



May 2024

Friends of the Kenosha Yacht Club Foundation,

As the President of the Kenosha Yacht Club Foundation, I want to thank you for supporting us in our first year, either by attending classes, volunteering, or by your financial support. We would not exist without you.

If you enjoyed your experience, I'd love to hear about it. Do we have room for improvement? I'd love to hear your thoughts on that too. We are always looking for ways to improve our programs or offer something new. If you have ideas for improvement or new projects, let me know.

Here's a few updates on what we have been up to:

Education: 2024 Classes Open for Registration

Our 2024 classes are open for registration. We offer the First Sail Experience, which is a two-night introduction to sailing, and our Sail 101, which is a more comprehensive four-week introduction to sailing. All our classes are open for registration on our website. Scholarships for youth students are also available. Visit our website for more information at www.kycfoundation.org.

Classes for 2024

First Sail Experience

\$50.00/per person

Available: June & July

Sail 101

\$180/Individual

\$250/Family of two

\$400/Family of four

Available: June, July & August



Outreach & Water Safety: Stewie the Duck Learns to Swim

Our board members, Virginia and Joyce, recently read a water safety book, *Stewie the Duck Learns to Swim*, to young people at a local library. While I'm sure Virginia and Joyce did a better job, you can view a YouTube video reading of Stewie the Duck here: [Stewie the Duck Learns To Swim \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Conservation: Alliance of the Great Lakes Adopt-A-Beach

We held our 2nd Annual Simmons Island Beach Clean-up on Saturday, May 18. Nineteen volunteers showed up and collected 55 pounds of trash from the beach. I know there are not 19 in the photo, not everyone wanted their picture taken! Many of the volunteers were from local high schools who were there to earn some volunteer hours by spending the day at the beach. Not bad work, if you can get it. 😊



Our goal at the Kenosha Yacht Club Foundation is to not only teach people to enjoy the lake safely, but also to be good stewards of the lake so it's available for future generations.

Volunteering

If you are interested in getting more involved with the Foundation, please reach out to me, my contact information is at the end of this letter. We especially need help with advertising and social media. But, if you have an area of interest where you'd like to contribute, let me know. We can always use fresh ideas.

If you can't presently give of your time, please like us on Facebook and follow our latest news at [Facebook](#). We are on Facebook as Kenosha Yacht Club Foundation.

In Conclusion

As you can see, the Foundation has been hard at work achieving our community objectives, providing education, safety information, outreach, and conservation to the Kenosha community. And we are just getting started.

The upcoming Memorial Day Weekend is the traditional start to the Wisconsin boating season. If you are going boating or just hanging out by the water, please be safe. And I hope you'll get a chance to enjoy some time with family and friends this weekend.

Cheers,

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