Starboard Tack

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* HARVEST MOON CRUISE ON SEPTEMBER 22nd-24th * * BUOY PULL ON SEPTEMBER 30th (ALT. OCT. 1) * RACING AWARDS NIGHT ON OCTOBER 19th *

From The Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

Michael Ingrody

AS THE SUMMER COMES TO A CLOSE, I must say that I am absolutely thrilled with the events the club has put on this season. Whether rain or shine, gales or doldrums, our membership has come out in force this year to show support not only for West Shore Sail Club, but for the sport of sailing in general! As a commodore, there's nothing else I'd rather see. Thank you all who have been active in the club this year, your passion for the sailing community is inspiring.

This past month was as wild as ever, and I'm hoping to have that momentum carry us right into autumn.

The LATE SUMMER CRUISE cruisers made it down to Toledo Yacht Club, spending some well-deserved hours at the poolside before attending the club's throwback disco party in the evening. Before the end of the night there was a ceremonious raising of the WSSC burgee that sent our club into hall of fame glory. After the party, in the wee hours of the morn, a less reliable portion of the group claims to have heard the unmistakable call

Commodore Michael and Lady Naseem sail GODSPEED, a Hunter 30

of one of the elusive Lake Erie sirens. Though none of the sailors were missing by morning, it sounds like the temptation to jump into the harbor was almost unbearable.



Near the middle of the month, the club hosted its annual LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA. I tagged along



Rear Commodore Cotter, Commodore Ingrody, and Vice Commodore Bersie-Chabalowski at the LHC afterglow

with the race committee (special thanks to Dick Shackleford and John Samuelson) for some incredible front-row seats.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

FIRST THURSDAYS (except July) Social Gathering starts at 7:00PM MEETING starts at 7:30PM Meetings are typically "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 by the Secretary 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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Commodore

ATTENTION: IMPORTANT WORK DAY

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A day of light but steady winds made for an enjoyable race. Once back to the shore, the club gathered on Grosse IIe for an unforgettable afterglow hosted by Vice Commodore Anita. There our members, family, and friends refueled while perusing the incredible selection of gift baskets at the silent auction. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make that afterglow a success! I am honored that we were able to donate our proceeds to the more-thandeserving non-profit Downriver Foster Closet. I encourage you to read more about the organization and its mission here: https://www.downriverfostercloset.org/

As for racing, the **WNATR PROGRAM** is winding down. But with a number of canceled races, we can't forget about the makeup races! Look out for more information from the Vice Commodore and get pumped for the final races of the season!

Coming up we also have our HARVEST MOON CRUISE taking place in Monroe near the end of September. This is the last sailing event on the calendar, which means it's one you don't want to miss out on. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there for one last aquatic hoorah!

Wishing you all some great last weeks of sailing!

Sincerely, Commodore Michael Ingrody

ARE YOU SALTY ENOUGH TO BE PART OF A HEARTY CREW LIKE THIS?

WE NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS—ARE YOU AVAILABLE?

NG BUOY HAUL

Saturday, September 30th

(alternate weather date Sunday, Oct. 1st)

Workday starts at 9:00am — A hearty breakfast of donuts is supplied! Contact VICE COMMODORE ANITA for details and to volunteer wsscvicecommodore@gmail.com

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* BUOY PULL on Sep. 30th * Don't Miss RACING AWARDS NIGHT Oct. 19th *

From The Vice Commodore (including Racing Report)

Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

WHAT A GREAT SUMMER IT HAS BEEN ON THE WATER!

The LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE was a huge success, with great weather, great racing and a great afterglow. We had 18 competitors in this year's event with guest boats from beyond Grosse Ile including LaSalle Mariners and North Cape Yacht Clubs. Thank you very much to our Committee Boat volunteers, Dick Shackelford, John Samuelson and Commodore Michael Ingrody for an excellent job starting and finishing competitors. Kim Allen, co-founder of the Downriver Foster Closet joined the event and provided great information about what the **DOWNRIVER FOSTER CLOSET** does and her personal journey as a foster parent. Our silent auction had great baskets and gift cards from many donors (please see our donor page later in the Starboard Tack) and was a huge success, thank you to all who participated! Finally, I would like to thank all the afterglow helpers including Lea Ellwood-Filkins, Lana Hawkins, Mike Soltis, Alec Chabalowski, Ryan Chabalowski, Holly Chabalowski, Br. John Filkins, and Jane Bersie for setting up, selling wrist bands, serving food and cleaning up. Following the race, the Chabalowski family packed up the car and headed to the North Channel for vacation where Alec did most of the driving since I was tuckered out from the LHC fun!

WSSC 2023 RACING CALENDAR BUOY PULL 9/30 (weather date 10/1) RACING AWARDS NIGHT—10/19 Next Racing Committee Meeting—(TBD)

As of this writing, I am looking forward to our final WSSC specialty race of the year on Sunday September 3rd, the JACK AND JILL RACE. This is always a fun event and brings out both seasoned and novice racers. The format is a doublehanded JAM (jib and main) race, with a pursuit start. This means that

the slowest rated boats start first and the fastest rated boats start last, then the winner is whomever crosses the finish line first. The afterglow at 5:30pm will be a potluck and corn roast party (BYOB) at Elizabeth Park in Trenton at the Area A Shelter. Friends and family of club members and racers are

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

welcome and encouraged to attend any of the race afterglows.

WE NEED SOME MUSCLE FOR THE

BUOY PULL on September 30th! (weather day Oct. 1) This is an important volunteer opportunity to help our club's racing program.

Don't forget our annual **RACING AWARDS** event is coming up on Thursday, October 19th at Whiskeys on the Water. All racers—WNATR, specialty races, skippers, crew, family, and friends are invited! See you there!



Race Committee

SEE YOU AGAIN SOON!

Sincerely, Vice Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski



Scenes from Senior Bay Week at Put-In-Bay. Crewing the Family Truckster are Vice Commodore Anita (WSSC), crewman Bryan, Commodore Cortney (GIYC), Commodore Alec (TIBC), Secretary Jane (WSSC), and Gentleman Kevin (GIYC).



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

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* 2023 WSSC AWARDS NIGHT ON OCTOBER 19 AT WHISKEYS *

Skippers! Friends! Family! Crew! Everyone is invited to ...



WSSC

WSSC

VSSC

Doublehanded

Lighthouse Challenge



Jack and Jill

WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

2023 RACING AWARDS NIGHT

Thursday October 19, 2023

> 6:00pm Awards ceremonies start at 7:00pm

CELEBRATED AT Whiskeys on the Water

AT THE CORNER OF OAK STREET AND BIDDLE AVENUE Wyandotte, Michigan

Kitchen and Bar will be open throughout the evening.

* HARVEST MOON CRUISE TO MONROE BOAT CLUB ON SEP. 22-24 *

From The Rear Commodore (including Cruising Report)

Jonathan "Jon" Cotter

IT'S BEEN A BUSY AUGUST FOR SAILING and enjoying an unpredictable but relatively friendly Michigan summer easily favored over the heat waves in the south and west and fires in Canada. We have a lot to be thankful for.

The AUGUST GMM PROGRAM featured Fred Sitkins, a great speaker guest from Suttons Bay Michigan, talking about the educational work of the Inland Seas Education Association. Mr. Sitkins is an experienced sailboat skipper himself, and grew up in the city of Wyandotte. The on ship programs put on by the ISEA really provide a unique and hands-on learning experience for students who may otherwise never get a chance. The opportunity to learn and undertake the operation of a 77 ft schooner is merely the

> setting for the science- based explorations they partake in. Helena and I were excited to sail

Jolee in the LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE in a fine and steady wind, having a nice start and a course practically designed for what Nonsuchs like - long reaches of any

type. The LHC afterglow was amazingly put together by VC Anita on the day of her vacation departure

Rear Commodore Jon and Lady Helena sail JOLEE—a Nonsuch 26

2023 CRUISING CALENDAR

Harvest Moon Cruise to Monroe Boat Club Sep. 22–24 *RSVP by Sep. 18 Next Cruising Committee Meeting–(TBD) no less! The whole Family Truckster crew really made the event with both food service and closing out the charity auction.

