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April 2009

Racine Yacht Club

Racine, Wisconsin

## Commodore's Report

Just one month 'til boat launch! Daylight Savings Time has arrived, the days are longer and the ice is out. It is time to start thinking about soft water boating. Plans are being finalized to complete repairs of the west pier. We expect to be complete at the beginning of May. If you have the time or your boat is on the west pier be sure to keep an ear open for work crew dates. We will need to strip the decking, electrical and fire main, then replace those systems when the steel work is completed.

With summer coming I think this is a good time to think about all that the Racine Yacht Club and our hometown has to offer. There are Adult Sailing classes offered in the spring and Youth Sailing classes in the summer. Sea Scout Ship 5750 makes RYC home and is open to youths 14-21. We have sailboat racing and Cruising Fleet trips. RYC has the best view on the lakefront in all of Racine. North Beach is next door and the town is full of activities, from First Fridays, festivals, shops and restaurants. All this is on our doorstep. I have yet to mention the food and camaraderie at the Clubhouse itself and the boating on Lake Michigan. Our facilities are topnotch and our service is great. Come on down, bring your friends and enjoy all we have to offer.

On to Friday night dining. If you do not have a reservation on Fridays, an opportunity will be offered to be seated at the "Barge." This is a large table and everyone will be seated together "family style" as they arrive. This has three distinct opportunities. First, it is a great chance to meet and socialize with other members. Second, having forgotten to make a reservation, you will have the opportunity to be seated in a relatively short time. Thirdly, if you choose not to participate in community dining, you will remember to make reservations next time. As always, if you choose to dine individually and do not have a reservation you will be placed on a waiting list. Take the opportunity to meet other members – that is what the Club is all about.

A couple items from the board: How many members would be willing to receive the *Reef Point* and their monthly statement electronically? That would be: bill via e-mail and the *Reef Point* on the website. As printing and postage costs

continue to rise, this is a prime opportunity to realize significant savings (read: several thousand dollars) over the course of a year. As we strive to hold costs in line, this is an easy one. For those who do not have access to a computer, we will continue to support you the old fashioned way.

The RYC Board has adopted a modified No Smoking policy. The Club will be smoke-free on Fridays from 5pm-9pm (dining hours) and Sunday until noon (breakfast hours). We hope this will make the dining experience at RYC more pleasurable. As this is an effort which attempts to find a middle ground, your support is expected!

As you prepare your list of projects for the spring, keep the basics high on your list. Remember the old Chinese proverb: *Not only can water float a boat, it can sink it as well.*

Peace! Out!

– Mark Rode, Commodore

## Entertainment Corner

There is plenty of fun of fun to be had at the Club this month! Bring your family to our **Easter Bunny Brunch** on Easter Sunday, April 12, 9:00 until 2:00. The kids and grandkids can meet the Easter Bunny, pose for a photo, make a craft and enjoy a sweet treat from the Bunny. Cost of the brunch is \$16.95 for adults, Children over 5 are \$9.95 each and under 5 are free! Make your reservations today!

The **Murder Mystery dinner** is planned for April 25. Watch your email for the details on this new and exciting event! You won't want to miss a great dinner and an evening of mystery and myhem!

Begin making your list for the upcoming **RYC Reunion**. We'll be inviting past members to come back to see the new and improved Club in May. We're combining this with Opening Weekend Sunday party (Monday is Memorial Day, so you can sleep in!), so put your thinking cap on!

## **RYC News in Brief**

From the March 12 Board meeting minutes:

**Treasurer Frank Randall** presented the February financials which shows the Club over budget, due to the renovation expenses and decreased use of the Club during the shutdown. The utility bill was the highest it has ever been. Discussion followed.

**Commodore Mark Rode** indicated that progress is being made with the lease extension negotiations with the City.

Rode reported that the Wisconsin DNR dredge contract extends until February, 2013. In November of 2012 we will apply for a five-year extension, which he has been assured will be approved. Failure to apply for the extension, however, will require a new application for dredging.

Rode indicated there was a good turnout for the Thoughts for Food benefit on March 7th.

**Vice Commodore Quin Rench** reported he was working on the property tax filing.

**Office Managers' Report:** Rode reported that Shortess is investigating the costs of credit card processing. Her analysis indicates that the amount of charges increased significantly between 2006 and 2008. She is requested a reduction in the fee amount from our current processor, and will investigate alternative vendors if indicated.

**Rear Commodore Charlie Manning** reported the new thermostats appear to be working well.

Manning indicated the Sea Scout program is progressing as expected.

