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# Bow 'n' Stern

THE SHEBOYGAN YACHT CLUB

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## Commodore's Comments

Keep up the good work, keep talking about our great club, and please sponsor a new member.

It only takes a couple of 90-degree days in early June to prove that the summer of 2021 has arrived. The transition from late winter to instant summer seemed particularly abrupt this year. A quick survey of our storage yard upriver proves how flexible boaters can be since only a few boats remain to be launched. At the same time, club slips at the lake front are nearly full, demonstrating the boating season is in full swing. Lake water level is down significantly, and hopefully this will mean less damage to docks and waterfront.

Careful observation detects several members with new boats, and a few boats in the harbor belonging to new club members. Good Luck to all for a safe boating season. I am looking forward to our "Open Boat Night" and the opportunity to get a close look at the new additions to the fleet.

Open Boat Night is a fun chance to get to know members on a new level and talk about hopes and plans for cruising and exploration of new areas around the lake.

A very welcome trend to observe is the spring surge in new club members. Membership in both apprentice and associate categories is showing a rapid increase. The club welcomed three new members at the June meeting, will induct six members at the July membership meeting, and looks like the Board will interview another five potential members at the July board meeting. Great food, friendly and fun atmosphere, and reduced cost of boat ownership are some of the reasons I hear for joining.

By far the most frequent sentiment I hear for joining our club is the general feeling of a safe environment to eat,



Thomas Atkins, the Commodore of The Sheboygan Yacht Club, was recently elected into the Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation's Hall of Fame. The Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation is a not-for-profit charitable association of individual Yacht Clubs, sailing groups, and individual sailors located in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

Atkins was recognized for his lifelong participation and dedication to the sport of sailing, especially for his role in introducing people of all ages who were inspired by his enthusiasm and interest in teaching sailing to others.

In addition to intensive local involvement in local youth and adult programs, Tom serves as a U.S. Sailing National Judge and PRO. He attends and speaks at several U.S. Sailing Symposiums and serves on the appeals commission of the LMSRF.



drink, and socialize. We have been very deliberate and worked very hard at creating the atmosphere of safety. Credit for this reputation of safety goes to members and staff alike. You are also talking about it as well, since that is how new members are hearing about it. Keep up the good work, keep talking about our great club, and please sponsor a new member.

I am pleased to report several members have made a specific point of commenting how nice the club's property is looking. Grass and hedges are looking good despite construction and last year's waterfront repairs. New planters and flowers are on the

new deck, and new planters and flowers surround the flagpole. Deb Erickson chairs our Grounds committee, and several new members have helped make an immediate impact for the cause. Contact Deb if you would like to join this rapidly growing group.

Be safe and stay healthy everyone. Have a safe July 4th holiday,

Commodore Tom

## Our History



**Left:** 'Old Abe', a new yacht built by Lincoln Conley was launched on June 10, 1898. This boat was owned by Lincoln Conley, Ed and Julio Imig and Bert Fairweather. Old Abe's first season was not without certain difficulties. On June 13, 1898, Old Abe snapped her spar while sailing off the South Pier. Old Abe proved to be a dependable boat, however. On July 2, 1898, she took second in the Milwaukee races and on August 13, she took first place in the Lake Michigan Regatta held at Green Bay.

### SYC Club Hours Club Closed Mondays

#### LUNCH

Wed-Friday 11:30 to 1:30  
Sat & Sun 12-4 Bar Menu

**DINING AND CARRY-OUT**  
Tues-Wed-Thur-Sat 4:00 to 8:00  
Fridays 4:00 - 9:00

#### BAR

Tues & Sat 4:00 to close  
Sat & Sun 12-close  
Wed, Thu, Fri 11:00 to close

### Dates to Remember

July 2	Venetian Boat Parade
July 3	Family Picnic
July 8	Membership Meeting
July 10	Oostburg Full Crew Race
July 16-18	Race to Mackinac
July 24	HOOK Race
July 31	100 Miler Race
Aug 7	Hika Bay Two-Handed Race
Aug 12	Membership Meeting
Aug 14	Sheboygan to Manitowoc Pursuit Race
Aug 15	Manitowoc to Sheboygan
Aug 21	Port to Sheboygan (no points)
Aug 28-29	Lightning Brotz Regatta
Sept 4	Port Washington Redezvous (no points)
Sept 9	Membership Meeting
Sept 11	Oostburg Two-Handed Race
Oct 14	Membership Meeting

**About the Cover:** This June 8th photo taken in the Sheboygan harbor just before the start of the second Lightning Class race of the season shows Denise Cornell, Juju Senfft and Eileen English in 'Stone Cold' preparing for the challenge. 'Stone Cold' is owned by PC Denise Cornell and Ken Cornell.



