

Starboard Tack

WSSC: promoting the sport of sailing and seamanship since 1972

JUNE 2024

* MAY 22-23RD COMMODORE'S TEA CRUISE AT LEAMINGTON, ONTARIO *

*JUNE 19 WNATR SPRING #4

From The Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

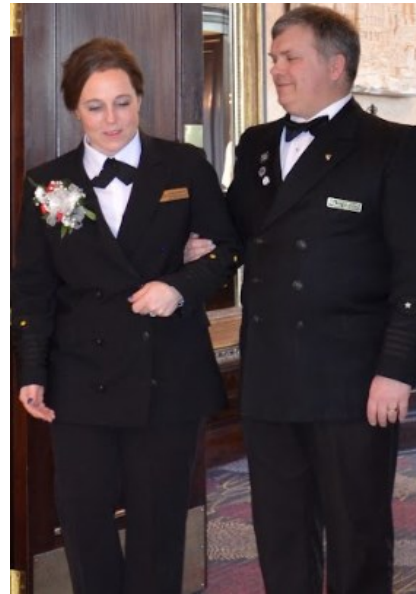
Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

Greetings Sailors!

Sailing season is in full swing, and I'm happy to report we've had gorgeous weather for it! The Family Truckster was splashed and masted just in time for Memorial Day weekend and we've been sailing her ever since. We raced the GIYC Day Race (16 nm), the NCYC Commodore Perry Race (24.6 nm), and the TYC 100th Mills Trophy Race (Governor's Cup 52.6 nm). The Mills race this year was particularly exciting with steady 20 knot winds and puffs up to 23. With a majority of downwind sailing the race was pretty fast, with great surfing waves! Let's just say that the next WNATR race with medium south winds and a gorgeous sunset was much appreciated!

Congratulations to Todd and Patti Duffett, WSSC members, for coming in 1st in their Division on 'Go Baby' in the Mills Race.

Since we are a family of sailors, about half of our time this summer will be dedicated to junior sailing with Ryan and Holly. Practices have begun for Ryan on the GIYC Junior Race Team and he will split his time between sailing an Opti and a Laser 4.7. Holly will be continuing to race her Opti this summer. The kids both raced in NCYC's I-LYA Traveler's series race on June 15th and AYC's Carson's Cup hosted by Jolly Roger Sail Club on June 16th.



ANITA

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



GREETINGS FROM



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

(continued)

While Racing sure is fun, there is a lot of work rounding up boat parts, packing up and unpacking dinghies, checking sail numbers, rewriting trailers and studying SI's. I am very much looking forward to some relaxing cruises with WSSC this summer! I have visions of an easy reach to Leamington, coffee in one hand the tiller in the other, and some special "tea" and friends waiting dockside. If you haven't yet made plans to cruise with the club this summer, talk to Rear Commodore Todd Harris about the great events planned.

I could go on more about sailing, but will save the stories for another time since the water is calling. Wishing everyone a safe and fun summer of sailing.

Sail more with West Shore in 24

2024 100th Mills Race — Family Truckster



Junior Sailing



Sincerely,
2024 Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

From The Vice Commodore (including Racing Report)

Jonathan "Jon" Cotter

WSSC 2024 RACING CALENDAR

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,



Fleet Captain—Racing



Race Committee

RACES COMING UP— YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY CONSIDER:

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club
1st Annual Women's Race July 29
Susan Brosseau, LMYC Race Director (519)562-7210

WSSC Double Handed Race
Saturday July 6, 2024 11:55 A.M.

WSSC Light House Challenge Regatta
August 17, 2024 10:55 A.M.

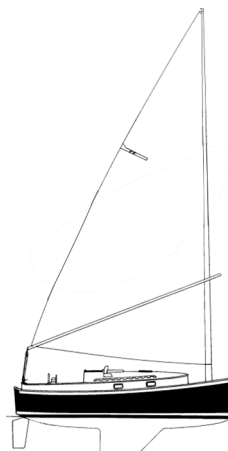
Not a racer? You can still enjoy the afterglows. After the Double Handed Race, Grosse Ile Yacht has invited the WSSC members (and families) to join us in their 4th of July activities. Turtle Races 12:30-1:30, Lunch starting at 1, Live entertainment from 1-4, 2:30-4:00 a Fleet Review, and at 4:45 a Bagpipe Ceremony.

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!



