

Starboard Tack

WSSC: promoting the sport of sailing and seamanship since 1972

FEBRUARY 2024

* RACE COMMITTEE MEETING FEB. 22—7:00PM AT DOWNEY BREWING, DEARBORN *

* CAR CRUISE TO CURLING ON SUNDAY FEB. 27 AT 10AM *

From The Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

TACKING: For my first Starboard Tack article as Commodore, I would like to start by saying thank you to all our club members for selecting me to be your 2024 Commodore! I am looking forward to a great year continuing to promote sailing here at West Shore Sail Club. Entering our fifty-second year, the WSSC formula of sailboat cruising, sailboat racing and social activities seems to be working well.

My goals for 2024 will be to keep the fun going, welcome more new members to the club and do a little maintenance only where necessary. In other words, don't mess with a good thing!

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS: Speaking of maintenance, over the past year our Constitution Committee has been working hard behind the scenes to update and re-organize our constitution. The completed draft was then presented to our Past Commodore's Committee for review and voting. It is now ready to be voted on by the General Membership.

We will be providing the proposed document to the membership, along with information about changes. If

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



you have any questions before voting, please feel free to reach out to me, PC Carver Dumke, PC Chuck Laskey or PC David Monk.

Don't forget to renew your membership to be eligible for voting!

WEBSITE: Another maintenance item to put on the WSSC "to do list" for 2024 is to start the process of refreshing our club's website. Our current site looks great and provides useful information to the membership and public. However, I am told by the folks working behind the scenes, Lance Yee, and Amy Stout, that the site could use an update. Technology moves fast and some of our interfaces are becoming outdated. I am seeking volunteers who would be



Family picture at Alec's TIYC Commodore's Reception on January 27th

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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**

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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willing to be a part of a website committee to advise on platform changes and content recommendations. If you have a background in website design, communications or are just interested in this effort please send me an e-mail to join the team.

SAIL ON WHATEVER FORM OF "WATER" YOU CAN FIND:



While I take my responsibilities seriously as the WSSC Commodore, one very important goal is to continue to SAIL throughout the year.

Mother nature decided to cooperate recently and give us some cold and SOLID ICE to go play. Seeing a very short window of opportunity, Alec and I dug the iceboats out of the packed garage and headed down to Maumee Bay on Saturday January 20th. We spent most of Saturday setting up a 10 meter stern-steerer named "Red Bird" that was donated to the Toledo Ice Yacht Club last season (Alec is the current TIYC Commodore).

Sunday the 21st brought sun and wind, and many rides

were taken on DN's, our Nite, the 10 meter and various other TIYC club member boats. Alas, with warm weather (above 32°) and rain in the forecast we decided it was too risky to leave the boats set up. While most people were enjoying the Lions game, we dismantled and packed the boats back up on their trailers. All in all, the weekend was a



ton of work, but the fast fun rides were definitely worth it! Fingers crossed that we get another arctic cold blast and one more shot at sailing locally on the ice this year.

Sail MORE with West Shore in '24!

Sincerely,

2024 Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

MISSING

Have you seen
this flag?



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!

* NEXT MEETING OF RACE COMMITTEE ON FEB. 22 AT DOWNEY BREWING *

From The Vice Commodore (including Racing Report)

Jonathan "Jon" Cotter

PLANNING THE 2024 RACING SEASON: It's been a cold month of planning for the seemingly far-off racing season. Looking forward to those warm summer nights free of storms will help us through January and February.

The Racing Committee had our first meeting of 2024 at Downey Brewing in Dearborn. As it happens, Dean Downey, the proprietor of this fine brewery and tasting room, is a sailor (Ericson 27 if I recall correctly) out of Bayview Yacht Club and he was very interested in our proceedings. Since the schedule is now settled, we had a good review on a large range of issues.



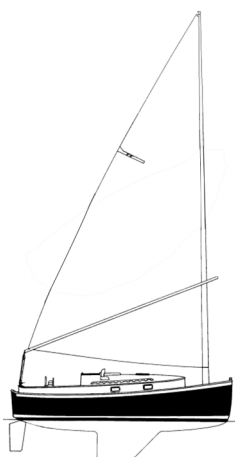
NEXT MEETING—LOOK FOR THE RED DOOR: The next Race Committee meeting is February 22nd — *again at Downey Brewing*. We chose to set the meeting at the same venue so, even if you're not interested in all the details of the WNATR and Specialty racing this summer, please come by and check out the family atmosphere and do some craft beer sampling.

Fleet Captain-Racing Chris McCardell and I plan to work on the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, and also work on some new ideas for crew recruitment and general interest in the WNATR series.

LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE TARGET CHARITY FOR 2024: I have a few long term assignments to get working on including fundraising for the WSSC Lighthouse Challenge Regatta.

Our charity partner for this year's LHC will be the Inland Seas Education Association. You may recall that Fred Sitkins from ISEA presented a program at our August 2023 meeting. If you wish to find more information about ISEA go to schoolship.org.

SKIPPER "CALLING CARDS": *New for this season we will be making Skipper Calling Cards with the idea of crew recruiting and perhaps membership recruiting.*



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

APPRECIATION: Thank you to Rear Commodore Todd Harris and Cruise Fleet captain Dave Wright for making the cruising meeting a productive and fun get together. Helena and I really enjoyed hosting the West shore cruising family and enjoying the excellent feast that everyone contributed to.

