Starboard Tack

WSSC: promoting the sport of sailing and seamanship since 1972

APRIL 2023

* DON'T MISS THE COMMODORE'S BALL ON APRIL 15TH — RSVP TODAY! *

From The Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

Michael Ingrody

I hope all of you are finding ways to enjoy this nice *slow* start to spring! The club has been full of excitement this past month, and believe me when I say it's only going to get better!

THANK YOU TO FRANK PAVIA FOR HIS INCREDIBLE WORK CAPTURING WSSC MEMORIES!

After many years of passionate work, Frank has decided to step down from his role as the WSSC Memory Book Keeper. His contributions are (and will continue to be) evident at every WSSC meeting and event: Frank handcrafted a beautiful wooden club memory album, containing nearly 50 pages of sailing photograph collages from our membership. Additionally, he also created a nautically-themed transport "trailer" for the book equipped with its own tiller, rudder, pneumatic tires, and even a clevis pin for the trailer's "tongue"!

Those memory pages perfectly capture the essence of West Shore Sail Club and the magic of sailing. It's so easy to get caught up in the blur of a Michigan summer, but Over the years Frank has encouraged us not only to reflect on the highlights from our own sailing lives, but also to share them with the rest of the club for now and for the future. After time, any true sailor learns that the boat is just a vessel... a vessel for bringing loved ones together to create beautiful memories

as we all sail through life together.

Frank, on behalf of the entire Executive Committee, thank you for sharing your passion for making memories with us! This is a sacred



WSSC tradition that we will continue to uphold year after year. You've made WSSC an even better club through the skills, creativity, and delightful presence you brought with you.

THE COMMODORE'S BALL - ALMOST HERE!

With only a week away, the Ball is quickly approaching!
By now, you should have sent your RSVPs back to the
Commodore's Ball Committee—which, by the way, has done
an excellent job preparing for the big night. So get amped
for a fantastic evening! I hope you're all as excited as I am
to get together and celebrate the start of the new season.
Now for the hardest part—the waiting!

MARCH CAR CRUISE FUN - BOWLING!

I enjoyed meeting up with many of you at the bowling alley last month for some competitive fun! The wintry gales of March made it the perfect day to spend some time inside. Special thank you Colleen Sims for the wonderful homemade chocolate

Commodore Michael and Lady Naseem sail GODSPEED, a Hunter 30

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♦ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS **♦**

FIRST THURSDAYS (except July) Social Gathering starts at 7:00PM MEETING starts at 7:30PM Meetings are usually "hybrid" — both LIVE at Whiskeys on the Water and on ZOOM

LIVE MEETING LOCATION: WHISKEYS ON THE WATER at 2903 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, at the southeast corner of Oak and Biddle. Meeting will be held in the upstairs space — there is an elevator available. Enjoy the upstairs bar. COME EARLY AND ENJOY DINNER before (or during) the meeting. The whole menu is available starting at 6:30 and throughout the evening.

Online "ZOOM" MEETING LOCATION is emailed to Members and Friends the week of the meeting.

To join our "Friends" mailing list, send your Name and Email address to WSSCStarboardTack@gmail.com

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cake she brought; it was the perfect way for the players to restore some lost energy. And thank you to Ana Kukla for temporarily stepping in for the Activities Chairperson to organize this fun event!

EXCITING EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!

This is the final month of "relaxation" (and I use that term lightly) before the whirlwind of the sailing season begins. Between all the moments of joy in the boatyard, I encourage you to begin planning for the summer and marking up your calendars. The club has a whole slew of exciting events coming up, and I can guarantee that there's a little something for everyone.

Our first cruise, THE ICEBREAKER "CRUISE", will be taking place in May (more details in Rear Commodore Jon's article). For those of you that haven't been, it's a great way to meet the cruisers and learn more about the destinations we have planned for the year. And remember, we consider this our official "land" cruise—so you don't even need to have all your boat work finished beforehand!

Then, later in the month, we'll be having a MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE AT SAFE HARBOR TOLEDO BEACH. This is the perfect shakedown sail for some, and again, a great way to learn about the 2023 destinations since we are having a Cruising Committee Meeting that weekend. New cruisers may not know that the main goal of the cruising program is to enjoy good times with great friends in new places, and the "cruising" is just how we get there. If you're interested in joining, you already meet the requirements, so I encourage you to come on out and see what all the commotion is about!

The RACING SEASON also kicks off in May, so now's the perfect time to think about how you can get involved in the excitement! Whether you're a boat owner or someone looking to join a crew, there are plenty of opportunities to get on the water for the race season. Currently, the club is in need of volunteers for the buoy launch so please check your calendar and let us know if you can lend a hand—plus it always feels good to be on the water this early in the

season. Then shortly thereafter, the WNATR Spring series will begin. Sign up today to reserve your spot at the starting line! (See Vice Commodore Anita's article for more details.) And if you're interested in joining as a crewmember or just want to learn more about the program, contact me or the Vice Commodore!