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

WSSC RACING INVITE



LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club 1st Annual Women's Race June 29, 2024

We invite all female sailors and skippers in and around the Detroit River, Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair and beyond to participate in our 1st Annual Women's Race and celebration afterwards of Women Sailors of the Past, Present and Future.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 except where modified by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply. These can be found at sailing.ca

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available no later than June 28, 2024.
2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located inside the LMYC clubhouse. Sailing instructions will also be available online at noticeofrace.net and lasallemariners.ca

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located in the LMYC clubhouse and online at noticeofrace.net
3.2 All boats shall carry a VHS radio capable of communicating on channel 68.
3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors, on VHF radio, channel 68.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to all JOG Boats with a Female skipper and crew as defined in the classes.
4.2 Boats must register by 17:00hrs on Friday June 28, 2024 either online on noticeofrace.net or by completing the registration form and emailing to the race director at lmocracing@gmail.com. Entries may also be dropped off in the Race Director's Box at the LMYC Clubhouse. All forms of registration confirm your agreement and understanding of all concussion and safety policies and procedures, protocols and codes of conduct as well as all terms on the registration form.

5 CLASSES

- 5.1 There will be 2 classes for this event.
1)The all female Class that allows for the male boat owner to be on the boat, bring it in and out of the harbour and execute only emergency manoeuvres in the case of a dangerous situation.
2)The mixed class must have a minimum of 50% female sailors with a female at the helm.

6 FEES

- 6.1 Entry fees are as follows:
\$30.00 per boat payable by cheque or e-transfer. Cheques are to be made to LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club and dropped off in the treasurer's lock box in the LMYC Clubhouse. E-transfers are to be made to lmocreasurer@gmail.com . Payments are due prior to the start of the event.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Saturday June 29, 2024, The LMYC First Annual Women's Race will take place. This is a pursuit race with the following schedule:
12:00 Skippers Meeting
12:55 First Warning
13:00 First Start
7.2 After the race, there will be a wine and cheese reception, where we welcome all female sailors, past present and future to join us and celebrate.

WSSC RACING INVITE CONT.

NOTICE OF RACE

8 VENUE AND BERTHING

- 8.1 Below shows the location of the LMYC clubhouse and harbour.
- 8.2 Docking and club facilities will be available for competing yachts the evening prior to the event. Please reach out to Harbourmaster Brian Casey at (519) 991-9426 for docking information.
- 8.3 After the Regatta, please join us for the awards presentation. Wine and cheese trays will also be served.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The course to be sailed will be determined on race day. Full size maps and course descriptions will be included with the Sailing Instructions June 28, 2024, with each individual boat's start time.

10 RISK STATEMENT

11.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue to race is hers and hers alone." By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

- 11.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing - Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place positions within each class will be awarded flags. There will also be a trophy engraved with the winners that will reside at LMYC.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1 For further information, please contact race chairperson Mary Chesnik at lmccommodore@gmail.com



LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club, 2640 Front Road, LaSalle Ontario, N9J 2N1

*** WSSC SPONSORED 1ST OF 3 RACES, LAST YEAR WE ONLY HAD 3 BOATS ENTER, YOU HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF WINNING ***



2024 Doublehanded Race

West Shore Sail Club

Saturday July 6th

11:55 am Start

WSSC 2024 Doublehanded Race



- WNATR-N <> Grecian Shoal EM2 <> Detroit Light
- Medium Distance Course 25 Nm
- Spinnaker, JAM and Cruising Classes
- After glow at GIYC following event

Race Application Available at Notice of Race

www.noticeofrace.net

www.westshoresailclub.org/wssc-race-applications

Registration Deadline: **June 28, 2023, 5:00pm**



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

WSSC 2024 Lighthouse Challenge

West Shore Sail Club



2024 Lighthouse Challenge



Saturday August 17th
10:55am Start

To Benefit: **Inland Seas Education Association**



- *Medium distance race in Western Lake Erie*
- *Spinnaker, JAM and Cruising Classes*

Afterglow will take place at the Grosse Ile Township Pavilion and includes dinner for purchase (soft drinks & water), awards, raffle and silent auction.

