



# Starboard Tack

The Newsletter From West Shore Sail Club

April 2007

## From the Commodore

Happy Spring! The season seems to be moving along well, thanks to all parties involved, It is nice to see so many faces at the GMM every month. Something that has not happened in a while. I hope to see continuing support in that area. The Commodore's Ball is this Saturday, hope to see many of you attending, it should be a great time. For those of you who have not signed up for an activity, please note, we still need a Committee Boat for the Lighthouse Challenge (start and finish), as well as the Doublehanded. Please give this some thought if you are able to help. Remember, our club is only as strong as our members!!!!

Susan Ashley, Commodore

## From the Vice Commodore

Two major item this month has happened with our Race Committee. We've finalized all the actions we'll implement because of the bridge closing and we're considering a change of venue for the Lighthouse Challenge.

Here are the changes for WNATR this year:

- \* Start first race a little later, at 1930
- \* Committee Boat will pull anchor at 2200 ending the race.
- \* Start all races at N mark
- \* All courses are around 5 mi (4 mi for JAM)
- \* JAM will start before PHRF, JAM and PHRF will be on opposite sides of the course to minimize interference.

We're hoping to keep the racing program thriving despite the hurdles this year. We're looking forward to your support, so c'mon out and race with us! As you can see from our list of actions two items address time, two items address distance, and finally as some have asked in years past, we're starting the slower boats first. If something just does not work we'll update our modus operandi after the spring series is complete.

As most of you know the Lighthouse Challenge was formally our regatta and is a Lake Erie Counter. Due to the complicated logistics in past years with dockage, food, afterglow and no real way to shorten course if the wind does not cooperate, we're currently investigating the possibility of changing the course and venue for this race. Nothing is definite yet but judging by the enthusiasm and ideas generated at the last Race Committee meeting you really don't want to miss this years Lighthouse Challenge!

The next Race Committee meeting will be at Doug & Kathy Howe's on April 10 at 1930.

Jody Larrow, Vice Commodore

GM Meeting -Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM  
At Mr. Nicks. Program will be a presentation about  
Knots by Vice Commodore Jody Larrow.  
Race Committee - 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1930 at the Howe's  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Party - 1<sup>st</sup> 2 to 5 pm at  
Lake Erie Marshland Museum \$5 per child - see inside  
for more information.

## From the Rear Commodore

The March program was given by Bob Maierle of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. The presentation on hypothermia and cold-water survival was interesting and informative. He spoke about how to protect yourself against the effects of hypothermia, as well as how to properly care for a victim.

Following the April GMM, Jody Larrow will be refreshing our knot knowledge.

He will be showing us how to tie some basic knots as well as some more intricate ones.



Ports of Call are as follows:

Saturday, July 14th - Port Clinton

Sunday, July 15th - Sandusky Sail Club

Tuesday, July 17th – Huron

Thursday, July 19th – Vermillion

Saturday, July 21st – Middle Bass Yacht Club

Sunday July 22nd – Home

Plans will be finalized at the next cruising meeting, which is Sunday, May 27th at Toledo Beach Marina in from of Tiki Bar at 2 pm. Please bring a dish to pass.

Fred Krabach, Rear Commodore



## Secretarial Notes

In an effort to improve communication, Jody Larrow has added links to the

West Shore Sail Club website so visitors can email officers directly.

Communications will be sent to each board members current email address.

Additionally, Jody will be adding contact information regarding reciprocal dockage availability to the website. Visitors will contact me via email or phone to set up dockage at Frenchman's Creek.

# Happy Birthday!

Joan Samuelson	7th
Joe Ashley	9th
Craig D.	11th
JoAnne Trush	12th
Richard Sanchez	17th
Mary Jablonski	18th
Dan Synowiec	22nd
Dave Dumas	23rd
Lary Smith	24th
Sandy Dumas	25th
Dave Gardner	26th
Lou Zuck	30th
Bertie Synowiec	30th



The week-long Summer Cruise was tentatively established at the last cruising meeting.



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The Board has already begun planning for the 2007 Lighthouse Challenge. We have some exciting ideas and are currently seeking sponsorship for Flags and Door Prizes. If you have any ideas please let us know...your input is greatly appreciated! We are looking forward to a very successful and memorable regatta.

I am also happy to report an empty Sick Bay again this month!

See you at the Commodore's Ball.  
Amanda Krabach, Secretary

### Look at What WSSC is doing...

We have had a fabulous response for the 2007 Commodore's Ball. It is wonderful to see so many coming out to celebrate and support our Commodore, Susan Ashley. The deadline for the April Starboard Tack is before the Ball, so you'll have to wait until the May issue to hear about the festivities and view the pictures.

