



Eagle's Cry

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From the Commodore

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It's the first day of Autumn and although we miss the sun-drenched days of summer, we can embrace the cool crisp air. We can enjoy seasonal colors as the trees let go of leaves, crackling fires warming the hearth and amazing sunset skies welcoming longer nights.

If you attended the Annual Meeting, this article will echo the Commodore's Report I presented and you are welcome to keep this article for a time when you need reading to fall asleep because you have already heard it. If you were not able to attend the annual meeting, here is the skinny.

This season the EYC Board prioritized honoring traditions of the past while at the same time trimming the sails for the future.





EYC's mission is to provide outreach programs, equipment and facilities, and funding for sailing education, training, and competition so that students may learn the life skills and values important for being active and productive members of the community. EYC should be proud of how 2024 was a season of mission in action.

EYC's lesson program was robust. EYC has Education Chair Brian Ritter, the Education Committee and the tireless dedicated EYC staff under Laura Thérien's leadership to thank for its success. The EYC lesson program model is one of the most esteemed sailing education programs in the country and many sailing clubs aspire to the standard we set. Yet EYC continues to look for ways to improve the program to best serve students. For various reasons, racing classes fell out favor when the pandemic put a wrinkle in student progression. That is not the case now. EYC hired a race coach for the 2024 season and beginning racing classes were in demand. Opti, RS Teras, and 420s are the boats sailed by most students and education saw increases in the number of boats racing in weekly series races and in the Opti and Rich Hall/420 Regattas. As students continue to hone their sailing and racing skills, we look forward to bringing back ART (*Advanced Racing Tactics*) classes. Advanced Sailing is the class which preps students for their EYC skipper's license on Flying Scots. A skipper's license is a prerequisite to becoming staff at EYC. Ten students acquired the sailing chops necessary to earn their skipper's license this season. Powerboat skills are also necessary to have success if a student desires to one day be on staff. EYC continues to offer this class in an effort to ensure skills can be acquired for the success of future instructors.

EYC should be extremely proud to have offered the US Sailing Level 2 Instructor Certification Course this season. Allison Jolly, Olympic Gold Medalist in 1988, US National Sailing Hall of Fame Inductee 2019, and Varsity Sailing coach at University of South Florida, came to Door County and spent a weekend with staff which culminated in eight instructors earning their Level 2 certification. Penelope Whiteside, Henry Tasker, Carmen Graham, Hayden Johannsen, Nathan Taylor, Will Knight, Charlie Dischner and Charlie Sauter achieved this certification. Allison Jolly was impressed by the EYC clubhouse and dock facilities and by the young adults who participated in the course. Hosting this course resulted in having ten instructors on EYC's staff with this level of certification. Laura Thérien and Jackson Graham had previously completed this certification. Thank you to Cain Goettelman, former EYC board member and current Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club board member, who loaned EYC a 420 with a trapeze and harness necessary for this course.

I'd like to recognize Laura Thérien. The 2024 season was Laura's second year as director and she is one of the best directors EYC has had. It has been a privilege to work with

her and the success of the season is in large part because of her excellent work. I've watched Laura grow up at EYC and am so impressed by the young woman she has become. EYC's mission is to learn the life skills and values important for being active and productive members of the community. Laura is EYC's mission achieved. I realize that next year it is time for her to move on. I cannot wait to see her crush it!

I'd also like to recognize our Assistant Staff Directors, Jackson Graham and Hayden Johannsen. I believe they have, by osmosis, absorbed the effectiveness of Laura's leadership and thank them for modeling her style with staff. EYC's Head Instructor, Penelope Whiteside, is one of the staff's best racers. She also deserves credit for fostering enthusiasm for racing through fresh lesson plans and drills. She held lesson planning sessions so younger staff could learn from seasoned staff and brought new ideas to seasoned staff as well. EYC hoped to see an uptick in racing by hiring Frances Depke as EYC's Race Coach and that is exactly what happened. This year Fleet Captains were tasked with more responsibilities and they rose to the challenge. Shoutout(s) to Opti Fleet Captain, Henry Tasker, RS Tera Fleet Captain, Nathan Taylor, 420 Fleet Captain, Hayden Johannsen, Laser Fleet Co-captains, Penelope Whiteside and Charlie Dischner, and Flying Scot Fleet Co-captains Jackson Graham and Will Knight. Thank you to Senior Staff, Henry Tasker, Carmen Graham, Nathan Taylor, and Will Knight. They all served as mentors to the eager and energetic junior staff. I want to recognize Charlie Dischner, Kate Dischner, George Knight, Vivi Sauter, Grace Mangum, Cameron Reynolds, Peyton Reynolds, and Charlie Sauter. They are the EYC future staff leadership and I'm excited for EYC!

Last but not least, shoutouts to Clubhouse Manager Annie Larsen and Dock Assistants Josie McCabe and Rose Mortara for keeping the EYC clubhouse in a state of order and helping outfit EYC members with EYC swag. I'm proud to announce that Josie and Rose both earned their skipper's license. EYC hopes to have them as instructors before too long.

I am grateful for Personnel Committee members Brian Ritter, Steve Sauter and Laura O'Rourke for hiring and supporting this excellent staff.