HELM'S-A-LEE

Sincerely,
2024 Vice Commodore
Jonathan "Jon" Cotter



Fleet Captain—Racing



Race Committee

WSSC 2023 RACING CALENDAR

RACE COMMITTEE MEETING

Feb 22—Thursday at 7:00pm

Downey Brewing Company

13121 Prospect, Dearborn, MI 48126.

LOOK FOR THE RED DOOR!

Buoy Prep Work Party

Saturday—May 4

Buoy Launch

Saturday—May 11

New! Skipper "Calling Cards"

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

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



West Shore Sail Club 21st Annual Lighthouse Challenge

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

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ANITA BERSIE-CHABALOWSKI

Friend of the Club
LOIS CHABALOWSKI

WSSC 2023 Secretary
JANE BERSIE

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



- ◆ 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

*** SAVE THE DATE—ICEBREAKER "LAND CRUISE" ON MAY 18 ***

From The Rear Commodore (including Cruising Report)

Todd Harris

HELLO, WEST SHORE!

This last month we enjoyed a fun and productive winter meet-up with many of our cruising friends.

THERE IS A LOT OF EXCITEMENT FOR ALL OF THE WEEKEND AND WEEK-LONG CRUISES! Our planning for this upcoming cruising season is underway with many of our ports and Port Captains already selected. We want to encourage as much involvement by all West Shore friends and family. Thanks to our host and hostess Vice Commodore Jon and Lady Helena for accommodating our gathering at their home.

All of the ice has all melted on the Great Lakes and if Punxsutawney Phil is correct, winter will not be returning this year! As the Cruising and Racing Committees have met and are finalizing this summer's events, we have one last pause for breath before it's time to start planning our boat preparations for splashing early this spring.

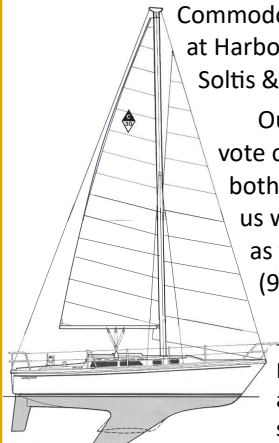
This year we will be visiting many of the WSSC "sister clubs" by land and sea. No doubt this Summer we'll collect yet another great bunch of memories. Last year we enjoyed activities including meals at restaurants, bakeries, breweries, wineries, conversation, frivolity, drinks, music, song, dance, dingy rides, bike rides, and, oh yeah, Sailing! We hope you will join us. It's a great time for all.

Cruising into 2024: Is it that time already?!? Ice-Breaker "Land Cruise" on May 18 at 3pm at the home of "Port Captains" Alison & PC Carver Dumke.

Let's get this thing started! Memorial Weekend Cruise on May 25-27 to Safe Harbor Toledo Beach with Port Captains: Rear Commodore Todd Harris & Lady Maria. Includes Cruising Committee meeting on May 26.

Do the Honors! Commodore's Tea on June 22-23 at Leamington, Ontario, honoring WSSC Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

The Main Attraction! Week-Long Cruise from July 12 to July 21. The Cruising Committee decision is to head North to Port Huron... and ports beyond! Meet-up planned in Port Huron on Sunday. Port Captains: Lance & Christy Yee—Monday & Tuesday nights at Lexington, Port Captain / Past Commodore: Jody Larrow—Wednesday night at Harbor Beach Marina, Port Captains: Mike Soltis & Lana Hawkins.



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

Our strategy this year was a popular vote compromise that will accommodate both shorter and longer cruises. Those of us who prefer a week-long cruise can go as far as we want and return as we wish (9-10 knots running down river with

the current!). The others will be able to continue on their way to Northern Lake Huron ports.

The Party Continues! Late Summer Cruise on August 16-18 at Toledo Yacht Club. Port Captain: (TBD we need a volunteer).

Winding Down! Harvest Moon Cruise on Sept 28-29 at Monroe Boat Club. Port Captain: (pending—potentially Dan Williamson).

Drop a Hook! Members expressed interest in an old tradition of the club — Anchoring/Rafting on weekends. Two or three dates will be set for this summer. There will be at least one North Anchor and one South Anchor event (e.g. north of "The Wall" or North Bay Kelleys Island).

Sincerely,
2024 Rear Commodore Todd Harris



Fleet Captain—Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising

WSSC 2024 AFTER-MEETING PROGRAMS

Watch this space for announcements of special speakers at future monthly meetings

WSSC 2024 CRUISING CALENDAR

ICEBREAKER "LAND CRUISE"

May 18—Saturday

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE

May 25 to 27—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

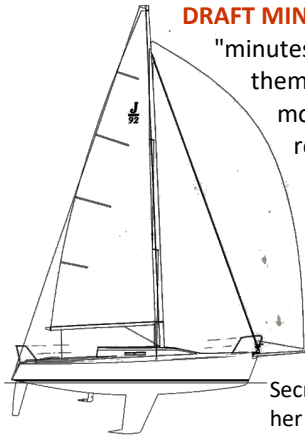
September 28-29—Saturday & Sunday



Remembering 2023 Commodore's Tea at Leamington, Ontario

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.