# The East Race Mark is Found!



Over five-years ago the east (E) mark used by club members during racing season sadly disappeared. It was a mystery to everyone and the racing teams had long conversations about the whereabouts of the mark. As time went on, race crews eventually forgot about the experiences they had while circling around the trusty old yellow east mark. Memories faded and E was never really discussed again. The remaining S, N and W marks were all reluctantly replaced and the crews moved on, forever puzzled and with a slight feeling of emptiness, though most wouldn't admit it.

That changed on June 17th of this year when Peter Mayer broke the thrilling news to the race teams that the east mark had been found washed ashore 84 miles to the south on Jeff and Joy's lakefront property near Pleasant Prairie, WI.

The excited chatter amongst the race teams was filled with joy as multiple individuals enthusiastically volunteered to retrieve E from its confinement so it could be reunited with the club!



E, the wayward mark is seen in the background of this picture taken by Jeff and Joy in Pleasant Prairie.

Mark Mickelson along with Dale Huenink were able to make the trip and rescue the mark. "I never saw two people so happy to see two old guys in a truck showing up on their property", reported Mark. The chain, buried in the rock on shore made the removal process more challenging than expected, but in the end they were able to release the mark from its imprisonment and bring E back to it's proper home.

Peter Mayer asked that the song 'Missing You' by John Waite be played during the drive to recover the east mark and since most club members are too young to remember it, the editor has included the first two verses of this 1984 masterpiece at the end of this breaking story. It is also unclear to the newsletter staff if Dale and Mark actually listened to the song or even sang during their drive, but we believe they did.



Carrying the freed E back to their awaiting truck, ready for the much anticipated drive home.

On June 19th, E was carefully placed on the south lawn of the club so members can pay tribute. Now is the time to take those pictures of your friends and family members with this legacy of our club's past as a sailboat racing community with a full compass rose course set each season. Don't forget to submit some creative pictures enjoying your time with the wayward east mark.



Above: After extensive research utilizing 5 years of current and wind data from the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, the above possible scenario of the E's path was calculated.





The first selfie of this epic reunion with E, Dione and Mike Knop, Denise Cornell and Pete Mayer taken 6/26.

Every time I think of you  
I always catch my breath  
And I'm still standing here  
And you're miles away  
And I'm wondering why you left  
And there's a storm that's raging  
Through my frozen heart tonight  
I hear your name in certain  
circles  
And it always makes me smile

I spend my time  
Thinking about you  
And it's almost driving me wild  
And that's my heart that's  
breaking  
Down this long distance line  
tonight

I ain't missing you at all  
Since you've been gone away  
I ain't missing you  
No matter  
What my friends say

- John Waite



Above: E rests on the lawn of its true home. Its sanctuary and final resting place.

## Arktos is Launched

Past Commodore Peter Reichelsdorfer recently reported the successful early June launch of Arktos, the 1971 C&C 35 (Mark 1). Also known as a Redwing 35, this Canadian sailboat was designed by Cuthbertson & Cassian and was first built in 1969 with future versions produced until 1987. His boat is 50 years old and this marks the 45th year of ownership for him.



Arktos is being lowered into the Sheboygan River by the club's derrick.



Above: This throwback photo of Peter's daughter Greta, his son Daniel, and now Rear Commodore Hans Graf was taken aboard Arktos during the 1989 Chicago-Mackinac race, reportedly a long slow trip up Lake Michigan that year. Photo Courtesy: Greta Schanen

## Club Grounds Need Your Help

The club grounds continue to be groomed and cared for thanks to hours of work by Grounds Chairs Deb Erickson and Floyd Leo and many volunteers. During the summer months, Deb, a master gardener in her own right, has devoted countless hours towards ensuring our grounds are well maintained. This includes watering, weeding and caring for the chef's planter boxes containing herbs and vegetables. There are also plans for future landscaping around the deck next year and placing and maintaining flower pots throughout the property. She plans to have pots donated by specific members so that everyone can have ownership of their own flower pot in the future. Finally there are plans drawn up for creating a small grounds shed out of recycled lumber from the deck restoration.

The work on the grounds work is never ending and the club can always use volunteers to help out with all the duties needed to ensure the exterior beauty of the club. There are several sign up sheets posted in the club house near the hostess station just waiting for your name to be added as a volunteer.

You may contact Deb Erickson with questions at 920-889-8808 or by email at [dame12@excite.com](mailto:dame12@excite.com).

# It's Racing Season!

After our long and drawn out winter, the racing teams of the Sheboygan Yacht Club have been anxiously preparing for the 2021 sailboat racing season. The first Lightning Class race was held on June 1 and "The Way Better Than Lightning Class" races started on June 9th. **[Editor's note: I was informed of the official title of the latter class by a nameless seasoned member with authority, but was also directed to use the shorter term of "keel boats" going forward in order to make the "Lightning sailors feel better".]** The original start date of the keel boat races of June 2 was abandoned due to lack of wind.

The races are held every Tuesday (Lightning) and Wednesday (keel boats) at 6:00 PM with crews preparing their boats around 5:00 PM. Even if you aren't lucky enough to be on the water and crewing, the spectacle from ashore is worth heading down to the club and watching.

In addition to the weekly local races, many members are also planning to participate in several regional and international races. Here's a run-down along with some descriptions of the upcoming races this month.

## Queen's Cup Race - June 25

Jason Bemis and Peerless (1996 Melges 30) participated in the 82nd challenge of one of the most storied yacht races on the Great Lakes with a time of 8:54:35. Commodore Tom Atkins served as one of three judges for that event.

The Queen's Cup is one of the oldest sporting trophies, dating back to 1853. The Queen's Cup is an annual race out of South Shore Yacht Club in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where teams race across Lake Michigan. This year, the finish is Muskegon, Michigan – a 69 nautical mile sprint. The fleet has staggered starts in the afternoon, adding to the uniqueness of the race across the lake – it is designed to be a night race.

Over 130 boats competed in this year's Queen's Cup.

"The Queen's Cup® Trophy is one of the oldest cups in world yachting still offered for competition every year. Its history dates back to an age when both British



Above: Peerless being prepared for the first club race on June 9th.

Victorian silverwork and sailing yachts were without rival anywhere.

On August 19, 1853, the American racing sloop *Silvie* won second place in a regatta scheduled by the Royal Yacht Squadron that was raced off Cowes, England.

First prize – a cup valued at 100 guineas – was won by the English yacht *Gaily*, six minutes and 38 seconds ahead of *Silvie*. This outstanding performance led the squadron to award a special prize to her, a 50-guinea cup, now known as the Queen's Cup.



The cup was brought back to the New York Yacht Club, *Silvia's* home port, and went into obscurity until 1874, when a Mr. J.H. Godwin, of Kingsbridge, New York, gave the cup to his friend Kirkland C. Barker, commodore of the International Yacht Club of Detroit. The cup was to be offered as an international challenge called the Godwin Cup.

But as it turned out there was only one challenge, Annie Cuthbert of Hamilton, Ontario. Barker's yacht *Cora* won the first race, with the Canadians winning the second but forfeiting the final race. This gave Barker his victory but left very strained relations between the Detroit and Hamilton yachtsmen. The cup was never offered for competition again, probably due to the untimely death of Commodore Barker. He and two other crew members drowned while shifting ballast in *Cora* in preparation for the 1875 racing season.

Nothing more is known about the cup until about the turn of the century, when a young man, while cleaning out a family storeroom, discovered an exquisite rosewood box holding the cup. The man was Walter Hull, whose father was Charles Hull, son-in-law of Commodore Barker, to whom the cup had been given.

Walter Hull treasured the cup for the rest of his life and kept it in his possession until September 1, 1938. At that time his good friend William Lawrie (later Commodore of South Shore Yacht Club in 1944) persuaded him to deed it to South Shore Yacht Club, "for an annual race across Lake Michigan, always starting off South Shore Yacht Club, and ending at a point in Michigan, open to all yachts of a recognized yacht club on the Great Lakes."

In early years the cup was awarded according the Universal Fleet Rule that dominated early racing on Lake Michigan.



The first race was sailed to Spring Lake, Michigan, and won by the R- boat Calypso, owned by Dr. Hollis Potter of the Chicago Yacht Club. In later years the Universal system became less popular, and the number of cruising-type boats increased. The South Shore Yacht Club Race Committee decided to award the cup alternately to the different cruising fleets.

The age of the cup is authenticated by the traditional markings found on it, five in number: silversmith's trademark, standard mark, town mark, date mark and duty mark. These marks reveal that the cup was crafted by the silversmith firm of Robert Garrard, 29 Pantons Street, St. Martins, England, in 1847-1848. The lion's head standard mark denotes the minimum sterling silver content is 92.5 percent; only the Britannia standard mark is of higher minimum silver content.

We are very proud of the Queen's Cup, and pleased to continue the fine yachting spirit started by Walter C. Hull more than 75 years ago."

