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THE SHEBOYGAN YACHT CLUB

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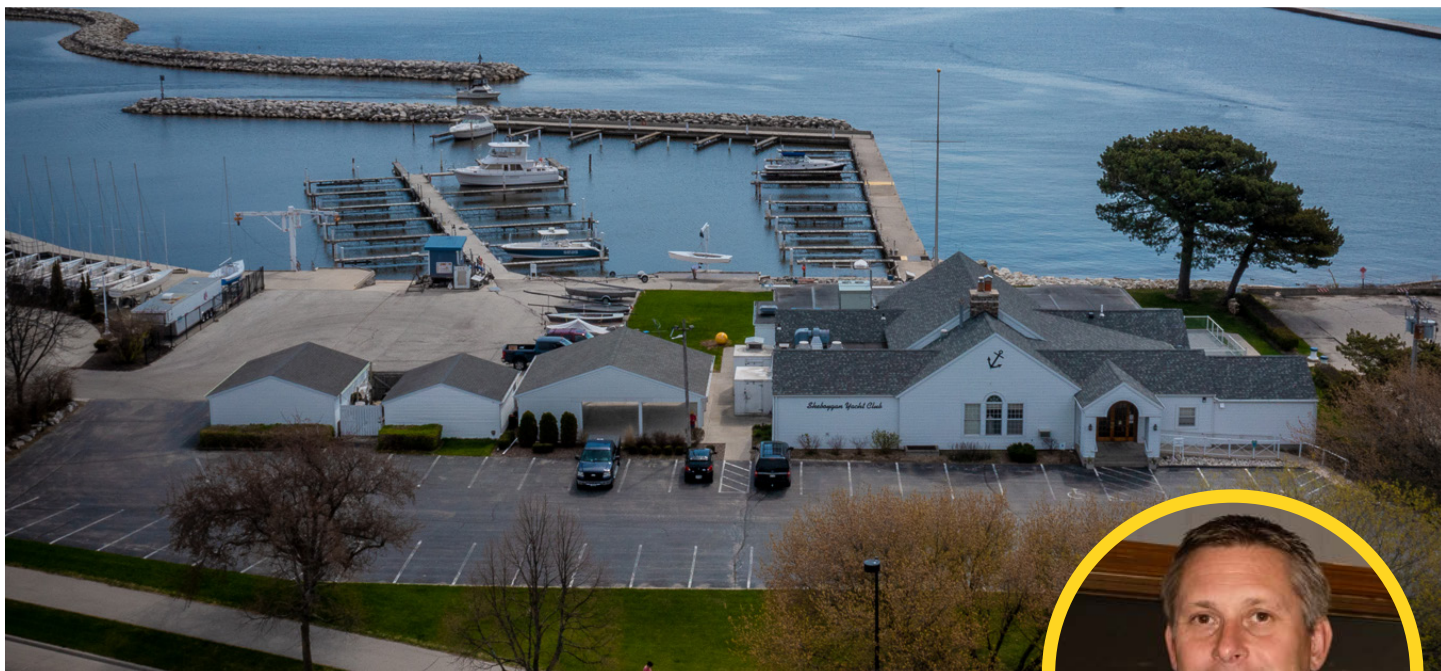
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Commodore's Comments

June marks the start of summer and hopefully the beautiful weather we had for Memorial Day will stay with us as we enter our busy season at the club. We kick off the boating season with the Lakefront Open House this coming Saturday, June 4. This has been a very popular event and I encourage everyone to come down and let the community know about the great things our club has to offer.

The Wednesday night buoy racing season will start this week, with Tuesday Lightning class sailing soon to follow. This Saturday, the keel boat fleet will also sail their first distance race of the season. We will be opening the bar and galley on Sundays, but operating hours may vary as demand during the season ramps up. Check your email weekly for specific information on Sunday operating hours and menu options – we look forward to seeing more of you at the club throughout the summer.

At last month's meeting, the membership approved two bylaw changes. The first change increased the spending authority of the board from one thousand to five thousand dollars. This change allows the board to conduct day-to-day business more efficiently while remaining good stewards of the club's resources. The second bylaw change increased the maximum percentage of associate members from twenty-five to thirty percent. This change allows our club to continue to grow and accommodate a style of membership that has been vital to our success.