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

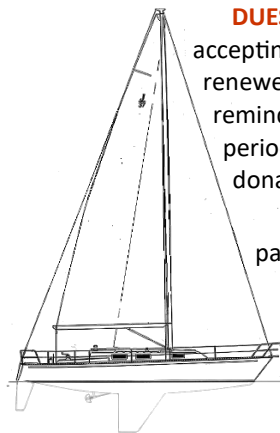
Sincerely,
2024 Secretary Jane Bersie



From the Treasurer

Mike Soltis

FINANCE AND BUDGET: Monthly budget report updates are available to club members at the General Membership Meetings, and upon request from the Treasurer at WSSCfinancial@gmail.com. The annual budget was not yet available for presentation at the February meeting and will be presented instead at the March meeting.



DUES ARE DUE: Membership renewals were due by February 1. This year, we are accepting payment by Zeffy and Paypal in addition to cash or check. Thank you to all who have already renewed your memberships. For those of you who have not as of yet, please do so ASAP. This is your reminder that the next GMM is scheduled for March 7, which is after the end of the regular renewal grace period. After March 1, a \$10 reinstatement (late) fee is added to the base renewal fee of \$55 (+\$1 for donation to I-LYA Yachtsman Fund).

NOTEABLE LAST MONTH: As of deadline for publication, dues have been arriving at about the same pace as last year and insurance has been paid for the year.

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

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

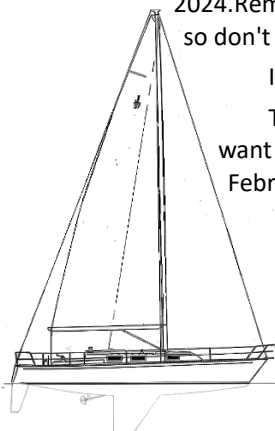
Sincerely,
2024 Treasurer Mike Soltis



From the Membership Officer

Lana Hawkins

MEMBERSHIPS AS OF 1-31-2024: 41 Paid, 43 Total. 19 members need to send in their payments before March 1st to avoid the \$10 reinstatement fee and to be eligible to vote on the next Constitution and Bylaws proposal. In 2023 we had 66 membership and the Executive Committee goal for membership in 2024 is 75 members. Let's each invite a sailing friend to join WSSC in 2024. Remember that non-boat owners can join, too (up to 20% of total memberships) so don't forget to invite your crew members.



If you have paid the dues, your member card will be delivered to you shortly.

The last batch of member cards will be sent out at the end of the first full week of March so if you want your card sooner then get your payment in by early February at the latest. A batch will go out mid February. Thank you!

The updated directory will be sent mid March.

Sincerely,
2024 Membership Officer Lana Hawkins

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



WSSC Membership "By the numbers"	
TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	as of 1-31-2024
Regular Memberships	
Associate Memberships	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS	47
Total Paid Memberships	41

STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS: ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Amy Wright

**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!)



MARCH CAR CRUISE: A March car cruise is being planned to go on a "behind the scenes" tour of Little Caesar's Areana. Get on board by sending your "I'm Interested" RSVP to Activities Chairperson Amy Wright..

APRIL CAR CRUISE TO THE WSSC COMMODORE'S BALL: April 13th we're all car cruising to Crystal Gardens to honor our 2024 Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski. See you there!

MAY 2—ANNUAL SWAP MEET BEFORE AND AFTER THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Remember to clean out your boat locker, your basement, and your garage of all those valuable boat things that someone else needs and bring them to the Annual Swap Meet at the May GMM. We'll have tables for you, and labels too—price your stuff or make a trade! If you need more details, contact Swap Meet Chairperson PC Doug Howe.

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,
2024 Activities Committee Chairperson Amy Wright

STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS: COMMODORES COMMITTEE

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REVISION PROCESS:

At the February GMM, PC Carver Dumke gave a short presentation about the "Working Committee on the Constitution and Bylaws" and the process for distributing the proposed revisions for the vote of the membership.

The Working Committee has been meeting throughout 2022 and 2023. The final proposal was presented to the Commodores Committee last month, and (with a few corrections of typos) the proposal overwhelmingly passed the vote of the Commodores Committee.

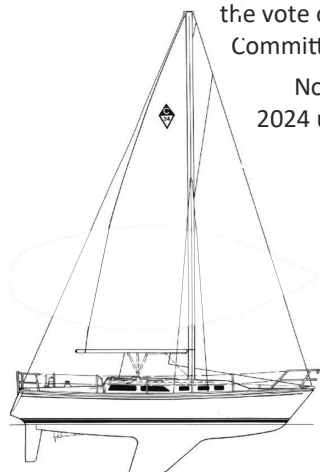
Now the final proposal for the 2024 update of the WSSC

Constitution and Bylaws will be submitted to the membership soon after the March GMM. Please keep an eye out for a WSSC email with the proposed document and instructions for voting. After you receive the email, if you have any questions about the proposal or the voting process, please contact either PC Carver Dumke or PC David Monk.

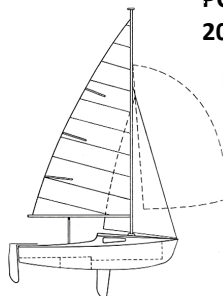
Thank you for your interest in this important project of the club.

