BOW 'n' STERN

The Sheboygan Yacht Club September 2019

Commodore's Comments

August brought a lot of activity to the SYC. At the end of July and beginning of August we hosed the Yngling North American and World Championships which brought 22 teams from 5 different countries. All the sailors competing in these two regatta had great things to say about our club, volunteers, and hosts. Many thinks to everyone that volunteered and helped with this regatta.

On the weekend of the 17th we had our annual race to and from Manitowoc accompanied with the rendezvous. Saturday was a beautiful day on the water with all the boats finishing by 3:00 p.m. After the race Bob Melzer sponsored a Pizza party for all the members and guests, this was to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the launching of the *Colleen* that was built by long time member Eric Hanson. A few years back Bob purchased the *Colleen* and renamed it *Louise* and brought it back to the SYC [***see page 3 for details***].

Monday the 19th we had our annual staff appreciation night where we invite all our employees out on the water. We had around 40 employees and their families out on the water to enjoy an evening of fun and laughter. After the sailing, employees were treated to a pizza dinner sponsored by Carol Theodoroff of Theo's Pizza. Thanks to everyone who donated their time to host our employees and to those who donated food and deserts to the evening.

Immediately following the September 12th Membership meeting I would like to have a boat owners' meeting to specifically discuss the water situation and what our plan should be with the high-water situation. We need to brainstorm ideas for how to combat the winter ice with the high-water levels that are anticipated.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our club this coming month

Fair Winds ~~~~/) ~~~/)~~~~/)~~~~

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~Commodore Wes

Dates to Remember

September	2	Bar 11:00-6:00. No dinner service
September	7	Dinner in the Cove only
September	12	General Membership Meeting
September	14	Dinner in the Cove only
September	26	SYC Book Club
September	29	Sunday Brunch, 11:00-2:00. No dinner service

Hours

LUNCH
11:30 to 1:30 Wed-Thu-Fri
Bar Menu 11:30 to 5:00 Sat-Sun

DINNER
5:00 to 9:00 Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
****Reservations always appreciated****

BAR
4:00 to close Tue
11:00 to close Wed-Thu-Fri-Sat-Sun
Club Closed Mondays

House Manager—Sean Pieters
Chef—Benjamin Sommerfeldt
Service Coordinator—Melissa Butters
Office Manager—Kori Novicki

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Membership Secretary
Jeanette Wierzbach

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SYC September 2019 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 September	**2 September**	**3 September**	**4 September**	**5 September**	**6 September**	**7 September**
Bar 11:00-close Dinner 5:00-9:00	Bar 11:00-6:00 **Labor Day** **No Dinner Service**	Bar 4:00-close Taco Tuesday 5:00-9:00	Bar 11:00-close Lunch 11:30-1:30 Dinner 5:00-9:00	Bar 11:00-close Lunch 11:30-1:30 Dinner 5:00-9:00	Bar 11:00-close Lunch 11:30-1:30 Dinner 5:00-9:00	Bar 11:00-close **Limited Dinner in the Cove Only Large Private Party**
8 September	**9 September**	**10 September**	**11 September**	**12 September**	**13 September**	**14 September**
Bar 11:00-close Dinner 5:00-9:00	**Club Closed**	Bar 4:00-close Taco Tuesday 5:00-9:00	Bar 11:00-close Lunch 11:30-1:30 Dinner 5:00-9:00	**Club Closed for General Membership Meeting**	Bar 11:00-close Lunch 11:30-1:30 Dinner 5:00-9:00 ○	Bar 11:00-close **Limited Dinner in the Cove Only Large Private Party**
15 September	**16 September**	**17 September**	**18 September**	**19 September**	**20 September**	**21 September**
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22 September	**23 September**	**24 September**	**25 September**	**26 September**	**27 September**	**28 September**
Bar 11:00-close Dinner 5:00-9:00	**Club Closed**	Bar 4:00-close Taco Tuesday 5:00-9:00	Bar 11:00-close Lunch 11:30-1:30 Dinner 5:00-9:00	Bar 11:00-close Lunch 11:30-1:30 Dinner 5:00-9:00 **SYC Book Club**	Bar 11:00-close Lunch 11:30-1:30 Dinner 5:00-9:00	Bar 11:00-close Dinner 5:00-9:00 ●
29 September	**30 September**	**1 October**	**2 October**	**3 October**	**4 October**	**5 October**
Sunday Brunch 10:00-2:00 **No Dinner Service**	**Club Closed**	Bar 4:00-close Taco Tuesday 5:00-9:00	Bar 11:00-close Lunch 11:30-1:30 Dinner 5:00-9:00	Bar 11:00-close Lunch 11:30-1:30 Dinner 5:00-9:00	Bar 11:00-close Lunch 11:30-1:30 Dinner 5:00-9:00	Bar 11:00-close Bar Menu 5:00-9:00
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Happy Hour @ SYC