Manning announced that the Youth Sailing program will be delayed one week this summer due to the extended school year.

**Membership Secretary Jan Guthrie** presented requests for status changes:

**New Active:** Ernie & Kathy Sawyer, out of county

**Associate to Inactive:** John & Karen Koltowski

**Active to Resigned:** Ed Beere

The first two requests were approved. The third was approved pending a review of the member status and financials.

The Board recommended Guthrie offer Inactive status in response to a request from Social members Jim & Barb Casey to resign.

Guthrie indicated her committee is working on the list from the boat show, with

a mailing going out shortly.

Guthrie also revisited the discussion on use of the Club by non-members, including those at a non-resident status. The Board recommends the Bylaw committee review the non-resident status requirements to determine if a change needs to be made to handle this issue.

**House Director Joe McGauran** reported he will be renewing the caterer's contract in April.

**Pier Director John Ayres** announced he has received all but five contracts for slips for the upcoming season. He has several open slips. Discussion followed on the pier system renovations and repairs. Ayres is getting material specifications together so that he can take advantage of early season pricing and shipping. The work should commence in April.

**Yard Director Greg Schneberger** led a discussion on the goose population problem. The Board advised him to take all necessary actions to minimize the problems, except for the goose-chasing dog.

**Entertainment Director Marsha Connet** reminded the Board of the rescheduled St. Patrick's Day dinner for Saturday, March 14th. The next event will be Breakfast Buffet with the Easter Bunny on April 12th.

Connet was looking for donations from vendors for the upcoming Casino night.

**Race Director Bob Sample** announced the Race Clinic with Pat Healy will be held at the Club on Sunday, April 5th from 11-4pm. Discussion followed regarding food service on that morning which the group will need to work around.

Sample led a discussion on HOOK expenses and his recommendations to increase income and reduce expenses.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Power Squadron:** Classes are underway in Seamanship and Navigation.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Current year budget will be presented at the March general meeting. The budget as prepared by Randall was approved as presented.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Rode led a discussion on banning smoking at the Club, as requested by several members. After discussion, the Board

## **Meetings/Club Hours**

**See this month's calendar on page 4 for additional coming events.**

### **April**

2	7:00pm	New Member Meeting
9	7:00pm	Board Meeting
16	7:30pm	General Membership Meeting

### **May**

7	7:00pm	New Member Meeting
14	7:00pm	Board Meeting
21	7:30pm	General Membership Meeting

### **WINTER CLUB HOURS**

Mon/Tues Closed\*

Thurs 4:00 to Close\*

Weds/Fri/Sat 11:00 to Close\*

Sun 8:00 to 6:00\*

\*Closing times are determined at the bartender's discretion.

### **GALLEY HOURS**

WED & FRI Lunch .....11:00-1:30

FRIDAY Dinner .....5:00-9:00

SATURDAY Lunch .....11:00-2:00

SUNDAY Breakfast .....8:00-12:00

SUNDAY Lunch .....12:00-2:00

**OFFICE HOURS 8 AM until 2 PM**

unanimously approved a change to House Rules to ban smoking in the Clubhouse during galley hours on Friday nights (5-9 pm) and Sunday mornings until noon. The change will take effect on Opening Day. Notices will be posted in the Club and in the Reef Point.

Rode presented a request from a committee that wishes to honor Kai Kasabian with a racing trophy that will be built in his honor and displayed at the Club, and also to have his name placed on the yardarm, since his death is directly attributed to his military service. After discussion, the Board will advise the committee to proceed with their plans.

## **Off Watch**

**Bonne Knop** recently had surgery and it required a lengthy stay in a Milwaukee hospital.

RYC extends sincere wishes for expedient and successful recovery for all of its members and families with health issues, and we apologize for any omissions or inaccuracies in this report. Please contact Kim with any updates, additions or corrections.

