



DECEMBER 2021

Bow 'n' Stern



THE SHEBOYGAN YACHT CLUB

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Commodore's Comments

While our boats may all be dry-docked for the season, December is one of the busiest months at SYC. The festivities kick off with our traditional Tom and Jerry party on December 4th. While we appreciated the tremendous support our "take-out" event received last year, we are excited to return to our traditional format this year, with appetizers, entertainment, and camaraderie. With the Badgers no longer competing for the Big 10 championship, you have no excuse to miss this annual event, and I look forward to seeing everyone there. Please call for reservations if you have not already done so (members only).

The club will also host our annual Santa Brunch on December 12 with a visit from "you know who". Then we'll ring out the old and ring in the new on December 31 with dinner specials and live entertainment for NYE. Bring your family and friends to enjoy these special events – call for reservations to make sure we can accommodate everyone.

This is also a season of giving, and SYC members have a great history of giving generously of both their time and resources to help the club thrive. If you haven't already, in the coming days you should receive a letter from me regarding the creation of an Employee Holiday Fund. Please take time to read it over and consider donating. I would like to make this an annual fund to show our amazing staff how much they are appreciated by the members they serve daily.

Finally, I would also like to make one small change to tradition by keeping the club open on January 1stst for a member / staff appreciation party. The galley will be closed and the only staff on hand will be there to partake in the fun. I will be asking for members to bring a dish to pass and there will be "celebrity" bartenders working the bar. It will be a day of football and fun for everyone. Look for more details in an email in the coming weeks.

From my family to yours I wish you happy holidays, a Merry Christmas, and as always, fair winds.

Commodore Jason



Our History



The 1949 Power Boat Races utilized the partially completed concrete pier as the takeoff point. Club members drove the steel sheeting and supplied the fill, which was allowed to settle before concrete capping was installed.



Several past Commodores spent the Thanksgiving week in Tonto Verde, Arizona. From Left to Right: Pete Mayer, Tim Gabrielse, Denise Cornell and Michael Knop. Photo Courtesy of Dione Knop.

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

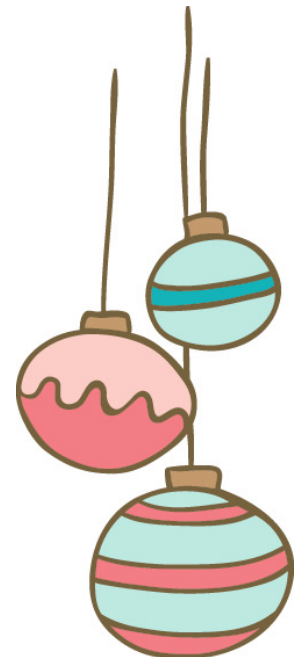
Tues & Sat 4:00 to close
Sat & Sun 12-close
Wed, Thu, Fri 11:00 to close

Dates to Remember

Dec 4	Tom & Jerry Party (6:00 PM)
Dec 9	Membership Meeting (7:15 PM)
Dec 19	Santa Brunch (10-2)
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Celebration
Jan 1	Club Member/Staff Party
Jan 2	Club Shut Down
Jan 13	Club Reopens/Membership Meeting

About the Cover

Cover: Jeff Weiss trims the sails of Namara, a Beneteau Oceanis 351 owned by Dawn & Cory Vertz. Opposite: Dan Kerpe's Bataleur out for an evening cruise.



Sea Scouts

At the end of every summer season I summarize our activities by tabulating all of the data collected on our "Boat Logs". These are logs that each scout has to fill out when-ever he/she takes a Sea Scout water craft out on the water. The scout records; departure & return times, wind speed & direction, crew members (if any), boat type used and then adds notes if anything on the boat needs attention (something broke!).

Our summer season entailed using our watercraft Monday nights and crewing on a PERF boat Wednesday nights. Our season was 12 weeks long starting in June and ending in September.

From these "boat logs" I compiled the following summary from our 2021 summer season:

Total # times Sea Scout boats were used: 70
Total # of hours Sea Scout boats were used: 108
Total # of scout-hours Sea Scouts spent on watercraft: 330

We had no injuries to scouts and no major equipment failures this summer.

