



# Bow 'n' Stern

THE SHEBOYGAN YACHT CLUB

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# Commodore's Comments

Be safe and stay healthy, and please help "Raise the Deck"



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.

Total monetary contributions towards the deck reconstruction total \$ 36,766 as of this writing in mid May. This exceeds our original construction budget of \$25,000 for the project. In addition, an offer to donate outdoor lighting has been made, and an offer to provide the outdoor speaker system has been made. Combined with the significant donation of volunteer labor and in kind services, this all leads to the conclusion that the club has a very generous membership.

From the beginning of the deck project it was promised that donations in excess of cost would go towards deck improvements. The single largest and most expensive improvement will be furniture. There is a wide range of options and price points regarding the furniture decision. I am calling

for volunteers to make up an ad hoc committee to help guide the club to the best decision possible. This group has had one organizing meeting so far, which means it is not too late to join and make a significant impact on the furniture decision making process. Please volunteer and help.

The Michels Company completed an excellent and very efficient project of lifting, straightening, and re-driving dock posts in our basin. It has been about fifteen years since this maintenance was last performed. Our docks are now stronger, safer, and look better with this project completed. They proved so easy to work with that they even helped raise one of our piers that had slipped under the waters surface. Their help made that "save" much faster and safer.

Congratulations to the club's boat owners for making significant decisions to help ensure the financial future and success of the club. At the May boat owners meeting, they voluntarily voted to not only raise slip fees modestly, but also raise storage and lifting fees on themselves at the derrick yard. It is never easy or popular to increase the cost of boating. That is precisely why the boat owners deserve recognition for understanding the present state of the economy and acting now, before costs become a serious emergency.

The weather is getting warmer, even the lake water is slowly warming up, and it is starting to look and feel like summer. Boats are filling up the slips in our basin, and the racing season is about to begin. I certainly hope this summer is safer and more normal than last summer. Whether you get out on our new deck or get out on the water, let's get outside and enjoy this great weather.

Be safe and stay healthy,  
Commodore Tom

## Our History



**Above:** After the move of the original building to the lakefront site and the construction of the large main hall (still incomplete in this 1938 photo), the members received a shipment of a fleet of Snipe tactical racing dinghies - the first major single-class active in Sheboygan.



**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**

- June 2 First Wednesday Race
- June 5 Lakefront Open House
- June 10 Membership Meeting
- June 12 Hika Bay Full Crew Race
- June 26 Governor's Cup Buoy Races
- 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
- Aug 7 Hika Bay Short 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 Lightening Brotz Regatta
- Sept 4 Port Washington Redezvous (no points)
- Sept 9 Membership Meeting
- Sept 11 Oostburg Short Handed Race

**About the Cover:** Youth Sailing instructors and students brave the 45 degree weather during the afternoon of April 20th and learn the art of sailing.

# Marina Repairs Completed

The month of May was a busy one for club members as many of them put their lives on the line and prepared for the long awaited boating season to begin. The piers were in need of continued maintenance and two of them were damaged in late April and early May while being lowered back to their usable levels. One of the piers was jacked back into place by members over the May 8th weekend, but the second one seemed to be hopelessly stuck in the basin muck as reported by Jason Bemis, who fearlessly took a dive into the frigid 43° Lake Michigan water. Cory Vertz, Adam Mason, Tony Orlebeke, Steve Orlebeke, Mark Duff and Steve Mech were also present to tackle the pier repair project.

On Tuesday, May 11, The Michels Corporation also finished the work of relocating and repositioning the pilings in the basin and they were able to raise up the final damaged pier enough so that members could finish repairing and jacking it into place. Michels spent a little more time in the basin than planned due to a mechanical repair needed on their equipment, but in the end they completed more work than originally intended and all of it was still within the original budget. A total of 12-15 pilings were resealed and the marina is now open for the season.



**Above:** An overly enthusiastic Jason Bemis in preparation for the underwater pier inspection. Despite wanting to only wear his Speedo in the 43° water, his concerned friends insisted on the drysuit. (Photo: Steve Mech)

**Left Top and Bottom:** The damaged piers that fell into the basin.

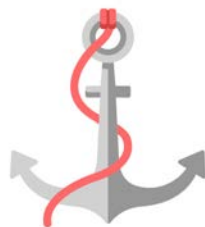
**Below:** Jason analyzes the situation and reports back to the observing land-lubbers just how bad it really was. It was bad. Really really bad. (Photo: Steve Mech)





**Top:** Drone footage on Monday May 10th looking towards the north and overlooking the basin as the barge is secured and undergoing a repair.

**Above and Left and Right:** The Michels crew works on raising up the damaged pier as well as relocating and reseating the the remaining pilings. Photos: Jason Diener



## 2021 SYC Book Club Meetings and Selections

- The June meeting of the SYC Book Club will be held on Thursday, June 24, at 6:00 p.m. Selection: *Dumplin'* by Julie Murphy (humor).
- 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 Etaf 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))



## Book Club

Every other month, the past Commodores of the Sheboygan Yacht Club meet in the Commodore's Cove to share dinner together and tell stories. On Thursday May 20th the past Commodores attended, which is probably a record for recent years and worthy of a photograph. Pictured from left around the table and then to the inside of the tables are past Commodores Michael Tock, Kim Stokdyk, Dale Huenink, Mark Wessel, Eric 'Ric' Larson, Pete Reichelsdorfer, Michael Larson, Gene Conger, Mark Matthias, Tim Gabrielse, John F Ross, Michael Knop, Mike Rasch, and Pete Mayer. (Photo courtesy of Pete Mayer)





## Kentucky Derby Party

Above: A sophisticated well-mannered group, politely sipping mint julips in preparation for the 147th running of the Kentucky Derby.

Left: Tony Orlebeke hurriedly places the final bet of the day with Ken Cornell 30 seconds before the deadline and only minutes before Tony loses it all after the race.

Bottom left: The faces of absolute elation mixed with complete despair as spectators watch Medina Spirit crossing the finish line.

Below: A not so sophisticated well-mannered group at the after party late in the evening, playing a horse race game as the out of control winners celebrate and the dejected losers continue celebrating their cold brews.



# For Sale

The Bow 'n' Stern is now listing any boating related items you would like to sell. Please feel free to email your "for sale" items to the editor for submission.  
[editor@sheboyganyachtclub.com](mailto:editor@sheboyganyachtclub.com)

**1. Mercury Outboard Motor**  
6 Hp – 4 stroke long shaft  
Very little use. Used as a kicker motor for a sailboat, it is like new  
Asking \$950

**2. Fortress Guardian Anchor**  
G-16 Aluminum magnesium alloy  
7 lbs. (for boats 28 to 33 feet long)  
Asking \$85

**3. 4.80 X 8 Trailer tires (new)**  
4 ply B, 590 load rating, 5 lug  
Asking \$30 each

Contact: Rick Kapellen for more information about the above listings  
C: (920)627-5679





# SYC Weather Station

**SYCWeather** Weather Conditions as of: 12:42 Friday, May 14, 2021

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**53°F** currently **HIGH: 68°F** at 10:01  
**LOW: 52°F** at 03:50

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 <b>Wind:</b>	5 knots SSE	High gust 13 knots at 09:09
 <b>Humidity:</b>	54%	Feels like 51°F
 <b>Rain:</b>	0.00 in	Seasonal Total 4.87 in
 <b>Barometer:</b>	30.28 in Hg	Steady

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**DAVIS** WeatherLink Network Vantage Pro2, Wireless via Wi-Fi  
Shop Weather Stations at [www.davisinstruments.com](http://www.davisinstruments.com)

Mark Wessel recently reported the completion of the Richard Orlebeke Memorial Weather Station installation this month. The weather link can now be found on the Yacht Club website under the BOATING | WEATHER INFORMATION tab. You can also download the Weatherlink from Davis Instruments application on your mobile device for realtime updates.



## Lakefront Open House

SEAS, Harbor Centre Marina, The Sheboygan Yacht Club and The Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center are hosting The Lakefront Open House on Saturday, June 5th for a day of free family fun on Sheboygan's Lakefront! See what each of your favorite organizations have to offer this summer with a full day of activities.

Harbor Centre Marina will be open from 10am to 2pm, and you can stop by there for a tour of their facility, see the Sheriff and Fire boats on display and meet the USCG Auxiliary for free boat safety checks. Their new bar, Bar 43, will be open for business! Stop by for a beverage and enjoy the great view. [harborcentremarina.com](http://harborcentremarina.com)

The Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center will be open to meet instructors, register for classes and go on free family sails in the harbor from 10am-2pm. [sheboyganyouthsailing.com](http://sheboyganyouthsailing.com)

The Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan (SEAS) will be at the lakefront also from 10am to 2pm offering free adaptive and veteran sails, course registration and will have their boat building projects on display! [seasheboygan.org](http://seasheboygan.org)

Sea Scouts Ship 50 will have their kayak and SUP boards on the water, as well as participating in some safety maneuvers on the water with the Coast Guard. Stop by to find out more about this fantastic co-ed program!

The United States Coast Guard - Station Sheboygan will be open from 10am-2pm for station tours, boat tours, and to show you their commonly used equipment.

Sheboygan Yacht Club will be open from 10am until 8pm for the public to stop in and find more about membership from club ambassadors, stop by the brat fry for lunch or enjoy a dinner with the best view in town at the club while they stay open all day long!





# Mother's Day Brunch

The Yacht Club opened its doors and hosted the annual Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday May 9th. A total of 195 members and guests were present for the festivities and enjoyed a fabulous meal prepared by the house staff in celebration of their wonderful mothers. The father's attending were also celebrating that they didn't have to cook.



# It's Planting Season !



Planter Boxes are ready for planting and Deb Erickson is asking for volunteers to ensure their care during the summer. There is a sign up sheet in the club or she can be contacted for more information regarding the

# The Sea Scouts

On behalf of our scouts and adult counselors I would like to thank all of the Sheboygan Yacht Club Members who responded to our letter campaign to raise funds for our Sea Scout program.

The mail-in fundraiser in lieu of our annual winter Chili Cook Off was an outstanding success. Thirty-one members responded donating over \$3600 dollars. Those dollars will fund needed repairs to our garage (leveling the garage floor by mud jacking), funding our summer program which may include several outings and funding our next winter boatbuilding program.

Several years ago, a new Sea Scout Ship started up in Fond Du Lac. They have a very good program because they have a lot of volunteers. They have hosted the BSA Kock Cup Regatta for two years now. However, several other Sea Scout ships in Wisconsin with long histories are facing major difficulties. Ship 5069 out of South Shore Yacht Club lost its sailboat when it fell off its jack stands this last winter and was damaged beyond repair. They are looking for a replacement in the 27 to 30-foot range. Ship 299 out of Bayview in Milwaukee lost the lease and access to their lake-side building when a private party purchased it. Their ship will fold at the end of this summer.

Ship 5750 out of the Racine Yacht Club ceased operations a couple years ago. Some of you may remember Ship 5750, they had two keel boats both of them about 28 feet. Their Skipper, Charles Manning and his wife would accompany both Sea Scout boats with his own private boat on a yearly cruise from Racine north to Algoma or Kewaunee. His boats always stopped in Sheboygan on the way up or on the return trip and would take a group photo on front lawn, with all of the

scouts in their uniforms. One year they stopped on the return trip. It was a Tuesday night as we had just finished with our scouts. They had engine trouble on one of their boats. Kevin Werner stayed late that night and fixed their ailing diesel.

Like Fond Du Lac, Sheboygan Ship 50 has a very good program and a very stable program. Our Ship was organized way back in 1932, which means that next year we will be 90 years old! How did we manage to hang around this long when other Ships in much larger cities are faltering? GOOD PEOPLE. We've always had good people involved with our ship and good people supporting our ship. The key is to always have enough of both. Judging from our last mail-in fund raiser, we have plenty of good Club Members supporting us. Right now, we are in need of some good people (Club members), to get involved in our ship. At present, only Karen Fisher and myself are Club members. If this Ship is to have a future beyond 90 years it will need Club members who are willing to get involved. You'll find it interesting, fun and rewarding working with young adults that are focused and enthusiastic about sailing and other water activities. I have been involved for over 10 years for those same reasons.

If you want to get involved, contact:

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Skipper

Geof Woelm

[gwscooter3948@gmail.com](mailto:gwscooter3948@gmail.com)



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## Deck Remodeling Update



The deck remodeling has been moving along at a brisk pace thanks to the many donations as well as the the work of David Bronson and Brad Gruneberg among others. The \$16,000 anonymous matching donation was met with an additional \$20,766 in membership donations with a total of \$36,766 donated as of this writing. The donations resulted in an additional \$12,000 that will be used towards deck enhancements and furniture. An ad hoc committee is being formed to research the possible addition of furniture, heaters and a sound system.

# Venetian Boat Parade

Sponsored By:



Light up your boat in a unique theme. Prizes for top boats!  
SYC Gift Certificates for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

## 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

## June 2021

May '21							July '21							
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30	31													

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Bar: 12p - close Bar Menu: 12p - 4p Dinner: 4p - 8p	31 <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Club CLOSED</b>	1 <b>Taco Tuesday</b> Bar: 4 p - close Dinner: 4p - 8p	2 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 8p	3 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 8p	4 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 9p	5 Bar: 12p - close Bar Menu - 12p - 4p Dinner: 4p - 8p
6 Bar: 12p - close Bar Menu: 12p - 4p Dinner: 4p - 8p	7 <b>Club CLOSED</b>	8 <b>Taco Tuesday</b> Bar: 4 p - close Dinner: 4p - 8p <b>Board Meeting</b>	9 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 8p	10 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p <b>Club Membership Meeting</b> <b>No Dinner Service</b>	11 Bar: 11a - close Lunch: 11:30a - 1:30p Dinner: 4p - 9p	12 Bar: 12p - close Bar Menu - 12p - 4p Dinner: 4p - 8p
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4 Bar: 12p - close Bar Menu: 12p - 4p Dinner: 4p - 8p	5 <b>Club CLOSED</b>	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!**

## Membership Meeting Minutes



**Commodore  
Tom Atkins**



**Treasurer  
Jennifer Spicer**



**Vice Commodore  
Jason Diener**



**Recording Secretary  
Candace Pitts**



**Rear Commodore  
Hans Graf**



**Membership Secretary  
Georgia Otto**

May 13, 2021

Call to Order by Commodore Tom Atkins at 7:15 pm  
Minutes from Previous Meeting – Minutes printed in  
the Bow & Stern. Motion to accept by Chuck Butler  
seconded by Steve Mech. Motion passed.

**Membership Matters** – Georgia Otto

**Apprentice approval:** Ralph and Connie Alvarez

**Apprentice/Associate approvals:** none

**Correspondence/Status Changes** – Georgia Otto

**Reinstate:** Bea Geffen (see Page 17 for full report)

**Treasurer Report**–by Paul Bartelt - May 11, 2021

**April 2021 Balance Sheet**

- Reserve Account – balance is \$59,127 – SBA loan included
- Line of Credit - Balance is \$39K we paid \$1,500 back each month – PY at \$54K – down \$15,000
- Capital Projects fund is at \$84K versus \$48K in the Prior year
  1. Deck project \$25K – raised ~\$37K - \$16K donor and \$8K donor
  2. Pilings bill - \$15K
- We have about \$25,000 owed to us currently from the Emergency CARES Act. The Employee Retention Credit was extended through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**On the Consolidated Income statement for April**

- Sales are starting to bounce back as in March 2020 we were closed for COVID - in the PY for the month, Expenses have been in check too. YTD we have a surplus of \$25,000 compared to last year we had a

surplus of \$1500 for the month

- Minimum Use dropped up year over year in April and is stable year over year. Noting we were closed the last two weeks of April in the PY.

**Cash flow** – monitoring weekly – next large bills due in July – Club Essentials \$3300 and property taxes on our mind in July for \$11,000

**Membership Secretary** – Georgia Otto  
(See Page 17 for the full report)

**Commodore – Tom Atkins**

**Committee Reports:**

**House Committee Report** – Paul Bartelt (See page 18 for the full report)

**By-Law** - Eric Zufelt - No Report

**Dockmaster** – Mike Olien reminded boat owners of meeting.

**Race** – Mike Knop / Peter Mayer – Will be racing soon. Race schedule is posted. First weekend race is June 12th. Race committee will teach those wanting to be a part of the race committee. No fee on Wednesdays to race a boat.

**Endowment** – Finance Committee – Michou – No report

**Youth Sailing** - Jerry Slaven- June 5th Open House on the LakeFront from 10-2pm, brat fry. Coast Guard will have tours and you can get your inspections sticker for the year.

**Sea Scouts** – Karen Fisher will continue kayak and sailing this summer. Looking for someone to teach kayak skills. Bill Burton volunteered to help.

**Sail Sheboygan** – Jason Bemis – no report

**SEAS** – Jerry Slaven – No report

**Entertainment** – Sandy Diener – Lakefront open house, we will be participating. We need volunteers to be ambassadors for the club the day of the Open House.

**Membership** – Cori Kaplan - No Report

### **Vice Commodore – Jason Diener**

Apprentice Hours: 64 Hours completed by 8 Apprentices

Apprentice Status Change: None

### **Committee Reports:**

**HVAC** – Chris Aldag  
Seasonal HVAC maintenance will take place soon as weather warms.

**Education** – Matt Wierzbach no report

**Grounds** – Deb Erickson- We need volunteers for the gardening around the club. Growing the herbs have helped bring the costs down for the kitchen. Sign up for a project and Deb will contact you.

**Historical** – Dave Hillebrand - will do an article every month in the Bow & Stern. Dave is looking for 8mm movies. He has some hardware to transfer 8mm to digital. Could be personal home movies.

**Publicity** – Jason Irish no report

**SYC Apparel** – Bev Davidson & Kathy Snider no report  
An order will be placed with warm weather apparel. Please take a look at the clearance rack for discounted merchandise.

**Yachting Activities** – Dawn Vertz no report

### **Elected Officers**

Commodore - Tom Atkins  
Vice Commodore - Jason Diener  
Rear Commodore - Hans Graf  
Treasurer - Jennifer Spicer  
Membership Secretary - Georgia Otto  
Recording Secretary - Candace Pitts

### **Board of Directors**

3 Years 2018-2021 - David Hillebrand  
3 Years 2019-2022 - Jeanette Wierzbach  
3 Years 2020-2023 - Chuck Butler  
2 Years 2019-2021 - Phil DeTrana  
2 Years 2020-2022 - Mark Duff  
1 Year 2020-2021 - Mark Wessel (PC)

### **Appointed Officers**

Bow 'n' Stern Editor - Daniel Peterson  
Chaplain - Dione Knop  
Counsel - Robert Melzer  
Flag Lieutenant - Mark Mickelson  
Fleet Captain - Mike Olien  
Fleet Surgeon - Phil Detrana  
Librarian/Historian - David Hillebrand  
Measurer - Mark Wessel (PC)  
Parliamentarian - Peter Mayer (PC)

### **Commodore Committees**

Bylaws - Eric Zufelt, John Travis,  
Michael Larson (PC)  
Dockmaster - Mike Olien  
House - Paul Bartelt  
Race - Peter Mayer (PC), Mike Knop (PC)  
Endowment - Finance Committee  
Youth Sailing - Whitney Kent  
Entertainment - Sandy Diener  
Membership - Cori Kaplan  
Sail Sheboygan - Jason Bemis  
Sea Scouts - Karen Fisher

### **Vice Commodore Committees**

HVAC - Chris Aldag  
Education - Matt Wierzbach  
Grounds - Deb Erickson, Floyd Leo  
Historical - Dave Hillebrand  
Web/Publicity - Jason Irish, Daniel Peterson  
SYC Apparel - Bev Davidson, Kathy Snider  
Yachting Activities - Dawn Vertz

### **Rear Commodore Committees**

Barge - Steve Meicher  
Building - Chris Aldag  
Derrick Yard - Kevin Werner, Steve Meicher  
Electrical - Kenny Ebbers  
Lunch -  
Piers - Steve Mech

### **Finance Committee**

2018-2021 - M. Reichelsdorfer (PC)  
2019-2022 - Paul Bartelt  
2020-2023 - Stu Stromeyer  
Treasurer - Jennifer Spicer

### **Board Appointed Committees**

Tech Team - David Fisher, Mark Duff  
ad hoc Piers - Tom Holtan, Steve Meicher,  
Peter Mayer (PC), Bob Kuehlmann (PC)

## Rear Commodore – Hans Graf

Dues Work Off – 119 Hours by 11 Members.

Approximate Breakdown by task:

13.5 hrs on piers

12 hrs on new deck

### Committee Reports:

**Barge** – Steve Meicher

- See Derrick Yard Report

**Building** – Chris Aldag-need warmer weather to work on HVAC

**Derrick Yard** – Kevin Werner-yard up and running.

**Electrical** – Kenny Ebbers-no report

**Piers** – Steve Mech-thanked the volunteers. All the piers are all in place. Pilings are all down and we're ready for the season. Thanks to Michels.

### Old Business

- Security Alarm/Locks
- Deck replacement report given by Dave Bronson. Goal is to have the deck open by June 4th. Please don't go on the deck until it is completely finished. Planning for improvements to the deck: a decent sound system, new furniture, lights (which have already been donated).
- Looking for volunteers for an ad hoc committee to recommend new deck outdoor furniture.
- Update on the pilings given by Jason Diener. Michels helped raise a pier that had slipped. Michels guys were excellent to work with.

### New Business

- Paul Bartelt - Motion to replace 2 line coolers in the galley not to exceed \$12,000.00; motion by Mark Wessel and seconded by Dave Bronson, approved.
- Good of the Club – Volunteers committee is needed for the nominating committee.
- State Code prohibits animals inside a food establishment!
- Apprentice meeting after the meeting in the Commodores' Cove.
- Boat owners' meeting after the membership meeting.
- No lunch.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm by Commodore Tom Atkins.

Next Meeting – June 10, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Candace Pitts.

# Our New Applicants



Morgan Strayer - Apprentice Applicant  
Sponsors: Mike Olien and Stu Stromeyer



Dave Bernard - Apprentice Applicant  
Sponsors: Jason Bemis and Bob Melzer



Michael Eickoff &  
Kimberly Keller - Apprentice Applicants  
Sponsors: Jason Bemis and Paul Bartelt



# May 2021 Membership Report

Current Membership Numbers						Total	362
Active	140	Apprentice	17	Associate	76	Non-Resident	2
Active Life	26	Flag	24	Honorary	6	Guest Cards	0
Active Life Emeritus 75/30	46	Active Life Emeritus 65/20	31			Trial Membership	0

**New Trial Membership Application:** None

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

Morgan and Rebecca Strayer - Apprentice Sponsors: Stu Stromeyer and Mike Olien Michael Eickhoff and Kimberly Keller - Apprentice Sponsors: Jason Bemis and Paul Bartlett Frank Bernard - Apprentice Sponsors: Bob Melzer and Jason Bemis

**New Member Vote:** Ralph and Connie Alvarez - Apprentice APPROVED Sponsors: Leighanne Metter-Jensen and Georgia Otto

**Change of Status:** Bea Van Geffen - LOA to Active

**Apprentice to Active:** None

**Death:** None

**Guest Card:**

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## Water levels drop in Lake Michigan

Boaters in Lake Michigan this summer might notice fewer inches under the keel when close to shore due to a drop in water levels from last years record-breaking high.

New data from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Detroit office show that all of the lakes have lower levels, with Lake Michigan and Lake Huron showing a drop of 14 inches from the same time last year, while Lake Superior is down about six inches. Lake Ontario experienced the largest drop of 28 inches, while Lake Erie fell 17 inches.

Despite the drop, Lake Michigan is still 22 inches above its average level, while Lake Superior is eight inches above average.

For eight months of 2020, Lake Michigan hit record high levels, eroding shorelines and damaging docks and harbors as waves reached higher and higher levels.

But even with this months' low levels, the water is likely to rise over the course of the summer.

Typically the Great Lakes follow a specific seasonal cycle. The lakes bottom out in the winter when there's more evaporation occurring as cold air moves in over the warmer water. Lake levels are highest during the summer, after snow melts and runs into them and rain falls. But there wasn't as much snow this winter, and this spring has seen most of the state enter drought-like conditions.

Water levels have been climbing steadily in the Great Lakes since 2013. Before that, historic low levels going back to the 1990s caused issues, too, forcing some cities to dredge out harbors and ports so boats could gain access.



## Name that Knot

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The answer to last month's challenge: The Carrick Knot

This knot's name dates back to at least 1783, when it was included in a nautical bilingual dictionary authored by Daniel Lescallier.

The Carrick bend, also called full Carrick bend, sailor's knot, and anchor bend, is perhaps the nearest thing we have to a perfect bend.

It is symmetrical, it is easy to tie, it does not slip easily in wet material, it is among the strongest of knots, it cannot jam and is readily untied. To offset this array of excellencies is the sole objection that it is somewhat bulky.

Another mystery knot will be published in next months Bow 'n' Stern!

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**SYC House Committee**  
**Final April 2021 Report to BOD/Membership**

4/6/21

	"Apr 2021"	"Apr 2020"	% Change or Delta	FY 2021 YTD	FY 2020 YTD	% Change or Delta
Total House Sales	\$57,288	\$17,351	230.2%	\$284,538	\$295,819	-3.8%
Total House COGS	\$15,407	\$4,955	210.9%	\$79,092	\$104,930	-24.6%
Total House Labor	\$27,896	\$14,558	91.6%	\$186,874	\$190,414	-1.9%
% COG of Sales	26.9%	28.6%	-1.7%	27.8%	35.5%	-7.7%
%COGS Target	35.0%	35.0%		35.0%	35.0%	
% COGS Delta	-8.1%	-6.4%		-7.2%	0.5%	
% Labor of Sales	48.7%	83.9%	-35.2%	65.7%	64.4%	1.3%
% Labor Target	50.0%	50.0%		50.0%	50.0%	
% Labor Delta	-1.3%	33.9%		15.7%	14.4%	
Total House Profit	\$9,853	(\$6,030)	-161.2%	(\$2,684)	(\$34,483)	1184.8%
Total House Cash Profit	\$11,011	(\$4,589)	-141.7%	\$6,967	(\$23,974)	-444.1%
Total Adjusted House Cash Profit	\$13,142	\$240	98.2%	\$25,911	(\$5,529)	-121.3%
Total House Cash Profit = Net Profit + depreciation which is a non cash expense						
Total Adjusted House Profit = Total House Cash Profit + Minimum Use (would not be charged if we did not have a house operation)						

Year over year volumes increase significantly compared to the prior April when the Club was shutdown. The trend of increasing volume this calendar year continued in April and looks to be continuing in May,

The House operations continue to benefit from the Employee Retention Credit which is showing up as Misc. Income/Sales on the financials. This has had a significantly impact on the profitability of the House again in March. It also skews the operational metrics a bit. Having said that the team continues to manage COGS and Labor as tightly as possible.

Food prices continue to escalate and or COGS as a percent of sales corrected for the retention credit impact is running about 5 pts. high. We are going to have to price on top of the inflation.

**Financial /KPI Comments**

- a. Sales volume UP 230.2% from April prior year and -3.8% DOWN YTD. Improvement in Y/Y sales in April driven by the shutdown last April.
- b. COGs as a percentage of sales BELOW target for April at 26.9% vs a target of 35% and as compared to 28.6% for April last year. YTD COGS of 27.8% is a DECREASE of 7.7% points from 2020 YTD.
- c. Labor as a percentage of sales for April of 48.7 % vs. a target of 50% BELOW target by 1.3% pts. In addition, is DOWN 35.2 pts. compared to prior April and UP 1.3 pts YTD. Lower volumes relative the fixed salaried labor costs continue to drive the unfavorable performance.
- d. Total YTD Adjusted Cash Profit is \$25,911 as compared to- **\$5,529** for prior year.
- e. Bar has shown a net profit for 5 out of 7 months in 2021 compared to 5 out of 7 in 2020.
- f. Galley has shown a net profit 2 out of 7 months in 2021 compared to 0 out of 7 in 2020

- g. House has shown a net profit 4 out of 7 months in 2021 compared to 1 out of 7 months in 2020

### 1) Menu

- a. Flatbread specials continue to be well received. Taco Tuesday and Wing Wednesday are well attended. Limited specials are being offered. Menu will expand as business conditions allow.

### 2) Equipment

- a. Going to the board and membership to approved replacing the line coolers and prep tables not to exceed \$12k. Food safety and food wastage issue. Approved by the Finance Committee
- b. Chef is making a list of potential equipment needs for the future

### 3) Operations

- a. Challenges with reduced volumes

### 4) Rolling Action Item List

- a. Continue to follow appropriate mitigation protocols by the staff.
- b. Compensation for key staff to ensure retention
- c. House financial management challenges when labor subsidy is gone
- d. Pricing to account for food inflation
- e. Prioritized list of equipment needs for the House with pricing.

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## Engine Cut-Off Switch Clarification

There were a few questions and requests for further clarification regarding the new law regarding Engine Cut-off Switches (ECOS) discussed in last months edition of The Bow 'n' Stern. An Engine Cut-Off Switch is a safety mechanism used to shut off propulsion machinery when the operator is displaced from the helm. An ECOS link (ECOSL) is the device that connects the operator to the ECOS. The link must be attached to the operator, the operator's clothing, or operator's personal floatation device. It is typically a coiled lanyard, but may also be an electronic fob. Boats can make sudden and forceful turns that create enough torque to eject an operator from the helm area or completely out of the boat. If thrown out of the boat, there is always the danger of a spinning propeller, especially since an unmanned boat can often start traveling in circles at the point where the ejection took place. Wearing your Engine Cut-Off Switch Link immediately stops the engine and allows the operator to regain control of the boat.

Engine cut-off switches are an important tool to prevent unnecessary accidents, injuries and deaths caused by a recreational vessel operator being unexpectedly displaced from the helm. This includes situations where the operator is ejected from the vessel, which typically leads to a runaway vessel. In these scenarios anyone in the water is a potential propeller-strike victim, all other vessels on the water face a collision hazard, and maritime law enforcement officers face additional risk in trying to bring the runaway vessel to a stop.

Boats less than 26 feet in length that generate more than 115lbs of static thrust (~ 2-3hp) and were built beginning in January 2020 must have an ECOS. If the boats' primary helm is inside an enclosed cabin it is not required to have an Engine Cut-Off Switch. Boats that were manufactured prior to January 2020 do NOT need to have a switch installed, but boat owners may want to consider the safety benefits of these switches regardless.

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