Summer of '23 is still on and one more cruise awaits us at the HARVEST MOON CRUISE AT MONROE BOAT CLUB. Another opportunity to recollect and reconnect with your cruise mates and start planning for next year. At this time the date is Sept. 23 & 24 (or arrive Sept. 22 for an extra long weekend). Please contact Dan Williamson, Dave Wright, or me

Port Captain: Cruising

Fleet Captain: Cruising

For the **NOVEMBER AFTER-MEETING SPEAKER** we have **Robert Burns, Detroit Riverkeeper,** speaking about the programs and impacts of the **Friends of the Detroit River**.

HELM'S A LEE!

for sign-up.

Sincerely, Rear Commodore Jonathan Cotter

NOVEMBER After-Meeting PRESENTATION

Robert Burns speaking about Friends of the Detroit River

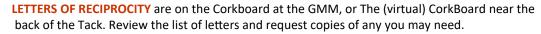
From the Secretary (including Minutes and Correspondence)

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.



Jane Bersie



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'

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* ANNUAL HARVEST MOON CRUISE TO MONROE BOAT CLUB * PORT CAPTAIN DAN WILLIAMSON * Sign up at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1m39ebF8eQybf73EuDzVXRkxQvnpbDbV3FkTTB2gwXoU/edit#gid=0

West Shore Sail Club Harvest Moon Cruise Sept 22-24, 2023



A WSSC Tradition at MONROE BOAT CLUB on Bolles Harbor

DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT will be at the GREY HERON GRILLE around 5pm. The Grey Heron is two blocks from Monroe Boat Club. Please make a note on the sign-up sheet if you plan to join us for dinner Saturday night. PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO RSVP by Sep. 18th use CTRL+CLICK to follow link

> —or cut and paste into your web browser

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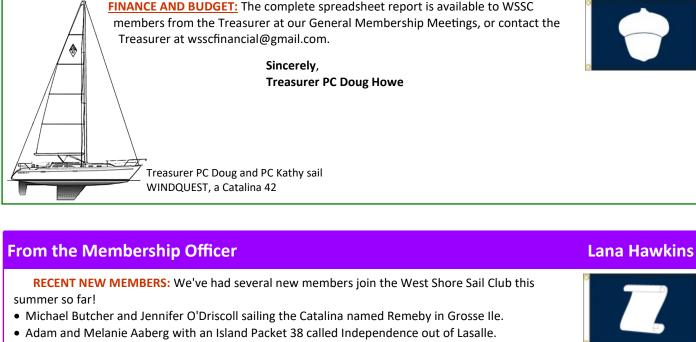
> Port Captain Dan Williamson dwillphill@aol.com

The Harvest Moon Cruise is a great reason to get the boat out of the dock for at least one more weekend adventure before the end of the sailing season! If you can't make it by boat this is still a great venue to come visit for an evening, pick up a drink, and share some of your seasons' favorite stories.

DOCKAGE: Monroe has offered us free dockage but please be aware that dock assignments won't be available until day of arrival as we will be using members' empty docks. Please plan to get ahold of our Port Captain Dan Williamson on channel 71 or via phone 734-231-3736 when coming in for your dock assignment.

Cruise To MBC By Boat:	Cruise To MBC By Car:
 Enter LaPlaisance Creek from the start (R"2") of the well marked entrance channel. Follow the bouys from the lake to the start of LaPlaisance Creek. Use chart 14846_14 for a more detailed view. Follow LaPlaisance Creek around until you arrive at MBC. Hail VHF Channel 69 or 9 for location of guest dockage. (Monroe Boat Club monitors VHF Channel 16 & 69.) 	 Monroe Boat Club is located at 7932 N Harbor Drive (Bolles Harbor Drive) in Monroe, MI Take Interstate 75 to exit 11. From the North turn left onto Laplaisance Rd, from the South turn right onto Laplaisance Rd. Follow Laplaisance Rd. east until the road forks at the yield sign, stay left as the road now becomes Lake St. Continue a short distance and turn left onto Bridge Dr, follow the road around to the right until it becomes N Harbor Dr, you will now be able to see MBC on the left.

Doug Howe



- Amy Stout was made an Honorary member and her sailboat is an Oday 28.
- Frank Pavia has been elected a Lifetime member. A little club history about Frank — Frank and his late wife Bobby loved sailing. Frank was the membership chairman in 2009. He started the creative idea of 'cockpit littering' where he'd put membership info in ziplock baggies with a few pebbles (so they don't blow away) and put one in every nonmember's cockpit at GBY and other marina nearby. As you know,

he also hand made and maintained our wonderful Club "Anniversary Album". Lastly, Frank is just a wonderfully positive guy to be around.

> • Brand new member Barbara Mainzinger, sailing a Catalina 27 out of GBY, will be welcomed at the September meeting at Whiskey's on the Water. See you there!

INVITE A CREW MEMBER AND OTHER SAILING FRIENDS:

Remember that our racing and cruising events, as well as our General

Membership Meetings, present good opportunities to bring someone you think would be interested in joining WSSC. Membership information packets can be obtained from the Membership Officer. Past copies of the Starboard Tack newsletter can be obtained from the Newsletter Editor.

Membership Officer Lana and Gentleman Mike sail SECOND WIND, a Hobie Cat 16

Sincerely,

Type of membership

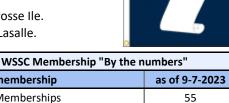
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Associate Memberships

Membership Officer Lana Hawkins





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From the Treasurer

WSSC Starboard Tack

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STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS: COMMODORES COMMITTEE

HELLO WSSC MEMBERSHIP AND HAPPY FALL!

As another boating season draws to a close, the activities that support and manage our club's organization for another year are ready to begin.



AN ORGANIZATION LIKE WSSC DOES NOT RUN ITSELF:

Last Fall, PC Dumke and PC Monk reminded us of a very important idea. They told us "An organization like WSSC does not run itself and we have been very lucky to have a wonderful membership that is willing to step up and to contribute their time, their talents, their knowledge, experience, and commitment to making this one of the greatest clubs on Lake Erie or anywhere."

NOMINATE AND/OR VOLUNTEER:

While the nominations process for flag officers and other officers resides with the Commodores Commitee, recommendations can come from anyone. If you feel you can help our club, or know of a member who can help our club, please contact Commodore Ingrody or either Co-chairperson of the Commodores Committee, PC Carver



Dumke or PC David Monk, to recommend yourself or another member.

*NOVEMBER 2ND MEETING NOMINATIONS *DECEMBER 7TH MEETING ELECTIONS

[All nominations must be accepted by the candidate and nominations will open at the November meeting and remain open until elections at the December Membership's Annual Meeting.]

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS: ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

HEY EVERYBODY—THE CAR CRUISES ARE STARTING UP FOR THE FALL!

Bring the whole family! The OCTOBER car cruise will be the club favorite HARVEST FEST POTLUCK AND HAYRIDE AT THE LASKEYS'. Lady Phae will be cooking up her Phae-mous Sloppy Joes and everyone is asked to BYOB and a dish to pass. "Farmer Chuck" will be taking kids on the hayride and the evening



will wind down around the campfire with some s'mores. Don't forget to bring your own chairs. You won't want to miss this popular event — it's the perfect way to close the sailing season. RSVP to Activities Chairperson Amy Wright so we can get a good headcount for food and hayride planning. (See the flyer on page 20 for more information

DECEMBER "HOLIDAY PARTY" TARGET

CHARITY: Just a "heads up" for coming events. The Marines' campaign TOYS FOR TOTS will be our target charity for our December holiday party after the membership's annual meeting on Dec. 7th.