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

$0.50 OFF drinks during Happy Hours

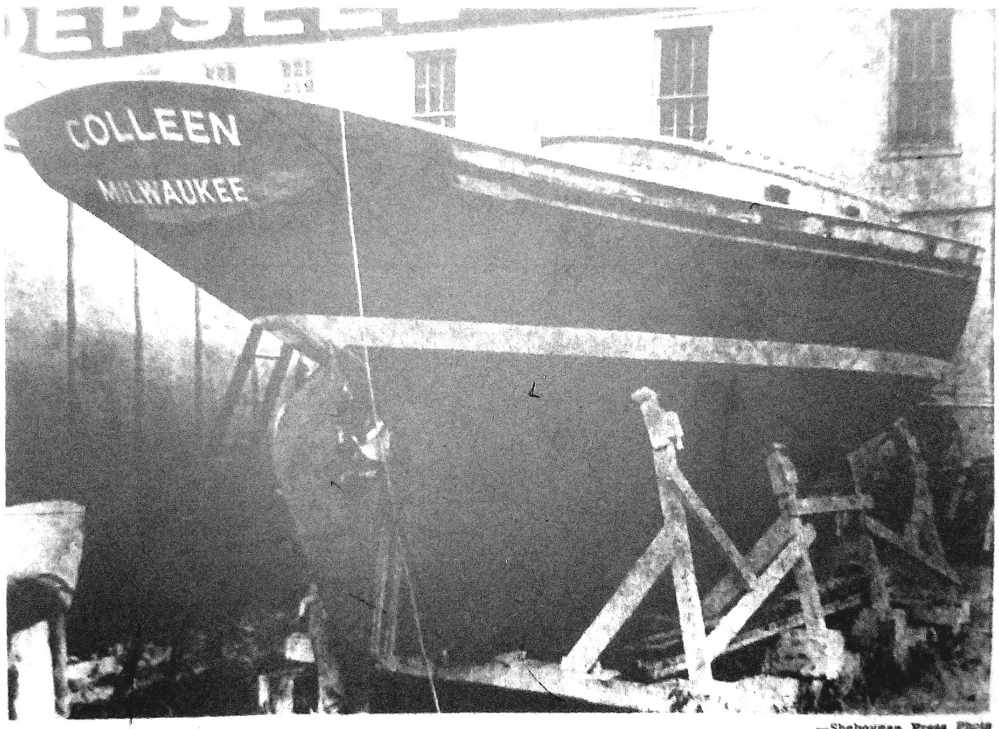
Every Night Except Fridays & Club Meeting nights

New Moon ●

Full Moon ○

Marie Larson on the piano

Boat Finished After 25 Years*



—Sheboygan Press Photo

Boat Started in 1944 Finally Finished
Sheboygan man completes marathon task

Eric Hansen believes in doing things the hard way.

Like almost single-handed-ly 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 Street.

His boat, named Colleen, is to be launched today at the Sheboygan Yacht Club derrick 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 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 odd 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, to 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 mast were made by a boat company. Rigging is made of the 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 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 to 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 mold-ed 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 too 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 the 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 airplanes.

*from the ***Sheboygan Press***, August 1969

Sea Scouts

The 2017 Koch Cup had Patrick Fisher and Hannah Post winning the Fond Du Lac qualifier out of a six boat Laser fleet. This year Hannah Post and Cenzo Ranieri were last-minute entries to round out the team of competitors so the Fond Du Lac Koch Cup could meet the four-boat minimum. The Chicago area Koch Cup did not go off for lack of a four-boat fleet! With Hannah's experience and Cenzo's determination they finished second overall.

Hannah and Cenzo are in the lead (numbers on the sail), on the downwind leg of the third race in the photo below. Light and variable winds presented a real challenge to the fleet all morning.

~Skipper Mark Matthias

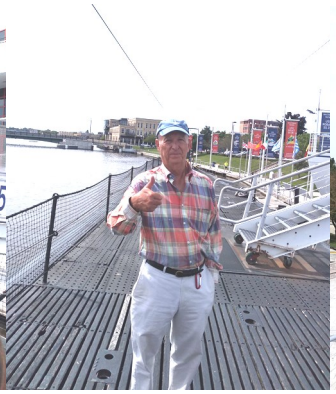
2019 SYC Book Club Schedule

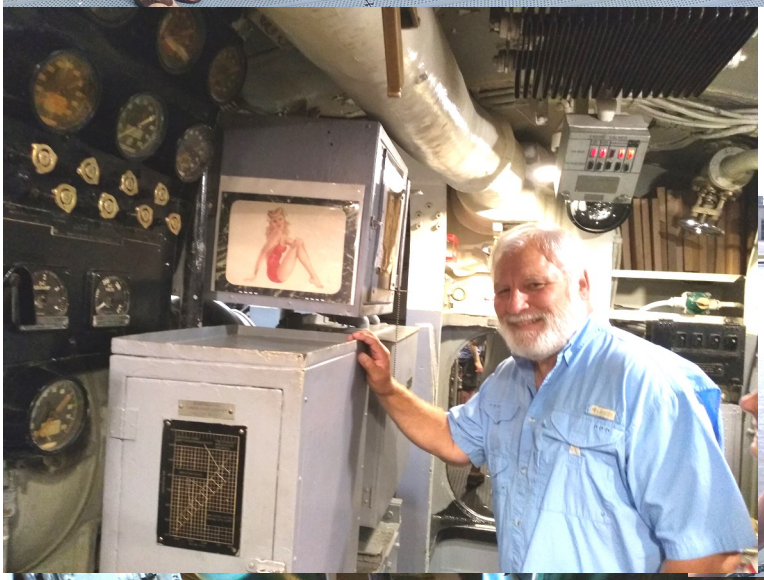
* The September meeting of the SYC Book Club will be held on Thursday, September 26 at 6:00 pm. Selection: "a memoir" ***The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey*** by Candice Millard
* The October meeting of the SYC Book Club will be held on Thursday, October 24 at 6:00 pm. Selection: "a classic" ***Frankenstein*** by Mary Shelley
* The November meeting of the SYC Book Club will be held on Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 pm. Selection: "mystery" An Agatha Christy Mystery

No December Meeting !!!

17 August Manitowoc Rendezvous

Photos by Dione Knop





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Welcome New Members

Cheryl DiRenzo, Associate
Sponsors: Jerry Slavens and Mary Reid

Mike (and Pam) Langan, Associate
Sponsors: Todd Dekker and Tony Orlebeke

Mary Ann and Stuart Stromeyer, Associate
Sponsors. Eric Zufelt and Jerry Slavens

Edward Ward III Family, Apprentice
Sponsors: Mike English and Paul Bartelt

Deb Wente. Associate
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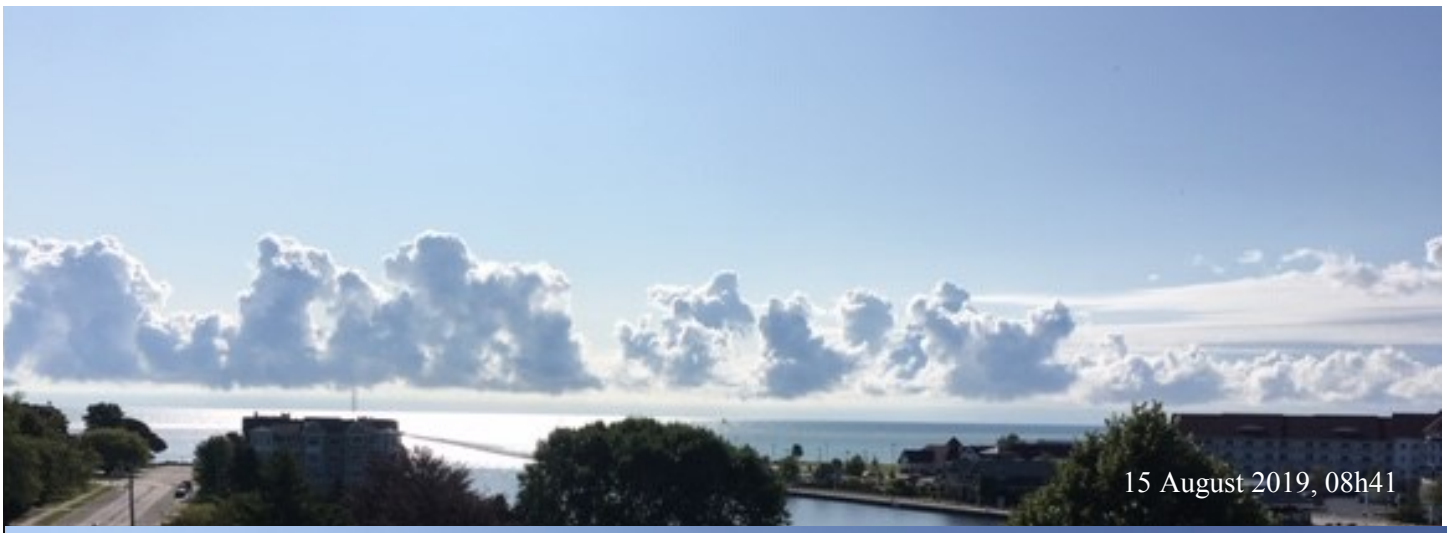
Cumulus Building over Lake Michigan, 15 and 16 August 2019