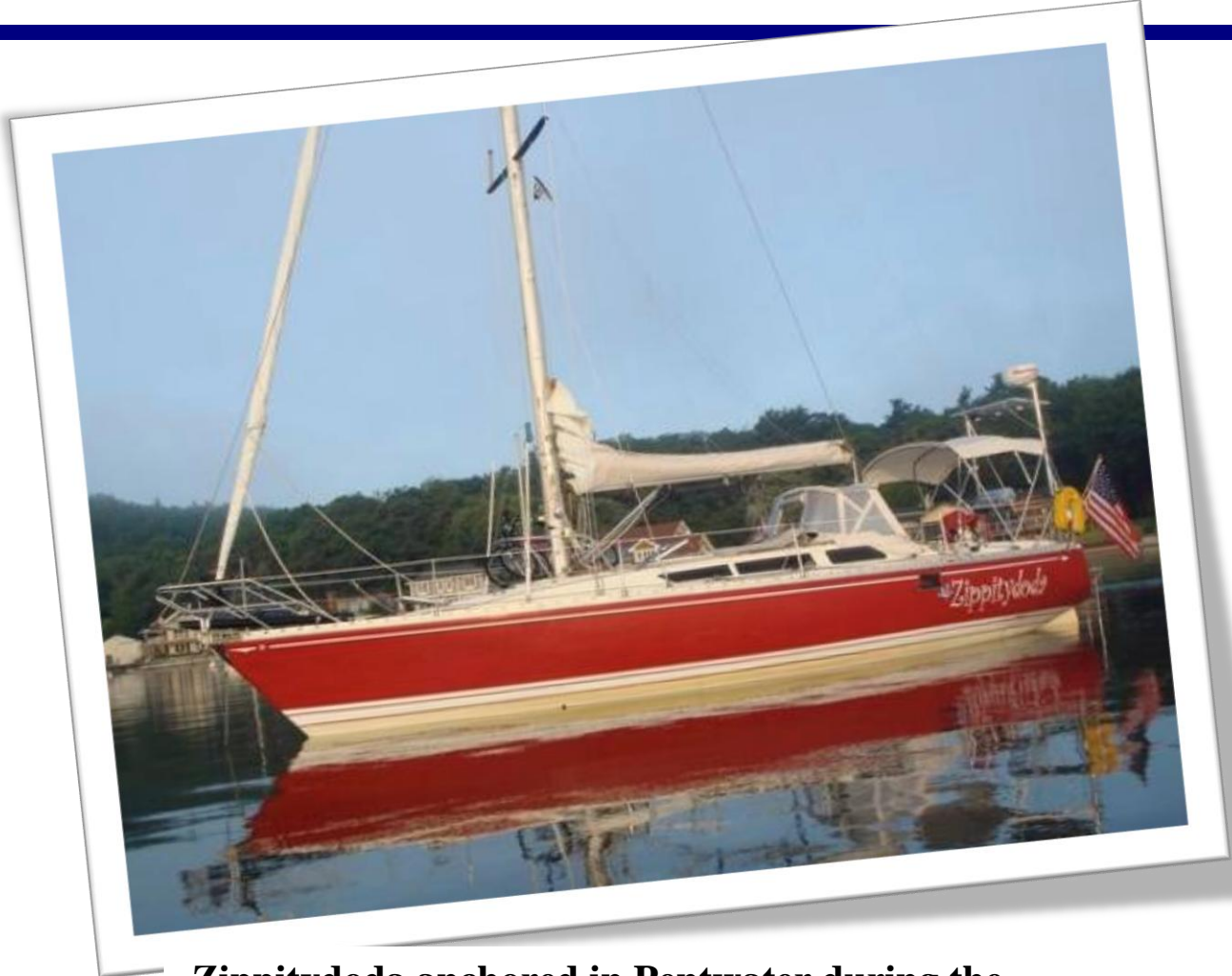
# December 2010 Mainsheet

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## The Kenosha Yacht Club



**Zippitydoda anchored in Pentwater during the  
Burhani family vacation.**

### **KYC Officers**

**Commodore**  
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Gary Powell



# December 2010



## Waypoints...

Hi All!

