

# Starboard Tack



WSSC: promoting the sport of sailing and seamanship since 1972

DECEMBER 2023

\* January Membership Meeting date change to SECOND THURSDAY, JAN. 11, 2024 at 7:30PM \*

## From The Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

Michael Ingrody

### GREETINGS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

I'm wishing everyone a great end to the year! As a commodore, now is the perfect time to look back and see just how much the club has progressed. This year the Executive Committee worked hard to gather ideas from members through surveys and thoughtful discussions. With this new information we were able to better tailor our racing and cruising programs to meet the needs of a greater number of participants. As a result, we have seen increased levels of engagement in both areas!

Additionally, we've been graced by the presence of new members, and more importantly, they hit the ground running and immediately began volunteering to help at our events! And looking even further back, many of the more recent members from past years are now getting involved as



board members for the first time (or continuing their service after their first year). I am proud to see the club responding to the ever-shifting seascape that is the modern sailing world. Though our work will never truly end, I have no qualms about WSSC's evolution, thanks in-part to both its



excellent membership and leadership. That is why I can comfortably and confidently hand over the helm to our new leadership in 2024.

Lastly, I would like to say *thank you*. First to my wonderful wife and co-captain, Lady Naseem, for her endless support and assistance over the last three years. Whether it was during club events or out on the waves on *Godspeed*, Naseem is truly the best partner one could ask for and a critical force behind my success.

Thank you for never forgetting to pack that bubbly enthusiasm of yours whenever the boat was scheduled to

## NOTICE: DATE CHANGE FOR JANUARY MEETING and CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY

Our January 2024 membership meeting and Change of Watch ceremony will be the  
SECOND Thursday—JANUARY 11, 2024—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water

Join us to welcome our new officers. Come early for dinner.

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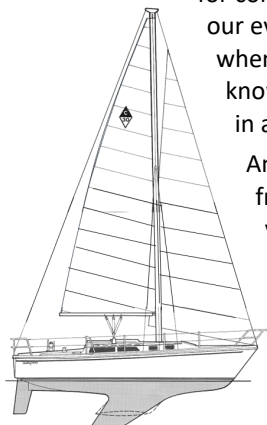
## Commodore

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shove off from the dock; you absolutely make every moment 'worth it'! Next, to my family: my parents, Carol and Kevin, my siblings, brothers-in-law, nieces, and nephews... thanks for coming out to support the club during our events and helping me sail the boat whenever I needed it—even if you don't know the difference between "tillering in a halyard sail" or "hoisting the jib"!

And finally, to all of our members and friends, thank you all for the support you've provided me this year (and my other years) as a commodore. When something needs doing at WSSC, it's never long before

Commodore Michael and Lady Naseem sail a Catalina 30 MKIII



someone bounds out of the companionway onto the deck to give more than what you asked for. And that level of dedication is both inspiring and infectious. I am honored to have had the chance to lead such a great group of sailors and now I'm looking forward to my continued involvement as a Past Commodore.

And now, with the fresh new executive committee in mind, here's to an even better year for West Shore Sail Club in 2024!

**HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY AND, REALLY, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR EVERYTHING.**

Sincerely,  
Commodore Michael Ingrody



2023  
COMMODORE MICHAEL  
INGRODY  
and  
LADY NASEEM BOKHARI

CONGRATULATIONS  
AND THANK YOU  
FOR A FANTASTIC YEAR!

From all the staff on the Starboard Tack



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



**\*\*Usually** 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**

**\*\*JANUARY MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE to  
SECOND Thursday  
NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th at 7:30pm**

**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](mailto:WSSCStarboardTack@gmail.com)



**\* FALL RACE COMMITTEE MEETING THIS MONDAY, DEC. 11 AT 7:00PM \***

## From The Vice Commodore (including Racing Report)

**Anita Bersie-Chabalowski**

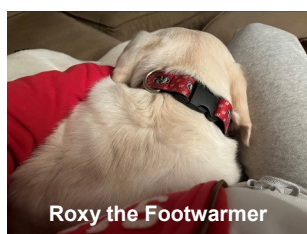
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL THE WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!** November has flown by and Christmas will be here before you know it. Congratulations to our newly-elected club leaders from the November General Membership Meeting including Vice Commodore-Elect John Cotter, Rear Commodore-Elect Todd Harris, and Treasurer-Elect Mike Soltis!



