

Starboard Tack



WSSC: promoting the sport of sailing and seamanship since 1972

OCTOBER 2023

* RACING AWARDS NIGHT IS OCTOBER 19TH - Ceremonies start 7:30pm - Come early and have dinner *

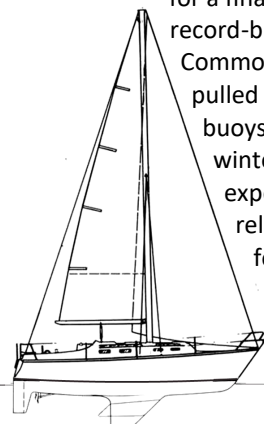
* HARVEST FEST CAR CRUISE & POT LUCK AT LASKEY'S BARN ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH *

From The Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

Michael Ingrody

OCTOBER IS HERE! And as always it marks that time of year when our sailing activities begin to wane. It's also the time where a tiny little falling leaf induces complicated feelings: A sense of relief that the brutal heat and light airs of summer are way behind you, but also a feeling of dread that your project list is still way too long and you might be racing again to put the boat to sleep before the first snowflake hits the deck!

LAST MONTH THE CLUB WAS FILLED TO THE BRIM WITH ACTIVITY: We hosted our last specialty race the Jack and Jill, finished up the WNATR fall series, rendezvoused for a final cruise at Monroe Boat Club with record-breaking attendance (see Rear Commodore Jon's article for details), and pulled out and cleaned up all the race buoys to put them away before the winter waves. Normally, one might be expecting a quiet period of rest and relaxation. But that's no fun. And lucky for us in regard to our club, October does nothing but continue to ignite our excitement.



Commodore Michael and Lady Naseem sail GODSPEED, a Hunter 30

THIS MONTH WE HAVE SOME FUN EVENTS THAT YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS. So finish up your boat work, mark your calendars, and let's give the new season a nice warm welcome together!



FIRST OF ALL, IT'S NOMINATION SEASON: The club is looking for candidates to carry the torch and continue to uphold the values that make WSSC such a great organization. This year we have vacancies to fill for the following positions (though you can run for any position if you so choose): Rear Commodore, Treasurer, and Activities Chairperson. If you or someone you know would be a great fit, contact me or anyone else on the executive board directly. And remember to make your voice heard by joining us for our elections at our November GMM!

AFTER A WILDLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF RACING, it's time to tally up the numbers and officially recognize our top performers. Join us for our popular annual bash, the **WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT ON OCT. 19!** The event may feature captains and crews themselves, but please remember that everyone is welcome: Family, friends, non-members, non-sailors, etc. It's a great way to celebrate one of the oldest and largest racing programs in the region.

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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

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Commodore Michael and Lady Naseem
at the Jack & Jill afterglow

And if sailboat racing isn't your area of expertise, join us anyway because I can guarantee there's no better (...or worse?) room for a beginner to ask for a *simple* explanation of how to harness every last breath of the wind! See Vice Commodore Anita's article and flyer for more details.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST-OCTOBER 28TH CAR CRUISE: We will be hosting the annual WSSC HARVEST FEST "cruise" at the end of the month! Chuck and Phae Laskey have, once

again, graciously offered to host the party at their beautiful homestead. A popular annual event, the hayride, potluck, and Halloween party is a hit with all ages so feel free to bring your kids, too! Saturday, October 28th—Please see the Activities report and flyer for details.

There you have it. While the weather may be cooling our club is running along at full sail! I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events!

HAPPY HAUL-OUT (AND HAPPY MIGRATION TO OUR LIVEBOARDS!)

Sincerely,
Commodore Michael Ingrody



*** RACING AWARDS NIGHT IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19th at Whiskeys on the Water ***

From The Vice Commodore (including Racing Report)

Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

SEPTEMBER SAILING IS THE BEST! While many of our power boat friends start thinking about pulling boats after Labor Day, I enjoy having the warm waters and sunny days with less boat traffic. Between regattas, pleasure sailing, Wednesday races, committee boat duty and high school sailing coaching, I think I was on the water 21 out of the 30



Grosse Ile High School Sailing Team racing in very light wind at Pontiac Yacht Club on September 16th

days this month. No place I would rather be!

OUR ANNUAL JACK AND JILL RACE was held on Sunday September 3rd. My son Ryan and I ran Race Committee, while my daughter Holly raced the Family Truckster with her dad Alec (Holly driving of course). The conditions were sporty and made for a fast race. The top three boats came right down to the wire, with Zephyr Hawk and Go Baby passing Ginger near the end of the last leg. Right before the finish line Zephyr Hawk made a nice move to take Go Baby up before peeling off for the finish to take the win by one boat length. Unfortunately, I was too busy calling the line to get a picture of the action. The nice weather continued for our

afterglow held at Elizabeth Park in Trenton. Commodore Michael Ingrody did a fabulous job roasting the corn. Gale Laughner hooked us up with some yummy chicken and potatoes. Everyone brought a dish to pass. Needless to say, there was plenty of good food to go around. Thank you to everyone who made the Jack and Jill race and party a success!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE RACES ended the season on a strong note. We were able to complete all four of the Fall series races with no weather interruptions. But the luck only held out so long, when predicted thunderstorms caused the first make-up race to be cancelled



Fleet Captain: Racing



Race Committee



Just after the start gun of the Spinnaker B make-up race on September 20, note the evidence of inclusion of a clearly displayed orange flag.

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Vice Commodore

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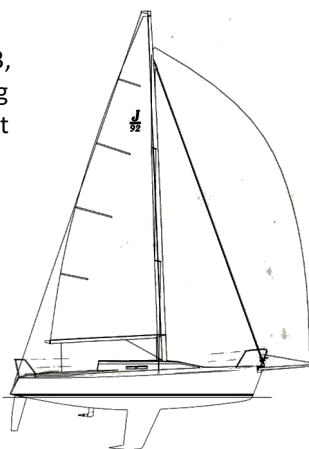
Family Truckster crew enjoying some well deserved treats at the Steigl Beer Garden PIB after some big wind racing at Fall Bay Regatta on September 23rd

September 6th. The second make-up race was held for all fleets on September 13th. Finally, the Spinnaker B make-up race from Spring was moved out to September 20th. The final scores are now in the books and Race Committee is preparing the trophies and flags for awards night on Thursday October 19th at Whiskey's On the Water. Round up your crew and come on out for an evening of celebration and only slightly exaggerated race stories!

Please watch for more information in a separate email for the 2023 **FALL RACE COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER**. We will review the past season and talk about ideas for next year.

By the time you read this article, the WSSC buoys will be pulled and many of your boats will be getting tucked away for winter. As you reflect on the sailing fun and camaraderie of the West Shore Sail Club in 2023, please think ahead about getting involved as a club volunteer next year.

NOMINATIONS for Rear Commodore and open positions will be held at the November General Membership Meeting. Being a part of the Bridge Officers for West Shore Sail Club has been a great experience. The leadership



Picture of the University of Wisconsin Sailing Team racing the Family Truckster in the LEIOR (Lake Erie Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta) on Sept 10

gets along very well, and our efforts are truly spent on planning and holding activities that the membership enjoys with very little administrative burden. If you are considering a position, I would be happy to talk with you further!

Sincerely,

Vice Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

WSSC 2023 RACING CALENDAR

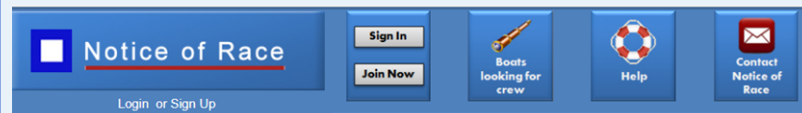
RACING AWARDS NIGHT

10/19 at 7:30pm

Next Racing Committee Meeting
(November TBD)

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 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>

* 2023 WSSC AWARDS NIGHT ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT WHISKEYS ON THE WATER *

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



WSSC

**WEST SHORE
SAIL CLUB**

**2023
RACING
AWARDS
NIGHT**

Thursday

October 19, 2023

Awards ceremonies start at 7:30pm

Banquet room is open at 6:30pm for dinner

Kitchen and Bar will be open throughout the evening.

**Note
updated
times!**

CELEBRATED AT

Whiskeys on the Water

AT THE CORNER OF OAK STREET AND BIDDLE AVENUE

WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN



WNATR



Doublehanded



Lighthouse Challenge



Jack and Jill

* CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 18TH *

From The Rear Commodore (including Cruising Report)

Jonathan "Jon" Cotter

A VERY FINE SEPTEMBER WE HAD ON LAKE ERIE. A huge thanks is due to Port Captain PC Dan Williamson and Fleet Captain-Cruising Dave Wright for making the arrangements and setting up a fun weekend at Monroe Boat club.



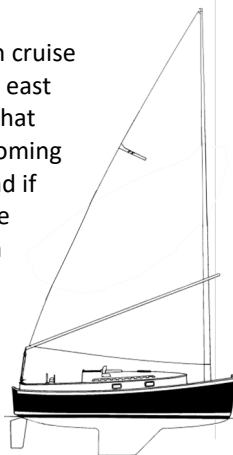
(left) RC Jonathan and Lady Helena at the Jack & Jill Race afterglow.
(right) On the Harvest Moon Cruise, Jolee docked at Monroe Boat Club while we were across the street having a great dinner at the Grey Heron Restaurant



The **HARVEST MOON CRUISE** was a huge success with 38 people attending dinner at the Grey Heron and 13 WSSC boats in the marina. Not only was the participation great but we were able to welcome back two long-term cruising couples who departed after the Commodores Tea. Doug & Kathy on Windquest coming back from their long trip to NYC rounding the Statue of Liberty, and Scottie & Carry on Daisy Mae from explorations northward through the Trent Severn waterway.

The "lucky" sailors of this Harvest Moon cruise came down on Saturday for the 15-20 knot east wind — the very same east wind & waves that Helena and I swore we would avoid after coming back from MBC in 2020! But all was well and if your crew didn't exactly have a comfortable ride down at least your boat surfed down a few rollers and made good time.

Vessels in attendance : The Wright Choice, Tiki Bar, Blue Skies, Windquest, Still No Agenda, Heather, Alacrity, Tumbleweed, Puffin, Sails Call, Fandango,



Happy Dolphin, and Jolee. It was especially nice to see Mike and Lana breaking in their fine new boat Alacrity in some "lively" conditions.

A FEW REMINDERS:

- ◆ We will be having a wrap up meeting for our 2023 cruising season to see what we can come up with for 2024. Tentatively this will be November 18th (location TBD).
- ◆ The next car cruise to the Harvest Fest Hayride & Halloween Party tradition at the Laskey's is coming up October 28th. Phae's Phamous Sloppy Joes will be ready and all are asked to bring a dish-to-pass and a chair.
- ◆ I am still the "temporary" keeper of the WSSC memory album (created and curated by Frank Pavia until last season). Please let me know if you have pictures to add or new pages to add to your section.
- ◆ For the November 2nd GMM our speaker will be Robert Burns to give us an update on the Friends of the Detroit River organization (see information below).

HELM'S A LEE!

Sincerely,
Rear Commodore Jonathan Cotter

2023 CRUISING CALENDAR

Next Cruising Committee Meeting
November 18th (Time & Location TBD)



Fleet Captain: Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising

NOVEMBER Meeting PRESENTATION

**Robert Burns, Detroit River-keeper
and Friends of the Detroit River**



Robert Burns was appointed as the first Detroit Riverkeeper in 2003. A graduate of Grosse Ile High School and Kalamazoo College, he grew up on the river hunting, fishing, camping, and exploring the many islands, marshlands and man-made dikes that make up the lower Detroit River. He undertook a career in marine construction and engineering and has been involved in many projects on the river and other waters of the Great Lakes. He has developed a good understanding and appreciation for not only the natural diversity and beauty found along the

river but also an understanding of many of the area's problems that have led to its degradation. "I accepted this position because I felt that I could take my experience and commitment and put it to work to help address some of the river's problems and, at the same time, work to support the types of actions that would promote sustainable economic growth, and promote stewardship of the river in a way that made environmental and economic sense."



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.

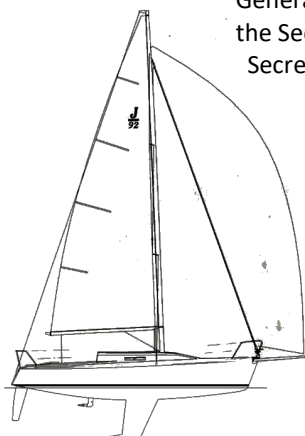


LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY are on the Corkboard at the GMM, or The (virtual) CorkBoard near the back of the Tack. Review the list of letters and request copies of any you may need.

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'



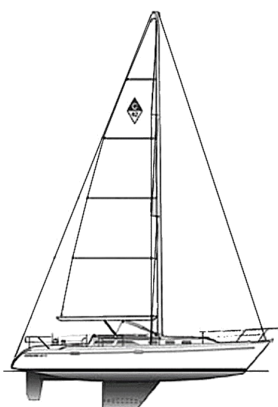
From the Treasurer

Doug Howe

The budget and monthly financial reports are available to WSSC members by contacting the Treasurer at wsscfinancial@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Treasurer PC Doug Howe

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



From the Membership Officer

Lana Hawkins

LET'S GET NEW MEMBERS!

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Barbara Mainzinger joined the club in September. And a CORRECTION to last month's new member info: Adam & Melanie Aaberg actually sail Jolly Swagman, a Tartan 37.

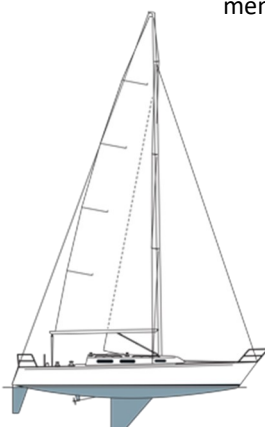
Sincerely,
Membership Officer Lana Hawkins



WSSC Membership "By the numbers"	
Type of membership	as of 10-5-2023
Regular Memberships	55
Associate Memberships	10
Total Memberships	66
Total Paid Memberships	61

WSSC memberships are also subdivided as follows:	
Individual Membership	19
Family Membership (2 people)	46
Life Memberships	6
Honorary Memberships	1

Membership Officer Lana Hawkins and Gentleman Mike Soltis sail ALACRITY, a J-37



* NOMINATIONS REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING *

STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS: COMMODORES COMMITTEE



"AN ORGANIZATION LIKE WSSC DOES NOT RUN ITSELF"

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.

On Thursday, October 5th we will have opened nominations for the year 2024.

OPEN POSITIONS INCLUDE:

- **Flag Officers** – Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore
- **Executive Officers** – Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Officer
- **Board of Directors** – a Past Commodore for Director of the Corporation.

If you feel you can help our club or know of someone that can help our club, please be ready to raise your voice to nominate that individual. All nominations must be accepted by the candidate.

NOMINATIONS WILL REMAIN OPEN

UNTIL OUR NOVEMBER MEETING: At the close of nominations in November, elections will take place. David Monk and I as Co-chairpersons of the Commodores Committee will facilitate nominations and elections.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

The Commodores Committee also wishes to again thank the membership and everyone that served and supported WSSC in any role during 2023.

It was a very special and successful year as we continue to celebrate our 51st anniversary and start the next steps towards our future.

KEEP ON SAILING!

Sincerely,
PC Carver Dumke
Co-chairperson Commodores Committee



* OCTOBER 28TH HARVEST FEST AND HALLOWEEN POT LUCK ON OCTOBER 28TH *

STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS: ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Members, Families, Friends of WSSC
everyone is invited to the annual

HARVEST FEST

Saturday, October 28th at 3:00pm



at LASKEYS' BARN

4155 Labo Road, Newport, Michigan

Don't miss the hayride!



POTLUCK SUPPER



BYOB and a Dish to Pass

Lady Phae's Famous Sloppy Joes provided

Bring your chairs - Costumes are fabulous (but not required)



OCTOBER CAR CRUISE: Harvest Fest Halloween Hayride & Potluck on October 28th at Laskey's. (see flyer on page 21)

NOVEMBER CAR CRUISE: (TBD) If you have an idea, contact Chairperson Amy Wright.

DECEMBER "HOLIDAY PARTY" TARGET CHARITY: 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

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



Members, Families, Friends of WSSC
everyone is invited to the annual

HARVEST FEST

CAR CRUISE

A GATHERING OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO
CELEBRATE THE END OF THE SAILING SEASON.

Saturday, October 28th at 3:00pm



at LASKEYS' BARN

4155 Labo Road, Newport, Michigan

Bring your chairs - Costumes are fabulous (but not required for the fun)

**Hey
Kids!**

Don't miss "Farmer Chuck's" hayride!



Bring a dish to pass and BYOB for the

Potluck Supper

Featuring Lady Phae's Famous



and s'mores around the campfire



2023

Other Committee News: COMMODORE'S BALL COMMITTEE

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

Once again we will enjoy the beautiful Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club for the Commodore's Ball, with Crystal Gardens catering the event. (More details forthcoming.)

Sincerely,
Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson Karen Laughner

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



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)

Pictured is the beautiful wood-carved cover of the WSSC Memory Album, created by Life Member Frank Pavia for the 40th Anniversary of the club.

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 CREDITS: Special thanks to continuing story contributor **PC John Kukla** for his report on "Adventures in the Key of Sea". He and his Lady Ana will keep us updated each month about their year-long adventure sailing the Atlantic coast and Caribbean.

THIS MONTH'S PHOTO CREDITS: And many thanks to photographers: **Lady Ana Kukla, Don Baumgartner, Phae Laskey, Rear Commodore Jonathan Cotter, of course Patti Baur Duffett, Vice Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski, Joe Sosnowski** (with permission), **Lady Christy Yee**, and **The Editor!** Did we miss anybody? Thank you all for making the Tack more informative & more fun!

THIS MONTH'S LIFESAVERS CORRECTIONS: **Don Baumgartner** caught the "marini" typo. He actually makes marTinis! He also put new members Adam & Melanie back aboard their own boat (see correction in the Membership Officer report). **Anita Bersie-Chabalowski** will also get tooth decay this month with two LIFESAVERS corrections. Gentleman Alec is actually Commodore of TIYC (Toledo ICE Yacht Club), not TIBC. And our Membership Officer is now Lana Hawkins in the Contacts list.

Sincerely,
Starboard Tack Editor Lea Ellwood-Filkins

MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter"

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



7-OctPeggy H.
8-OctSusan S.
9-OctBernice W.
20-OctColleen B.
24-OctAndrew L.
24-OctTodd D.
29-OctPatrick G.

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.

[REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR LADY ANA IS "ON VACATION", SO THIS MONTH'S STORY IS SUBMITTED BY PC JOHN KUKLA]

YOU HAVEN'T HEARD FROM ME ON THIS TRIP MUCH as Ana is really doing a good job of documenting our travels and posting updates, so I have been silent on that front.

Since it's just the two of us, we have to be ready to do anything that comes up. We share all of the tasks on the boat, but there are some that seem to end up to just one of us. One of my jobs is the ship's engineer. I keep all the systems running, monitoring them and repairing as required. I keep a log of many data points, some I'm sure are only interesting to me.

WE PASSED THE 120 DAY MARK since we cut the lines loose from the dock in Huntington, NY. I thought I would share some statistics, some of which surprised us. Here are some take-aways from the data:

We are pleased at how many nights we have been at anchor or on a mooring ball. We really wanted a boat that was set up to allow us to be self-sufficient, and this reflects it. We have only spent 8 nights at a marina. A couple of those were necessary to purchase and install new batteries, a couple were necessary to ride out a tropical storm, and the others were spent to facilitate entertaining guests. With a generator for power, 200 gal of fresh water, 50 gal of fuel, and the ability to discharge waste when far away from land, we really only need to go to a marina for fuel and water.

WE ARE HAPPY WITH THE AMOUNT OF TIME WE ARE SPENDING

"UNDER SAIL". We were not looking for a boat with an in-mast furling mainsail system. Now that we have been able

to use one, we find the performance handicap is more than offset by the ease of operation. Maybe we aren't that good of sailors to be able to notice the performance effect of the in-mast sail, but we sure can notice the difference in operation. We can quickly deploy the sails as soon as



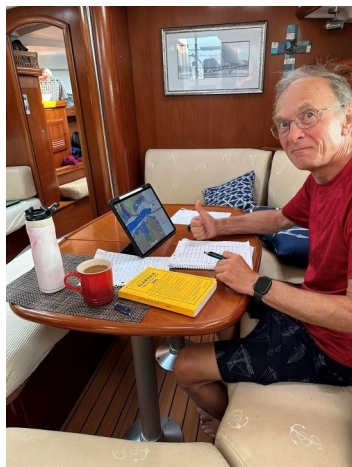
Anchored in Edgarton, Martha's Vineyard

we are underway, and easily put in and shake out reefs single handed from the safety of the cockpit. Because it is so easy, we reef early, often several times in a passage as the winds change. Because Key of Sea is over 25% longer than Sojourner was, we enjoy a pretty nice increase in cruising speed, even with an in-mast mainsail! Looking at the data, we believe the "time under sail" is understated, we just haven't come up with a good way to measure this. "Total Passage Time" and engine "Key On" time are easy to capture with an app or hour meter, but those include time for non-passage activities like setting and retrieving the anchor, which can take an hour or more.

WE ARE SURPRISED AT THE AMOUNT OF TIME WE ARE RUNNING THE GENERATOR. We definitely need to expand our ability to

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

MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter" — ADVENTURES IN THE "KEY OF SEA"



harvest solar power. Key of Sea came with a single 160W solar panel which can barely keep up with the refrigerator. Any additional loads from using house lights at night, running water and bilge pumps, using electrical appliances and tools, all overload the system and run the batteries down. Even with additional Solar capacity, the generator will still be used at anchor to electrically power the water heater for washing,

especially showers. It is also required to run the central heat and A/C. (Haven't really needed this yet, but we did run the heater a few evenings to take the chill out of the cabin.)

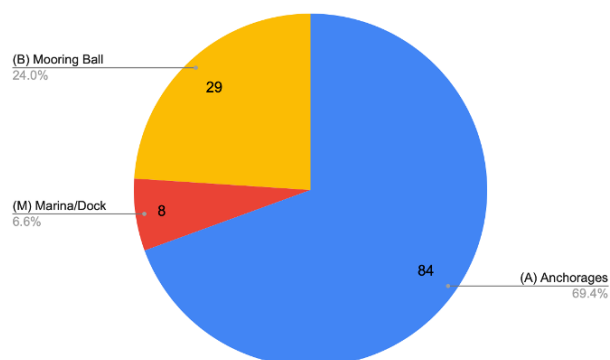
AVERAGE DISTANCE traveled per day looks low. A simple formula is used to calculate this, and it doesn't take into account the days that we remain in the same place.

Looking at our **EXPENSES**, we are making our budget. Of all the categories I track, 80% of our expenses are generated in five categories. The top five are:

- 24.6% - Food
- 20.4% - Restaurants
- 14.8% - Diesel
- 14.4% - Dockage
- 6.0% - Maintenance
- 19.8% - All other expenses

Note: Even though we have only docked in a marina 8 nights or 7% of the total nights, the cost of dockage is 14% of our total expenses.

That is another reason we don't stay at a marina unless we need to!



SUMMARY REPORT AS OF 9/28/2023:

- 121 = Total Nights
- 8 = Spent at a Marina
- 29 = Spent on a Mooring Ball
- 84 = Spent at an Anchorage

- 1,702 = Total Distance (NM)
- 320.25 = Total Time Underway (HRS)
- 5.3 = Average Speed (KTS)
- 238.70 = Total Engine Run Time (HRS) *This is "key on" time, including warm up/cool down idling*
- 147.80 = Total Genset Run Time (HRS)
- 81.55 = Time under sail (total time underway - engine run time)(HRS)
- 244.73 gal. = Total Diesel Purchased
- \$1,318.42 = Total Diesel Cost
- \$5.39/GAL = Diesel unit cost
- \$3.41/HR = Unit cost per hour of run time, (Engine + Generator)
- 14.1 = Average Distance traveled per day (NM)
- 1.97 = Average engine run time per day (HRS)
- 1.22 = Average Generator run time per day (HRS)
- 0.67 = Average Sailing time per day (HRS)

We enjoy seeing everyone who responds and comments on our Facebook blog. And it's always good to check in with everyone as we attend the membership meetings via Zoom (internet connections permitting).

NOW BACK TO THE ADVENTURE!

**John and Ana from the East Coast
aboard SV Key of Sea**



AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS — NEWS & INFORMATION

NEW INFORMATION IS MARKED WITH *

BoatUS/WEST MARINE

Rep. PC 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.boat-us.com/products-and-services/membership>.

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

I-LYA (INTER-LAKE YACHTING ASSOCIATION)

Rep. PC Kathy Howe

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



VOLUNTEER FOUND: The I-LYA Fall Meeting is December 1-3. Vice Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski has volunteered as substitute representative from WSSC as Kathy and Doug Howe 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

Rep. PC Doug Howe

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 current 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 contact PC Doug Howe or PC Dick Synowiec to find out more about this important position.

The PHRF-LE website is www.phrf-le.org



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

Rep. PC 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). 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).

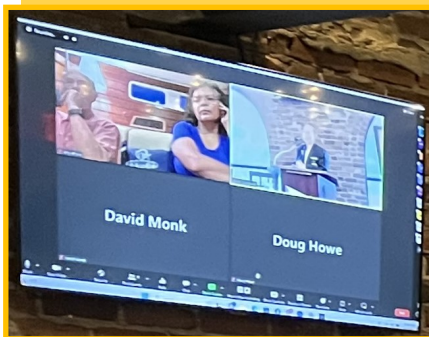
DO YOU HAVE YOUR DTOPS DECAL? Boats of length 30' or more need a DTOPS decal to return to the U.S. This number as well as a Trusted Traveler number (may not be required for boaters) should be entered into CBP Roam as well as passport numbers.

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

WSSC Family & Friends Photos & Fun

Submit your photos to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

General Membership Meeting and Program—September 7th



Join us at our monthly general membership meetings: you can "Zoom" in by land or sea, or attend in person. The advantage to attending in person is that the Whiskeys bar and kitchen stays open for the whole meeting. If you Zoom in, you have to cook and tend bar for yourself.



Who's that adult at the young people's table? Oh, it's Jennifer, the "cool" Mom.



The September birthday members celebrate, including our newest member Barb (at right)



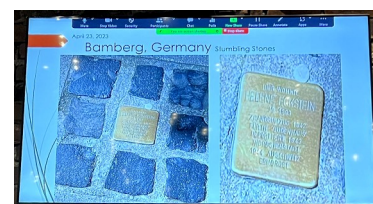
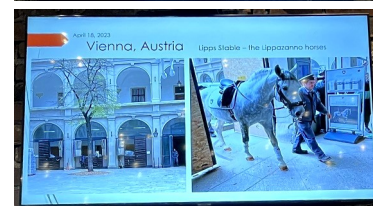
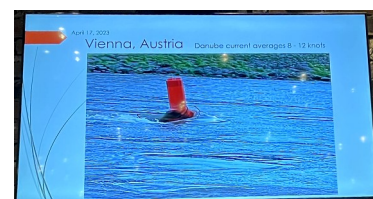
Big thanks to PC Jody for being the raffle volunteer last month

After-meeting Program—Sept 7th with PC Carver



"I caught a cruise ship this big!"
PC Carver Dumke shared highlights from the remarkable European river cruise that he and Lady Allison enjoyed last April.

Viking River Cruise		
Budapest to Amsterdam		
DAY	DATE	PORT
SAT	APR 15, 2023	Embark in Budapest on Viking Gypsy
SUN	APR 16, 2023	Budapest, Hungary
MON	APR 17, 2023	Vienna, Austria
TUE	APR 18, 2023	Vienna, Austria
WED	APR 19, 2023	Scenic Sailing: Wachau Valley Melk, Austria
THU	APR 20, 2023	Passau, Germany
FRI	APR 21, 2023	Regensburg, Germany
SAT	APR 22, 2023	Main-Danube Canal Nuremberg, Germany
SUN	APR 23, 2023	Bamberg, Germany
MON	APR 24, 2023	Würzburg, Germany
TUE	APR 25, 2023	Würzburg, Germany
WED	APR 26, 2023	Middle Rhine Scenic Sailing: Main River, Spessart
THU	APR 27, 2023	Cologne, Germany
FRI	APR 28, 2023	Scenic Sailing: Wurst & Marwedde Kinderdijk, The Netherlands
SAT	APR 29, 2023	Disembark in Amsterdam



JACK AND JILL RACE and AFTERGLOW — September 3rd



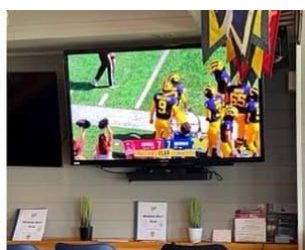
According to the official minutes of WSSC 907 GMM, Vice Commodore Anita reported that "Go Baby and Zephyr Hawk duked it out for an exciting photo finish with Zephyr Hawk inching out Go Baby at the finish line. Afterglow was at Elizabeth Park. This was a pursuit race where racers did not have to contend with a crowded starting line. It was a great way for newer racers to 'get your feet wet' yacht racing. Keep that in mind for next year."