Sincerely,
PC 2013 Carver Dumke
2024 Commodores Committee Co-chairperson

PC 2017/2018 David Monk
2024 Director and Commodores Committee Co-chairperson



PC 2013 Carver, 2024 Commodores Committee Co-chairperson sails Thankful II—a Catalina 34 with Lady Alison



PC 2017/2018 David, 2024 Director and Commodores Committee Co-chairperson sails (too small to name) – a Sirocco 15

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. If your page looks a bit empty, bring a photo or two to the next meeting. We'll provide the glue!

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

Chairperson Karen Laughner

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

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 to Lady Ana and PC John Kukla for their continuing column following their travels on (in?) the Key of Sea. And thank you to Alec Chabalowski for racing workshop flyers. And another thanks to John Kukla for this month's "timely advice" post. (It's in the 'Past Commodores' Corner'.)

THIS MONTH'S PHOTO CREDITS: Thank you to Ana and John Kukla for all those beautiful photos of their continuing journey. We were glad to receive other photos for this issue from Lady Helena Thornton for cruise meeting, VC Jon Cotter for the Race Committee meeting photo (the red door—now we know what to look for when going to the next Race Committee meeting on Feb. 22), and Lady Phae Laskey, RC Todd Harris, and Activities Chairperson Amy Wright for Snowfest photos. Send photos to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

TACKY TYPOS / THIS MONTH'S LIFESAVERS AWARDS: Email wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com when you find a typo. It helps us produce a better newsletter AND you win a pack of 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



PAST COMMODORES CORNER

This month's contributor—PC 2022 John Kukla

STORIES * TIPS * WIT * WISDOM * ADVICE BORN OF EXPERIENCE FROM WSSC's PAST COMMODORES

Shore power problems? PC 2022 John Kukla shares recent experiences with his "Boat Repair in Exotic Places"

CHECK YOUR CONNECTIONS!

I know everyone has seen pictures of faulty electrical connections and what damage that can make, but here are my contributions.

It's been over 7 months since we left the dock in Huntington Long Island back in June. Since then we have rarely been hooked up to shore power. I count only 29 nights where we have stayed in a marina. Along the way, we learned the different systems on the boat and how they all behaved. There was no shortage of maintenance to be performed (which I enjoy doing) and plenty of time to do it.

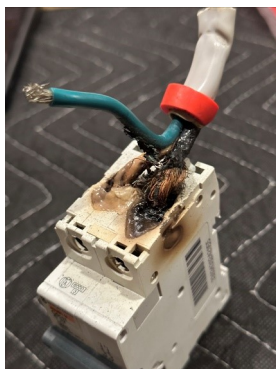
When we first cut the lines, I did a fairly thorough inspection of all the electrical and hose connections. I found a few loose ones, and some sketchy ones, and corrected them the best I could.

During the few times that we were plugged into shore power, there were a couple of times when the "Reverse Polarity" light illuminated on my 110V Panel. Since it happened infrequently, I wrote it off as a bad marina power grid. Since we were only staying for the night and I was usually tired after the passage I didn't pursue it further — besides, everything functioned correctly when powered by our onboard generator, so I was confident the ship wiring was correct.

YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR: When we crossed to the Bahamas we landed in Bimini. There was a weather front behind us so we grabbed a dock at Brown's Marine. At only \$1.25/ft it was a steal! It wasn't a fancy marina but it did provide protection from the weather (think Scudder's Marina at Pelee Island). When we first arrived, they put us on the outside T-dock which was rather exposed. When I plugged into shore power I got a hard "polarity fault". The power pedestals looked pretty tired and there was some evidence of overheating at the receptacle, so the marina moved us to another slip—much more protected.

Well, that pedestal looked to be in better shape, but I still saw a polarity fault. It was a weird one too—it appeared that the fault light would glow dimly or not at all when power was connected, but it got brighter as a load was applied. Of course my first inclination was to write it off to "bad island power", but since we were going to be here for a few days this became the maintenance project for the day. I started at the pedestal and worked my way towards the boat. Everything checked out until I reached the primary circuit breakers located just after the transom receptacles.

Our boat has two 30 amp services. One for the general boat power, and the other for the A/C units. Right after the receptacles there are two 30 amp breakers mounted to the transom, inside the rear starboard lazarette. It takes a fair amount of "boat yoga" to access the breakers, and only after you remove all the stuff in the lazarette. When I was going through all the connections last June, I skipped over these breakers. You need a long narrow Phillips screwdriver to open up the breaker boxes, which I didn't have on me at the time. I was too lazy to crawl out of the lazarette to get one. Besides they looked to be a nice professional "factory"



installation so surely the connections are tight, right?

TAKE THE TIME—AVOID A FIRE: Well, this time I took the time to crawl out of the hole and get the correct tool, and (much to my surprise) it turns out they were the culprit! To be honest, we are lucky we did not have a fire! The main cabin breaker was beyond repair. The line-side terminals were melted and fused, the load side terminals were loose and pitted. The Air Conditioning breaker had similar damage but was salvageable. We hardly ever ran the A/C, so that probably saved it from total destruction.



With the root cause identified, now to make the repairs. It is a simple job to replace the breakers, I just needed to locate (2) 30A DIN rail mount two pole breakers in Alice Town, Bimini. We walked into town and along the way we saw a building with a "electrical/plumbing supply" sign. We knocked on the door but no one was home. There was a car

in front and the side door was open so we let ourselves in and looked around. We actually found some 30 A breakers but they were for residential use and would be quite difficult to modify them to work on the boat.

SO WHAT ELSE DOES YOUR DENTIST DO? Back on the road we ran into another cruiser who suggested we check at the dentist's office. Sure enough, it turns out the dentist office is also a small chandlery! It's not advertised on the sign outside the office, so it must be common knowledge that dentists also sell marine stuff. The chandlery had a little bit of the common things boaters might need. Hanging on the wall we found some name-brand Blue Sea systems single pole 30A breakers, for only \$15 a piece! I could make those work. We bought two breakers and returned to the boat.

I took my time cleaning up the old A/C breaker and refurbishing it the best I could. It seemed to work so I installed it on the main cabin circuit, keeping the Blue Sea systems breakers on hand in case it started acting up. It powered up fine, and we once again had shore power in the main cabin. I checked and the breaker was not getting warm, so I left it on.

Meanwhile, Ana had been scouring the internet looking for the proper replacement breakers. Amazon to the rescue and we ordered a couple of Westinghouse breakers that should fit. A name-brand breaker at a reasonable price - I call that success!

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS KEY OF SEA: Now, the last piece of the puzzle was how to get them to the boat? I asked at the marina bar about Amazon Prime deliveries and they laughed. Fortunately, our daughters were coming to visit us December 20th so we had the breakers shipped to them and they hand delivered them (and a bunch of other stuff) to us.

It is now almost February and I still haven't installed the new breakers. We haven't been at a Marina since the girls left December 26, so there hasn't been any urgency. I bought a galvanic isolator before we left Long island, but have yet to install it either. I really should do both jobs at the same time since it's all the same system and the wiring needs to be replaced or reworked anyway.



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PAST COMMODORES CORNER

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THE MAINTENANCE LIST ON KEY OF SEA IS QUITE FLUID:

Priorities change all the time. Since we don't plan to be at a marina anytime soon, the "fix the shore power" task has fallen to the bottom of the list. The priorities today are:

- Figure out why the old Raymarine depth instrument occasionally stops working. This is quite troubling when trying to find an anchorage. Our 6ft draft is deep for the Bahamas and there are many "anchorages" shown on the chart that we can't get to at low tide.
- Devise a means to empty our holding tanks. With no pump out facilities to be found, we have to empty our tanks at sea. Unfortunately, our boat was configured as a "fresh water" boat, with no means to empty the holding tank to sea. I bought a macerating pump, fittings, and hoses to be able to make the

modifications to be able to empty our tanks at sea. It's not really a job I'm looking forward too!

- Rebed the deck cleats.
- It turns out some of the retaining nuts on the main deck cleats are NOT stainless steel! I noticed some leaks in the areas of the cleats and did some inspections. I replaced the rusted nuts, but the correct repair is to remove the cleats, clean and rebed them with backing plates added for good measure. I have the materials and have completed the rear cleats. I still have the center and forward cleats to do. The forward cleats will be a problem since we use those all the time when on anchor.
- Change the generator engine oil and filter. The Westerbeke manual says every 100 hours, and we passed that the other day.

ALL THE WHILE, THE SEA IS CALLING!



FEB. 17

US SAILING

US Sailing Basic Race Management Seminar
 February 17, 2024
 Buckeye Lake Yacht Club
 Buckeye Lake, Ohio

BLYC will host a US Sailing Basic Race Management Seminar on Saturday, February 17, 2024. This course, which can lead to certification as a US Sailing Club Race Officer, will be taught by I-LYA Race Officers Steve Harris (NRO), Jamie Jones (NRO), and Geoff Endris (RRO).

For more information and to register, please visit <http://www1.usailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13498576> All participants must pre-register through US Sailing at the link above. Registration closes Wednesday, February 7. Walk-in registrations are not allowed.

Questions?
 Contact Steve Harris at sgharris2@gmail.com

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North Cape Yacht Club
 Presents

**US SAILING
 BASIC RACE
 MANAGEMENT
 SEMINAR**

LEAD INSTRUCTOR: STEVE HARRIS

March 9th, 2024
 8AM - 5PM
 Cost: \$50.00

MAR. 9

North Cape Yacht Club
 11850 Toledo Beach Rd
 La Salle, MI 48145

REGISTER AT: USSAILING.ORG
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MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter"

Membership Officer Lana Hawkins

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 2-Feb.....PC David M.
- 2-Feb.....Phae L.
- 5-Feb.....Dave W.
- 7-Feb.....Heather S.
- 10-Feb.....Jackie M.
- 12-Feb.....Angela M.
- 14 Feb.....St. Valentine
- 17-Feb.....PC Michael I.
- 26-Feb.....PC Harvey S.
- 27-Feb.....PC Kathy H.
- 27-Feb.....Judy T.

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.

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))



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.

PICTURE POSTCARD PERFECT.

Since our last report, we have turned south and are working our way down the Exumas. We are finding more and more of those locations we only saw in brochures and postcards.

