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LETTER FROM THE COMMODORE

Greetings KYC Members and Friends,

It is mid-February and there is a hint of Spring in the air. I have heard mixed thoughts about the weather we have had lately. For some, there is real frustration that we have not had much frozen ice and snow for activities like ice boating and snowmobiling. For others they simply see boating days on the horizon.

As we wait for winter to return or spring to arrive, come and enjoy some great events at the Kenosha Yacht Club. There are many people working to provide winter and spring activities for all our members and some that even include our community. Events like the one we had last Saturday when 22 KYC members visited the Southport Lighthouse Keepers House and toured the house, climbed the lighthouse, and heard many great history facts shared by our very knowledgeable guide, **Ron Luttrell**, Southport Lighthouse Historian. We returned to the KYC for a variety of appetizers, drinks, and a great time. Thank you, **Doug Vaccarello**, for arranging this great afternoon for us.

Soon we will be receiving details of other upcoming events including our ever popular Chili Cook-off and the possibility of winning some money at our Cinco de Derby Party on May 4th.

The Kenosha Yacht Club Foundation will also be offering more educational opportunities in the weeks ahead. Be sure to watch for those announcements and take advantage of the opportunities these events offer. Invite your family and friends to join us for these events usually open to the community.

Kathy Otto reported that we gave 50 items to the Outreach Center in January. Yesterday the basket was almost

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EVENTS

Mixed Nuts

Every Wednesday KYC at 3pm
Come join the fun!!!

KYC Membership Meeting

Wednesday Feb 21, 6:30 PM

Cribbage League

Every Thursday at 7:00 PM

KYC Board Meeting

Monday March 4, 6:00 PM

KYC Foundation Meeting

Monday March 11, 6:30 PM

Spring Race Committee Meeting

Saturday April 20, time TBA

Public Education: Man Overboard!

Wednesday April 24, 6:30 PM

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full! Thanks to all who have been remembering our commitment to the community through our donations. Check out Kathy's article to see what we are currently receiving. Thanks for organizing these collections and making sure they get to the Outreach Center for us, Kathy. Thanks also to **Karl Erickson** for picking them up when he stops by.

Remember to stop by our newly remodeled bar often for a drink, to check out Scott's specials, and order a pizza while you are there. Thanks to **Scott** for a fantastic job!

I hope to see you at the February Member Meeting on Wednesday, February 21st, at 6:30pm. You can come to the KYC or join virtually.

Thanks to each of you for being an important part of the Kenosha Yacht Club,

Commodore Joyce

p.s. Please remember to use our new address for the KYC and KYC Foundation:

PO Box 237
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53141



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Dock & Derrick

Doug Vaccarello

Thanks to everyone for not having boats plugged in on our dock.

Safety first!



Open for business, the prettiest bar in town!

Pizza now available at the bar. Hottest seller: jalapeno pizza. Other tasty toppings available.

Catch the games or thrilling ice boating videos on our new tv screens, or just enjoy the chance to relax in a warm inviting place.

Open

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 3:00 - close.

Saturday, Sunday 12:00 - close.





KYC Tours 1866 Southport Light Station On Spectacularly Sunny February Day

Photos Gary Powell

Club members enjoyed a fascinating tour of the old Southport Lighthouse and Keeper's House on Saturday February 10. Historian Ronald Luttrell deployed his considerable gifts as a raconteur to relate the history and significance of the lighthouse, the keeper's house, and many of the exhibits in the Southport Light Station Museum.

Afterwards, we all repaired to the bar, where a scrumptious array of nibbles brought by members were gratefully devoured.

Many thanks to the Kenosha History Center, Ron Luttrell, and Doug, and all attending members for a wonderful day!





Good Winds by Martia Kemp

- * A sincere thank you to Kathy Durden, mother of Amy Adams, for the donation of a Christmas tree to the Yacht Club. It is greatly appreciated and really made the Yacht Club a festive holiday atmosphere. Thank you!
- * It is sad to announce the passing of Gilbert Deming. He died on January 15, 2024. Our sympathy to his wife Judy and family. Judy and Gil were long time members of the Kenosha Yacht Club.
- * A big THANK YOU to Jim Pappas for varnishing the table edges at the Yacht Club bar area and making it look very classy!
- * Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Dan Newman after his bicycle accident.