See Specialty Race Application Available at :
www.noticeofrace.net

Registration Deadline: **August 9, 2023, 5:00pm**

From The Rear Commodore (including Cruising Report)

Todd Harris

WSSC 2024 AFTER-MEETING PROGRAMS

PC'S Doug and Kathy Howe
Rescheduled the Howe's 2023 Cruising Tales

WSSC 2024 CRUISING CALENDAR

COMMODORE'S TEA
JUNE 22-23—Saturday-Sunday

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

LATE SUMMER CRUISE
August 16-18—Saturday-Sunday

HARVEST MOON CRUISE
September 28-29—Saturday & Sunday

**We need Port Captains to volunteer for the
Harvest Moon Cruise**



Fleet Captain—Cruising



It's finally here! The Commodore's Tea is just next weekend - June 21st-23rd.
If you will be able to Cruising over either by land, sea or air, please just let me know! Port Captains are Todd Harris and PC Jodi Larrow.

Friday Events -

Late Evening Pirate Raid of Local Beverage Establishment???

Saturday Events -

- 9a Brunch,
- 1p Picnic in the Park
- 3p Commodore's Tea on the Docks
- 6p Dinner

We have a relaxed and enjoyable weekend planned similar to previous years with food, drinks, activities and camaraderie. Leamington has a beautiful park setting surrounding the marina for strolling and beachfront establishments only a short walk away.

I've gathered the list of those I am aware intend to join in the fun and have it attached below.
If you don't see your name on this initial list - no worries! Just give me a shout out and you're in!

A group reservation has been accepted at Leamington Municipal Marina for Friday and Saturday nights for WSSC. Please see the marina's website for details of their services. Marina website - www.leamington.ca/marina

Also, please indicate your planned time for arrival so that the marina can accommodate your arrival time with dock hands ready to lend a hand.

RC Todd

2024 Commodore's Tea
In honor of *Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski*
June 22-23
Leamington Municipal Marina

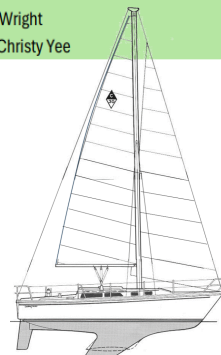
Itinerary: Docks have been reserved for the Group. Arrival early at your leisure. Contact the marina by VHF 68 upon arrival near breakwall. WSSC monitoring VHF 71.

Thursday and Friday:
Arrive early at your leisure. Days are open for individual activities. There are local parks, wineries, and shopping nearby.

Saturday:
9a – Brunch at Lakeside Bakery and Deli Café. This unique store has wonderful food and unique gifts. We enjoyed it last year!
1p – Picnic in the Park. There will be several fun games setup for individual contests. Winners will get unique prizes. Rick Atkin Park is next to the marina (North).
3p – **The Commodore's Tea** The Commodore's Tea Bucket will be setup on the dock near Family Truckster. Each Captain may bring an open liquor to add to the bucket. This tradition keeps our liquor cabinets updated (out with the old, in with the new). Port Captains Jody Larrow & Todd Harris will provide ice and mixers to kick-off the Tea Party. (Please note – no red or colored additions are allowed). Snacks and hor d'oeuvres prior to Toasts in honor of our new Commodores.
6p – Reservations will be made at a local favorite BBQ restaurant – Ray's Rib House. It is within walking distance of the marina.

Sunday:
Departure time is 11a.

Don Baumgartner	Baumgartner	Heather / GBY
Alec Chabalowski and Anita Bersie-Chabalowski	Chabalowski	Family Truckster
Jonathan Cotter and Helena Thornton	Cotter-Thornton	Jolee/Ford Yacht Club
Todd Harris and Maria Jose Gonzalez Tovar	Harris-Gonzalez	Fandango/TBM
PC Jody Larrow	Larrow	Puffin / FYC
Michael Soltis and Lana Hawkins	Soltis - Hawkins	Kingfisher / FYC
Dave and Amy Wright	Wright	The Wright Choice / MBC
PC Lance and Christy Yee	Yee	Still No Agenda / TBM



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

From The Rear Commodore — Memorial Weekend Cruise

Todd Harris



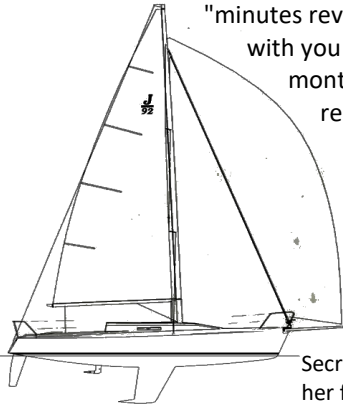
From the Secretary (including Minutes and Correspondence)

Jane Bersie

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

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

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



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

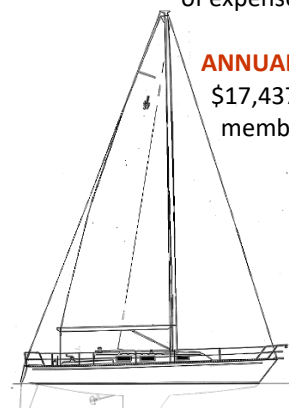
Sincerely,
2024 Secretary Jane Bersie

From the Treasurer

Mike Soltis

MAY STATUS: May has been, an active month of the year for cash flow with \$3161 of income and \$620 of expense. Most of the cash flow was attributable to racing fees.