OPEN POSITIONS—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are several open positions that the club is looking to fill for the year. Please contact me if you are willing to help in any way. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON: The club is in need of a Membership Chairperson volunteer for the latter half of 2023. Keep in mind, most of the work takes place early in the year and is, therefore, already finished. This means you can focus predominantly on enjoying the prestige of the position and the enchanting personalities of your soon-to-be fellow Executive Board members!

ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSON: We are also looking for volunteers to plan one (!) single event during 2023 for the off-season months so we can continue to host fun social gatherings throughout the year. Activities can be anything: meeting up for food, going to play a game, taking a hike, or something completely new. The Executive Committee is hoping that, together, many hands can make light work!

CLUB MEMORY BOOK KEEPER: The Executive Committee is also in search of a Club Memory Book Keeper to uphold the sacred WSSC tradition. This person will encourage the membership to preserve their sailing memories by creating a memory book page and filling it with photographs from their favorite sailing trips. This critical effort ensures that current and future members will remain cultured and always know their roots!

With all that being said, let's get ready for another memorable year of WSSC fun!

Sincerely,
Commodore Michael Ingrody



CAR CRUISE WITH US TO THE
COMMODORE'S BALL!

APRIL 15TH AT THE
GROSSE ILE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB!



Bring your family and friends!

See page 5 for more information.

RSVP RIGHT AWAY TODAY to expokaren@aol.com

* WNATR SKIPPERS' MEETING TUESDAY MAY 16TH AT 7PM AT GIYC *

From The Vice Commodore (including Racing Report)

Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

SPRING IS HERE AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2023 WSSC RACING SEASON ARE IN FULL SWING! No, the tarps have not come off the Family Truckster yet. Instead, my time this March has been devoted to race organization. Our 2023 West Shore Race Schedule has been finalized and published throughout the Western Erie sailing communities. Next up is to publish our Notice of Race documents and open registration (coming soon).

INFORMATIVE TRAINING EVENT—US SAILING RACE
OFFICER TRAINING: On Saturday March 18th I participated in
the US Sailing Race Officer Training Course led by National
Race Officer Steve Harris. The event was sponsored by the
Grosse Ile Community Sailing Foundation and was well
attended including multiple West Shore members — Chris
McCardell, Todd Duffett, and Jane Bersie to name a few.
(Catch the photos on page 9.)

The training was a great opportunity to brush up on the latest guidance from US Sailing and discuss issues specific to racing in our area. Todd can attest to the number of questions I asked Steve throughout the day! I am hoping to do a short information session for our WNATR Committee Boat volunteers at the beginning of the season so everyone can benefit from the latest best R/C practices.

SPRING RACE COMMITTEE MEETING: On Wednesday March 22nd I hosted the Spring Race Committee Meeting at my home in Grosse Ile. The agenda was full, and we had good participation from many of our seasoned racers. We went through results of our recent Survey Monkey poll on summer racing interest, which will be included in the meeting minutes for further review. Another major topic covered was the WNATR courses for 2023. A proposal was made by Chris McCardell, Matt Dubois, and I to start all races from Center mark this year. The goals of the updated courses are to 1) provide true upwind starts, 2) have appropriate length courses for each wind direction and speed, 3) provide a mix of reach and run legs to both Spinnaker and JAM boats. The final course descriptions will be published with the sailing instructions. The last major topic covered was

MORE EVENTS ON YOUR CLUB
RACING CALENDAR: April and early May
are certain to be busy with boat prep as

a re-write of the WNATR Sailing Instructions

Meeting minutes will be published soon for

following the latest US Sailing template guidance, with an eye for clarity and brevity.

anyone who was not able to attend in

person.

we all get ready to splash, but please mark your calendars for a few more club activities before the first horn blows this race season.

SKIPPERS' LEARNING

OPPORTUNITY: I would like to hold a learning session for new WNATR Skippers on a weeknight in late April and will bring a sign-up sheet to our April GMM.

BUOY LAUNCH MAY 13: Our WSSC buoy launch date is scheduled for Saturday May 13th. Ahead of the buoy launch we will hold a work party to review the equipment and make any necessary repairs to anchors and





Fleet Captain: Racing



Race Committee

tackle, I am looking at April 29th or 30th and will send an e-mail confirmation when the date/time is firmed up.

WNATR SKIPPER'S MEETING MOVED—MAY 16TH: The WNATR Skippers Meeting will be moved to TUESDAY MAY 16th at 7pm at GIYC. I hope to see many of you at these preseason preparations!

I am looking forward to getting all of the preparations complete and finally hitting the water. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our West Shore Sail Club racing program!