This year's **Holiday Party** will be held on **December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM**. Please bring a dish to pass and a **Toy for Tots** and/or a non-perishable food item for a food drive. In previous years this party has been well attended. Please make an effort to come this year. It is a great time to reminisce about last year's boating adventures and make plans for the coming year.

We will have a booth at the "**Strictly Sail**" event this year. Last year the volunteers had a great time and we were able to tell people about our yacht club. We will be looking for people to help out again this year. There is a sign-up sheet on the office door and Kathea will be sending out an email with a schedule shortly. Thanks **Dick Schmidt** for heading this up.

The installation dinner went well. Thanks to everyone who came to the dinner and welcomed the new board members. The **Lighthouse** crew did a great job with the dinner. **Tim Helgesen** was named **Yachtsman of the Year**. Tim has been a great asset to the club in the past few years. His tireless energy should be an example for all of us.

**Be sure VOTE on the revised By-Laws at the December member meeting!** We were not able to pass the revised by-laws during the November meeting. Evidently, a few members did not receive a copy of the email that included the revised by-laws and the vote was moved to the December meeting to give them time to be read. **Ed Montano** has posted a copy of this document on the website. If you have not been able to get a copy of this document please feel free to call me on my cell phone (**262-705-2832**) and I will see that you get a copy.

I have heard some concern about the by-laws being amended to allow the KYC board to change the night of the member meeting. We would like to **TRY** moving the meetings to the weekend during the **winter** only and make it more of a social event. It is difficult for out of town members to attend a meeting during the week... add a foot or so of snow and it becomes impossible! The goal here is to get additional participation from members that live outside of Kenosha. Based on the by-laws being passed at this month's member meeting, the board set the January's member meeting to January 8<sup>th</sup>... more details as they become available.

We have paid the bill for repairing the large crane. We all hated to spend the money but dock storage has been the main source of income for many years and loss of this revenue would have been devastating. A number of us have been concerned for years. I guess, it should be good for another 50 years.

The boats are all on the dock. I am always happy when we are done and there were not any accidents. Thanks to everyone for coming down and helping.

Take Care,

**James Buck**  
Commodore



# Good Winds

*Rita LaPoint*



I can't believe how fast the year 2010 has gotten away from us. I live near Christmas Lane. In the last year, the area has expanded in all directions. There is a much longer drive if you plan on taking it all in and they are all starting to put up the decorations already so they will be able to light up on Thanksgiving Day. It seems like they just took them down! If you take the tour be patient and drive slow. It's a steady stream of traffic but it is worth it. Puts you in the Christmas Spirit! If you haven't been good you better start right now or you won't get any presents from Santa Claus.

**Eileen Dukowitz** was in Minnesota for a family reunion recently. Lucky for her she got out of Minneapolis before the bit snow storm hit. We wouldn't want her to miss any of the Holiday activities at the Kenosha Yacht Club.

Our Yachtsman of the Year - **Tim Helgesen** – almost missed his won award presentation. He didn't know he was chosen. (The KYC is good at keeping surprises.) I guess he was so busy he forgot about the Installation Dinner. He was home eating a corn dog. YUCK!!! Almost missed a very good dinner that he was served after he finally arrived. I presented him with my own personal Sunshine Award for staying well. If you want to know what that is all about, you will have to ask Tim.

*Congratulations, Tim, on being chosen Yachtsman of the Year!*

Condolences to **Betty and Frank Delfield**. Betty's father, **Clarence "Shorty" Wilkomm**, passed away. A plant and cards were sent to the family. Sorry for your loss.