Photo from Spring Lake Yacht Club Turkey Leg Regatta on Nov. 4

The High School Sailing team had their final regatta of the season on November 4<sup>th</sup>, a beautiful crisp fall day at Spring Lake on the west side of Michigan. The rest of the month for me has been spent catching up on everything not related to sailing. After a very busy year, I spent my Thanksgiving holiday resting, relaxing, and spending time with friends and family. I am truly thankful for a great season on the water racing, cruising and enjoying the company of the great members at WSSC!

**WITH OUR BOATS PUT AWAY, THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF WSSC ACTIVITIES TO KEEP THE FUN ROLLING ALL WINTER LONG.** By the time this Starboard Tack is published we will have had our December Car Cruise to the Ida Parade of Lights on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and our GMM meeting and holiday party. In January we will have our Change of Watch ceremony at the GMM. Activities Committee Chairperson Amy Wright is working on some more winter activities.



Roxy the Footwarmer

As we approach the New Year I will be putting lots of thought into my goals for the 2024

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

West Shore season. Our yellow lab Roxy, will be sure to help keep me cozy and warm for these winter tasks!

**AS A REMINDER, WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR FALL RACE COMMITTEE MEETING TO RECAP THE 2023 SEASON ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM AT MY HOME IN GROSSE ILE.**

Please see the flyer included in this issue for details. Please come and share your feedback about racing in 2023 while the ideas are still fresh in your mind. We welcome everyone's input so we can make 2024 an even better experience and grown our race participation.

**SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL!**

Sincerely,

Vice Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski



Fleet Captain: Racing



Race Committee

### WSSC 2023 RACING CALENDAR

**Fall Race Committee Meeting  
Monday, December 11th 7:00pm  
(see flyer next page)**



Vice Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski and Gentleman Alec represent at the Fall I-LYA meeting.



**\* 2023 FALL RACE COMMITTEE MEETING—THIS MONDAY, DEC. 11TH \***



**West Shore Sail Club**



## **2023 Fall Race Committee Meeting**

***Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm***

**Anita & Alec Chabalowski's Home  
27833 Elba Drive, Grosse Ile**

*Double-handed ♦ Lighthouse Challenge ♦ Jack & Jill Race ♦ WNATR*



**Who Should Come? - Skippers, Crew, WSSC Members,  
all are WELCOME!!!**

**Recap of 2023 WSSC Racing Season. Discussion Topics:  
Course Selection, Class Splits, Specialty Race Participation,  
2024 Tentative Race Dates, Committee Boat Guidelines,  
Awards, Afterglow Ideas, Crew Recruitment, New Racer  
Support/Training, Protest Committee**



**\* NEXT CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED CRUISERS ON JANUARY 20TH \***

**From The Rear Commodore (including Cruising Report)**

**Jonathan "Jon" Cotter**

**NOVEMBER PRESENTATION BY DETROIT RIVERKEEPER:**

At the November meeting we heard an excellent presentation from the Detroit Riverkeeper, Robert Burns representing the Friends of the Detroit River. This organization has been very busy with habitat restoration work for more than 20 years and the results are obvious for those who sail near Celeron, Grosse Ile, and who have seen the transformation on Belle Isle. Please see [www.detroitriver.org/about](http://www.detroitriver.org/about) for more information and look for volunteer opportunities in the Spring if you would like to get involved.

**FALL CRUISING MEETING:** On November 18th Dave and Amy Wright hosted the Fall Cruising committee meeting. We had a nice group of our experienced cruising corps and a dog



Rear Commodore Jon Cotter and Lady Helena Thornton celebrate

named Snoop enjoying Dave's chili and recollecting the successes of our 2023 summer cruises. Altogether for 2023 we had an excellent season and maybe had a little better luck than most with all the variable weather we had this summer. Overall in 5 cruises we had 19 boats participating, with a half dozen participating in 4 or more. We are interested in getting input from anyone whether

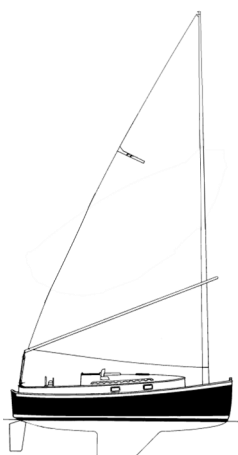
experiences, new or wanted to restart some multi-day trips. We also will be looking for Port Captains, especially if you happen to know the destination port and want to get involved. Please contact me, Fleet Captain-Cruising Dave Wright, or Todd Harris our Rear Commodore-Elect.

**TENTATIVELY OUR 2024 CRUISE DATES:**

- May 18 Icebreaker at Allison & Carver's place
- May 25-7 Memorial Day at Toledo Beach
- June 15-16 Commodores Tea - Leamington?
- July 13-19 Weeklong - TBD, considering Lake St. Claire
- Aug 24-25 Late Summer - Middle Bass?
- Sept 28-29 Harvest Moon - Monroe Boat Club

Look for more information soon on what our week-long cruise will

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



look like. Check your email for a cruising survey. We need your feedback on some options to help make a great cruising calendar for WSSC.

**THE WINTER CRUISING MEETING** will be January 20th at venue TBD. At this meeting we hope to solidify our schedule and destinations, and to assign port captains.

Sincerely,  
Rear Commodore  
Jonathan Cotter



Fleet Captain: Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising

**WSSC 2024 CRUISING CALENDAR**

**January 20**

Next Cruising Committee Meeting

**May 18**

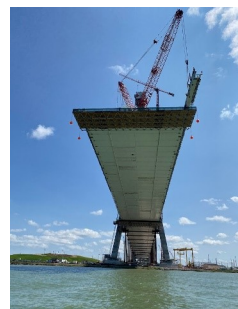
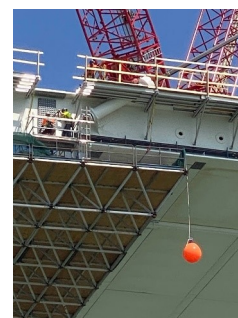
Icebreaker "Land Cruise" at Allison & Carver's Place

**May 25-27**

Memorial Day Weekend Cruise  
to Safe Harbor Toledo Beach

**CRUISING SURVEY: Check your email**

Please take a moment to complete the Cruising Committee survey for next year's activities. WSSC members should have received this in their email last week. Everyone who attended last year's cruising would love to have your input. Twenty-ish questions.



On a recent "cruise" under the Gordie Howe International Bridge



# To all of our West Shore Sail Club

**\* Members \* Families \* Friends \***

**Best wishes for happy holidays from the officers of  
West Shore Sail Club**

**Board of Directors, Executive Committee,  
Commodores Committee, and Officers-elect**



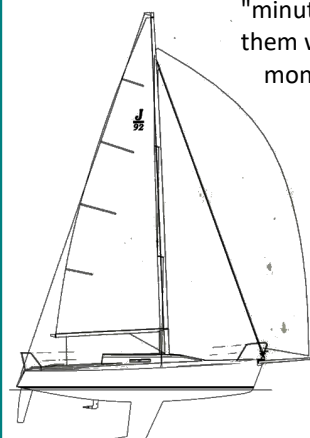
**And safe travels to all until we meet again on Land (see you at our  
January meeting) or Sea (join us next season for racing and cruising)!**

*(shown from the top of wreath and circling to the right)* Commodore Michael Ingrody and Lady Naseem Bokhari;  
Rear Commodore Jon Cotter and Lady Helena Thornton; Secretary Jane Bersie; Treasurer PC Doug Howe;  
Treasurer-elect Mike Soltis; Membership Officer Lana Hawkins; Commodores Committee Co-Chairperson PC  
Carver Dumke; Director-elect PC Chuck Laskey; Director PC John Kukla; Director and Commodores Committee  
Co-Chairperson PC David Monk; Vice Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski and Gentleman Alec Chabalowski



## 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](mailto: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.

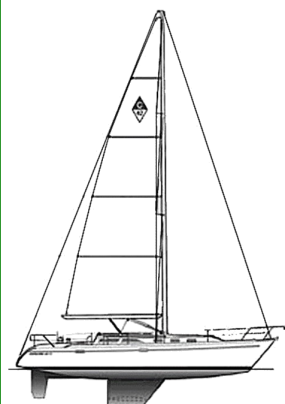
Sincerely,  
Secretary Jane Bersie

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



## From the Treasurer

Doug Howe



**AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED MEMBERS:** The budget and monthly financial reports are available to WSSC members by contacting the Treasurer at [wsscfinancial@gmail.com](mailto: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. Thank You!