Sincerely,

Vice Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

WSSC 2023 WSSC RACING CALENDAR

WNATR Skippers' Meeting on Tue. May 16 at 7pm—GIYC

BUOY LAUNCH workday May 13th
WNATR Spring Series (5/24-6/21)
Doublehanded Race (Saturday 6/24)
WNATR Summer Series (6/28-8/2)
WNATR Fall Series (8/9-8/30)
Lighthouse Challenge (Saturday 8/19)
Jack and Jill Race (Sunday 9/3)

Vice Commodore Anita and Gentleman Alec sail FAMILY TRUCKSTER a J-92 30'

Registration, courses, and race results can be found on the Notice Of Race website. http://noticeofrace.net/

FINDING RACING SIGN-UP AND INFORMATION: Racing registrations, sailing instructions, courses, and results for WNATR, WSSC Specialty Races, and races sponsored by other clubs, can be found on the Notice Of Race website at http://noticeofrace.net

From The Rear Commodore (including Cruising Report)

Jonathan "Jon" Cotter

MAY SPEAKER: I have made some good progress on filling out our speaker program. For the May meeting we will have the Army Corps present status of projects on the river relevant to water levels and dredging. I will post the speaker(s) names when available.

JUNE SPEAKER: In June, Luke Clyburn, President of the Noble Odyssey foundation, will speak on current projects related to diving and wreck exploration.

[www.nobleodyssey.org]. This organization also supports the great lakes division of the Sea Cadets. As a reminder Fred Sitkins of the Inland Seas Education Association will be presenting in August [www.scholarship.org]. And for November we will have a return visit by Detroit River keeper Bob Burns presenting the latest on the environmental efforts of the Friends of Detroit River.

FYI TO CRUISERS — CHANGES TO MIDDLE BASS ISLAND STATE PARK MARINA DOCKAGE RESERVATIONS:

We have recently received updated information regarding reservations for transient dockage at Middle Bass Island State Park, a popular cruising destination for WSSC sailors. From Andrea Tibbels at the Ohio DNR we learn, "Beginning with the 2023 transient dock season, reservations for



transient docks at Middle Bass Island will be available exclusively online through our reservation website, www.reserveohio.com. Reservations for the 2023 dock season will open on May 1 at 7:00AM. There will be no group reservations for the 2023 season." (From the Ohio DNR) For the full email from the Ohio DNR,

Rear Commodore Jon and Lady Helena sail JOLEE—a Nonsuch 28

please see the posting on THE CORKBOARD on page 15.

RACING COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDED BY "CRUISING

COMMODORE": The other major meeting I attended was the Race Committee at Anita and Alecs place, not to be confused with the "Signal Boat". This really was an education for me and forced me finally to read the entire sailing instructions line by line. Also, I met a few more racing skippers and can further appreciate all the technical effort, knowledge and compromise that goes into setting up a safe and challenging set of race courses.





Fleet Captain: Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising

Sincerely,
Rear Commodore Jonathan Cotter

2023 CRUISING CALENDAR

Icebreaker "Cruise" to the Dumke's Saturday, May 6th at 3PM

Commodore's Tea to Leamington
June 17—18

Summer "Weeklong" Cruise to Leamington, Pelee, Erieau and Kellys Island July 15-23

Late Summer Cruise to *Port Clinton
August 12—13*

*tentative

From the Secretary (including Minutes and Correspondence)

Jane Bersie

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING are included each month in the members "minutes review" email. If you have corrections to the draft minutes, please bring them with you to the next General Membership Meeting (the first Thursday of the month) or send an email to the Secretary. MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS can be requested by

emailing the Secretary at wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com.



LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY are on the Corkboard at the GMM, or The (virtual) CorkBoard near the back of the Tack. Review the list of letters and request copies of any you may need.

MAILING LISTS FOR FRIENDS OF THE CLUB: If you know a non-member (perhaps one of your racing crew or a cruising buddy) who would like to receive our meeting notices and/or our club newsletter (Starboard Tack), please send their name and email address to the Secretary.

Sincerely

Secretary Jane Bersie

Secretary Jane is co-owner and sails with her family on FAMILY TRUCKSTER a J-92 30'

From the Treasurer Doug Howe

FINANCE AND BUDGET: The complete spreadsheet report is available to WSSC members from the Treasurer at our General Membership Meetings, or contact the Treasurer at wsscfinancial@gmail.com.



Ana Kukla

NOTABLE LAST MONTH: For March, the club made one-time purchases of equipment to support interfacing with the system at Whiskeys on the Water (our meeting place) and Zoom. We made ongoing purchases of our website fees, paid our 2023 I-LYA ad and dues, and awards and invitations for the Commodore's Ball. Our expenses were offset by receipts of membership dues and raffle income. All known bills are paid, and we are in the black.

, Treasurer PC Doug and PC Kathy sail WINDQUEST, a Catalina 42 Sincerely, Treasurer PC Doug Howe

From the Membership Officer

HELLO WSSC MEMBERS!

It has been a slow month for the membership officer, I am still accepting membership renewals.

WELCOME "NEW" MEMBER: Join me in welcoming back to the club Windel Perry. Windel is interested in

joining our cruising fleet this summer.
He owns an O'day 27.2 named Happy
Dolphin and he keeps it at Ford
Yacht Club.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY— LOOKING FOR NEXT MEMBERSHIP

OFFICER: Just a reminder that the Membership Officer position is available, please reach out to me or

Commodore Michael if you are curious about taking this important job.