Member **Bonnie Rother's** name will be included when the 1866 Southport Lighthouse is lit in honor of our deceased members of the year 2010 at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Blessing of the Fleet, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

I like to pass this saying along from time to time. This is especially for **Martia Kemps**, who always enjoyed it.



**Yesterday is history.  
Tomorrow is a mystery.  
Today is a gift.  
That's why they call in the present.**

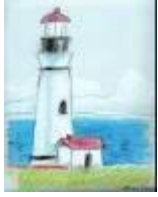


**I wish you all a VELY MELE KALIKIMAKA!  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Don't forget the Blessing of the Fleet – Sunday – June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Kenosha Yacht Club.

*Fair Winds! Smooth Sailing!*

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



# View from the Lantern Room



December 2010

Ed. C. Werner

End of the year and time to clean out some of the stories filling up my files. Some would have made an article at some time but then the question is - When?

Have you even been lucky enough to visit San Francisco? I have, twice! First time was a visit when aboard the Coast Guard Cutter **Klamath** and the second time on special duty with my company. When, as a sailor, I came ashore pretty much broke and went downhill from there. Second time on the company expense account! Much better, all the way around.

As you may know food is expensive in San Francisco. Try these prices from July 1, 1875.

## .The Cost of a Meal in San Francisco

San Francisco is famed for its restaurants. In no city in America are these establishments so numerous in proportion to its population. They number between 200 and 300, and it is safe to say that at least 30,000 people take their meals at them. They are of all grades and prices – from the “Poodle Dog,” Martin’s, and the Maison Doree, where a meal costs from \$1.50 to \$20 – down to the Miner’s Restaurant, where it costs only 40 cents. Between these extremes are a large number of French, German and Italian restaurants, where one may get a royal breakfast for 50 cents, a lunch for 25 cents, and a dinner, including claret, for 75 cents, *a la carte*. A tenderloin steak (and there is no better beef in the world than here), potatoes, bread and butter, and a cup of coffee will cost 50 cents; a lamb chop, potatoes, bread and butter, and coffee, 25 cents; an omelet or eggs boiled, fried or scrambled, with coffee, and bread and butter, 35 cents. A grade lower down, but in places cleanly and entirely respectable, one gets three dishes for 25 cents, and may find quite a decent meal for 20 to 30 cents. – *Samuel Williams; Scribers for July.*

February 12, 1880 *The Kenosha Telegraph*

## Not to Be Trifled With

Young Julep, who is a young man of wide experience, says that hugging a girl with one of these fashionable broad belts buckled around her is just as satisfactory as hugging a life preserver. Ah, well, Julep, it can’t be helped; it’s one of the concomitants of the degeneracy of the times. There didn’t used to be any such nonsense in belts. When we were a boy, and you got caught hold of a girl in a big sleigh for a respectable but not to formal squeeze, you could hear the corset rods go, one after another, like a skirmish line firing by the file. That is if you were half a man, and did what was expected of you. But times have changed sadly since then – *Hawk-Eye.*

## One last story for the year

### The Life-Saving “Vacuum Gun”

The latest life-saving device comes from an Englishman named Fox, who is now a resident of Ohio. It consists of a catapult similar to those used in circuses for throwing acrobats into the air, and is called by its inventor “The Vacuum Gun ’82.” The project to be fired out of the gun to the stranded or sinking vessel consists of a relief boat, folded umbrella-like, which contains a human being, one of the life-saving crew. The man goes into the canoe, closes all the apertures and surrounds himself by rubber air-bags. He is not to be fired in a sitting position but is supposed to lie flat, with his feet to the stern. The idea is for the man when the canoe projectile reaches the water, to raise himself up and scatter life preservers and air bags to drowning persons. *The Kenosha Telegraph* December 15, 1882.

I wonder if “they” ever made a “live-fire” test of this device. Never read anymore about it so I expect “they” never did. For the “good o f the service,” I certainly hope not!