**THANK YOU, MEMBERS, FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE PART OF WSSC AS THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICER.** I really have enjoyed talking with you and I am so grateful that I got to make new friends this year! Hopefully I'll get to meet more of you personally next year.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Sincerely,  
Membership Officer Lana Hawkins

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



WSSC Membership "By the numbers"	
Type of membership	as of 12-7-2023
Regular Memberships	55
Associate Memberships	10
<b>Total Memberships</b>	<b>66</b>
Total Paid Memberships	61

WSSC memberships are also subdivided as follows:	
Individual Membership	19
Family Membership (2 people)	46
Life Memberships	5
Honorary Memberships	1



## STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS:

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS and COMMODORES COMMITTEE

**ELECTION RESULTS:** The membership has voted and the results are in...

**FLAG OFFICERS-ELECT:**

Commodore - Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

Vice Commodore - Jonathan Cotter

Rear Commodore - Todd Harris

**OFFICERS-ELECT:**

Secretary - Jane Bersie

Treasurer - Mike Soltis

Membership Officer - Lana Hawkins

**DIRECTORS-ELECT:**

PC Chuck Laskey

PC David Monk

During the October General Membership meeting, PC Carver Dumke solicited nominations for the 2024 Flag Officers, Executive Committee, and Board of Directors. At this meeting, a single nomination was made for each of the open positions. The nomination process remained open through the month before a final request for nominations was made at the WSSC November General Membership meeting. No additional nominations were submitted and the nomination process was closed with the single candidates. As only single nominations were



made at the October Membership meeting, no formal ballot was required for election and a motion to execute the elections that night was made. This motion was approved by the membership and the membership voted unanimously to place each of the members listed above into their 2024 positions.

These individuals will be instated in their 2024 positions at the WSSC Change of Watch taking place during the January General Membership meeting on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at Whiskey's on The Water. Please plan to attend this meeting to welcome in the club's 2024 organization and show your support.

Sincerely,

**PC David Monk**

**Director and Commodores  
Committee Co-chairperson**

Commodores Comm. Co-chairperson  
& Director PC David Monk  
sails TRAFFIC CONE, a Lightning

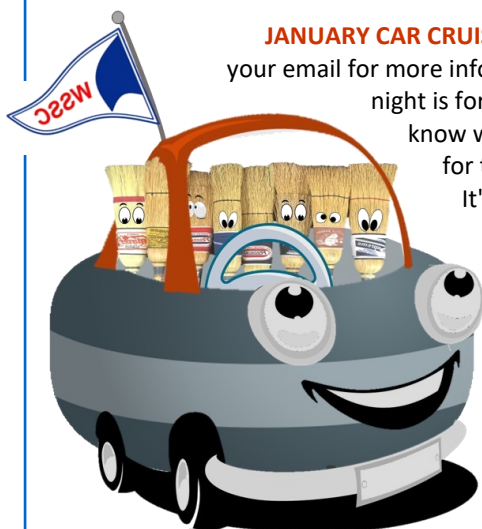


**JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
AND CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY  
DATE CHANGE — JANUARY 11TH  
MEETING STILL STARTS AT 7:30PM**

**January 11<sup>th</sup> ?**

## STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS:

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE



**JANUARY CAR CRUISE—GRAB YOUR BROOM AND YOUR WARM PARKA!** Watch your email for more information on our upcoming "Car Cruise to Curling Night"! This night is for anyone who likes to have fun on the ice—whether or not you know what you're doing! AND COME TO WATCH—there are stands for the fans, too! Instruction and equipment will be at the venue. It's at an ice rink, of course, so plan to dress warmly.

More information coming in your email and in the January Tack.

**IDEAS FOR MORE CAR CRUISES IN THE OFF-SEASON?** We sure would love to have 'em. Or if you can volunteer to be a Car Cruise Coordinator, please contact Activities Chairperson Amy Wright at amycwright@gmail.com

Sincerely,

**Activities Committee Chairperson Amy Wright**



**Beep! Beep!  
SEE YOU  
THERE!**



## Other Committee News: COMMODORE'S BALL COMMITTEE

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

The Commodore's Ball Committee met recently, and determined that we have been undercharging for Commodore's Ball tickets for quite some time. We realized that we have not been including tax and tip in with what Crystal Gardens has been charging us when we calculated our price per person. Therefore we have to raise the price of the Commodore's Ball tickets to \$80 per person, so that the club is not footing the bill for these expenses. Besides the addition of the taxes and tip, the club invites and pays for visiting Commodore's from Ford Yacht Club, Elba Mar Boat Club, Grosse Ile Yacht club, and Northcape Yacht Club. Our objective is for the club to break even on this event and therefore this increase in ticket cost is necessary.

The 2024 Commodore's Ball is on April 13th, 2024 honoring our new Commodore Anita Bersie-Chablowski. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,  
Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson Karen Laughner

## 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:** Thank you to Lady Ana and PC John Kukla for their continuing column following their travels in the Key of Sea. **THIS MONTH'S PHOTO CREDITS:** Thank you to Don Baumgartner for the "Members Memories" photo page with a photo of Heather from this past summer. Oooooo, pretty! (Perhaps another regular feature for the Tack?) We were glad to receive other photos for this issue from Jon Cotter, all the Officers who submitted photos for the holiday "wreath", Lady Phae Laskey, and up-and-coming staff photographerMax Wright. We LOVE photos!

**THIS MONTH'S LIFESAVERS CORRECTIONS ARE HUGS:** OOPS! A bag of HUGS to PC Chuck & Lady Phae's granddaughter LINDSEY! The Editor spelled her name incorrectly on the Photo Fun pages last month. And a bag of HUGS to Commodore Ingrody's boat. Says the Commodore, "I found a 'sailors-only' typo (which gets promoted to a regular typo since we are a sail club). My new boat is an MKIII, not an MKII!"

**TACKY PRIZES:** Remember, you can "win" by finding typos (win a LifeSavers), finding a typo that's a misspelled name (win a bag of HUGS), submitting a winning caption for the monthly Caption Contest (win a \$10 gift card for Whiskeys on the Water), and by being fabulous to the Tack Staff—win the annual "Truffles" award for all the truffle you go to to help us out!

**THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL TRUFFLE AWARD GOES TO ... KAREN LAUGHNER**, Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson because she turns in her articles to the Tack on time even when The Editor forgets to send her a reminder. Karen saves us a lot of TRUFFLE! And the 2023 Starboard Tack TRUFFLE-MAKER award goes to Commodore Michael. He is always very supportive of our work, even when he was late with articles sometimes. And he makes The Editor laugh—a skill worth the TRUFFLES.

Sincerely,  
Starboard Tack Editor Lea Ellwood-Filkins



## MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter" - December birthdays has SIX Past Commodores!

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



3-Dec.....Andrew J.  
4-Dec.....PC Jody L.  
4-Dec.....Lana H.  
7-Dec.....Brenda W.  
9-Dec.....PC Dale B.  
13-Dec.....PC Mike J.  
21-Dec.....PC Russell S.  
26-Dec.....PC John K.  
28-Dec.....PC Bryce B.

### 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.

### HELLO FROM FLORIDA!

After staying put for almost a month in Annapolis, we pulled up the anchor and started another phase of our trip - making the passage down to Florida. Against our better judgment, we again have a schedule. This time it is Christmas - our 3 daughters are flying down to Nassau in December to spend Christmas with us. I remember talking with Leonard Garbacz at FYC when we first joined. He was telling us the story of how they (I think it was a 3 sailboat fleet) went to the Bahamas. Like us, they were going to meet family for Christmas in the



Castillo de San Marcos National Monument  
in St. Augustine, FL



Me at the fountain in Forsyth Park  
Fountain, Savannah GA

Bahamas. We listened in awe about all the planning and preparation and the adventures along the way. We could never imagine doing such a trip. What stuck in my head was that with all their planning, and leaving months ahead of time, they made it to their destination just 8 hours before the family arrived! Here we are just 6 years later, with the same schedule to meet.

This has been a month of putting miles under the keel. We left Norfolk October 28. The weather was not good to take on Cape Hatteras so we entered the ICW. We made it to

Moorhead City in a couple of days. We wanted to go out to the ocean to make some time, but the weather was not cooperating so we pushed on down the ICW.

After 4 more days of motoring the ICW, we made it to the Little River Inlet in NC. We dropped the anchor an hour before sunset. As we sat in the cockpit checking the weather and watching the setting sun changing the color of the ocean, we looked at each other and said "we should be out there".

We double checked the weather and ourselves, and then pulled anchor and headed out into the ocean minutes before the sunset. The seas were calm, but the promised wind never really arrived with any gusto, so we motor-sailed the whole time. 23 hrs and 114 miles later we dropped the hook right next to the USS Yorktown in Charleston SC. What a great 1st trip on the "outside", and make some progress south.