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



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>

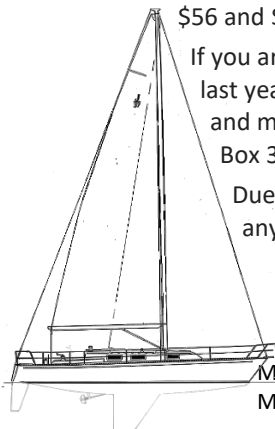
This page gives you all the information you need to pay your dues. Regular dues are \$56 and \$1 goes to the I-LYA Yachstman Fund.

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

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

Sincerely,
2024 Membership Officer Lana Hawkins

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



WSSC Membership "By the numbers"	
as of Apr 1 2024	
Total Memberships	66
Total Paid Memberships	61
TOTAL MEMBERS	111

WSSC memberships are subdivided as follows:	
Individual Memberships	24
Family Memberships (2 people)	43
Regular Memberships	57
Associate Memberships	10
Life Memberships (non-paid)	5
Life Memberships (paid)	1
TOTAL Life Memberships	6
Honorary Memberships	0

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

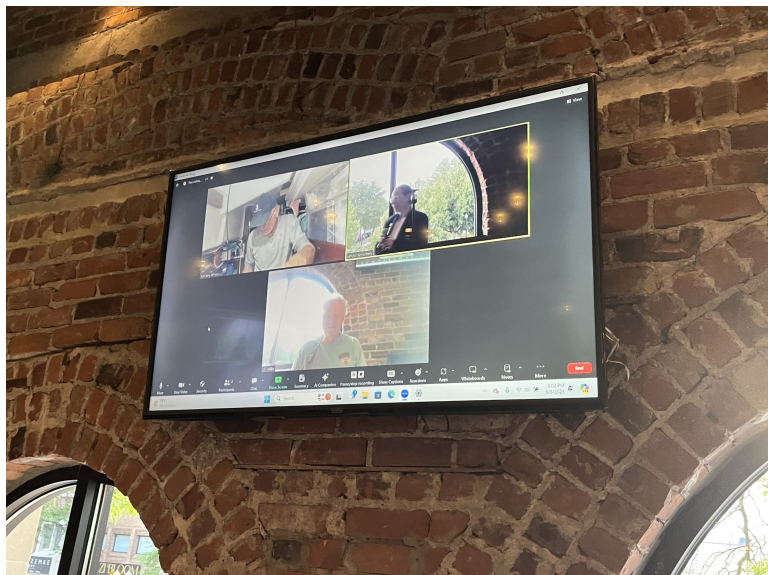
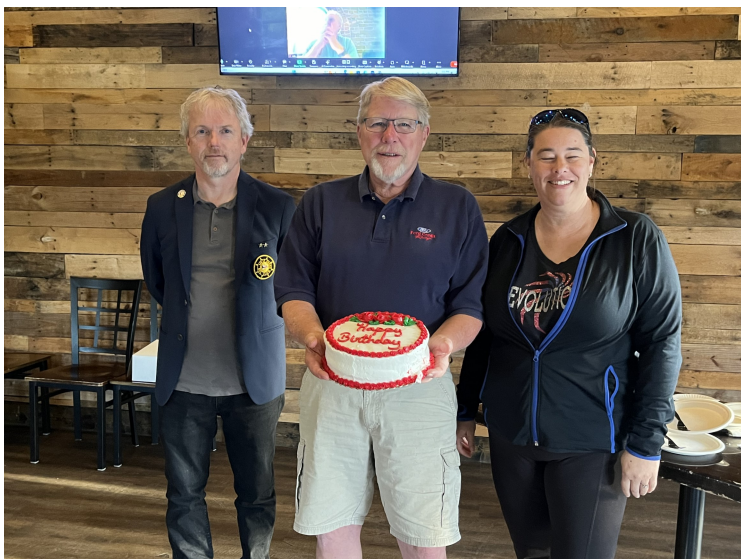


Lots of people come early to the Membership Meetings to spend time chatting with friends—new and old. And the kitchen (and bar) are open all night during the meeting, so you can't go away hungry!