Outreach by Kathy Otto

- * Happy Valentine's Day Week to all!
- * Just a reminder we are collecting hygiene products for Outreach this month and in March as well. We had about 30 -40 items donated in January. Thank you for your generous support.

Thank you!



Report from the KYC Foundation

Mike Ludtke, President



Last year was our first full year operating. We started with \$0 in the bank and ended up with a little over \$2,500. We are now able to put a little away in saving, so we are prepared for any upcoming projects that may require our financial support. Full financial information is available in the Documents section on the KYC website under KYC Foundation/2024 Minutes, select the January 8 minutes. Member logon required.

We have defined four key areas where the Foundation will apply its resources: Education, Outreach, Conservation and Water Safety.

Education: Registration for 2024 sailing lessons is now available on our website, SailKenosha.org. We are offering a First Sail Experience, which is a US Sailing program offering some basic education and a ride on our volunteers' boats to experience sailing for the first time. It's just \$50. We are offering this in May, June & July.

For those wanting a bit more, we have Sail 101; a

four-session program with instruction on the dock the first evening, then three evenings of sailing. Prices vary for individuals, families of two up to families of four. Sail 101 is offered in June, July & August. We are in the process of adding Women's Only classes too.

Outreach: The Foundation will continue to find innovative ways to reach the underserved in our community. The Women's Sailing classes being worked on will allow women, hesitant to join the old-boys club, a less intimidating path to join our sailing community.

Conservation: We are sponsoring a Simmons Island Beach Clean-up on Saturday, May 18th from 9-11am. Registration information is available on the KYC calendar or at <https://adopt.greatlakes.org>.

Water Safety: We will continue to work with the Kenosha Water Safety Coalition to make our waters safer for everyone who enjoys our beautiful lake and the many lakes in Kenosha County. We are also working with the WI DNR and the United States Power Squadrons to bring a basic boater class to the Kenosha area.

All our meetings are open to anyone interested in helping, so reach out to me or check the KYC calendar for information on joining our Zoom meetings.

Mike



Racing Report

Racing Committee Chair John Weiss

KYC Racing has been pretty quiet this time of year as is typical. But with the days getting longer, it's time to start thinking about getting your boat ready. A draft race schedule has been provided to the fleet and we've received a few updates. We expect the official schedule to go live in a month or so on our website. Also, please keep an eye out for an announcement when Registration will be live so you can get your boat registered.

We will be scheduling our spring meeting which may be a good opportunity for us to do something fun on a Saturday afternoon - maybe April 20th?? We could also review our SIs and provide an introduction for new Racers?? I'll send a few updates out to the KYC group iMessage system and will get something scheduled.

Sail Fast!

John



Photos John Weiss





Racing Report

News From Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation

February 1, 2024

Hello KenoshaYC,

- Work is ongoing in making your RSA more responsive to you.
- Safety at Sea coming up February 17-18 in Muskegon. Zim Regional Roundtable February 17 in Chicago. Women's Conferences in May and June.
- More.

The best informed sailors in the greater Lake Michigan region click on the link every month and read Lake Michigan SuRF. Make sure you're one of those people today.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2024 LAKE MICHIGAN SuRF](#)

Sincerely,

Gail

Gail M. Turluck Editor/Publisher



MAN OVERBOARD!

The KYC Foundation will offer a public educational presentation about how to prepare for situations when crew, passengers, or skippers become separated from the vessel. Mike Ludtke, Commander of District 20 of the U.S. Power Squadron, will present a session developed by the USPS.

The presentation is free of charge and open to the public. It will be held at the KYC on April 24 at 6:30 PM.

The *Mainsheet* is a collaborative effort of members of the Kenosha Yacht Club.

Staff photographer: **Gary Powell**

Editor and Publisher: Anne Cassidy.

Join the staff of the *Mainsheet* and add to your volunteer hours for the Club. We need writers, photographers, and editors.

To join our staff or suggest news articles, email secretary@kenoshayachtclub.com

NEW KYC MAILING ADDRESS

Please address all Kenosha Yacht Club
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Kenosha Yacht Club

PO Box 237

Kenosha, WI 53141

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