HARVEST MOON CRUISE TO MBC — September 22-24



David Wright reporting on 9/23: "I'm excited to say this weekends cruise to MBC is shaping up to be one of our most well attended destinations (ever?). At the moment its looking like we may have 38 folks going to dinner tomorrow night at the Gray Heron. If you're not on the list or if you are and need to make a change please do so by midnight tonight so I can give them a final number in the morning. They may still be able to accommodate any last minute additions but I will leave that to any late comers to work out directly with the restaurant . I'm looking forward to a fun weekend with everyone!"



And, of course, we did not miss the game!



BUOY HAUL OUT — September 30th



Fleet Captain-Racing Chris McCardell weighs in on the heavy equipment for the 2023 Buoy Haul out.
THANKS TO ALL WHO GOT OUR RACE COURSE HAULED OUT, CLEANED UP, AND PUT AWAY FOR THE WINTER!

SEPTEMBER CAPTION CONTEST WINNER



***Good news: I saved the keys!
Bad news: I dropped the beer
while doing it.***

***Congratulations to our September caption contest
winner Dave Wright who wins a
\$10 gift certificate to Whiskey's on the Water!***

OCTOBER CAPTION CONTEST

(Yes. It's a photo of a thousand midges. Yikes!)



***Submit your funniest caption for a
chance to win a \$10 gift certificate
to Whiskey's on the Water!***

WSSC celebrates 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.

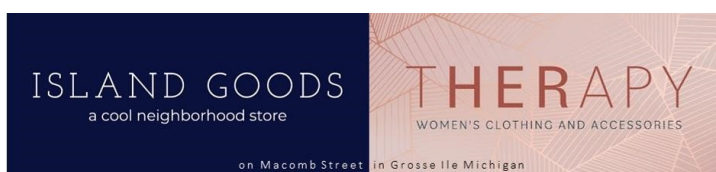


West Shore Sail Club 21st Annual Lighthouse Challenge

Thank You to our 2023 Sponsors for
their generosity supporting our
Lighthouse Challenge 2023 charity partner:

Downriver Foster Closet

<https://www.facebook.com/Downriverfostercloset>



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**ANITA
BERSIE-CHABALOWSKI**

Friend of the Club
LOIS CHABALOWSKI

WSSC 2023 Secretary
JANE BERSIE

LEA ELLWOOD-FILKINS
and
WSSC Past Commodore 1982
**BROTHER ABBOT
JOHN BRENDAN, AF**

WHISKEYS ON THE WATER

- ◆ 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

THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"



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Thank you to Elliott's Bakery and Coffee Shop for your support over the years of our birthday celebrations. Your support makes our meetings quite delicious!



THIS COULD BE YOUR
VIEW TOMORROW!

For Sale 1981 Hunter 30


- Shoal draft, Cherubini-design with a 2QM15.
- The boat has plenty of new upgrades: new furler, new main and jib winches, new roller furler, all hoses replaced.
- The water is ready to go! Includes a new 23 season.

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Contact Michael at 313-590-5131

THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"



Don't forget!
WSSC members can place
their classified or display ads
on The Corkboard for **FREE!**

(Boating related stuff only, please and thank you.)

Contact "The Editor" at
wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com
for ad placement.



ADVERTISE IN THE STARBOARD TACK!

**CLASSIFIED ADS
ARE FREE FOR MEMBERS**

DISPLAY ADS AVAILABLE!
PRICED PER YEAR* (12 ISSUES) & increments
\$30 per year business card size
\$60 per year 1/2 page size horizontal
(ask for Rate Page for more pricing)

Send ad to: (high quality graphics, please)
Editor, Starboard Tack—West Shore Sail Club
P.O. Box 369 Trenton, MI 48183-0369
or Email to: wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

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.



Do your crew members and sailing friends keep "borrowing" your copy of the Starboard Tack?
HAVE THEM JOIN OUR "FRIENDS" MAILING LIST.

Just email THEIR email address to
The Editor at wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com. Thanks!



THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

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

BUFFALO LAUNCH CLUB - Grand Island, NY
FAIRPORT HARBOR YACHT CLUB - Fairport Harbor, OH
NORTH CAPE YACHT CLUB - Lasalle, MI

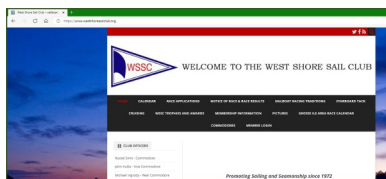


See page 22
for our calendar
of meetings
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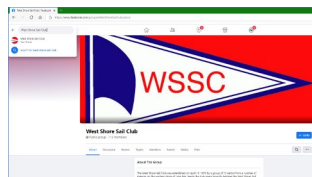
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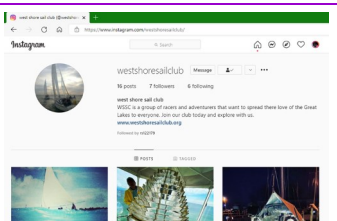
VISIT OUR **WEBSITE** with links to racing and cruising calendars, notice of races, cruising awards registration, and more!
www.westshoresailclub.org



VISIT US ON **FACEBOOK** for photos, news, event updates, and more!
www.facebook.com/groups/WestShoreSailClub



VISIT US ON **INSTAGRAM** for photos from our races, cruises, and other events!
www.instagram.com/westshoresailclub/



WSSC CONTACTS

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* indicates Board of Directors

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Director ⁺	PC 2022 John Kukla	kuklaj57@gmail.com

STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES

* indicates Standing Committee

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*Activities Chairperson	Amy Wright	amycwright@gmail.com
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*Audit Committee	Treasurer	d1howe@wowway.com
Boat U.S. Representative	PC Doug Howe	d1howe@wowway.com
Budget Committee	Executive Committee	
By-Laws Committee	Commodores Committee	
Club Memory (Anniversary) Album	Jon Cotter	send photos to joncotter@att.net
Commodore's Ball Chairperson	Karen Laughner	expokaren@aol.com
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*Cruising Committee Chairperson	Rear Commodore	wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com
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Fleet Captain—WNATR	PC Chris McCardell	courttofficer@att.net
Fleet Captain—Racing (Specialty Races)	PC Chris McCardell	courttofficer@att.net
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I-LYA Delegate	PC Kathy Howe	kahowe@wowway.com
M.C. (Commodore's Ball and Special Events Master of Ceremonies)	Gale Laughner	sailorgale@aol.com
Meeting Programs	Rear Commodore	wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com
Membership Database updates	Lana Hawkins	wsscmembershipchair@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor (Starboard Tack)	Lea Ellwood-Filkins	wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com
Nomination Committee	Commodores Committee	wssccommodore@gmail.com
PHRF-LE Delegate	HELP! We need a volunteer!	
PHRF-LE Measurer	PC Dick Synowiec PC Doug Howe	cptsnick1@gmail.com d1howe@wowway.com
Port Captains: Cruising Events	(see information on each Event in the "Activities Updates" section or on our website)	
Port Captains: Specialty Races	(see information on each Event in the "Activities Updates" section or on our website)	
*Race Committee Chairperson	Vice Commodore	wsscvicecommodore@gmail.com
Social Media Moderator	Executive Committee	
Swap Meet Chairperson	HELP! We need a volunteer!	
Webmaster	Lance Yee	talkingdog@sbcglobal.net
WNATR Race Committee Boat Chairperson	Fleet Captain-Racing	courttofficer@att.net (Chris McCardell)

2023/2024—WSSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2023/2024

WSSC Meetings & Events	Date & Time and Location	Event Contact
RED indicates WNATR racing event — ORANGE indicates specialty race/event — BLUE indicates cruising event — PURPLE indicates activities committee event		
OCTOBER 2023 Membership Mtg	Oct. 5 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom	Commodore
October CAR CRUISE	Oct. 28—3:00pm "Harvest Fest" Fall Hayride and Potluck at Laskey's' Barn	Activities Chairperson
WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT	Oct. 19 *Thursday — 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 Awards at Whiskeys on the Water NOTE DATE CHANGE & TIME 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
Cruising Committee Mtg	Nov. 18 *Saturday—(Time and Location TBD) BYOB and dish to share	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
November CAR CRUISE	(November TBD)	Needs a "Cruise Coordinator" Volunteer
RACING COMMITTEE MEETING	(November TBD)	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain Racing
DECEMBER 2023 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.
January CAR CRUISE	(January TBD)	Needs a "Cruise Coordinator" Volunteer
FEBRUARY 2024 Membership Mtg and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GOALS PRESENTATION	Feb. 1, 2024 *Thurs.—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom	Commodore / Vice Commodore / M.C.
February CAR CRUISE	(February TBD)	Needs a "Cruise Coordinator" Volunteer
MARCH 2024 Membership Mtg	Mar. 7, 2024 *Thurs.—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom	Commodore / Vice Commodore / M.C.
March CAR CRUISE	(March TBD)	Needs a "Cruise Coordinator" Volunteer
APRIL 2024 Membership Mtg	Apr. 4, 2024 *Thurs.—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom	Commodore / Vice Commodore / M.C.

FOR YOUR PLANNING INFORMATION: OTHER AREA RACING EVENTS

Saturday, October 14, 2023 LMYC - River Rat Race
Monday, October 23, 2023 AYC Awards Banquet
Saturday, November 4, 2023 FYC Awards Night