Sincerely, Membership Officer Ana Kukla

WSSC Membership Report		
Type of membership	as of 3/28/2023	
Regular Memberships	46	
Associate Memberships	10	
Total Memberships	56	
Total Paid Memberships	53	

WSSC memberships are also subdivided as follows:	
Individual Membership	17
Family Membership (2 people)	33
Life Memberships	4
Honorary Memberships	0

Total Paid Memberships

Membership Officer Ana and PC John sail KEY OF SEA — a Beneteau 473

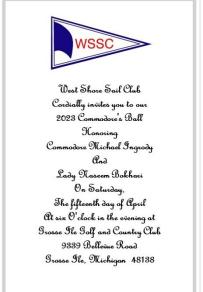
Other Committee News: COMMODORE'S BALL COMMITTEE

THE COMMODORE'S BALL IS FAST APPROACHING.! The deadline for replying is TODAY! Thursday, April 6th. We will be having a spectacular evening celebrating Commodore Michael & Lady Naseem. Can't wait to see all of you at the Commodore's Ball on April 15th at the Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club.

Sincerely,
Karen Laughner, Committee Chairperson







STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE *

* WE STILL NEED A CHAIRPERSON—ARE YOU AVAILABLE?

7 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES—ONE CAR CRUISE EACH:

Our off-season Car Cruises make great opportunities to renew old friend**Ships** and make new friend**Ships**. **WE NEED 7 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WILLING TO COORDINATE ONE CAR CRUISE EACH.** We have seven car cruises each year in the off-season months—October through April.

You don't even have to come up with the ideas; we just need seven individuals who are willing to coordinate one car cruise each. The Car Cruise Coordinator would:

- * Contact the venue or host to coordinate the details like date, time, cost, parking, etc.
- * Send information out to the membership (the Secretary and Starboard Tack Editor will help you with this).
- * Greet the Car Cruisers at the event.
- * Follow-up to thank the venue/host.
- * Report at the next membership meeting about how

much fun your Car Cruise was!
PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO CHAIR ONE
OF THE CLUB'S CAR CRUISES by calling
or emailing Commodore Michael
Ingrody or Membership Officer Ana
Kukla.



APRIL CAR CRUISE TO THE WSSC COMMODORE'S BALL:



Of course we're all "Car Cruising" over to the WSSC Commodore's Ball on April 15th at Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club. Family and friends are welcome. You should have received your invitation in the mail. RSVP is requested by April 6th. (See details in the

Commodore's Ball Committee article page 5)

Sincerely,

Ana Kukla, "Acting" Activities Chairperson

Other Committee News: ANNIVERSARY ALBUM IN OUR 51ST YEAR! *



Frank Pavia displays the Club's Memory Album at an "E-Z Page event last year, helping members post pictures to their pages.



We were sad to learn from Commodore Michael's article (see page 1) that bigtime WSSC supporter, and long-time Club Album-Keeper Frank Pavia is is retiring from his Album-Keeper position.

As the club searches for a new Album-Keeper, we want to keep Frank's fun and inspirational work moving forward. As you continue your cruising, racing, family, and solo adventures on the water, be sure to send your photos for the memory album to leaef@ameritech.net for printing and posting in the Album.

Sincerely, Lea Ellwood-Filkins, "Temporary" Club Album-Keeper

The Memory Book (a.k.a. Anniversary Album) acts as the WSSC "picture wall" and is displayed and enjoyed at our meetings, cruising, and race afterglow events.

Is YOUR page in the Memory Album? It's easy! All you need to start is your name and one photo.

Other Committee News: STARBOARD TACK NEWSLETTER

DISTRIBUTION: The Starboard Tack is distributed via the club website, via Facebook, and via email to members and friends of the club. This issue has been sent to over 150 unique email addresses. If you know of someone (crew members and friends) who might like to receive the Tack, be sure to send their email address to: wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

THIS MONTH'S STORY CREDITS: Special thanks to Lady Ana Kukla for giving us the scoop on the Car Cruise to the Biddle Bowl. And thanks to Colleen Sims (mom to PC Russell Sims) for remembering to send in photos from the event. Yay!

Sincerely

Lea Ellwood-Filkins, Starboard Tack Editor

SEND YOUR PHOTO(S) TO STARBOARD TACK NEWSLETTER



DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO OF A WSSC ACTIVITY OR EVENT? A DRAMATIC RESCUE AT SEA? A BEAUTIFUL SUNSET ON THE WATER? OR EVEN A BORING DAY WITH NO WIND BUT A GREAT CREW?

Submit your photos to Starboard Tack Editor at wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com. Photos will be shared on the "Member Photo Fun" pages in upcoming issues of the Starboard Tack. This month's photos were shared by MaryJo Gonzalez, Ana Kukla, Lea Ellwood-Filkins, and Colleen Sims—and friend of the club Katie Hartwell! (Did we miss anybody?) Thank you all for making the Tack more informative & more fun!

Be an "On-the-Spot Reporter" for the Starboard Tack and get the fabulous LifeSavers Award!

MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter"

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



7-Apr..... Joan S.

12-Apr..... Thomas F.

