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THE SHEBOYGAN YACHT CLUB

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Commodore's Comments

C OVID-19 and its real or imagined threats have certainly dominated the policies and atmosphere at the club for the past year. Consider that two weeks after last year's Change of Watch, your new commodore completely closed the club on short notice because of COVID. That incident left a lasting impression with me of the strength of the club's membership and staff when facing a common threat. I remain grateful to everyone who helped the club and helped individuals survive the threat.

Our club continued to function through the pandemic with a lot of creative ideas and willingness to accept many "firsts" for the club. An emergency Bylaw allowed for Zoom Board and Membership meetings, as well as online voting for certain spending issues. Carryout dinner service became "normal" and kept the club and staff functioning. The ever-popular Tom and Jerry party became a carry out event, and New Year's Eve was rather subdued. Sadly, most social events and traditions took what will hopefully be just a one-year hiatus.

Despite the obvious hurdles, the club has many achievements to celebrate. We agreed to remove the diseased memorial ash tree and replace the entire outdoor deck. With matching funds from an anonymous donor doubling generous member donations, the cost of deck replacement was covered and funds were left over for new tables. Many thanks to Dave Bronson and his crew for successfully replacing and improving the deck. The deck continues to receive a tremendous amount of use and there is money left over for continued improvements.

Club boat owners were willing to revise the fee structure for boat lifts and winter storage. Revenue will help fund future improvements to the yard. Two boat owner picture nights were so popular they will likely be repeated next year. You will soon see more pictures in the hallway. Bylaw changes were approved



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.

benefitting Associate members. There is now a path available for them to achieve "Associate Life" and "Flag" membership status.

Finally, the club has benefitted from a tremendous number of new members. For several months now we have been interviewing five and six new prospects at a time in a classroom style at each Board meeting. What a great issue to deal with! Thankyou to the membership and especially the sponsors for continuing to bring new members and new energy into the club. Keep up the good work. New membership continues to drive a successful and far more interesting club. It's time to wrap up the club's fiscal year and turn the keys of the club over to the newly elected officers and directors.

I offer a sincere thank you to all volunteers, officers, directors, committee chairs, and committee members for all you do for the sake of the club. Likewise, my gratitude and complete respect goes out to Sean, Chef Ben, Melissa, Kori, and the entire staff for your creativity and flexibility in navigating a difficult year. The professionalism you have all demonstrated, combined with long hours and just plain hard work, is recognized and appreciated. It has been my sincere honor to serve as your commodore for the past year. Thank you to everyone for all the time, expertise, and energy you donate to the club.

Be safe, and stay healthy,
Commodore Tom

Our History



SYC played host to the Upper Great Lakes Snipe Championships in the summer of 1939. Nearly two dozen boats participated, coming from Detroit, Chicago, Wilmette, Oshkosh and Fond du Lac. Three local sailors participated in this first regatta held at the club. Dr. H.P. Anhalt, Harold Whitaker and Edward C. Schmidt. The wooden dock was fenced off to control the crowds and curious onlookers.



SYC Club Hours
(effective October 10)
Club Closed Mondays

LUNCH
Wed-Friday 11:30 to 1:30
Sat & Sun Closed

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
Wed, Thu, Fri 11:00 to close
Sun closed except 12:00 or 3:35
Packer Games

Dates to Remember

Oct 7	Trivia (7:00 PM)
Oct 14	Change of Guard Dinner 7:00 PM Bar Opens at 5:00 PM
Oct 21	Trivia 7:00 PM
Oct 25	Holiday Decorating
Oct 28	Pumpkin Carving and Kids Dinner (4:00 - 8:00 PM)
Oct 28	Trivia (7:00 PM)
Oct 28	Pumpkin Carving 4-8 PM
Nov 11	Membership Meeting (7:15 PM)
Nov 27	Christmas Decorating (10-2)
Dec 9	Membership Meeting

About the Cover

Sailing lessons aren't just for the kids and adults. Mark Wessel captured this photo on the evening of Wednesday, September 15th showing that even our "best friends" are learning the ropes on the water



The Lightning North American Championship

The Sheboygan Yacht Club was well represented at the Lightning North American Championship hosted by Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland, Ohio. 60 boats participated in the event and it was a reunion of many old friends who had been separated by COVID for almost two years.