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

Attending by Zoom is a great advantage when you're on the road or just can't make it, or are sailing The Bahamas. The only disadvantage to attending via Zoom is that you have to make your own dinner.



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/Downriverfosterclaset>



BOATERS AT MIDWAY MARINA
VALUE STORE
 Boating Supplies, Parts & Service
 Mercuriser-Mercury-Volvo
Craig Markin
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

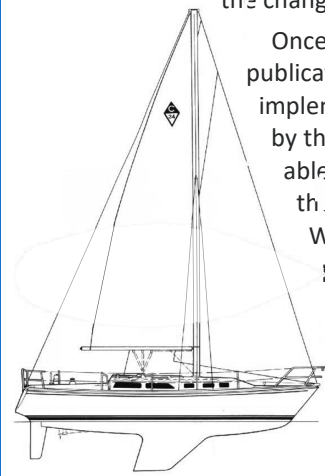


March VOTING RESULTS

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

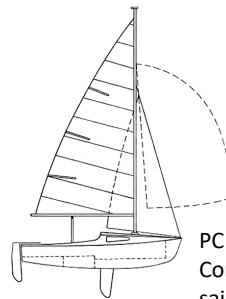
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THIS IMPORTANT PROCESS: Your active membership is what keeps our club so unique and so vibrant. Thank you for caring and helping us be the best we can be.



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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



- 2-JUN.....Frank B.
- 4-JUN.....PC Dick S.
- 7-JUN.....PC John F.
- 11-JUN....Joseph K.
- 13-JUN....Amy W.
- 17-JUN....Ted W.
- 21-JUN....Jonathan C.
- 26-JUN....PC Carver D.

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! *

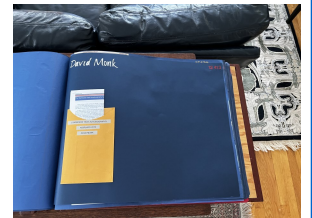


* WE NEED A CHAIRPERSON—ARE YOU AVAILABLE?



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



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/ILYAIInterLakeYachtingAssociation>

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

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

The latest I-LYA newsletter is available at <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?



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

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

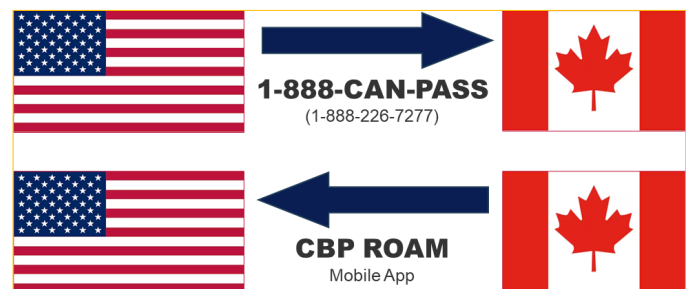
DO YOU HAVE YOUR DTOPS DECAL? Boats of length 30' or more need a DTOPS decal to return to the U.S. This number as well as a Trusted Traveler number (may not be required for boaters) should be entered into CBP Roam as well as passport numbers.

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

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



THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"



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

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

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

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



THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

MISSING



Have you seen this flag?

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

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

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!



Update APRIL 1ST, 2024

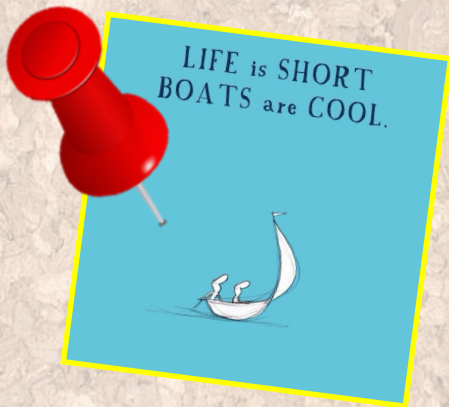
From the Office of the Vice Commodore

Date: April 1st, 2024 11:33am

GORDIE HOWE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

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

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




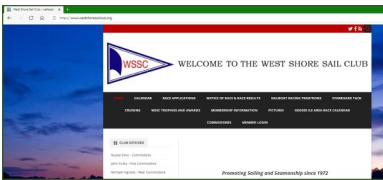
Do your crew members and sailing friends keep "borrowing" your copy of the Starboard Tack? HAVE THEM JOIN OUR "FRIENDS" MAILING LIST.