Dinner with friends in Fort Pierce: Larry Lang,  
Paul Goddard, and Marcie Gracey



A sailor in Savannah

After a couple of days in Charleston, it was back on the ICW down to Raccoon Island SC. There we took the opportunity of good weather to jump back out and make some time to Savannah. While it probably wasn't much shorter, it is much nicer to be out in the ocean rather than confined to the narrow (and shallow) ICW. Our 6 ft draft works well to verify the charted shoals. When on the ICW, you really can't ever leave the helm.

Savannah has free city docks right downtown. There is a 48 hr limit and we used the time to see some of the town and enjoy some low country cooking. Mmm Mmm good!

Next we headed back out and made our longest passage to St. Augustine FL. It was 135 miles in 21 hours. After all that traveling, we were weathered in at St. Augustine for 6 days. Fortunately the town was a great place to spend time, and we were in Florida!

After 6 days we were anxious to move on, so we took the ICW to Stuart FL. Here we are making some improvements to Key of Sea and provision for our passage to the Bahamas. We are very grateful to Paul Goddard and Marcie Gracey who are letting us use their car. Having ground transportation available is wonderful; we can't thank them enough for their kindness.

With any luck we will be in Nassau waiting for our daughters to arrive on December 20!

**WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR.** We miss participating in the group outings with all of you, but for now the Sea is Calling on the Key of Sea!

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



Anchored in Edgarton,  
Martha's Vineyard



Pulling anchor at dawn in Georgia



Key of Sea anchored next to USS Yorktown in Charleston, SC  
(For clarity—the Yorktown is the big gray one!)

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



## 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.boatus.com/products-and-services/membership>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Doug Howe at [d1howe@wowway.com](mailto: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.

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](mailto:kahowe@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](http://www.phrf-le.org)

### 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](mailto:d1howe@wowway.com).



### GLOBAL ENTRY (Canadian Customs and U.S. 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))





## NOTICE: DATE CHANGE FOR JANUARY MEETING and CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY

Our January 2024 membership meeting and Change of Watch ceremony will be the **SECOND Thursday—JANUARY 11, 2024—7:30pm** at Whiskeys on the Water

Join us to welcome our new officers. Come early for dinner.

### At the November General Membership Meeting



Gentleman Alec Chabalowski, takes a break from his job as November Raffle Volunteer, to enjoy some of the great food and refreshments from our meeting venue, Whiskeys on the Water! The raffle proceeds help support our Commodore's Ball event.

On the agenda "For the Good of the Club", PC Kathy Howe shares some important safety information regarding boat shoes. Don't save them just for the boat. It's important to walk on hard surfaces (like concrete) to wear off the hardened rubber and keep the soles flexible and non-slippery. Otherwise you could have a dangerous slip-and-fall. PC Kathy always shares really good safety tips. Thanks!



Membership Officer Lana Hawkins shares news with members near and far! We had a good turnout at Whiskeys on the Water AND on Zoom—as you can see on the screen over the speaker's podium. The Kuklas attended from the Key of Sea which is travelling down the Atlantic coast—destination Bahamas. (See their story updated every month in the Tack.)



### November CAR CRUISE to MBC BURGER NIGHT



Come hungry, come thirsty — it's always good food with good friends at Monroe Boat Club for their Thursday Burger Nights! Over twenty WSSC friends "cruised" over in November and enjoyed a great evening together. MBC Burger Night is a popular car cruise destination.





## NOVEMBER GMM after-meeting PROGRAM

### NOVEMBER Meeting PRESENTATION

#### Robert Burns, Detroit River-Keeper and Friends of the Detroit River

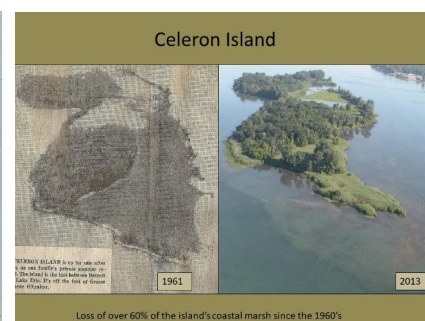
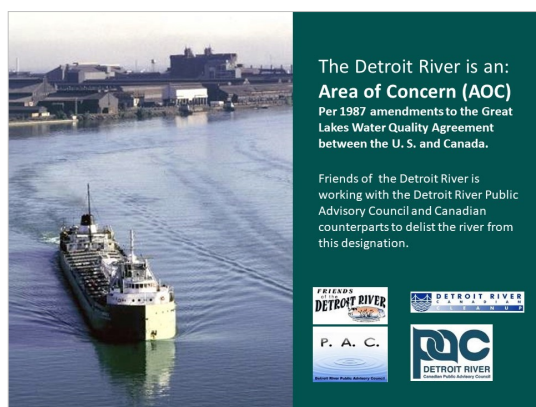


Robert Burns was appointed as the first Detroit Riverkeeper in 2003. A graduate of Grosse Ile High School and Kalamazoo College, he grew up on the river hunting, fishing, camping, and exploring the many islands, marshlands and man-made dikes that make up the lower Detroit River. He undertook a career 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."