13-Apr..... Anita B.

15-Apr..... Alan K.

16-Apr..... Holly C.

18-Apr..... Mary Ann J.

21-Apr..... Laurie B.

23-Apr..... Karen L.

28-Apr..... Burt P.

30-Apr..... Bertie S.

WSSC TRADITION: SINGING THE BIRTHDAY SONG at each General Membership Meeting:

This tribute to our Birthday members is sung with GUSTO (you don't even have to sing it in tune)

to the tune of Ta-Ra-Ra-BOOM-De-Ay!

This is your BIRTHday Song! It isn't VERy long!

We join our birthday celebrants after the meeting for some tasty birthday cake.

The birthday cake for our monthly membership meeting is baked by ELLIOTT'S BAKERY.

MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter"

MEMBER "OPPORTUNITIES" — FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

A CALL FOR HELP TO WSSC MEMBERS! In the December Tack, PC Carver Dumke and PC David Monk (members of our Board of Directors) reminded us, "We are fortunate to belong to a great sailing club of racers, cruisers and just plain fun boaters. For 50 years and growing we have been able to maintain and grow our club with fun sailing activities. All this has required good people focused on volunteering and continuing the commraderie and success of our club." With that in mind, we have several very important positions in need of members who can "come aboard". Contact Commodore Michael Ingrody and say, "I can do that!" Thanks.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—LOOKING FOR NEXT MEMBERSHIP OFFICER: Just a reminder that the
Membership Officer position is available, please reach out
to current Membership Officer, Lady Ana Kukla, or to 2023

Commodore Michael Ingrody if you are curious about taking on this vitally important job.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—LOOKING FOR NEXT

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: The Activities Committee is a "standing" committee as defined in our Constitution and Bylaws. The Activities Committee coordinates events of the club (other than racing and cruising events) that support and encourage the fellowship of its members and some of its community outreach. Activities such as the off-season Car Cruises, the Spring Swap Meet, the December Holiday Party and Charity event are coordinated by this important committee. Within the Activities Committee are several more volunteer opportunities: we need 7 people to chair one car cruise each. It's pretty easy, and people will think you're fun, too!



General Membership Meeting—MARCH 2nd









QUICK! NAME ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTE! Don't recognize all of them? Just grab your January edition of the Tack where we've got them all labeled for you! Study them—there's a test at the April meeting. (April Fools!)



Big thanks to our March Meeting Raffle Volunteer: Lady Helena Thornton.



Aaaand the winner is ... PC Carver!



Catch the "latest" on the real CORKBOARD and don't forget to support our Lighthouse Challenge for Charity sponsors. Their poster is at all the best meetings!







The Cake People always make sure there's enough for everyone! Thanks Karen and Alison!

General Membership Meeting Program—THE ANNUAL SPRING SWAP MEET









One person's "This isn't worth the weight on the boat" is another person's "What a perfect bargain, it's exactly what I need!



stories and stuff at the annual Spring Swap Meet following the March General Membership Meeting. It's hard to tell what's more fun—the stories or the bargains.

Members swap



WSSC Family & Friends Photo Fun

Submit your photos to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

MARCH US SAILING RACE COMMITTEE TRAINING AT GIYC

On March 18th a group of WSSC members participated in the US Sailing Race Officer Training Course led by National Race Officer Steve Harris. The event was sponsored by the Grosse Ile Community Sailing Foundation which was our 2021 Lighthouse Challenge sponsored charity. Racers brushed up on the latest guidance from US Sailing and discussed issues specific to racing in our area. (See the Vice Commodore's article page 3.)





MARK YOUR CALENDAR: WNATR SKIPPER'S MEETING IS NOW MAY 16TH 7PM AT GIYC.

MARCH CAR CRUISE TO "BIDDLE BOWL"

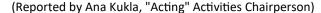
The March car cruise was well attended, we were welcomed by Colleen Sims and her brother Rob Woelkers who is the owner of the alley. We want to thank them both for their generosity and for facilitating this event, Colleen even baked a delicious sheet cake for us. Biddle Bowl has been a sponsor of WSSC Lighthouse challenge. We were happy to see the Abbott racing teams engage in spirited but friendly competition. Sweet Emery made sure grandma Allison stayed busy on her feet the whole time. Thank you all for coming, bowlers and cheering teams all had a good time.



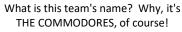




They couldn't take the photo fast enough before everyone dug into the delicious cake ... Thanks Colleen!









Strike or Spare. We don't care! As long as we're there, having fun with our WSSC crew!



AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS — NEWS & INFORMATION

NEW INFORMATION IS MARKED WITH *

BoatUS/WEST MARINE

Rep. Doug Howe

WSSC remains a co-operating group with BOAT/US. Our membership number is GA81337S. While our members no longer get reduced membership fees, we still can receive discounts on towing insurance and more. See benefits at: https://www.boatus.com/products-and-services/membership.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Doug Howe at d1howe@wowway.com

I-LYA (INTER-LAKE YACHTING ASSOCIATION)

Rep. Kathy Howe

WSSC is a member of I-LYA and every member of an I-LYA club is automatically a member of I-LYA.



