

# Starboard Tack



WSSC: promoting the sport of sailing and seamanship since 1972

APRIL 2024

- \* NEXT RACE COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 25 AT 7PM AT DOWNEY BREWING \*
- \* MAY 2ND "SWAP MEET" BEFORE AND AFTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING \*
- \* MAY 4TH BUOY WORK DAY—MAY 11TH BUOY LAUNCH DAY—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED \*
- \* MAY 18TH ANNUAL ICEBREAKER "LAND CRUISE" TO DUMKE'S BACKYARD \*

## From The Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

**APRIL HAS ARRIVED** and we are one step closer to getting on the water and enjoying the sport we all love! Just a few "small" projects to complete on the Family Truckster before we are able to launch. I'm sure our fellow WSSC boat owners are gathering supplies and watching the weather forecast for those ideal days to bottom paint, apply a coat of wax and rig the mast.

### ON TOUR WITH THE CHABALOWSKIS:

If it isn't yet obvious, the Chabalowski family are boating enthusiasts. We recently enjoyed touring the four historic ships located in the Baltimore's inner harbor during our Easter weekend visit to Maryland. The USS Constitution was very

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



The Commodore is at the helm aboard the Constellation & the Lightship Chesapeake

impressive, a frigate engaged in combating the illegal slave trade from Africa. One cannot help but imagine what life must have been like sailing the oceans in the days before modern technology. Trimming the sails alone would have been quite the endeavor! We also toured the USS Torsk submarine, Lightship Chesapeake, and the USCG Cutter 37. Living history indeed!



### RACING PROGRAM PREPARATIONS:

Boats are not the only thing to ready for the season. Vice Commodore Jonathan Cotter is planning to get our race buoys prepped and launched ahead of the 2024 WNATR Race Series. There will be a buoy prep work party on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> ahead of the buoy launch scheduled for Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>. Both activities will take place out of Ford Yacht Club. Jonathan will keep everyone informed on times and potential rain dates (if needed). Please consider helping if you have some time, the more the merrier!

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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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Touring aboard the USS Constellation and the Lightship Chesapeake in Baltimore Harbor (notice Alec sporting his WSSC sweatshirt)

There are just a few more land-based activities on the calendar for Gentleman Alec and I before our focus turns to the lake. The I-LYA Spring meeting will take place in Westlake, Ohio on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Kathy and Doug Howe will be in attendance, with Kathy as our official WSSC Delegate for voting.

Alec and I have attended several meetings as well in recent years, and plan to attend again this spring. We are very interested in both the Junior and Senior Sail programs planned for summer 2024. We will be sure to share a thorough report back to the membership at the May meeting.

**WSSC COMMODORE'S BALL:** Finally, we are very much looking forward to our own WSSC Commodore's Ball on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>. This will be the 12<sup>th</sup> year that Karen Laughner has served as the Ball Chairperson. We cannot thank Karen and her committee enough for all the great behind the scenes work they put into making this event a success. We hope to see as many members there as possible to celebrate our award winners and spend time with friends!

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

Sincerely,  
2024 Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski



At the March Ford Yacht Club Ball

Save the Dates  
 May 24-27 2024

**Memorial Day Weekend Cruise**  
 & WSSC Annual Reunion  
 at Safe Harbor  
 TOLEDO BEACH MARINA

ALL ARE WELCOME:  
 Cruisers, Racers, Family, and Friends!

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION VIA EMAIL

**See pages 22-24  
 for WSSC calendar of  
 meetings, events,  
 races, cruises,  
 and fun fun fun!**



# THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"



# May 2<sup>nd</sup> WSSC SWAP MEET

at the MAY General Membership Meeting — Before and After

**WSSC SWAP MEET**

**HOW IT WORKS**

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**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

**WSSC SWAP MEET WSSC SWAP MEET**

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

**Jonathan "Jon" Cotter**

**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**

(formerly known as "Skippers' 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

**HELLO SAILORS & FRIENDS,**

We have a lot to do coming up as I count down the weekends to boat launch in May. It seems like everyone has gone to Florida but me, but I patiently waited around to enjoy the 70 degree weather day in March. I may have been fooled to take the boat cover off before the last snow a week later.

**WNATR:** First things first - the Wednesday Night schedule and course are locked in and we will be publishing the N.O.R and sailing instructions to the website very soon. There will be one last pre-season meeting of the Racing Committee on Thursday April 25th, again at Downey Brewing.

**BUOY DAYS MAY 4 AND MAY 11:** Buoy Prep is May 4th, and we hope to see a few eager helpers to review the buoy hardware. As it stands Anita, Michael, and Doug and a few hours of debate have put us in a good situation with spares, so it might not be too long of a job.

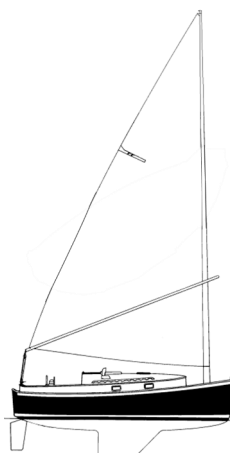
I have heard that Tim Steffke has already launched the grey landing ship so we should in ready to go with "Buoy Launch 2024" on May 11th. Thanks again to Jason Bise for use of his boat. I highly recommend this boat ride, though I'm not sure how we are going to find our way back without those Trenton Channel Chimneys at NNW.

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

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

**GYBE 'HO!**

Sincerely,  
 2024 Vice Commodore  
 Jonathan "Jon" Cotter



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



Fleet Captain—Racing



Race Committee

**West Shore Sail Club**

Boat **FastBoat**  
 Y.C. / Marina **FYC**  
 Skipper **Dick & Jane Smith**  
 Phone/email **734-555-1234**

**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 Speciality Races**

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

Sign-up @ N.O.R.

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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM WSSC RACING PROGRAMS

## IT IS TIME!!!!

- TIME TO GET YOUR BOATS READY
- TIME TO GATHER YOUR CREWS
- TIME TO REGISTER FOR WNATR

Racing begins on **May 22, 2024**

### noticeofrace.net

is active and ready to accept your registration. The application is available to all logged in users.

The application process can be done all online, saving you postage and printing costs. Simply fill out the application, download it and email it to Fleet Captain-Racing Chris McCardell at courtofficer@att.net. Payment can be made via Paypal or Zeffy. It's easy!

### COMPETITORS MEETING—MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

(formerly know as "Skippers' Meeting")

**ON MAY 14TH AT 7:00PM**

meeting at Ford Yacht Club clubhouse  
All skippers and crew members are welcome!

## DON'T MISS THESE RACING PROGRAM EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### RACING COMMITTEE WRAP-UP MEETING

Thursday, April 25th at 7:00pm  
at Downey Brewing Company, Dearborn

### BUOY PREP "PARTY"—MAY 4

Checking buoy integrity, labels, anchors, and chains

**SATURDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> at 11:00 AM**

at FYC behind the "Garage"  
(meet at location "A" shown on photo below)

### BUOY LAUNCH—MAY 11

We need to place the 9 racing buoys and the FYC channel markers

**MEET SATURDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> at 9:00AM**

at the FYC West Basin  
Look for the Big Grey Boat  
(meet at location "B" shown on photo below)

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



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



# West Shore Sail Club 21st Annual Lighthouse Challenge

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

## Downriver Foster Closet

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



**BOATERS AT MIDWAY MARINA**  
**VALUE STORE**  
 Boating Supplies, Parts & Service  
 Mercuriser-Mercury-Volvo  
**Craig Markin**  
[craig.bvstore@wyan.org](mailto:craig.bvstore@wyan.org)



**ISLAND GOODS**  
 a cool neighborhood store  
 on Macomb Street in Grosse Ile Michigan

**THERAPY**  
 WOMEN'S CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES



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](mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com)



**\* MAY 18TH ANNUAL ICEBREAKER "LAND CRUISE" TO PC CARVER AND LADY ALLISON DUMKE'S \***

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

**Todd Harris**

**WSSC 2024 AFTER-MEETING PROGRAMS**

(Watch this space for news about upcoming special programs.)

**WSSC 2024 CRUISING CALENDAR**

**ICEBREAKER "LAND CRUISE"**

May 18—Saturday

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE**

May 24 to 27—Friday/Saturday to Monday and May 26 **CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**COMMODORE'S TEA**

JUNE 22-23—Saturday-Sunday

**WEEK-LONG CRUISE—NORTH**

**TEN DAYS—JULY 12 TO 21**

**LATE SUMMER CRUISE**

August 16-18—Saturday-Sunday

**HARVEST MOON CRUISE**

September 28-29—Saturday & Sunday

**OUT & ABOUT WITH WSSC**

WSSC is a unique club that enables the opportunity to be engaged with many clubs and the local communities they are in - up and down the Western shoreline from Lake St Clair through the Detroit River and down to Ohio.

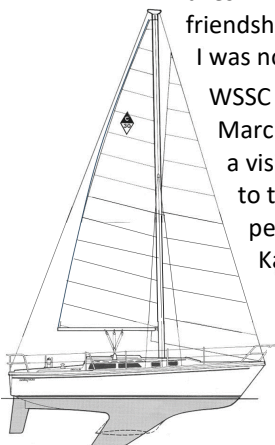
Our members come from several different clubs and communities. Each club has it's own individual character and what they offer in terms of social interaction is just as varied. The connections we make bring everyone together promoting Sailing and Seamanship.

WSSC "sister clubs" offer sailing lessons and seminars on a variety of subjects.

This last month, I was able to travel out to North Cape Yacht Club with PC Jody Larow. The seminar we attended was an interesting topic about "Piracy on the Great Lakes" given by Chris Gillcrest of the National Museum of the Great

Lakes in Toledo. It was a good time for fun, friendship, and camaraderie. Unfortunately, I was not recruited to become a pirate!

WSSC also has seminars. Following the March Membership Meeting, we enjoyed a visit from Karl Kuspa from North Sails to talk to us about Sail maintenance, performance and selection. Great job Karl!



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

There are plenty of chances for everyone to enjoy getting out on the water for our Summer Cruise line-up (see schedule) and the WNATRs sponsored by West Shore. My Thanks goes out to PC Russell Sims for giving me the chance to learn racing sail trim during races on his S2 7.9 (Hussel) last Summer!

As Rear Commodore, I am taking the chance to visit and meet members from each of our sister clubs. I hope you'll join me in taking full advantage by getting out with the area cruisers and racers as often as you can!

**Sincerely,  
2024 Rear Commodore Todd Harris**

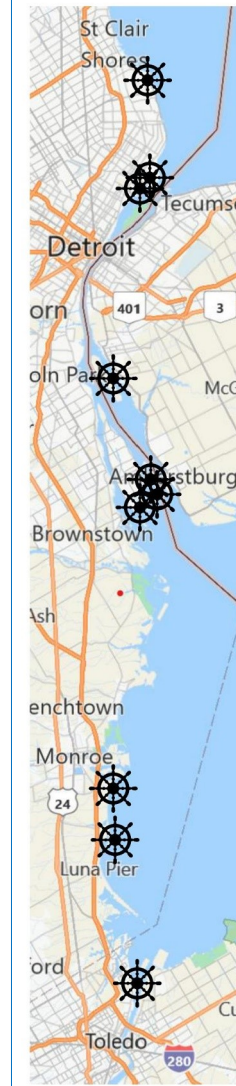


Fleet Captain—Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising

**WSSC Sister Clubs**



Crescent Sail Yacht Club **CSYC**  
(42°24.125' N · 82°53.094'W)

Bayview Yacht Club **BYC**  
(42°21.299' N · 82°57.161'W)

Detroit Yacht Club **BYC**  
(42°20.979' N · 82°58.523'W)

Lasalle Mariners Yacht Club **LMYC**  
(42°12.625' N · 82°06.243'W)

Elba-Mar Boat Club **EMBC**  
(42°05.877' N · 82°09.047'W)

Grosse Ile Yacht Club **GIYC**  
(42°05.408' N · 82°09.101'W)

Ford Yacht Club **FYC**  
(42°05.351' N · 83°10.163'W)

Monroe Boat Club **MBC**  
(41°52.391' N · 83°23.118'W)

North Cape Yacht Club **NCYC**  
(41°49.839' N · 83°24.654'W)

Toledo Yacht Club **TYC**  
(41°41.574' N · 83°28.516'W)

**\* MARK YOUR CALENDAR: "ICEBREAKER" LAND CRUISE SATURDAY MAY 18TH 3:00PM AT THE DUMKE'S \***  
**\* SAVE THE DATES MAY 24-27: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE AND REUNION 2024 AT TOLEDO BEACH MARINA \***



# Save the Dates

## May 24-27 2024

# Memorial Day Weekend Cruise

### and Annual WSSC Reunion

## at Safe Harbor-TOLEDO BEACH MARINA

41.8281896, -83.4110043      11840 Toledo Beach Road, La Salle, MI 48145

CRUISE ON OVER BY BOAT OR BY CAR  
TO SAFE HARBOR TOLEDO BEACH (FORMERLY TBM)  
**COME CELEBRATE WITH US!**  
ALL ARE WELCOME: Cruisers, Racers, Family, and Friends!

Friday–May 24	(Early Arrivals) <b>BONFIRE BY THE LAKE</b> at 7:00pm
Saturday– May 25	 <b>WELCOME SOCIAL</b> at 12noon <b>ANNUAL WSSC POTLUCK PICNIC LUNCH</b> at 1:00pm <b>SMMER CRUISING MEETING</b> at 3:00pm (all are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting) <b>DINNER AT THE SANDBAR GRILLE</b> at 5:00pm and <b>TROPICAL ISLAND THEME PARTY</b>
Sunday–May 26	Enjoying the amenities at Toledo Beach Marina
Monday–May 27	Happy Memorial Day! (and Departures)

R.S.V.P. via email to Port Captains: Rear Commodore Todd Harris  
and Lady Maria Jose “Mary” Gonzalez-Tovar

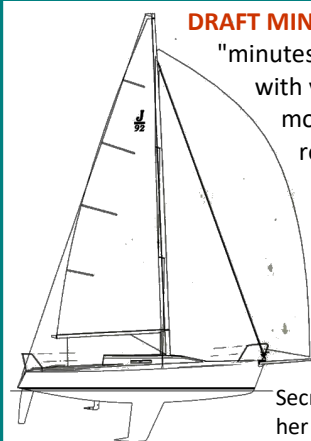
MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ARRIVING VIA EMAIL





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

**Jane Bersie**



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** are included each month in the members' "minutes review" email. If you have corrections to the draft minutes, please bring them with you to the next General Membership Meeting (the first Thursday of the month) or send an email to the Secretary. MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS can be requested by emailing the Secretary at [wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com).



**LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY** are on the Corkboard at the GMM, or The (virtual) CorkBoard near the back of the Tack. Review the list of letters and request copies of any you may need.

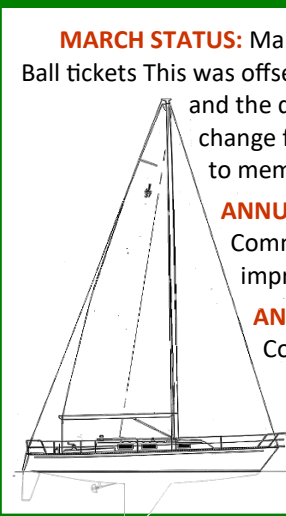
**MAILING LISTS FOR FRIENDS OF THE CLUB:** If you know a non-member (perhaps one of your racing crew or a cruising buddy) who would like to receive our meeting notices and/or our club newsletter (Starboard Tack), please send their name and email address to the Secretary.

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**



**MARCH STATUS:** March cash flow included \$932 of revenue, primarily from dues and Commodore's Ball tickets This was offset by \$651 expense, roughly half from renewal of I-LYA Membership for WSSC and the dollar-per-member donation to the I-LYF Yachtsman's Fund. This resulted in a net change for the month of \$281. Summary table is presented at the GMM and is available to members upon request.

**ANNUAL AUDIT:** Results of the audit of the 2023 WSSC financial records were reported by the Audit Committee at the March GMM. No irregularities were found, and recommendations for future improvements were presented.

**ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS:** The CY2024 budget was scheduled to be finalized at the April Executive Committee Meeting.

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

Sincerely,  
2024 Treasurer Mike Soltis

**From the Membership Officer**

**Lana Hawkins**

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

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



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

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

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

Sincerely,  
2024 Membership Officer Lana Hawkins

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

WSSC Membership "By the numbers"	
as of Apr 1 2024	
Total Memberships	66
Total Paid Memberships	60
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>109</b>

WSSC memberships are subdivided as follows:	
Individual Memberships	23
Family Memberships (2 people)	43
Regular Memberships	56
Associate Memberships	10
Life Memberships (non-paid)	5
Life Memberships (paid)	1
<b>TOTAL Life Memberships</b>	<b>6</b>
Honorary Memberships	1

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**STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS:  
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson Amy Wright**

**"MYSTERY DATE" CAR CRUISE TO TOUR LITTLE CAESAR'S ARENA:**

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

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

**MAY 2—ANNUAL SWAP MEET BEFORE AND AFTER THE MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Get ready to clear 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 (general membership meeting). 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**



and don't miss the...



**Annual "Ice Breaker" Land-Cruise Party**

**Saturday May 18th, 2024 starts at 3pm**  
at PC Carver & Lady Alison Dumke's Home

Let's fire up this Cruising Season together enjoying a fun time discussing the finer points of martini mixing, margarita pouring, cold beer cheers, and Jefferson sipping, all while planning this summer's sailing trips to exotic ports.

Grilled Hamburgers, Chicken, and Beer will be provided!

*Please bring your favorite dish to share.*

RSVP to (313) 377-2446



Thankful II



**Memorial Day Weekend Party / Cruising Meeting**

**Memorial Day Weekend : May 24th-27th**

Port Captains: RC Todd & Lady Maria Jose (Mary)

at Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Marina - Slip #179

41° 49.813' N 83° 24.855' W

**Tropical Island Theme Party on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>**

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



Safe Harbor Toledo Beach



Fandango



Somewhere on a tropical island



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





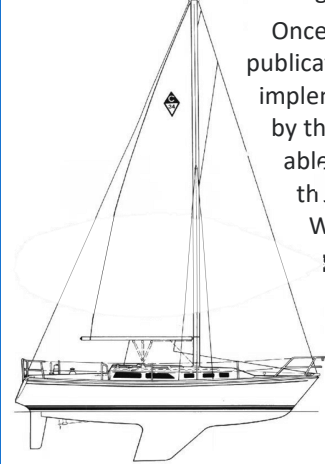
# March VOTING RESULTS

## STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS: COMMODORES COMMITTEE

### CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS PROPOSED CHANGES —VOTING RESULTS AFTER CLOSE OF BALLOTING ON

**MARCH 31:** Our 30 day voting window expired on March 31st. As expected the greater voting activity was the first day and then it trickled off after about ten days. The Tellers Committee received no votes at all the last 10 days of the balloting timeframe.

**IT PASSED:** A BIG THANK YOU to all who voted to approve our upgraded Constitution and Bylaws. We received much more than the required 67% approvals to implement the changes.



Once the document is formatted for publication and ready for implementation you will be informed by the Executive Committee and be able to view them for yourselves via the Members Only area of the WSSC website. What will be posted on the website is exactly what you viewed in the email from March 1 asking you to vote.

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

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THIS IMPORTANT

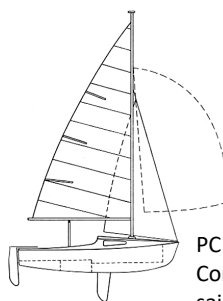
**PROCESS:** Your active membership is what keeps our club so unique and so vibrant. Thank you for caring and helping us be the best we can be.



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

## Other Committee News: COMMODORE'S BALL COMMITTEE

Chairperson Karen Laughner

### THE COMMODORE'S BALL (and birthday party!)

**SET FOR SUCCESS:** As of April 4th everything would be in place and the RSVPs all received to The Commodore's Ball (and birthday party) on April 13th at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. The Committee had a great time working on this fun annual event. Look for the full photo report in the May Starboard Tack.

Sincerely,  
Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson  
Karen Laughner

**CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT:** After more than a dozen years of planning and executing our fabulous Commodore's Ball events, Chairperson Karen announces her retirement. Congratulations and huge thanks go to Karen for her many years of service in this capacity. What's up next for Karen and for the Committee? Watch this space!

# Sail MORE with WEST SHORE in '24



MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter"

Membership Officer Lana Hawkins

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- 7-Apr .....Joan S.
- 12-Apr .....Thomas F.
- 13-Apr .....Anita B.
- 15-Apr .....Alan K.
- 16-Apr .....Holly C.
- 21-Apr .....Laurie B.
- 23-Apr .....Karen L.
- 28-Apr .....Burt P.
- 30-Apr .....Bertie S.

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! \*



\* WE NEED A CHAIRPERSON—ARE YOU AVAILABLE?



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

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



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, as always, to PC John and Lady Ana Kukla for sharing their fabulous yesr-long adventuring in southern waters.

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

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

TACKY PRIZES: Remember, you can "win" by finding typos (win a LifeSavers), finding a typo that's a 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](mailto:d1howe@wowway.com)



### I-LYA (INTER-LAKE YACHTING ASSOCIATION)

Rep. PC Kathy Howe

WSSC is a member of I-LYA and every member of an I-LYA club is automatically a member of I-LYA. See I-LYA on social media for the latest schedules and updates:

WEBSITE: <https://i-lya.org/>

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](mailto: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?



PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET - LAKE ERIE

**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](http://www.phrf-le.org)

### U.S. SAILING.ORG

Rep. PC Doug Howe

WSSC continues to be a member of U.S. Sailing. However, the current level of membership (new for 2023) no longer provides for discounted membership rates for club members. U.S. Sailing still provides services for sailors as a part of membership. Individual members can join or renew at a discount at: <https://ussailing.org>

**Members can download the current Racing Rules onto their phone.**

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



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

Rep. PC Doug Howe

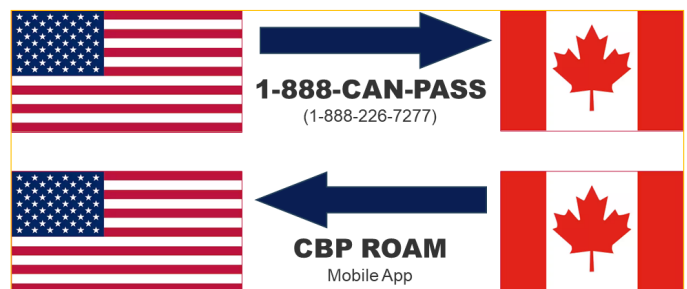
**DO YOU HAVE YOUR DTOPS DECAL?** Boats of length 30' or more need a DTOPS decal to return to the U.S. This number as well as a Trusted Traveler number (may not be required for boaters) should be entered into CBP Roam as well as passport numbers.

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION or to sign-up go to: <https://tftp.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://tftp.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.



### HAPPY EASTER!

After the busy time in Georgetown, we decided to seek some solitude and charted a course for some less traveled areas. We headed to the Jumentos and Ragged island chain. They are a series of mostly uninhabited cays located in the south central region of

the Bahamas. We saw a way to shave 25 nm off our trip IF we could make it through the Hog Cay cut south of Great Exuma Island. The charts show a 2 nm section with depths of only 0.9 to 1.5 meters. Key of Sea draws 1.8 meters. We saw there was a super high tide forecast for the morning. Even so, it was only a 1 meter rise. Our plan was to arrive at the cut the day before, sound the cut from a dinghy, then pass through the cut at dawn, riding the high tide.

When we got to the cut we found 5 other boats with the same idea. The next morning, with only the pre-dawn twilight, the quiet was broken with the sound of anchors being raised, and as the sun broke the horizon, there was a 6 boat caravan negotiating the cut. We were the last boat, and it was comforting to hear the other boats reporting sufficient depth for us. It was an exciting way to start the day.

We put some miles under the keel, and after an overnight stop at Seal Cay, we anchored in Middle Pen Bay in Hog Cay of the Ragged Island Chain. We were just in time for the annual Valentine's Day Party (this year it was late, in March). This is another "must see" stop, it is beautiful, peaceful, and rustic. There is a small community of cruisers that station there year after year. They maintain several trails, and there is a nice hut for gathering right on the beach known as the "Hog Cay Yacht Club". There are firepits and several tables and chairs for anyone to use. The only nearby village is Duncan Town, and the 60 residents there are very supportive of the cruiser's community.

After Hog Cay, we continued south to Little Ragged Island, which is pretty much the last anchorage in the Ragged Island chain. If we kept heading south 60 nm, we would hit Cuba. We decided that was far enough for our first season and we pointed the bow north.



John in the "battle of the accordions" with Bo Hog a well known musician from Cat Island. He is quite a character. He's a celebrity in the Rake and Scrape world - that's traditional Bahamas music.



Cruiser's Children getting ready to spend the night at the "Hog Cay Yacht Club"

After the Raggeds we returned to Long Island via the Comer channel, this time we anchored in Thompson bay on the west side of the island. We were there in time for their annual Mutton Festival. Mutton is the meat of a 2 year old lamb or goat. We often see goats roaming wild so goat meat is a staple in Bahamian cuisine and deserves its own festival with food stands offering mutton cooked in different ways. They had live bands, arts and crafts for sale and plenty of cold Kalik, everyone's favorite beer.

Next on the horizon was a visit to Conception Island, an uninhabited Island which is designated a National Park. It is the home of the long tailed tropicbird, and many sea turtles. There are



At the Hermitage on Cat Island



An afternoon jamming with other cruisers



Anchored in Edgarton, Martha's Vineyard

beautiful mangrove creeks in the center of the island that are only accessible by dinghy at high tide. Conception is a great spot to get away from it all - no cell service, no development, and all the stars come out at night.

After a few days at Conception, an approaching weather front pushed us to Cat Island. It's hard to find good protection from a westerly blow, but we thought New Bight Bay would be slightly better than Conception. It was a roly night as the front passed, but we were rewarded with calm

weather and waters the next few days. It is interesting how our tolerance to roly anchorages has changed, we used to be concerned with a 20 kt blow, now we are able to sleep with 30 kts howling through the rigging. Our ground tackle has proven itself in some heavy seas and blows, and we trust it. Of course, we always have an anchor alarm (or 2) set. If we leave our Starlink internet service on, we can even monitor the anchor alarm remotely with our cell phone apps when we are on land, if there is cell service.

Our plans for the rest of this season are firming up, and once again we have a schedule. Our middle daughter is flying into Georgetown April 7 to spend a week with us. When she leaves, we will take our time and continue north before crossing back to the USA.

We are sorry we will miss Commodore Anita's ball, we are sure it will be a wonderful event and we will be thinking of you on that special day.

**Happy Spring to all from the Key of Sea!**

**The Sea is Calling.**

**Until next time, John and Ana**

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



### MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Lots of people come early to the Membership Meetings to spend time chatting with friends—new and old. And the kitchen (and bar) are open all night during the meeting, so you can't go away hungry!

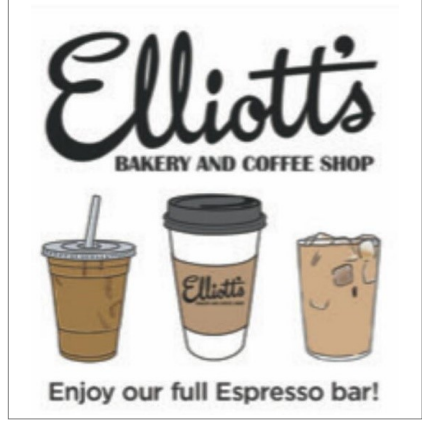


DID YOU KNOW? We LOVE to see you, but when you can't attend in person, Zoom attendance helps the club by ensuring a quorum at each meeting.

Attending by Zoom is a great advantage when you're on the road (or sailing The Bahamas). The only disadvantage to attending via Zoom is that you have to make your own dinner.

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

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





# MARCH CAR CRUISE TO THE "WRIGHT" POTLUCK EUCHRE TOURNAMENT



Everyone had a great time, especially Snoop who enjoyed the special attention of Lady Maria Jose. PC Chuck is the big Euchre winner of the evening. And Dave just needs a life jacket to be awarded "Best Famous Lookalike". Did anyone guess why this month's cruising car was named "Bob"?



# THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"



**SAVE THE DATES**  
**34<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Opening of the Island**  
 June 7, 8, and 9 – 2024  
 Ceremony June 8 at 1:00pm at  
 Ford Yacht Club

## 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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 Sun: Closed



Enjoy our full Espresso bar!



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

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

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

# THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

## March Caption Contest



At a recent Racing Committee meeting:  
I swear that spider was THIS BIG!  
They made me add it to the crew list.

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

**WINNER: PC David Monk**

## APRIL CAPTION CONTEST



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



HEY! Did YOU figure out why the March Car Cruise car for the Euchre Party was named "Bob"?

If you did, tell us at the May club meeting to WIN!

(Clue: it's a baseball personality blast from the past.)

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# THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

## MISSING



### Have you seen this flag?

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

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

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!**



Update APRIL 1ST, 2024

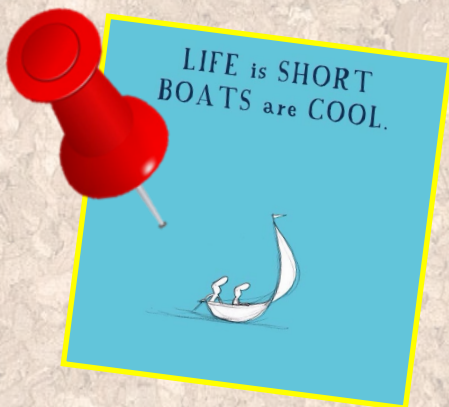
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the Vice Commodore

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GORDIE HOWE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

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

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



Do your crew members and sailing friends keep "borrowing" your copy of the Starboard Tack?  
**HAVE THEM JOIN OUR "FRIENDS" MAILING LIST.**

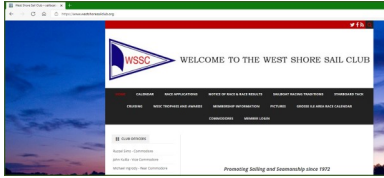
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# THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

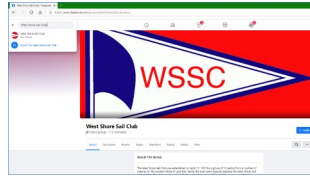
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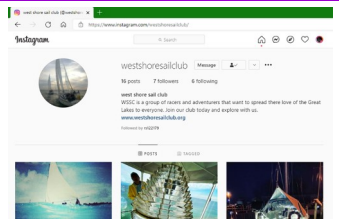
VISIT OUR **WEBSITE** with links to racing and cruising calendars, notice of races, cruising awards registration, and more!  
[www.westshoresailclub.org](http://www.westshoresailclub.org)



VISIT US ON **FACEBOOK** for photos, news, event updates, and more!  
[www.facebook.com/groups/WestShoreSailClub](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WestShoreSailClub)



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



**LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY**  
have been received from the clubs listed below.

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

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**NORTH CAPE YACHT CLUB - Lasalle, MI**



## ADVERTISE IN THE STARBOARD TACK!

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\$30 per year business card size  
\$60 per year 1/2 page size horizontal  
(ask for Rate Page for more pricing)

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Editor, Starboard Tack—West Shore Sail Club  
P.O. Box 369 Trenton, MI 48183-0369  
or Email to: [wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com](mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com)

## MEMBERS' CLASSIFIEDS




**CLASSIFIED ADS AVAILABLE:** Classified ads (like this one) available **FREE** to members of WSSC. Advertise your "things" or your "services" to let other WSSC members know how they can help you (by buying "stuff" you don't need any more) or how you can help them (by providing services they can use) — It's a WIN WIN!

**CLASSIFIED ADS CAN INCLUDE PHOTOS:** Don't forget that your classified ads (which are free to WSSC members) can include up to 3 small photos of the items or services you have for sale! Submit your ad information and quality photo(s) to the Starboard Tack Editor.





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\* indicates Standing Committee

WSSC ROLLING CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
WSSC Meetings & Events	Date & Time and Location	Event Contact
RED indicates WNATR racing event — BLUE indicates cruising event — ORANGE indicates specialty racing event — PURPLE indicates activities committee event		
<b>APRIL 2024</b>		
<b>APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>	<b>APR. 4 *Thursday—7:30pm</b> 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
<b>WSSC COMMODORE'S BALL</b>	Apr. 13 *Saturday—6:00pm at Crystal Gardens in Southgate	Karen Laughner, Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson
<b>Race Committee Spring Meeting</b>	Apr. 25 *Thursday—7:00pm at Downey Brewing Company	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
"Mystery Date" <b>CAR CRUISE</b>	(TBD—keep checking your email) Little Caesar's behind-the-scenes tour	Activities Chairperson
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Apr. 28 *Sunday—11:59:59pm	Starboard Tack Editor
<b>MAY 2024</b>		
<b>MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> and <b>SPRING SWAP MEET</b>	<b>MAY 2 *Thursday—7:30pm</b> at Whiskeys on the Water PRE/POST-MEETING EVENT: <b>SPRING SWAP MEET</b>	Meeting: Commodore Swap Event Chairperson: PC Doug Howe
<b>Racing BUOY PREP WORK PARTY</b>	MAY 4 *Saturday Meet-up location and time TBD	Vice Commodore
<b>Racing BUOY LAUNCH</b>	May 11 *Saturday Meet-up location and time TBD	Vice Commodore
<b>WNATR COMPETITORS' (SKIPPERS) MEETING</b>	May 14—7:00pm at Ford Yacht Club	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>Cruise #1: ICEBREAKER "LAND" CRUISE</b>	May 18 *Saturday—(time TBD) Location/Port Captains: PC Carver & Lady Allison Dumke	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
<b>WNATR - Spring #1</b>	May 22 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>Cruise #2: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE</b>	May 24-27 *Fri/Sat—Monday at Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Port Captain: RC Todd Harris and Lady Mary	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
<b>CRUISING COMMITTEE Meeting</b>	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
<b>WNATR - Spring #2</b>	May 29 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>JUNE 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>	Jun. 6 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
<b>OPENING OF THE ISLAND</b>	Jun 7-8-9—Opening Ceremony Jun 8 at FYC	for information contact PC David Monk
<b>Cruising Award Pre-Registrations Due</b>	Jun. 10—Registration form on WSSC website	PC Kathy Howe, Cruising Log Master
<b>WNATR - Spring #3</b>	Jun. 12 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>WNATR - Spring #4</b>	Jun. 19th *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>Cruise #3: COMMODORE'S TEA</b>	Jun. 22-23 *Saturday-Sunday to Leamington, Ontario or Middle Bass Island, Ohio Port Captain:	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
<b>WNATR - Spring #5</b>	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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<b>JULY</b>		
<b>JULY 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>	(CANCELLED FOR JULY)	Commodore
<b>WNATR - Summer #1</b>	July 3 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>WSSC DOUBLEHANDED RACE</b>	July 6 *Saturday—to North Cape Yacht Club	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>WNATR - Summer #2</b>	Jul. 10 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
(informational)	July 13 start of Chicago to Mackinac Race	(informational)
<b>Cruise #4: WEEK-LONG CRUISE</b>	July 12-21 Week-long Cruise to the North Join for all or a portion of this cruising event! July 12-13 (make your way to Port Huron on your own schedule) July 14—Port Huron—Port Captain: PC Lance & Christy Yee July 15-16—Lexington State Docks—Port Captain: PC Jody Larrow July 17-18—Harbor Beach Historical Anchorage—Port Captains: Mike Soltis and Lana Hawkins July 19-21 (return to Lake Erie or cruise farther north)	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
(informational)	July 20 start of Bayview Yacht Club's Port Huron to Mackinac Race)	(informational)
<b>WNATR Summer #3</b>	Jul. 31 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>AUGUST</b>		
(informational)	Aug. 1-4 *Thursday-Sunday—"Bay Week" Sail Regatta at Put-In Bay, Ohio	(informational)
<b>WNATR Summer #4</b>	Aug. 7 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>AUGUST 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> (Note special date change—second Thursday)	<b>AUG. 8</b> *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
<b>WNATR Summer #5</b>	Aug. 14 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>Cruise #5: LATE SUMMER CRUISE</b>	Aug. 16-18 *Saturday-Sunday—to historic Toledo Yacht Club Port Captain (TBD)	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
<b>WNATR Fall #1</b>	Aug. 21 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA</b> and Charity Afterglow	Aug. 17 *Saturday—First start 10:00am Afterglow at Grosse Ile Pavilion (Water's Edge Marina)	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>WNATR Fall #2</b>	Aug. 28 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>WSSC JACK AND JILL RACE</b>	Sep. 1 *Sunday	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>WNATR Fall #3</b>	Sep. 4 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>SEPTEMBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP MTG</b>	Sep. 5 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Program: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
<b>WNATR Fall #4</b>	Sep. 11 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>WNATR Fall #5</b>	Sep. 18 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
<b>Racing BUOY RETRIEVAL</b>	Sep. 28 *Saturday—Meet-up location and time TBD	Vice Commodore
<b>Cruise #6: HARVEST MOON CRUISE</b>	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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<b>OCTOBER</b>		
<b>OCTOBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP MTG</b> and <b>OFFICER NOMINATIONS</b>	Oct. 3 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Program: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
October <b>CAR CRUISE</b>	(TBD)	Activities Chairperson
<b>WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT</b>	Oct. 16 *Wednesday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain Racing
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>NOVEMBER 2024 ANNUAL MEETING</b> and <b>OFFICER ELECTIONS</b>	Nov. 7 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: (TBD)	Commodore
November <b>CAR CRUISE</b>	(TBD)	Activities Chairperson
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
<b>DECEMBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP MTG</b> and <b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b>	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
<b>JANUARY 2025</b>		
<b>JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> and <b>CHANGE OF WATCH</b>	<b>Jan. 2 or 9, 2025</b> *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys & Zoom PROGRAM: Let's celebrate with our new officers!	Commodore / M.C.
<b>CRUISING COMMITTEE Meeting</b>		Rear Commodore and Fleet Captain-Cruising
<b>RACE COMMITTEE Meeting</b>		Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
January <b>CAR CRUISE</b>		Activities Committee Chairperson
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