Detroit River-Keeper Robert Burns spoke to many concerns of WSSC members, providing information and insights on the Detroit River and Western Lake Erie.





## NOVEMBER CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING



A great time was had by all at the fall Cruising Committee meeting and fabulous pot luck lunch featuring Fleet Captain Dave's Famous Eighty Dollar Chili! (Yes, you'll have to get him to tell you the story.)

Lovable Snoop was on board to keep the meeting from getting too serious (we had to pause for ear scratches and snacks), and up-and-coming-almost-famous photographer Max got everyone in the picture.



## November Caption Contest



"Does anybody need crew?"

**WINNER: PC DOUG HOWE**

*Congratulations to our October caption contest winner who will receive a \$10 gift certificate to Whiskey's on the Water!*

## DECEMBER CAPTION CONTEST



Submit your funniest caption to [wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com](mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com) for a chance to win a \$10 gift certificate to Whiskey's on the Water!



## Members Share Photo Memories



Ahoy the Starboard Tack!  
September 2023 from member Don Baumgartner

"Heather is back back at GBY after enjoying the nice weather this week. Here's a photo of her anchored in the north bay of Kelleys Island."



WSSC celebrates its 2023 Lighthouse Challenge Sponsors. These businesses and individuals donated prizes and funds for our 21<sup>ST</sup> 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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WSSC 2023 Vice Commodore  
**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](mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com)



# THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

## MEMBERS CLASSIFIED



- Looking to sell or giveaway: New 6x 10oz tubes of Sikaflex 291 LOT ('long open time' for warm weather workability)

<https://usa.sika.com/en/industry/global-industry-content-pages-to-keep/commercial-vessels/elastic-sealing-bonding/watertight-sealingbonding/sikaflex-291-lot.html>

- Looking to sell or giveaway: New TotalBoat 2-Part Polyurethane Floatation Foam (6lb density, 2qt kit)

<https://www.totalboat.com/products/2-part-polyurethane-marine-flotation-foam?variant=43199410929888>



**If interested, contact Michael at 313-590-5131**

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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!



See page 00  
for our calendar  
of meetings  
and events.

**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](mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com) for ad placement.**

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](mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com). Thanks!

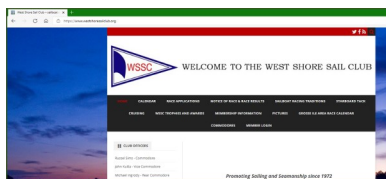


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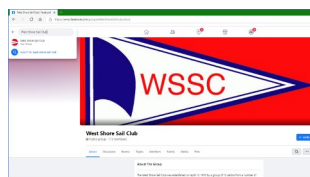
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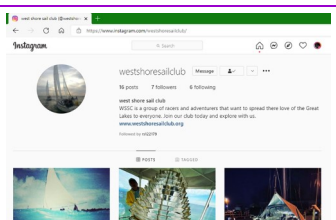
VISIT OUR **WEBSITE** with links to racing and cruising calendars, notice of races, cruising awards registration, and more!  
[www.westshoresailclub.org](http://www.westshoresailclub.org)



VISIT US ON **FACEBOOK** for photos, news, event updates, and more!  
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VISIT US ON **INSTAGRAM** for photos from our races, cruises, and other events!  
[www.instagram.com/westshoresailclub/](https://www.instagram.com/westshoresailclub/)



## 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](mailto:wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com)

BUFFALO LAUNCH CLUB - Grand Island, NY

FAIRPORT HARBOR YACHT CLUB - Fairport Harbor, OH

NORTH CAPE YACHT CLUB - Lasalle, MI

## 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  
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 (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](mailto: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.