I-LYA JUNIOR CALENDAR FOR US SAILING TRAINING COURSES

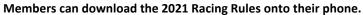
- •May 5-7 Level 1 Instructor at North Cape Yacht Club
- •May 13-15 Level 1 Instructor at Cleveland Yacht Club

(many more training session available—see I-LYA website)

I-LYA SPRING MEETING was April 1 at the Westlake, Ohio, DoubleTree Inn. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON I-LYA CONTACT Kathy Howe at kahowe@wowway.com

U.S. SAILING.ORG Rep. Doug Howe

WSSC is a member of U.S. Sailing. Individual members can join or renew at a discount at: https://www1.ussailing.org/membership/MPP/Default.aspx?ycid=117266X. (See Corkboard page 16.)



US SAILING

U.S. Sailing and their new membership system: I haven't tried to renew my U.S. Sailing membership, but Dick Synowiec reported that he was not able to renew online. I will try to renew within the next month, and will report anything pertinent.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Doug Howe d1howe@wowway.com.

GLOBAL ENTRY 2021 (Customs & Border Protection - USA RE-ENTRY)

Rep. Doug Howe

CANADA ENTRY: To the best of my knowledge, all one needs to enter Canada is a valid passport, and report in upon landing (at a dock or anchoring). ArriveCAN is for flying only.

CBP ROAM REQUIRED: US requires the use of CBP Roam (no mention of CBP One when I last signed in). **DO YOU HAVE YOUR DTOPS DECAL?** Boats of length 30' or more need a DTOPS decal to return to the U.S.



This number as well as a Trusted Traveler number (may not be required for boaters) should be entered into CBP Roam as well as passport numbers.

From the Homeland Security Website, March 11, 2023: We are currently receiving a high volume of applications. Processing times vary by applicant, but on average you can expect your application to be processed as follows: These three methods are good for entry / exit to Canada:

METHOD	PROCESSING TIME	COST (FOR 5 YEARS)
NEXUS	12-14 months	\$50 *
Global Entry	4-6 months	\$100 +
SENTRI	10-12 months	\$122.25 *
TSA Precheck	5 years	\$78 +
(only for departures from U.S	S. Airports)	

⁺ Includes TSA Precheck

NOTE: It is not clear as to whether Global Entry, Nexus or Sentri are required to return to the U.S. (If someone has been able to return without one of these, please let Doug Howe know at d1howe@wowway.com.)

NOTE: Kathy and I only have NEXUS, and use Global Entry Sites on both ends of our flights - which greatly improves the check in procedure.

FOR MORE INFORMATION or to sign-up go to: https://ttp.cbp.dhs.gov/ (Official Trusted Traveler Program Website | Department of Homeland Security (dhs.gov))



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^{*} May include TSA Precheck (everyone I know that has Nexus also has TSA Precheck)

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2	023—WSSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2023	
WSSC Meetings & Events	Date & Time and Location NGE indicates specialty race/event — BLUE indicates cruising event — PURPLI	Event Contact
JANUARY 2023 Membership Mtg and CHANGE OF WATCH	Jan 5, 2023 *Thurs.—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Program: PC Kathy Howe presents "Emergencies at Sea: Are You Prepared?"	Commodore / Vice Commodore / M.
January Car Cruise	Jan. 13 *Friday—7:00pm Euchre Night at the Wrights' in Monroe BYOB and Appetizer to share	Activities Chairperson
Winter Cruising Committee Mtg	Jan. 15 *Sunday—1:00pm at Chuck and Phae Laskey's home BYOB and sidedish to share—Chili Cookoff Contest	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
FEBRUARY 2023 Membership Mtg	Feb. 2 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom	Commodore
February Car Cruise	Feb. 16 *Thursday—6:30pm Burger Night at MBC	Activities Chairperson
MARCH 2023 Membership Mtg and SWAP MEET	Mar. 2*Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom GET YOUR GEAR READY TO MAKE A GREAT DEAL!	Commodore Activities Chairperson
Racing Committee Meeting	Mar 22*Wednesday— 6pm at Vice Commodore's	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain—Racing
March Car Cruise	Mar 25*Saturday— 2pm to 5pm CAR CRUISE to Biddle Bowl in Wyandotte	Activities Chairperson
I-LYA Spring Meeting	April 1 in Westlake, OH	Association Rep. PC Kathy Howe
APRIL 2023 Membership Mtg	Apr. 6 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: WSSC Historian PC Mike Jablonski presents "The History of WNATR"	Commodore
WSSC COMMODORE'S BALL	Apr. 15 *Saturday—8:00pm at Grosse lle Golf and Country Club	Karen Laughner, Commodore's Ba Committee Chairperson
MAY 2023 Membership Mtg	May 4 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: Army Corps speaks on Water Levels and Dredging	Commodore
Icebreaker Cruise	May 6 *Saturday—3:00pm at the Dumkes'	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
Racing Buoy Launch	May 13 *Saturday—9:00am meet at FYC	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Skippers Mtg.	May 16 *Tuesday—7pm at Grosse lle Yacht Club	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR - Spring #1	May 24 *Wednesday—6:55pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
Memorial Weekend Cruise	May 27-29 *Saturday-Monday—to Safe Harbor Toledo Beach	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
Cruising Committee Meeting	May 28 *Sunday—2:00pm at Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Marina	Rear Comm./Fleet Captain-Cruisin
WNATR - Spring #2	May 31 *Wednesday—6:55pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
JUNE 2023 Membership Mtg	Jun. 1 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water& Zoom PROGRAM: "Mission of Noble Odyssey, Projects & Wrecks" with Luke Clyburn of the Noble Odyssey Foundation	Commodore
Cruising Award Pre-Registrations Due	Jun. 10—Registration form on WSSC website	PC Kathy Howe, Cruising Log Mast
WNATR - Spring #3	Jun. 14 *Wednesday—6:55pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
Commodore's Tea	Jun. 17—18 *SatSun. to Leamington, Ontario Port Captains Doug & Kathy Howe	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
WNATR - Spring #4	Jun. 21 *Wednesday—6:55pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
WSSC Doublehanded Race	Jun. 24 *Saturday—Grosse lle to NCYC	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racin
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Jun. 28 *Wednesday—6:55pm