Sincerely, Activities Committee Chairperson Amy Wright





Other Committee News: COMMODORE'S BALL COMMITTEE

SAVE THE DATE: NEXT COMMODORE'S BALL SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

The Commodore's Ball Committee has met with Crystal Gardens to work on the details of our event. Everything is on track for our 51st anniversary year Commodore's Ball on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club!

Sincerely,

Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson Karen Laughner

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

* WE NEED A CHAIRPERSON—ARE YOU AVAILABLE?



IS YOUR PAGE UPDATED IN THE CLUB MEMORY ALBUM? Members are welcome to update their page(s) at any meeting, or you can send a photo file to the interim Club Album-Keeper for printing and entry into the album.

Sincerely, "Interim" Club Album-Keeper Jonathan Cotter (Rear Commodore)

Seen with the beatifully appointed Club Memory Album (a.k.a. the Anniversary Album), is WSSC's newest Life Member, Frank Pavia. Congratulations Frank! And thanks for the memories!



Other Committee News: NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE—Starboard Tack

DISTRIBUTION: 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 & PHOTO CREDITS: Special thanks to this month's story contributor Lady Ana Kukla for her continuing report on "Adventures in the Key of Sea". She will keep us updated about their year-long adventure sailing the Atlantic coast and Caribbean. And many thanks to photographers: Lady Ana Kukla, PC John Kukla, Max Wright, Lady Phae Laskey, Don Baumgartner, Commodore Michael Ingrody, and especially Lady Helena Thornton (LHC afterglow photos), and PC Jody Larrow (for the sole August GMM photo in existence). Did we miss anybody? Thank you all for making the Tack more informative & more fun!

Sincerely, Starboard Tack Editor Lea Ellwood-Filkins

MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter"

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Sep......Mike S.
 Sep.....Pete Z.
 Sep.....Patricia G.
 Sep.....Stephen M.
 Sep.....Raymond K.
 Sep.....Sharon B.
 Sep.....Allison D.

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" — ADVENTURES IN THE "KEY OF SEA"

We are following what will be a year-long adventure with PC 2022 John Kukla and Lady Ana Kukla on their Benneteau 473, the Key of Sea.



WE ARE BEHIND SCHEDULE!

When we arrived at Portsmouth New Hampshire we said this is it, we are turning back. The farther we kept on going

north the temperature was getting lower, the lobster traps and fog were getting thicker.

But then at the last hour of the last day we met this guy at the dinghy dock, a long time sailor who said Maine sailing is one of the best in the world and we must continue to Acadia, there was something in his eyes and the tone of his voice that reached into our spirit of adventure so we zipped up our jackets and off we continued onward north east.



Boston is a great town: it's very clean and full of history. Here is John on the deck of the USS Constitution

Needless to say we were very happy with that decision, Maine is fantastic, great sailing and the most beautiful scenery we have seen. It turns out August is the best month to go because there's less fog. We became very good at dodging traps and they made the passages more sporty, some were a



The best times happen when we don't plan! We called Terry, a friend from Grosse lle who owns a cottage in Maine, and he said "Come on over!" — And, as happens with good friends, John helped Terry fix "a few things" around the house! As they say, "Many hands make light work."

little rough. Sailing in between the islands covered with spruces and anchoring in their coves was one of the highlights of the journey, it reminded us of the North Channel. There are thousands of islands so it's easy to find a protected harbor for whichever direction the wind



Anchored in Edgarton, Martha's Vineyard

blows, the only challenge is not snagging a trap with the anchor.

Acadia was spectacular as promised. Then on our last day in the last hour we met a sailing couple that said Nova Scotia is not

to be



This young person was rising funds to save the environment—so John stepped in to help, of course!

missed, we were only 100 miles away, John talked to the guy about anchoring strategies in plus 20 foot tides and he got excited but Ana put the kibosh to all that and now we are working our way back southwest.

We can't say enough how beautiful cruising through Maine is, the fishing towns and their people, the uninhabited islands, the wildlife, the mountains covered with pine trees, the fresh caught lobster, the red granite shores and more. We are afraid we may have ruined the rest of our trip because nothing else will compare, we shall see, stay tuned because **THE SEA KEEPS ON CALLING.**

> John and Ana from the East coast aboard SV Key of Sea



FOLLOW THE KUKLAS ON THEIR FACEBOOK BLOG "THE SEA IS CALLING" https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094661328247

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AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS — NEWS & INFORMATION

BoatUS/WEST MARINE

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)

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

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: The I-LYA Fall Meeting is December 1-3. We need a substitute representative from WSSC as Kathy and Doug will not be able to attend.

See I-LYA on social media for the latest schedules and updates.

- Website: https://i-lya.org/
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/InterLakeYacht
- Facebook: I-LYA Inter-Lake Yachting Association https://www.facebook.com/ILYAInterLakeYachtingAssociation
- I-LYA Power Bay Week (Jr & Sr): https://www.facebook.com/ILYABayWeekPowerRegattasSrandJr/
- I-LYA Bay Week (Senior Sail): https://www.facebook.com/ILYABayWeek
- I-LYA Junior Sailing: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ilyajuniorsailing
- Inter-Lake Yachting Association History: https://www.facebook.com/interlakeyachtingassociationhistory
- The latest I-LYA newsletter is available at September 2023.pdf (i-lya.org)
 - —or— https://i-lya.org/library/I-LYAnews/2023/September%202023.pdf

NOTE: there are a few old Facebook groups and pages attributed to I-LYA. If you're following them, you aren't getting the most current information as they are no longer updated (started by someone else long ago).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON I-LYA CONTACT Kathy Howe at kahowe@wowway.com

U.S. SAILING.ORG

WSSC continues to be a member of U.S. Sailing. However, the current level of membership (new for 2023) no longer provides for discounted membership rates for club members. U.S. Sailing still provides services for sailors as a part of membership. Individual members can join or renew at a discount at: https://ussailing.org

Members can download the 2021 Racing Rules onto their phone. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Doug Howe d1howe@wowway.com.

PHRF-LE (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet-Lake Erie)

(Measurers PC Doug Howe & PC Dick Synowiec)

WE NEED A REPRESENTATIVE—CAN YOU DO THIS?

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: The Club is still looking for a volunteer to be a PHRF-LE representative. Please PC Doug Howe or PC Dick Synowiec to find out more about this important postition. The PHRF-LE website is www.phrf-le.org

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

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). One can also call at CANPASS before landing. ArriveCAN is now 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.

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))



Rep. PC Doug Howe

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NEW INFORMATION IS MARKED WITH *

Rep. PC Doug Howe

Rep. PC Kathy Howe

Inter-Lake Yachting Association

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Submit your photos to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

General Membership Meeting and Program—August 3rd

IF THERE ARE NO PHOTOS TO PROVE IT, DID WE REALLY HAVE AN AUGUST MEETING?



We're sure all the August meeting things happened like they're supposed to ... The Commodore welcomed members and friends. Dinner and beverages were enjoyed throughout the evening. There were lots of reports with lots of good and current information. There was a raffle. And birthday cake. And memories were enjoyed from the Club Album. We're pretty sure.

But The Editor was missing-in-action that night, and there was a snafu with the online meeting portion, and — OOPS! — we forgot the photos! Thank goodness PC Jody Larrow got a photo of our speaker for the after-meeting program, which at least proves we were there!