## WSSC CONTACTS

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\* indicates Board of Directors

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Director <sup>+</sup>	PC 2022 John Kukla	kuklaj57@gmail.com

### STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES

\* indicates Standing Committee

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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
*Commodores Committee Co-Chairpersons	PC Carver Dumke (1st Co-Chair) PC Dave Monk (2nd Co-Chair)	cadumke@gmail.com david.monk@hotmail.com
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Fleet Captain—Cruising	Dave Wright	iamdave57@gmail.com
Fleet Captain—WNATR	PC Chris McCardell	courttofficer@att.net
Fleet Captain—Racing (Specialty Races)	PC Chris McCardell	courttofficer@att.net
Facebook Page Administrator	(contact through WSSC Facebook page)	
Historian	PC Mike Jablonski	mtjablonski@wowway.com
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	wsscmodcommodore@gmail.com
PHRF-LE Delegate	<b>HELP! We need a volunteer!</b>	
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	<b>HELP! We need a volunteer!</b>	
Webmaster	Lance Yee	talkingdog@sbcglobal.net
WNATR Race Committee Boat Chairperson	Fleet Captain-Racing	courttofficer@att.net (Chris McCardell)



WSSC ROLLING CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
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		
<b>DECEMBER 2023</b>		
December <b>CAR CRUISE</b>	Dec. 2 *Saturday—5:30pm Car Cruise to Ida, MI for Dinner and Parade of Lights—RSVP to Jane Bersie for more info	Car Cruise Captain: Jane Bersie
I-LYA Winter Meeting	Dec. 1-3 in Westlake, Ohio	Association Rep. Kathy Howe
<b>DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> ANNUAL MEETING FOR REPORTS and <b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b>	Dec. 7 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Holiday Party & Marine TOYS FOR TOTS charity donation drive	Meeting: Commodore Holiday Event: Activities Chairperson
<b>RACE COMMITTEE FALL MEETING</b>	Dec. 11 *Monday—7:00pm at Bersie-Chabalowski's home WNATR and Specialty Races 2023 review and 2024 planning	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>NEW OFFICER TRAINING</b>	(TBD) New Officer training and document exchange	Commodore
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Dec. 20 *Wednesday—EARLY DEADLINE DUE TO HOLIDAY SCHEDULES Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
<b>JANUARY 2024</b>		
<b>JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> and <b>CHANGE OF WATCH</b>	<b>Jan. 11, 2024</b> *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys & Zoom PROGRAM: Celebrate with the new Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairpersons	Commodore / M.C.
January <b>CAR CRUISE</b>	CALLING ALL CURLING CREWS and FANS! (Date TBD)	Activities Committee Chairperson
<b>CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING</b>	Jan. 20 *Saturday—1:00pm at location TBD	Rear Commodore and Fleet Captain-Cruising
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Jan. 21 *Sunday—11:59:59pm Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
<b>FEBRUARY 2024</b>		
<b>FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> and <b>EXEC. COMM. GOALS PRESENTATION</b>	<b>Feb. 1 -OR- Feb. 8</b> (DATE TBD) *Thurs. 7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: <b>Executive Committee 2024 Goals Presentation</b>	Commodore / Executive Committee
<b>DUES ARE DUE</b>	Membership Dues are due by the February meeting	Membership Officer
February <b>CAR CRUISE</b>	(TBD)	<i>Needs "Cruise Coordinator" Volunteer</i>
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Feb. 21 *Sunday—11:59:59pm Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
<b>MARCH 2024</b>		
<b>MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> and <b>SPRING SWAP MEET</b>	Mar. 7 *Thurs.—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PRE/POST-MEETING EVENT: <b>SPRING SWAP MEET</b> —Get your gear ready to make a great deal! Tables ready by 6:30pm	Meeting: Commodore Swap Event: Activities Chairperson
March <b>CAR CRUISE</b>	(TBD)	<i>Needs "Cruise Coordinator" Volunteer</i>
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Mar. 24 *Sunday—11:59:59pm Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
<b>APRIL 2024</b>		
<b>APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>	Apr. 4 *Thurs.—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
I-LYA Spring Meeting	Apr. 5-6 in Westlake, Ohio	Association Rep. Kathy Howe
<b>WSSC COMMODORE'S BALL</b>	Apr. 13 *Saturday—8:00pm at Crystal Gardens in Southgate	Karen Laughner, Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson
April <b>CAR CRUISE</b>	<i>We're "cruising" to the COMMODORE'S BALL, of course!</i>	
<b>Racing Buoy Workday</b>	Date & Time: (TBD) / Location: FYC	Vice Commodore
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Apr. 21 *Sunday—11:59:59pm Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor