

Starboard Tack



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JANUARY 2024

DUES ARE DUE FEBRUARY 1ST

* CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING January 20th * RACE COMMITTEE MEETING January 25th *

From The Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

Michael Ingrody

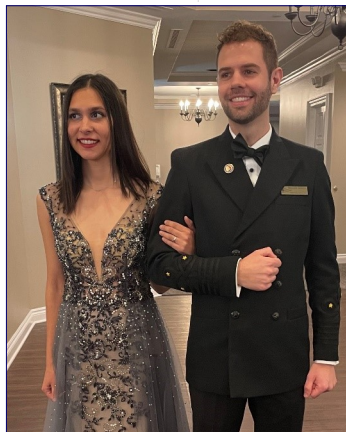
Happy New Year!

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: I am excited to welcome and congratulate our new officers as they take on their 2024 WSSC Executive Committee duties! As I hand over the helm to Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski, I have nothing but complete confidence that she will continue to steer the ship into bluer waters, further along the course of this club's long-term voyage. And standing behind her is an incredibly capable crew, eager to clamber out on deck with just a second's notice regardless of the gales that might await them. Clearly, West Shore Sail Club is in excellent hands and I look forward to watching our club thrive next year—and beyond.



As I step down from my role as Commodore, I would like to give thanks to those who helped make this past year a success. First, to my 2023 Executive Committee: VC Anita, RC Jonathan, Secretary Jane, Treasurer Doug, and Membership Officer Lana:

Commodore Michael and Lady Naseem sail a Catalina 30 MKIII



Commodore Michael and Lady Naseem at their 2023 Commodores Ball

thank you for pouring out everything you had into the club during this past year. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you. And from the positive changes I



have seen already, your efforts have not been in vain and I am certain the club will benefit for many years to come.

To all of our many volunteers, whether it was for appointed positions or general support for events or everything in between, without you a club like this simply could not exist. Thanks for making personal sacrifices for the greater good. Your passion is infectious, and a critical driving force in maintaining such a healthy group of volunteers year after year.

And lastly, to all the colorful characters of West Shore Sail Club, thank you for an unforgettable three years. After getting involved in the club I can truly say the only

thing more incredible than sailing is the friends you meet along the way. Already we've made so many memories together and I look forward to continuing the trend in my new role as a Past Commodore!

Here's to a bright and windy future!

Sincerely,
2023 Commodore Michael Ingrody

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**

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.

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West Shore Sail Club

CHANGE OF WATCH • January 11, 2024



Change of Watch Master of Ceremonies..... Gale Laughner

RETIRING OFFICERS' COMMENDATION FOR SERVICE TO WSSC

These officers are thanked for their service to the club
and officially relieved of duty

Treasurer PC 1997 Doug Howe

Director PC 2022 John Kukla

INTRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF 2024 FLEET CAPTAINS AND PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF OFFICE

INSTALLATION OF 2024 FLEET CAPTAINS

Fleet Captain-Cruising David Wright

Fleet Captain-Racing PC 2002 Chris McCardell

INTRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF 2024 FLAG OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF OFFICE

2024 DIRECTORS

Director PC 2012 Chuck Laskey

Director PC 2017/2018 Dave Monk

(The Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, and Treasurer also serve on the Board of Directors)

2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Membership Officer Lana Hawkins

Treasurer Mike Soltis

Secretary Jane Bersie

(The Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore also serve on the Executive Committee)

2024 FLAG OFFICERS

Rear Commodore Todd Harris

Vice Commodore Jonathan Cotter

Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

PAST COMMODORE'S COMMENDATION FOR SERVICE TO WSSC AND PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF OFFICE

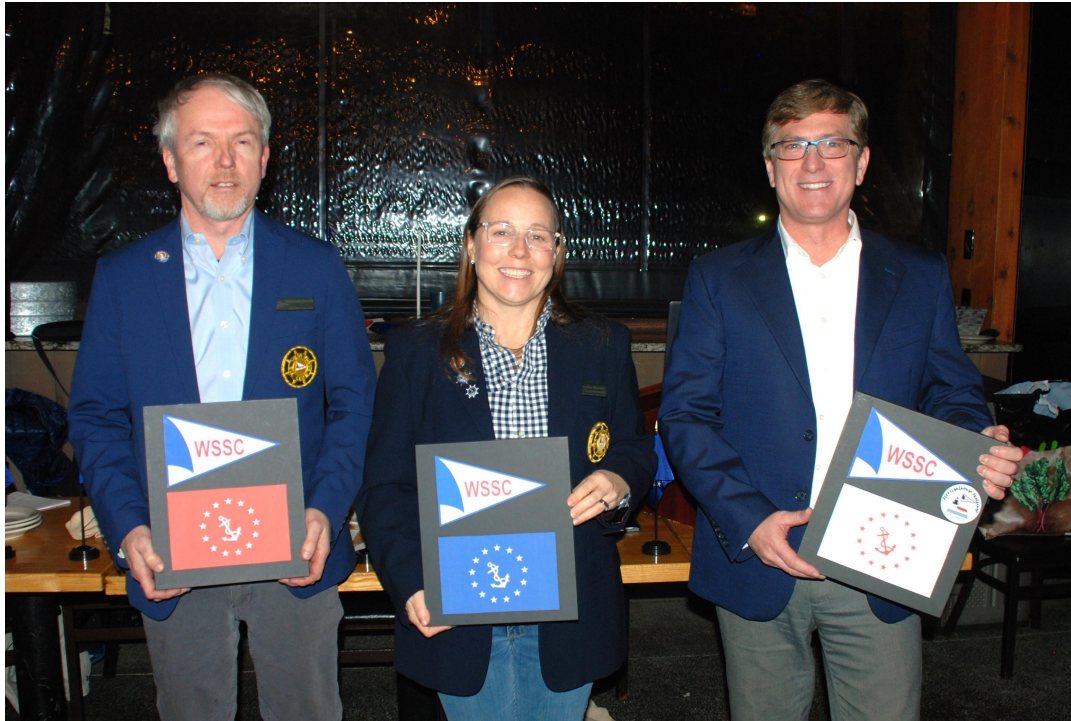
Past Commodore 2023.....Michael Ingrody



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WSSC 2024 FLAG OFFICERS

2024 Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski (*center*) is pictured with
2024 Vice Commodore Jonathan Cotter (*left*) and 2024 Rear Commodore Todd Harris (*right*)



WSSC 2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND DIRECTORS with NEWEST PAST COMMODORE

Secretary Jane Bersie, Director PC 2017/2018 David Monk, Vice Commodore Jon Cotter, Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski,
PC 2023 Michael Ingrody, Rear Commodore Todd Harris, Director PC 2012 Chuck Laskey
(*not pictured Treasurer Mike Soltis and Membership Officer Lana Hawkins*)

* RACE COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 25TH 7:00PM AT DOWNEY BREWING IN DEARBORN *

From The Vice Commodore (including Racing Report)

Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

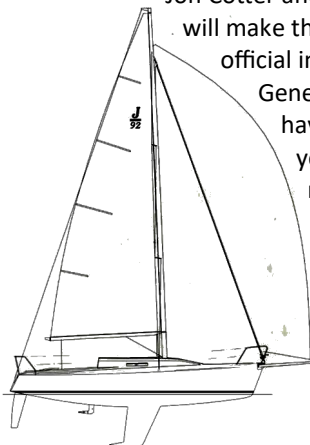
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024 TO ALL THE WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS! With the holidays and 2023 in the rearview mirror it is time to look ahead to our upcoming season. I'm looking forward to moving up to the Commodore role this year and keeping the club on course for more fun. Sailboat cruising, sailboat racing and socializing with fellow sailors are the core activities of this group. My goal for 2024 is to get more area sailors both new and experienced involved in West Shore and joining the fun. I am thankful to both Past Commodore Kukla and Past Commodore Ingrody for their leadership and guidance for my first two years on the bridge and hope that I can fill the big shoes they've left!



Winters are better on a beach!
"Family Truckster" style fun in Florida

WE'VE BEGUN TO LAY OUT THE 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SO EVERYONE CAN MARK THEIR CALENDARS EARLY.

The racing and cruising dates have been tentatively proposed at both 2023 wrap up committee meetings. Vice-Commodore Jon Cotter and Rear Commodore Todd Harris will make their racing and cruising dates official in the next month or so. The General Membership meeting dates have also been set for the coming year. You will notice that we've moved two GMM dates from the normal first Thursday of the month due to scheduling conflicts. January's meeting was moved due to a conflict with



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

Whiskey's on the Water. August's meeting date was moved back one week to accommodate the I-LYA Senior Bay Week Regatta that several of our WSSC racers participate in.

Our Activities Chairperson Amy Wright has been organizing some great car cruises to keep the fun going in the winter months including the Frankenmuth Snowfest in January and a Curling excursion to Detroit in February. Otherwise I will keep my January Starboard Tack Article short and let you get to the good stuff.

Sail MORE with West Shore in '24!

Sincerely,
**2023 Vice Commodore
Anita Bersie-Chabalowski**



Fleet Captain: Racing



Race Committee

WSSC 2023 RACING CALENDAR

FIRST RACE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 2024

Thursday Jan. 25 at 7:00 PM at Downey Brewing
13121 Prospect, Dearborn, MI 48126.
LOOK FOR THE RED DOOR!

Buoy Prep Work Party
Saturday—May 4

Buoy Launch
Saturday—May 11

WNATR SKIPPERS' MEETING
May—date TBD

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 SHORTHANDED RACE
Saturday—July 6th

WSSC LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA
and charity afterglow
Saturday—August 17th

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

WSSC JACK AND JILL RACE
Sunday—September 1st

Buoy Retrieval
Saturday—Sept. 28

WSSC AWARDS NIGHT
Wednesday—October 16th

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

From The Rear Commodore (including Cruising Report)

Jonathan "Jon" Cotter

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE: As the year has wound down I would like to thank everyone for helping me fulfill the Rear Commodore duties. I have received a lot of good advice and encouragement along the way and really appreciate the great team spirit we have here at West Shore. It's been especially great to work with Michael as Commodore and finally doing some side-by-side sailing with him this summer. I look forward to more sailing with PC Ingrody in 2024 in his new sailboat. The addition of Todd Harris on the bridge is great and I look forward to all the positive energy to WSSC in 2024.

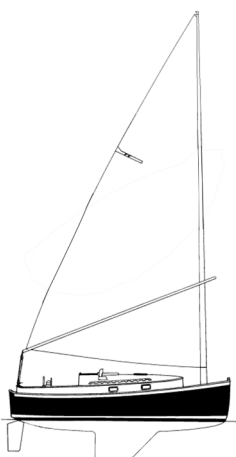


RC Jon and Lady Helena enjoy a brisk day before haul-out.

Meanwhile I'm gradually learning from Anita more about the details of the WNATR racing and all the pieces that need to come together to make a great racing season. Sitting next to a dedicated spinnaker racer all year I feel at least I have a head start (not OCS) and a great go-to friend for advice.

I attended the last official Race Committee meeting for 2023 on December 11th and we had a productive, (and sometimes voluble ;) discussion on the positives and negatives of last year. The coming year will have a few nice changes that will be reviewed further at the first Race Committee meeting of 2024—to be held at Downey Brewing in Dearborn on Thursday, January 25.

OUR NEXT CRUISING MEETING IS ON JANUARY 20TH, where I hope to hand off the agenda and baton to Todd. In aid of getting as much input as possible I put out a "QuestionPro"



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

survey last month for the coming season. Thank you everyone who took the time to fill it out. There will be one more reminder to give 5 minutes of your time to comment on cruising and what your boat and crew prefer. The result will be discussed at the Jan 20th meeting. For cruising I hope to be able to participate, even though for us 2024 will be filled just a little more.

CHEERS, THE DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER!

Sincerely,
2023 Rear Commodore
Jonathan Cotter



Fleet Captain: Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising

WSSC 2024 CRUISING CALENDAR

CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 20—Saturday
1:00pm Potluck / 2:00pm meeting
(see your email for location details)

ICEBREAKER "LAND CRUISE"

May 18—Saturday
at Allison & Carver's Place
(look for details in your email)

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE

May 25 to 27—Saturday to Monday
to Safe Harbor Toledo Beach
and May 26 **CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING**

COMMODORE'S TEA

JUNE 22—Saturday
(location TBD)

WEEK-LONG CRUISE

July 12 to 21—Ten days
(Ports TBD)

LATE SUMMER CRUISE

August (Saturday to Sunday date TBD)
(Port TBD)

HARVEST MOON CRUISE

September 28-29—Saturday & Sunday
to Monroe Boat Club

Meet the 2024 Rear Commodore

Todd Harris



“HI, I’M TODD!”

I probably first got the idea in my head to learn how to sail while boating with friends on White Lake in West Michigan where I grew up. I'm not from a sailing family. My family usually enjoyed fishing, swimming, and water skiing. It wasn't until years later that I decided to pursue my dream.

As any Engineer would do, I drafted a plan and put it into action:

- Step 1 Book Knowledge: I took a bunch of ASA classes. And read everything I could find about cruising and racing.
- Step 2 Real Experience: I gained experience on someone else’s boat, sailing with Sailtime Detroit - out on Lake St Clair.

In about 7 years, I finally had the courage to take my family on a sailing vacation to the West Coast of Florida.

Along the journey to boat ownership, I met my first mate, Maria Jose (Mary) while on a work assignment in Mexico. Together, we found WSSC while searching for our future boat. The Yee’s had posted their Catalina 30 and we jumped at the chance to go "all in". We currently hail from Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Marina where we’ve polished her up and finally Christened her "Fandango" for the 2023 sailing season.

Sincerely,
2024 Rear Commodore Todd Harris



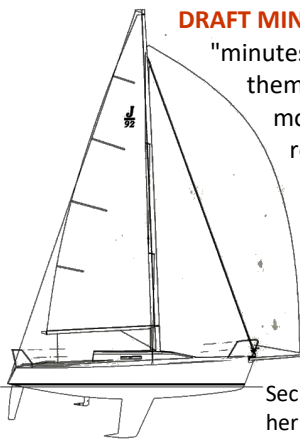
At the christening of "Fandango" at last year's Memorial Day Weekend Cruise!



These mateys were sure to win Best Couples Costume at the Harvest Fest Hallowe'en party and hayride... Arrrrrrrr!

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.

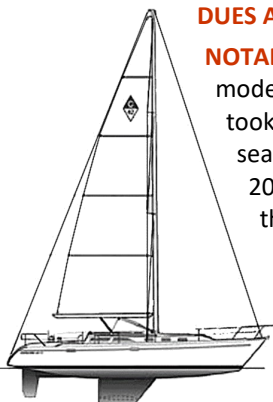
Sincerely,
Secretary Jane Bersie

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



From the Treasurer

Doug Howe



DUES ARE DUES FEBRUARY 1ST

NOTABLE LAST MONTH: Expenses for December were as expected. Insurance has a modest increase, and U.S. Sailing offered a small discount for early renewal which we took advantage of. We decided not to purchase any new buoys for the 2024 racing season, as the buoys were in good condition when pulled, and none of the new for 2023 buoys were used. Income from membership dues has begun and is expected to be similar to 2023 through the February deadline.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED MEMBERS: 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



Meet the 2024 Treasurer

Mike Soltis



My wife, Lana and I have only been members of WSSC for a little less than a year now, but I owe my sailing introduction to the 1977 WSSC WNATR and Sunday morning Western Lake Erie race series.

The 45-year gap between my introduction to the club and joining

was because I did not know at the time that I could join WSSC without owning a boat. Back in 1977, my brother got me a ride crewing for his high school friend's father, Robert Rosenfeld, on their Catalina 30 out of FYC as my primary racing commitment. I also met Ted and Mike Jablonski, who offered me the opportunity to substitute crew on Lickety Split, the Morgan 27 edition.

Those experiences got sailing into my blood and I bought what I could afford at the time, an International 470 with spinnaker and racing spars.

I crewed the Lake Erie races for a couple of seasons and was able to use that experience on my sailing resume to qualify to bareboat charter a Morgan Out Island 33 from Windsong Charters out of Fort Lauderdale. The crew, consisting of my brother and our friends, crossed the Gulf Stream to Bimini during that first Christmas break and to Grand Bahama Island the following year. I got married the next year and stopped keelboat racing, but continued pond sailing with my 470 for a few more years. I switched to powerboats and waterskiing for the following 30 years, until

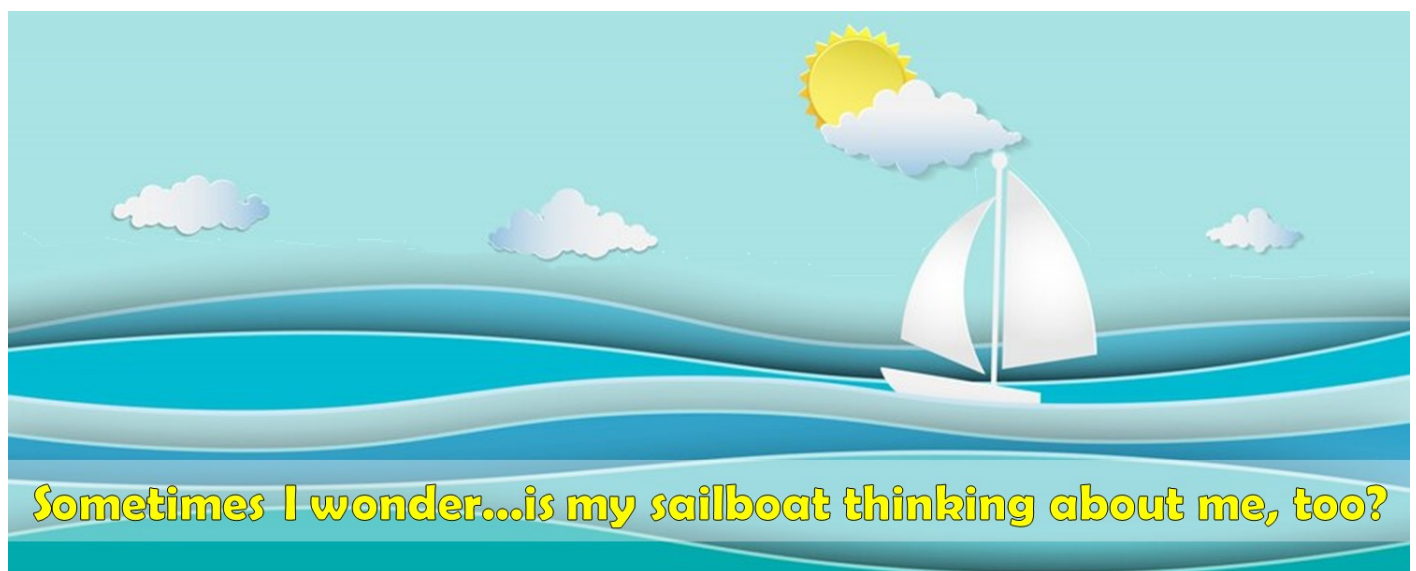
Lana and I moved to Grosse Ile last year.

The move to Grosse Ile brought back fond memories of sailing on Lake Erie and a longing to do so again. I told Lana that I was getting the "itch" to sail again, and she suggested that I look for a ride crewing for someone else since she and I had been discussing the possibility of buying a trawler to travel The Great Loop and were not considering buying a sailboat. I figured that WSSC would be my best opportunity and joined last February. Brenda Woodruff offered me the opportunity to crew for her on Dragon Lady last summer and I look forward to racing again this summer.

When I realized that WSSC was not just for racing and that there was an active social aspect, I invited Lana to join. She had never been with me on a sailboat but had sailed on the Adriatic and in the British Virgin Islands. We had no thoughts of acquiring a keelboat of our own ... until Don Baumgartner approached us at the August GMM with info that his friend just so happened to have a J37 for sale. It was the same boat that we had admired numerous times as we drove past it sitting on a lift along West River Drive. We bought it in time to be the new kids on the block at the September Harvest Moon Cruise to MBC and are looking forward to some serious cruising with WSSC this coming summer.



**Sincerely,
2024 Treasurer Mike Soltis**

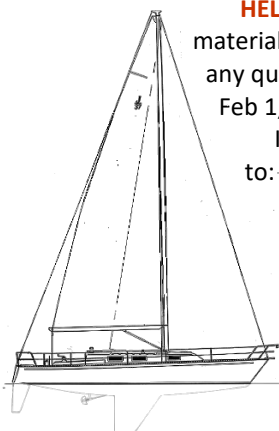


Sometimes I wonder...is my sailboat thinking about me, too?

From the Membership Officer

Lana Hawkins

WSSC MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS COMING SOON!



HELLO CURRENT MEMBERS: Please keep an eye out for the membership renewal material in your email inbox this January 2024. If you can't find them, or if you have any questions please email me and I will resend them to you. The payment is due Feb 1, 2024. FYI dues are \$56 with \$1 going to the I-LYA Yachstman Fund.

If none of your information has changed you can make a check out to West Shore Sail Club and mail to: West Shore Sail Club—Attn Membership Chair, P.O. Box 369, Trenton, MI 48138-0369

Thank You!

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 1-10-2024
Regular Memberships	55
Associate Memberships	10
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS	66
Total Paid Memberships	61

Hey Members! DUES ARE DUE FEBRUARY 1ST

WSSC DUES FOR 2024 ARE \$56 PER MEMBERSHIP
The dues include \$1 for the club's annual donation to the I-LYA Inter-Lake Yachtsmen's Fund. Late fees charged after March 1st

MEMBERSHIP FORM

FILL OUT A 2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM only if your membership information requires updating! OR if nothing has changed since last year, just print the form (from your email or the westshoresailclub.org website, put a check mark on the square that says "IF YOU HAVE NO CHANGES MARK HERE", then sign at the bottom and go to the second page to fill in the "Volunteer Opportunities For Members" section. (BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE FORM—Don't fill out the form directly on the Google drive. Thanks.) Life Members—see your email for additional instructions. Thanks.

WAYS TO PAY

Pay in Person: When you attend the February general membership meeting, bring your filled-in membership form and pay with check or cash.

CHECK: Print and fill out a membership form. Make check payable to "West Shore Sail Club" and write "2024 membership Renewal" in the memo line. Mail to West Shore Sail Club, Attn. Membership Officer, P. O. Box 369, Trenton, MI 48183.

ZEFFY: Zeffy uses Stripe to process payments. They make money when you give Zeffy a donation, or accept the default surcharge, each time you pay for something. It is free to the club and free to you, too, **IF you change the donation to Zeffy to \$0 on your order. Otherwise the Zeffy form defaults to a 17% surcharge (donation).** I'm sure Zeffy would appreciate any donation, but using Zeffy without donation (surcharge) is OK too. Here is the link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/c3c21d54-28f1-4fcf-aa9e-85bbd2cb1f27> ... Or you can scan this QR code to be taken to the Zeffy payment page.



PAYPAL: Go to www.paypal.com and sign into your account, or create an account. Select "Send" and type wsscfinancial@gmail.com, then press Next. **Please add \$2 to your dues to cover the cost of transaction fees charged to WSSC on PayPal transactions.** Enter the payment amount of \$58 (\$56 plus \$2 to cover the required PayPal fees) and answer the question "What's this payment for?" by typing [Your Name] and "2024 Membership Dues". Press Continue. Next select your payment method or enter your credit card information. You can choose to add your bank account to link it to Paypal (it will take several days—follow the procedure on PayPal). After selecting the payment method press Next. Review your information and select "Send Payment Now".

MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE MAILED AFTER PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.

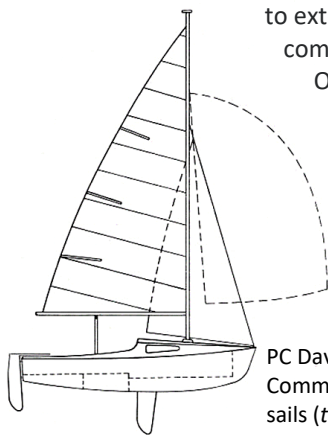
STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS: COMMODORES COMMITTEE & PC DIRECTORS

HAPPY NEW YEAR WSSC FRIENDS!

As I write this on New Year's Eve 2023, I'm reminiscing about our club...

As we get older these New Year's Eves seem to come faster and faster; it is hard to believe that tomorrow will be 2024 already... but it will also be the start to another wonderful sailing season for West Shore Sail Club.

The start of the sailing season will officially begin with the WSSC Change of Watch at our January General Membership meeting on January 11. This is the meeting where our 2024 leadership is sworn in and begin their year—we wish these individuals our support.



The WSSC Past Commodores would like to extend their full support and commitment to our 2024 Flag Officers, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Activities Chairperson, Commodore's Ball Committee, Newsletter Editor, and every member who volunteers their time and effort, attends a meeting, or supports the

PC David, Director and Commodores Committee Co-chairperson sails (*too small to name*) – a Sirocco 15

club in any way. With that said, I hope you could attend our January meeting to witness our Change of Watch ceremonies and congratulate all of our officers in person:

- Anita Bersie-Chablowski – Commodore
- Jonathan Cotter – Vice Commodore
- Todd Harris – Rear Commodore
- Jane Bersie – Secretary
- Michael Solstis – Treasurer
- Lana Hawkins – Membership Officer
- PC Chuck Laskey and PC David Monk – Directors
- Fleet Captain-Racing – Chris McCardell
- Fleet Captain-Cruising – Dave Wright.



And again, the very best to all the WSSC family and friends in the New Year 2024. And we hope to see you at the our General Membership Meetings (usually) on the first Thursdays of each month at Whiskey's on The Water (check our club calendar).

Sincerely,

PC David Monk
Director and Commodores
Committee Co-chairperson

Meet our newest Director

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Chuck Laskey.

I have been a member of WSSC for 15 years. For at least 12 of those years I have been involved on some sort of board for WSSC. If I'm not on a board, I'm always involved in keeping WSSC on top of the requirements to reach it's mission for our sailing community. I served as Commodore in 2012, and enjoy remaining active in WSSC.

One of my goals for this year as a Director on the Board is to maintain the missions the club was founded on:

- To promote the sport of sailing and seamanship at a moderate cost to the members.
- To promote competitive aspects of sailing.
- To bring to the sailing family the pleasure and good fellowship to be found in yachting

With my background, I also like to make sure WSSC stays on a positive financial track so the club can live on for the next generation of sailors.

Another goal I want to accomplish is to invite other members to share in the responsibility to give back to a club that gives so much for so little. I would like to see members volunteer for committees, events, the Board, an officer position, or anything to "spell" those that have worked to keep WSSC on the track for over 50 years.

We love our club and want it to be strong and healthy, keeping up traditions that have served us well, but also encouraging different members to take up positions of service and bring new ideas and fresh energy to traditional roles.

PC Chuck Laskey



PC Chuck with his grandson Tristan are sailing Blue Skies—a Hunter 30

STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS: ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE



JANUARY 27TH 1:00PM CAR CRUISE—DRESS WARM! WE'RE GOING TO THE ZEHNDER'S SNOWFEST! Let's embrace the winter with a fun outing to the Zehnder's Snowfest! in Frankenmuth, Michigan, on Saturday, January 27th, at 1:00pm. And be sure to enjoy Snowfest activities before and after our WSSC meet up at 1pm. You can find a Snowfest schedule at www.zehnders.com/snowfest/

"Zehnder's Snowfest has been host to one of the top snow and ice sculpting events in North America for the past 32 years. Visitors have enjoyed larger-than-life snow sculptures and beautifully detailed ice carvings each year. In addition, Zehnder's Snowfest will have entertainment for the entire family, fireworks, petting zoo and children's activities." Snowfest runs Jan. 24-28. WSSC Activities has planned a meet up on Saturday, January 27th at 1pm-4pm for fun and food. See our WSSC Facebook page or contact Activities Chairperson Amy Wright for meet up details.

FEBRUARY 25TH 10:30AM CAR CRUISE—GRAB YOUR BROOM AND YOUR WARM PARKA! WE'RE GOING TO THE ICE RINK AT DETROIT CURLING CLUB! See your email—or our Facebook page—for more information on our upcoming Car Cruise to Curling! This event 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. Sunday, February 25th at 10:30am (Yep, it's in the morning when we'll have energy and stamina!)

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,
Activities Committee Chairperson Amy Wright



And remember to make your plans for the **WSSC ANNUAL SWAP MEET** at the March 7th membership meeting

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.

We always have new pages available at our membership meetings—get your new page (or an additional page) from "Interim" Album-Keeper Jonathan. Jonathan is also our busy Vice Commodore and would love to hear from a new volunteer to be the next Album-Keeper.

Sincerely,
"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:
COMMODORE'S BALL COMMITTEE

SAVE THE DATE:

WSSC COMMODORE'S BALL

HONORING 2024 COMMODORE ANITA BERSIE-CHABALOWSKI

Saturday, April 13, 2024—Crystal Garden Banquet Center in Southgate

Sincerely,
Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson
Karen Laughner

Other Committee News:
NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE—Starboard Tack

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 to Lady Ana and PC John Kukla for their continuing column following their travels on (in?) the Key of Sea. And thank you to our new Rear Commodore Todd Harris, and our newest Director Chuck Laskey for sharing their stories of introduction (or re-introduction?) And thanks to Todd Duffett for this month's "timely advice" post.

THIS MONTH'S PHOTO CREDITS: Thank you to Ana and John Kukla for all those beautiful photos of their continuing journey. (We're all jealous!) We were glad to receive other photos for this issue from ALL of the 2023 Executive Committee, Phae Laskey, and Colleen (Brennan) Keehn. We LOVE photos! Send photos to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

TACKY TYPOS / THIS MONTH'S LIFESAVERS AWARDS: OOPS! Well, we did it again. Last month Don Baumgartner shared a beautiful photo of Heather, but the Tack anchored her in the wrong harbor—Heather was really at North Bass Island. HERE'S A HANDY TIP FROM DON—"At North Bass Island there are 4 free, first come first served, mooring buoys available courtesy of the Ohio State Parks Service. Not much at North Bass, and it is rarely visited...very rustic; but the history is interesting, and right up Heather's alley." Thanks for the correction, Don, and you win LifeSavers! (Thank goodness we made that typo, since you mentioned you were getting low on LifeSavers.)

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!

Sincerely,
Starboard Tack Editor Lea Ellwood-Filkins



MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter"

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 12-Jan Mary C.
15-Jan Daniel D.
16-Jan Ryan C.
20-Jan PC Matt C.
22-Jan Steve S.
27-Jan Fred K.
28-Jan Joni Z.

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

And just like that in a blink of an eye Christmas came and passed. A lot has happened since the last Starboard Tack.

We spent 16 days in Stuart Fl, doing some upgrades to Key of Sea. We installed a water maker, a second solar panel and fabricated some supports for the panels; this was also where we provisioned before the big crossing. We



Dec. 25 at sea

left Stuart on Dec. 8. We jumped "outside" and set sail to West Palm Beach. The wind and seas were good so we pressed on to Miami. Our planned 30nm daysail turned into a 100nm passage!



Dock line shuffle

We entered the Government Cut inlet in Miami at 1:30 am. Even though it is a well-marked Class A inlet, it was "all eyes on deck" to pick out the correct channel markers from all the extraneous city lights. We dropped anchor in the area known as

Marine Stadium. On Saturday morning we were awakened by the steady stream of power boats entering the area to party for the day. Lots of water toys and loud music.

We purchased a subscription with Chris Parker, a well-known marine meteorologist, so we called him to review our options. He described Saturday as the "least worse day" for an Eastbound crossing in the foreseeable future. So with only 10 days before our family's arrival into Nassau, we decided to make the crossing that day. Up came the anchor at 1 pm and off we went, eastward with our sights set on Bimini!



Dawn on ocean after long night sailing under the stars

It is a 42nm passage—and of course that was with the wind and waves on the nose, so we had to bear off and head SW quite a bit before heading NE to Bimini. It was some of the strongest wind and waves we have experienced and we

learned what a "salty" passage meant. 14 hours and 78nm later we were rolling in the sails at Bimini—again in darkness. Unlike Miami, the Bimini harbor is not well marked and we were not about to navigate it. We inched forward to shore until we saw shallow water and dropped the hook well outside the entrance channel. When morning came we were greeted with sunshine, clear turquoise water, white sandy bottom, and sharks circling the boat—we had made it!



Anchored in Edgarton, Martha's Vineyard

We had to spend a week in Alice Town, Bimini at a marina waiting out weather and getting acquainted with the Bahamian lifestyle. However, the days were passing and we were still far from Nassau. A break in the weather finally came on Dec. 18 and we took off to cross the Great Bahama Bank for the NW Channel and Nassau. 130nm and 24 hours later we were calling in to the Nassau Harbor Control for permission to enter the harbor. We dropped the anchor at Athol Island for some welcome rest.



The family at Chub Cay

WE WELCOMED OUR KIDS ABOARD! and the next day we sailed 40nm from Nassau to Chub Cay to make our non-refundable reservation at a resort/marina. It was a very nice resort and even though it was cloudy we made the most of our time together, lying by the pool and relaxing. After three days at Chub Cay we sailed back to Nassau on Dec. 24 and stayed at the Atlantis Marina for three more days. Both passages were tough. We experienced high waves and winds, our four passengers were real troopers and didn't complain. They were scared, but after seeing that we were confident and trusted our boat, they felt



Lost City of Atlantis? Found it!

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

(continued)



Jamming in Alice Town: "Never in our wildest dreams did we imagine John would be playing his accordion & singing Bob Marley songs with a Bahamian in the Bahamas."

better. And EVERYONE took motion sickness pills.

The Atlantis Resort was a real treat and it's a fantastic place to spend the holidays. It's a huge and beautiful complex with many water

activities, pools, bars, restaurants, aquariums and a casino. We also liked watching our neighboring 100+ foot yachts with their crews constantly maintaining them. We were the only sailboat docked in the marina; they put us in a far corner where the "little" boats go. No matter—we enjoyed the resort just as much or more than the big shots. LOL.

So far The Bahamas have been rough, to say the least, there has been one bad weather front after another, it was only by luck and our eagerness to keep on moving forward that we made it to Nassau just in time to meet our kids, and just like Leonard Garbacz years ago, we only had a few hours

to spare.

As we write this, we are still in Nassau at an anchorage, we don't have a schedule anymore. We want to take our time going through the Exuma islands and later work our way out through the Abacos. Hopefully the weather will settle down because more white knuckle sailing is definitely NOT what the Sea is Calling us to do!

Until next time!

The Kuklas from the Key of Sea.



John and Ana are traveling down the East Coast and in the Bahamas aboard SV Key of Sea

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

DON'T FORGET—THERE'S A CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 20 AT 1:00PM (SEE PAGE 5)

AND—THERE'S A RACE COMMITTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 25 AT 7:00PM (SEE PAGE 4)

MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter": IN MEMORIAM

PC 2014 DALE BRENNAN

DECEMBER 9, 1943 - DECEMBER 30, 2023

Dale's nephew, Windel Perry, informed us on New Year's day that his Uncle Dale had passed away on December 30. Many WSSC members attended the visitation on January 4 and the service on January 5 at the Molnar Funeral Homes - Nixon Chapel in Wyandotte. The officiating pastor Jason Cashmer conducted the service and Dale's children Colleen and Michael shared many, many stories which centered around Dale's love for his family, his love of sailing, and his love for his many, many



friends. There was not an empty seat and there was not a dry eye, but there was a lot of laughter of folks' reminiscing. Dale's daughter Colleen sends thanks to WSSC for the many sailing friends who attended the visitation and funeral. In an email to the Tack, where she sent photos of her Dad, Colleen shared —

Thanks so much WSSC for visiting the funeral home. My siblings and I are so appreciative of the overwhelming support of friends and family.

Our Dad so enjoyed the WSSC and all the fun times he had with the members. They took care of Dad's safety and literally taught him everything he knew about boating. Thank you again for the memories.

Sincerely,

Michael, Colleen, Maureen and the entire Brennan family



From Dale's obituary: "We are sad to announce that on December 30, 2023 we had to say goodbye to Dale Brennan of Wyandotte, Michigan. He was loved and cherished by many people including his wife Virginia "Ginger" Brennan; his children, Michael Brennan (Susan), Colleen Keehn and Maureen Brennan; his grandchildren, Brooke Skehon (Tyler), Brianna Brennan, Lyndsey Brennan, Jacob Keehn and Mitchell Keehn; his great grandchild Kellan Skehon; and his sisters, Colleen Paul and Ellen Brennan."

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 GA813375. 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/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/InterLakeYacht>

Facebook: I-LYA Inter-Lake Yachting Association <https://www.facebook.com/ILYAIInterLakeYachtingAssociation>

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 \(i-lya.org\)](https://i-lya.org/library/I-LYAnews/2023/September%202023.pdf)

—or— <https://i-lya.org/library/I-LYAnews/2023/September%202023.pdf>

- I-LYA Spring Meeting is April 5-6, Westlake, Ohio
- 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

NOTE: there are a few old Facebook groups and pages attributed to I-LYA. If you are 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



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: 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 position.

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.

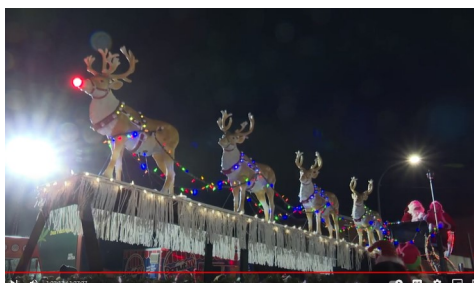
FOR MORE INFORMATION or to sign-up go to: <https://ttp.cbp.dhs.gov/> (Official Trusted Traveler Program Website | Department of Homeland Security (dhs.gov))



DECEMBER CAR CRUISE—"Festival of Lights" Light Parade in Ida, Michigan



The club "meet up" was 5:30pm at the BIG TREE by the Ida Municipal Hall. There were food trucks and restaurants for dining adventure, and the fabulous PARADE OF LIGHTS started at 7pm with many homemade and many corporate sponsored floats. A cold time, but a GREAT time was had by ALL!



DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & HOLIDAY PARTY



There's lots on the agenda before the party begins—annual reports, election results, etc.—but it looks like everybody is ready for the festivities afterward. Our annual TOYS FOR TOTS donation drive was a great success again this year. A big "Thank You" to all who helped and participated!



Our favorite "live" and "virtual" members were there. If YOU weren't there, you missed a good time!



Is that Santa and one of his Reindeer at the December meeting and holiday party???



(left) PC 2008 Jody and Membership Officer Lana share December birthdays. Cake for everyone!



PC 1973 Dick is a great Raffle Volunteer. And our Whiskeys event staffer Kassie draws the winning ticket! He was hopping with so much excitement that we could only get a blurry photo of winner Mike. Congratulations!

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY—TOYS FOR TOTS CHARITY DRIVE



Our December meeting saw another year's successful charity drive for the Marine Reserve's TOYS FOR TOTS program. Lea was able to deliver our donations to the donation center and was taken on a wonderful tour of the center, meeting many volunteers who sort, assemble (if needed—like the bicycles!), and distribute to families who find themselves in need in the holiday season. A week later some of our WSSC members provided lunch for the 30 volunteers handling a toy distribution at the Woodhaven High School parking lot. Santa and Mrs. Claus said, "Ho Ho Ho! WSSC is full of good and generous boys and girls! Thank you to all, and to all a good night!"



WSSC member Lea at a distribution event with Polleen Rushin (Downriver Coordinator for Toys for Tots) and SANTA and MRS. CLAUS!

Happy New Year!

Todd Duffett—over 50 years of service to I-LYA



CONGRATULATIONS! As announced at the December general membership meeting, congratulations are in order to WSSC member Todd Duffett who has been recognized for his 50 years of service to I-LYA racing and education programs—and especially for his service to the Junior Sailing programs of I-LYA. Todd is pictured here making a big "5-0" with his Lady Patti Baur-Duffett

A bit of timely advice...

WINTER BOAT MAINTENANCE

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE YOUR ALKALINE BATTERIES OUT OF YOUR EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT

Alkaline batteries are the most commonly used batteries in households and electronic devices. These batteries are not designed to be frozen, and doing so can damage them. Freezing alkaline batteries can cause the chemicals inside to expand, leading to leakage, rupture, and even explosion.

December Caption Contest



"MY PHRF HANDICAP ISN'T FAIR!"

WINNER: TODD DUFFETT

Congratulations to our caption contest winner who receives a \$10 gift certificate from Whiskey's on the Water!

JANUARY CAPTION CONTEST



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

HEY!

Check out our updated CALENDAR PAGES!

We've got a ton of dates filled in already.

SO MUCH MORE than we usually have at this time of year.

When you're making annual vacation plans, be sure to check out our calendar pages first pages 23-25 in this month's Tack

And be sure to plan some of your days to join us for FUN CRUISES—and—GREAT SPECIALTY RACES—and ALL of our Membership Meetings!

SEE YOU AT WSSC!

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SUBMIT articles, classifieds, ads, and other information to **EDITOR-STARBOARD TACK** at wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

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

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

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>



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See page **00**
for our calendar
of meetings
and events.

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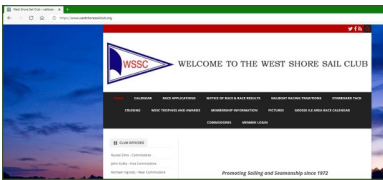
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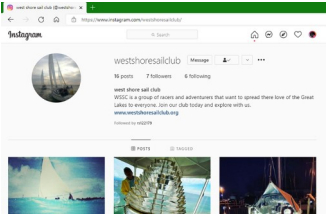
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LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY

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

BUFFALO LAUNCH CLUB - Grand Island, NY
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WSSC ROLLING CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
WSSC Meetings & Events	Date & Time and Location	Event Contact
RED indicates WNATR racing event — BLUE indicates cruising event — ORANGE indicates specialty racing event — PURPLE indicates activities committee event		
JANUARY 2024		
JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING and CHANGE OF WATCH	JAN. 11, 2024 *Thursday—7:30pm at Major Biddle's, Wyandotte PROGRAM: Let's celebrate with our new officers!	Commodore / M.C.
CRUISING COMMITTEE Meeting	Jan. 20 *Saturday—1:00pm potluck / 2:00pm meeting at Jonathan & Helena's (see email or directory for location)	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
RACE COMMITTEE Meeting	Jan. 25 *Thurs.—7:00pm at Downey Brewing in Dearborn	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
January CAR CRUISE to Zehnders Snowfest	Jan. 27 *Saturday—1:00pm at Frankenmuth, MI Contact Activities Chairperson Amy Wright for meet-up location	Activities Committee Chairperson
FEBRUARY 2024		
FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING and EXEC. COMM. GOALS PRESENTATION	FEB. 1 *Thursday 7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: Executive Committee 2024 Goals Presentation	Commodore / Executive Committee
DUES ARE DUE	Membership Dues are due Feb. 1st—payable at meeting	Membership Officer
February CAR CRUISE to Detroit Curling Club	Feb. 25 *Sunday—10:30am at Detroit Curling Club (contact Activities Chairperson Amy Wright to sign up)	Activities Committee Chairperson
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Feb. 21 *Sunday—11:59:59pm	Starboard Tack Editor
MARCH 2024		
MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING and SPRING SWAP MEET	MAR. 7 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PRE/POST-MEETING EVENT: SPRING SWAP MEET	Meeting: Commodore Swap Event Chairperson: PC Doug Howe
March CAR CRUISE	(TBD)	<i>Needs "Cruise Coordinator" Volunteer</i>
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Mar. 24 *Sunday—11:59:59pm	Starboard Tack Editor
APRIL 2024		
APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	APR. 4 *Thursday—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. PC Kathy Howe
WSSC COMMODORE'S BALL	Apr. 13 *Saturday—6:00pm at Crystal Gardens in Southgate	Karen Laughner, Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson
April CAR CRUISE	<i>We're car-cruising to the COMMODORE'S BALL, of course!</i>	
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Apr. 21 *Sunday—11:59:59pm	Starboard Tack Editor
MAY 2024		
MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING	MAY 2 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
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 SKIPPERS MEETING	May (date TBD)—7:00pm at TBD	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 25-27 *Saturday-Monday—to Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Port Captain:	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising

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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
WNATR - Spring #2	May 29 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Jun. 23 *Sunday—11:59:59pm	Starboard Tack Editor
JUNE		
JUNE 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING	Jun. 6 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
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 *Saturday	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 Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
JULY		
JULY 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING	(CANCELLED FOR JULY)	Commodore
WNATR - Summer #1	July 3 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
WSSC SHORTHANDED RACE	July 6 *Saturday	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR - Summer #2	Jul. 10 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
Cruise #4: WEEK-LONG CRUISE	July 12-21 (Ports and Port Captains TBD) Join for all or a portion of this cruising event!	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
WNATR Summer # 3	Jul. 31 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
AUGUST		
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. (TBD) *Saturday-Sunday—(Port TBD) 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 Ile Pavilion (Water's Edge Marina)	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Fall #2	Aug. 28 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing

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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 *Sat.-Sun.—to Monroe Boat Club	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
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
JANUARY		
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.