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## LETTER FROM THE COMMODORE

Greetings KYC Members and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the small glimpse of spring we are experiencing. This weather reminds me that we are only a month or two away from boat launching season.

As I think about the life of the Kenosha Yacht Club, I am so grateful for the many details that are getting done each day and the events and activities that are in process. We have a great group of volunteers who offer many hours of work so that we move forward together.

If you haven't been to our upstairs area lately, you will notice some big changes when you do come by. Thanks to **Trustee Carol Stanley**, **House Chair Jim Pappas** and **Member Kathy Schulte**, our office is looking like an office again. They have spent many hours unpacking boxes, sorting out what is left after the fire and what is no longer needed. They have

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## EVENTS

### Mixed Nuts

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

### KYC Membership Meeting

Wednesday March 20, 6:30 PM

### Cribbage League

Every Thursday at 7:00 PM

### [Annual KYC Chili Cook-off](#)

Saturday March 23, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

### Live Trivia

Wednesday March 27, 7:00 - 9:00 PM  
Every other Wednesday

### KYC Board Meeting

Monday April 1, 6:00 PM

### KYC Foundation Meeting

Monday April 15, 6:30 PM

### Happy Hour with the Commodore

Friday April 12, 4:30 - 6:30 PM

### [Public Education: Crew Overboard!](#)

Wednesday April 24, 6:30 PM

### Cinco de Derby

Saturday May 4, 4:00 PM - finish line

### Practice Race

Thursday May 30

### Blessing of the Fleet

Sunday June 2

## COMMODORE'S LETTER

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cleaned, moved the furniture and begun to stock the drawers and shelves again. Thanks for all your hard work.

Jim has also completed some unfinished clean-up and painting and the bookshelves and unpainted and dirty areas are looking awesome. Thanks for the noticeable improvements, Jim.

Thanks to our **Vice Commodore, Amy Adams**, for the work she has put into tracking and updating changes to our Constitution and By-Law as we have worked through them. The new document looks so much better and we are lucky to have her share her time and knowledge in this area and keep us on track.

**Rear Commodore Rich Popovich** continues to work closely with our contractors as we move through phase 2 of our reconstruction and it is good to see progress continue. Thanks, Rich for all the hours you provide to get this job done.

Soon you will see new updated brochures in the bar and around town promoting the Kenosha Yacht Club and the Kenosha Yacht Club Foundation. They look great and we thank **Trustee Virginia Hartley** for her work to update and print both brochures and inserts. Thanks for your willingness to share your special skills in this area.

Our **Treasurer, Cecilia Lucas**, is working hard to manage our finances and provide accountability. We thank her for her commitment and willingness to share her skills on our behalf and the great job she is doing sorting through a huge amount of detail and working through some challenges.

Thanks to **Secretary Anne Cassidy** who provides awesome minutes for all our meetings and leads us through Club Express and all the other details that fall to the KYC Secretary. We are in good hands with Anne.

## KYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Commodore Joyce Rinehart**

**Vice Commodore Amy Adams**

**Rear Commodore Rich Popovich**

**Secretary Anne Cassidy**

**Treasurer Cecelia Lucas**

**Trustee Matt Gallion**

**Trustee Carol Stanley**

**Trustee Virginia Hartley**

**House Director Jim Pappas**

**Past Commodore Deb Strouf**

**Trustee Matt Gallion** will be working with **Doug** to make sure all is well on the dock and we thank him for his willingness to take on this task.

Thanks to **Members Kathy Otto**, for managing our community outreach project with the Outreach Center and **Martia Kemps**, for reaching out to members through *Good Winds*. We appreciate both of you and your hours of commitment.

And, a BIG "thank you" to all of you who quietly come by and do things that we may not even know about. Your work does not go unnoticed.

We know that one of the opportunities people look for as members of the KYC is camaraderie. We have upcoming meetings and events that offer just that so save these dates to you calendars and come be a part of the KYC Community.

Monday, April 15th at 6:30pm – Kenosha Yacht Club Foundation Board Meeting.

Registration is now open for our upcoming Adult and Family sailing lessons, and can be accessed through the KYCF website.

Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30pm – KYC Member

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Meeting (watch for your invitation).

Our meeting will begin with a presentation by Peggy from the Kenosha Public Museum about the process they followed to become an events location in Kenosha and how their experiences may inform future decisions we may make. Don't miss Peggy's very helpful information and then stay for a brief business meeting.

Saturday, March 23rd from 1:00pm to 3:00pm – KYC Annual Chili Cook-off.