Program at General Membership Meeting—August 3rd



Thank you to our August speaker, Fred Sitkins of ISEA (Inland Seas Education Association). The mission of ISEA is "Inspiring Great Lakes

curiosity, stewardship, and passion." The ISEA schooner INLAND SEAS was in Detroit moored just north of the RenCen at Milliken Marina the week of our meeting. Did anyone get to see her?



WELL THIS LITTLE "PHOTO" SNAFU JUST GIVES US A LITTLE MORE ROOM FOR THE LATE SUMMER CRUISE!







WSSC's Late Summer Cruise cruisers headed for The Historic Toledo Yacht Club for a last bit of fun in the sun. They have excellent facilities (and a pool!), with a great restaurant. All our members were able to get adjoining dockspace, so you didn't have to go far to find the fun crowd. (HUGE THANKS to Max Wright for power-washing the goose "presents" off of the docks

before we arrived.) At right we see WSSC Commodore Michael, in his "casuals", presenting our club burgee to TYC Commodore Ralph Becker, who was all dressed up for the TYC Disco Night event. (Hmmm—needs glitter maybe?)

SEND YOUR PHOTO(S) TO THE 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. Be an "On-the-Spot Reporter" for the Starboard Tack and get the coveted LifeSavers Award!

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LATE SUMMER CRUISE FUN at Historic Toledo Yacht Club (continued)



There was a good turnout for the late summer cruise at The Historic Toledo Yacht Club, which was founded in 1865! WSSC members arrived by sea and land, and were welcomed at the docks by TYC Vice Commodore Marilyn Kocevar.



EREWHON Skipper John and weekend crew Amy pass the US Coast Guard Exchange, located on the Maumee River right across from TYC.

Member Don, named "Best Marini Maker of the Late Summer Cruise", welcomes WSSC members PC John, PC Chuck, Commodore Michael, PC Lance, Lady Christy, and the rest of the cruisers aboard HEATHER for some pre-dinner refreshments.







Members enjoyed an excellent dinner at the VIP tables before the club's "Saturday Night Fever" disco party. A big thank you to Port Captain David Wright for putting it all together.



PC Laskey cruises Blue Skies past historic Toledo Light



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LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE RACE and CHARITY AFTERGLOW—Aug. 19th







It was a good day out on western Lake Erie for the WSSC 21st Annual Lighthouse Challenge and Regatta. Our sponsored charity for the 2023 Regatta is Downriver Foster Closet, a 501(c)(3). "It is our goal to come together as a community and help assist and support the foster care system and these kids in any way we can," says the DFC mission statement. The racers and friends of the club come together to enjoy the race and the fundraiser afterglow—together these are the premier event of the annual WSSC racing calendar. Donations raised from the silent auction and private contributions all go to support this worthwhile charity. Thanks to the staff of this year's race committee boat (*pictured at left*) and all of the volunteers who make this event possible each summer.



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LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE RACE and CHARITY AFTERGLOW—August 19th











(above left) Commodore Michael welcomes skippers, crews, families, and friends to the LHC Afterglow at the Grosse Ile Pavillion by Water's Edge marina.

(above middle and right) Vice Commodore Anita introduces Kim Allen, one of the founders of this year's sponsored charity, Downriver Foster Closet. Kim shared why her charity was started, and shared stories of some of the many lives impacted by her organization.

(*left*) Although the actual flags for winners of the LHC will be awarded at our WSSC Awards Night on October 19th at Whiskeys on the Water, competitors were anxious to hear results at the Afterglow, and enjoyed receiving their "paper proofs" of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each of the 5 classes.

















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WSSC welcomes its 2023 Lighthouse Challenge Sponsors. These businesses and individuals donated prizes and funds for our 21ST ANNUAL LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA and AFTERGLOW supporting this year's charity partner DOWNRIVER FOSTER CLOSET.



AUGUST CAPTION CONTEST WINNER:

Answering the question: What is Lady Christy up to now?



"Look out! I heard there's free martinis!"

Congratulations to our August caption contest winner, PC Chuck Laskey, who wins a \$10 gift certificate to Whiskey's on the Water!

