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and the creation of spirit of good fellowship..."*
(RYC Constitution, Article II)



Racine Yacht Club

Racine, Wisconsin

COMMODORE'S REPORT



Sláinte,
Racine Yacht Club Members!

March has arrived & along with it comes the luckiest holiday celebration of the year:



St. Patrick's Day!

This year, Captain Knots Hospitality is providing a special menu worth a pot o' gold at the end of a rainbow & we look forward to celebrating

the luck of the Irish with delicious food, great company & of course, great music!

When we say, "The luck of the Irish," we can't help but think of how lucky we all are to be part of the incredible community here at the Racine Yacht Club. There's something truly special about sharing our passion for Lake Michigan and the camaraderie we build on the water.



But, before that—Don't forget about Mardi Gras Night on Fat Tuesday (March 4th). Doors open at 4PM and dinner will be served 5-8PM. Another special menu by Captain Knots Hospitality will be provided for this event.

Mark your calendars and don't miss out on these fun-filled evenings. It's always a great time to connect with fellow members and celebrate everything that makes our Club so amazing...

We look forward to seeing you!

Sail on and stay lucky!

Amy Cermak
Commodore

News in Brief

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Laurie Hennig

The minutes of the January 9, 2025 board meeting approved as written/corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Greg Miller

Our books are closed through December giving us 11 months of our fiscal year completed.

Notable activity in December included:
Favorable:

- +\$5,900 in bathroom donations.

Our YTD bathroom donations are \$25,400. Thank you to everyone that has contributed and all the various fundraising efforts!

- +\$9,500 in favorable expenses driven by a delay in receiving our yearly rent invoice from the city of Racine. The expense will be recognized next month.
- Unfavorable:

- (-\$2,675) expense accrual for repairing the Hoist in the yard. Note: we are still favorable in the yard on YTD basis after this expense.
- The month ended favorable \$8,875 vs. budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Miller

COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Amy Cermak

I would like to thank everyone who took time from their busy schedule to help clean during shutdown. The Club looks very nice!

Congratulations to our Chili Cook Off winners! Thank you to everyone who participated and made this event a success!

1st Place: Joy Danko
2nd Place: Brigitte Vellekoop
3rd Place: Pam Jobson

River Fest is scheduled for August 2, 2025. Racine Regatta will be one of the festivities and it will be advertised in their publications and on Facebook. Possibly River Fest will have Passport

Card Game for attendees to visit local establishments, get the card stamped, and then when the card is full, return it for a drawing. Does RYC want to participate in the Passport Card Game?

Next week at the General Membership Meeting 2/20/25 there will be a workshop on the "New POS Software," How to read your bill!

Respectfully Submitted,
Commodore Amy

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:

Kim Shortess

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Sean Fox

Thank you everyone that volunteered during shut down. The club looks great! A lot of great events on the horizon. Be sure to stay up to date by checking the weekly e-blasts, RYC Members page on Facebook and fliers around the club.

Stay warm!

Submitted,
Sean C Fox

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Aaron Cruthers

We have started the online checklist for dredging maintenance permitting. Next step is to have a pre-application meeting with the DNR.

Respectfully,
Aaron Cruthers.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Ryan Blasiak

Membership Updates

- Status Changes:
 - o Active Member changed to Inactive - Jon & Tracy Gunderson
 - o Associate Member changed to Inactive - Jess & Karen Jankowski
- Resignations:
 - o Deb LeCrone, Andrea Russell, Linda Rannow
- New Life Members:

Meetings/Club Hours

Please check RYC eblasts for info about food service and Club hours.

See this month's calendar on page 5 for additional coming events:

CURRENT CLUB OPENINGS

MONDAY & TUESDAY CLOSED

WED/FRI/SAT OPEN AT 11AM_CLOSE

THURSDAY OPEN AT 4PM_CLOSE

SUNDAY OPEN AT 9AM-2PM

*Closing times are determined at the bartender's discretion; Club is typically open until 9:00 if there are patrons present.

GALLEY HOURS

Sunday Breakfast (9AM to 2PM)

Wednesday Lunch (11AM to 2PM)

Dinner (5PM to 9PM)

Thursday Dinner (5PM to 9PM)

Friday Lunch (11AM to 2PM)

Dinner (5PM to 9PM)

Saturday Lunch (11AM to 2PM)

Check most recent E-blasts for Dining Room hours of operation.

OFFICE HOURS

8 AM until 2 PM M-F

o Congratulations to Scott and Ellen Lewis on achieving Life Member status! Their dedication and commitment to RYC over the years have been greatly valued.