My favorite EYC activity is whatever one I am participating in at the time! Sailing instruction and racing are paramount, but the gatherings and fund raisers which keep the club energetically and fiscally afloat are of equal importance. For this, I want to thank a fleet of volunteers who hold EYC near and dear to their hearts. Thank you EYC committee chairs and members for your generosity of time, talents, resources and elbow grease:



1. Bridge: Suzanne Lisle*
2. Clubhouse: Jim Peterman*
3. Communications & Social Media: Marta Fonseca*, Julia Reynolds
4. Dock: Colin Knight*, Hugh Haggerty
5. Eagle's Cry: Fran Morof*, Nancy Claypool
6. Education: Brian Ritter*, Jeanne Papenthien, Carol Fielder
7. Equipment: Steve Sauter*, Cain Goettelman, Staff Fleet Captains, and FS Fleet 44 Captain Nancy Claypool
8. Social Chair: Lisa Forsman*
10. Fundraising: Steve Sauter*, Laura O'Rourke*
11. Fyr Bal Pancake Breakfast: Jane Ford, Lisa Forsman
12. Insurance: Hugh Haggerty*
13. Membership: Sara Kate Knight*, Jodi Hoyerman, Fran Morof, Marta Fonseca
14. Merchandise: Geoff Werner*, Marta Fonseca
16. Prizes: Laura O'Rourke*
17. Race & Regatta: Woody Heidler*
 - a. Ephraim Regatta: Emily* & Woody Heidler*, Nancy Claypool, Liz Dischner, and Carol Fiedler
 - b. Laser Regatta: Geoff Werner*, Claudia Werner
 - c. Opti Regatta: Jodi Hoyerman*
 - d. Rich Hall Junior Regatta: Jodi Hoyerman
18. Safety: Brian Ritter*, Laura Thérien, Jay Lott
19. Scholarships: Sherry Moore*, Jeanne Papenthien, Carol Fiedler
20. Slip & Locker Management: Steve Sauter*, Colin Knight*
21. Strategic Planning: Steve Sauter*, Laura O'Rourke, Lisa Gifford
22. Village Liaison: Jim Peterman*
23. Volunteers: Fran Morof*, Jeanne Papenthien
24. Youth Activities: Tava Wilson, Janey Kennedy, Eliana Nagrant, Melissa Little and Susanna Mortara

(* denotes Committee Chair)

I'd like to give special thanks to Rob and Sherry Moore for hosting the 11th Aaron R. Moore Gala. Yee Haw! Sherry outdid herself once again! Aaron R. Moore Scholarship recipients are Door County youth who may not otherwise be able to experience sailing and learn the life skills sailing affords. This year was a banner year!

I'd like to give special thanks to Susanna Mortara for throwing the first Family Fiesta on the Dock which was a huge hit! We look forward to making it an annual event.

I want to acknowledge and thank all who volunteer at the last minute and behind the scenes. Your contributions are observed daily by the EYC board members and greatly, greatly appreciated.

I am grateful for the 2024 EYC board of directors. I want to acknowledge and thank departing board member and 2022/2023 Commodore Hugh Haggerty. Thank you to board officers Steve Sauter, Carol Claypool and Fran Morof. Thank you to board members Laura O'Rourke, Jim Peterman, Woody Heidler, Brian Ritter, Colin Knight, and Marta Fonseca. I am so appreciative of each board member. The success of the 2024 season is a result of their dedication and tireless efforts to better the EYC. It is a pleasure to work with such amazing volunteers. I have to remind myself that they are volunteers because they take on their EYC responsibilities like a full-time job. Everything they do is above their pay grade. If I could give bonuses, they have earned them. I am excited to announce Marta Fonseca as Vice Commodore for 2025! She wears many hats for EYC and will shine in this leadership role. I am proud to announce and welcome incoming board members Julia Reynolds and Susanna Mortara. Julia's area of interest and expertise is in technology and communication. Susanna's area of interest and expertise is in social gatherings/fundraising. I'm so excited to have them onboard!

Thank you EYC members! It is your dues and lesson revenue which help support EYC mission on an annual basis. However, the reason the EYC is the gem it is, is because of the generous nature of members who go beyond and underwrite regatta awards ceremonies, junior activities, gatherings, dock improvements, and equipment upgrades.

EYC is fortunate because, when there is a specific ask, it is answered. Looking into the future, the Board is committed to putting in place donation opportunities in hopes of funding an EYC endowment which will insure we can always say "See you on the dock and there will always be an Ephraim Regatta." Our good neighbors across the street at the Ephraim Historical Foundation are the brick-and-mortar legacy of Ephraim. EYC at 119 years young is the living breathing legacy of Ephraim. Together Ephraim is in good hands.

It has been an honor to serve as EYC Commodore for the 2024 season and I look forward to doing it all again next summer! See you on the dock in 2025, if not before!

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa DeLong Gifford



Dock and House Report

COLIN KNIGHT

Dock

The season was off to an early start again. The lifts were all in well before the start of the sailing season. We managed to get an early start, partly based on the warm weather and no ice. This gave us a chance to repair a few lift bunks; however, these repairs were done with the lifts in the water, which made it a fun challenge to not fall in! We had to make sure that no hand-tools, bolts, parts, and power drivers were dropped in the harbor! Tying the power drill to the lift proved to be useful and saved the drill a couple of times. We had the lifts installed a little closer to the dock than previous years. This makes it easier and safer for people to step on and off the boats.



The dock will always need updates and maintenance, and we have some upgrade plans to be ready for 2025. The history of the dock has shown some major repairs, many years ago. In the summer of 1926, a 700-foot wooden dock was constructed in front of what is now the historic Village Hall. However, Mother Nature intervened and that fall, a combination of high water and heavy storms destroyed the dock. In 1929, Mr. B.D. Thorp built a dock in front of his hotel, the Eagle Inn, for use by the EYC.



The dock is now ready for the winter and any storms that come that way. Lifts are out and tied down (thank you Steve Sauter and team for tying them down). The swim platform is on the dock and the boat ramp is secured.

It was a great season for the club and yet again, many memories were made by all the members, families, guests,

and friends that visited the dock. People spent many hours there -- sometimes just to watch, sometimes to lend a hand, sometimes to coach, or teach, and sometimes to race. Fun times for everyone.