A lot of time, thought, and discussion went into these changes, and I appreciate that the membership sees the vision of the board and trusts club leadership to execute that vision with the best interests of the membership in mind.

Finally, I want to again say thank you to our staff as they maintain exceptionally high service and quality standards despite a challenging environment in the service industry. Sean, Chef and their staff are doing an amazing job, but we could do more to help them. The week before Memorial Day, I sent out an email with a list of outdoor projects that need to be completed. Several of these projects were completed by members over the long weekend (THANK YOU!), but there are still projects that remain, so if you are looking for hours, **please reach out to our committee chairs (listed in this Bow + Stern)**. And if you do not need hours – **we still need your help**. We all have a responsibility to drive improvements at our club – so please bring your ideas, your initiative, and your willingness to lend a hand. Together, we can maintain our club as well as continue to keep it one of the best values on the Great Lakes.

I look forward to seeing you around the club this summer.

Fair Winds,

Commodore Jason

Our History

At a special Board of Directors meeting on July 24, 1941, then Commodore Royal Fenn was authorized to draw up preliminary plans for a permanent pier, utilizing steel sheeting, fill and a concrete cap. Before plans could be finalized, America was plunged into World War II, and steel became a precious commodity in the war effort. At the membership meeting held December 11, 1941—only a few days after Pearl Harbor—it was moved “that the Club offer its clubhouse and equipment to the Civilian Defense Committee in Sheboygan for the duration of the war.” it was to be 16 years before plans for the pier came to fruition in 1956

Dates to Remember

JUNE 4	Lakefront Open House
JUNE 4	Open Boat Night
JUNE 4	Hika Bay Full Crew
JUNE 9	Membership Meeting (7:15 PM)
JUNE 18	Governor's Cup Buoy Regatta
JUNE 24	Queens Cup Race
JULY 3	Venetian Boat Night
JULY 16	Pub Crawl



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

About the Cover

About the Cover: Kite surfers take to the lake near the south pier.
Opposite: A recent drone shot taken of the club in mid May.

The Sheboygan Yacht Club's

A Blast From the Past Bow 'n Stern

June 2002

The Commodore's Comments

BELIEVE!

Summer will be here soon and I can't wait. The Memorial Day Series is history and it's on to the BISMIC. You'll have to ask Michou what the letters mean, but you can see for yourself what it means to the club by coming down to help...or just watch June 7-9. 5 or 6 beautiful Santa Cruz 70s match racing all trying to defeat 2 time champion Terry Kohler.

June also means the annual Sheboygan to someplace race (this year Manitowoc is the lucky destination) for cruising sail boats. RC chairman Jon Colby and his committee are emphasizing the FUN aspect so all boaters are invited to the party up in Manty at the marina. If you don't own a sea worthy boat, you can drive up there for the fun.

Don't forget the LIGHTNINGS!!!! We hose the ILCA Midwest District Championships June 21-23. This weekend will be : A) a circus, B) a zoo, C) Unbelievable fun, D) crowded, E all of the above. If you answered E, go to the head of the class. This weekend the club also hosts the sailors from Holland, MI (Steve's favorite group), the sailors from, and and race to South Shore YC, and the LMYC annual Lake Michigan Rendezvous. AND they will be here Fri. and/or Sat. night. Lots of "hours" opportunities with a high degree of fun mixed in.

There is so much going on that I probably missed something and if so, many apologies. Look for details in the other parts of the B&S.

The dues increase was passed with what sounded like a unanimous voice vote. Thanks to all who showed up and voted. The special assessment was not quite so lucky and went down to defeat. Rest assured the board will continue to search for a satisfactory solution.

Parting thought: If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

See ya 'round the club.

