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THE SHEBOYGAN YACHT CLUB

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

**T**he basin is empty and the piers are winterized. It is the saddest time of year for boaters. We are in the time of change – except for our club leadership. The change of watch (or in this case “retention” of the watch) was a fantastic evening. It is with great pleasure that your board has returned mostly intact. I am humbled and honored to continue to serve as Commodore of the Sheboygan Yacht Club.

We have some great events coming up, most notably the Tom and Jerry Party. This is our pinnacle party of the year. If you have never attended, I highly recommend that you join us. I just put my name on the reservation list and look forward to seeing everyone there. Along with our holiday party, we also have several other events booked for the season so please remember to make reservations to ensure the best service.

I did make the decision to close the kids cove temporarily. I know this is an inconvenience to 99% of the membership with children that use it appropriately – we used this room when our own daughter was younger. However, this room is a privilege, and it isn't being treated that way. There will be a discussion in the board room this month

regarding what we will do going forward.

November is a month in which we give thanks. I want to thank all my outgoing officers, board, members and committee chairs for the hard work and time they put in over the last year. I also want to thank the staff for continuing to provide such fantastic service especially as other area restaurants have struggled to even keep regular hours. I am looking forward to working with the new members this year as we still have plenty to accomplish.

Fair Winds,

Commodore Jason







## DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 10	Membership Meeting
Nov 6	Packer Potluck (12:00)
Nov 11	Phoenix Disaster (6:00)
Nov 13	Packer Potluck (3:25)
Dec 3	Tom & Jerry Party
Dec 8	Membership Meeting
Dec 11	Santa Brunch

## COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the Winners of the Halloween Costume Contest!

1st Place went to The Adam's Family

2nd Place went to Gilligan's Island

3rd Place went to the Vampire Coven  
and 2 Jedi Knights

There were a lot of Awesome Halloween Costumes!



## 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

**COVER:** The Sheboygan lighthouse took a beating during the afternoon of Tuesday, October 18th. The massive high waves and winds even enticed a few amateur surfers into the waters later that day, only to require rescuing from the United States Coast Guard.

Thankfully everyone was safely recovered, and the lighthouse remains solidly grounded and ready for another rough weather day.

**LEFT:** The south pier construction continues on the morning of Saturday October 29th as the Michels barges are moved inside the Sheboygan harbor.  
(Photos: Dan Peterson)

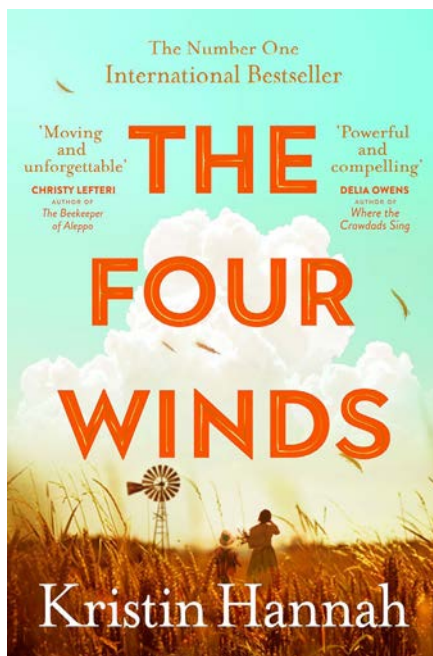


# BLAST FROM THE PAST



From 1938 to 1946 food service at the Club was limited, with local caterers supplying dinners for major events. The Club hired Kenneth (Sandy) and Cordelia Sanders in February of 1946 to serve as the first Steward and Stewardess.

As part of their pay, the south wing of the Clubhouse (the original building) was remodeled for caretakers' quarters. "The Sanders' treated us all like family." Maynard Oleson remembers. He was a member of the informal "bachelors club" which frequently gathered for home cooked meals at the Club.



## BOOK CLUB

All meetings are held at the Yacht Club and anyone is invited to join! Please contact Sharon Matthias at [mshmatthias@charter.net](mailto:mshmatthias@charter.net) if you have any questions.