[Editor's note: The history of the Queen's Cup was taken from the SSYC website]

### **Trans Pacific Yacht Race - July 13**

Steve Orlebeke will be a crew member aboard Callisto (USA 5202) for the July 13th start date of the Transpacific Yacht Race. The Transpac is an offshore yacht race starting off the Pt. Fermin buoy in San Pedro, California and ending off Diamond Head in Hawaii, a distance of around 2,225 nautical miles (2,560 mi; 4,121 km). Started in 1906 by Clarence W. Macfarlane and hosted by Los Angeles Yacht Club, it is one of yachting's premier offshore races and attracts entrants from all over the world. The race is organized by the Transpacific Yacht Club. Callisto is 52 foot PAC52 owned by Jim and Kate Murray out of Lake Bluff, IL.



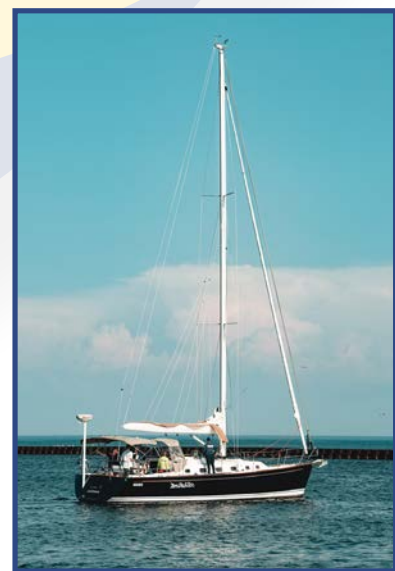
Above: Steve Orlebeke aboard Callisto taken during the Spinnaker Cup (San Francisco to Monterey Bay) on May 29th and 30th. Photo courtesy: Steve Orlebeke

### **The Race to Mackinac - July 16**

This year, Lesilie Kohler and the SEAS Northstar (Tartan 4000) along with Paul Bartelt, Greg Farrell, Juju Senfft, Jack Williams, Sam Delasanta and Tom Wright will be participating in the Mac Race. Additionally, Michael Knop will be aboard Scott Conger's Adventure (Beneteau 36.7), representing the South Shore Yacht Club. Whitney Kent will be sailing on Grit (Transpac 52) along with fellow Sheboyganites Ashely English, Jacob Den Boer and Alex Brooks.

The Race to Mackinac starts at the Chicago Harbor Lighthouse just off Navy Pier, crosses Lake Michigan, barely enters Lake Huron, and finishes in the Round Island Channel, off Mackinac Island, Michigan. The race course runs 333 mi (536 km).

Starting in 1898 with a mere five boats, The Mac has evolved into a world-class sporting event. After the first race in 1898, the Race to Mackinac was not held for five years until the second race in 1904. By 1906, the race had developed a healthy following and, in that year, the original Mackinac trophy was purchased. The race has seen occasional sustained violent weather in the blows of 1911, 1937 and 1970. After gale-force winds



Above: Northstar in Sheboygan Harbor preparing for the June 9th club race.

took down most of the fleet in the Mac of 1911, the finish in the 1912 and 1913 races was changed to Harbor Springs on Little Traverse Bay instead of Mackinac Island. Race organizers felt the shorter distance was safer. From 1914 until 1916 the Mac was back to its full distance until WWI. From 1917-1920 there were no Mac races due to the strains of the War, which took away yachtsmen and put many boats out of commission. From 1921 to 2019 and returning in 2021, the Race to Mackinac has run consecutively every year, remains the longest annual freshwater distance race, and is recognized as one of the most prestigious sailing races in the world.

## The HOOK Race - July 24

Mark Wessel's Runaway (1996 30ft J92) will be participating in the HOOK Race after claiming the 1st overall (2019) and 1st in class and 6th overall (2020). This year Runaway is sailing the Hook with Sam Delasanta, Dan Kerpe, Mary Corkell, Jason Diener, Dave Bronson and Mark Wessel as skipper. Commodore Tom Atkins will be serving as the Chief Judge for this race.

The HOOK Race is a 189 nautical mile race on Lake Michigan held each year in July. This year it will be held on July 24th. The challenging event starts outside the harbor in Racine, Wisconsin, "hooking" through Death's Door, a narrow and often treacherous passageway between Washington Island and Wisconsin's Door County Peninsula, continuing across Green Bay, and ending in Menominee, Michigan. Originally run the same day as the Chicago Mac race, in 2021 the 38th consecutive HOOK will be held the weekend after the Mac, on July 24, 2021. In the following years, the HOOK will alternate to the week before the Mac (in 2022, July 16, 2022) and the week after the Mac.