(TENTATIVELY CANCELLED FOR JULY)

Jul. 5 *Wednesday—6:55pm

Fleet Captain-Racing

Commodore

Fleet Captain-Racing

JULY 2023 Membership Mtg

WNATR - Summer #1

WNATR - Summer #2

2023—WSSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2023 (continued)		
WSSC Meetings & Events	Date & Time and Location	Event Contact
RED indicates WNATR racing event — ORANGE	indicates specialty race/event — BLUE indicates cruising event — PURPLI	E indicates activities committee event
Week-long Cruise	July 15-23 Leamington, Pelee Island, Erieau, Kellys Island Ports and Port Captains TBD Join for all or a portion of this cruising event!	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
WNATR Summer # 3	Jul. 26 *Wednesday—6:5pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
*AUGUST		
WNATR Summer #4	Aug. 2 *Wednesday—6:55pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
AUGUST 2023 Membership Mtg	Aug. 3 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: Fred Sitkins of the Inland Seas Education Assoc.	Commodore
WNATR Fall #1	Aug. 9 *Wednesday—6:55pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
Late Summer Cruise	Aug. 12-13 *Saturday-Sunday—to Port Clinton Port Captain Lea Ellwood-Filkins	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
WNATR Fall #2	Aug. 16 *Wednesday—6:55pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
Lighthouse Challenge Regatta	Aug. 19 *Saturday—First start 10:00am Afterglow at Grosse Ile Pavilion (Water's Edge Marina)	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Fall #3	Aug. 23 *Wednesday—6:55pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Fall #4	Aug. 30 *Wednesday—6:55pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
*SEPTEMBER		
WSSC Jack and Jill	Sep. 3 *Sunday	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Make Up #1	Sep. 6 *Wednesday—6:55pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
SEPTEMBER 2023 Membership Mtg	Sep. 7 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom	Commodore
WNATR Make Up #2	Sep. 13 *Wednesday—6:55pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
Racing Buoy Pull	Sep. 16 *Saturday—9:00am meet at (TBD)	Vice Commodore
Harvest Moon Cruise	Sep. 23—24 *SatSun. OR Sep. 30—Oct 1 to Monroe Boat Club / Port Captain Dan Williamson	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
OCTOBER 2023 Membership Mtg and OFFICER NOMINATIONS	Oct. 5 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom	Commodore
October CAR CRUISE	(TBD)	Activities Chairperson
WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT	(TBD) at Whiskeys on the Water	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain Racing
NOVEMBER 2023 Membership Mtg and OFFICER ELECTIONS	Nov. 2 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: "The Detroit River" with Robert Burns of Friends of the Detroit River	Commodore
November Car Cruise	(TBD)	Activities Chairperson
DECEMBER 2023 Membership Mtg and ANNUAL MEETING & HOLIDAY PARTY	Dec. 7 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Marine TOYS FOR TOTS charity donation drive	Commodore / Activities Chairperson
New Officer Training	(TBD) New Officer training and document exchange	Commodore
JANUARY 2024 Membership Mtg and CHANGE OF WATCH	Jan. 4, 2024 *Thurs.—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom	Commodore / Vice Commodore / M.C.

(See next page for calendar of other area racing events.)