Ric



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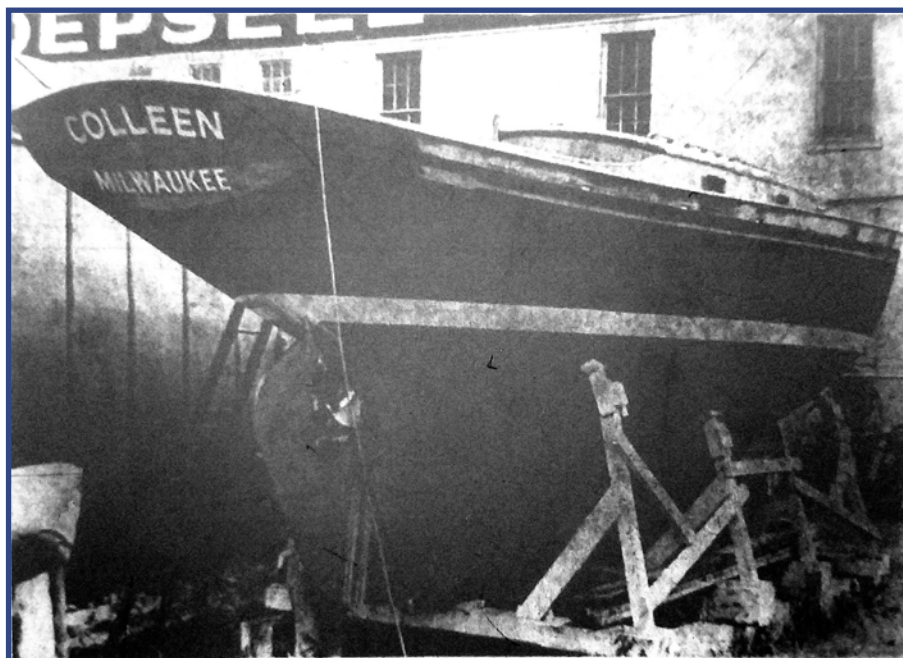


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Colleen

The following Sheboygan Press newspaper clip from the late 60's telling the story of Eric Hansen's boat Colleen was submitted by Past Commodore Mark Wessel.



Boat Started in 1944 Finally Finished
Sheboygan man completes marathon task

Boat Finished After 25 Years

SHEBOYGAN (PG) — Eric Hansen believes in doing things the hard way.

Like almost single-handedly building his own 36-foot sailboat, and taking 25 years to do it.

"I never thought it would take that long to build, but I figured all along that if I just kept pecking away I finally would finish," Hansen said.

He lives at 310 Center Ave.

His boat, named Colleen, is to be launched today at the Sheboygan Yacht Club derricks on the banks of the Sheboygan River.

"I named the boat for the Irish girls," noted Hansen. His wife's name is Kathleen, his daughter's Colleen.

"I've been sailing all of my life, and to have my own boat was sort of a dream that I planned on making a reality," he said.

Hansen originally estimated it would take eight years to build the craft.

36 Feet Long

"I worked on the boat during my spare time and on weekends. Although it took longer to build than I originally thought it would, I knew

all along I would finish," he said.

The boat is 36 feet long and weighs 11 tons. It is equipped with a forward stateroom for two, two clothes lockers, a dining salon, four sleeping berths, stove, refrigerator, sink, two 40-gallon capacity water tanks, engine and galley.

It is essentially a sailboat, but is equipped with a 50-horsepower engine for auxiliary power. The mast is 60 feet high.

The rigging and the mast were made by a boat company. Rigging is made of stainless steel, and the mast is spruce.

The skeleton is made of oak, and all the rest of the boat, including the deck, is constructed out of Honduras and Philippine mahogany sent from New Orleans.

Started in 1944

It was back in 1944 that Hansen started his boat from scratch when he and a few friends traveled to northern Wisconsin and cut 21 oak trees to be used in making the boat's skeleton.

The felled trees were cut

into planks there and brought to Sheboygan on a truck.

The craft was started in an old building on the banks of the Sheboygan River near the downtown area, and was moved to the yacht club derricks eight years ago.

While at the derricks, the boat was left outside, and the unused wood was covered for protection. Hansen reported that nothing was ever stolen.

"We moved the boat to the derricks because we figured it would have to be there eventually for launching. It also was easier there to attach the iron keel," Hansen explained.

Built Own Keel

The keel, which he patterned himself but had molded commercially, weighs four tons, and is 22 inches wide and 26 inches deep at the deepest part. It measures 18 feet long on the bottom.

It's bolted to the bottom of the wooden keel that Hansen built himself.

He took eight years to construct the skeleton.

"We suffered quite a few false starts when steam bending the wood in making the skeleton," he noted.

"It's a lost art, and until we found out how to do it, we broke a lot of wood ribs."

His sons and a few friends helped in the steam bending, but since then he's worked on the boat by himself.

Installed Glass

The painting took about two days, one day for the top and one for the bottom. The top half of the boat is black, and the bottom is bronze.