Left: Runaway in the middle of Lake Michigan

The first HOOK was sailed in 1984 with 12 boats. It was envisioned as a shorter and less expensive alternative to the Mac. The race grew to over 70 boats until 2020 when COVID 19 forced the cancellation of the Mac. In 2020, over 100 boats registered for the HOOK and the number of registrants was capped at 100. That year Thunderstruck, a Farr 60 owned by Rick Henning, set a new course record of 21 hours, 9 minutes, 3 seconds of elapsed (uncorrected) time. Firefox, a Hunter 54 owned by Mark Westdale held the previous record in 1987 of slightly less than 24 hours of elapsed time. 94 boats started in 2020 and included five PHRF divisions, five One Design divisions (J 109, J 111, Beneteau 36.7, T10, S2 9.1), a Double Handed division, and the unique Cruising (motoring allowed, with restrictions) division. In prior years the HOOK also featured a Single Handed division and a Multi-Hulled division.

Events for the HOOK start Friday night before the race at the Racine Yacht Club. There's a rum party, dinner, live entertainment, and a skippers' meeting. On Saturday morning the Cruising division's first warning is at 0830

hours followed by the racing fleet's first warning at 0855. The elapsed time limit is 56 hours from the last division (PHRF 1) start. The finish line is between the Race Committee trailer on the north end of the pier at Menominee Marina and a large lighted inflatable buoy. Monday evening post race events at Menominee's Great Lakes Memorial Marina Park near the Menominee Marina and band shell include a rum party, entertainment, and the awards ceremony.

All non- Cruising division competitors, including One Design divisions, require a PHRF certificate. The Cruising division is designed to give first time HOOK racers a taste of the competition and the race course. You may use your motor only as far as Chambers Island in Green Bay and must record your motoring time (which, of course, counts against you). Single Handed division sailors must show evidence of a prior 24 hour solo passage, completion of a LMSS (Lake Michigan Singlehanded Society) solo challenge event, or GLSS (Great Lakes Singlehanded Society) membership.

The 2020 HOOK was one of only a few long distance races on the Great Lakes. The 2020 HOOK was exceptionally challenging due to heavy winds and weather. It received national coverage and sailors gave it highly favorable reviews.

[Editor's note: Special thanks to Ed Palladino and Fred Stritt, 2021 HOOK Chairmen, for providing the informational text on the HOOK]

## 100 Miler - July 31

Mark Wessel's Runaway (1996 30ft J92) and Jason Bemis' Peerless (1996 Melges 30) will be participating in this year's 100 Miler. Commodore Tom Atkins will be the Chief Judge.

Held on July 31, 2021, the 100 Miler is a scenic run from Menominee across the Bay of Green Bay to the Door County shores and back. Both classes will be challenged by the rocky shoals of the Strawberry Channel and be treated to views of Eagle Bluff Light. Yachts that choose to fly spinnaker will enjoy an extra 6 miles making their way around Green Island and Horseshoe Island at various points of sail. Beginning in 2016, a Small Boat non-spinnaker division, for yachts 30.0' LOA or less, with a shortened 16 mile course was added. The 100 Miler is hosted by the M&M Yacht Club (Menominee, Michigan - Marinette, Wisconsin)



# Wednesday Race Results

Wednesday night

6/9/21

B factor Guide

480 Heavy Air or all off wind

550 Average Conditions

600 Light Air or all upwind

Corrected time = Elapsed time X 650/(B Factor + PHRF).

Wind Speed	kts.
Wind Direction	degrees
Wave Ht	ft.
Distance (nm)	nm
B factor	550
Start Time Div 1	18:15:00
Start Time Div 2	18:10:00
Start Time Div 3	18:05:00

Yacht Name	Division	handicap	Start	Finish	Elapsed time	Corrected Time	Fleet Place	Div PLACE
NorthStar	1	93	18:15:00	19:23:31	1:08:31	1:09:16	5	4
Peerless	1	18	18:15:00	19:07:30	0:52:30	1:00:05	1	1
Wicked	1	78	18:15:00	19:13:13	0:58:13	1:00:15	2	2
Slip Knot	1	111	18:15:00	19:18:56	1:03:56	1:02:52	3	3
Bataluer	2	150	18:10:00	19:18:15	1:08:15	1:03:22	4	1
Girl Crush	3	168	18:05:00	19:32:00	1:27:00	1:18:46	6	1