**Visit RYC's Website at [www.racineyachtclub.org](http://www.racineyachtclub.org)**

*for the most up-to-date information, events and race results.*

## Safe Boating Classes

### PUBLIC SAFE BOATING CLASSES & 2 hr. SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Racine Sail & Power Squadron (RSPS) – U.S. Power Squadron is holding a one-day Boating Safety Class on Saturday, April 18th - 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

- Location: Racine Riverside Marina, Boaters Clubhouse
- Geared to the Young & Old
- Course Qualifies for WI-DNR Youth Boat Operator Permit
- Cost: \$60.00 includes lunch, student manual & materials

Youth Student needs an additional \$1.00 for DNR Permit

Seating is Limited – First come, first served  
Reservations: Contact James J. Runge  
j.runge@sbcglobal.net or (262) 639- 2949

Please Note: RSPS is also offering several **BOATING 2 hr. SPRING SEMINARS** This May on Saturdays

All Seminars will be held at 2 PM - 4 PM

- Location: Racine Riverside Marina – Boaters Clubhouse 920 Erie Street, Racine
- Cost: \$25 for USPS Members or \$40 public – includes Book/ Materials

Reservation: by e-mail or call number above

GPS Seminar Course – May 2nd

Marine Radar Seminar Course – May 9th

Sail Trim Seminar Course – May 16th

You should be interested in becoming a U.S. Power Squadron Member – Contact RSPS – Membership Secretary: Jared J. Shortess  
jshortess@retailfixture.com  
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*Annual cost is less than a "good night out for dinner" and a whole lot more educational – and you can meet new friends!*

Information provided by Bill F. Erdmann



### Racine Yacht Club Announces the Launching of its 2009 Adult Sailing Program...

This program is open to all adults over 21 with little or no experience in sailing. Those of you who are more experienced are also welcome to come and hone your sailing skills. The program will consist of

- 3 – two hour classroom sessions
- 4 – two- to three-hour on-the-water sessions

Introduction and orientation will be held Sunday, May 3, at 2:00 p.m. at the Racine Yacht Club, located at 1 Barker Street (at the Lake) in Racine. The classroom sessions will begin Tuesday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. and continue each Tuesday evening through May 26. The on-the-water sessions will start at 6:00 p.m. beginning June 2 and will continue on Tuesday evenings through June 23. Ending times for each on-the-water session may vary depending on weather conditions.

All course materials will be provided. Topics to be taught during the classroom sessions include:

- Sailing and yacht nomenclature
- Points of sail
- Basic sail handling
- Basic navigation
- Basic Right-of-Way rules
- Seamanship (knots, man overboard, spotting etiquette, safety at sea)

After the classroom sessions, you'll be able to put your new skills to work, sailing on Racine Yacht Club member's yachts. Many of RYC's members are volunteering their time and their vessels to allow you to use your experience – "hands on" – sailing on Lake Michigan. You will put up sails, trim them, take them down and learn first-hand how to sail. You'll probably get several opportunities to take the helm.

Following the final on-the-water session, you will be treated to a pizza party at the Club, with a certificate presentation indicating your completion of the course.

If you've ever wanted to learn how to sail, this is your opportunity.

There is no similar course offered within 70 miles of Racine, and the cost is reasonable, at \$95.00.

Come join this fun learning experience. And hurry, because enrollment is limited to 30 students.

Who knows? Before the end of the course, you may be invited to sail the entire season, whether cruising or perhaps racing in some of Racine Yacht Club's many competitive events.

Please note:

Class size is limited, so be sure to enroll as early as possible. Due to the possibility of inclement weather conditions, the on-the-water sessions are subject to cancellation. Rescheduling of cancelled sessions due to poor weather will be attempted, but is not guaranteed.

Introduction and orientation is at the Racine Yacht Club on Sunday, May 3 at 2:00 p.m., at which time you can pick up your course materials. RYC - (262) 634-6065

[www.racineyachtclub.org](http://www.racineyachtclub.org)