Jason Bemis sailed his boat with Christine Maloney, Kathryn Maloney and Becky Scanlon. They had a ton of fun sailing, finished 6th in the President's Cup and won race 5 going away! Todd Wake, Doug Wake and Amy Simonsen (South Shore YC) raced in the Championship fleet. They sailed a consistent series to finish 5th in a tightly packed top group. Bill Faude crewed for 2 time Rolex Yachtswoman of the year, multiple NA and World Champion Jody Starck. They sailed a good series and finished 7th in the Championship Fleet. This event also served as a qualifier for the World Championship to be held in Wrightsville Beach, NC this spring.

At the awards ceremony Todd Wake was awarded a life membership for his service to the Lightning Class over the years. This was in recognition of many years on the Executive Board, serving as regatta chair for the NAs, two years as class President... Edgewater YC did a great job hosting and it was wonderful to get the whole gang back together! Sheboygan YC will be hosting the Lightning Youth Worlds Championship in July 2022.

Photos Right: Top: (L to R) Becky Scanlon, Christine Maloney and Jason Bemis are awarded the penant for the 5th race in the Lightning President's Cup. Middle: (L to R) Todd Wake, Doug Wake and Amy Simonsen finished 5th in the Championship fleet. Bottom: Todd Wake is awarded life membership by Class President Hugh Hutchison. Photos courtesy of Doug Wake.



The Club Piano Comes to Life

The newsletter staff was recently notified by Marie Larson that she will be playing the piano on three Friday nights at the club. She will be tickling the ivories between 6-8 PM for the following Friday nights: October 22, November 19, and December 17th, The December date will be all Christmas music. Grab a cocktail and enjoy some dinner with your friends and family and enjoy those melodious tunes.

Club Race Results

Wednesday night

	9/1/21
Wind Speed	16 kts.
Wind Direction	45 degrees
Wave Ht	3-4 ft.
Distance (nm)	nm
B factor	480
Start Time Div 1	18:15:00
Start Time Div 2	18:10:00
Start Time Div 3	18:05:00

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).



Yacht Name	Division	handicap	Start	Finish	Elapsed time	Corrected Time	Fleet Place	Div PLACE
Bataluer	3	150	18:05:00	19:01:51	0:56:51	0:58:39	2	1
Peerless	1	18	18:15:00	19:03:18	0:48:18	1:03:03	4	2
Runaway	1	111	18:15:00	19:04:50	0:49:50	0:54:48	1	1
Slip Knot	1	111	18:15:00	DNF			5	4
Three winds	2	135	18:10:00	19:07:07	0:57:07	1:00:22	3	1

Oostburg Two-handed

	9/11/2021
Wind Speed	15-20 kts.
Wind Direction	180 degrees
Wave Ht	2-4 ft.
Distance (nm)	14 nm
B factor	550
Start Time Div 1	12:15:00
Start Time Div 2	12:10:00
Start Time Div 3	12:05:00

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).

Yacht Name	Division	handicap	Start	Finish	Elapsed time	Corrected Time	Fleet Place
Runaway	1	111	12:15:00	15:09:47	2:54:47	2:51:52	1
Peerless	1	18	12:15:00	14:57:40	2:42:40	3:06:09	2
Slip Knot	1	111	12:15:00	15:45:59	3:30:59	3:27:28	3

New Officers Elected

The SYC Membership meeting elected their new officers and board members during the September 9th membership meeting. A special thanks goes to P/C Mike Knop (Chair), Cory Vertz, Steve Mech, Deb Erickson and Larry Hanson for serving on the nominating committee and overseeing the election process during the meeting.

Elected Officers

Commodore: Jason Diener
Vice Commodore: Brad Gruneberg
Rear Commodore: Chuck Butler
Treasurer: Stu Stromeyer
Membership Secretary: Pat Hanson
Recording Secretary: Candace Pitts

Board of Directors

3 Years: Jason Irish
2 Years: Dawn Vertz
2 Years: (for Chuck Butler): Tom Phillip
1 Year: (PC) Tom Atkins



Above: Top: Chair Mike Knop prepares the membership for the election and also heckles the photographer for forgetting to remove his lens cap. Bottom: Jason Diener is elected Commodore by unanimous vote.

