



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, September 18, 2025

3:00 PM

Racine Yacht Club

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm

Present: Sean Fox Vice Chair, Jim Poplawski - Chair, Lynn Monroe and John Bertermann

Excused: Dan Strommen and Alder – David Maack. (there are currently 3 vacancies)

Staff Present: Deputy Jerome Hipper – Racine County Sheriff's Dept., and Ara Molitor – Secretary.

Staff Not Present: Ben Haas - County Parks Dept., Tom Molbeck – Director Racine Parks & Rec., Jason Seyferth – Harbor Tenders

Reoccurring and Special Guest(s) Present: Cory Sebastian

Approval of Minutes for the August 21, 2025 Meeting

Minutes of the September 18, 2025, were approved as printed.

SWIM Racine Presentation (Safe Water In Mind):

Cory Sebastian presented information regarding water safety regarding swimming lessons. There are several programs being implemented through RUSD. One for all second graders and another for 4th and 5th grades that are voluntary. See attachment for additional information.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report:

Deputy Jerome Hipper from the Sheriff's Dept. reported that the season was wrapping up and in comparison, it was a slow season. The reason for the slow season was probably due to the fact that weekends were unusually cold and rough waters.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report: South Shore Repairs

Tom Molbeck was not present for the meeting to give an update. Jim Poplawski is going to email Tom Molbeck regarding several issues. Ara Molitor gave the up-to-date boat launch report.

Old Business:

Winter Storage of RHC Docks:

All docks that are under the purview of the RHC will remain in place going forward. The water mover worked nicely at the Pump Out Dock. We have purchased two oscillating water movers for the Pugh and Rooney Recreational Docks and are currently working on getting electrical power installed for access to both of those docks.

Floating dock deck board replacement:

Jason Seyferth (Harbor Tender) is assessing and repairing the 3 piers of concern for the committee for damage and repairs in addition to the cleaning / power washing that he currently is conducting.

5th Street Boat Launch Gating for the Lot:

Tom Molbeck was not present to weigh in regarding the continued concern.

New Business:

None

Next Meeting Date: October 16, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. - Harbor Lite Yacht Club

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.