### Racine Yacht Club Adult Sailing Program

#### Enrollment Form

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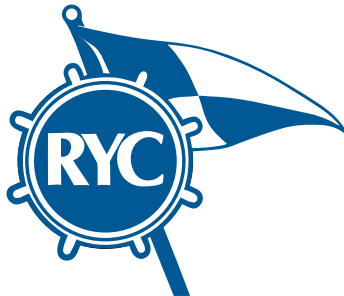
# RYC Calendar of Events – April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Lunch Served 11:00-1:30 <b>1</b>	Club Opens @ 4:00 <b>2</b> New Member Meeting 7:00 pm	Lunch Served 11:00-1:30 <b>3</b> Dinner Served 5:00-9:00	Club Opens @ 11:00 <b>4</b> Lunch Served 11:00-2:00
Breakfast Served <b>5</b> 8:00-12:00 Lunch Served 12:00-2:00 Skippers' Meeting and Racing Rules Seminar 10:00 am – 4:00 pm	CLUB CLOSED <b>6</b>	CLUB CLOSED <b>7</b>	Lunch Served 11:00-1:30 <b>8</b>	Club Opens @ 4:00 <b>9</b> Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Lunch Served <b>10</b> 11:00-1:30 Dinner Served 5:00-9:00	Club Opens <b>11</b> @ 11:00 Lunch Served 11:00-2:00
EASTER BUNNY BRUNCH <b>12</b> 9:00-2:00	CLUB CLOSED <b>13</b>	CLUB CLOSED <b>14</b>	Lunch Served 11:00-1:30 <b>15</b>	Club Opens @ 4:00 <b>16</b> General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	Lunch Served <b>17</b> 11:00-1:30 Dinner Served 5:00-9:00	Club Opens <b>18</b> @ 11:00 Lunch Served 11:00-2:00
Breakfast Served <b>19</b> 8:00-12:00 Lunch Served 12:00-2:00	CLUB CLOSED <b>20</b>	CLUB CLOSED <b>21</b>	Lunch Served 11:00-1:30 <b>22</b>	Club Opens @ 4:00 <b>23</b>	Lunch Served <b>24</b> 11:00-1:30 Dinner Served 5:00-9:00	Club Opens <b>25</b> @ 11:00 Lunch Served 11:00-2:00 Murder Mystery Dinner
Breakfast Served <b>26</b> 8:00-12:00 Lunch Served 12:00-2:00	CLUB CLOSED <b>27</b>	CLUB CLOSED <b>28</b>	Lunch Served 11:00-1:30 <b>29</b>	Club Opens @ 4:00 <b>30</b>	Lunch Served <b>1</b> 11:00-1:30 Dinner Served 5:00-9:00  <i>May</i>	Club Opens <b>2</b> @ 11:00 Lunch Served 11:00-2:00  RYC LAUNCH DAY

## Mark Your Calendar

### Upcoming Entertainment/Event Schedule

- Skippers' Meeting and Racing Rules Seminar .....April 5
- Brunch with the Bunny .....April 12
- Murder Mystery Dinner.....April 25
- Launch Day .....May 2
- Dock & Yard Day .....May 9
- National Safe Boating Week .....May 16-22



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36' 1994 Catalina 36	\$ call
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34' 1984 Hunter	\$ 34,900
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## Racing Rules Seminar



On April 5th, Pat Healy presented a lively and very informative session called "Strategy, Tactics and the New Racing Rules" to several dozen RYC members and friends at the Club.

Pat is an ISAF International Judge, a member of the Olympic Jury, former Canadian National Olympic Sailing Coach, US Naval Academy Coach – and still an RYC Member and former RYC "Junior." It was very evident that Pat has a very warm place in his heart for RYC.

Thanks Pat – it was great having you back!

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42' 2005 Jeanneau 43 DG - Great master stateroom . . . . .	\$239,900
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40' 1999 Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 40 - Local Racine boat . . . . .	\$139,900
38' 1995 Pacific Seacraft Ericson 380 - Top quality . . . . .	Reduced \$129,000
38' 1994 Tartan 3800 - Very well maintained . . . . .	\$149,500
38' 1988 Island Packet 38 - Well built, comfortable . . . . .	Reduced \$126,000
37' 2003 Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 37 - Stored inside heated . . . . .	\$129,500
37' 1981 Tartan T-37s - One owner, stored inside . . . . .	Reduced \$59,800
36' 1999 C&C 110 - Best of both worlds-race & cruise . . . . .	Reduced \$107,500
35' 2006 Jeanneau Sun Fast 35 - Demo model, trades welcome	\$226,884
35' 1974 Cal Cruising 35 - Deck Salon . . . . .	Reduced \$29,900
34' 1997 Catalina 34 MKII - Private staterooms fore and aft . . . . .	\$84,500
34' 1989 Pacific Seacraft Crealock 34 - Notable boat . . . . .	\$119,000
32' 1995 Pacific Seacraft Crealock 32 Pilot House - Civilized . . . . .	\$119,900
32' 1976 Trojan F-32 - Shows well . . . . .	\$20,000
31' 1990 Pacific Seacraft Crealock 31 - Make an offer . . . . .	\$94,000
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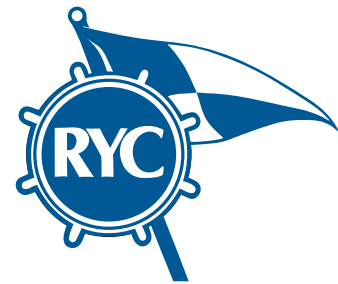
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 S=Sail  
 C=Commercial  
 N=New  
 U=Used  
 S=Single  
 T=Twin  
 D=Diesel  
 G=Gas/Petrol  
 W=Wood  
 ST=Steel  
 AL=Aluminum  
 FG=Fiberglass  
 CP=Composite  
 FC=FerroCement  
 O=AOther/None

SAIL						
49'	Hunter 49	2008	US\$ 385,900	S N S D FG	Racine, WI	
46'	Hunter 466	2004	US\$ 234,990	S U S D FG	Racine, WI	
45'	Hunter 45CC	2008	US\$ 289,900	S N S D FG	Racine, WI	
44'	Hunter 44 Deck Salon ...	2006	US\$ 234,995	S U S D FG	Racine, WI	
42'	Hunter 420	1999	US\$ 178,900	S U S D FG	New Buffalo, MI	
41'	Hunter 41 Deck Salon	2005	US\$ 197,495	S U S D FG	Racine, WI	
38'	C&C 38 Sloop	1976	US\$ 28,995	S U S G FG	Racine, WI	
38'	Hunter 38	2008	US\$ 185,990	S N S D FG	Racine, WI	
37'	Hunter Hunter 376	1998	US\$ 98,900	S U S D FG	Racine, WI	
36'	Hunter 36 Aft cockpit	2009	\$ 179,962	S N S D FG	Racine, WI	
35'	Hunter 35 Legend	1987	\$ 44,990	S U S D FG	Racine, WI	
35'	Hunter 35.5 Legend	1990	\$ 54,900	S U S D FG	Racine, WI	
34'	Hunter 34	1984	\$ 29,900	S U S D FG	Milwaukee, WI	
34'	Hunter 34	1984	\$ 27,500	S U S D FG	Racine, WI	
34'	Hunter 340	1999	\$ 75,600	S U S D FG	Chicago, IL	
33'	Hunter 33	2009	\$ 132,875	S N S D FG	Florida, WI	
33'	Hunter 33.5	1990	\$ 35,900	S U S D FG	IL, USA	
33'	Hunter 33.5	1990	\$ 35,900	S U S D FG	IL, USA	
33'	Ericson	1986	\$ 29,800	S U S D FG	Racine, WI	
30'	Hunter 30 - 2FR	1988	\$ 33,400	S U S D FG	Milwaukee, WI	
28'	Hunter 28.5	1986	\$ 16,950	S U S D FG	Racine, WI	
27'	Hunter 27	1980	\$ 10,995	S U S D FG	Kenosha, WI	
16'	Precision 165	2005	\$ 10,900	S U S G FG	Racine, WI	
POWER						
37'	Maxum 3700 SCR	1999	\$ 110,900	P U T G FG	Racine, WI	
36'	Cruisers Yachts 3675	1992	\$ 64,700	P U T G FG	Racine, WI	
34'	Mainship Pilot Express	2006	\$ 189,900	P U S D FG	Racine, WI	
32'	Regal 3260 Commodore	2003	\$ 110,900	P U T G FG	Racine, WI	
31'	Sea Ray 310 Sundancer	1991	\$ 31,500	P U T G FG	Racine, WI	
31'	Wellcraft 310	1981	\$ 14,800	P U T G FG	Racine, WI	
31'	Wellcraft 3100 Expres	1983	\$ 23,950	P U T G FG	Racine, WI	
30'	Mainship Pilot	2005	\$ 128,500	P U S D FG	Racine, WI	
30'	Regal 3060	2006	\$ 122,900	P U T G FG	Racine, WI	
29'	Back Cove 29	2006	\$ 155,990	P U S D FG	Racine, WI	
29'	Cruisers Sea-Devil	1985	\$ 19,850	P U T G FG	Racine, WI	
28'	Albin 28 Tourmamt Exp...	2000	\$ 87,900	P U S D FG	Chicago, WI	
25'	Starcraft 2490 Expedition	2000	\$ 17,900	P U S G FG	Racine, WI	
23'	Boston Whaler 23 cuddly...	1993	\$ 22,800	P U S G FG	Racine, WI	
21'	Pursuit 2150 Walkaround	1996	\$ 18,500	P U S G FG	Racine, WI	
14'	AB Inflatables 14 VST	2008	\$ 19,995	P U S D FG	Racine, WI	
12'	Seadoo SPX	1996	\$ 2,490	P U S G FG	Racine, WI	
11'	Walker bay Genesis 340 ...	2008	\$ 8,995	P N S G O	Racine, WI	

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