**Thursday, October 27, at 6 pm.**  
THE FOUR WINDS by Kristin Hannah (HF)

**Thursday, November 17, at 6 pm.**  
THE PARIS SEAMSTRESS by Natasha Lester (HF)





# Bow 'n Stern

November 2002



from the Helm

First of all, I would like to thank the SYC membership for having the confidence in me to elect me Commodore for the next year. Also a very special thanks to all the members who volunteered to head committees or the positions of appointed officers, not only this year but during the last four years. Your help has made my years as Rear and Vice Commodore much easier.

Congratulations to Kathy Lundeen and her crew ; Amy Lundeen, Lynelle Reak, Ann Brantmeier and Denise Cornell who sailed their boat Bavaria II to a first place in the J24 International Women's Open Championship in Cleveland, Ohio in September. This win also landed the ladies a spot in the World Champion Event in Medemblik, Holland, in August 2003.

Most of the boats have moved up river for the winter, so Jim Curry and his crew will be winterizing the piers. If you have a few hours to spare, give Jim a call. I'm sure the help will be welcomed.

Don't forget the Sailing Banquet on November 2, and the Tom & Jerry Party in December. Reservations are a must for both events.

For the good of the club, please remember this is your club, so use it and use it often. Its here for you.

Thank you all again.

Mike

## WINTER PIER PREPARATION

Dozens of members were at the club on the morning and early afternoon of Saturday October 29th placing aerators at the ends of all the piers and cleaning the grounds for the upcoming winter season. Despite facing an inevitable end to the great boating season, the members were in good spirits and looking forward to the many winter activities to come. Most Photos by Dawn Vertz, used without her permission.





**Sheboygan Yacht Club**  
**Tom & Jerry Party**  
**Saturday, December 3, 2022**

**You're invited to the Tom & Jerry Party**  
**The Annual Sheboygan Yacht Club Holiday Party**  
**for Members and spouse/significant other/date**

**\$40 per person plus tax and gratuity**

**includes**

**\* Universally Famous Tom & Jerry cocktails**  
**from 6:00 - 7:00pm.**

**\* Grand Hors D'oeuvres and Dessert Buffet**  
**will be served at 7:00 pm**

**Come and enjoy this annual tradition!**

**Reservations Required: Cut Off for reservations is**  
**Tuesday, November 29, 2022**

**Make Your Reservations on [www.sheboyganyachtclub.com](http://www.sheboyganyachtclub.com) or Call**  
**SYC with Reservations at (920)458-6601 or**  
**email to [sean@sheboyganyachtclub.com](mailto:sean@sheboyganyachtclub.com)**

**Holiday Attire**

**4:00 pm Bar Opens**

**6:00 pm Tom & Jerrys are served**

**7:00 pm Grand Hors D'oeuvres and Dessert Buffet**







# Sunday Santa Brunch



Sunday, December 11, 2022

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Adults : \$30 Kids: (5 – 12) \$ 12

Children 4 & Under Eat Free

Enjoy Chef Benjamins Brunch selections including made to order omelets, pit smoked ham with fig and apple chutney, red velvet pancakes with (strawberries, white chocolate chips and cream cheese icing sauce), seasonal vegetable, sausage, bacon, breakfast potatoes, cheese and sausage display, fresh fruit, breakfast pastries, dessert display and more.

Bloody Marys, Mimosas and seasonal drink specials available.

## ▲ Knee Knocker Buffet for Children:

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Syrup, Fruit, Cereal, Donuts and more.

Cookie Decorating for Kids

▲ Santa will be appearing from 11:30am to 12:30 pm ▲

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED

Call: (920) 458-6601

Email: [sean@sheboyganyachtclub.com](mailto:sean@sheboyganyachtclub.com)



# MYC INTERCLUB PARTY



Members attended the much anticipated Manitowoc Yacht Club Interclub Party on September 24th where it has been reported by unnamed sources that what happens in Manitowoc, stays in Manitowoc...