Wednesday night

6/16/21

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Start Time Div 1	18:15:00
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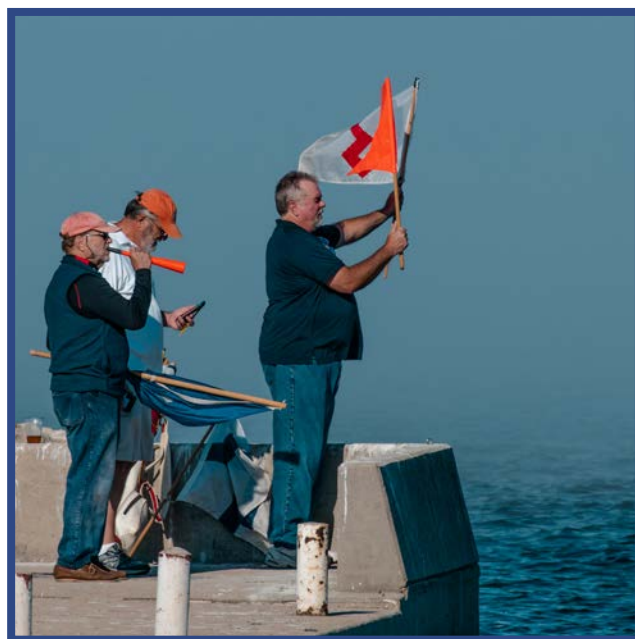
Yacht Name	Division	handicap	Start	Finish	Elapsed time	Corrected Time	Fleet Place	Div PLACE
Peerless	1	18	18:15:00	19:09:10	0:54:10	1:01:59	1	1
Wicked	1	78	18:15:00	19:32:42	1:17:42	1:20:25	2	2
NorthStar	1	93	18:15:00		#####	#####	3	3
Girl Crush	3	168	18:05:00	DNF			7	7
Kemosaupe	1	93	18:15:00	DNF			7	7
Slip Knot	1	111	18:15:00	DNF			7	7
Three winds	2	135	18:10:00	DNF			7	7

## Lightning Fleet 187

Lightning Fleet 187 had its first race of the season on June 1, 2020 with Racing Committee members Mark Mickelson, Michael Larson and Dale Huenink monitoring the activities. The following Tuesday, June 8th saw fog developing close to shore and within the harbor, but they were able to easily navigate past it into the open water to complete the second race without a hitch.



Above: Teams prepare for the start of the race on a foggy June 8th evening



Above: PC Michael Larson, Mark Mickelson and Bryan Shelby (Mark's son-in-law) signal the start of the race



# Sea Scouts

Scouts and counselors met Saturday June 19th to clean out the Sea Scout garage attic. Something we had been planning of doing for some time. Here's the short list of what we found; three DN ice boats (with all of their masts, booms ice runners & sails), about a dozen oars, enough wood to build a small boat, eight sets of wooden & fiberglass trailer bunks, about 300 pounds iron pipe, and one large ancient Kedje-style anchor (see below). After we finished with the garage attic, we cleaned up the debris that accumulated on the lower walkway where the Lightnings launch.

Mark Matthias



Mark Matthias shared this picture of the canoe recently built by scout Carter Gunesh.

The canoe design Carter chose is called a "Toto". The user paddles the canoe by kneeling in the center on a boat cushion. The earliest canoes built by our ancestors and native Indians, dug-out & birch-bark canoes, were paddled the same way.



## Local Team Wins Midwest District Championship

Congratulations to Todd Wake, Kristine Wake, Jason Bemis and Steve Harris for bringing home the winning trophy at the 48th Annual Evans Regatta in Green Bay on Saturday, June 8th and 9th. Todd Wake and crew now plan to race against 99 other teams at The North American Championship in Cleveland set for August 8-14.



Above: Todd and Kristine Wake accept the Midwest District Championship trophy. Photo courtesy: Craig Pomeroy

## 2021 SYC Book Club Meetings and Selections

- The July meeting of the SYC Book Club will be held on Thursday, July 22, at 6:00 p.m. Selection: The Shipping News, by Annie Proulx (F).
- The August meeting of the SYC Book Club will be held on Thursday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m. Selection: A Woman is No Man, by Etar Rum (F).
- The September meeting of the SYC Book Club will be held on Thursday, September 23, at 6:00 p.m. Selection: The Giver of Stars, by Jojo Mayes (HF), and The Bookworm of Troublesome Creek, by Kim Michele Richardson (HF).
- The October meeting of the SYC Book Club will be held on Thursday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. Selection: The Woman in the Window, by A.J. Fynn (mystery).
- The November meeting of the SYC Book Club will be held on Thursday, November 18, at 6:00 p.m. Selection: Into the Abyss, by Carole Sha-ben (bio/true adventure).

For more information contact Sharon Matthias ([msmatthias@charter.net](mailto:msmatthias@charter.net))



## New Member Applicants



Gene and Cindy Wigdahl  
Apprentice  
Sponsors: Mark Leider and Karl Nelson



Douglas and Kathleen Jenkins  
Apprentice  
Sponsors: Tom Wright and Barb MacEwen



Kelly and Bob Schmidt  
Associate  
Sponsors: Paul Bartelt and Tony Orlebeke



Jeff and Christy Jacobs - Associate  
Sponsors: Steve and Joann Harrison,  
Dr. Daniel Peterson, and Dietmar  
Wohlgemuth



Dwight and Sheryl Dyksterhouse  
Associate  
Sponsors: Todd Dekker and Kevin  
Stewart



Mary Ann Neuses  
Associate  
Sponsors: Tom Wright and Barb MacEwen

## July 2021 Membership Report

Current Membership Numbers						Total	366
Active	139	Apprentice	20	Associate	77	Non-Resident	2
Active Life	26	Flag	24	Honorary	6	Guest Cards	0
Active Life Emeritus 75/30	46	Active Life Emeritus 65/20	32			Trial Membership	2

**New Member Vote:** Morgan and Rebecca Strayer - Apprentice APPROVED  
Sponsors: Stu Stromeyer and Mike Olien

Michael Eickhoff and Kimberly Keller - Apprentice APPROVED  
Sponsors: Jason Bemis and Paul Bartelt

Frank Bernard - Apprentice APPROVED  
Sponsors: Bob Melzer and Jason Bemis

**Change of Status:** Tom Laack - Active to Active Life Emeritus 65/20 APPROVED  
Scott Sellinger - LOA to Associate APPROVED

Apprentice to Active: None

Death: None

Guest Card: None





## It's Time to Enjoy our New Deck!

The deck has been completed thanks to David Bronson and the many volunteers' hard work earlier this spring. With a \$12,000 surplus in donations for the deck, an ad hoc committee was formed in late May and charged with researching options to purchase new furniture for the deck, but with supply chain delays it was determined that any final purchases should be delayed until early next year. In the meantime, the general membership approved a purchase of recycled plastic teak-like tops that could replace the table tops already present on the deck not to exceed a cost of \$1500.00. The table tops were ordered at a significant discount and will hopefully be arriving in the next few weeks. In the meantime, Rear Commodore Hans Graf plans to loan additional chairs for use on the deck until a final purchase is made at some point in the future. The donated sound system and electrical work is also in the process of being installed.



Above: Niki Zohrab and Bob and Sandy Kuehlmann enjoy the newly remodeled deck on a beautiful Tuesday evening in early June.

## Blessing of the Fleet



Above: SYC Chaplain Dione Knop leads members for the Blessing of the Fleet which took place on Friday June 4, 2021 at 1800. This annual tradition observes the blessing of all boats and prays for the safety of all who spend time on the water. Photo: PC Michael Knop

## Boat Sinking Results in New Pumps for the Club

Kenny Ebberts recently received that call no boater ever wants to receive. While out of town and on vacation over the Memorial Day holiday he got a call from Tony Orlebeke that Kenny's 28 ft Baha Weekender named Chum Bucket was sinking in the harbor.

During the previous days, Sheboygan had seen high winds and waves and the water managed to dislodge a plug in the transom where a transducer is located. Water entered the bilge where the bilge pumps worked until the batteries went dead due to a faulty outlet serving his charger. The charger quit working, the pumps stopped and his boat started to sink in the harbor. A member saw this and immediately called Tony Orlebeke to get in contact with Kenny. Tony and Whitney Kent went to work plugging the hole and finding a pump to remove the water. By the time Kenny was able to get back to his boat, it had been rescued and was safe and dry.

Because of this incident and the difficulty finding an emergency pump, Kenny purchased and donated two emergency pumps, hose and electrical cords in two tool boxes which will be located in the marina house.



Above: Kenny Ebberts donates two emergency pumps to the club after his boat took on water.



# Man Overboard on Northstar

While working during the early afternoon on Friday June 11th, I received a text from Greg Farrell that the crew of Northstar was planning to do man overboard maneuvers outside of Sheboygan harbor later that evening and was asked if I wanted to join and observe.



Despite years on Lake Michigan waters aboard my own boat and getting RYA sailing certification in Antigua, I have never in my life been on a sailboat on Lake Michigan and was thrilled about this opportunity. I also wondered to myself if somehow I would be selected as the sacrificial "man overboard" once we were in deep water as part of some sort of unspoken hazing ceremony required of Apprentice members of the club. Thankfully, that wasn't the case and Juju Senfft enthusiastically assumed the role as the overboard volunteer.

The maneuvers were practiced in preparation for The Race to Mackinac Island starting on July 16th this year. The race organizers require these drills in order to fulfil the Crew Overboard Drill Certification which includes quick stop procedures, recovery of crew while under sail,

recovery of crew while under power, simulation use of VHF radios, simulation use of MOB function on the GPS and radios, deployment of a heaving line, deployment of a life sling, and instruction on MOM, Dan Buoy or MOB pole, instruction and designation and duties of the spotter/pointer and re-boarding the MOB.

The crew did an exceptional job and are one step closer to entering the race later this month. A sincere thanks for allowing me this opportunity to document the process.

Daniel Peterson - Editor



Bottom Left: Paul Bartelt demonstrates the use of a block and tackle pulley system.

Right: Juju Senfft jumps overboard.

Below: Spotters keep an eye on the MOB for the crew as they prepare to go around.

Bottom: Juju hoisted aboard after several minutes in the 63 degree water.







## Lakefront Open House

The Lakefront Open House on Saturday, June 5th was a great success this year with the clubhouse being busy the entire day. Many non-members were given an opportunity to learn more about the club from members and staff and several indicated that they are planning to join in the near future. Thanks to Bruce Sneen for taking these pictures throughout the day!





# Venetian Boat Parade

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## Friday, July 2 at Dusk



**Staging Information:** Please arrive at the staging area no later than 15 minutes before dusk. The parade will begin at dusk. Participating boats should follow in a single file line while keeping a safe distance from each other.



Contact Dawn Vertz ([dawn.vertz@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.vertz@gmail.com)) if you have any questions

Internal Communication: For internal & partner use only.



# Calendar of Events

## JULY

June '21							August '21						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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27	28	29	30				29	30	31				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
					<b>Venetian Night</b> Dinner - 4pm - 9pm Reservations Recommended	<b>4th of July Celebration</b> SYC Family Picnic - Pavilion 11am - 8pm No Reservations Needed Bar Opens at 10am
4 Bar: 12p - close Bar Menu: 12p - 4p Dinner: 4p - 8p	5 <b>Club CLOSED</b>	6 <b>Taco Tuesday</b> Bar: 4 p - close Dinner: 4p - 8p <b>Board Meeting</b>	7 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 8p	8 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p <b>Club Membership Meeting</b> <b>No Dinner Service</b>	9 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 9p	10 Bar: 12p - close Bar Menu - 12p - 4p Dinner: 4p - 8p
11 Bar: 12p - close Bar Menu: 12p - 4p Dinner: 4p - 8p	12 <b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> <b>Sheboygan Yacht Club</b> <b>12:30 - 5:30</b> <b>by appointment only</b>	13 <b>Taco Tuesday</b> Bar: 4 p - close Dinner: 4p - 8p	14 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 8p	15 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 8p	16 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 9p	17 Bar: 12p - close Bar Menu - 12p - 4p <b>** Large Private Party **</b> <b>Dinner Seating Available</b> <b>Only on Deck or Lawn</b>
18 Bar: 12p - close Bar Menu: 12p - 4p Dinner: 4p - 8p	19 <b>Club CLOSED</b>	20 <b>Taco Tuesday</b> Bar: 4 p - close Dinner: 4p - 8p	21 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 8p	22 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 8p	23 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 9p	24 Bar: 12p - close Bar Menu - 12p - 4p <b>** Large Private Party **</b> <b>Dinner Seating Available</b> <b>Only on Deck or Lawn</b>
25 Bar: 12p - close Bar Menu: 12p - 4p Dinner: 4p - 8p	26 <b>Club CLOSED</b>	27 <b>Taco Tuesday</b> Bar: 4 p - close Dinner: 4p - 8p	28 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 8p	29 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 8p	30 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 9p	31 Bar: 12p - close Bar Menu - 12p - 4p <b>** Large Private Party **</b> <b>Dinner Seating Available</b> <b>Only on Deck or Lawn</b>
1 Bar: 12p - close Bar Menu: 12p - 4p Dinner: 4p - 8p	2	Notes				







# Sheboygan Yacht Club **4<sup>th</sup>** of **July** Family Picnic

**Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

**SYC Pavilion, Grounds, Deck, Dining Rooms and Bar**

**Bar Hours:**

**10 am – Close**

**Picnic Hours:**

**11:00 am – 8:00 pm**

**Chef Benjamin's Picnic Selections (a la carte) served in Pavilion**

**Grilled Brats and Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Vegetable  
Kabobs, Country Style Ribs, Cheese Curds, Baked Beans,  
Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob, Watermelon  
Cream Puffs, Ice Cream Treats**

**\*\* Picnic is Only Food offered on this day \*\***

**Seating available on SYC Grounds and in dining rooms and Main Hall**

**Fireworks at Dusk**

**Happy Birthday USA!! See you here!**

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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.

### Also check out our affiliate organizations:

Sea Scouts: [www.sheboyganseascouts.org](http://www.sheboyganseascouts.org)

Sail Sheboygan: [www.sailsheboygan.org](http://www.sailsheboygan.org)

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