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

THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

From The Webmaster

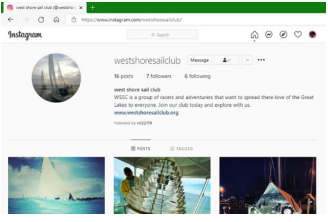
 VISIT OUR **WEBSITE** with links to racing and cruising calendars, notice of races, cruising awards registration, and more!
www.westshoresailclub.org



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




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




LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY

have been received from the clubs listed below.

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

NORTH CAPE YACHT CLUB - Lasalle, MI



ADVERTISE IN THE STARBOARD TACK!

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE FREE FOR MEMBERS

DISPLAY ADS AVAILABLE!

PRICED PER YEAR* (12 ISSUES) & increments
\$30 per year business card size
\$60 per year 1/2 page size horizontal
 (ask for Rate Page for more pricing)

Send ad to: (high quality graphics, please)
 Editor, Starboard Tack—West Shore Sail Club
 P.O. Box 369 Trenton, MI 48183-0369
 or Email to: wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com




MEMBERS' CLASSIFIEDS

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

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



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* indicates Board of Directors

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Budget Committee	Executive Committee	
By-Laws Committee	Commodores Committee	
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PHRF-LE Delegate	HELP! We need a volunteer!	
PHRF-LE Measurer	PC Dick Synowiec PC Doug Howe	cptsnick1@gmail.com d1howe@wowway.com
Port Captains: Cruising Events	(see information on each Event in the "Activities Updates" section or on our website)	
Port Captains: Specialty Races	(see information on each Event in the "Activities Updates" section or on our website)	
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WSSC ROLLING CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
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APRIL 2024		
APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	APR. 4 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: NORTH SAILS	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
I-LYA Spring Meeting	Apr. 5-6 in Westlake, Ohio	Association Rep. PC Kathy Howe
WSSC COMMODORE'S BALL	Apr. 13 *Saturday—6:00pm at Crystal Gardens in Southgate	Karen Laughner, Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson
Race Committee Spring Meeting	Apr. 25 *Thursday—7:00pm at Downey Brewing Company	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
"Mystery Date" CAR CRUISE	(TBD—keep checking your email) Little Caesar's behind-the-scenes tour	Activities Chairperson
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Apr. 28 *Sunday—11:59:59pm	Starboard Tack Editor
MAY 2024		
MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING and SPRING SWAP MEET	MAY 2 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water PRE/POST-MEETING EVENT: SPRING SWAP MEET	Meeting: Commodore Swap Event Chairperson: PC Doug Howe
Racing BUOY PREP WORK PARTY	MAY 4 *Saturday Meet-up location and time TBD	Vice Commodore
Racing BUOY LAUNCH	May 11 *Saturday Meet-up location and time TBD	Vice Commodore
WNATR COMPETITORS' (SKIPPERS) MEETING	May 14—7:00pm at Ford Yacht Club	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
Cruise #1: ICEBREAKER "LAND" CRUISE	May 18 *Saturday—(time TBD) Location/Port Captains: PC Carver & Lady Allison Dumke	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
WNATR - Spring #1	May 22 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
Cruise #2: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE	May 24-27 *Fri/Sat—Monday at Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Port Captain: RC Todd Harris and Lady Mary	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
CRUISING COMMITTEE Meeting	May 26 *Sunday—2:00pm at Memorial Day Weekend Cruise Potluck (BYO meat / grills available)—Bring a chair—BYOB	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	May 26 *Sunday—11:59:59pm	Starboard Tack Editor
WNATR - Spring #2	May 29 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
JUNE		
JUNE 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING	Jun. 6 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
OPENING OF THE ISLAND	Jun 7-8-9—Opening Ceremony Jun 8 at FYC	for information contact PC David Monk
Cruising Award Pre-Registrations Due	Jun. 10—Registration form on WSSC website	PC Kathy Howe, Cruising Log Master
WNATR - Spring #3	Jun. 12 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR - Spring #4	Jun. 19th *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
Cruise #3: COMMODORE'S TEA	Jun. 22-23 *Saturday-Sunday to Leamington, Ontario Port Captain: Needed	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
WNATR - Spring #5	Jun. 26th *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
Starboard Tack DEADLINE www.westshoresailclub.org	Jun. 23 *Sunday—11:59:59pm	Starboard Tack Editor https://www.facebook.com/groups/WestShoreSailClub/

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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