# Starboard Tack



# WSSC: promoting the sport of sailing and seamanship since 1972

**AUGUST 2024** 

\* Next WSSC General Membership Meeting—SEP. 5th at 7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water \* \* JACK & JILL RACE—LABOR DAY WEEKEND—SEP. 1ST—SIGN UP AT noticeofrace.net \*

\* WSSC HARVEST MOON CRUISE TO MBC—SEP. 28-29—SIGN UP NOW \*

\* CAR CRUISES START OCT. 16 WITH THE CAR CRUISE TO WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT! DON'T MISS IT! \*

# From The Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

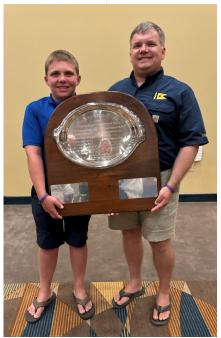
## Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

### **WELCOME TO AUGUST WEST SHORE SAILORS!**

The summer fun continues across the region, and our members continue to make the most of our great 2024 season. WNATR took our annual mid-summer break in July and boats spread to the wind.

My son Ryan Chabalowski sailed in his first I-LYA JUNIOR BAY WEEK at PIB in an ILCA 4.7. The racing was challenging, but Ryan stuck it out and was selected for the Male Sportsmanship Award (the trophy is





Ryan receives Sportsmanship Award at Junior Bay Week

this year were WNATR regular racers Shenan Again, Nakiyowin,



Vagrant and Janine. Member Michael Butcher sailed his first Mac on the boat Marek out of CSYC and got a first in class — nice job!

Meanwhile, our **MID-SUMMER CRUISERS** headed north as well and visited many great ports in Lake St. Clair and Lake Huron. I expect many stories and pictures from our Rear Commodore Todd. (Some were in the July "vacation issue" Starboard Tack.)

I-LYA member Sandusky Sailing Club hosted the 2024 OPTI NATIONALS from July 23rd through the 30th, with 325 participating sailors from across the United States and Canada. My daughter Holly raced in the Girl's Nationals on July 26th, and both Ryan and Holly raced in Fleet Nationals from the 27th through the

30th. It was a great experience to see so many junior sailors with big fleet starts and great clinics and coaching. Sandusky

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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.

sail FAMILY TRUCKSTER a J-92 30'

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# Commodore (continued)



Sailing Club did a great job showing the rest of the country what great sailing we have right here on Lake Erie!

I-LYA SENIOR BAY week took place August 2nd through 4th at Put-In-Bay Yacht Club. Go Baby, Reflex, Bangarang and Family Truckster all represented West Shore Sail Club at the event. Race Committee made the most of the morning breezes getting four races in for the regatta. The dying afternoon winds allowed ample time for the regatta parties and PIB fun. Congratulations to Bryce Boardman and the crew of Bangarang taking the overall win for JAM class in the regatta!

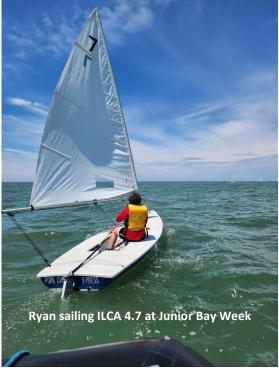
MORE SAILING WITH WEST SHORE IN '24: We will have plenty more sailing fun on the calendar for August and September. As I write this article, next up is the Lighthouse Challenge Regatta and Afterglow on Saturday August 17th. The Late Summer Cruise destination is Toledo Yacht Club Friday August 23rd through 25th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS AND RESERVATIONS IN TODAY! The JACK & JILL RACE is scheduled for Sunday September 1st. Registration is due by August 31st.

Finally, we have the **HARVEST MOON CRUISE** to Monroe Boat Club at the end of September. So there are plenty of opportunities to ...

**SAIL MORE WITH WEST SHORE IN '24!** 

Sincerely, 2024 Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski







- \* MARK YOUR CALENDAR: JACK AND JILL RACE IS SEP. 1 (REGISTER BY AUG. 31) \*

  \* BUOY RETRIEVAL IS SEP. 28—CAN YOU GIVE AN ASSIST? \*
  - \* WSSC AWARDS NIGHT IS WED. OCT. 16TH—IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT TIME! \*

# From The Vice Commodore (including Racing Report)

# Jonathan "Jon" Cotter

### **WSSC 2024 RACING CALENDAR**

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

#### **AHOY SKIPPERS & CREW!**

We have had some beautiful sailing weather and we have been lucky enough to take advantage of it. As of this writing, Lady Helena and I have been steadily preparing for the Light House challenge coming up on August the 17th. We hope to have great participation and a great afterglow in West shore style.

A few weekends ago I participated in a non-West Shore racing event known as the "RUM RACES". The race series supports the local charity Sail GI and is usually on Sundays at FYC. The races are casual and always pursuit style, so the sailboats with the highest rating start first (So why do I like this race??). This year they are using the WSSC courses and for this race we had to pass the NE mark. