

Starboard Tack

WSSC: promoting the sport of sailing and seamanship since 1972

MARCH 2024

* MARCH 23RD "CARD" CRUISE TO EUCHRE NIGHT / POTLUCK AT THE WRIGHTS' *

* APRIL 4 AFTER-MEETING PROGRAM *

NORTH SAILS presents "SAIL SELECTION & MAINTENANCE FOR RACING & CRUISING SAILS

* NEXT RACE COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 25 AT 7PM AT DOWNEY BREWING *

From The Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

MARCH IS HERE AND IT IS OFFICIALLY TIME FOR A CHANGE OF SEASONS: On March 19th we say goodbye to winter and welcome the spring. Though the Michigan weather has been teasing us with quite a few warm days, I'm a little apprehensive about throwing off the boat covers and putting away the winter coats too soon. You never know if that late season final snow storm will sneak up on us! The Executive Committee has made the most of these mild winter months planning out Cruising and Racing activities for the summer. 2024 is shaping up to be a great year for WSSC.

BUSY CALENDAR FOR THE COMMODORE: Gentleman Alec and I have had a full social calendar over the past month representing West Shore Sail Club at a number of events. On Saturday February 3rd we attended the Elba Mar Boat Club Commodore's Ball in honor of Commodore Michael Skilliter and Lady Kristen at the Grecian Center in Southgate. Two weeks later February 16th & 17th Alec and I attended the AYC Weekend at the Sheraton in Romulus. This year's theme was the '80s which made for very nostalgic hospitality rooms including a

Blockbuster Video room, two Top Gun themed rooms and a Cheers room where I enjoyed a beer with none other than Cliff Claven (P/C Dave Monk)! For those who have not experienced an AYC party, it's a huge party and a great chance to mix with our neighboring clubs, which I definitely recommend.



On Saturday February 24th Alec and I ventured down to Perrysburg, Ohio to attend the North Cape Yacht Club Burgee Ball in honor of Commodore Matt Kern and Lady Deena. Matt Kern is also a top racer in the Western Lake Erie region. The latest incarnation of Matt's race team sporting the "Discover" name as of 2023 is a J33 formerly known as "Shenanigan". Needless to say it was a real treat to celebrate our friend and competitor Matt!



Norm!, Cliffy. and Commodore Anita enjoy an evening at the Cheers bar during the AYC weekend in February

DON'T FORGET TO SAVE THE DATE—APRIL 13TH: Speaking of Commodore's Balls don't forget to mark your calendars to attend the 2024 West Shore Sail Club Ball on Saturday April 13th at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. Our Commodore's Ball Chairperson Karen Laughner and her committee have been

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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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Commodore

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doing a fabulous job preparing for this year's event. I was able to visit the venue again this week to finalize the menu and room setup plans and I continue to be impressed with the service we receive from Crystal Gardens. Keep an eye on the mail as invitations will be arriving any day. I'm looking forward to a great evening with my fellow club members, recognizing our award winners and celebrating my birthday! 😊

HAVE YOU BEEN TO ONE OF OUR CAR CRUISE ACTIVITIES? SO MUCH FUN! I would like to give a shout out to our Activities Chairperson Amy Wright for organizing some great car cruises to get us through the non-boating months. Our most recent cruise was to the Detroit Curling Club in Ferndale, Michigan. We had eleven curlers and two spectators/photographers for the event. The venue provided very good instruction (though maybe too much information?). As many of the first timers learned, it makes much more sense once you've thrown your first few "rocks", and not to overthink it.



By the end of the session the West Shore crews were looking like future Olympians! We celebrated our new skills (and escape without injury) with a Detroit style Pizza Lunch at Louii's. Thanks to Rear Commodore Todd Harris there is now a WSSC chianti bottle hanging on the wall to commemorate our visit!

If you are bummed about missing this great outing, don't fret, Amy has our next event queued up for March 23rd—a Euchre night! Look for details later in the issue.

Let's keep the West Shore fun rolling in 2024!

Sincerely,
2024 Commodore
Anita Bersie-Chabalowski



WSSC Commodore Anita and (TIYC Commodore) Gentleman Alec enjoy one of the many social events on the Commodore's spring calendar



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



Thursday—APRIL 4th
NORTH SAILS PROGRAM
for racers AND cruisers

AFTER THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FOR MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS—ALL ARE INVITED


Join WSSC on April 4 for guest speaker
KARL KUSPA—SITE MANAGER NORTH SAILS, DETROIT
"The Ins & Outs of Sailmaking"

Sailmaker Kuspa will be covering aspects of both cruising and racing sails. Come to the program to hear about:

- a) Sail Selection Process.
- b) Sail Materials, and
- c) Maintenance—Service and Repair

Thursday Apr. 4—7:30pm meeting at Whiskeys on the Water

MISSING



Have you seen this flag?

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

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

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

Executive Committee

ANNUAL GOALS PRESENTATION

Each February the newly-elected Executive Committee (the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Officer) shares their vision and goals for WSSC for the coming year. The club goals for 2024 were presented at our February general membership meeting.



Commodore Anita presents the Executive Committee's Goals for 2024 at the February meeting

Member participation is essential for the success of reaching these goals. Take a look at our 2024 goals. What inspires you? What looks like fun? What challenges you?

SEE YOU THERE!



Background

**WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB
BY-LAWS
Article I - General
Section 5: Reports**

The Executive Committee is responsible for presenting a formal report of goals, objectives and the methods to achieve them at the February [general membership] meeting. A report of accomplishments will be presented at the annual meeting in December of each year.




Executive Committee Goals Report

2024 Executive Committee Goals:

- Manage the business of the club on behalf of the membership, limit GMM meetings to only most important items (keep the meetings fun!)
- Maintain clear communications with the membership regarding events and happenings, using multiple avenues including GMM meetings, Starboard Tack Newsletter, Facebook Group, Club Website, E-mail and NOR
- Provide positive representation of the club at area boating association events. Encourage networking both within the club and amongst all nearby area sailing groups.

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Executive Committee Goals Report

Objective 1: Conduct Necessary Club Administration

- Vote on updated Bylaws and Constitution as presented by the Constitution Committee
- Form a subcommittee to recommend actions for refreshing the club's website
- Review the club's current insurance policy coverage, and shop competition to verify we continue to get the best value for our money.

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Executive Committee Goals Report

Objective 2: Welcome New Members

- Set target of 75 memberships (individual or family) for 2024
- Recruit WNATR racers who are not yet club members
- Encourage past members to come back to the club again
- Increase outreach to un-affiliated sailors in the area and individuals new to sailing
- Promote area sailing and sailing culture amongst NW Lake Erie sailors

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Executive Committee Goals Report

Objective 3: Keep the Fun Going



- Hold monthly GMM Meetings, with guest speakers for at least 3 meetings
- Continue to organize and run racing activities including WNATR and three specialty races (DH, LHC, J&J)
- Support one local charity per year with LHC fundraiser
- Continue to organize traditional cruising activities including Icebreaker, Memorial Day, Commodore's Tea, Week-long, Late Summer and Fall Harvest Cruise
- Continue to organize social events for membership in the non-sailing months, also known as "car cruises"

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Sail MORE with WEST SHORE in '24



* NEXT MEETING OF RACE COMMITTEE ON APRIL 25 AT 7:00PM AT DOWNEY BREWING *

From The Vice Commodore (including Racing Report)

Jonathan "Jon" Cotter

WITH THE WARM DAYS IN FEBRUARY I forgot about my dream of weekend skiing and felt the urge to go buy some bottom paint. Unfortunately it was still February and we had racing season preparation to do. Our second Race Committee meeting of the year was at Downey Brewing and Chris McCardell and the team made more progress on the details for Wednesday Night at the Races and the specialty races.

NOTICE OF RACE: NOR is refined once again for 2024 with a few practical tweaks for those of use who prefer paperless options in the rush to meet the race deadline. Race entry offers another online payment method with Zeffy, which many members used to pay their dues this year. Thanks to our Membership Officer Lana, the working end of the PDF form for Notice Of Race will be fillable. So in the near future any skipper can go to www.noticeofrace.org or www.westshoresailclub.org, download the form, fill it out, and submit it directly.

EVERYONE IS INVITED! SKIPPER'S MEETING IS NOW "COMPETITORS' MEETING": Speaking of skippers, the kickoff

meeting for the WNATR season is tentatively scheduled to be held at Ford Yacht Club on Tuesday May 14 at 7pm.

In the interest of getting good participation in this meeting the name of the meeting has been changed to "Competitors' Meeting" in recognition that many crew may want to participate in the event. The Race Committee discussed quite a few ways we could enhance this meeting with a featured activity or presentation. More on that in the future.

The sailing instructions still need completion but we have the decision required to make it happen. The courses will start as a preference on North Mark and Center mark will be used for some wind conditions where the North Mark is not practical or safe. Course buoy positions of the "wagon wheel" or "octagon" will remain the same as Anita's 2023 corrections. **WNATR registration due date is May 13.**



The Doublehanded Race July 6th will be a "local" race this year and will include the Detroit Light and the Grecian Shoal (off Colchester) as marks of the course.

NEW! SKIPPER "CALLING CARDS": I have the new WSSC skipper cards fresh off the printing press. The idea behind the "sailing business card" is a quick handout you can give to an interested sailor whether skipper, crew, or even someone interested in possibly joining WSSC. The CARD features QR codes of both the race signup and WSSC website. Please take half a dozen if you can think of a few people who need a reminder or have crew potential. Pick them up at the Competitors' Meeting or at any WSSC general membership meeting.

NEXT RACING COMMITTEE MEETING: Our next meeting will be April 25th at 7:00pm at the popular Downeys Brewing Company in Dearborn—and should be a wrap-up meeting until the May activities.


HELM'S-A-LEE!
Sincerely,
**2024 Vice Commodore
Jonathan "Jon" Cotter**

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

Wednesday Night At The Races			
WNATR spring	WNATR summer	WNATR fall	
Spring #1 5/22	Summer #1 7/3	Fall #1 8/21	
Spring #2 5/29	Summer #2 7/10	Fall #2 8/28	
Spring #3 6/12	Summer #3 7/31	Fall #3 9/4	
Spring #4 6/19	Summer #4 8/7	Fall #4 9/11	
Spring #5 6/26	Summer #5 8/14	Fall #5 9/18	

WSSC Specialty Races	
Doublehanded	Saturday 7/6
Lighthouse Challenge	Sunday 8/17
Jack-n-Jill	Sunday 9/1

Sign-up @ N.O.R. 

The SKIPPERS CALLING CARD to share with your crew and potential crew!



Fleet Captain—Racing



Race Committee

WSSC 2024 RACING CALENDAR

RACING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 25 at 7:00pm at Downey Brewing

RACING BUOYS WORKDAYS

BUOY PREP WORKDAY: Saturday—May 4

BUOY LAUNCH DAY: Saturday—May 11

WNATR Registrations due May 13

WNATR COMPETITORS' MEETING

May 14 at 7pm at FYC

WNATR SPRING #1 through #5

starts Wednesday—May 22 at 6:50pm

WNATR SUMMER #1 through #5

starts Wednesday—July 3 at 6:50pm

WSSC DOUBLEHANDED RACE

Saturday—July 6

WSSC LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA

and charity afterglow

Saturday—August 17

WNATR FALL #1 through #5

starts Wednesday August 21 at 6:50pm

WSSC JACK AND JILL RACE

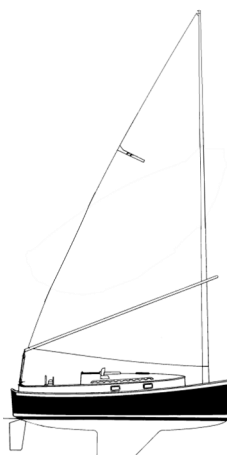
Sunday—September 1

Buoy Retrieval

Saturday—Sept. 28

WSSC AWARDS NIGHT

Wednesday—October 16



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



West Shore Sail Club 21st Annual Lighthouse Challenge

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

Downriver Foster Closet

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



Mike Carey Music Company

WSSC 2023 Vice Commodore
ANITA BERSIE-CHABALOWSKI

Friend of the Club
LOIS CHABALOWSKI

WSSC 2023 Secretary
JANE BERSIE

LEA ELLWOOD-FILKINS
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

*** DON'T MISS THE APRIL 4TH AFTER-MEETING PROGRAM WITH NORTH SAILS SITE MANAGER—KARL KUSPA ***

From The Rear Commodore (including Cruising Report)

Todd Harris

WSSC 2024 AFTER-MEETING PROGRAMS

April 4—North Sails, Detroit
Site Manager Karl Kuspa
"The Incs & Outs of Sailmaking"
 for cruising & racing sails

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

GET 'ER IN SHIP SHAPE **PREPARING FOR SPRING SPLASH**

All this past Winter we have been hibernating in our warm homes while our boats shiver out in the cold. Usually at this point in the year the ground is still covered with snow. Not so this year! The sun has already started to peak out from behind the clouds. Each day is getting warmer and longer. I'm not sure about you, but I've been impatiently awaiting the return of warm weather. I've also been researching new gear, reading books/articles/blogs, archiving pictures from last summer, and even made a new playlists of cruising music.

When the forecast says "no more frost", it's time to pull the covers off from our boats. Soon enough, it will be time to start putting our plans for this summer into action.

But before we launch our boats we will need to check, service, and perform maintenance of all critical boat systems. I recommend enlisting the help of your friends, family and fellow sail club members that *LOVE* to get out on the water with you. Tackle the task as a Team. Then reserve

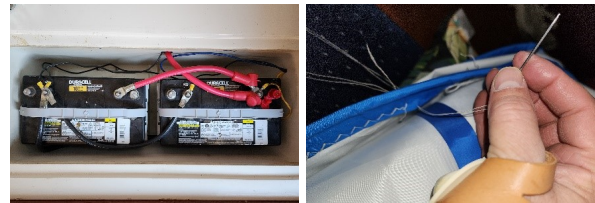


your day and time for LAUNCH!
 "Splish-Splash!"

EXTERIOR INSPECTION: Remove all covers. Assess the condition of the exterior top to bottom, stem to stern — Stay Connections, Wind Vane, VHF Antennae, Lights. Standing Rigging, Spreaders, Boom, Vang, Running Rigging, Clamps, Deck Cleats, Lifelines, Stanchions, Furler, Winch, Anchor, Sails, and Covers.

Note any leaks, cracks, loose or missing retainers, loose threads or broken stitches. Plan to replace or repair any worn or damaged parts that you find before launching.

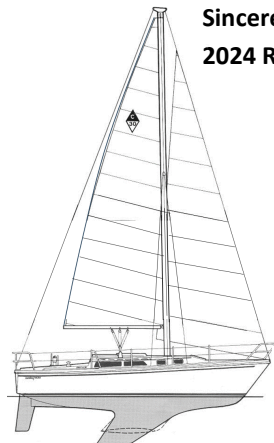
Prep & Paint — Repair any gouges, scratches. Rinse and clean the bottom surface. Wash and wax the topside.



INTERIOR INSPECTION: Install Batteries and connect Wiring. Test the bilge pump and close all through-hull fittings. For the engine: check or change fluids and filters, inspect and lubricate the impeller (replace as necessary).

REVIEW ALL REQUIRED SAFETY GEAR: A customized checklist can help you avoid missing any necessary items. I found a couple of useful websites for organizing this task for your reference.

- 12-point spring checklist for your yacht @ yachtingmonthly.com (April 5, 2023)
- Checklists for Sailors Passage Planning, Sailboat Maintenance, Cleaning, Medical, & More Copyright Sailing Britican 2015, 2019, 2023 3rd Edition Website: <https://SailingBritican.com> ISBN: 978-1086787849



Sincerely,

2024 Rear Commodore Todd Harris

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



Fleet Captain—Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising

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.

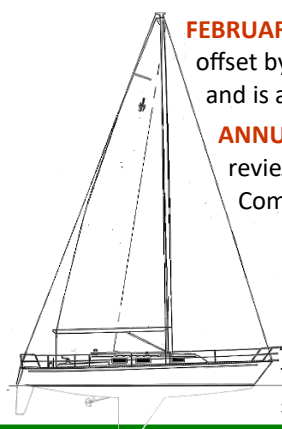
Sincerely,
2024 Secretary Jane Bersie

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



From the Treasurer

Mike Soltis



FEBRUARY STATUS: February cash flow included \$795 revenue, primarily from dues, offset by \$243 expense for net change of \$552. Summary table is presented at the GMM and is available to members upon request.

ANNUAL AUDIT: Other significant February financial events included submission for review of the preliminary CY2024 budget proposal to the EC and the CY2023 books to the Audit Committee.

Sincerely,
2024 Treasurer Mike Soltis

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



From the Membership Officer

Lana Hawkins

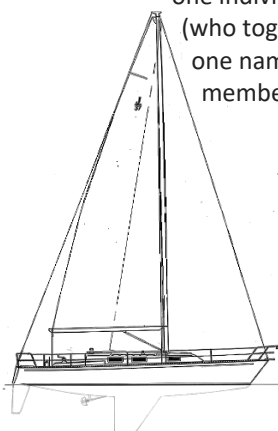
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS STILL COMING IN: The membership numbers are reported as of March 1, 2024. The tables include paid and non-paid (forms returned) membership renewals.

NOTE TO MEMBERS ON VOTING: Paid members are eligible to vote on club matters.

Paid members as of February 29, 2024 are eligible to vote on the Constitution and Bylaws amendments which were sent to members from the Commodores Committee on March 1st. There is one vote allowed per membership. A "membership" might be one individual person (who is eligible for one vote), or two persons (who together are eligible for one vote), depending upon whether one name or two names are listed on the 2024 new/renewal membership form and on the payment of appropriate dues.

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 3-1-2024
Regular Memberships	54
Associate Memberships	8
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS	62
Total Paid Memberships	56

WSSC memberships are also subdivided as follows:	
Individual Membership	19
Family Membership (2 people)	43
Life Memberships (non-paid)	5
Life Memberships (paid)	1
TOTAL Life Memberships	6
Honorary Memberships	1

**STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS:
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Chairperson Amy Wright

MARCH 23 CAR CRUISE: Are we headed the "Wright" way? Don't miss Euchre night at the Wright's house! It's potluck party time and lots of Michigan-style card-playing fun with our annual Euchre Night. Come to eat and play—or just be there to eat and kibbitz. It's always an entertaining event with fabulous (?) prizes all around. Please RSVP so Amy has an idea of how many people are planning to attend. There



will be tournament style play and a learners' table for those new to the game. Bring a dish to pass! March 23rd at the Wrights. CONTACT ACTIVITIES

CHAIRPERSON AMY WRIGHT TO RSVP AND FOR LOCATION INFORMATION.

APRIL CAR CRUISE:

The April car cruise is being planned to go on a behind-the-scenes tour of Little

Caesar's Arena. Get on board by sending your "I'm Interested" RSVP to Activities Chairperson Amy Wright.



MAY 2—ANNUAL SWAP MEET BEFORE AND AFTER THE MAY GENERAL 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



**WSSC March 23rd Car Cruise to
EUCHRE NIGHT!**

March 23rd starts at 7:00 pm

Come have some fun with a friendly Euchre game night!
It's a family-friendly evening with a learner's table for those new to the game!

Play is tournament-style where partners switch after each game and players collect individual points to determine the winner at the end of the rounds.

Food is part of the fun! Bring a dish to pass!

RSVP to Amy and Dave at amycwright@gmail.com



**See pages 25-27
for our calendar
of meetings and events.**

and don't miss the...

**WSSC
SWAP
MEET
May 2nd**



VOTE FOR CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS CHANGES
LOOK FOR VOTING INSTRUCTIONS IN YOUR EMAIL (Emails we sent on March 1)
FINAL DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR VOTE IS SUNDAY, MARCH 31st

STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS:
COMMODORES COMMITTEE

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS PROPOSED CHANGES—VOTING OPEN FROM MARCH 1 THROUGH MARCH 31:

Throughout 2022 and 2023 the WSSC Constitution and Bylaw Committee has reviewed and recommended changes to our constitution and bylaws. Together we identified needed updates that will bring our guiding document current with all new needs and regulations. The Constitution and Bylaw committee along with the Past Commodores Committee overwhelmingly agree with all of the updates. We hope you will, too.

On March 1, 2024 all renewed members received an email asking you to review and approve the changes. **IT'S CRITICAL THAT YOU VOTE.** Please don't assume it will pass so your vote isn't necessary. To the contrary, **YOUR VOTE IS MOST CRITICAL.**

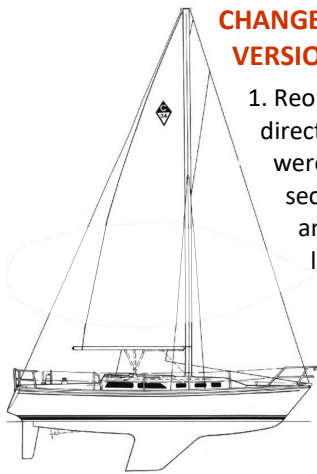
DEADLINE TO RECEIVE VOTES IS MARCH 31, 2024:

We are required to receive a **MINIMUM of 67%** approval to update our constitution and all within 30 days. Without it, two years of work will be for naught. **SO PLEASE VOTE.** You can vote by simply responding 'yes' or 'no' to cadumke@gmail.com

While all changes are relatively minor, all require your review and approval prior to implementation. Both committees believe the changes make it the very best it can be as of today—but remember, all Constitutions and Bylaws are living documents and will in the future again require change to reflect that current environment.

CHANGES (READERS DIGEST VERSION)

1. Reorganized to collect like kind directives to the same section that were previously spread in different sections – making it easier to read and reference – none with any language changes; all just relocated.



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

2. Change elections to November from December (as we did in 2023).

3. Elimination of the "Senior Membership" category - we don't have any and it's never been used. Life member is more appropriate and remains.

4. Add Secretary as a Director - consistent with nonprofit status requirements.

5. Move Annual Report to January from December - Commodores last formal responsibility and delivered prior to change of watch ceremony.

6. Change "Commodores Committee" title to "Past Commodores Committee" — with no changes to committee membership requirements.

7. Add virtual meeting language to accommodate Michigan nonprofit regulations.

The last two pages provide a detailed summary of all changes to the constitution's content.

Note: Each article/section is designated by a "C" or "B" for ease of review.

C = Constitution section B = Bylaw section

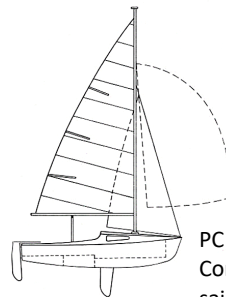
These designations may be eliminated when the document is published after the vote.



Respectfully submitted,

PC 2013 Carver Dumke
2024 Commodores Committee
Co-chairperson

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



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

Editor's Note: As of March 7th the Tellers Committee reports the results are trending "positive", but would like to note that voting does not close until March 31st. Every membership's vote is important. Please be sure to reply to the Commodores Committee's March 1st email with your vote. Thank you for your interest and participation in this important WSSC event!

**Other Committee News:
COMMODORE'S BALL COMMITTEE**

Chairperson Karen Laughner

SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024 AT 6:00PM

R.S.V.P. requested by April 4

DID YOU GET YOUR INVITATION? RSVP SOON! The invitations are in the mail for the April 13th Commodore's Ball honoring WSSC Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski. The Ball will be held at the beautiful Crystal Gardens in Southgate. It's going to be an evening of good food, celebrating, and dancing.

The deadline to respond is Thursday, April 4th. Don't delay, send in your checks as soon as possible and made out to "West Shore Sail Club". The price did go up this year to \$80 per person due to a price increase from Crystal Gardens.

Sincerely,
Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson
Karen Laughner



*West Shore Sail Club
Cordially invites you to our
2024 Commodore's Ball
Honoring
Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski
And
Gentleman Alec Chabalowski
On Saturday,
The Thirteenth day of April
At six o'clock in the evening at
Crystal Gardens
16703 Fort Street
Southgate, Michigan 48195*

IN MEMORIAM: LADY MARY ANN JABLONSKI

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Lady Mary Ann Jablonski, wife of Past Commodore 1979 Mike Jablonski. Lady Mary Ann passed away on February 10th. Mike and Mary Ann have been members of WSSC for 50 years. Many, many WSSC friends attended the viewing and funeral mass and shared many fond memories of sailing and skiing adventures, and friendship.

Mike shared some memories of Mary Ann: "Mary Ann was born to Stanley and Anna Zurek in Wyandotte, and she graduated from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High School, Wayne County Community College, and the University of Michigan-Dearborn (where she completed her Bachelor of Education degree in just 2.5 years while taking up to 18 credit hours per term). She received her Master of Education degree in 1992. She taught elementary school for 16 years until retiring. Family and friends remember her anticipating retirement with "Out the door in 2004!" Mary Ann's retirement years were spent watching her children complete their education and grow into their careers, did a good bit of traveling in family RVs around the USA and Canada, and cruising on ships with friends around Hawaii, Bermuda, and a couple of trips in Europe. Her grandchildren also became the highlights of her life. She taught her Polish food-making skills to her children and grandchildren. She was an amazing 'Busia'."

Our condolences go out in this difficult time to Mike, children Katherine, Christopher, and Matthew, her six grandchildren, and the extended family. If you would like to make a donation in Mary Ann's memory, the family has designated that donations be made to The Michigan Parkinson's Association or to The Michael J. Fox Foundation.



MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter"

Membership Officer Lana Hawkins

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- 2-MarRon K
- 2-MarJohn M
- 7-MarAmy S
- 16-MarJohn P
- 18-MarLady Cindy L
- 24-MarPC Lance Y
- 25-MarMarcie G
- 25-MarLady Lori S
- 28-MarAnn L
- 30-MarLady Naseem B

WSSC TRADITION: SINGING THE BIRTHDAY SONG at each General Membership Meeting:

This tribute to our Birthday members is sung with GUSTO (you don't even have to sing it in tune) to the tune of Ta-Ra-Ra-BOOM-De-Ay!

This is your BIRTHday Song! It isn't VERY long!

We join our birthday celebrants after the meeting for some tasty birthday cake.

The birthday cake for our monthly membership meeting is baked by ELLIOTT'S BAKERY.

Other Committee News:

MEMORY ALBUM IN OUR 51ST YEAR! *



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

Frank helped club members by handing out blank pages to new members and old, by helping them print and place their photo memories in their spot on the "wall" as the years went by, and by making sure the album got to meetings and events (in its own "trailer" which was custom-built by Frank). The Memory Album is such an important and fun part of WSSC. Can you help?



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:

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 (and photos) while we follow their travels on (in?) the Key of Sea. And thank you to Rear Commodore Todd Harris for his informative article on boat prep for spring splash!

THIS MONTH'S PHOTO CREDITS: We were glad to receive other photos for this issue from Anita Bersie-Chabalowski, Karen Laughner, PC Mike Jablonski, Vice Commodore Jon Cotter, Rear Commodore Todd Harris, and Secretary Jane Bersie. Send photos—and submissions for the CAPTION CONTEST—to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

TACKY TYPOS / THIS MONTH'S LIFESAVERS AWARDS: OOPS! When the Editor gets back to town, those famous LifeSavers awards for February Tacky Typos will go to PC John Kukla (oops—wrong year on racing calendar), PC Carver Dumke (oops—entirely left February events off the rolling calendar—what was I thinking!), and Lady Helena Thornton (oops—wrong date for curling car cruise caught in time to fix Facebook post—Thanks!). Thanks all for your help in making the Tack less tacky.

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

Sincerely, Starboard Tack Editor Lea Ellwood-Filkins



AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS — NEWS & INFORMATION

NEW INFORMATION IS MARKED WITH *

BoatUS/WEST MARINE

Rep. PC Doug Howe

WSSC remains a co-operating group with BOAT/US. Our membership number is 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/>

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

I-LYA Junior Sailing: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ilyajuniorsailing>

Inter-Lake Yachting Association History: <https://www.facebook.com/interlakeyachtingassociationhistory>

The latest I-LYA newsletter is available at <https://i-lya.org/i-lya-news/>

- I-LYA Spring Meeting April 5-6, Westlake, OH
- I-LYA Junior Bay Week July 14-18, Put-in-Bay, Ohio <https://www.facebook.com/ILYABayWeekPowerRegattasSrandJr/>
- I-LYA Power Regatta July 24-28, Put-in-Bay, Ohio <https://www.facebook.com/ILYABayWeekPowerRegattasSrandJr/>
- I-LYA Bay Week (Senior Sail Week) July 31-August 4, Put-in-Bay, Ohio <https://www.facebook.com/ILYABayWeek>
- I-LYA Fall Meeting is December 6-7, Westlake, Ohio

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON I-LYA CONTACT Kathy Howe at kahowe@wowway.com

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

(Measurers PC Doug Howe & PC Dick Synowiec)



WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS — ARE YOU AVAILABLE?



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.

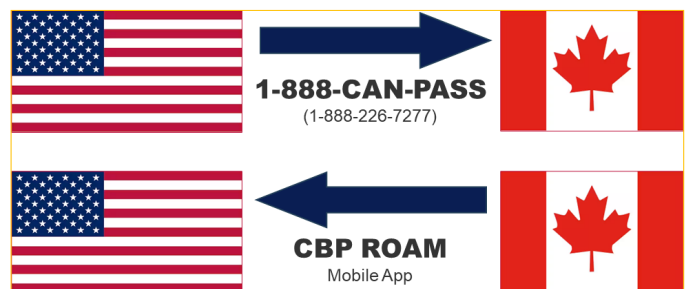


CBP ROAM REQUIRED: US requires the use of CBP Roam.

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))

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

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



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.

TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN IN PARADISE!

Just when the weather is starting to settle down, We are running out of time! Our 90 day permit to be in the Bahamas runs out March 10. We will renew because we are not ready to head north and we sure don't want to be deported! We have loved every day in this country and are truly enchanted by the beauty of the islands and the blue of the water, the beaches and the friendliness and warmth of the people.



Feb 3—We have some wild weather coming our way, it's time to go find protection. Heading to Georgetown, a fairly large area where we can find anchorages with relatively good protection. The problem is a lot of vessels are already there and lots more going along with us. Hope we can find room!



Back of the boat concert at Elizabeth Harbour Georgetown, Exuma, The Bahamas

There are a lot of activities to keep anyone busy, like beach volleyball, softball, poker and euchre tournaments, bocci ball, yoga, water aerobics, musicians groups, kids activities groups and more—it is like a summer camp. The harbor itself is beautiful, there are many trails to hike on Stocking island, beaches to swim on and reefs to snorkel on. Many

cruisers come here year after year to spend the winter.

AS I WRITE THIS, WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ANNUAL GEORGETOWN CRUISERS REGATTA.

The regatta goes on for 13 days, with many different contests and activities for all ages. The last couple of days we participated in the big boat races, crewing on Grand Cru, an Island Packet 45, owned by a couple from Michigan. There are two races, a short in harbor race and a 20 mile around the island. We came in 1st in the long course race, and won 1st overall for our class. We had winds in the 20's with 3 - 6 ft waves in the ocean, which is just what the Island Packet liked. We would have been double reefed on Key of Sea, but Grand Cru just settled in and smoothly cut through the waves.

After spending a couple of days racing on Grand Cru, we have a better appreciation for the IP design. Ana even managed to bake a carrot cake while racing, so we also walked away with a flag and bottle of rum for the "Best Baked Cake while Underway".

Last week we made a 50 nm passage from Georgetown to Rum Cay. It is a nice secluded island with only 45



Stocking Island, Exuma, The Bahamas



Anchored in Edgarton, Martha's Vineyard

permanent residents. We met 25% of them at the local sand floor bar. We snorkel on a coral reef and encounter a full size Hammerhead shark, luckily it was not feeding time, but we still got out of the water much quicker than we got in! After that, we sailed another 35 nm to Clarence Town, Long Island and went across the Tropic of Cancer and officially entered the Tropics. Dean's Blue Hole and Hamilton's Cave are two must see spots in Long Island in our book. One evening we were having sundowners on a nice Whitby ketch, and they told us they were heading to the Turks and Caicos. We were only 180 nm away. We almost joined them but after sleeping on it, we decided to save the T&C for next season. I mean really, once you are at the T&C, another 120nm puts

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



Another back of the boat concert at Georgetown. Hey! Who's that travelling commodore playing that "cruising-sized" accordion?

you in the Dominican Republic, and after that Puerto Rico, and on, and on. Way too much to see in the time we have left this season. So, instead of continuing East, we left Clarence Town at sunset and returned to Georgetown by sunrise. It was a wonderful overnight sail, with good winds and a full moon.

Renewing our permit has got us thinking about the future. We are starting to look for a place in the US to keep Key of Sea for hurricane season. We have a long list of good harbors recommended by fellow cruisers. We may keep the boat in Florida because the closer we are to the Bahamas the sooner we can get back here next December. So yes, we will keep on cruising for another year or more. We are hooked on this lifestyle and we don't want to stop yet.

The Sea is Calling ... loudly.
Until next time, John and Ana



"Just keep swimming. Just keep swimming." (Dori)
Snorkeling in Thunderball Grotto



At Dean's Blue Hole in a bay west of Clarence Town on Long Island, The Bahamas (the "hole" is 663 ft deep)



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

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Don't miss the WSSC CORKBOARD (on display at monthly meetings) for news you can use. The Corkboard and the Memory Album are the "walls" of our "clubhouse".

Reports! Reports! Reports!
Oh No! We missed taking a photo of the Treasurer's Report. If YOU missed the Treasurer's Report members can send an email to wsscfinancial@gmail.com and get the whole report!




Members and friends from near and far come to the monthly membership meetings to share news, good conversation, good food, and birthday cake! Happy Birthday to our February celebraters!



A big "Thank You!" to February's Raffle Volunteer Holly! Member Barbara looks very trustworthy to draw the winning ticket!

FEBRUARY CAR CRUISE TO DETROIT CURLING CLUB



WSSC Goes Curling

February Club Meet Up:
February 25, 2024
10:15 am

Detroit Curling Club:
1615 E. Lewiston Ave
Farmdale, MI 48020

We can have 8 people who would like to be on the ice learning and giving the sport a try. We can have spectators in the warming room overlooking the arena if you are interested in watching the above.

If you are planning on attending as a player the cost is \$40/player and we will fill the slots on a 1st response. 1st come basis. If you are planning on attending as a spectator it is free but please let us know you are planning on coming.

To RSVP please TEXT Amy - 734-258-8279

Current Players:

1. Lance
2. Todd
3. Dave
4. Anita
5. Anita will move to spectator if someone would like the spot
6. Alec will move to spectator if someone would like the spot
7. Amy will move to spectator if someone would like the spot
8. Dave will move to spectator if someone would like the spot



See our **ACTIVITIES**
CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
(page 8) for the low-down
on what happened at the
Curling Club Car Cruise



FEBRUARY RACE COMMITTEE MEETING



A wall full of trophies provides an inspirational backdrop for the committee's work at the February meeting at Downey Brewing. That's a LOT of paperwork! Looks like there's a lot left to do, too, but we know you'll be ready for the May start. Good work Race Committee!



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

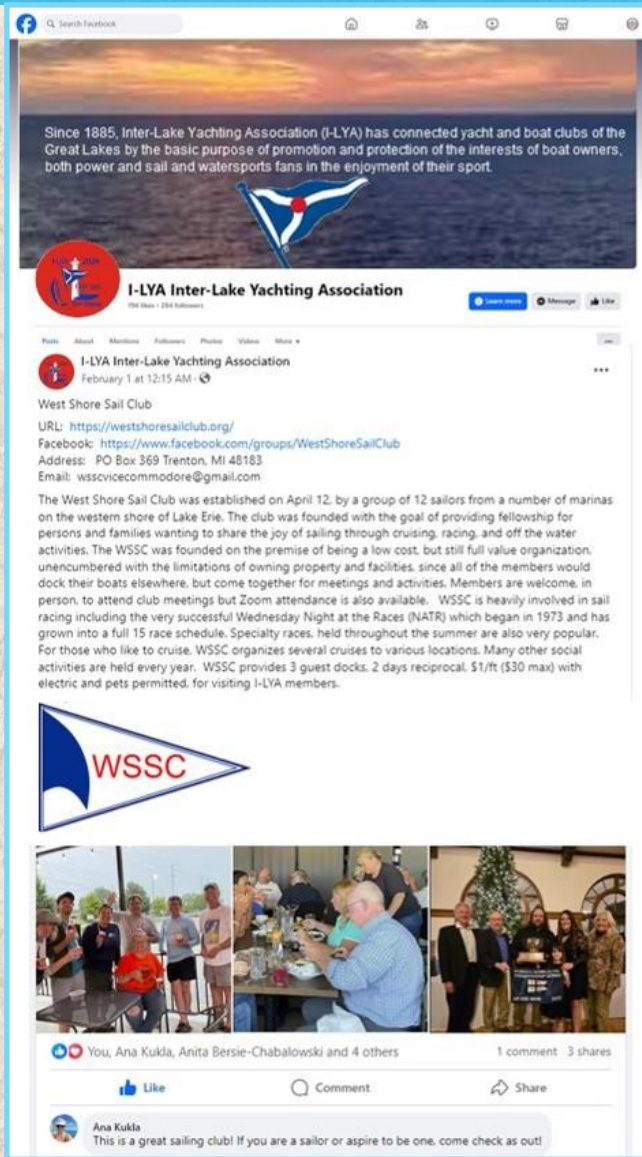
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MAY 2nd

THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

Hey! Did you see WSSC on the I-LYA Facebook Page on Feb. 1st?



Bayview Yacht Club
2024 UPDATED Winter Seminars Schedule

ALL SEMINARS START AT 7PM

February 08 **Com. Sandi Svoboda**
5 People to Know on the Detroit River

February 22 **US Sailing**
Offshore Sailing Roadshow

February 29 **Com. Sandi Svoboda**
Ideas to Steal: What we heard at the US Sailing National Sailing Programs Symposium

March 07 **Drew Gronewold**
What's with Water Levels: The science for the 2024 predictions

March 14 **Mark Thornton**
LakeErieWX: Weather Part 1 of 3**

March 21 **Mark Thornton**
LakeErieWX: Weather Part 2 of 3**

March 28 **Mark Thornton**
LakeErieWX: Weather Part 3 of 3**

SAVE THE DATES!
A new date for the First Aid on the Water Seminar is to be determined.

2024 Winter Seminars



Community Learning Series

March Community Learning Series

Topic: Boater Safety Roundtable
Speakers: Customs and Border Patrol and Wayne County Sheriff
Date: March 21
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Location: Grosse Ile Yacht Club
29677 E. River Road
Grosse Ile, MI 48138

Community Learning Series is complimentary and is open to all.

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February Caption Contest



Q: What happened to your nose?

A: I kinda ran into a dock.

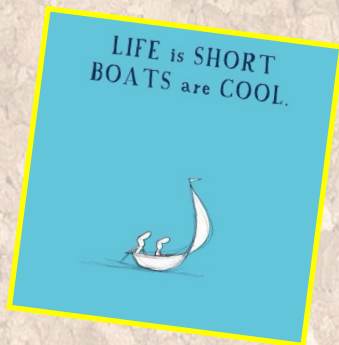
Congratulations to our caption contest winner who receives a \$10 gift certificate from Whiskey's on the Water!

Winner! Holly Chabalowski

MARCH CAPTION CONTEST



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



SEND YOUR PHOTO(S) TO THE STARBOARD TACK NEWSLETTER



DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO OF A WSSC ACTIVITY OR EVENT? A DRAMATIC RESCUE AT SEA? A BEAUTIFUL SUNSET ON THE WATER? OR EVEN A BORING DAY WITH NO WIND BUT A GREAT CREW?
Submit your photos to Starboard Tack Editor at wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com. Photos will be shared on the "Member Photo Fun" pages in upcoming issues of the Starboard Tack. Be an "On-the-Spot Reporter" for the Starboard Tack and get the coveted LifeSavers Award!

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LakeErieWX
MARINE WEATHER

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)

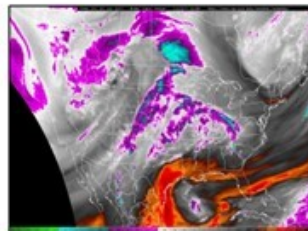
FEE: Registration - \$80 for all three live sessions and access to the recordings until July 15, 2024.

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"

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
The Editor at wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com. Thanks!

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May 2nd WSSC SWAP MEET

at the MAY General Membership Meeting — Before and After

WSSC SWAP MEET

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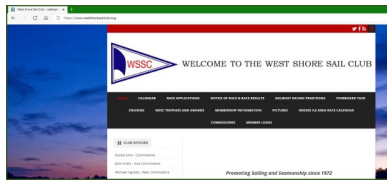
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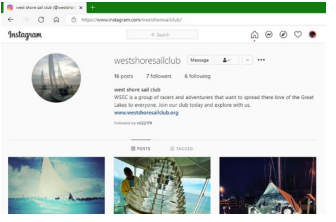
 VISIT OUR **WEBSITE** with links to racing and cruising calendars, notice of races, cruising awards registration, and more!
www.westshoresailclub.org



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




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




LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY

have been received from the clubs listed below.

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

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

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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STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES		
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Budget Committee	Executive Committee	
By-Laws Committee	Commodores Committee	
Club Memory (Anniversary) Album	HELP! We need a volunteer!	send photos to joncotter@att.net
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Port Captains: Specialty Races	(see information on each Event in the "Activities Updates" section or on our website)	
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WSSC ROLLING CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
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MARCH 2024		
MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING	MAR. 7 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
March CAR CRUISE	Mar. 23 *Saturday—7:00pm Euchre Night & Pot Luck at the Wrights' - Contact Amy Wright for RSVP & location information	Activities Chairperson
VOTING DEADLINE	Mar. 31—Voting deadline for Constitution & Bylaws amendments	Commodores Committee Co-chair
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Mar. 31 *Sunday—11:59:59pm Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
APRIL 2024		
APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	APR. 4 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: NORTH SAILS	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
I-LYA Spring Meeting	Apr. 5-6 in Westlake, Ohio	Association Rep. PC Kathy Howe
WSSC COMMODORE'S BALL	Apr. 13 *Saturday—6:00pm at Crystal Gardens in Southgate	Karen Laughner, Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson
Race Committee Spring Meeting	Apr. 25 *Thursday—7:00pm at Downey Brewing Company	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
April CAR CRUISE	Apr. (TBD)—Little Caesar's behind-the-scenes tour	Activities Chairperson
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Apr. 28 *Sunday—11:59:59pm	Starboard Tack Editor
MAY 2024		
MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING and SPRING SWAP MEET	MAY 2 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water PRE/POST-MEETING EVENT: SPRING SWAP MEET	Meeting: Commodore Swap Event Chairperson: PC Doug Howe
Racing BUOY PREP WORK PARTY	MAY 4 *Saturday Meet-up location and time TBD	Vice Commodore
Racing BUOY LAUNCH	May 11 *Saturday Meet-up location and time TBD	Vice Commodore
WNATR COMPETITORS' (SKIPPERS) MEETING	May 14—7:00pm at Ford Yacht Club	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
Cruise #1: ICEBREAKER "LAND" CRUISE	May 18 *Saturday—(time TBD) Location/Port Captains: PC Carver & Lady Allison Dumke	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
WNATR - Spring #1	May 22 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
Cruise #2: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE	May 25-27 *Saturday-Monday—to Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Port Captain: RC Todd Harris	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
CRUISING COMMITTEE Meeting	May 26 *Sunday—2:00pm at Memorial Day Weekend Cruise Potluck (BYO meat / grills available)—Bring a chair—BYOB	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	May 26 *Sunday—11:59:59pm	Starboard Tack Editor
WNATR - Spring #2	May 29 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
JUNE		
JUNE 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING	Jun. 6 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
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 or Middle Bass Island, Ohio 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	Starboard Tack Editor

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JULY		
JULY 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING	(CANCELLED FOR JULY)	Commodore
WNATR - Summer #1	July 3 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
WSSC DOUBLEHANDED RACE	July 6 *Saturday—to North Cape Yacht Club	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR - Summer #2	Jul. 10 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
(informational)	July 13 start of Chicago to Mackinac Race	(informational)
Cruise #4: 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)	(informational)
WNATR Summer #3	Jul. 31 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
AUGUST		
(informational)	Aug. 1-4 *Thursday-Sunday—"Bay Week" Sail Regatta at Put-In Bay, Ohio	(informational)
WNATR Summer #4	Aug. 7 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
AUGUST 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Note special date change—second Thursday)	AUG. 8 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
WNATR Summer #5	Aug. 14 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
Cruise #5: LATE SUMMER CRUISE	Aug. 16-18 *Saturday-Sunday—to historic Toledo Yacht Club Port Captain (TBD)	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
WNATR Fall #1	Aug. 21 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA and Charity Afterglow	Aug. 17 *Saturday—First start 10:00am Afterglow at Grosse 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 Port Captain: Dan Williamson	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising

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