# Starboard Tack

# WSSC: promoting the sport of sailing and seamanship since 1972

**MAY 2024** 

\* MAY 18TH ANNUAL ICEBREAKER "LAND CRUISE" TO DUMKE'S BACKYARD \*

\*MAY 22ND WNATR SPRING #1

\* MAY 25TH THROUGH 27TH MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE TO SAFE HARBOR TOLEDO BEACH \*

\*MAY 26TH SUMMER CRUISING MEETING AND PICNIC AT SAFE HARBOR TOLEDO BEACH

#### From The Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

#### Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

#### **GREETINGS FROM ANITA**

It's May and the Michigan sailing season has arrived! The boat yards are busy and hulls are getting splashed daily. And just in time for our first racing and cruising activities of the year. WNATR racing officially begins on Wednesday May 22nd for race #1 of the 5-race Spring Series. Rear Commodore Todd Harris has a wonderful weekend planned at Toledo Beach as the port captain for the Memorial Day cruise!

#### **COMMODORE'S BALL 2024 SUCCESS**

I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who came out and enjoyed the 2024 WSSC Commodore's Ball at Crystal Gardens on Saturday April 13th . The venue was beautiful, the food excellent and the party was so much fun! I can't think of a better way to have celebrated my Birthday than with all my West

Shore friends. Special recognition goes out to our Ball Chairperson, Karen

Laughner and her ball committee of Allison Dumke, Christy Yee, Naseem Bokhari, Amy Klinkenberger, Helena Thornton, Maria Jose Gonzalez-Tovar and Dave Monk for all of the



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



you also to Gale Laughner for serving as our well polished event EMCEE. Thank you to Todd Duffett for a lovely invocation. Thank you to Past Commodore Michael Ingrody for the very kind toast. Be sure to check out this issue of the Starboard Tack for the many pictures taken

throughout the event. (cont.)



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# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



FIRST THURSDAYS (except as noted in club calendar) ... 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

<u>LIVE MEETING LOCATION</u>: 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.

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Commodore (continued)

I'd like to take a moment to recognize our special WSSC award winners announced at the Commodore's Ball. We had six cruising boats recognized this year for their logged distance flags including the Ingrodys. Chabalowskis, Cotters, Wrights, Howes and Don Baumgartner.

Winning both the 2023 Cruising Boat of the Year and the 2023 Longest Distance Award at 2159 NM were Past Commodores Doug and Kathy Howe who took their boat Windquest all the way to the East Coast and back, congratulations on your cruising accomplishments Doug and Kathy!

Our JAM Racing Boat of the Year 2023 was Bryce Boardman on Bangarang. Bryce and his crew continue to be the WSSC boat to beat in the JAM class with wins in the GIYC Downriver Race and the WSSC Lighthouse Challenge as well as taking home the most awards at the October WSSC awards night. Watch out Bryce, the competition has their eyes on you for next season!

Our Spinnaker Racing Boat of the Year was awarded to Paul Goddard and P/C Dick Synowiec's new boat Shenan Again. Paul and Dick had an impressive first season on their MK II with local wins in the FYC Regatta, GIYC Labor Day Race and WSSC Lighthouse Challenge, numerous first place finished in WNATR races and first place finish in class in the Mills Race. Very impressive sailing Dick, Paul and crew!

As we all get set to enjoy the waters of Lake Erie and beyond this summer, please take the time to document your adventures. We would love to see more pictures and articles in the Starboard Tack and on our Facebook Page of our members activities. Sharing information about old favorite ports, new destinations, rousing race recaps and new sailing learnings serves to inspire and educate the whole of West Shore Membership. What you think of as being common knowledge or not a big deal may be just the encouragement someone else needs to get out there and try it themselves. I am also very proud of the fact that West Shore Sail Club is so encouraging of new sailors and boat owners, helping to bring more people into our sailing community. Let's keep that spirit going strong!

With that I will wish everyone a safe and fun sailing season 2024, I can't wait to see you all on the water. Sail more with West Shore in '24!

**SAIL MORE WITH WEST SHORE IN 2024!** 

Sincerely,

2024 Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski





2024 Commodore's Ball Committee: Chairperson Karen Laughner, Members Gale Laughner, Alison Dumke, Amy Klinkenberger, Christy Yee, P/C Michael Ingrody & Lady Naseem, R/C Todd Harris & Lady Maria, V/C Jon Cotter and Lady Helena, Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski and Gentleman Alec.



#### From The Vice Commodore (including Racing Report)

#### Jonathan "Jon" Cotter

#### **WSSC 2024 RACING CALENDAR**

WNATR Registrations due May 13
But you can still register late.

#### WNATR COMPETITORS' MEETING

(formerly known as "Skippers' Meeting") Was held May 14 at 7pm at FYC

WNATR SPRING #1 through #5 starts Wednesday—May 22 at 6:50pm

WNATR SUMMER #1 through #5 starts Wednesday—July 3 at 6:50pm

WSSC DOUBLEHANDED RACE Saturday—July 6

#### WSSC LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA

and charity afterglow Saturday—August 17

WNATR FALL #1 through #5 starts Wednesday August 21 at 6:50pm

#### **WSSC JACK AND JILL RACE**

Sunday—September 1

**Buoy Retrieval** Saturday—Sept. 28

WSSC AWARDS NIGHT Wednesday—October 16





Don't forget to pick up a few SKIPPER'S CALLING CARDS to share with your crew and potential crew!







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Race Committe

HELLO SAILORS & FRIENDS,

SAFETY AT SEA: I attended the Detroit Yacht Club's Safety at Sea Course on April 28. Part of the training was testing out your inflatable PC while wearing it in the pool. My picture this month is of me after trying to put air in the inflatable as it failed to remain afloat in the pool because of a large hole. Valuable lesson learned! We also set off flairs, and practiced getting into life rafts.

**WNATR:** The Wednesday Night schedule and courses are locked. We published the N.O.R and sailing instructions to the website. Coming soon will be the Sailing Instructions and N.O.R. for the specialty races.

#### **BUOY DAYS WERE MAY 4 AND MAY 12:**

Michael Ingrody, Doug Howe and Anita planned which buoys were going to be deployed. Two new buoys were used, and 2 buoys were repaired. Commodore Anita painted them. Buoy launch day was postponed until May 12 because of weather. Buoy launch was attended by Time Steffke (pilot), Chris McCardell, Don Baumgartner, Paul Goddard (FYC), Michael Butcher, Todd Harris and me. Dave Monk and Lana Hawkins helped load the buoys on the boat. Thanks again to Jason Bise for the use of his boat. I highly recommend this boat ride, though I'm not sure how we find our way back without those Trenton Channel Chimneys at NNW.

ENTRIES DUE MAY 13: The deadline for WNATR race entry at the best price is May 13th and then the Competitor Meeting (AKA The Skipper Meeting) was held May 14th. After a possible few tuning and tryout sails, what could be better than going to PC Carver & Lady Allison's for the Icebreaker Cruise on May 18th?

I still have some "skipper cards", if you are looking to recruit crew at your local Gym, Brewery or Diner. If you need a few, let me know. (See the picture at left for an example of use.)

**GYBE 'HO!** 

Sincerely, 2024 Vice Commodore Jonathan "Jon" Cotter

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



# PICTURES FROM WSSC RACING PROGRAMS

**BUOY PREP "PARTY" MAY 4** 





**SAFETY AT SEA** 







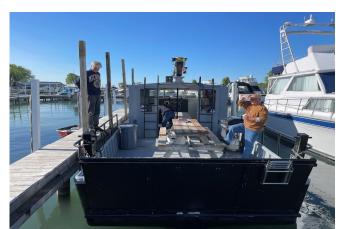
**BUOY LAUNCH "PARTY" MAY 12** 





# MORE PICTURES FROM WSSC RACING PROGRAMS

#### **BUOY LAUNCH "PARTY" MAY 12**









**COMPETITOR'S MEETING FYC MAY 14** 







# • Course • Schedule • Sailing Instructions • Current Splits as of 5/13 • Race Committee Boat • Other WSSC Races • Safety Addenda

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.