One Monday evening Geof (our Skipper), launched his 16-foot catamaran. We shuttled scouts on and off of it until every scout got a chance to sail on it.

*Special thanks to the following skippers for keeping an open invitation to have our scouts and counselors serve on board their boats Wednesday nights during the summer racing season:

Tom Atkins (Kemosabe), Kevin Werner (Wicked), Peter Mayer (Stir-It-Up), Mike Knop (Three Winds), Denise Cornell (Girl Crush) and Brad Gruneberg(Bataleur).

Mark Matthias
Ship 50



New Member Applicants



Robert Angermeier - Associate
Sponsors: Jason Bemis & Robert Melzer



Charles & Tanya Stone - Apprentice
Sponsors: Georgia Otto & Stu Stromeyer

New Member Vote: (ALL APPROVED)

Walter Grauer & Angela Olsen - Apprentice.
Sponsors: Jennifer Spicer and Larry Hanson

Barb Kleine - Associate.
Sponsors: Chris Aldag and Dietmar Wohlgenmuth

Caitlin Brotz - Associate.
Sponsors: Steve Mech and Robert Melzer.

Gary Kay Fick - Associate.
Sponsors: Christine Stenklyft and Ric Larson

Beth Cory Bouck - Associate.
Sponsors: Jason Diener and Zoe Rohde

Change of Status: (ALL APPROVED)

Apprentice to Active:
Floyd and Laureen Leo

Death: NONE
Guest Card: NONE

November 2021 Membership Report

Current Membership Numbers						Total	384
Active	136	Apprentice	25	Associate	87	Non-Resident	2
Active Life	27	Flag	26	Associate Life	1	Guest Cards	0
Active Life Emeritus 75/30	48	Active Life Emeritus 65/20	32	Honorary	6	Trial Membership	0

Book Club Schedule

Dates for the upcoming 2021 SYC Book Club schedule was just released. All meetings are held at the Yacht Club and anyone is invited to join! Please contact Sharon Matthias at msmatthias@charter.net if you have any questions.

Thursday, January 27, at 6 pm.
THE ORCHID THIEF by Susan Orlean (NF/horticulture)

Thursday, February 24, at 6 pm.
THE HIDDEN VALLEY ROAD: INSIDE THE MIND OF AN AMERICAN FAMILY by Robert Kolker (NF)

Thursday, March 24, at 6 pm.
THE ENGINEER'S WIFE by Tracey Emerson Wood (HF)

Thursday, April 28, at 6 pm.
AN ANONYMOUS GIRL by Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen (F/thriller)

Thursday, May 26, at 6 pm.
HAVE YOU SEEN LUIS VELEZ by Catherine Ryan Hyde (psychological/F)

Thursday, June 23, at 6 pm.
THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD by Colson Whitehead (RF)

Thursday, July 28, at 6 pm.
THE ONE-IN-A-MILLION-BOY by Monica Wood (domestic/F)

Thursday, August 25, at 6 pm.
THE LAST DUEL by Eric Jager (RF)

Thursday, September 22, at 6 pm.
THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME by Laura Dave (domestic thriller/F)

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

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



The Bow 'n' Stern Spotted in Bermuda



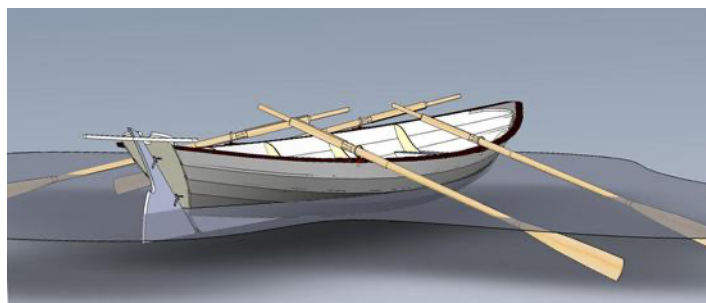
The B&S staff recently received this picture of Ron, a guide at The Crystal and Fantasy Caves in Hamilton Parish of Bermuda, enjoying last month's edition of the Bow 'n' Stern Newsletter during a busy day at work in late November. If you or a friend ever notice the Bow 'n' Stern being perused while on vacation, don't forget to send a picture to the Bow 'n' Stern staff! Send your pictures to editor@sheboyganyachtclub.com!