See the invitation you received and the article in this newsletter for details.

Monday, April 1st at 6:00pm – KYC Board Meeting

Friday, April 12th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm – Happy Hour with the Commodore

Wednesday, April 24th – KYCF "Person Overboard Training"

Saturday, May 4th – Cinco de Derby Party (watch for upcoming details)

Sunday, June 2nd – Blessing of the Fleet (watch for upcoming details)

I hope to see you all at some or all of these events and meetings! These are great ways to do your participation hours too! And, don't forget to stop by the KYC Bar and have a pizza and a special drink. While you are there, thank **Scott** and his staff for the great job they are doing.

Wishing you all Good Winds as we move into Spring!

**Commodore Joyce**



**Scott Reich**, our Bar and Grille Manager, has been busy!

The bar is hopping every other Wednesday night with **Live Trivia Night**. The fun begins at 7:00 pm. Bring your smartest friends, or find some at the bar to team up with.

Word is getting around about his delicious **pizzas**. What began -- after we reopened -- as a barebones bar is becoming more lively and welcoming every month.

Spring seemed to come early this year, and Scott is getting ready to reopen **The Island Deck** as soon as the boats are in the water -- and the way things are going, boats might be in earlier than usual!

Many KYC events coming up for the bar, listed in this issue. But for some of us, including Scott, spring also means baseball! Soon Scott and his family will be getting to the ballpark, as they do every spring.





## *Good Winds by Martia Kemp*

- \* Our condolences to Flori and Stacey Venture regarding the death of their Uncle Joseph Venture. Flori and Stacey are past members of the Kenosha Yacht Club.
- \* Condolences to Mike Kenny regarding the death of his mother. Mike is very involved in running the Double Handed Race for many years. Also, a good friend of the Kenosha Yacht Club Racing Group.



## ***KYC Annual Chili Cook-off is ON*** ***Vice Commodore Amy Adams***

**Saturday, March 23rd**  
**1:00 - 3:00 PM**

Grab your aprons and prepare for the battle or grab a spoon and prepare to eat some delicious chili!

We will have prizes for the 1st and 2nd place winners!

If you plan on entering your favorite chili into the contest please send an email to Amy Adams at [office@kenoshayachtclub.com](mailto:office@kenoshayachtclub.com). You are still able to compete without submitting an email.

If you have an extra power cord, please bring it with you as we are still unpacking boxes from the fire. your chili requires something special - you should bring that with you.

Please bring your chili in a crock pot and don't forget your ladle!

If you choose to be a spectator, come taste the delicious entries and place your vote for your favorite chili.

Remember - this a great way to obtain volunteer hours!

Hope to see you all there!



## *Outreach by Kathy Otto*

Thanks to all who contributed items for Outreach during February.

31 hygiene products were donated. We will continue to collect these items during March.

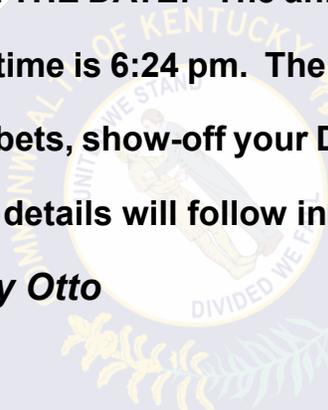


Beginning in April, continuing through June, we will be collecting socks for men, women, and children. Your generosity is awesome!

## **Cinco de Derby Coming Up Soon**

**SAVE THE DATE:** The annual Cinco De Derby party will be held on Saturday, May 4th. Post time is 6:24 pm. The party will begin around 4:00 pm, with plenty of time to make your bets, show-off your Derby finery and sample featured Derby and Cinco cocktails. More details will follow in the April Mainsheet and on KYC media sites.

*Kathy Otto*





*Report from the KYC Foundation*

Mike Ludtke



The KYC Foundation has been working hard over the winter to organize and get ready for the 2024 sailing season. We have two offerings for adult and family sailing lessons over the summer. Visit [SailKenosha.org](https://SailKenosha.org) to register for either program.

We have our First Sail Experience, which is a US Sailing program, offering the public access to their 'first sail'.

After the students First Sail, they can continue with instruction by taking our Sail 101. Or those with some exposure to sailing can jump right into the Sail 101.

Here are the details on the two programs:



Get your First Sail Experience with the Kenosha Yacht Club Foundation. Learn from our volunteers about the wonderful sport of sailing. All for just \$50.00/per person.

Each experience is two evening. The first evening, you'll learn about the boats and their operation. The following week, you'll get out on the water for your First Sail.

We offer three opportunities to take your First Sail: May, June & July.



SAIL 101 – Take your sailing to the next level with our Sail 101 class. Our instructors are patient and experienced sailors.

In this four-session class you'll learn the theory & the language of sailing. Boat preparation and safety. How sails work, sailing angles, trimming, helming and more.

The first evening will be on the dock and for the following three weeks, you'll get out on the water to experience the joy of sailing and learn from some of the best sailors in Kenosha.

We offer three Sail 101 opportunities: June, July & August.

Visit [SailKenosha.org](https://SailKenosha.org) to register for either program.



## **Dock and Derrick**

### ***Dockmaster Doug Vaccarello***

***Spring is just around the corner which means launching boats at KYC. Let's get an early start so we can launch several on the same day to clear the dock for the buccaneers so John stops yelling at me.***

***The roof on the derrick house has been repaired and so far no leaks.***

## **KYC Members Volunteer**

The skills and energy of Kenosha Yacht Club members keep the Club going.

A few ways to help:

- ◇ Join a committee at the upcoming March members meeting, or talk with a committee Chair about helping.
- ◇ Attending meetings and Club functions is good for the Club, and counts towards the annual required hours of participation.
- ◇ The House Committee is frequently in need of help. Contact Jim Pappas.
- ◇ The Events Committee is in need of help. Contact Amy Adams.
- ◇ The Mainsheet is in need of a Publisher who will work with the Editor to put articles and photos together to lay out the newsletter. Contact Anne Cassidy.
- ◇ The Mainsheet is in need of an Editor. The Editor is responsible for planning each issue, soliciting articles and photos from members, and getting it all to the Publisher in time for each issue. Contact Anne Cassidy.
- ◇ Attend a KYC Foundation meeting. Contact Mike Ludtke.
- ◇ Do you have a nautical skill or story that you are willing to share in a winter education presentation? Contact Mike Ludtke.

Suggestions? Contact the Commodore, or any member of the Board.

Or email [secretary@kenoshayachtclub.com](mailto:secretary@kenoshayachtclub.com)



## Education

### Person Overboard!

The Kenosha Yacht Club Foundation will host an educational presentation: *Crew Overboard*, on Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30. Mike Ludtke, KYC member, KYC Foundation President, and District Commander of the 20th District of the U.S. Power Squadron will present material that has been developed by the Power Squadron. The Power Squadron (aka America's Boating Club) is well known for the quality of its boating courses. The presentation will be of interest to beginners and seasoned boaters alike, and there will be lively discussion and just maybe a few stories from the audience.

This presentation is free and open to the public.

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

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Join the staff of the *Mainsheet* and never worry about volunteer hours for the Club again!

We need a Publisher and an Editor. The Editor is responsible for planning each issue, soliciting articles and photos from members, and getting it all to the Publisher in time for each issue. The Publisher lays out the newsletter and creates a pdf.

To join our staff, email [secretary@kenoshayachtclub.com](mailto:secretary@kenoshayachtclub.com)

Do you have news for the *Mainsheet*?

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# ***Racing Report***

## **Racing Committee Chair John Weiss**

Iceboating is 'officially' over in the midwest (wiping tears away...). So put a smile on as it means it's time to get your 'soft' water boat ready for the season! These 50 deg temps are perfect for sanding the bottom of your boat, double checking your list and checking off some "to dos", and making sure you are in the water in time to have fun on your boat when we reach 70+ deg days that are around the corner.

Race Registration is live on our KYC site - pricing is unchanged from prior years. Please get registered now and check that off your To Do list.

Few other things:

[2024 Race Schedule](#) is now on our KYC calendar (thanks Mike L)

Save the Date, May 30th, our 'Practice' race (so make sure you are in the water before Memorial Day weekend)

Heads up - we'll do our Spring race meeting on either April 20th or 27th. More to come, but maybe we can do a 'Starting' and 'Basic Rules' refresh at the bar after the meeting??

That's all for this issue - sail fast!

***John***



*Gary Powell*

*The March issue from the Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation is out.*

[Lake Michigan SuRF](#)



### NEW KYC MAILING ADDRESS

Please address all Kenosha Yacht Club  
correspondence to our new mailing address:  
Kenosha Yacht Club  
PO Box 237  
Kenosha, WI 53141

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The KYC Mainsheet Newsletter accepts ads from individuals and companies.

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