We spent New Years in Nassau with some local bahamians, then spent the next week or so provisioning and making some needed repairs to Key of Sea. We used up the last spare impeller for the generator so it was time to find another, which we did (with the help of our new friend Billy). We had a leak in the water maker brine line, but we found the correct fittings to make a proper repair. Some welds had broken on the helm wheel,



On top of the famous Boo Boo Hill where it is tradition to deposit an offering to Neptune in exchange for protection in "his" waters.

life is bountiful. Plenty of things to see there, and of course we had to add our nameplate to the pile of nameplates at the top of Boo Boo Hill. I'm pretty sure any Youtubers who have sailed the Bahamas have an episode about the famous Boo Boo Hill, and now it includes a "Key of Sea" nameplate. With one eye always on the weather, we left many other spots unexplored and pushed on to Staniel Cay. We needed a protected anchorage and found it in Big Majors Cay, home of the world famous swimming pigs. The bay provides good protection from the east so we hunkered down for the forecasted east winds. They came as predicted, 20-25kts gusting to +30kts for days on end. As I write this, we have been anchored at Big Majors Cay for 6 days, and we expect another 3 - 4 days before the weather will be favorable to move on south. Plenty of time to knock off some boat projects as the high winds make the dinghy trip to the land unattractive.



Anchored in Edgarton, Martha's Vineyard



Feeding the famous beach pigs near Staniel Cay



Visiting the endangered rock iguanas in Allan Cay



Sundowners on Cruisers Beach Big Majors Cay

but we were able to find a welder who could re-weld the spokes. If you need something or need something done, Nassau is your best chance of finding it.

We left Nassau on January 10 with a plan to keep going south and a vague goal of making the Georgetown Cruisers Regatta the last week in February. We started with a hop across the Great Bahama Bank to Allen Cay. It was sure nice to be out sailing again after spending all the time in Nassau.

The Exumas do not disappoint. Plenty of anchorages, and plenty of clear warm water. We finally broke out our snorkeling gear and have been exploring the coral reefs and sea bottom whenever we can. We spend a day or two at each anchorage, and then move on 5 or 10 nm to the next Cay. We try to sail whenever possible, so those 5-10 nm jumps usually end up being 10-15 nm, but we don't mind at all. We sailed off the mooring ball at Warderick Well Cay (a first for us), and sailed through several narrow cuts with their strong currents. Once we drop the anchor, it's very easy to dive it and check its position - we have found our big Mantus anchor pairs well with the Bahamas sand seabeds.

We made it through the "Exuma Land and Sea Park" which should be a required stop for anyone cruising the Bahamas. The area is protected with no fishing, and the sea

The anchorage is quite large and well protected from this weather. We are sharing it with several dozen other cruisers, and we are all experiencing some cabin fever. When the weather permits, we have joined some of the cruisers at "Cruiser's Beach" to share the sunset, sundowners, and conversation. Everyone is looking to move on in a few days, with most everyone heading south. It is a nice camaraderie we have with the other cruisers, and it's nice to run into a boat that we anchored next to in some previous port. Everyone is friendly and welcoming.

Even with the wind whistling through the shrouds, we can still hear the Sea calling, and we are anxious to move on and follow her call.



Until next time!
John and Ana
aboard S/V Key of Sea

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

JANUARY 11th CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY



THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IN OUR CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONIES RECOGNIZES THE SERVICE OF RETIRING OFFICERS.

After six "terms" PC Doug Howe retires from the office of Treasurer and is relieved of his duties. Here Doug is congratulated on his retirement by Emcee Gale Laughner. *(left)*

Retiring Director, PC John Kukla, was thanked for his service and relieved of duties even though he was unable to attend as he is busy on his year of adventure—currently in the Bahamas. *(right)*



(above) Being sworn in are Dave Wright—Fleet Captain-Cruising; PC Chris McCardell—Fleet Captain-Racing; PC Chuck Laskey—Director; PC David Monk—Director; *(below)* continues with Jane Bersie—Secretary; Todd Harris—Rear Commodore; Jonathan Cotter—Vice Commodore; and Anita Bersie-Chabalowski—Commodore



The 2024 Executive Committee and Directors and the newest Past Commodore: Secretary Jane Bersie, Director PC David Monk, Vice Commodore Jon Cotter, Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski, PC 2023 Michael Ingrody, Rear Commodore Todd, and Director PC Chuck Laskey With the meeting change of date, we were missing Membership Officer Lana Hawkins and Treasurer Mike Soltis.

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Commodore Mike starts the meeting and moves right into the Change of Watch, then NEW Commodore Anita takes the gavel and the meeting continues.

(below) Our newest Past Commodore retires to the side as the new Executive Committee continues with the business of the day.



It was a bit of a tight fit at Major Biddles Restaurant, but everyone got in and the food was great! There was just enough room for Raffle Volunteer Holly to squeeze through to make sure that everyone could get a chance in the 50/50. Lady Christy cheers for winner — Lady Maria!



PC Doug and PC Kathy show off their fancy travel bag from Karen Laughner (our Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson AND very talented crafter). You may ask, "What is that strange vehicle on the front of that lovely bag?" Why it's the Howes' new



Land Yacht! We look forward to hearing of their new "yachting" adventures!



Even though the meeting date and venue changed for January, the birthday cake found its way! Happy Birthday, Ryan—thanks for sharing your cake!

JANUARY CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING

2024 Rear Commodore Todd and Fleet Captain-Cruising Dave run down the agenda for the winter cruising committee meeting. It was cold and snowy, but the committee warmed up with chili and the usual abundant potluck buffet—always a feature of any WSSC cruise event. Of course, no cruising committee gathering is complete without Don's famous Asian salad!



19 pairs of snowy shoes and boots attended the January Cruising Committee meeting. Who is on the Committee? Any interested WSSC member who wants to attend!



Charting our courses for the 2024 cruise schedule, Lana and Mike use the latest maps to help us know where to go!



Says Don, "I keep trying to bring something else to the potluck, but everyone INSTISTS I bring the asian salad. I guess they all like it!"
And hostess-with-the-mostest Lady Helena's TWO kinds of chili were pretty great, too!



(right) Membership Officer Lana looks on as Treasurer Mike gets acquainted with old and new club members through the pages of the club's Memory Book (aka the Anniversary Album). Fleet Captain-Cruising Dave and PC 2019 Lance offer play-by-play commentary on some of the past cruises depicted in our album.



(left) Things never get boring with Lady Christy around!

JANUARY CAR CRUISE TO ZEHNDER'S SNOWFEST IN FRANKENMUTH, MI



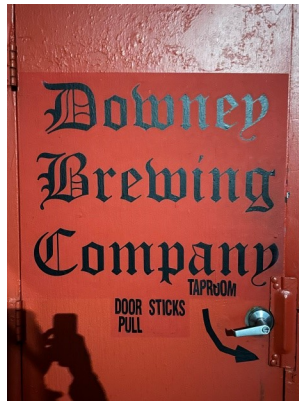
Here Amy sports the latest in fashion for Car Cruise "Port" Captains!



WSSC's Crazy Car Cruisers "sailed" up to Frankenmuth for the ZEHNDER'S WINTERFEST! Starting at 1pm, the chicken dinner was hearty and delicious, of course, and prepared our winter cruisers for a chilly, yet beautiful, day of snow and ice sculptures—shopping—cheese—and to wrap it all up, a fabulous fireworks display!



January RACING COMMITTEE MEETING Feb. 22 RC Meeting is at the same place!



How to Find It: DBC is located in a sort-of warehouse district of Dearborn's east side at 13121 Prospect, Dearborn. Our building shares space with another Downey-owned business, KDG Finishers Corp. **LOOK FOR THE RED DOOR WITH THE DOWNEY BREWING COMPANY NAME!**

The Taproom: We feature 12 beers, cider, and seltzer on tap in a fun, eclectic space. We also have various kinds of red and white wine.

Food: We do not serve food, but are food friendly. Feel free to bring in food. There are numerous local eateries that deliver to our location.

Parking: Parking in front of our building is scarce (only 8 spots). However, we do have a lot located around the corner where Leonard Street street dead ends. Additionally, there is street parking on Prospect near Schafer and street parking on Jonathon and Leonard.

WSSC SWAP MEET

Got too much boat stuff? Need more boat stuff?

THE WSSC SPRING SWAP MEET IS WAITING FOR YOU!

May 2nd before and after the meeting

Clear out your boat locker, your garage, and your basement!

Bring your used or new nautical stuff to the March meeting.

Tables and tags will be available for your Swap Meet items.

Tag your items with seller's name and asking price or swap terms.

Come early to set up your stuff, and have dinner before the meeting.

Meeting starts at 7:30pm – Swap Meet before and after.



WSSC SWAP MEET

HOW IT WORKS

SELL: Tag or mark your item with...

- ✓ your NAME, and
- ✓ your ASKING PRICE or swap criteria

BUY: When you find something you like...

- ✓ contact the person who is "selling", and
- ✓ work out a price or SWAP between you

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LakeErieWX
MARINE WEATHER

**STARTS
Mar. 14**

Weather Skills For A Successful Race

ONLINE SEMINAR SERIES

March 14, 21 & 28, 2024 – 7:30 to 9:00 pm (Eastern)

OVERVIEW: Doing well in a long-distance race such as the Bayview Mack or Chicago Mac demands teamwork, endurance, and a routing strategy based on an accurate weather forecast. Developing a competitive strategy requires an understanding of basic weather forecasting principles, a familiarity with weather resources, and a working knowledge of modern routing software. This three-part webinar series is designed for sailors who are relatively new to long-distance racing or experienced competitors who would like to refresh their skills before the season begins.

SEMINAR TOPICS:

- Finding & Interpreting Weather Maps
- Weather Forecast Model Basics
- Wind Forecasting
- Forecasting Thunderstorms
- Doppler Weather Radar Basics
- Getting Weather Data
- Measuring Forecast Model Accuracy
- Weather Routing Essentials

RECORDINGS: Don't worry if you can't attend one of the live sessions. Each session will be recorded and made available to all registered attendees until July 15, 2024.

LOCATION: Live Webinar Series

DATE: March 14, 21 & 28, 2024

TIME: 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm (Eastern)

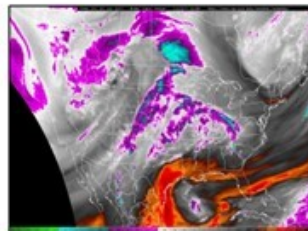
FEE: Registration - \$80 for all three live sessions and access to the recordings until July 15, 2024.

REGISTER AT:

<https://tixoom.app/lakeeriewx/bundles/qamh2vyd>

QUESTIONS: Please send questions regarding the webinar to Mark Thornton at Mark@LakeErieWX.com.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER: Mark Thornton has sailed for more than 30 years and currently owns *Osprey*, a Mainship 34 Pilot. His interest in weather forecasting grew from his experiences cruising and racing on the Great Lakes. Mark is a 2006 graduate of the Penn State University *Certificate of Achievement in Weather Forecasting*, a two-year program that develops skills in general, tropical, and severe weather forecasting. He is the president of LakeErieWX LLC, a company dedicated to providing marine weather education and forecasting resources for recreational boaters (www.lakeeriewx.com). Mark publishes a marine weather blog and teaches basic forecasting seminars to recreational boaters during the off-season. He has served as the Race Meteorologist for the Bayview Mackinac Race since 2014. Mark is also on the faculty of Annapolis Boat Shows - Cruiser University.



Welcome to LakeErieWX – Our goal is to increase the marine weather forecasting skills of recreational boaters and to simplify access to marine weather observations and forecasts. Whether you are cruising the Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay, the Caribbean, or the coastal waters of the Atlantic, an enhanced understanding of basic weather principles and a few simple forecasting skills can improve trip planning and reduce the likelihood that you and your guests will be exposed to uncomfortable or hazardous weather conditions.

LakeErieWX
MARINE WEATHER

THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

January Caption Contest



"So, THIS is Thunderfest?"

WINNER: PC Jody Larrow

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

FEBRUARY 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!



See page 23 for our calendar of meetings and events.

and don't miss the....



WSSC SWAP MEET
May 2nd

STARBOARD TACK is the monthly newsletter of the West Shore Sail Club, Trenton, Michigan.

Publishes 12 issues annually about the first of each month. DISTRIBUTION is by email to WSSC members, and by posting the club's Facebook page, and on the public section of the WSSC website. **ARTICLE AND AD DEADLINE IS 25TH OF MONTH PRIOR TO PUBLICATION DATE**, EXCEPT December deadline is December 20th. Submit all written information in Word or compatible format. Submit ads, graphics, photos in JPG, PNG, or PDF format. Please submit "high quality" (at least 600x600) graphics and photos. Contact Editor for ADVERTISING PRICES, SIZING, and DISCOUNT SCHEDULE.

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

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MEMBERS CLASSIFIED



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

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

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

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



If interested, contact Michael at 313-590-5131



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

Don't forget!

WSSC members can place their classified or display ads on The Corkboard for FREE!


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

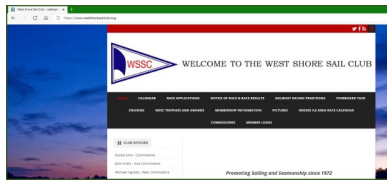
Contact "The Editor" at wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com for ad placement.

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
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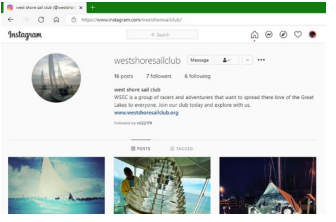
 VISIT OUR **WEBSITE** with links to racing and cruising calendars, notice of races, cruising awards registration, and more!
www.westshoresailclub.org



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




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




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.



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Budget Committee	Executive Committee	
By-Laws Committee	Commodores Committee	
Club Memory (Anniversary) Album	Jon Cotter	send photos to joncotter@att.net
Commodore's Ball Chairperson	Karen Laughner	expokaren@aol.com
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*Cruising Committee Chairperson	Rear Commodore	wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com
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Fleet Captain—Cruising	Dave Wright	iamdave57@gmail.com
Fleet Captain—WNATR	PC Chris McCardell	courttofficer@att.net
Fleet Captain—Racing (Specialty Races)	PC Chris McCardell	courttofficer@att.net
Facebook Page Administrator	(contact through WSSC Facebook page)	
Historian	PC Mike Jablonski	mtjablonski@wowway.com
I-LYA Delegate	PC Kathy Howe	kahowe@wowway.com
M.C. (Commodore's Ball and Special Events Master of Ceremonies)	Gale Laughner	sailorgale@aol.com
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Membership Database updates	Lana Hawkins	wssc Membership Chair@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor (Starboard Tack)	Lea Ellwood-Filkins	wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com
Nomination Committee	Commodores Committee	wssc Commodore@gmail.com
PHRF-LE Delegate	HELP! We need a volunteer!	
PHRF-LE Measurer	PC Dick Synowiec PC Doug Howe	cptsnick1@gmail.com d1howe@wowway.com
Port Captains: Cruising Events	(see information on each Event in the "Activities Updates" section or on our website)	
Port Captains: Specialty Races	(see information on each Event in the "Activities Updates" section or on our website)	
*Race Committee Chairperson	Vice Commodore	wssc Vice Commodore@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	courttofficer@att.net (Chris McCardell)

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MARCH 2024		
MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING	MAR. 7 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Program (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
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 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 SKIPPERS MEETING	May (date TBD)—7:00pm at TBD	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
Cruise #1: ICEBREAKER "LAND" CRUISE	May 18 *Saturday—3:00pm 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: RC Todd Harris and Lady Maria	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
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. 22-23 *Saturday-Sunday to Leamington, Ontario Port Captain:	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

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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 SHORTHANDED 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	
Cruise #4: WEEK-LONG CRUISE	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)	
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	
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 Ile 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 *Sat.-Sun.—to Monroe Boat Club and dinner at Blue Heron (on Saturday) 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.