The boat builder also installed glass in the boat, including portholes.

He has no idea how much it cost him for the boat over the quarter century.

Now that he's finished, the enjoyment finally begins.

Hansen, 64, is retiring soon from the Kohler Co., where he develops engines.

"I did a lot of dreaming about places to sail, but plans are for my wife and me to travel to the Caribbean in the winter and up north during summer," he mused.

Hansen's ambition and sense of daring are nothing new. As a youth he worked as an airmail carrier in the days of the wooden airplane.

SYC Apparel

Now is the time to buy your SYC Apparel! We've added over 175 new items which include fuzzy sweatshirts, sweater knit jackets, puffer vests, long sleeved tee shirts, baseball caps, beanies, and lined, Heat Last infinity scarves.

We look forward to scheduling a merchandise spring sale soon, date to be determined.



If you'd like a special order, please contact Kathy Snider (kathinwi@gmail.com) or Bev Davidson (clinicalpsychiatrists@gmail.com).

Lakefront Open House

Saturday, June 4, 2022
10:00 - 2:00

Come down and enjoy your club. We will be offering a new Bar Menu and happy hour drink prices during the event.

If you see a guest, please make them feel welcome and answer any questions they may have. Officers will be available to greet and answer questions also.

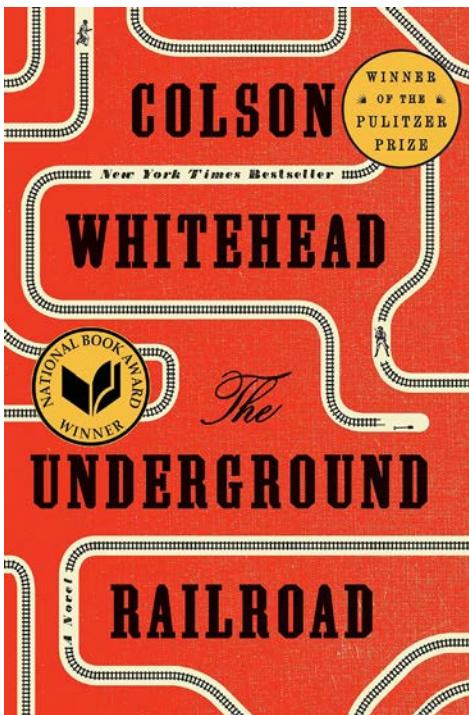
SYC Weather App



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. The weather station, installed last year, has been working tirelessly reminding us of the frigid temperatures we all endure in Sheboygan, WI.



Book Club



All meetings are held at the Yacht Club and anyone is invited to join! Please contact Sharon Matthias at msmatthias@charter.net if you have any questions.

Thursday, June 23, at 6 pm.

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD by Colson Whitehead (RF)

Thursday, July 28, at 6 pm.

THE ONE-IN-A-MILLION-BOY by Monica Wood (domestic/F)

Thursday, August 25, at 6 pm.

THE LAST DUEL by Eric Jager (RF)

Thursday, September 22, at 6 pm.

THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME by Laura Dave (domestic thriller/F)

Thursday, October 27, at 6 pm.

THE FOUR WINDS by Kristin Hannah (HF)



News From SEAS

SEAS will be running the brat fry for the Lakefront Open House and will be working with youth sailing to help provide free boat rides.

Raffle tickets are still available for the rowing yawl, \$50 per ticket with a max of 200 tickets sold. Any SEAS member can sell them and the drawing will happen during the Lakefront Open House.

We are also looking for seasonal help, particularly helping with the community boating, it's a great summer job for a student or an adult who just wants a few hours here and there.

Despite a cold start to the 2022 sailing season sailing season is finally here! The 2022 Community Boating Season opened on Tuesday, May 24, with shortened hours before opening to regular hours on May 31st.

Regular Hours Begin May 31st:

Monday-Friday: 11AM-8PM

Weekends: 10AM-6PM

Please continue to give the Rental phone a call at (920)889-5083 to give us a heads up!

Please make sure to book ahead as staff may not be in the trailer for walkups.

Lessons, First Sail, and Cruises

Lessons are underway and we are taking advanced bookings for Tartan Cruises.

If you'd like to learn how to sail this is the time to get out there. Stop making excuses and enjoy what Lake Michigan has to offer.

We are continuing the Learn to Sail Package this year. The package includes unlimited lessons to get you to the Basic Keelboat standard and includes a membership to the SEAS Community Boating program.

We are also continuing the First Sail program, for \$25 per person you receive a 2-hour introductory lesson with our great staff.

For further information or to book reach out to our team.

Main line: (920)783-3670 or info@seasheboygan.org

Program Director Matt Wierzbach: (920) 918-9204 or mwierzbach@seasheboygan.org

2022 Racing Dates

Race Committee Chair Dan Kerpe has provided the following dates for the upcoming racing season at the club. More information regarding the race details will be available shortly. If you have any questions regarding racing at The Club, please reach out to Dan at dankerpe@yahoo.com.

June 4th: Hika Bay Full Crew

June 18th: Governor's Cup Buoy Regatta

July 9th: Distance Race TBD

July 30th: Hika Bay 2 Handed

August 13th: Sheboygan To Manitowoc Pursuit Race

August 14th: Manitowoc To Sheboygan

September 2: Sheboygan To Port Washington Race

September 10th: Oostburg Two Handed

September 17th: Last Chance Buoy Regatta

Team Yeti Competes at Lightning World Championship

Congratulations to Todd Wake, Douglas Wake and Lars Osell and their boat **Yeti to Sail** as they recently returned home from Wrightsville, North Carolina after participating in the Lightning World Championship held at the Carolina Yacht Club on May 16th to the 21st. They raced a total of 8 races, won the 6th race and placed 6th overall out of a total of 50 teams!



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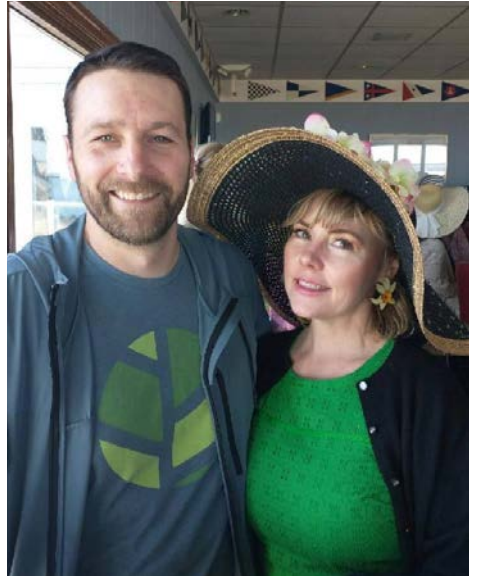
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The Kentucky Derby in Pictures

Celebrations with Derby Hats and plenty of mint juleps were had at the club during the annual Kentucky Derby Party held on May 7th. Bets were placed and Rich Strike was a surprise winner of the 148th Kentucky Derby with odds of 80:1. Tiffin Tews Wyckoff won the grand prize at the club and took home the winners roses. Kevin Wyckoff was just relieved he didn't have to buy her any

roses for the foreseeable future. **Opposite page bottom right:** Sandy Kuehlmann was apparently the loser of the day and got a little out of hand. Special thanks to Dione Knopp and Kelly Schmidt for the photos, all the staff that made the day a huge success and the local bookie, Ken Cornell, for facilitating all the financial transactions.







Venetian Boat Parade

Sunday, July 3rd @ dusk

Light up your boat!! Prizes for top boats!! Everyone Welcome!!

Staging information: Parade begins at dusk in harbor, proceed upriver in single file line while keeping a safe distance



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Contact dawn.vertz@gmail.com for questions

Sea Scouts

Our Boy Scouts, who are co-registered into our Sea Scout program, have finished the two canoes! On Tuesday night May 3rd they put the finishing touches on the canoes by installing the rope handles and bulkhead deck plates. Troop 861 will be taking the green colored canoe and Troop 801 will be taking the tan colored canoe. It took two years to complete the canoes but it took three years to finish them due to taking a year off because of covid 19.

Mark Matthias
Ship 50



Bow 'n' Stern Spotted in Costa Rica



Sidney Atkins, future sailor and grandson of PC Tom and Joyce Atkins, reading the Bow n Stern on Bejuco Beach in Costa Rica.. If you or your friends spot someone reading the Bow 'n' Stern, please submit your story and photos to the editor.

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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.

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