



KYC Foundation Update : Fall 2024

Dear Friends of the Kenosha Yacht Club Foundation,

Fall is here and with it the end of our boating season. 😞
But fear not we have some off-season learning opportunities
for you. 😊 And I want to share with you our latest news.

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Education

Starting January 15th we will be offering a Sail Class. This nine-week course is sponsored by the United States Power Squadrons | America's Boating Club. This is a classroom only class, good for beginners and experienced sailors. You'll learn the points of sail, how wind & water effect boat stability, sail shape and much more. See the flyer at the end of this issue for more information. You may have seen the flyer posted around the harbor already.

We are also working on lining up some speakers over the winter. We have a few ideas, but if you have some ideas on speakers, or there is something you'd like to learn about, don't hesitate to contact me with your suggestion. Email me at President@KYCFoundation.org.

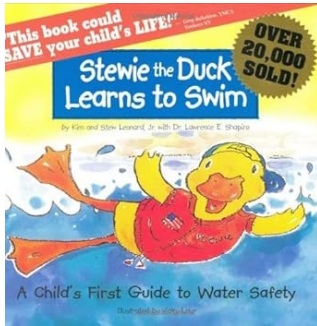
Louie's Last Regatta

Louie's Last Regatta and fundraiser was held in September at the South Shore Yacht Club in Milwaukee. This was the 26th year raising money for the Children's Hospital of WI. The Kenosha Yacht Club was a sponsor and donated a gift basket for the raffle. The basket was titled "Lighthouse Lovers" and from the look of the number of tickets in our bucket, it was one of the more popular offerings. It was a basket full of lighthouse related items. We know boaters love lighthouses!



Along with the basket donation, KYC members & friends donated \$575.00 via our fundraising page.

You can still donate if you wish. Visit <https://support.childrenswi.org/kyc> to donate. The money does not go through the KYC, but directly to the Children's Hospital. Help if you can.



Book Donations

The Kenosha County Safety Around the Water Coalition has been reading water safety books to children in the Kenosha area. It's been a popular program, so the Foundation has allocated \$200 to purchase water safety books for the five Kenosha area libraries. *Stewie the Duck Learns to Swim* is just one of the titles that will be provided, along with a few others for various ages from young children to teenagers to help them learn water safety.

2024 Review

Along with the above-mentioned accomplishments, we did a beach cleanup in the spring; we took three students on their 'First Sail' and put seven students through our Sail 101 class. And we maxed out our August Sail 101 class!

As word spreads of our excellent programs and instructors, I expect these numbers to increase, and we'll need more volunteer instructors to meet the demand. We are also looking into some exciting things for 2025, so stay tuned.

In Conclusion

If you are interested in getting involved with the Foundation and helping us with these projects or maybe a pet project of your own, please reach out to me. We especially need help with advertising and social media. And if you have another area of interest where you'd like to contribute, or an idea for an opportunity we may be missing, let me know. We can always use fresh ideas.

To keep up with the latest news, like us on [Facebook](#). We are on Facebook as Kenosha Yacht Club Foundation.

For now, enjoy the off season and the holidays. I'll have another update in January, if not sooner.

Don't forget to scroll down and check out the flyer for the Sail Class.
Or here's a link to go directly to the course offerings in the Kenosha area:
[America's Boating Club - Find a Class Near You](#)

Cheers,

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Sail Class

Learn about basic sailboat designs and nomenclature, rigging, and safety from experienced USPS sailors. Then tackle the physical aspects of sailing forces, techniques, sail applications, marlinespike, helmsmanship, and handling of difficult sailing conditions. This course will benefit non-sailors as well as novice and experienced sailors.

Starts:
Wednesday,
January 15, 2025

What's included?

- Types of sailboat rigs and hull shapes, including sail configurations and standing rigging
- Wind and water forces affecting sailboat stability and balance
- Sail shape and tuning the standing rig
- Steering and helmsmanship
- Sailing upwind, downwind and spinnaker handling

Course completion is usually accomplished in nine two-hour sessions, including a closed book exam on the final evening.

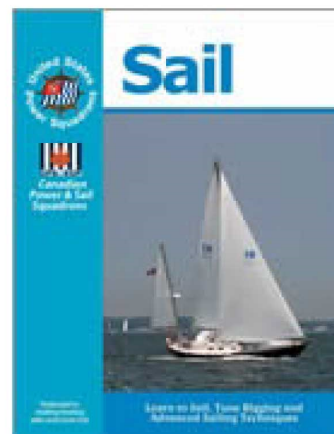
Classes: Weekly beginning Wednesday, January 15th 2025 through Wednesday, March 19th 2025
Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm (No class the week of February 5th)

Location: Kenosha Yacht Club
5130 4th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53140

Duration: 9 Sessions including Final Examination

Materials: USPS Sail Textbook

Cost: \$ 80.00 USPS & KYC Members
\$105.00 Non-members
\$ 25.00 Additional family, sharing text



To Register, visit AmericasBoatingClub.org, Select Learn, Classes Near Me or use the QR code above. Payment accepted the first night of class, cash or check made out to Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron. If you need more information, contact Mike Ludtke at MikeL643@outlook.com or 815-575-0809.

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