

## Appleton Yacht Club Annual Report - 2024

2024 was a year of monthly ups and downs financially for the Appleton Yacht Club. We had some very good months of revenue and some lean months. As we all know, inflation has factored in more so as to how our population spends. We saw rising costs for food and beverages. We did have to raise our prices but not too significantly. Our treasurer has sent you the latest financial report.

Our current roster has 350 social members and 117 yachting members. We have 3 more yachting members than last year. The members accumulate 4,000 volunteer hours by serving the club with their time and talents. There is always a need for volunteers working in the harbor, outside yard maintenance, event planning, attending meetings, etc.

The club continues to employ 20 people, 1 full time. We are proud to say our staff is loyal and dedicated to serving our members. There is very little turnover. Hours of operation are M-F 4-10 pm. On weekends we open at noon and close at 10 pm or later if there is an event.

We implemented many major improvements this past year. The biggest project was hiring Radtke Contractors Inc. to start replacing boards on our docks. This project cost \$120,000. We are doing this project in phases so we will continue the work the next two summers or more. We also had to replace a section of roof on the covered slips after a storm at the cost of \$7,500. Other improvements were a new dishwasher, \$6,500, concrete and railing, \$4,500, outdoor grill, \$1,000, buoys and tackle, \$3,000, and power washing.

Our club continues to be dedicated to setting buoys and lights in the Fox River extending to Little Lake Butte de Morts. We have had to retire our current work pontoon boat and purchased a new/used one. We offer gasoline and pump out services to all boaters on our waterway. Our club also offers vessel safety checks in the spring to assure owners their boats are seaworthy. Anyone interested in taking a boater's safety course can contact our club. Unfortunately, the powers that control the Menasha lock have informed us that the electronic barrier project is no longer planned. Of course, our club and community would love to see the lock open again but it's been almost 10 years now since it closed.

Our club is very community oriented, and we do what we can to help. This year we collected school supplies to benefit Jefferson Elementary School. We participated in Coats for Kids, Toys for Tots, donated to the Humane Society and participated in the Salvation Army Red Kettle drive.

Thank you for the opportunity to once again communicate with the City of Appleton. We value the positive partnership we share. Please always feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appleton Yacht Club