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We would like to thank Wendy Ackley for bringing you this month's cover story.

PENDING HIS SUMMERS on Crazy Man's Island on Okauchee Lake, Tim Kay has been sailing since childhood. The water was his playground, and sailing has been his number one passion since he was eight years old. Tim's wife Susan's sailing career started on Lake Michigan, where she sailed competitively for years before the pair met and began their life together on Okauchee Lake.

In 1987 Susan started her business, Brown & Jones Reporting, Inc., a freelance court reporting company. Tim, needing a court reporter, contracted reporting services with Susan. She took a liking rather quickly and asked him to do her business' incorporation, and that's where the Kay family story begins.

Susan retired from her sailing career on Lake Michigan and moved out to Okauchee when she married Tim in 1989. In the early years, before Alex (25) and Natalie (22) came along, Susan sailed regularly with Tim and then earned a new title of "boat tender," when the kids started sailing. Sailing is a family affair for the Kays and a very competitive one at that. Three skippers, two boats – Susan said no to number three.

Tim, Alex and Natalie sometimes take their competitiveness a little too far. Natalie's message to Tim after a rough day on the race course was: "It's not easy sailing with family members because it sure makes the mornings interesting. Love sailing with you (sometimes) Dad. Thanks for a great summer and letting me skip."

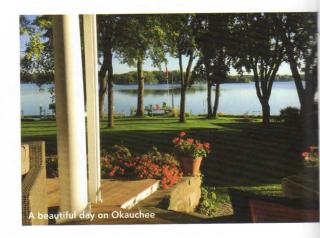
Alex and Natalie both began sailing at age 6. They have both won the X Blue Chip Regatta (skippering) – out of the 30 best sailors in the Midwest.

Tim and Natalie win the race!

Although Tim's parents are now deceased, they built one of the first A-frame houses on the island and encouraged their family to appreciate Lake Country. Now Tim gets to enjoy looking at his family home every day from Stumpe Bay.

Being long-time members of Okauchee Lake Yacht Club, which promotes the sport of sailing and has provided a social setting for its members for the past 80 years, has been a great social outlet for the Kay family. Tim's father, Tom, was commodore 1978-79. Tim himself served as commodore 20 years later, 1998-99, and Susan is currently the first female commodore in the club's history. Additionally, Tim has served on the board for over 24 years and Susan for five.

Along with sailing, the Kays keep busy with their careers and volunteering in the community. Tim has been an attorney at Kay & Kay



Law Firm in Brookfield for the last 32 years. Prior to being elected the current Lake Country Municipal judge in 2012, Tim served as the Town of Oconomowoc municipal prosecutor for 25 years.

Susan, the president of Brown & Jones Reporting, Inc., one of the largest court reporting companies in Wisconsin, is celebrating the business' 30 years as a nationally-certified, female-owned business, employing 25 freelance court reporters and videographers.

Alex is a 2013 graduate of UW-Madison, where he studied finance. He is currently attending Marquette Law School. Natalie, a 2016 UW-Madison graduate in nutritional science, spent the summer teaching sailing for the Hoofer Sailing Club at UW-Madison. Last month she moved to Denver to obtain clinical hours before applying to school to be a physician assistant. Alex and Natalie both graduated from the Oconomowoc Area School District (OASD).

Although his children no longer study in the OASD, Tim remains a member of the Oconomowoc Sports Booster Club. He served as the club's president 2007-10 and was named Person of the Year in 2015. Tim is also a member of the Oconomowoc High School Athletic Task Force. He is an ambassador for the OASD's Time to Reinvest Campaign. →



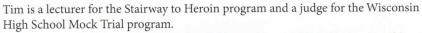




Alex on E-8

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Susan has been a strong advocate for children of the OASD. Believing in public education, she became involved in the district, volunteering in many different aspects throughout the years, beginning her journey with the Facilities Task Force. She became very passionate about the school district's facilities and served on the Oconomowoc School Board for 12 years, both as clerk and vice president. During her time on the board, she was instrumental in passing referendums for Summit Elementary, Silver Lake Intermediate, Nature Hill Intermediate, the Oconomowoc High School Field House and the Oconomowoc Arts Center.

Time spent away is precious to a family as involved in the community as the Kays, and their favorite way to spend it is sailing together in the British Virgin Islands or boating and relaxing at their condo in Florida.



Tim sailing



Victorious Natalie