Current Membership Total

- 298 Members

Ryan made a motion to accept all status changes and resignations, Steve Gancarz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

We are looking into advertising on Racine's local radio station WRJN, also in LMSURF.

Committee Activities & Outreach

- Milaeger's Farmers Market

Representation:

o RYC was represented at the market on the first Sunday of February.

o While attendance at the event was lower than expected, the interactions we had with the public were meaningful. Several individuals expressed interest in

News in Brief

learning more about RYC and what we offer.

- Membership Meeting Recap:
 - o Last week's membership meeting was productive, and we are continuing to build momentum heading into the upcoming season.
 - o Areas of focus moving forward include:
 - Planning an informal Open House to welcome and engage potential new members.
 - Exploring advertising opportunities with WRJN to increase visibility within the community.
 - Refreshing membership materials to ensure consistency and clarity in our messaging.
 - Prospective Member Night:
 - o Three prospective members attended and showed strong interest in joining RYC.
 - o Follow-ups will be conducted to provide additional information and encourage membership applications.
- Ryan

HOUSE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Terry Marcus

SHUTDOWN 2025

- Resurface Walk-in Cooler (Charlie Manning & Jim Metzner)
- Baseboard Heat Maintenance (Steve Roberts)
- Dining Room Cleaning - (Louise Tomasek, Nyssah Walker, JoAnne Jensen, Andrea Galinski, Walter Vail, Mike Clark, John Easley, Suzy Phelps, Vickie Roberts)
- Library- Organization & Cleaning (Nyssah Walker)
- Galley (Monte Pyburn, Nyssah Walker)
- Hallway (Louise Tomasek, Nyssah Walker)
- Men's & Women's Head (Nyssah Walker, Terry Marcus)
- Donation of cleaning products- (Heather Ellis)

This year's shutdown went extremely well thanks to everyone's hard work. I would like to thank everyone that participated with the shutdown this year.

Terry Marcus
HOUSE DIRECTOR

PIER DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Heather Ellis

Thanks to Mark Lukow for repairing the cleats on the work floaters and helping to shore up a fractured beam on the main pier.

Planning is underway for spring projects. There is much work to do. Anyone interested in helping, please let me know.

Slip Contracts have been sent. If you didn't receive an email from me, please let me know. Please return completed contracts with proof of insurance to Kim. Also, if you know you will not be needing a slip in the next season, please let Kim or me know.

Lake Michigan has dropped 2" in the past month and is 11" lower than last year at this time. The lake level is expected to stay the same in the next month.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Ellis

YARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Bill Halliday

Bill and Gary Estep took care of the plowing during the last storm that we had. Commodore Amy thanked them. They did a great job.

RACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Steve Gancarz

First off, I would like to thank everyone who attended this year's Annual Awards Banquet. The house was packed with 93 attendees. It was a great night. Congratulations to all of the awardee's:

2024 Championship

PHRF	JAM	One Design	Star
3rd Samurai	2nd Mo Bhad	3rd Challenge	3rd Double Vision
2nd Split Personality		1st Endurance	2nd Raised by Wolves
2nd Grey Ghost			
1st Diamond Girl		1st Navigator	1st 7515

2024 Racine Regatta

PHRF	One Design	Star	
3rd Hasten	3rd Raised by Wolves		3rd Double Vision
2nd J70	2nd Challenge	2nd Jake	
1st Diamond Girl	1st Navigator	1st 7515	

2024 Blue Nose Regatta

3rd Monitor	2024 Pursuit Series
2nd Hasten	3rd Arion
1st Mr. Crusty	2nd Samurai
	1st Split Personality

Personal Awards

2024 Race Committee Excellence	Mike Freitag
2024 Most Improved Skipper	David Milaeger
2024 Crew Member of the Year	Adam St. Pierre
2024 Beyond the Call of Duty	Kristin Gancarz
2024 Old Man and the Sea	Tony Herrmann

Again, I would like to thank Bob and Cathy Sample for taking the reins on planning and executing this wonderful event. I would also like to thank all of our volunteers for helping to setup for the night (Sue Klement, Donna Reiersen, Maddie and Abby Lyon, Nyssah Walker, Jackie Jansta, and Ashley Borgwart). Hopefully I didn't miss anyone.

Thank you to our Race Committee and all of our Skippers who make it out to all of our races, for without them this night would have never happened. And lastly after going over the evening in my head, I realized there was one group that I missed, and that is all of the crew members. Without them this night would also never happen. Thank You!

April 5, 2024 RYC will be hosting the US Sailing Basic Race Management Seminar. Watch for more information in our eblast and Flyers in the club.

ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Danielle Dickert

It was great to see everyone who came down for our Super Bowl party and Chili Cook off. Thank you to everyone who brought down chili or a treat to share during the big game. Congratulation to Joy Danko for taking first place in the Chili Cook Off! Shout out to Brigitte Vellekoop who took

second place in the Cook Off and Pam Jobson for taking third place. The votes were close so an honorable mention goes out to Ryan Blasiak and Jonathan Baseheart for bringing down Chili to share. We have some great events coming to the club to wrap up the winter and look forward to seeing everyone down at the RYC. We are currently looking for a company to run trivia at the RYC the second Wednesday of each month in the off-session, hopefully we will have a trivia day or two before our sailing season starts. If trivia is popular, we will make it a regular event.

We look forward to seeing you all down at the RYC!

Upcoming autumn Events: March

- Tuesday, March 4th: Fat Tuesday Party - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- Saturday, March 15th: St Patrick's Day Party - Live Irish Music at 5:30

Keep an eye out for event fliers with details as well as the RYC "What's Happening," E-blast. If you have any questions about any of the events or wish to get some work-or-pay hours by volunteering for any events please contact Kim in the office.

Respectfully submitted,

-Dani Dickert

STAFF COMMODORE'S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

By-Laws:

Hook: We currently have 9 boats registered

Adult Sailing Education:

Adult Family Sailing/Cruising:
FEBRUARY 27 Thursday

5:30 pm

➤ Dinner, Social, Meeting

➤ Sailing "Enrichment" Activities

➤ Your Individual Personal

Sailing and Cruising

6:30 pm

Weather Presentation

By NOAA

RYC Youth Sailing Program: Summer sailing camp registration is open.

Registration forms can be found on our website.

RYC Youth Foundation: We have purchased a Triad Trailer to haul multiple boats. It is currently being built at the factory in North Carolina.

MWPHRF: Nothing new to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

Dear Commodore Cermak,

Thanks for renewing your yacht club's membership in the LMYA for 2025. Our databases have

now been updated with your club's new information from your application. If you want to see the yacht club officer's information, go to our website, LMYA.net, then select the Member Clubs section. We depend on the clubs to provide us with their current information

about officers and directors so we can keep the website updated.

You will receive all future Spreaders at your email address: acermak@gmail.com. The next one is planned for mid-February.

Thanks once again for your continued support of the LMYA. It's good to have long standing clubs like yours back with the association. We are looking forward to returning to RYC for another rendezvous on August 23rd.

cc: Laurie Hennig, secretary

Jim Mergener, Secretary, LMYA

NEW BUSINESS:

John Dickert, (Racine's former Mayor), joined our meeting to talk about the possibility of Racine getting a new museum. He is looking for ideas for things that could be included in the museum. A couple of ideas were a

DUES NOTICE

Membership Dues for the 2025-26 dues year (that starts on May 1, 2025) is due and payable on May 1st

Dues will be billed on your April Statement, giving you 30 days to get it paid!

Members that are not already signed up for quarterly dues that wish to take advantage of this option, please call the office to get your account switched over. Quarterly payments are billed on your April, July, October and January statements giving you time to get the payments in by the required dates.

Racine Yacht Club 2025/26 DUES SCHEDULE

SINGLE PAYMENT IN FULL:

ACTIVE, +30 - \$800

ACTIVE, -30 - \$300

ASSOCIATE - \$500

SENIOR - \$500

NRES - \$400 (NRES are not eligible for quarterly pmts)

QTRLY PAYMENT

4 equal installments of:

ACTIVE, +30 - \$200

ACTIVE, -30 - \$75

ASSOCIATE - \$125

SENIOR - \$125

**Please call Kim in the office if you have any questions or concerns -
262-634-8585**

Maritime section, also the history of manufacturing in Racine. If anyone has any ideas and would like to contact John, his email address is jdickert62@gmail.com.

Matt Pederson also joined our meeting as a representative of the Star Fleet. They would like to dedicate the Dry Sail area to Tony Herrmann. They would have a plaque made in his honor and would like to have the dedication at our Opening Day celebration. Danielle Dickert made a motion and Terry Marcus seconded the motion to name the dry sail area in Tony's name. The motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed implementing a 15% Non-Member Fee for all purchases made by Non-Members. This would not impact RYC Members. This policy would help reinforce the benefits of Club

membership while contributing to the Club's sustainability. Sean Fox made a motion to implement the Non-Member fee, Terry Marcus seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. This will be implemented March 1st, when our new POS system is up and running.

Steve Gancarz mentioned that we can get a free AIS Receiver for Marine Traffic to add the Club to their network. They would provide the unit. The Club would have to go through the application process, then they would determine if they will provide us with the free tracker.