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

# Downriver Foster Closet

https://www.facebook.com/Downriverfostercloset























Mike Carey Music Company

WSSC 2023 Vice Commodore

ANITA

BERSIE-CHABALOWSKI

Friend of the Club

LOIS CHABALOWSKI

WSSC 2023 Secretary

JANE BERSIE

# LEA ELLWOOD-FILKINS

WSSC Past Commodore 1982

BROTHER ABBOT JOHN BRENDAN, AF



- ♦ 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

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

#### **Todd Harris**

#### **WSSC 2024 AFTER-MEETING PROGRAMS**

Karl Kuspa from North Sails was the after-meeting speaker for April 4 GMM.

#### **WSSC 2024 CRUISING CALENDAR**

ICEBREAKER "LAND CRUISE" May 18—Saturday

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE
May 24 to 27—Friday/Saturday to Monday
and May 26 CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMODORE'S TEA

JUNE 22-23—Saturday-Sunday

WEEK-LONG CRUISE—NORTH TEN DAYS—JULY 12 TO 21

**LATE SUMMER CRUISE** 

August 16-18—Saturday-Sunday

**HARVEST MOON CRUISE** 

September 28-29—Saturday & Sunday

We need Port Captains to volunteer for the Commodore's Tea and Harvest Moon Cruises

**OUT & ABOUT WITH WSSC** Following the April 4 Membership Meeting, we enjoyed a visit from Karl Kuspa from North Sails to talk to us about Sail Technology, maintenance, performance and selection. Great job Karl!

#### WSSC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

During April we took a short pause in our planning and preparations for the upcoming 2024 Sailing Season to come together in recognition of the service offered by WSSC members during the past season. We recognized just a few of the many people that make all that we do possible. This service includes but is not limited to the numerous opportunities for social interaction with our fellow boaters/sailors with educational seminars and charity events. Our members host and compete in the WNATR as well as several

Cruises by land and sea. It takes hours of dedicated service from so many selfless members to enable this to be possible. Thank-you! Gale and Karen Laughner, active members for many years, leading both the Commodore's Ball planning committee and emceeing (MC) the event. Thank-you! Time to enjoy some less demanding years of WSSC involvement.

Rear Commodore Todd and Lady Maria Jose Sail FANDANGO—a Catalina 30







Fleet Captain—Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising

Recently the Past Commodores and members voted to approve our updated Constitution. Thanks to the hardworking members of the Constitution committee and a special thanks to the past Commodores spokesperson, Carver Dumke for facilitating the voting process. Great work, Team!

The San Pariel award recognizes a WSSC Member that has demonstrated the ideals of all Sailors. Carver Dumke, Lea Elwood-Filkins and Tim Stefke were nominated for this year's San Pariel award for their continued support of our Club. Each has supported WSSC in their own exceptional way. ...and (drum roll...) the Winner is ... Tim Stefke



Tim now has a power boat, but is likely itching to get back out sailing as well. Many remember his time with his former sailboat, the Jolly Swagman (Tartan 37). His friendship, good nature and expertise are all key points to which we aspire. Tim continues to be instrumental with the race buoy launch and retrieval each season. He recently stepped down as the Gibraltar Boat Yard Manager of many years and was also a retired Coast Guardsman.

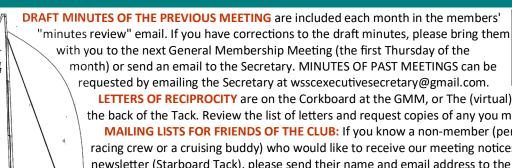
Sincerely, 2024 Rear Commodore Todd Harris \* MARK YOUR CALENDAR: "ICEBREAKER" LAND CRUISE SATURDAY MAY 18TH 3:00PM AT THE DUMKE'S \*

\* SAVE THE DATES MAY 24-27: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE AND REUNION 2024 AT TOLEDO BEACH MARINA \*



#### From the Secretary (including Minutes and Correspondence)

#### **Jane Bersie**





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.