House

The EYC club house is looking good! This year we did a refresh paint job of the upstairs club house. Keeping up with small projects like this helps keep the club looking ship shape. We purchased sturdy new picnic tables for the staff and students inside the lower club house. We have a great group of volunteers always helping with keeping the flowers looking good. We are thankful for such a great group of volunteers!

Treasurer's Report

CAROL CLAYPOOL

Profit and Loss

November 1, 2023 Through October 1, 2024	
Income	
Donations - Unrestricted	3,112.00
Donations - Restricted	9,390.00
Membership dues	96,725.46
Lesson income	104,555.08
Merchandise	30,436.69
Slip and locker rentals	6,129.06
Bank Interest	8,310.96
Regattas	705.66
Fundraisers - Pancake Breakfast	3,118.87
Miscellaneous	78.17
Total Income	\$ 262,561.95
Cost of Goods Sold	-19,251.00
Adjusted Income	\$ 243,310.95
Expenses	
Staff - Wages, insurance, training, meals	112,305.97
Insurance	19,968.95
Repairs and Maintenance - Clubhouse, dock, boats	14,701.04
Software and online service fees	14,538.30
Printing and postage	6,570.37
Regattas	5,646.46
Professional fees (construction, legal, accounting, engineering)	3,263.50
Supplies - Clubhouse, dock, boats, office	7,642.75
Rent, utilities, phone, Internet, boat storage	3,610.86
Fundraisers/Events - ARM, Commodore's, Pancake Breakfast	17,109.62
Trophies and awards	1,205.31
Memberships (US Sailing, LMSRF, etc.)	975.00
Misc. expenses	1,674.13
Total Expenses	209,212.26
Net Income	34,098.69

Assets

November 1, 2023 Through October 1, 2024	
Liquid Assets	
Unrestricted funds	298,461.73
Restricted funds	36,307.49
Total Liquid Assets	334,769.22
Total Fixed Assets	171,947.96
Total Assets	506,717.18



Notable Expenses

- Salaries were increased to be more competitive.
- Aaron R. Moore fundraiser expenses will be reconciled at the end of the fiscal year.
- The Fiscal Year will end on October 31, 2024.

Income

- Money was consolidated into a high interest account to generate more interest income.
- Dues, lessons and merchandise are the main sources of income.

Membership Report

SARA KNIGHT

Here is the data for those who are data driven:

Member Type	8-12 2017	8-11 2018	8-9 2019	8-8 2020	8-14 2021	8-13 2022	8-12 2023	8-9 2024
Family	238	225	233	206	231	256	258	261
Honorary	3	2	1	2	2	1	1	2
Life	22	20	18	16	15	14	13	12
Senior	112	118	116	101	103	97	98	92
Single	30	31	31	26	31	26	29	25
Young Adult	NA	NA	NA	4	5	5	11	12
Total	405	400	403	355	387	398	408	404

The table below shows the number of Student Memberships. This data is NOT reflective of lesson enrollment.

Year	Student Membership
2021	78
2022	103
2023	99
2024	96

We had 24 New Family Memberships, 2 New Senior Memberships, 2 New Single Memberships and 6 New Young Adult Memberships for a total of 34 New Memberships. Welcome Aboard!

We had 12 Young Adult Memberships. It is exciting to see our former EYC staff, students and family members staying connected to the EYC once they turn 25 (roll off their Family Membership) and until they are 31, when they must now join as a Single or Family Membership. A perk of having a Young Adult Membership is that, when you must purchase a Single or Family Membership at 31, the initiation fee is waived.

EYC encourages Family Membership over multiple Student Memberships for one family. The EYC becomes a family experience. Thank you to all who have invested in Family Memberships for the EYC!

EYC Reciprocity

Consider using your EYC reciprocal privileges. Go to Club Express eycw.clubexpress.com and log into your Club Express account. In the top box of your profile page under Membership Summary, you will see in bold **Download membership card** and **Download spouse membership** card (if you have a Family or Senior membership). Click on this option and your membership card will appear. You may print it out or take a screen shot of it and save it to your mobile device. An example of a membership card appears below.



On your card, you will see the web address of Yachting Club of America. When you go to the Yachting Club of America website www.ycaol.com, click on “Members Only” at the top of the page. Enter the User ID: club1040 and Password: y100446c. You then have access to the digital copy of the Yachting Club of America online directory, which lists reciprocal clubs across America. Many clubs only require a copy of your membership card to use their facilities. Other clubs ask for a Letter of Introduction. Please Google the club you would like to visit and go to their website. If requirements for reciprocal club visitors are not clear, you can email the club and inquire. If a Letter of Introduction is needed, please email membership@eyc.org and a volunteer on the membership committee will be happy to send a letter of introduction on your behalf. If a letter is required, please give membership volunteers at least a week’s notice. This information may also be found on the EYC website eyc.org under the membership tab.

Membership Renewals for 2025

Thank you! Just under 300 members renewed last year during the early bird period.

Renewal emails are sent three times.



1. In mid-January, you will receive your first EYC renewal notice from Club Express.
2. If your EYC renewal stays on your “to do” list, you will receive another EYC renewal notification email from Club Express in mid-February. If you renew by February 28th, you will get the early bird rate.
3. If your EYC renewal has fallen to the bottom of your laundry list, you will receive a third renewal email from Club Express in mid-March. This is your last chance to renew before April 1st so you can be included in the printed EYC directory.

If any information for your Club Express account has changed for example, a move, new summer home purchase, new baby, or new relationship status, please email membership@eyc.org and one of the volunteers on the membership committee will update your Club Express account.

Membership Question Answered:

Losing a partner is a heart break and EYC is sensitive to the many emotions that surround a new existence. EYC would like to make moving forward with the new reality as seamless as possible. EYC Membership will make every effort to reach out and edit membership information as needed on Club Express. We can change the primary person and corresponding information for an account when needed. Senior and Single dues are the same amount, so there is no need to change from a Senior membership to a Single membership. The rationale for the same rate was decided years ago. Senior members receive a “senior discount” so if one partner is 71, both partners will be included in membership at the Senior rate.

We hope EYC has provided many fond memories for members, their families and grandchildren. We hope that renewing membership by paying annual membership dues might be seen as a contribution for all EYC has meant to members throughout the years, even when senior members do not participate in activities at the EYC in the same ways they have before. If the annual dues are a financial hardship for any senior member who has lost their spouse, please reach out to Sara Knight at membership@eyc.org. The membership committee will work with the Board and try to make an arrangement of some sort to maintain active membership status. Confidentiality is of most importance and honored.

Equipment Report
STEVE SAUTER

The wind has switched to the north and the temperature has dropped.

Almost all our boats are tucked away in the Andersens’ barn. Thank you again Bill and Heather for providing storage for:

- 13 Flying Scots
- 18 420’s
- 12 Lasers
- 12 RS Teras
- 24 Optis
- 5 Whalers
- 2 Zodiacs

A fleet of 76 boats

I would like to thank everyone who helped move boats and especially the students and staff who cared for the boats and made this a summer with the least amount of damage I have ever seen.

“Call for Anchors”. While you are cleaning out your garage, boat, or other storage facility and want to relieve yourself of unused mushroom, Danforth or any other anchor, please remember that the EYC uses a lot of anchors. Give me a call or just drop them off outside the lower door of the EYC.

Flying Scot Fleet 44

NANCY CLAYPOOL, FLEET CAPTAIN



Last day of Scot racing

Newer Racers Participating in 2024. The best news about Fleet 44 this year is that we got a number of newer and intermediate sailors out on the water, giving them experience both on the tiller and as crew in our weekly races. If you know how to sail and are interested in racing on a Flying Scot, please contact me at nclaypool504@gmail.com.

Social Activities. Our social activities picked up this year. 1. The fleet partook in going to lunch after Saturday racing for those interested. 2. Thank you again to all the EYC volunteers who provided appetizers for the Welcome Party for the Ephraim Regatta! 3. We hosted a Sunday evening



post-Ephraim Regatta gathering on August 4th for all EYC racers as well as out-of-town racers who were staying over the night before heading home. 4. And lastly, the fleet held a post-season Pot Luck in September. We hope to continue these activities in 2025.

Get On Our App! Yes, we have an App for Fleet 44 Flying Scot Racing! Whether you are a sailor, racer, or just interested in what's going on with Flying Scot Fleet 44 news, I encourage you to sign up for our Team Reach App. We need to build out our community so you can be connected with plans and last-minute updates. For example, if racing is cancelled, we can send a message to everyone on the App. Skippers can post that they are looking for crew; crew can post that they are available. You can advise if you will or will not be racing on a particular week, etc. Get out your phone NOW while you're reading this and sign up:

EYC FLYING SCOT RACING in TeamReach app.

Instructions:

Install TeamReach on iPhone :

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/teamreach-team-management/id1101253705>

Install TeamReach on Android :

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.teamreach.app>

Enter code: 10071FLEET44

Midwest Districts. Congratulations to Michael Faugust and Jennifer Ikeda who won the 2024 Flying Scot Midwest District Regatta and the Clinton Lake Sailing Association's 17th Annual Glow II Regatta on September 14 and 15 at the Clinton Lake Sailing Association at Clinton Lake, Illinois. Clinton Lake is a 4,900 acre reservoir located near Clinton, Illinois. The lake is part of the Clinton Lake State Recreation Area, which encompasses 9,300 acres. It was built in the 1970s as a cooling source for the Clinton Nuclear Generating Station – hence the name of the regatta – The Glow.

Those racers who are members of the FSSA Midwest District were eligible for the District Championship; all participants were eligible for The Glow. There were 43 boats registered, with 22 in the Championship Division, 19 in the Challenger Division, and 2 in the Apprentice Division. As a testament to never giving up, Michael and Jennifer were in second place after Saturday's racing. Sniffing out what little wind there was on Sunday, they took a high-risk move, diverging from the fleet, finished second in the race, and pulled off an overall win in both regattas.

The Midwest District Championship rotates among Flying Scot fleets in the Midwest. In 2025, the District Championship will be held at EYC in conjunction with the 120th Annual Ephraim Regatta. We should have a good number of participants.

FSSA Annual Membership. This is a reminder that your FSSA membership renewal should be going out soon. Please make sure that you renew your membership this fall so that you are ready for racing in 2025.

Boats for Sale. I know of a couple Flying Scots that are for sale. If you are interested in purchasing a previously owned boat, please let me know. We'd love to keep these boats in Door County!

Mark Your Calendars. 2025 Regattas: Fyr Bal, June 21; Ephraim Regatta, August 2-3. Watch the Spring Eagle's Cry for more dates in the 2025 season.

Education Report

BRIAN RITTER



Another Successful Season of Sailing

The 2024 summer season was a resounding success for the EYC Education Program. We welcomed a record number of students, provided a variety of courses, and continued to foster a positive and inclusive learning environment.

Key Highlights:

- **Increased Enrollment:** We saw a significant increase in student participation, with over 235 unique students enrolled in our programs across 85 group classes.
- **Expanded Course Offerings:** We expanded our course offerings to include Intro to Racing, helping us meet the growing interest of our students.
- **Instructor Development:** We invested in ongoing instructor development to ensure our staff is equipped with the latest teaching methods and safety protocols. This included hosting US Sailing certification courses



here in Ephraim, an excellent convenience I wish I had when I coached!

- **Community Engagement:** We continued to strengthen our ties with the local community through strong partnership with the ARM Scholarship program, helping bring sailing to local students of Northern Door.

Looking Ahead to 2025

As we look ahead to the 2025 season, we are excited to build upon the successes of the past year. We are committed to providing exceptional sailing education, fostering a welcoming community, and promoting a lifelong love of sailing.

One area that's under development is the reintroduction of Advanced Racing Tactics (ART) next season. ART covers detailed competitive decision making and drills students on the boat handling techniques essential for managing speed at the start as well as around the marks. In ART, students will get the chance to put these skills to the test in our performance-oriented boats such as the 420 or laser.

We're excited to bring this back as we feel there is sufficient interest from experienced students within the program who are looking to upgrade their abilities as they prepare for series races, or the High School team back home. We will continue to refine our curriculum to ensure it is engaging, informative, and meets the evolving needs of our students.

A Heartfelt Thank You

The success of our Education Program would not be possible without the dedication and support of many individuals and organizations. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to:

- **Our Staff:** 2024 brought in the largest staff (20) I've been aware of in EYC history. Our talented and dedicated instructors and staff members are the heart of our program. Led by Laura, Jackson, Hayden and Penelope, they've run one of the smoothest programs I've been involved with. So, thank you all for your hard work, your passion for sailing and commitment to teaching continue to be inspiring!
- **Our Volunteers:** Our volunteers play a vital role in supporting our programs and events. Their time and energy are invaluable and the education committee is no exception. I'm blessed to be supported by Carol Fiedler and Jeanne Papenthien. Together, Jeanne and Carol have done an excellent job handling external communications for some time now. With that said, I want to celebrate the "retirement" of Jeanne, our

deserving volunteer of the year. Thank you!

- **Our Members:** Our members provide unwavering support for the Education Program. Their generosity and enthusiasm make a significant difference and make the EYC culture a special place in our hearts.

We look forward to another fantastic season of sailing in 2025!

Director's Report

LAURA THÉRIEN

This summer continued to prove that the heart and gold of the EYC are our volunteers. One of the most rewarding (and sometimes stressful) parts of being director is knowing all the pieces that must come together to make each day a success. Our volunteers help to ensure that the director's work is more rewarding than stressful. Whether it be Marsella Fults keeping the EYC's flowers watered and well-trimmed on humid summer days, Bill Hoag catching Optis left and right at the end of the dock, or John Peterson stepping up as PRO to ensure that *There will always be an Ephraim Regatta*, our amazing volunteers truly keep this club afloat. So, thank you for the amazing work you do. It is greatly appreciated. If I could name you all I would, but you might as well just read the club's membership directory instead.



We had a very successful year in terms of lessons with lots of excited students and positive growth from previous years. In fact, we saw an increase in registration with approximately 235 unique students and 465 lesson sign-ups. Our wonderful staff did an amazing job and worked together to keep the clubhouse clean, teach lessons, run races, etc. I'd like to thank Assistant Directors Jackson Graham and Hayden Johansen, as well as Head Instructor Penelope Whiteside for their hard work in sometimes



difficult leadership roles. I would also like to thank all the instructors and dock assistants for their hard work. Staff worked many long hours under the sun and kept things running beautifully. Dock assistants made sure that the equipment was working for lessons and races while also keeping the dock shipshape. As much as I enjoyed so many parts of the job, one of the best parts was observing this group of young adults mesh together and work as a team.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank all the members of the Personnel Committee, who supported me daily: Lisa Gifford, Steve Sauter, Laura O'Rourke, and Brian Ritter. Thank you! It has been a privilege for the past six years to have had a front row seat to the many hands that come together to allow for the EYC to be such a wonderful summer haven.

Gibraltar Sailing Team

CHARLIE SAUTER



Frankie Pichette, Coach Cain Goettelman, Kenton Kobilca, Charlie Sauter, William Goettelman, Lillian Ahners, Coach Nick Price

The Gibraltar Sailing Team, coached by Cain Goettelman and Nick Price kicked off their season at the Fall Scramble Regatta at the Pewaukee Yacht Club. Out of the 21 teams participating, Gibraltar finished in 4th place. Next up was the Dusty Waters Regatta again at the Pewaukee Yacht Club. Out of 18 teams, the Gibraltar sailing team finished in 5th place. These results are the best the team has ever seen.

The team practices at the EYC on Mondays. Come join us!!

Racing Report

WOODY HEIDLER

With another Summer in the books, we have another very successful racing season to be excited about! Many new young racers took the opportunity to sharpen their racing skills through the many series races that were offered. We had great participation from visiting yacht clubs for all of our regattas this summer traveling from SSSYC, SBYC,

Madison Sailing Center, MYC, La Crosse Sailing Club and many others. This year, we successfully hosted our 420 / Rich Hall Regatta, with participants entering our 18 and older category for the first time ever. Thank you to all who raced and helped make sure our races ran smoothly this Summer! Summer race results below.

Series Results:

Flying Scot Saturday Series:

Place:	Points:	Name:
3	35	Charlie Dischner
2	31	Callista Troup
1	29	Nancy Claypool

Flying Scot Junior Award: Charlie Dischner

Flying Scot Monday Series:

Place:	Points:	Name:
3	25	Jennifer Ikeda
2	21	Tim Hill
1	7	Nancy Claypool

Opti Red Fleet Monday /Thursday Series:

Place:	Points:	Name:
3	42	Calvin Hoag
2	42	Max Travnicek
1	17	Henry Knight

Opti Blue Fleet Monday /Thursday Series

Place:	Points:	Name:
3	52	Sean McCabe
2	38	Joseph Travers
1	34	Kevin Kennelly



Laser Tuesday Series:

Place:	Points:	Name:
3	14	Dan Mielke
2	11	Geoff Werner
1	11	Michael Faugust

420 Tuesday Series:

Place:	Points:	Name:
3	102	Laura Therien
2	90	Ellis Eichenseer
1	89	Calvin Hoag

RS Tera Thursday Series:

Place:	Points:	Name:
3	126	Olivia Stollenwerk
2	122	Calvin Hoag
1	113	Henry Knight

Laser Friday Series:

Place:	Points:	Name:
3	30	Charlie Dischner
2	24	Michael Faugust
1	21	Geoff Werner

Laser Master Series:

Place:	Points:	Name:
3	17	Mark Labor
2	12	Geoff Werner
1	7	Michael Faugust

420 Friday Series:

Place:	Points:	Name:
3	113	Hayden Johansen
2	43	Henry Knight
1	24	Penelope Whiteside

Regatta Results:

Ephraim Yacht Club Opti Regatta

Place:	Points:	Name:
3	23	Oliver Kosmoski / SSYC
2	15	William Goettelman / SBYC
1	15	Frankie Pichette / SBYC

Ephraim Yacht Club Laser Regatta

Place:	Points:	Name:
3	35	Mark Labor / Madison Sailing Center
2	16	Michael Faugust / EYC
1	13	Dave Poquette / EYC

Ephraim Yacht Club Rich Hall Junior Regatta

Place:	Points:	Name:
3	50	Charlie Dischner / Cameron Reynolds (EYC)
2	40	Dee McCormick / Brielle Doughlas (SSYC)
1	28	Layne Rogers / Molly Rszak (SSYC)

Ephraim Regatta 420 Regatta (Over 18)

Place:	Points:	Name:
2	16	Laura Therian / Frances Depke (EYC)
1	16	Penelope Whiteside / Wesley Whiteside (EYC)



119th Ephraim Regatta

Place:	Points:	Name:
5	23	Kevin Kunz / Kendall Kunz (Lafayette Sailing Club)
4	23	Dave Gorwitz / Mike Ekberg (Lake Monona Sailing Club)
3	17	Bruce Kitchen / Lynn Kitchen (Cowan Lake Sailing Association)
2	12	Michael Faugust / Jennifer Ikeda- Faugust (EYC)
1	11	Mark Johnson (Neenah Nodaway Yacht Club)

2024 Flying Scot Women's North American Championship

Reprinted from Southern Yacht Club's *Tell Tale*



Nancy Claypool, with crew Carrie Berger (Southern Yacht Club) and sister Carol Claypool, defended their title by winning the 2024 Flying Scot Women's North American Championship (FS WNAC). This all-women event was held on the weekend of July 27-28 in Madison, Wisconsin, and was hosted by the Lake Monona Sailing Club (LMSC). This event is one of several of the Flying Scot Sailing Association's nationally sanctioned championship regattas, and it included both a championship and a challenger division.

The team, who had not sailed together since last year's FS WNAC in Westhampton, New York, practiced on Friday afternoon to get the crew working together again. After determining who would handle which positions on the boat, and tacking and jibing endlessly, the three of them worked out the kinks and were ready to race.

After a long day of travelling, boat rigging, and practicing, Team Nancy enjoyed a wonderful welcome party at the University of Wisconsin's Hooper Sailing Club on the shore of beautiful Lake Mendota. Competitors ranged from college sailors to women in their 70's and came from locations including Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, Louisiana, Texas, New York, Massachusetts, and Alaska. Four of the competitors were members of the Flying Scot Sailing Association's Executive Committee. The team enjoyed seeing old friends from the Flying Scot class and meeting new ones, including Whitney Hall, the daughter of long-time Flying Scot sailor Graham Hall. Graham was an avid Flying Scot sailor with an impressive sailing and coaching resume. He was a Mallory Cup winner, a sailing coach at State University of New York Maritime College and the U.S. Naval Academy, and a coach for the 1992 America's Cup Team. For the Flying Scot sailors who knew Whitney's father before his passing in 2005, it was nostalgic to see Whitney sailing her father's boat, "Irish Rover".

On the first day of racing, the conditions on Lake Monona were from 5 to 14 knots, shifty and puffy. The Race Committee set the courses as windward leeward, twice around, with downwind finishes. In Race 1, Team Nancy worked their way to the top of the fleet by the first mark and maintained their lead for the rest of the race. In Race 2, despite being hit by another boat during the first leg, they recovered and were able to climb into first place on the downwind leg and remain there until the end of the race. In Race 3, they had a great start, charging off the line with clear air and loosely covering the nearest competition. With good boat speed and boat handling, they finished in first place to end the day with three bullets.

After a full day of racing, Team Nancy looked forward to the dinner that was planned for Saturday night and hosted by Ryan Malmgren and Stacey Rieu, owners of Mad Sails, at their home and nearby sail loft. Ryan and Stacey graciously gave tours of their loft where all Mad Sails are made. After the tour, the competitors enjoyed an unexpected treat of fresh raw oysters flown in from Massachusetts by a local fleet member. And, of course, being in the cheesehead capital, the sailors sampled numerous, award-winning, Wisconsin cheeses provided by one of the regatta sponsors. This was followed by a great barbeque dinner, a spectacular bonfire and dessert.

On Sunday, the wind conditions and courses were similar to the previous day. Team Nancy was in a good position, with a five-point lead over the second place boat, *No. 6177*, and a seven-point lead over the third place boat, *No. 1202*. On the way out to the race course, Nancy's crew emphatically stated, "Whatever you do, you cannot be OCS!" Their tactics for the first race on day 2 (Race 4) should have been simple -- they just needed to cover *6177*... Or so they thought. But when the wind dropped at



the start at the committee boat end of the line, 6177 headed to the right, away from the pressure and the rest of the fleet, who were heading to the left side of the course and more wind. Team Nancy had to make a decision: stay with 6177, which meant heading away from the wind and possibly losing the rest of the fleet, or tack back towards the pressure and the fleet. Team Nancy chose to abandon their original strategy and sailed with the fleet, which meant clawing their way to the left side of the course. The decision paid off, as 6177 ended up finishing last in that race, which dropped her in the standings. Team Nancy finished fourth.

After Race 4, 1202 moved into second place, so Team Nancy switched to covering 1202 in Race 5. On the last leg of the race, a downwind leg, 6177 was in first, 1202 was in second, 6137 was in third, and Team Nancy was in fourth, all on port jibe. Halfway to the finish, 6137 jibed to starboard, making it difficult for Team Nancy to pass her. Team Nancy jibed to starboard and, with some clever downwind tactics and another strategic jibe back to port, they passed 6137 and 1202 at the finish to place second and secure their win in the regatta. The overall margin of victory was 6 points, with finishes of 1-1-1-4-2!

From the racing to the shore and water support, to all the meals and parties, the competitors appreciated the time and work of the many volunteers from LMSC and beyond that went into producing this championship regatta.

Volunteer of the Year

LISA GIFFORD



I'm honored to have the privilege of presenting the 2024 Volunteer of the Year award to Jeanne Papenthien. Except for the staff, the EYC is a volunteer run club. We say all hands-on deck and the volunteer of the year award recipient exemplifies this ask.

As the award winner this year, Jeanne has been an active

volunteer for many years. She has served on the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee. She served as the point person and liaison for the website upgrade years ago.

When enthusiasm for junior activities started to wane, she revived them. She has chaired the Commodore's Party. Jeanne's most recent focus has been education. As a member of the Education Committee, she answers all the emails and calls in the off season when parents wonder, for example, which class should their child enroll in and what should they do if their child is afraid of swimming. She outfits the staff every season with their uniforms and orders the education books. She also serves on the Scholarship Committee. She is incredibly warm and makes everyone feel welcome. She strikes up conversations with anyone she meets on the dock. She even volunteers to find other volunteers. Leading by example, one would be hard pressed to find a Sign-Up Genius that does not have her name on it. Her natural state is one of infectious positivity and when she is involved, everyone is excited. Thank you, Jeanne for being the best of the best when it comes to EYC Volunteers!

EYC Joani Lewis Memorial Sail

LAURA O'ROURKE



On Thursday July 25th we held the Joani Lewis Memorial Sail. A small group of sailing enthusiasts came down to the EYC dock during the staff lunch break. This was the typical time that Joani would encourage friends to meet her on the dock and head out for a fun hour of sailing. Any day sailing on Eagle Harbor is a great day! We followed the sail with a wine, cheese and pie reception! We plan to continue the tradition of encouraging new sailors to come down and enjoy sailing at EYC!





Aaron R. Moore Scholarship Fundraiser

SHERRY MOORE

EYC Goes Country



We ain't Texas, but EYC brought country to Door County in a big way!! The rain didn't dampen our spirits as we gathered together in the beautiful About Thyme barn, to enjoy an evening of pure Texas fun! Alexander's provided a fabulous Texas style barbecue and Jared played the country western tunes! EYC members and friends had a spectacular time enjoying each other's company, bidding on the fabulous auction items, enjoying wonderful food and drink. The lights sparkled, the guests smiled their brightest smiles in their fabulous western attire and together, we all raised money for sailing scholarships for our Door County boys and girls.

Our congratulations go to Marta Fonseca for the best dressed gal (second year in a row!) and to Tom Lacey for best dressed guy! Each received a \$50 Wilson's gift card. Our raffle and live auction items were donated by 40 business and restaurant owners, artists, EYC members and friends. Because of their generosity, we were able to raise \$15,208.00 from the auction for scholarships. We had \$4,270.00 in cash donations from our very generous donors. After expenses, we netted \$24,647 for our fund. In addition, we received an amazing \$20,000 donation for

our scholarship fund. This means that our fund can now become an Endowment Fund at DCCF and guarantees that we will be able to serve our Door County children into perpetuity.



A very big thank you to all our EYC family and friends who attended, donated and helped in our 11th annual EYC-ARM Sailing Scholarship Fundraiser. Many thanks to the fabulous EYC staff who helped with the auction and checkout and to Julie Watkins for all of her incredible Texas swag! The evening was great fun and the venue spectacular! Surrounded by friends who generously participated in the live and silent auction, it was another successful year that allowed us to send more of our Door County children to sailing at EYC.

We are taking a year off in 2025 to allow for other exciting EYC events! Stay tuned! The Fyr Bal EYC/Aaron R. Moore Scholarship Fundraiser Breakfast will be our major fundraiser for next year, so please attend and bring your family and friends. Strawberries and whipped cream, what could be better?

We continue to believe that the scholarship program has created a great deal of goodwill between the community and EYC over the past 12 years. It has created a positive image of EYC members as people who want to give back to the community by providing children and teens the opportunity to learn to sail. This helps to fulfill the EYC's mission and the continuity of the EYC sailing program.

We thank all of our members who have supported the Scholarship Fund this season with your time, generosity, and support. We can't do this without YOU!

I am happy to say that not only will there always be an Ephraim Regatta, but there will always be an EYC Aaron R. Moore Scholarship Fund!

With Gratitude,

Rob, Sherry, Adam and Barb Moore



2024 Sportsmanship Award!



The Sportsmanship Award goes to one of our students who is always spending time down at the dock and helping the staff out. They are enthusiastic not just about learning to sail, but about spending time at the EYC. Because he exemplifies these traits, Max Travnicek was the recipient of this reward for our 2024 season. During lessons, Max was always helping other students clean up and put their equipment away. Max would also often be found down at the dock after lessons helping the staff clean, perform maintenance, or move boats. When he would come to races or junior activities, Max would often be one of the last to leave and would help make sure the clubhouse was clean. For these reasons, all of us on staff believe he is completely deserving of this recognition.

Junior Activities

TAVA WILSON



The 2024 EYC Junior Activities, led by our fearless (and seemingly tireless) instructors, once again provided fun for all the young sailors. The Red Putter outing bookended the

activities as a great way to both start and end the season. Other events included Kickball, Field Games, Capture the Flag, and Water Activities. The annual EYC Talent Show Night was once again a huge hit with the instructors contributing BIG -- both individually and as a group. The younger sailors brilliantly shared their amazing talents and comedic abilities as well. We look forward to more smiles next summer!



EYC Bridge 2024

SUZANNE J. LISLE



The summer of 2024 brought a welcome return of bridge to our clubhouse, with members again enjoying the game with one of the best views in the county. Our view from the porch with a fresh breeze, and member friends to play with makes any day a good bridge one!

The regular schedule of Monday afternoon Open Play, Tuesday afternoon Couples Bridge, and Thursday morning



Open Play continued as in past years. We encourage members who are thinking of learning the game to take some lesson series in their winter locale and then join in next summer at EYC. The three groups are supportive of newer players.

With a beautiful fall season, we were able to continue the bridge offerings through the month of September. Many thanks to our board for allowing this extended season.

BUNCO!

LAURA O'ROURKE

I am happy to report that once again Bunco nights at EYC were a huge success. For those of you that do not know Monday nights are Bunco nights at EYC. This year we had many new members join us; it is a very welcoming group! Participants play a fun game, engage in lively conversation, meet new friends and catch up with old friends. Bunco also helps support our sailing program. This year Bunco raised close to \$700. for our sailing program. We look forward to seeing you all next year!



First Mates Sunset Social

MJ@EYC

LAURA MOEGENBURG

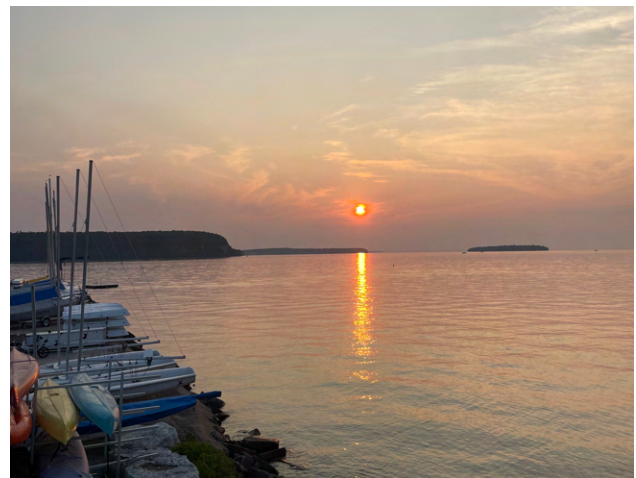
Mah Jongg is coming to the EYC! Several members have shown an interest in organizing a Mah Jongg league at the club. The designated time for the summer of 2025 will be Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 pm. This will be a drop in league and the number of tables will be determined by number of players. Details for weekly sign up will be finalized over the winter.

If you know how to play, great! Hone your skills this winter and order your 2025 official Mah Jongg card early so you have it in June. If you don't have a Mah Jongg set,

consider buying one, so we have more available for our league.

If you are new to the game, we have a few suggestions for learning this fun game. First, it's not as easy to learn as other domino style games (such as chicken foot), so here are a few ideas for learning the game over the winter months. *The Beginner's Guide to American Mah Jongg* by Elaine Sandberg is a great resource for reading about the basics or you may have a few friends who already know how to play and can teach you the game. There may be local groups in your area with weekly leagues and lessons for beginners. Start attending, since regular practice, will help you remember all the rules. A Google search in my metro Milwaukee area, pulled up a library, senior center, and Jewish center with weekly leagues. I learned how to play from a few friends and at a women's club that had two weeks of lessons for beginners. Several of us have honed our skills by playing the game via an app on our phones!

All players will need to purchase a Mah Jongg card to participate. The official card can be purchased for \$15 at www.nationalmahjonggleague.org. Feel free to email or call if you have any questions. Mah Jongg Master (lol) Laura Moegenburg laurabmoegenburg@gmail.com or 262-227-9837



Passages

The EYC offers its condolences to the families of the following who have passed:

Carole Kraemer

Glenn Pentler



Welcome Aboard!

EYC Welcomes Its New Members

Jerry & Abigail Aherns
Sister Bay, WI
Children: Katherine, Jerry III, Meghan, Sarah, Lillian,
Josephine, Penelope, Lucia, Isabella, Monica

John and Rose Bykowski
Kimberly, WI

Jim and Stephanie Carlson
Egg Harbor, WI

Brian Eberman and Margaret Covert
Newton Lower Falls, MA
Children: Catherine and Clare

Andrew and Kahala Fales
West Des Moines, IA
Child: Eddie

Michael Grinker
Grafton, WI

Mary and Matt Horton
Sister Bay, WI
Children: Ethan and Calla

Judy Hrdlicka
South Haven, MI

Bill and CC Hutchinson
Scottsdale, AZ
Children:
Libby, Jack, Hope, Trey, Camerson & Kelsie

Jay and Cathy Kennedy
Children: Kristen & John
Indianapolis, IN

James and Jessica Lohmiller
Sister Bay, WI
Children: London & Cosette

Kayla Lohse
Sturgeon Bay, WI

Ashley and James Nick
Hobart, WI
Children: Ellison, Jay & William

Ann O'Brien
Madison, WI

Carrie Ritter
Glen Ellyn, IL

Mike Schellpfeffer and Mary Capellu Schellpfeffer
Kenosha, WI

Nicole Schemansky
Lake Zurich, IL

John Shannon and Isa Bengtsson
Hovas, Sweden
Children: Bodhi, Izzy, Falco

Haley Simpson
Sister Bay, WI

Eagle's Cry Publishing: Fran Morof and Nancy Claypool