2023—WSSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2023 (continued)

FOR YOUR PLANNING INFORMATION: OTHER AREA RACING EVENTS

Thursday, May 11, 2023 5:00pm Try Out Sail Monday, May 29, 2023 GIYC - Day Race Friday, June 9-11, 2023 *TYC Mills Race (AYC) Friday night start Sunday, June 25, 2023 FYC Nite Race (AYC Counter) Tuesday, July 4, 2023 GIYC Independence Day Race Saturday, July 15-18, 2023 Bayview Mackinac Race Saturday, July 22-25, 2023 Chicago Mackinac Race Friday, August 4-6, 2023 *I-LYA Bay Week Put-in Bay, Ohio Tuesday, August 8, 2023 *MBC Ladies Race (50% Women) Thursday, August 10-11, 2023 FYC Night Race (AYC)

Saturday, August 12, 2023 FYC Regatta (AYC)
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 *NCYC Irene Race (Women's Race)
Saturday, August 26, 2023 LMYC Fighting Island Regatta
Sunday, September 17-19, 2023 *JRSC Fall Series (AYC)
Sunday, September 17, 2023 FYC Frostbite #1
Saturday, September 23-24, 2023 *Fall Bay (AYC)
Saturday, October 14, 2023 LMYC - River Rat Race
Monday, October 23, 2023 AYC Awards Banquet
Saturday, November 4, 2023 FYC Awards Night

WSSC Family & Friends Photo Fun

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MORE FROM THE MARCH GMM: There was a good crowd at Whiskeys on the Water for the March General Membership Meeting—and folks attending via Zoom as well. A disadvantage to attending online is you have to get your own drinks.

LAST MONTH'S CAPTION CONTEST

WINNER: PC DAVID MONK (a.k.a. SUPERMAN)
Last month's photo definitely needed a caption or at least an



explanation! Explains Director PC David Monk, "It was from the Associated Yacht Club (AYC) Commodore's Ball weekend this year. The theme of the weekend was superheroes and Elba-Mar's room (which I was part) was Superman."



THIS MONTH'S CAPTION CONTEST

Where is our club SECRETARY and what is she doing with that PIRATE!?



FROM THE OHIO DNR REGARDING DOCK RESERVATIONS AT MIDDLE BASS ISLAND STATE PARK

FROM: OHIO DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Andrea.Tibbels@dnr.ohio.gov

RE: MIDDLE BASS ISLAND STATE PARK MARINA RESERVATIONS

DATE: Friday, March 10, 2023

Beginning with the 2023 transient dock season, reservations for transient docks at Middle Bass Island will be available exclusively online through our reservation website, **www.reserveohio.com**. Reservations for the 2023 dock season will open on May 1 at 7:00AM.

There will be no group reservations for the 2023 season, but we did want to offer up the following information to help you plan ahead for making reservations for multiple docks for your visit to Middle Bass Island State Park Marina.

- There is a **maximum of 5 reservations** per transaction online. You can process 5 reservations, then you can do another five reservations, or you can have multiple people booking sites for your group.
- Full payment for all docks will need to be made at the time of reservation.
- Reservations will be for specific docks. Marina staff will not be assigning docks
 or shuffling docks to keep a group together. You will need to select docks for
 your group.
- There will be a **maximum boat length for all docks**, so you will need to know the lengths for all boats in your group. You should have that information before making reservations.
- If any of the dock holders have a **Golden Buckeye Discount**, you will need to have that person's Golden Buckeye number.
- We have changed our pricing for docks. Instead of paying by boat foot, the docks are priced at a flat rate.

Please follow the Middle Bass Island website for more details on the changes to our reservation policies.

https://ohiodnr.gov/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/middle-bass-island-state-park

Please share this email with any other boaters who may be interested in group reservations who may need this information.

We appreciate your patience as we transition to this new way of doing business. In the long run, we think this will be a positive change for all our transient dock guests. Thank you.

FYI from PC Doug Howe: Don't miss out on MEMBERSHIP "PERKS" FROM US SAILING ...



Dear Douglas,

US Sailing members get access to special editions of America's Cup winning tactician David Dellenbaugh's newsletter <u>Speed and Smarts</u>. Below is an excerpt on developing a strong pre-start strategy.

Your strategy is an invaluable guide to keep you on the right track throughout your race. It must be in place when you come off the starting line, and this means you have to begin working on your gameplan well before the start of the race.

There are many things you should consider when putting together a gameplan. Here is a simple three-step process you can use before the start of any race to come up with a solid strategy. The steps are explained in greater detail throughout the rest of this issue.

Step 1: Figure Out What the Wind is Doing

I've put the wind in Step 1 because it is often the most crucial strategic factor. In most races, even a small change in the wind can produce a big change in the results. That's why, in most cases, you should think about the wind more than other strategic factors. The wind is almost always changing in both direction and velocity, and you must consider this when making up your game plan.

For the remainder of this article and other issues of *Speed and Smarts* login to your <u>My US Sailing</u> account or <u>click here</u>.

As always, we are available to help answer any questions.

Deb Rainey Member Experience Representative

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- Elizabeth Andrew



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LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY

have been received from the clubs listed below.

If you would like a copy of any letter for your cruising plans, send an email with your request to WSSC Secretary at wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com

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- Join your friends at West Shore Sail club for our monthly general membership meetings and programs on the FIRST THURSDAY of each month, upstairs at Whiskeys on the Water at Biddle and Oak in Wyandotte.
- If you would like to join our mailing list to receive the STARBOARD TACK newsletter, send a note to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com