Secretary Jane is co-owner and sails with her family on FAMILY TRUCKSTER a J-92 30' Sincerely, 2024 Secretary Jane Bersie

From the Treasurer **Mike Soltis** 

APRIL STATUS: April has been, by far, the most active month of the year for cash flow with \$5744 of income and \$5323 of expense. Almost 90% of the cash flow was attributable to the successful and well-

attended Commodore's Ball, with the balance accounted for by late-arriving dues including new/returning members as well as the start of racing season entry fees. The 2024 budget forecast of \$17,943 revenue offset by \$17,437 in expense for a net gain of \$505 was presented at the April GMM and approved by a vote of the members present.



ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS: The 2024 budget forecast of \$17,943 revenue offset by \$17,437 in expense for a net gain of \$505 was presented at the April GMM and approved by a vote of the members present.

> Sincerely, 2024 Treasurer Mike Soltis

Treasurer Mike Soltis and Lana Hawkins sail ALACRITY, a J-37

# From the Membership Officer

#### **Lana Hawkins**

**HELLO MEMBERS.** Dues were due in February, but there's always time for you to renew your membership for the current year—or to apply for a new membership! If you didn't get the email please take a look at the membership page on our club's website at this address:

https://sites.google.com/view/westshoresailclub/home

This page gives you all the information you need to pay your dues. Regular dues are \$56 and \$1 goes to the I-LYA Yachstman Fund.

If you are renewing and none of your information has changed from last year, you can simply make a check out to West Shore Sail Club and mail to: West Shore Sail Club, Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 369, Trenton, MI 48138-0369

Dues are due in February, but we welcome you to join or renew at any time throughout the year.

Sincerely, 2024 Membership Officer Lana Hawkins

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



WSSC Membership "By the numbers"			
	as of Apr 1 2024		
Total Memberships	67		
Total Paid Memberships	62		
TOTAL MEMBERS	110		

WSSC memberships are subdivided as follows:		
Individual Memberships	24	
Family Memberships (2 people)	43	
Regular Memberships	57	
Associate Memberships	10	
Life Memberships (non-paid)	5	
Life Memberships (paid)	1	
TOTAL Life Memberships	6	
Honorary Memberships	1	

#### DON'T FORGET THE COMMODORE'S TEA CRUISE AT LEAMINGTON—JUNE 22-23

# **STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS:**

# **ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

#### **Chairperson Amy Wright**

#### "MYSTERY DATE" CAR CRUISE TO TOUR LITTLE CAESAR'S

ARENA: Our car cruises are held in the "off" season, usually,



and we would be done with our schedule now until November except ... at this time we have an opportunity for a really fun and interesting car cruise to cruise over to Little Caesar's Arena for a special "behind the scenes" tour with our own PC David Monk! There are some special

scheduling considerations, so be on the lookout for an email from our Activities Chairperson over the next few months and RSVP right away.



#### **IDEAS FOR MORE CAR CRUISES**

FOR 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,





at PC Carver & Lady Alison Dumke's Home



Grilled Hamburgers, Chicken, and Beer will be provided! Please bring your favorite dish to share.













# Memorial Day Weekend Party / Cruising Meeting



# Memorial Day Weekend: May 24th-27th

Port Captains: RC Todd & Lady Maria Jose (Mary) at Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Marina - Slip #179 41° 49.813' N 83° 24.855' W

Tropical Island Theme Party on Saturday May 25th

More details in this issue AND look for the email to RSVF













Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Marina - 11840 Toledo Beach Road., La Salle, MI 48145



#### MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter"

#### MAY BIRTHDAYS



1-MAY .... Julian L.

4-MAY .... Amy K.

6-MAY .... Windel P.

9-MAY .... Jade S.

12-MAY.. Alec C.

12-MAY .. PC Chuck L.

12-MAY .. PC Tim L..

13-MAY .. Kimberly K.

15-MAY.. Michael B. 26-MAY.. April C.

27-MAY .. Lea E-F.

#### **Membership Officer Lana Hawkins**

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.

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





HI! CAN YOU DO THIS IMPORTANT JOB? VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO BE THE CLUB'S "ALBUM-KEEPER": For many years Frank Pavia took care of the club's Memory Album (it's the "photo wall" for our club—since we don't actually have any walls, per se).

Frank helped club members by handing out blank pages to new members and old, by helping them print and place their photo memories in their spot on the "wall" as the years went by, and by

making sure the album got to meetings and events (in its own "trailer" which was custom-built by Frank). The Memory Album is such an important and fun part of WSSC. Can you help?

"Interim" Club Album-Keeper Jonathan Cotter

Pictured at left are some members and friends looking at the beautiful WSSC club album, created by Life Member Frank Pavia for the 40th Anniversary of the club. Members and friends have fun looking at the photo-memories of many WSSC members.

# **Other Committee News:**

#### **NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE—Starboard Tack**

#### **Editor Lea Ellwood-Filkins**

DISTRIBUTION: If you know of someone (friends and crew members) who might like to receive the Tack, be sure to send their email address to: wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

THIS MONTH'S STORY "Specials" CREDITS: Thank you, as always, to PC John and Lady Ana Kukla for sharing their fabulous yesr-long adventuring in southern waters.

THIS MONTH'S PHOTO CREDITS: We were glad to receive other photos for this issue from PC John and Lady Ana Kukla, VC Jon Cotter, RC Todd Harris (although I'm pretty sure it must have been Lady Maria Jose who actually took the photo), Activities Chairperson Amy Wright, Secretary Jane Bersie, and Zoom. Send your photos of WSSC events — and submissions for the CAPTION CONTEST — to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

TACKY TYPOS / THIS MONTH'S LIFESAVERS AWARDS: OOPS! When the Editor gets back to town, the famous LifeSavers awards for February, March, and April will be awarded at the May general membership meeting. It will be a sugary sweet time with all the LifeSavers that are due. Thanks all for your help in making the Tack less tacky.

TACKY PRIZES: Remember, you can "win" by finding typos (win a LifeSavers), finding a typo that's a mispelled 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 for being fabulous to the Tack Staff you can win the annual "Truffles" award for all the truffle you go to to help us out!

Sincerely,

Starboard Tack Editor Lea Ellwood-Filkins



#### 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

#### 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/
Facebook: I-LYA Inter-Lake Yachting Association https://www.facebook.com/ILYAInterLakeYachtingAssociation
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 https://i-lya.org/i-lya-news/
   I-LYA Spring Meeting April 5-6, Westlake, OH
- I-LYA Junior Bay Week July 14-18, Put-in-Bay, Ohio https://www.facebook.com/ILYABayWeekPowerRegattasSrandJr/
- I-LYA Power Regatta July 24-28, Put-in-Bay, Ohio https://www.facebook.com/ILYABayWeekPowerRegattasSrandJr/
- I-LYA Bay Week (Senior Sail Week) July 31-August 4, Put-in-Bay, Ohio https://www.facebook.com/ILYABayWeek
- I-LYA Fall Meeting is December 6-7, Westlake, Ohio
   FOR MORE INFORMATION ON I-LYA CONTACT Kathy Howe at kahowe@wowway.com

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

(Measurers PC Doug Howe & PC Dick Synowiec)





**VOLUNTEER NEEDED:** While PC Dick Synowiec and PC Doug Howe continue their service to PHRF-LE and to the club s as PHRF-LE measurers, 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 postition.

The PHRF-LE website is 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.

GLOBAL ENTRY (Canadian Customs and U.S. Customs & Border Protection /USA RE-ENTRY)

Rep. PC Doug Howe

**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.



CBP ROAM REQUIRED: US requires the use of CBP Roam.

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

Department of Homeland Security (dhs.gov))

I was impressed at the Detroit Boat Show where I saw this *(picture at right)*. It is a very simple diagram of what one needs to do to go to, or return from Canada. Note: CBP roam must be applied for. You can do so by downloading the app or going to https://www.login.gov

Also, for more extensive travel, Nexus is the least expensive method. Information on Nexus and the other Trusted Traveler programs is at https://ttp.cbp.dhs.gov/



#### MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING





Lots of people come early to the Membership Meetings to spend time chatting with friends—new and old.

And the kitchen (and bar) are open all night during the meeting, so you can't go away hungry!

DID YOU KNOW? Zoom attendance helps the club by ensuring a quorum at each meeting.

Attending by Zoom is a great advantage when you're on the road (or sailing The Bahamas). The only disadvantage to



Remember to check out the LIVE IN PERSON Cork Board always displayed at our meetings. It has information on reciprocity, last minute updates, car cruises, and more!



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



# CRUISING AWARDS AT THE COMMODORE'S BALL







**CONGRATULATIONS** to the HOWES!











Be sure to submit your cruising application forms for next year and get ready to do some cruising. **SAIL MORE WITH WEST SHORE IN 2024!** 





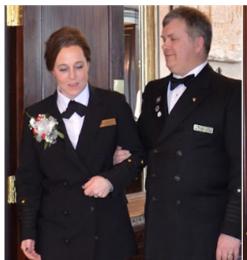


# RACING AWARDS AT THE COMMODORE'S BALL





# BRIDGE AND DIRECTORS AT THE COMMODORE'S BALL









**Director PC Chuck Laskey and Lady Phae** 



Director PC Dave Monk escorting
Lea Elwood-Filkins, Starboard Tack Editor

# VISITING AND PAST COMMODORES AT THE COMMODORE'S BALL



















# **FUN AT THE COMMODORE'S BALL BALL**











# MORE FUN AT THE COMMODORE'S BALL



# THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"



SAVE THE DATES

34th Annual

Opening of the Island

June 7, 8, and 9 - 2024

Ceremony June 8 at 1:00pm at

Ford Yacht Club

# MEMBERS CLASSIFED



 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



Fresh bread, donuts, pies, cookies, and pastries.
Custom cakes. Seasonal treats.

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HOURS: Mon-Fri: 6am-6pm Sat: 6am-5:30pm Sun: Closed



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#### SEND YOUR PHOTO(S) TO THE STARBOARD TACK NEWSLETTER



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

**Submit your photos to Starboard Tack Editor at wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com.** Photos will be shared on the "Member Photo Fun" pages in upcoming issues of the Starboard Tack. **Be an "On-the-Spot Reporter" for the Starboard Tack and get the coveted LifeSavers Award!** 

# THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

# MISSING



# Have you seen this flag?

WSSC had two "Mother Goose" flags used by our Fleet Captain-Cruising and our Port Captains to mark the "information place" (i.e. the boat with the Port Captain aboard) on WSSC-sponsored cruises. Recently, the oldest of these was found and has been repaired. But where is the other one?

We ask members to check hatches, garages, boat boxes, and basements to see if you might (accidentally, of course) be keeping Mother Goose from flying in the upcoming cruising season.

# THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!



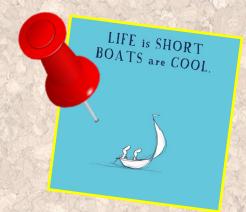
Update APRIL 1ST, 2024
From the Office of
the Vice Commodore
oril 1st, 2024, 11:33am

Date: April 1st, 2024 11:33am GORDIE HOWE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

Only 300ft of span left (91.5 Canadian meters)!

Special notice to Members (especially John & Ana)—If you need you get your new boat up the river ACT NOW! Height over water will only be 150' (45.7m) when span is complete.





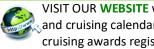
Do your crew members and sailing friends keep "borrowing" your copy of the Starboard Tack?

HAVE THEM JOIN OUR "FRIENDS" MAILING LIST.

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

# THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

#### From The Webmaster



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











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# LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY

have been received from the clubs listed below.

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

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 \$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.

# **WSSC CONTACTS for 2024**

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Director <sup>+</sup>	PC 2012 Chuck Laskey		claskey1954@yahoo.com

STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES * indicates Standing Committee					
OFFICE / COMMITTEE / ACTIVITY or EVENT	CONTACT	EMAIL			
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Boat U.S. Representative	PC Doug Howe	d1howe@wowway.com			
Budget Committee	Executive Committee				
By-Laws Committee	Commodores Committee				
Club Memory (Anniversary) Album	HELP! We need a volunteer!	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—Racing (Specialty Races)	PC Chris McCardell	courtofficer@att.net			
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I-LYA Delegate	PC Kathy Howe	kahowe@wowway.com			
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Nomination Committee	Commodores Committee	wssccommodore@gmail.com			
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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 "Act	ivities 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	PC Doug Howe	d1howe@wowway.com			
Webmaster	Lance Yee	talkingdog@sbcglobal.net			
WNATR Race Committee Boat Chairperson	Fleet Captain-Racing	courtofficer@att.net (Chris McCardell)			

# WSSC ROLLING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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RED indicates WNATR racing event — BLUE indicates cruising event — ORANGE indicates specialty racing event — PURPLE indicates activities committee event

APRIL 2024		
APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	APR. 4 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: NORTH SAILS	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
I-LYA Spring Meeting	Apr. 5-6 in Westlake, Ohio	Association Rep. PC Kathy Howe
WSSC COMMODORE'S BALL	Apr. 13 *Saturday—6:00pm at Crystal Gardens in Southgate	Karen Laughner, Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson
Race Committee Spring Meeting	Apr. 25 *Thursday—7:00pm at Downey Brewing Company	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
"Mystery Date" CAR CRUISE	(TBD—keep checking your email) Little Caesar's behind-the-scenes tour	Activities Chairperson
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Apr. 28 *Sunday—11:59:59pm	Starboard Tack Editor
MAY 2024		
MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING and SPRING SWAP MEET	MAY 2 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water PRE/POST-MEETING EVENT: SPRING SWAP MEET	Meeting: Commodore Swap Event Chairperson: PC Doug Howe
Racing BUOY PREP WORK PARTY	MAY 4 *Saturday Meet-up location and time TBD	Vice Commodore
Racing BUOY LAUNCH	May 11 *Saturday Meet-up location and time TBD	Vice Commodore
WNATR COMPETITORS' (SKIPPERS) MEETING	May 14—7:00pm at Ford Yacht Club	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
Cruise #1: ICEBREAKER "LAND" CRUISE	May 18 *Saturday—(time TBD) Location/Port Captains: PC Carver & Lady Allison Dumke	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
WNATR - Spring #1	May 22 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
Cruise #2: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE	May 24-27 *Fri/Sat—Monday at Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Port Captain: RC Todd Harris and Lady Mary	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
CRUISING COMMITTEE Meeting	May 26 *Sunday—2:00pm at Memorial Day Weekend Cruise Potluck (BYO meat / grills available)—Bring a chair—BYOB	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	May 26 *Sunday—11:59:59pm	Starboard Tack Editor
WNATR - Spring #2	May 29 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
JUNE		
JUNE 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING	Jun. 6 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
OPENING OF THE ISLAND	Jun 7-8-9—Opening Ceremony Jun 8 at FYC	for information contact PC David Monk
Cruising Award Pre-Registrations Due	Jun. 10—Registration form on WSSC website	PC Kathy Howe, Cruising Log Master
WNATR - Spring #3	Jun. 12 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR - Spring #4	Jun. 19th *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
Cruise #3: COMMODORE'S TEA	Jun. 22-23 *Saturday-Sunday to Leamington, Ontario Port Captain: Needed	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
WNATR - Spring #5	Jun. 26th *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Jun. 23 *Sunday—11:59:59pm	Starboard Tack Editor

