

March 2018

# REEF POINT

*"For the encouragement and promotion of yachting  
and the creation of a spirit of good fellowship..."*  
(RYC Constitution, Article II)

**Racine Yacht Club**

**Racine, Wisconsin**

## Commodore's Report

Days are getting longer, snow is disappearing, and ice is getting thinner – time to start the work on your boat. I just returned from a good long weekend of racing in Miami for the J70 Midwinters. 82 degrees, 18 knots of breeze and 65 boats made for truly exciting racing. Now we need summer to join us up north.

Huge thanks to all who helped during shut down. Pat Sullivan and Mike Fox headed up the cleaning team that put the sparkle in every corner of the Club. This dedication to the improvement of our Club is essential to making our "home on the lake" attractive to not only our members but to guests and future members. Having members do the work creates great camaraderie and financially benefits the Club.

The pier system sustained considerable damage early this winter and repair work is being scheduled. Barge work and steel have been ordered, measurements and layouts are planned and work will commence shortly. Please look for work notices if you are willing to help out. Also note the pier is closed till further notice due to missing deck boards.

Our race committee is updating and repairing our RC boats. The second 21 Whaler is being refinished (same as *Racer Chaser*) and will be ready for service this spring. With the two 21 Whalers and *Romy*, we can handle all of the regatta and youth sailing safety needs. We have a Bayliner 26 that is not being used and we are looking to sell, if you are interested or know of anyone looking, please contact us.

Thank you all for the support in the Bylaw and dues structure change. With our membership approaching a point of 50% of members paying half dues or none (Senior, Social, Associate, Life), we needed an update as this was unsustainable. I believe this will improve finances and help build new members with the extended year round Associate. Membership committee is working hard to promote RYC as the "Club to join" as new businesses move to the Racine area.

## J70 Midwinters



Lots of action on the water, off of Coral Reef Yacht Club!

As we get closer to spring, the parties really start to sprout. Don't miss Thoughts for Food, This is a fund raiser for the Racine County Food Bank. Several bands will play through out the evening. St Pats Day party happens on March 17, a long tradition here with corned beef and cabbage. This year we're having an Irish band for your pleasure. And of course Easter is on April 1st – no fooling, come down for a special Easter brunch.

I hope all are surviving the last of our cold winter, spring is coming!

We are looking for some new blood and fresh ideas to help with the *Reef Point* and our web page. This is your Club – please get involved.

— John Stanley, Commodore

### WINTER CLUB HOURS

**CLOSED Monday and Tuesday** Open Thursday at 4PM  
Open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 11AM; Sunday at 8AM  
Lunch available Wed/Fri/Sat 11AM - 2PM  
Bar Menu Available Weds, Thurs 5PM to 8PM  
Sunday breakfast 8AM - noon Limited lunch from noon - 2PM

## ***RYC News in Brief***

From the January Board meeting minutes:

**Treasurer Frank Randall** reported:

- We had a slight gain in adjusted income for the month. For the year our gain in adjusted income was fairly significant. We were \$26,169 below budget for the year. I think the good yearly financial results were mainly because we did not do the main pier electric work, we paid for part of the back bar units last year, although we budgeted for the entire amount in FY2017 and Kim's assistant was not hired until midyear.
- The Lake Michigan water level remained constant during the past month and is only expected to drop an inch in the next month. We are getting close to the seasonal low water levels and the lake level may soon begin to rise.

From **Commodore John Stanley**:

- John reports that he has attended officer installation ceremonies at 5th Street Yacht Club and South Milwaukee Yacht Club.
- *Racer Chaser 2* is in the shop being repaired.

From **Vice Commodore Fritz Wichman**:

- I have completed the RYC personal property assessment for the club taxes.
- I have asked Amy Mullen to come down and discuss some marketing options to the board for the Club prior to the February general membership meeting. The goal of this marketing is a drive for new membership.
- Fritz reported that shutdown/annual cleaning was currently underway and big thank you is owed to Patrick Sullivan and all the volunteers involved in making this happen. Now is also the time to start thinking about how you can get involved at the RYC this spring as it's never too late (or early) to get going on your work or pay hours.
- We are anticipating a large student group for adult sailing school this year and we will be needing volunteer boats and Club ambassadors. Please

let us know if you can help.

From **Rear Commodore Amy Cermak**:

- The Venetian Night Trophy will leave RYC on March 2, 2018, and go to Harbor Lite Yacht Club where it will spend 1 year, then move to 5th Street Yacht Club. After that, the trophy will return to RYC, and the rotation will start over. This plan was established last year when the commodores from Racine's three yacht clubs along with the Racine Heritage Museum met. The trophy is the property of the Racine Heritage Museum.

From **Membership Secretary Sean Fox**:

- New members: Glenn and Maria Bisceglia - Associate; Scott and Robin Posnanski - Active
- Change of Status: Active to Senior - Bob and Pam Jobson
- Resignations: Allen and Sharon Lefkowitz, Kent and Rita Heitzinger
- The Board unanimously approved.
- The Open House will be held on Opening Day. Sean will assemble a planning committee.
- We will reach out to past members that already have a B Certificate and ascertain their preference regarding associate vs. active, when the proposed by law changes pass.

From **House Director Patrick Sullivan**:

- Shutdown has gone well. We are ahead of schedule and have all our projects completed. The galley is clean and being put back together by galley staff. Monday the carpet will be cleaned and Tuesday the floors will all be cleaned and polished! Pat thanks the following people who came down and spent time during the Shutdown: Mike Fox, Lucy Sullivan, Ed Jirsa, Ken Fox, Dave Ophale, Dan Mott, Mike Pobar, Howie Olson, Joe Fox, Dennis and Rennee Barclay, Marshall Cushman, and John Cook. Galley Staff: Auggie and Mercedes.

From **Pier Director Frank Gall**:

- At the present time there is no new damage to the pier system to report.

## ***Meetings/Club Hours***

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

### ***March***

1	7:00pm	New Member Meeting
8	7:00pm	Board Meeting
15	7:00pm	General Membership Meeting

### ***April***

5	7:00pm	New Member Meeting
12	7:00pm	Board Meeting
19	7:00pm	General Membership Meeting

### ***WINTER CLUB HOURS***

Mon., Tues. - CLOSED

Thurs. - 4PM to 9PM\*

Weds., Fri., Sat. - 11AM to 9PM\*

Sunday - 8AM to 8PM\*

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

### ***GALLEY HOURS***

Wed., Fri., Sat. Lunch..... 11:00-2:00

Friday Dinner ..... 5:00-9:00

Sunday Breakfast..... 8:00-2:00

Sunday Lunch (limited) ..... 12:00-2:00

Bar Menu: Weds, Thurs..... 5:00-8:00

### ***OFFICE HOURS 8 AM until 2 PM M-F***

All the ice eaters are running, 2 units were lost to damage caused by plastic bags. The process is ongoing to obtain pricing for pilings and trusses for the pier repairs. A list of other needed supplies for the repairs is being completed.

From **Yard Director Mike Frietag**:

- There have been 5 snow events (times the lot was plowed this year). Mike thanks Mike Fox, Pat Sullivan and Gary Anderson for clearing the main walks until I can get there after work.
- Erica reports that the every other week garbage pick-up seems to be working out OK.

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## ***In Memoriam***

**Patrick Wade** and **Noel Johnson** passed away in February. We extend sincere condolences to both families during this difficult time.

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

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

## News in Brief, cont'd

- The RYC and MEMBERS ONLY signs hanging outside the kitchen are in disrepair. The signs will be spruced up this spring. Mike also plans to check the other signs on the premises.
- A mystery boat trailer appeared in the dry sail area. Does anyone know whose it is?
- Finally a correction for the *Reef Point* – I did not say Evinrude is hoping to supply four engines to RYC. I am working with the company to see if they will supply four engines to RYC.

### From Race Director Fred Stritt:

*Fred was absent but submitted the following report:*

- There is no news from the state on the buoy application.
- CRAW has been invited to the RYC Regatta! The entry fee will be \$85. Payable to RYC, food will be via RYC caterer, if served on RYC grounds. CRAW will be responsible to make arrangements with the city of Racine for use of the park for parking of RVs.
- Fred is waiting to hear from the youth foundation or CRAW regarding the use / rental / compensation of RYC equipment such as boats and buoys for the training or CRAW youth event.
- Fred will make arrangements with RYC and Riverside to sell the Bayliner 26 (former backup committee boat).
- A big thank you to John Stanley for all his work on the second *Racer Chaser*!

From Entertainment Director Kurt Lasson: *Kurt was absent but submitted the following report*

- **February:** The Pizza cook off was a success. There were 13 pizzas and about 35 members involved. 1st.place went to Dan Mott \$50, 2nd.place went to Kurt Lasson \$30, 3rd. place went to Gary Anderson \$20. \$25 went to Chef Mike for all kitchen needs. No cost to Club.
- The Chili Cook Off will be Sat. Feb. 17th. 3 pm.
- **March:** Karaoke Show Thursday, March 1st. 6 pm. Thoughts for Food, Sat. March 3rd. 50 \$10 tickets available in advance to RYC Members; \$15 at the door. Call Kim to reserve a ticket.

Start times for acts: 5:30 Ralph Woods, 6:30 Rat Package, 7:30 The Kaptain, 8:30 Tom Johnston, 9:30 Twang Shui

- The St. Pats Bash will be Sat. the 17th. Details to follow.

### From Staff Commodore Bob Sample:

*Bob was absent but submitted the following report:*

- Tony Karwowski is currently in the process of coordinating our Youth at the Beach event with the CRAW group scheduled for Aug. 7-12. The full details of the event will be presented to the RYC Board when completed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **By-Laws:** Mark Lukow will read the proposed by law changes at the February General Membership Meeting (*presented and passed*).
- **HOOK:** 6 registrations so far
- **RYC Youth Sailing Program:** January 20: Youth Seminar Dinghy racing tactics were presented by Buck Mercer. Eight students and eight adults attended.
- Rick and Amy Cermak attended the Options program at Red Apple School on Friday, Feb. 2. The event allows students to learn about various careers. We brought an OPTI, talked about related careers and were able to showcase our summer sailing camp schedule.
- American Association of University Women in partnership with Girls INC, again this year agreed to support 12 girls to take a complete session of sailing. Registration will be done through Girls Inc

### • RYC Youth Foundation:

*From Amy Cermak - A Letter of Intent has been submitted to the Racine Community Foundation for Grant approval. We are asking for money to support the 5th annual Racine Parks Department Community Waterfront Program that is held at RYC. Currently this is a free program to the Parks Department subsidized by the Racine Yacht Club. The Parks Department provides transportation and adult supervisors. We will know by March 1 if our Letter of Intent has been accepted.*

- Laura Murin donated Al's laser to the foundation in memory of Al.
- Sailing through STEM (Science, Engineering, Technology and Math) February 24. Charlie Manning and Sarah Pederson are coordinating the program. Youth sailors ages 7-17 will rotate through stations and activities to participate in STEM/sailing related activities. Youth will spend approximately 20 minutes at each station.
- *From Bob Sample - The Foundation Officers and Directors are planning and implementing activities that will expand their services to the Racine Yacht Club and the Racine Community for 2018. We are in the process of establishing a Water Sports and Safety program with the Racine YMCA. Our organization will be very active in pursuing sponsors and donors to support the development of the various water sport and safety programs being planned for the community. Volunteers would be welcome to join us in building the Foundation.*

### COMMUNICATIONS

- None

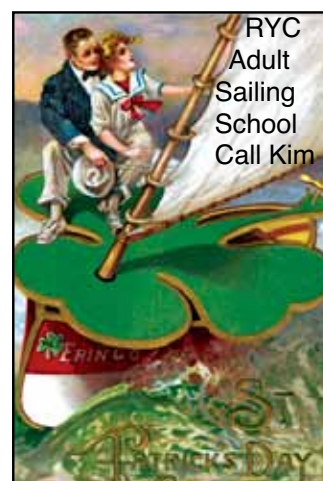
### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

### NEW BUSINESS

- None

## Adult Sailing School



## RYC Calendar of Events — February-March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Breakfast Served 8-Noon</b> <b>Limited Lunch Menu Served 12:00-2:00</b> <b>28</b>	<b>CLUB CLOSED 29</b>	<b>CLUB CLOSED 30</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 11:00</b> <b>Lunch Served 11:00-2:00</b> <b>Bar menu 5:00-8:00</b> <b>TACO WEDNESDAY</b> <b>31</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 4:00</b> <b>Bar menu 5:00-8:00</b> <b>RIB THURSDAY</b> <b>Karaoke - 6PM</b> <b>New Member Meeting 7PM</b> <b>March</b> <b>1</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 11:00</b> <b>Lunch Served 11:00-2:00</b> <b>Dinner Served 5:00-9:00</b> <b>2</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 11:00</b> <b>Lunch Served 11-2:00</b> <b>THOUGHTS FOR FOOD</b> <b>3</b>
<b>Breakfast Served 8-Noon</b> <b>Limited Lunch Menu Served 12:00-2:00</b> <b>4</b>	<b>CLUB CLOSED 5</b>	<b>CLUB CLOSED 6</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 11:00</b> <b>Lunch Served 11:00-2:00</b> <b>Bar menu 5:00-8:00</b> <b>TACO WEDNESDAY</b> <b>7</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 4:00</b> <b>Bar menu 5:00-8:00</b> <b>RIB THURSDAY</b> <b>Board Meeting -7:00</b> <b>8</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 11:00</b> <b>Lunch Served 11:00-2:00</b> <b>Dinner Served 5:00-9:00</b> <b>9</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 11:00</b> <b>Lunch Served 11-2:00</b> <b>10</b>
<b>Breakfast Served 8-Noon</b> <b>Limited Lunch Menu Served 12:00-2:00</b> <b>11</b>	<b>CLUB CLOSED 12</b>	<b>CLUB CLOSED 13</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 11:00</b> <b>Lunch Served 11:00-2:00</b> <b>Bar menu 5:00-8:00</b> <b>TACO WEDNESDAY</b> <b>14</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 4:00</b> <b>Bar menu 5:00-8:00</b> <b>RIB THURSDAY</b> <b>General Membership Meeting -7:00</b> <b>15</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 11:00</b> <b>Lunch Served 11:00-2:00</b> <b>Dinner Served 5:00-9:00</b> <b>16</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 11:00</b> <b>Lunch Served 11-2:00</b> <b>ST. PAT'S BASH</b> <b>17</b>
<b>Breakfast Served 8-Noon</b> <b>Limited Lunch Menu Served 12:00-2:00</b> <b>18</b>	<b>CLUB CLOSED 19</b>	<b>CLUB CLOSED 20</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 11:00</b> <b>Lunch Served 11:00-2:00</b> <b>Bar menu 5:00-8:00</b> <b>TACO WEDNESDAY</b> <b>21</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 4:00</b> <b>Bar menu 5:00-8:00</b> <b>RIB THURSDAY</b> <b>22</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 11:00</b> <b>Lunch Served 11:00-2:00</b> <b>Dinner Served 5:00-9:00</b> <b>23</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 11:00</b> <b>Lunch Served 11-2:00</b> <b>24</b>
<b>Breakfast Served 8-Noon</b> <b>Limited Lunch Menu Served 12:00-2:00</b> <b>25</b>	<b>CLUB CLOSED 26</b>	<b>CLUB CLOSED 27</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 11:00</b> <b>Lunch Served 11:00-2:00</b> <b>Bar menu 5:00-8:00</b> <b>TACO WEDNESDAY</b> <b>28</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 4:00</b> <b>Bar menu 5:00-8:00</b> <b>RIB THURSDAY</b> <b>29</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 11:00</b> <b>Lunch Served 11:00-2:00</b> <b>Dinner Served 5:00-9:00</b> <b>30</b>	<b>Club Opens @ 11:00</b> <b>Lunch Served 11-2:00</b> <b>31</b>

### Upcoming Events

- MAR 1:**  
 Karaoke - 6PM  
 Prospective New Member Meeting - 7PM
- MAR 3:**  
 Thoughts for Food
- MAR 15:**  
 General Membership Meeting - 7PM
- MAR 17:**  
 St. Patrick's Day Party
- APR 1:**  
 Easter Brunch - 9AM til 1PM
- APR 5:**  
 Karaoke - 6PM  
 Prospective New Member Meeting - 7PM
- APR 8:**  
 Soup on Sunday
- APR 19:**  
 General Membership Meeting - 7PM

### Clothing Corner



## St Patrick's Day Bash

Clothing will be set-up on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

for the St. Patrick's Day Party

3:30 – 5:30pm St. Patrick's Bash Only!

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44'	1984	Midnight Lace Rumrunner – Diesels w/350 hours.....	\$165,000
41'	2018	Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 419 – New boat.....	Call "Captain Ed"
41'	2013	Jeanneau 41DS – W/ 360 DOCKING.....	\$270,000
40'	2014	Blue Jacket 40 – New boat CW Boat of the Year Call "Captain Ed"	
40'	1983	Endeavour 40 – Mid cockpit.....	\$59,900
38'	1982	Morgan 383 – Highly regarded cruising boat.....	\$45,000
37'	2012	Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 379 – w/Bow thruster & Radar.....	\$199,900
37'	1988	Hunter Legend 37.5 – Fast and comfortable.....	\$39,000
36'	2000	Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 36.2 – A true turnkey.....	\$89,900
36'	1991	Cruisers 3675 Esprit – Inside heated & Boat house kept.....	\$39,900
36'	1989	Catalina 36 – Continuous and recent upgrades.....	\$54,500
36'	1982	Pearson 365 Cutter – Many upgrades & improvements.....	\$45,500
34'	2018	Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 349 – New boat.....	Call "Captain Ed"
34'	2014	Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 349 – Great electronics, Code 0.....	\$170,000
33'	1988	Pearson 33 – Performance/Quality/Comfort.....	\$27,500
33'	1977	Morgan Out Island 33 – Solid & Sea Kindly.....	\$14,900
32'	1977	Trojan F-32 Sedan – Most popular 32' in boating.....	\$17,500
29'	2017	Crownline 294 CR – New Boat.....	Call "Captain Ed"
28'	1987	Pearson 28-2 – Good at rest & in motion.....	\$19,900
28'	1984	Sabre 28 MKIII – Graceful/Agile.....	\$19,900
26'	2018	Hake/Seaward 26 RK – Sail without boundaries Call "Captain Ed"	



### New and Pre-Owned Sailboats

LOA (ft)	Year	Make	Price
49	2007	Hunter	259,900
45	2009	Hunter Deck Salon	238,900
44	2003	Hunter	139,900
41.1	2017	Beneteau Oceanis	249,900
41	2008	Hunter Deck Salon	149,900
37	2014	Marlow Hunter	199,990
37	1979	Endeavour	34,900
35	2002	Hunter	69,900
35	2003	Hunter	79,900
33.5	1993	Hunter 33.5	43,500
33	2007	Hunter	79,990
33	2012	Hunter	129,500
30	2000	Dragonfly Tri 920	89,000
29	1986	Beneteau First	15,500
28	1985	ODay	9,500
27	1977	Ericson	6,895




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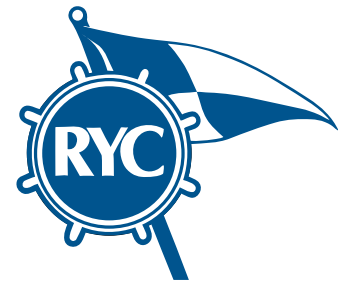
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