Sea Scouts

On Sunday September 5th our scouts headed south to Port Washington to participate in their Venetian Night Parade celebration. We entered our Boston Whaler and two Lasers sailboats. Our Whaler was decorated with LED lights powered by a portable generator and we strung battery powered lights from the tops of the masts on the Lasers. The parade started and 8:30pm and all boats made two passes around the harbor. It was a great experience for our scouts and they had a wonderful time decorating their boats and taking part in the parade.

Mark Matthias



Photo courtesy of PWYC Commodore Greta Schanen

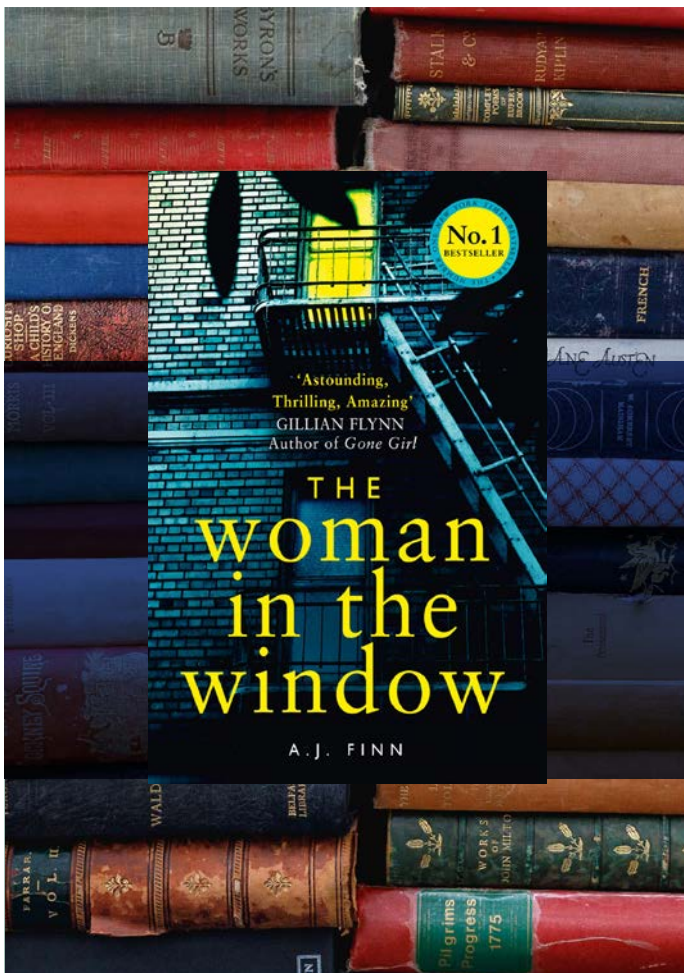
2021 SYC Book Club Meetings and Selections

- 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 Schanen (bio/true adventure).

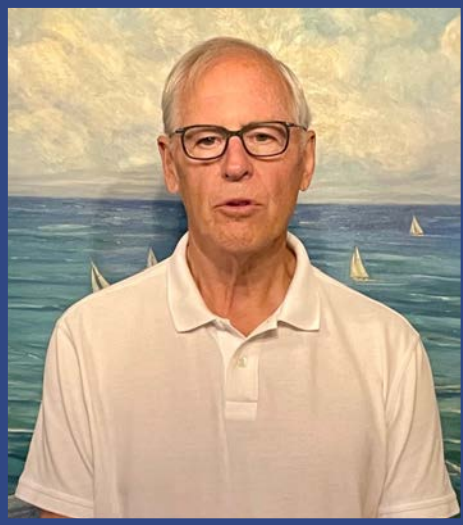
For more information contact Sharon Matthias (msmatthias@charter.net)



Far Right: Kite surfers take advantage of the rough and confused Lake Michigan waters on Wednesday, September 22. Photo: D Peterson