# KYC HOLIDAY PARTY



Sunday, December 12th - 11am



**BRING A DISH TO SHARE!!!**

Shannon Devine and Suzanne Niemi will be guest bartending!

*All tips donated to charity.*

Bring a gift for Toys for Tots and/or non-perishable foods for a food drive.

**Holiday drink specials at the bar.**

**You won't miss the Packer game!**



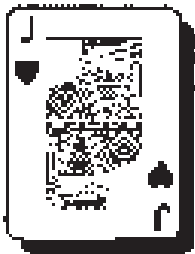
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**Bring your friends and family!!**

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## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME CRIBBAGE?



The KYC Cribbage League will be starting up again on Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. That night will be a practice / warm-up / instructional / organizational session; regular season play will begin the following Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. As always, we will play in teams of two and we'd love to have a lot more participants this year. Cribbage is an easy game to pick up, so those who'd like to learn are encouraged to participate as well.

Team fee is \$25. Please bring a cribbage board if you have one.

If you have any questions regarding the Cribbage League, feel free to give Virginia or Tom Hartley a call at 262-657-5028. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

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## From John Burhani....

The Burhani Family (John, Heather & Emily) spent a week in Door County this summer. It was not as big a trip as we had planned for 2010, but it was great. We anchored out at Chambers Island and had a cook out over an open fire on the beach one night. Emily had her guitar and entertained us every evening. We also enjoyed the new marina in Egg Harbor which is well protected even on a stiff west wind. They had just paved the parking lot and the hill down to the marina but were not allowing any cars in yet. Emily had her skateboard on the boat and we rode on that fresh asphalt with no cars allowed. It was like a skateboarding dream come true! Until they finally kicked us off. But the manager made Emily take one more run so he could get a photo of her for their scrap book. He said it was the last time anyone would be able skateboard down his hill into his new parking lot.

The second week of the trip my friend Jim, from California, came out and switched off with Heather and Emily and we sailed over to Michigan for a week. We made it all the way to Charlevoix before we turned around and sailed back. Jim has a boat in San Francisco and has always said he thinks we are crazy to live here. He could not believe how great Michigan was, and how much there is to see and do "on a lake." He is already making plans to come back for a week next summer.

Notable moments on the other side of the lake were when we anchored out at South Manitou Island for the night and went Kite surfing off the beach. We also got bored one day when motoring in no wind and went wakeboarding off the back of Zippitydoda on an extra halyard.



*(Note the photo of me with Beer in hand.)*

There is also a photo of Jim jumping off the spreader. Neither of us were brave enough to jump from the top spreader! We anchored out every night over in Michigan and never paid for docking once. We figured that gave us more money for beer.

Every sailor knows that when you go cruising the wind usually blows directly from where you want to go! On this trip the wind was always at our back. For 2 weeks, almost every time we set sail we used the Spinnaker. The best day was the second day in Michigan when we had about a 35 mile downwind run into Charlevoix in about 20kts of wind and the boat was SMOKING! About half way through the trip I was thinking to myself that I was going to wear out my spinnaker if it kept using it all day every day. But it was great, and I know next time the wind will be back on the nose again.

**Bring your friends and family, a dish to pass, a Toy or non perishable food item!**





# December 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5		7 <b>Membership Meeting</b> 7 PM	8	9	10	11
12 <b>Holiday Party</b> 11 am		14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 <b>Board Meeting</b> 7 pm	23	24	25 <b>Merry Christmas</b>
26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>New Years Eve!</b>	1 <b>New Years Day!!</b>



# 2010 Officer Installation Dinner

Photos by Shannon Devine



**Tim Helgesen accepts his special Yachtsman of the Year award from member Emeritus Rita Mae "Sunshine" LaPoint.**

**MC Doug Vaccarello congratulates Rear Commodore Dick Schmidt (left) and Vice Commodore Paul Lendved on re-election.**



**John Colwell, Gary Powell and Rita LaPoint take the Trustee Oath.**