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JULY		
JULY 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING	(CANCELLED FOR JULY)	Commodore
WNATR - Summer #1	July 3 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
WSSC DOUBLEHANDED RACE	July 6 *Saturday—to North Cape Yacht Club	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR - Summer #2	Jul. 10 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
(informational)	July 13 start of Chicago to Mackinac Race	(informational)
Cruise #4: <b>WEEK-LONG CRUISE</b>	July 12-21 Week-long Cruise to the North Join for all or a portion of this cruising event! July 12-13 (make your way to Port Huron on your own schedule) July 14—Port Huron—Port Captain: PC Lance & Christy Yee July 15-16—Lexington State Docks—Port Captain: PC Jody Larrow July 17-18—Harbor Beach Historical Anchorage—Port Captains: Mike Soltis and Lana Hawkins July 19-21 (return to Lake Erie or cruise farther north)	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
(informational)	July 20 start of Bayview Yacht Club's Port Huron to Mackinac Race)	(informational)
WNATR Summer # 3	Jul. 31 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
AUGUST		
(informational)	Aug. 1-4 *Thursday-Sunday—"Bay Week" Sail Regatta at Put-In Bay, Ohio	(informational)
WNATR Summer #4	Aug. 7 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
AUGUST 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Note special date change—second Thursday)	AUG. 8 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
WNATR Summer #5	Aug. 14 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
Cruise #5: LATE SUMMER CRUISE	Aug. 16-18 *Saturday-Sunday—to historic Toledo Yacht Club Port Captain (TBD)	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
WNATR Fall #1	Aug. 21 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA and Charity Afterglow	Aug. 17 *Saturday—First start 10:00am Afterglow at Grosse lle Pavilion (Water's Edge Marina)	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Fall #2	Aug. 28 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
SEPTEMBER		
WSSC JACK AND JILL RACE	Sep. 1 *Sunday	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Fall #3	Sep. 4 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
SEPTEMBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP MTG	Sep. 5 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Program: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
WNATR Fall #4	Sep. 11 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Fall #5	Sep. 18 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
Racing BUOY RETRIEVAL	Sep. 28 *Saturday—Meet-up location and time TBD	Vice Commodore
Cruise #6: HARVEST MOON CRUISE	Sep. 28-29 *SatSun.—to Monroe Boat Club and dinner at Blue Heron Port Captain: Dan Williamson	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising

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OCTOBER		
OCTOBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP MTG and OFFICER NOMINATIONS	Oct. 3 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Program: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
October CAR CRUISE	(TBD)	Activities Chairperson
WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT	Oct. 16 *Wednesday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain Racing
NOVEMBER		
NOVEMBER 2024 ANNUAL MEETING and OFFICER ELECTIONS	Nov. 7 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: (TBD)	Commodore
November CAR CRUISE	(TBD)	Activities Chairperson
DECEMBER		
DECEMBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP MTG and & HOLIDAY PARTY	Dec. 5 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Marine TOYS FOR TOTS charity donation drive	Meeting: Commodore Party: Activities Chairperson
New Officer Training	(TBD) New Officer training and document exchange	Commodore
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Dec. 22 *Sunday—11:59:59pm Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
JANUARY 2025		
JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING and CHANGE OF WATCH	Jan. 2 or 9, 2025 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys & Zoom PROGRAM: Let's celebrate with our new officers!	Commodore / M.C.
CRUISING COMMITTEE Meeting		Rear Commodore and Fleet Captain-Cruising
RACE COMMITTEE Meeting		Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
January CAR CRUISE		Activities Committee Chairperson
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Jan. 26 *Sunday—11:59:59pm Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor