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# Bow 'n' Stern

THE SHEBOYGAN YACHT CLUB

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

February 1st means only 47 days until the first day of spring! We have had a mild winter so far, and this has been a blessing for our pier and snow shoveling committees. With that said, I want to thank the individuals on these important committees for making sure our club is accessible and from preventing damage to our piers. You may have noticed the section of pier just West of the Christmas tree has sunk a few inches since the fall. We have called Raise Rite and they will be coming out in March to see what they can do to stabilize that section.

At the February General Membership meeting (to be held on Thursday February 9th at 19:15) there will be discussion and a vote on two proposed bylaw changes. **The first proposal clarifies the wording of a bylaw pertaining to Dues Work off and Apprentice Hour, while the second bylaw proposes to officially create a standing committee for SEAS.** The proposed verbiage has been emailed to membership, is printed in this issue of the Bow and Stern, as well as posted on the bulletin board at SYC. I encourage everyone to attend the discussion, however only active and active life members may vote. It is the opinion of the board that while all

bylaw changes are important and deserve thorough discussion these two are relatively straightforward.

The galley has reinstated "Wing Wednesdays" (hooray!) and introduced "Throwback Thursdays" and both have proved very popular. We are also going to open the bar on Sundays in February from 12:00-18:00 with Shane as your bartender. Shane is going to come up with some different themes and possibly some bar game tournaments each week – check your email for details. Finally, we will be having a wine pairing dinner on Thursday February 16th featuring wines from the Vie de Vin portfolio and some fantastic entrees from chef and the galley staff. This will be a great event and reservations are required. Please see the included details for all the information.

Please come down and enjoy the club. Though the lake is freezing and the ground is covered with snow, your club is still warm and welcoming.

Fair Winds,

Commodore Jason





# OUR CLUB'S HISTORY

by David Hillebrand

In 1938 the Club hired its first bartender (at \$5 a week), installed a telephone, and the first of many sump pumps. The basement of the main building became the Club members' meeting hall with the upstairs, which was merely framed-in, used for dances. One of the first attractions to be installed were slot machines, which for years were a major source of revenue for Club projects.



The Sheboygan Yacht Club's

## Bow 'n Stern

February 2003

As you are reading this the decorations are down, the tree is gone, the parties are over, but the work is just starting. K.C. and crew are hard at it giving the club a good dusting and cleaning for the next year. If you can spare an hour or two come on down and join in on the fun.

Jon Colby has had his first skippers' meeting and is looking for new ideas to make our race program more interesting and to increase participation. Give Jon a call with suggestions.

At the Janaury meeting Bob Kuehlmann made a presentation on a proposed deck off of the south bar area. The membership approved the funds and construction will begin when the weather is permitting. This will be a club project, done by members, so contact Bob for more information and start time.

Don't forget Valentine's Day dining 14. February and the Mid-Winter Brat Fry on 23 February 03.

Thought of the Day: "Be good, keep your feet dry, your eyes open, and your heart at peace." Thomas Merton

Mike

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 7	Racing Rules 102 (6:00 PM)
Feb 9	Membership Meeting (7:15)
Feb 16	SYC Wine Dinner (6:30 PM)
Feb 23	Book Club (6:00 PM)
Feb 23	Ancient Navigation (6:00 PM)
Mar 9	Membership Meeting (7:15)
Mar 12	Winter Brat Fry (11:00 AM)
Mar 26	Chili Cook-Off (12-3)
April 1	Whiskey Dinner (6:30 PM)
April 1	Interclub Party (Green Bay)

### About the Cover

**COVER:** Polar Bear Club painted by the prolific and immensely talented Keary Kautzer.

Keary, along with 5 other artists, will have 14 paintings on display at the Plymouth Art Center. Exhibition Jan. 20-March 3.

**OPPOSITE:** An ice-covered Sheboygan lighthouse (photo Daniel Peterson).

### SYC CLUB HOURS

Club Closed Mondays

#### Tuesday

Bar - 4:00 pm  
Dinner - 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Bar - 11:00 am - Close  
Lunch - 11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Dinner- 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### Thursday

Bar - 11:00 am - Close  
Lunch- 11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Dinner- 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### Friday

Bar - 11:00 am - Close  
Lunch- 11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Dinner- 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### Saturday

Bar - 11:00 am - Close  
Bar Menu - 12:00 pm- 4:00 pm  
Dinner- 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### Sunday

Bar - 11:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Bar Menu - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

#### OFFICE

Tues 8:00 AM - noon  
Wed,Thu, Fri 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



**SAVE the DATE - Thursday, February 16, 2023**  
**SYC Wine Dinner**

Reservations Required - Members and Guests welcome  
6:30 pm Main Hall

*"BLT.S."* House Smoked Pork Belly, Frisse, Heirloom Tomato, Scallop, Brioche  
Henri Poiron 2020 Domaine Quatre Routes, Muscadet Sevre-et-Maine Sur Lie - Loire

Butter Poached Halibut, Basmati Rice Cake, Lemon Grass "Broth"  
Cave de Ribeauville 2019 Pinot Blanc, Alsace

French Brie Cheese (Vacherousse D'argentale), Apricot Jalapeno Jam,  
Apple Butter, Baguette  
Domaine Billards 2019 Saint-Amour, Beaujolais Cru - Burgundy

Pink Peppercorn Seared Venison, Berry Compote, Cauliflower Puree  
Vignerons de Mancey 2020 Macon-Villages "les Classiques", Burgundy

Ribeye Cap Steak, Celeriac Squash and Potato Pancake, Cherry Bordelaise Sauce  
Titus Vineyards 2017 Merlot - Napa, CA

Gewurztraminer Poached Pear Upside Down Cake, Passion Fruit Gelato  
Cave de Ribeauville 2018 Gewurztraminer, Alsace

**\$100 per person, plus tax and gratuity**

Featuring wines from Vie de Vin portfolio

Please call (920)458-6601 or email reservation to [sean@sheboyganyachtclub.com](mailto:sean@sheboyganyachtclub.com)

## CALLISTO RACING UPDATE



Callisto wins the Pineapple Cup! An incredible ride to Montego Bay.  
Terrific to spend time with the great sailing community in Jamaica!  
Next up: the Caribbean 600 in February!

***The Editor received this recent update from member Steve Orlebeke:***

Hi Dan, thought I should give you an update on my latest sailing. I'm still on the Callisto program as you have probably seen. We've been doing a lot of sailing this fall winter. We won the Miami to Nassau race last October, the Wirth Monroe race from Miami to Palm Beach, and now the 811 mile Pineapple Cup from Miami to Jamaica. In the last month I've done some iceboating as well. I placed third in the DN Western Region Championship on Lake Kegonsa near Madison. Also sailed the A-Skeeter in the ISA championship. Had two good races on the first day then had a boat breakdown that ended my regatta. Next up is the Caribbean 600 in Feb back on the PAC 52. Then St. Barths Bucket super yacht regatta in March aboard the Meraki, 165 foot Ketch. Hope you are well.  
Steve



# WINTER BRAT FRY

## SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

FOOD SERVED FROM - 11:00 AM TO 5:00 P.M.

BAR OPEN 10:30 AM TO CLOSE

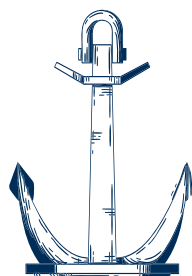
Brats, Hamburgers, Steak Sandwiches,  
Chicken Sandwiches  
German Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Chips  
Brownies and Cookies



Music by:  
RYAN KAUTZER DUO  
1:00 - 4:00  
Polkas, Waltzes and a  
variety of tunes.



**MEMBERS NEEDED To RUN EVENT:**  
Anyone wishing to help out that day,  
please contact Sandy Diener – [sddiener@charter.net](mailto:sddiener@charter.net)  
Also, members can sign up at bar.





**SHEBOYGAN YACHT CLUB  
WHISKEY DINNER  
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023  
6:30 PM**



**Join us for a special evening of great American  
whiskey's paired with Chef Benjamin's  
gastropub menu.**



**Buffalo Trace  
Straight Bourbon**

candied bacon crostini, apricot habanero chutney, brioche

**Michter's US 1  
Small Batch Bourbon**

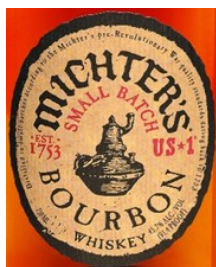
pretzel crusted walleye, smoked tomato jam,  
brown butter yam puree

**Thomas H. Handy Sazerac  
Straight Rye Whiskey**

house smoked pastrami sandwich, pickled vegetables,  
potato gaufrettes

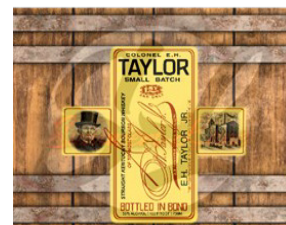
**Colonel E.H. Taylor Small Batch  
Bottled In Bond Bourbon**

48 hour medium rare sous vide short rib, fingerling potato  
hash, roasted garlic and herb hollandaise sauce



**Van Winkle 12 Year  
Special Reserve "Lot B" Bourbon**

Nutella gelato, pistachio truffle, banana crème brûlée,  
almond tuille



**\$100 per person**

subject to 5.5% sales tax and 22% gratuity

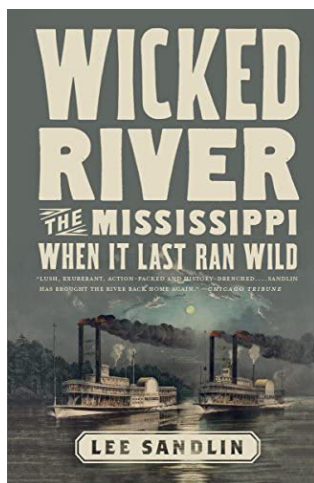
**Reservations Required  
RSVP by Tuesday, March 28, 2023 by Noon**

***Seating for this event is limited due to availability of  
allocated Whiskey***





## BOOK CLUB



**Thursday, February 23, at 6 pm.**

WICKED RIVER: THE MISSISSIPPI WHEN IT LAST RAN WILD  
by Lee Sandlin (historical NF)

**Thursday, March 23, at 6 pm.**

RIVER OF THE GODS: GENIUS, COURAGE, AND BETRAYAL  
IN SEARCH FOR THE SOURCE OF THE NILE by Candice  
Millard (historical NF)

**Thursday, April 27, at 6 pm.**

THE GIRL WHO CAME HOME: A NOVEL OF THE TITANIC by  
Hazel Gaynor (HF)

**Thursday, May 25, at 6 pm.**

THE LIFE SHE WAS GIVEN: A MOVING AND EMOTIONAL  
SAGA OF FAMILY AND RESILIENT WOMEN by Ellen Marie  
Wiseman (HF)

**Thursday, June 22, at 6 pm.**

LITTLE HAWK AND THE LONE WOLF: A MEMOIR by  
Raymond C. Kaquatosh (WI tie)

**Thursday, July 27, at 6 pm.**

THE WAR NURSE by Tracey Enerson Wood (HF)

**Thursday, August 24, at 6 pm.**

THE CASE AGAINST THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION by Louise  
Perry (NF)

**Thursday, September 28, at 6 pm.**

NORMAL FAMILY by Krysta Bilton (NF)

**Thursday, October 26, at 6 pm.**

THE BOOK OF LOST FRIENDS by Lisa Wingate (HF)

**Thursday, November 30, at 6 pm.**

MURDER AMONG FRIENDS by Margot Peters (mystery  
RF)

**\*\*\*NO DECEMBER MEETING\*\*\***

Contact Sharon Matthias with any questions or concerns.  
[msmatthias@charter.net](mailto:msmatthias@charter.net)

## SYSC AND SEAS EVENTS

**February 7th (Tuesday) 6-8, SYC- Racing Rules of Sailing 102- (DATE CHANGED)** In this 'next step' course, we'll dive deeper Into the Racing Rules of Sailing. Prep your questions and situations, and we will go through debunking some myths of the rule book and how to simplify your trip around the buoys!

**February 15th (Wednesday) 6-8, SYC- Trivia Night**

**February 23rd (Thursday) 6-8, SYC-Ancient Navigation** Join Captain Greg Farrell as he shares his research into some of the earliest known forms of navigation practice by our ancestors. How did they navigate before the sextant or, even earlier, without a compass? Find out in this interesting workshop!

**March 1st (Wednesday) 6-8, SEAS- Splicing Workshop 101** – In this intro to splicing, we will cover when and why you need a splice vs a knot, what tools you need, and how to get started. We will begin with 3-strand eye splices and move on to 12-strand eye splices if time allows in this hands-on course. You will leave with your own fid and the know-how to make your own dock lines!

**March 15th (Wednesday) 6-8, SYC- Mock Protest, Regatta Board Games, Rules Refresher-** Whitney

**March 22nd (Wednesday) 6-8, SEAS- Anchoring Techniques-** Matt, Greg

This workshop will focus on the different aspects of anchoring and cover diverse topics from anchor designs to bottom types and will include anecdotes compiled from experienced cruisers.

**March 29th (Wednesday) 6-8, SEAS- Basic Sail Trim w/Sailing Simulator-** Matt

Designed for the newest sailors (even if you have never been on the water yet!) this course will begin with the basics of sail trim and the Points of Sail and will then include hands on experience with our sailing simulator!



The "Breakfast Club" won the January 8th sailing themed trivia night sponsored by SEAS.



# SEA SCOUTS

The main fundraiser for the Sea Scouts to fund their year of activities is the Annual Chili Cook-off. This year's event is scheduled for Sunday March 26th. So perfect those chili recipes during these cold days and register to compete for bragging rights as the best chili of 2023. Please email Maria Ranieri at [maria.ranieri@yahoo.com](mailto:maria.ranieri@yahoo.com) by Feb. 26th to register. The main fundraiser element of the event is the raffle and silent auction. If you are interesting in donating a raffle or silent auction item please contact Maria at [maria.ranieri@yahoo.com](mailto:maria.ranieri@yahoo.com)

The scouts continue to work at the SEAS building to work on the Laser fleet and the Cape Dory. Most of the planned work is regular maintenance and minor repairs.

Sea Scouts is a program of Boy Scouts of America for young men and women ages 14 to 20. For over 100 years youth across the country from the coasts and Great Lakes to inland lakes and rivers have learned water safety and boating skills through participation in Sea Scout programs. The Sheboygan Sea Scout Ship 5050 has been chartered with the Sheboygan Yacht Club since 1932 and holds one of the longest continuous charters in Boy Scouts of America. Sea Scouts is youth led and adult mentored. The scouts of the ship plan the programs and activities with a focus on learning leadership and life skills. Interested youth and adults can contact our Skipper, Mr. Geof Woelm, by phone/text at 920.207.7712 or by e-mail at [gscouter3948@gmail.com](mailto:gscouter3948@gmail.com).



# SYC WEATHER APP



Don't forget to download the DAVIS weather app on your phone so you can keep up with the most current weather at the club.



Above: This picture, sent in by an anonymous member, was captured at a resort bar in The Dominican Republic, where Carmen, one of the bartenders, is seen enjoying the Bow 'n' Stern during her break.







# Annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

Benefiting Sheboygan Sea Scout Ship 5050

Sunday March 26th, 2023

Noon to 3pm  
(voting closes at 2:30)

At the Sheboygan Yacht Club  
Guests welcome with a Club Member

\$5 per person to taste and cast your vote  
Silent Auctions, Raffles, 50/50 Raffle, Bake Sale

Chili Contest participants  
please register by February 26th

Email Maria Ranieri at [maria.ranieri@yahoo.com](mailto:maria.ranieri@yahoo.com)



# CITY OF SHEBOYGAN SELECTED TO HOST INTERNATIONAL POWERBOAT RACING EVENT

**January 4, 2023 by Veronica Valdez  
(reprinted with permission)**

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. – January 4th 2023– International marine motorsport promoter Powerboat P1, the Formula One Championship Series, and Mercury Racing, a Fond du Lac, Wis.-based manufacturer of high-performance marine propulsion, selected Sheboygan, Wis., as the host city of an inaugural powerboat race event scheduled for August 11-13, 2023.

The Mercury Racing Midwest Challenge, a festival and celebration of powerboat racing, will feature the top categories of U.S. powerboat racing including the UIM Class 1 World Championship, F1 Powerboat Championship, and various offshore racing classes. More than 40 race teams are expected to participate with competitors from around the world, including Australia, Italy, Sweden, Canada and Norway.



“We are very excited to host this event right here in Sheboygan, and bring power boat racing back to our city. We love showing off our pristine shoreline, and our number one natural resource, Lake Michigan. This is another great example of why Sheboygan is known as the Malibu of the Midwest.” Stated by Mayor Ryan Sorenson

“When we toured cities to host the event, Sheboygan stood out due to its beautiful water, lodging options, outdoor recreation space, and a local government group that was eager to learn more about powerboat racing and host this one-of-a-kind event,” added Stuart Halley, general manager of Mercury Racing. “Our race support team and collection of marine products are featured in powerboat races around the world and now there’s going to be a powerboat

race weekend in the Midwest, less than an hour from our corporate headquarters.”

Deland Park and Harbor Centre Marina have been identified as the Pit Area for race teams to prepare their boats and there will be Fan Zones with vendors, merchandise, activities, and free viewing of the races for powerboat fans, Sheboygan residents, and tourists. There will also be a ticketed VIP hospitality suite, offering a catered lunch, open bar, lounge seating and televisions to enhance the viewing experience.

“Mercury Racing has been a pillar of powerboat racing for half a century and Powerboat P1 is honored to be partnering with this world leader as the promoter of the unique celebration,” said Azam Rangoonwala, CEO of Powerboat P1 Management. “The plan to bring together multiple classes of powerboat racing from around the world is an innovative concept and promises to deliver a memorable weekend of sport and entertainment.”



Full details of the Mercury Racing Midwest Challenge will be announced in Spring 2023 but the tentative agenda includes:

**Friday, Aug. 11,** Downtown Block Party to meet the race teams and see the boats up-close, with live music, food and beverage.

**Saturday, Aug. 12,** kicks off Race Weekend with F1 Powerboat racing, P1 Offshore powerboat testing, and UIM Class 1 pole position qualifying. The event



is also set to include an exhibition of the RaceBird, an electric boat featuring power from Mercury Racing that will premiere in the E1 World Championship in 2023.

**Sunday, Aug. 13**, showcases a full day of racing with F1 Powerboat, P1 Offshore and the high-speed Class 1 boats in action. The Mercury Racing Midwest Challenge will be televised globally as well as in the U.S. on CBS Sports Network and Bally Sports Regional Networks, showcasing the Sheboygan lakefront and downtown district.

To learn more about the event, sponsorship packages or obtain your VIP tickets, please email [info@powerboatp1.com](mailto:info@powerboatp1.com).



### About City of Sheboygan

Sheboygan is centrally located between Milwaukee and Green Bay. Sheboygan is located on Lake Michigan with miles of beaches, world class sailing, and premier charter fishing. Sheboygan has a historic downtown made up of great shops, restaurants, and arts & entertainment. Most notably, Sheboygan is known for being a great place to raise a family.

### About Mercury Racing

Based in Fond du Lac, Wis., Mercury Racing, a division of Mercury Marine, is a leading provider of high-performance marine propulsion systems for discriminating boaters worldwide, offering an exciting and fulfilling power boating experience on the water. Using leading-edge technology, Mercury Racing produces high-performance outboards, sterndrives, propellers, parts, and accessories. Mercury Marine is a division of Brunswick Corp. (NYSE: BC), the world's largest manufacturer of recreational products, including pleasure boats and marine engines.

### About Powerboat P1

Powerboat P1 was founded in 2002 and has staged

more than 675 powerboat and personal watercraft races in 18 countries on four continents.

### About UIM Class 1

Class 1 is the premier class of offshore powerboat racing in the world. A Class 1 race boat has twin inboard 1100hp engines and can reach speeds in excess of 160mph. All boats are limited by a minimum weight of 11,750lbs. The Union Internationale Motonautique (UIM) assigned the international rights to stage Class 1 offshore powerboat racing to Powerboat P1.

### About F1 Powerboat

F1 racing uses tunnel hull catamarans that are capable of both high speed and exceptional manoeuvrability. The boats weigh 860 pounds, including 260 pounds of engine, and are 20 feet long and seven feet wide. F1 boats accelerate from 0-100 mph in five seconds, as quick as a Formula 1 race car. Top speeds reach 120 mph with the capability of taking a 180-degree corner at 100 mph, pulling 7 Gs in the process, making them the most demanding turning race machine in the world.

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## The Friendliest Yacht Club on Lake Michigan

Come and experience what everyone is talking about; from the incredible cuisine and one of the best views on the eastern shore to a place that is the home to some of the most experienced and friendliest sailors on the Great Lakes. Our members will engage you whether your interests are sailing, yachting, learning and sharing maritime knowledge, or simply great camaraderie. Make the SYC your portal to the sea, from easily accessible docks, just steps from your car, you are just minutes away from open water.

Through our affiliation with the U.S. Sailing Center of Sheboygan, one of only four U.S. Sailing Centers in the United States, the Sheboygan Youth Sailing Club and Sea Scouts, we have played host to Olympic training events, The Nation's Cup, Single Handed Sailing competition and have access to a wide array of



equipment with power and sail boat education and training opportunities.

Contact the club to get a brochure, arrange a visit or request a one-time one day pass.

### Advertise in the SYC Bow'n'Stern

Monthly rates, billed quarterly:

\$30.00 - business card size

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\$75.00 - ½ page

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