April 1st is our Easter Party. The West Shore kids will be gathering at 2pm at the Marshland Museum in Lake Erie Metropark. The park will be giving us a short live animal presentation. There will be turtles, frogs, and snakes for the children to learn about. Then Amanda Krabach and I have planned a cute bunny craft and some games. We will be wrapping the day up with an Easter Egg hunt and should be done around 5pm. Watch for photos in the May Starboard Tack.

Then we take a little break with social activities. Soon we will be getting our boats prepared to be put in the water and then finally LAUNCH DAY comes! Then all of us will be busy with sailing activities. We will have our first ever "Christmas in July" the date has been moved to July 28th to not interfere with the week's cruise. We will be having a raft up. Bring something to grill and a dish to pass. There will be a White Elephant gift exchange and of course decorate your sailing vessels with Christmas decorations. There will be more information about this outing in future Starboard Tacks.

Which brings us to September. We will be having the Corn Roast after the Jack & Jill race on September 9th. In October, we will be having a fall festival. We would like a place where we could have a hay ride, carve some pumpkins and possibly a bonfire. If anyone would like to host this party, it would be greatly appreciated. In November, we are going to use all those sailing vacation pictures and make some scrapbook pages. We will have a Creative Memories rep come out and show us the ropes. So if scrapbooking is an interest of yours but you just don't know where to start, this will be a good one to attend. Last but not least, Past Commodore, Tom Priest will be hosting the 2007 WSSC Christmas Party on December 8th.

There is the rest of the year in a nutshell. If you have any new ideas or activities you would like to see in 2008, please email or call the Activities Chairperson, Tina Askins or anyone on the Board. The Board always appreciates hearing ideas from the membership.

Tina Askins, Membership and Activities Chairperson

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## The Fight for Privacy

Anyone with an email account will agree that spam is aggravating. These unsolicited emails abuse bandwidth, fill mailboxes, and even become offensive. As a club there are some things that one can do to protect their fellow sailors and their privacy. One practice is putting email addresses into the BCC(blind carbon copy) field of your email. The recipients of your email will not be able to see the addresses of all the other recipients. Most mail readers will require an address on the TO: line, so put your address there and place everyone else's address on the BCC line. So the next time you think about forwarding the Starboard Tack, especially to someone outside the club, make sure you delete the email addresses. Alternatively, save the attached Starboard Tack to your hard drive and create a new mail message and attach a copy of the Starboard Tack to share with the interested party. Better yet, just send them an email with the link to WSSC Website and let them read The Tack from there.

Second, you will be receiving a printed copy of the 2007 Roster. Do not share that information with anyone outside of the club. Last year I received a request through email asking for names and addresses of all the sailors in our club. The requester of the information was the alleged wife of a sailor who sailed Wednesday nights. Though she did not know the names of any of these sailors she wanted to invite them to her husbands fiftieth birthday party. My reply was that I could not share that information, but if she could tell me some names, I would give her contact information to those individuals, so they could contact her. Needless to say, the person never contacted me again. No matter how innocent it looks, don't give out the information. Together, we can fight against our personal information being used for solicitation.

Tina Askins

## Minutes

WSSC - General Membership Meeting  
March 1, 2007  
26 Members in attendance

Call to order @ 7:30 pm

Minutes accepted as published in Starboard Tack.

--Kathy Howe motioned to accept, Mike Warchol second, all in favor, motion carried.

Commodore - Susan Ashley

Mail - Bank statements, Recip cards from Jolly Roger & Seaway BC, Lakeland Boating Magazines, ILYA 2007 Spring Meeting March 30-April 1 Agenda & Sailing Agenda, NEXUS Brochure, Membership Renewals & Commodore's Ball RSVP's.

Vice Commodore - Jody Larrow

Race Committee - Tuesday, February 13th @ Craig Morris Home. Topics included GI bridge closing affects on WNATR & Lighthouse Challenge. Race chair volunteers &/or assignments will be firmed @ March BM. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th @ Jody & Tina's Home, 7:30 pm. All future meetings scheduled for 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Rear Commodore - Fred Krabach

Today's Program - US Coast Guard Aux will be presenting on Hypothermia & general safety.

April Program - Jody Larrow will be presenting on Knots



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May Program - Swap-meet

Cruising Committee - Sunday, February 25th @ Howe Home, 1 pm. Topics included Weeklong cruise ports/captains, scheduled for July 14-22. Next Meeting scheduled for May 27th @ Toledo Beach in front of Tiki Bar, 2 pm. Please bring a dish to pass.

Coast Guard Live-Fire - See Lakeland Boating January & February issues for further details regarding cancellation, for now.

Treasurer - John Cairns

Checking account approximately \$2,500.00

CD's remained untouched

Several items need to be deposited from membership renewals & Commodore's Ball RSVP's

Future expenses: Commodore's Ball

ILYA - John Perry No report until April.

MORC - No report.

PHRF - Doug Howe

Reviewed several boats. Boat Show Trim/Manufacturer Stock has been better defined, see rules for 2007 season.