New Member Applicants



Dr. Paul Gruber - Associate

Sponsors: Zoe Rohde and Jake Gerend



Art Imig - Associate

Sponsors: Zoe Rohde and Jake Gerend



Jeff and Gladys Weiss - Apprentice

Sponsors: Ken Cornelli and Cory Vertz

New Trial Membership Application:
None

**New Membership Application
and/or New Member Interview:**

Dr. Paul and Barbara Gruber - Associate
Sponsors: Zoe Rohde and Jake Gerend

Art and Nancy Imig - Associate
Sponsors: Zoe Rohde and Jake Gerend

Jeff and Gladys Weiss - Apprentice
Sponsors: Ken Cornell and Cory Vertz

New Member Vote (ALL APPROVED):
Janet Susan Johns-Bullard, M.D.
Associate
Sponsors: Fred Tyszka and Todd Wake

Mike and Heidi Watson - Apprentice
Sponsors: Jon Irish and Bob Irish

Ann and John Walsworth - Associate
Sponsors: Beverly Davidson and Kathy Snider

Marguerite Vollrath - Apprentice

Sponsors: Karen Tock and Georgia Otto

Steven and Nellie Schmitt - Associate
Sponsors: Steve Mech and Steve Radovan

Change of Status:

Steve Meicher - Active to LOA
Helen Mullison - Associate to Resignation
Roger Rodewald - Associate to LOA
Kim Stokdyk - Active to Active Life
Olivia Lindstrom - Associate to Resignation
Nancy Heimbald - Active to Flag

Apprentice to Active:
Kevin and Tiffin Wycoff
Stuart Stromeyer
Tim Pinkert and Karen Burg

Death:
Dan Reichelsdorfer

Guest Card: NONE

September 2021 Membership Report

Current Membership Numbers						Total	379
Active	139	Apprentice	24	Associate	82	Non-Resident	2
Active Life	27	Flag	26	Honorary	6	Guest Cards	0
Active Life Emeritus 75/30	47	Active Life Emeritus 65/20	32			Trial Membership	0





Gypsea



Caprice



Knot Sure



Norwegian Blue



Boat Photographs

A special thanks to Jerry Gapinski and Tom Atkins for taking me out on the water in order to capture some of the Wednesday evening activities and photograph all these beautiful boats. We soon hope to start populating our entry hall with pictures of our owner's boats on the water. I took over 1500 pictures of a total of 19 boats and hope to shoot more next year in order to complete this brainchild of Tom's. And to think I never got a picture of Jerry's boat!

Dan Peterson



Movado



Stir it Up



Buttercup



Bataleur



Girl Crush



Movado



Three Winds



Wicked



Namara



Slip Knot



Runaway



North Star

The Transpac 2020 - by Steve Orlebeke



When I got off the boat in front of Hawaii Yacht Club my wife Dawn asked me if I would do it again. At that point it was a solid “don’t ask me that yet, I’m not so sure. That was tough”. At that point the lack of sleep for 7 days, being wet practically the entire time, marginal food, hot stuffy stinky conditions inside the boat, and pretty constant hard physical work was still fresh in my mind. But so were the days of sailing downwind in 18-25 knots of wind and 10+ foot waves surfing and planing regularly to speeds over 20 knots.

And so was being part of a group of 10 people that came together into a cohesive unit by the end of the race able to pull of gybes in 25 knots during the night. Brothers for life. Making landfall as the sun came up and blasting down the Molokai channel the last 30 miles to the finish was something I’ll never forget. It was simply the most incredible sailing I have ever done. Now that two months have gone by the tough parts seem to slowly fade and the good parts remain strong in my mind. I understand now why they hold this race every two years...that must be enough time to totally forget about how miserable you were during the last race and be dumb enough to do it again!

The Transpac experience depends heavily on the type of boat you are on. The boat I sailed on, Callisto, is a Pac 52. Pac 52’s were designed to go fast downwind, perfect for this race. The boat is quite light for its size and very

powerful. Half of the boat’s weight is in the keel bulb. It’s essentially a 52 foot planing offshore dinghy:

LOA (max): 15.85m (52ft)

Beam (max): 4.5m (14ft 9in)

Draught (max): 3.6m (11ft 9in)

Displacement (min): 6,900kg (15,200lb)

Sail area (upwind max): 171m² (1,840ft²)

Asymmetric (max): 272m² (2,927ft²)

There are no creature comforts inside the Callisto. Inside the boat is black carbon, even white paint weighs too much for this type of boat. There are 5 pipe berths on each side for sleeping. At the foot of the companionway stairs there are two Jet boil burners for heating water for our freeze dried food or an occasional freeze dried coffee and a small carbon sink. Just in front of the mast is a carbon toilet bowl. The rest of the boat in front of the mast is totally empty. In the back half of the boat are the bunks and a navigation station under the cockpit on centerline. Our navigator sat and slept on a spinnaker. The tradeoff for this lack of comfort and extra weight is speed. We covered the 2,225 mile course in 6 days, 22 hours and averaged over 14 knots. Our max speed was 27 knots.

We split the crew into 4 sets of 2 people. 2 pairs, 4 people were on deck sailing the boat at all times. Every two hours a new pair would come up and one would go down. We were on watch for 4 hours and off watch for



4 hours the entire race. The navigator and owner were on call whenever needed.

While on deck the sailing was intense. One person steering, one on the mainsheet, one on spinnaker sheet, and the fourth on the grinder pedestal trimming the spin sheet. There was never any time off. At times the wave state made it impossible to avoid stuffing the bow in and sending a wall of water back into the cockpit. Twice we punched to bow in so hard that we shredded two spinnakers. We wiped out several times as well. Night watches were mentally draining because obviously you can't see they waves or horizon. All the helmsman has to guide him/her are 7 digital mast displays with continuously changing numbers. Heading, boatspeed, true wind angle, heel angle and true wind speed are the primary inputs to keep the boat pointed in the right direction and moving fast

During a typical off watch I would go below and peel of my wet (inside and out) foul weather gear and shoes. Then grab a 5 gallon bucket and bail out the boat. We figured we bailed 5 gallons every 2 hours. This type of boat is impossible to keep totally dry inside. Water finds its way through the mast partners, main hatch, and forward hatch. The headstay is made of carbon and goes through the bow to a hydraulic cylinder. This is another place

for water to get in. Next grab some food. Keeping enough calories coming in was challenging. And then finally lay down in a bunk with my nose about 4 inches under the mainsheet winch and try to get some sleep as the boat is bombing along at 20 knots. Wake up, if I was lucky enough to get some sleep, 30 minutes before the next watch. Try to eat something. Put on the still wet foul weather gear, shoes, and safety gear. Head up on deck, rinse and repeat.

Now would I do it again? A definite maybe.

Photos: Sharon Greene - Ultimate Sailing Photography



New Weather Buoy Located

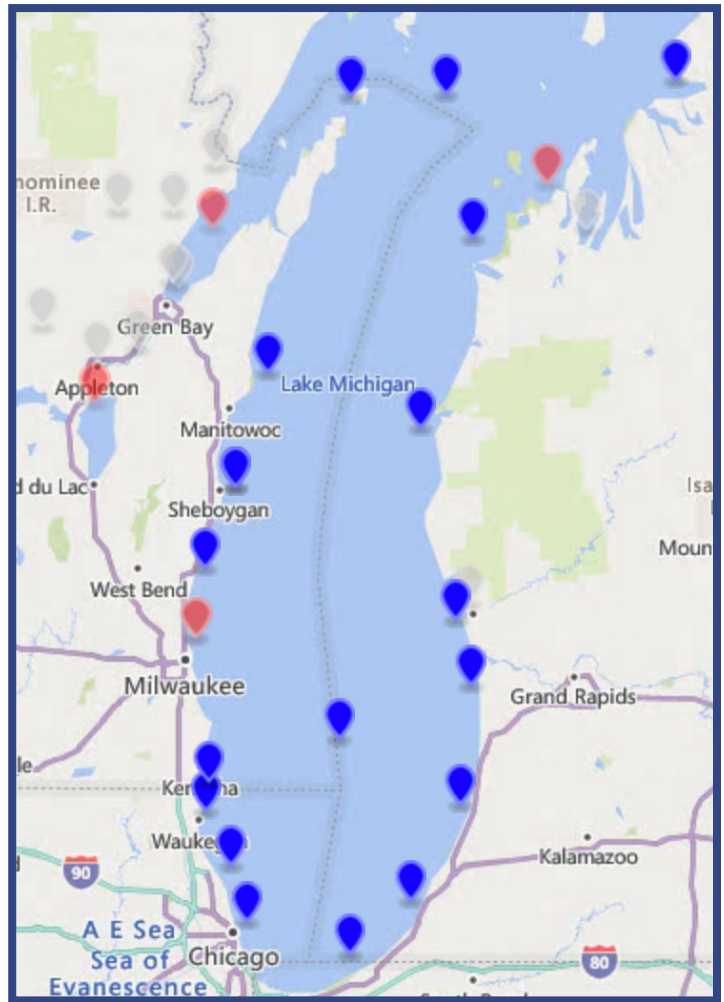
Russ Green is the Great Lakes Regional Coordinator for NOAA and the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. Russ recently sent me a note that with a grant from the Great Lakes Observing System (GLOS), they have installed a weather buoy off the coast of Sheboygan to provide real time wind, wave, and water temperature information at four depths. Additional buoys off Two Rivers and Port Washington will provide data for research in addition to information helping recreational boaters be safer.