# PUMPKIN CARVING



The kids attending the annual pumpkin carving extravaganza on October had a blast making their creations on October 27th. Thanks to Sandy Diener, Marge Vollrath, Kelly Schmidt and Julie Svoboda for all the help making it a successful event.





# TRIBUTE TO PAINTER PETE

Pete Heimbold lived a half block from the Sheboygan lakefront and enjoyed spending time walking along the shoreline with his wife, Nancy. It was during these walks that Pete came up with a big idea of how he could give back to the community that he loved.

Pete's idea was to paint the benches along the shoreline because the benches "looked like hell". He approached the Sheboygan parks superintendent and proposed his idea of volunteering his time to apply a much-needed fresh coat of paint to the benches. Pete would donate his time if the city would provide the paint.

Pete started at North Point and worked his way south, applying a fresh coat of paint to benches up and down the lakefront. There are 60 lakefront benches and he painted them every season for 12 years.

Pete enlisted his friends from SYC (John Visser and Rodger Feigel) to help build a wagon to pull his paint supplies. And when the SYC members Gotwald boys needed volunteer hours for North HS honor society, Pete offered the opportunity to help paint the benches.

In April 2021 "Painter Pete" was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation and a dedicated bench in recognition for service to the community for 12 years of volunteer service. The bench was installed in the Fall of 2021, near the North Point Park in Pete's honor. Unfortunately, Pete did not have a chance to see the new bench with a plaque dedicated to his work and love for his community.

If you find yourself on the north end of the lakefront, take a moment to rest on Painter Pete's bench to enjoy the view and memories of Pete.





## BAR STOOL RAFFLE WINNER!

All members that donated for the bar stools were entered into a raffle to win an evening cruise on Northstar along with a bottle of Gancia wine. The drawing was held on October 9th during the Packer Game Potluck. Congratulations goes to the lucky winner, Steve Harrison!



## PACKER POTLUCKS

Don't forget to join your fellow members down at the club to watch the winning Packers do what they do best! Despite a few bumps in the road, and even if you might be a little disappointed after a game or two or three, it's still fun to be close to those that care about you and can relate to your feelings of anger and sadness.

The organizers, Sandy Diener and Karen Tock will be ready with free shots for any Packer touchdown that happens, so at least we all have that going for us! GO PACK!!!



**NOV. 6 - PACKERS VS. LIONS - 12:00**

FAVORITE SOUP DAY

BRING YOUR FAVORITE SOUP, SNACKS, SIDES OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

**NOV. 13 PACKERS VS. COWBOYS - 3:25**

LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING

BRING YOUR FAVORITE SNACK, DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

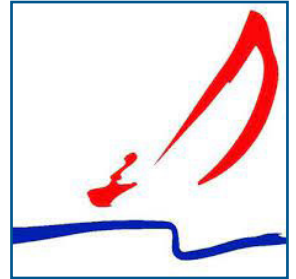
## DONATE TO SYSC

Thank you to all who participated in SYSC during the 2022 season – which is now March through November!

We are growing and adding programming! We love this opportunity and will continue to change and update our program to meet your needs and those of our community.

As you know, we have a fantastic Instructor group and an especially incredible Program Manager in Whitney Kent.

In order to continue the growth in program offerings and extend our community outreach which provides services to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity – Whitney needs help!



We have generous donors who are willing to step in and support an addition to our staff as Whitney's Assistant as well as a much-needed new engine for the workhorse of our safety boat fleet. They will match any donations designated for these causes up to \$12,500. YES, \$12,500!!! We believe this additional position will drive increased revenue to our program to support this role going forward, but we need help from our supportive community to get it started. The engine in need of replacement served SYSC well for many years and had thousands of hours of use, and we hope the next one will help facilitate safe sailing classes for decades to come.

Can we count on you to help support us take full advantage of this extremely generous offer? If SYSC has made a difference in your life or the life

of someone you love, please consider making a donation! Follow the link below or scan the QR code to donate today.