Steve suggested that we assess everyone \$15.00/month which would go into a Capital Fund for projects like the new bathroom. Steve was reminded that our Certificate is part of our Capital Fund and dues are for our day to day operations. We

are asking our members to donate to our Capital Fund to help pay for our bathroom renovation, we did not want to make this mandatory.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:

OFF WATCH:

The board meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. Sean Fox made a motion to adjourn, Greg Miller seconded the motion

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Hennig
Recording Secretary



Celebrate Fat Tuesday with us on March 4th

Doors open: 4PM | Dinner Served: 5-8PM

Enjoy the spirit of Bourbon Street with party favors, photo props

& a special menu by Captain Knots Hospitality!




**\$6 'Big Easy'
Hurricanes!**

Red Snapper Po'Boy.....	\$18
<i>Lettuce, tomato, Creole sauce, red beans & rice</i>	
Red Beans & Rice Bowl.....	\$9
Shrimp Étouffée.....	\$22
<i>New Orleans classic shellfish stew with rice</i>	
Jambalaya.....	\$14 (Bowl)
.....	\$8 (Cup)
King Cake.....	\$7
<i>Official cake of Mardi Gras! Made by Gambino's Bakery in New Orleans!</i>	
<i>*If you cut the cake and find the "baby," you'll win a \$25.00 food credit</i>	

If you are aware of any dates or events that should be included in upcoming calendars, please contact the RYC office or e-mail information to the Reef Point editor.

RYC Calendar of Events — March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Club Opens @ 9:00 Breakfast Served 9AM to 2PM 23	CLOSED 24	CLOSED 25	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) 26	Club Opens @4:00 Dinner (5PM-8PM) 27	Club Opens @11:00 Lunch (11AM to 2PM) Dinner (5PM-8PM) 28	Club Opens @ 9AM Lunch (11AM to 2PM) 1
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WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

The Racine Yacht Club Youth Foundation, Inc a 501 (c)(3) Charity founded in 2016, was established to support the development of sailing and water safety programs for the youth of Racine. The RYC Youth Foundation makes it possible for any youth to have the opportunity to learn the art of sailing and participate in racing and related water sport activities.

Our program provides the funds for the purchase of boats, motors, equipment, maintenance, promotion and related functions.

The RYC Youth Foundation relies on the generous support of community partners and individuals to meet our budget goals. Your gift ensures that we can continue and expand our programs allowing our children to enjoy the wonders of being on the waters of Lake Michigan. The team building skills and leadership traits developed on the water will instill personal traits that last a lifetime.

HOW TO DONATE

Individual Donation...Donation in Kind...Beneficiary Designation...

Remembrance for a Deceased...Gifts of other assets including boats

Donate Funds for a boat and get naming rights.

QR Code for direct Donation



For personal contact:

Bob Sample, President @ 847 471-0890 or Amy Cermak, Vice President @262 496-7731

Mark Your Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR 4 - FAT TUESDAY CELEBRATION CLUB
OPEN AT 4PM

MAR 5 - BUNCO 6PM

MAR 6 - KARAOKE NIGHT 7PM

PROSPECTIVE NEW
MEMBER MEETING 7PM
CANCELLED FOR MARCH

MAR 7 - OLD TIMER'S LUNCHEON NOON

MAR 15 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY
(SATURDAY)

MAR 19 - BINGO 6PM

MAR 20 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
7PM

MAR 27 - AFSC



Please help us raise funds for our club's *NEW* bathroom and locker rooms.



All new bathrooms and locker rooms will be ADA compliant. Work will begin February 2025. We need all of our members help. Please consider a monetary donation.

(300 Members x \$250 = \$75,000 raised)

NEW/USED INVENTORY FOR SALE

YEAR	LOA (FT.)	MODEL	PRICE\$
2024	48'9"	DUFOUR 470	850,000
2024	36'11"	DUFOUR 390	460,657
2023	35'4"	DUFOUR 37	364,999
2023	27'4"	ROBALO 272	226,874
2023	27'6"	ROBALO 270	238,569
2023	26'6"	ROBALO 266 CAYMAN	177,669
2023	24'6"	ROBALO 246 CAYMAN	131,114
2023	21'6"	ROBALO 222 EX - Blue	95,925
2023	21'6"	ROBALO R222 - White	89,200
2023	17'2"	WALKER BAY - GEN 525	59,497
2023	16'4"	WALKER BAY - VENTURE 16	49,660
2022	12'	WALKER BAY - GEN 12	29,874
2023	10'5"	WALKER BAY - GEN 10 LTE	23,820
2023	11'10"	GALA - A360L	25,525
2023	10'10"	GALA - V330	22,040



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