BoatUs CO-OP renewed for 2007. Members receive discounted rate of 1/2 price (\$12.50). US Sailing renewal will be on the 2007

Membership Renewal Application. Will renew on internet & submit receipt to treasurer for reimbursement.

Video Librarian - Roxanne Schamante

The following are still out:

Close Encounter, Andrea Duane 7/7/05

Ocean Adventure, Dave Gardner, 8/4/05

Stupid Boat Tricks, Dave Gardner, 8/4/05

Anyone wishing to share their personal videos should give them to the librarian.

Membership - Tina Askins

Membership Applications were mailed out Friday, January 12th. Applications must be returned by March GMM. A late fee of \$10 will be charged for any renewals received after March 1st. Eighteen (18) renewals have already been received.

Visitors - Christy Baker, cousin of Amanda Krabach from Nashville, TN. Bob Maierle of USCGAUX & guest.

Activities - Tina Askins

Hawaiian Luau - February 17th @ the Krabach Home, 7 pm. AWESOME turnout. Many thanks to Jody Larrow & Fred Krabach for roasting a 51 lb pig that was absolutely delicious. Thanks to everyone for their support & enthusiasm.

Easter Party - Sunday, April 1st @ Lake Erie Metropark Marshlands Museum, from 2 pm to 5 pm. A live animal program will be presented, crafts/activities will be done indoor and the egg hunt will be outdoor. There

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will be a fee of \$5/child to cover the cost of the indoor facility. Please RSVP immediately to Tina Askins or Amanda Krabach.

Commodore's Ball - Saturday, March 24th @ The Hungarian Rhapsody, 6 pm. Invitations mailed February 12th. RSVP required by March 10th.

**Old Business:**

Organizational Chart - Board will be filling in volunteers & making assignments using the membership renewals at the March BM.

Budget - Final draft will be completed for the April GMM.

Registered Sailboats - Fred Krabach contacted the SOS via [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov) and requested info Mary Colie introduced at January GMM. Registration breakdown is very detailed! Fred will continue to monitor & report his findings regarding the decline in sailing in Michigan.

**New Business:**

Hawaiian Luau - Club sustained a loss of \$90 because ten (10) people who RSVP'd did not come. In the future, when you RSVP for an activity with a cost/person, you will be required to pay at that time.

Grosse Ile Yacht Club - Jody Larrow received an email from Tim Walker regarding dockage available for the 2007 season for boats 30 feet and less in length. Offering a huge incentive to join...50% off membership for first year, 100% off for second year.

Dave Dumas, Kinship - WSSC member tests Marco Island Anchorage Ordinance. Several websites have articles: [www.marconews.com](http://www.marconews.com), site for Marco Eagle; [www.zwire.com](http://www.zwire.com), site for Marco Island Sun Times; [www.naples-daily-news.com](http://www.naples-daily-news.com), site for Naples Daily News. Also see March BoatUS magazine article.

**Monthly Birthdays:**

Terry Armstrong - 4<sup>th</sup>, Barb D & Laura Duane - 6<sup>th</sup>, John Perry - 16<sup>th</sup>, Terry Trush & Marilyn Warchol - 23<sup>rd</sup>, Ann Lyons - 29<sup>th</sup>, Peter Krabach - 30<sup>th</sup>.

Matt Colie motioned to adjourn, Kathy Howe second, all in favor. Adjourned @ 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Amanda Krabach, Secretary

**DOCKS AVAILABLE**

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To submit articles or information, send it to Matt Colie - editor <[starboardtack@chartermi.net](mailto:starboardtack@chartermi.net)>

Wondering about the very different new format?

Well, Your Starboard Tack has been reformatted to be more “screen read” friendly. It is still published in a printer ready file, as we are now down to six member families that get printed copies mailed, this seems like a good time to finish what we started with Mary’s change to e-mail distribution just about ten years ago.

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## West Shore Sail Club Calendar 2007

### April

- 1 - Children's Easter Party  
at Lake Erie MetroPark Marshlands  
Museum, from 2 pm to 5 pm.
- 5 - GMM at Mr. Nicks
- 10 - Race Committee Meeting at the Howe's
- 16 - Board meeting

### May

- 3- GMM at Mr Nick's
- 12-13: Ice Breaker- LaSalle Mariners
- 16 - WNATR Spring #1
- 21 - Board Meeting
- 23 - WNATR Spring #2
- 26-28: Memorial Day-Toledo Beach
- 30 - WNATR Spring #3

### June

- 6 - WNATR Spring #4
- 7 - GMM at Mr. Nicks
- 9-10 Commodore's Tea at Leamington
- 13 - WNATR Summer #1
- 20 - WNATR Summer #2
- 23-24 Lighthouse Challenge
- 27 - WNATR Summer #3
- 30 - DoubleHand



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