Buoy/data can be found via the GLOS buoy map at <https://glbuoys.glos.us/>.

The Sheboygan buoy location is 43 43.8910 - 87 37.4970

Have fun with this new source of information. I would be happy to compile any feedback or ideas you may have for the project and forward them to Russ. While the project is valuable to the science community, a key aim is to provide boaters, divers, surfers, sailors, and fishermen with real time information to help them boat safely.

Tom Atkins



ABOVE: The GLOS buoy map depicting the Lake Michigan buoys currently in place. BELOW: Anders Larson flies the Norwegian Flag on board Nordic Sunna during a breezy day in early September in search of the new weather buoy and contemplates how he has never before had so many beautiful sailors on his boat. He gave up the search after 15 minutes. All friends of Ariel Fibiger. Photo: Ariel Fibiger

SYC Pumpkin Carving

Thursday, October 28, 2021

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Sheboygan Yacht Club Main Hall

\$15 per child



Save yourself the mess!



We'll supply the:
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Happy Halloween





Above: Mark Wessel and Runaway anchored outside of Whistling Straits on Sunday afternoon. Photo Kelly Schmidt

The Ryder Cup

The 43rd Ryder Cup concluded on a breezy, perfect Wisconsin early fall afternoon on Sunday September 26th in a historic American romp over Europe. Steve Stricker's U.S. team needed only 3½ out of a possible 12 points to win and that was accomplished by 3:51 p.m. with seven matches left on the golf course. The tournament was formally wrapped at 4:59 p.m., with the U.S. winning in record fashion, 19-9.

Over five days of public viewing, Whistling Straits provided an excellent edifice for golf's Super Bowl. The emerald and tawny hues of Herbert Kohler Jr. and Pete Dye's imagination providing a contrast against the slate of Lake Michigan and the blue of the Wisconsin sky.

Many club members anchored outside the course and enjoyed the scenery from afar and celebrated in fashion when the U.S. team won! It was the perfect weekend!



September '21							November '21						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3	4						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28	29	30			28	29	30				

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Bar: 12p - Close Dinner: 4p - 8p	27 Club Closed	28 Taco Tuesday Bar: 4 p - close 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 - 8p TRIVIA - 7pm	1 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 9p	2 Bar: 12 - Close Bar Menu: 12pm - 4pm Dinner: 4pm - 8pm
3 Bar: 12p - Close Dinner: 4p - 8p	4 Club Closed	5 Taco Tuesday Bar: 4 p - close Dinner: 4p - 8p	6 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 8p	7 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 8p TRIVIA - 7pm	8 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 9p	9 Bar: 4pm - Close Dinner: 4pm - 8pm
10 Packer Game: Bar: 11a - 4p Kitchen Closed	11 Club Closed	12 Taco Tuesday Bar: 4 p - close Dinner: 4p - 8p	13 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 8p	14 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Change of Watch Dinner 6pm Cocktails/7pm Dinner No Regular Dining	15 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 9p	16 Bar: 4pm - Close Dinner: 4pm - 8pm
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31 Club Closed	1 Club Closed	Notes				

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.

Also check out our affiliate organizations:

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