SEPTEMBER FUNNIEST CAPTION CONTEST

Submit your photos to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com



Submit your funniest caption for a chance to win a \$10 gift certificate to Whiskeys on the Water!



BEEP! BEEP! The CAR CRUISES are BACK! October 28th

Car cruise on down to Laskeys' Farm for the annual WSSC Hayride and Potluck on Saturday, October 28th. You won't want to miss it!

See page 20 for more information.



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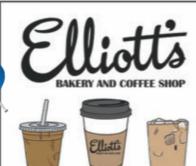


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Skippers! Friends! Family! Crew! Everyone is invited to ... WSSC



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WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

2023 RACING AWARDS NIGHT

Thursday October 19, 2023

6:00pm Awards ceremonies start at 7:00pm

CELEBRATED AT Whiskeys on the Water

AT THE CORNER OF OAK STREET AND BIDDLE AVENUE WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN

Kitchen and Bar will be open throughout the evening.

RSVP to Activities Chairperson Amy Wright—we need a good headcount for food planning & hayride



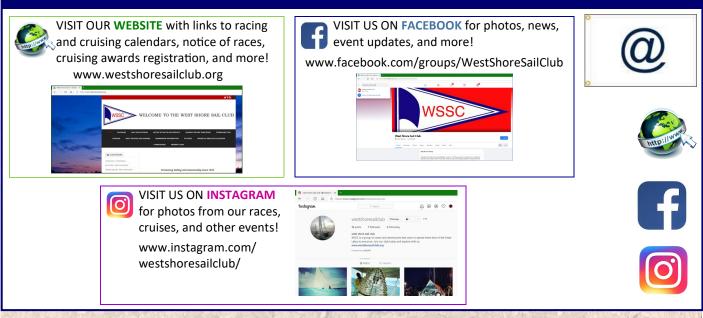
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From The Webmaster



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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MEMBERS' CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED ADS AVAILABLE: Classified ads (like this one) available **FREE** to members of WSSC. Advertise your "things" or your "services" to let other WSSC members know how they can help you (by buying "stuff" you don't need any more) or how you can help them (by providing services they can use) — It's a WIN WIN!

CLASSIFIED ADS CAN INCLUDE PHOTOS: Don't



forget that your classified ads (which are free to WSSC members) can include up to 3 small photos of the items or services you have for sale! Submit your ad information and quality photo(s) to the Starboard Tack Editor.

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 — PURPL	E indicates activities committee event
SEPTEMBER		
WSSC Jack and Jill	Sep. 3 *Sunday Afterglow at (TBD)	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 PROGRAM: "European Riverboat Adventure" with PC Carver and Lady Allison Dumke	Commodore
WNATR Make Up #2	Sep. 13 *Wednesday—6:55pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
Harvest Moon Cruise	Sep. 22—23—24 *Fri—Sat—Sun to Monroe Boat Club / Port Captain Dan Williamson	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
Racing Buoy Pull	Sep. 30 *Saturday—9:00am meet at (TBD) (alternate "weather" date Oct. 1)	Vice Commodore
OCTOBER 2023 Membership Mtg	Oct. 5 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom	Commodore
October CAR CRUISE	Oct. 28—3:00pm "Harvestfest" Fall Hayride and Potluck at Laskeys' Barn	Activities Chairperson
WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT	Oct. 19 *Thursday — at Whiskeys on the Water NOTE DATE CHANGE!	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain Racing
NOVEMBER 2023 Membership Mtg and OFFICER NOMINATIONS	Nov. 2 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: "Detroit River Environmental Update" with Robert Burns of Friends of the Detroit River	Commodore
November Car Cruise	(TBD)	Activities Chairperson
DECEMBER 2023 Membership Mtg ANNUAL MEETING / OFFICER ELECTIONS & 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.

FOR YOUR PLANNING INFORMATION: OTHER AREA RACING EVENTS

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

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