See our season summary on page 13 of this issue of the Bow'n'Stern, and stay tuned to our website and Fall Newsletter for

a complete wrap-up on what was another amazing year at the SYSC!

[www.sheboyganyouthsailing.com/donate](http://www.sheboyganyouthsailing.com/donate)



# SYSC 2022 - A SEASON IN REVIEW

**T**his season was our best year yet! We've said that every year for quite awhile now, but it's been true every time. Rewind all the way back to early March – we were hard at work with some building improvements for the season. If you haven't been inside the SYSC yet this year, make sure to put it on your list before the boats are packed away – we can show off some of the talent of SYSC students and instructors through murals and storage solutions. Fast forward to now – it's late October, the gales of November came early, and we are still weeks away from shutting our doors on the season – a good time to reflect while the sun is still shining, and we aren't shoveling snow out of boats (yet).

Every season at SYSC flies by faster than the last (or maybe I'm just getting old), but this year brought with it some great moments spent with even better people. Some quick math tells some of the tale – we taught over 8,000 hours of lessons to almost 500 different people this year! We launched our new Support Our Sailors (S.O.S.) Fund, which exists to provide financial assistance to sailors who may not otherwise be able to experience all our lakefront has to offer. We wrapped up our final year of the first cycle in the Siebel Sailors Program – a grant project through US Sailing that provided us with six new RS Fevas (the chartreuse sails you see out there all summer long), staff training and support, and additional resources to increase our outreach into the community. We had a dedicated



and enthusiastic group of adult sailors, several of whom have since joined SYC and several more of whom are STILL out sailing in the evenings. Most importantly, we continued to focus on our core tenets – safety, fun, and learning – which help us to grow a strong community of students, staff, parents, friends, and supporters.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of everything we do at the Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center! So many of you have donated to our cause through time, money, expertise, gear, and spreading our name through town and we appreciate every bit of that. We will wrap up our adult classes at the end of October and our high school team will compete at the Fall Championships in Chicago in mid-November, so until then, cheer us on from the cozy warmth of SYC and we hope to see you all at some winter programs in the months ahead!





# SYSC AND SEAS EVENTS ANNOUNCED

The Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center and Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan recently announced their planned events for this upcoming fall, winter and spring. "Do you have any topics you want us to cover this winter? Let us know and stay tuned for more details!"

**November 11th (Friday) 6-7, SYC- 175th Anniversary of the Phoenix Disaster with Steve Radovan. Hosted by SEAS.**

**December 7th (Wednesday) 6-8, SEAS building-Knot Tying Workshop with Decorative Knot-Whitney - \$5/person** – Join us at the SEAS Building 1837 Superior Ave for a festive and informative night of knot-tying! We will cover all of the basic knots you need to know to get on a sailboat and get the sails up and down and the boat back to the dock safely. We'll also learn the decorative Turk's Head knot and you will be able to take home an ornament, coaster, or bracelet along with a new skill!

**January 4th – 6pm-8pm - Racing Rules of Sailing 101** - Ring in the New Year with the resolution to never be confused on the starting line of a sailboat race again! Ok, well, at least get to the course next year with a bit more confidence as we decode the basics of the Rule Book. Join Whitney as she breaks down the basics of the mysterious Racing Rules of Sailing. This course will be at SEAS for no cost.

**January 18th 6pm –8pm - Trivia Night- Seamanship Style-** Join us for our first ever sailing-themed Trivia Night! We'll be spicing up some basic boating knowledge through our very own twist on the popular game. Bring a friend, you don't need to know anything about being on a boat to have a good time and learn something along the way! This will be held at the SYC for no cost.

**February 1st (Wednesday) 6-8, SYC- Racing Rules of Sailing 102-** In this 'next step' course, we'll dive deeper into the Racing Rules of Sailing. Prep your questions and situations, and we will go through debunking some myths of the rule book and how to simplify your trip around the buoys!

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



## The 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 com-



petition and have access to a wide array of equipment with power and sail boat education and training opportunities.

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

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

Monthly rates, billed quarterly:

\$30.00 - business card size

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\$75.00 - ½ page

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