Team Dory Boat Build at SEAS

Join us for our 2021 winter project, building a Chesapeake Light Craft Team Dory rowing boat. We will be meeting every Wednesday 6-8 and Saturdays 8-12 with a planned completion date of April 30th.

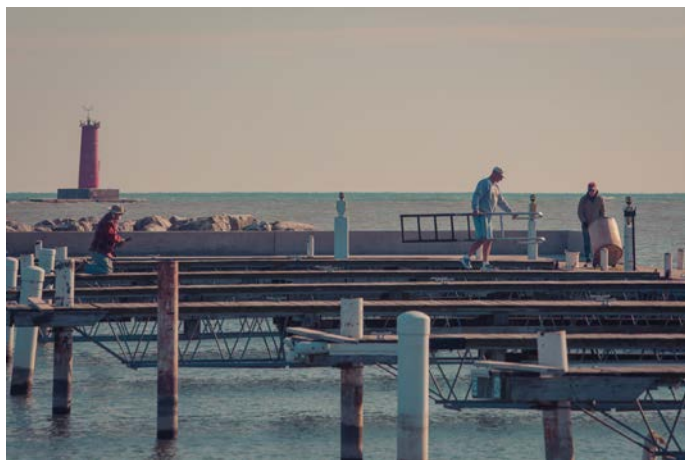
The Team Dory is 23' 9" rowing craft for a team of five. It is light weight and raced competitively around the region. The boat, once completed, will be used as a training platform and racing against other clubs in the region.

No reservation or fees are required to participate in the build but an RSVP is still appreciated. Please RSVP or direct questions to mwierzbach@seasheboygan.org.



Pier Winterization Completed

While the temperatures continue south towards perpetual freezing and all the boats have been removed for winter storage, the piers of the club were prepared for the long hibernation to come. Members spent a sunny Saturday afternoon on November 6th installing de-icer agitators at the end of each pier to ensure constant water circulation so the pilings stay in place for the 2021 season. Bring it on winter!



Left: Larry Hanson, Steve Mech and Mike Watson heading out to the piers with tools in hand.

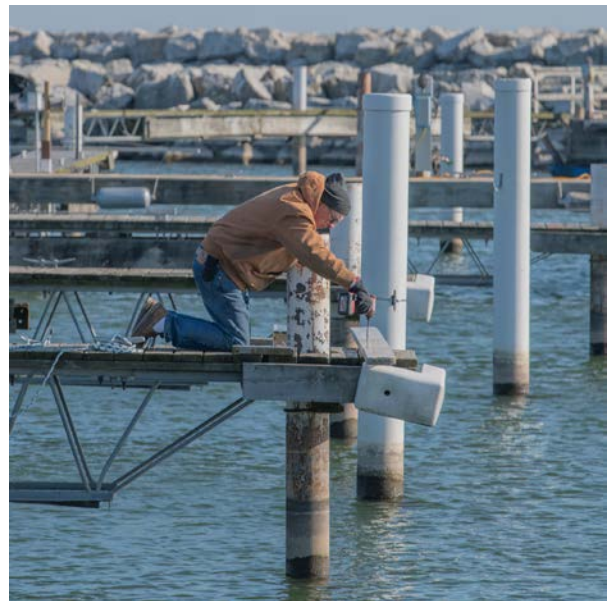
Bottom left: Chuck Butler enjoys his new status as Rear Commodore watching everyone else work while he enjoys a donut.

Right Opposite Page: Mike Knop spent his afternoon washing and sitting on balls.

Bottom Right Opposite Page: Mike Elmergreen secures the wooden platform in place before lowering the water agitator at the end of the pier.

Below: Cory Vertz and Jeff Weis hooking up an agitator on the end of one of the piers







Sheboygan Yacht Club

Tom & Jerry Party

Saturday, December 4, 2021

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 30, 2021**

Make Your Reservations on www.sheboyganyachtclub.com or
Call

SYC with Reservations at (920)458-6601 or
email to sean@sheboyganyachtclub.com

Holiday Attire



Sunday Santa Brunch



Sunday, December 19, 2021

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Adults : \$26.95 Kids: (5 – 12) \$ 9.95

Children 4 & Under Eat Free

Enjoy Chef Benjamins Brunch selections including made to order omelets, honey glazed pit ham with pineapple rum chutney, cinnamon French toast with spiced nuts and creamy salted caramel 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 Kocker 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

**** The SYC will not be open for Dinner following Brunch ****





SYC New Year's Eve Celebration

Friday, December 31, 2021



Bar 4pm—Close

Dinner Service: 6pm—9pm ** (Reservations Required)

Band: “Uncle Meat” will perform from 9pm—12:30am

Dine In: We ask that when making dinner reservations, that you choose your Entrée Selection. All other courses can be ordered at table.

If you choose not to dine, you are welcome to come for Dancing and Drinks

Appetizer

Shrimp Cocktail 12

horseradish lemon chutney, lemon wedge

Black Truffle Risotto 16

roasted forrest mushrooms, SarVecchio parmesan,

Smoked Duck Breast Crostini 14

foie gras mousse, arugula, baguette, champagne blackberry chutney

Salad & Soup

Roasted Candy Striped Beet Salad 9

mixed greens, citrus segments, whipped pistachio and thyme chevre, lemon pepper walnut, grand marnier orange balsamic vinaigrette

House Side Salad 6

Caesar Salad 6

Lobster Bisque 9

“shrimp cocktail salad”

Entree

includes twice baked potato with Stag cheddar and melted leeks
grilled asparagus

Shrimp Scampi 42

super colossal Prawns sauteed in lemon garlic butter

Stuffed “Pork Chop” 34

prime pork ribeye, German sausage stuffing, calvados apple cream sauce

Tenderloin 49

Foyot sauce (bordelaise and bernaïse sauces)

Winter Vegetable Lasagna 24

Dessert Menu





MEMBER AND STAFF APPRECIATION PARTY

NEW YEAR'S DAY

ENJOY FOOTBALL, GOOD FOOD PROVIDED BY OUR MEMBERS, RAFFLES, CELEBRITY BARTENDERS AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE TO ENJOY THE DAY!

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS FUN DAY!

The Christmas Season is Here



Club Members, led by Sandy Diener, spent countless hours preparing the club for the upcoming Christmas holiday as they decorated the club on Saturday, November 28th. The tree was proclaimed as "the most beautiful tree ever" by several onlookers. The club will once again enjoy the magnificently decorated golden mannequin that has spent so many previously lonely holiday seasons in the attic.

We also learned that our Rear Commodore, Chuck Butler, has an artistic side and has special talent with a hot glue gun as he unveiled his Sled-Sailing Santa masterpiece which he created on his own with a variety of discarded items found at Goodwill. He is currently considering starting an Etsy profile and hopes to market replicas of his brainchild to thousands in the near future.

Opposite Far Right: Jason Diener and Tony Orbeleke spent the morning of November 30th, decorating the Yacht Club Pier tree with 3,600 lights at the SEAS building. The tree was donated by Clayton Schmidt.





A Message From The Editor

As the first year of my tenure being the editor of your Bow 'n' Stern comes to an end and after only publishing eight newsletters to date, I am humbled by the hard work and dedication put forth by Ron Abler, my immediate predecessor, as well as the many editors before him. Ron did this for over 5 years and produced over 65 newsletters during that time! That is no small feat! Creating this newsletter is simply a lot of work!

I have always welcomed a challenge and being the editor allows me an opportunity to enjoy several of the things I appreciate in life. While I don't consider myself an artistic person in any sense of the word, I always find myself enjoying the visual aspects of life more than anything. Film and darkroom photography was in my blood at a very early age, before anything was digital, before cable TV, the internet, and during childhood when we were absolutely amazed with the video game "Pong" back in 1972. My Dad's old Kodak Duaflex camera was discontinued in March of 1960, but I was lucky enough to use it for many years, snapping pictures of who knows what and enjoying every moment of it. But I digress.....



I have grand (perhaps grandiose) ideas about what I want to do with the publication and always strive to improve the newsletter with each month's edition. I would love to see a "Member Spotlight" each month that would help to introduce new and old members alike to the rest of the club. Despite feeling like a "regular" at the bar on most Tuesday nights, I continually realize I have little idea about the names of many of the other members enjoying their tacos and tequila with me. They seem very happy and very friendly, but I just feel that there are a lot of interesting life stories that could be shared with the other members. The same goes for the staff that makes the club such a great place to be. It would be nice to see some of those faces published in our monthly newsletters with a short story detailing their names, personal backgrounds, professions, hobbies and whether they even know what Pong is. This is fair warning that random club members may be receiving an email from me very shortly asking for you to provide more personal information about yourselves along with a picture or two you would dare to share with other members.



With the advent and never-ending growth of social media, some of the content of future and past newsletters may be perceived by many as becoming obsolete. Why bother with any of this when we can easily send out a quick post and picture on Facebook or Instagram? I completely understand that viewpoint. However, during the short time I have served as the editor, I have learned that the newsletter also provides a means of ensuring the long-standing fidelity of our club's history. Dione Knop and David Bronson correctly and independently pointed that out to me several months back, and until then, I never really saw their very valid perspectives. All the club newsletters and photos are saved and protected by our club historian. Those past publications will forever "tell a story" about our club for future generations long after our Facebook posts and pictures are forgotten, never to be seen again. Because of this essential feature of our newsletter, I am asking for help documenting and preserving our club's history.

Graphic design, literary prose, and the visual arts will always be a welcome challenge and personal struggle for me, and because of this, I am looking for other club members that might have some ambition and talents to help with providing content for our newsletter. Amateur photographers, graphic designers, and writers are encouraged to seek me out and volunteer their time and skills for the club! You are automatically qualified if you own and have any knowledge of Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Lightroom, and Illustrator! If you don't know what those programs are but are interested in purchasing and learning how to use them, you are also qualified! Anyone that would be willing to photograph an event or even the day-to-day aspects of the club, write an article, make a crossword puzzle, interview other members of staff for a member spotlight, tweak the design and layout of our newsletter or provide any other engaging content is welcome to join me in this endeavor. Of course, Apprentice members can use this to knock off several hours of volunteer time. All ideas and input are always welcome.

I will always consider myself an amateur striving to constantly improve myself when photographing and writing for our newsletter, but I challenge all of you to consider contributing as well. Still, I have no doubts about my Pong playing abilities and can play a mean game if anyone is up for that challenge as well!

DO NOT BE SHY! Please contact me if you have any interest:


editor@sheboyganyachtclub.com or 920-980-5808.

Merry Christmas!

Dan

December 2021

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Snow Removal & Pier Watch

Volunteer opportunities for "Snow Removal 2021 - 2022" are now open. Volunteers will receive three hours for each week they volunteer plus actual hours on duty with snow blower, shovel and salt. Be sure to turn in your hours.

Please use the following web link to go to the signup sheet:

volunteersignup.org/CLQMM



To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Contact Floy Leo at floyd.leo@gflenv.com with any questions.

Volunteer opportunities for "Winter Pier Watch 2021 - 2022" are also open.

Please use the following web link to go to the signup sheet:

volunteersignup.org/4XRRX

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

If you have any additional questions regarding pier watch, contact Pier Chairman, Steve Mech at Piers@sheboyganyachtclub.com

Thank you for volunteering!

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:

Sea Scouts: www.sheboyganseascouts.org

Sail Sheboygan: www.sailsheboygan.org

Youth Sailing Club: www.sheboyganyouthsailing.com

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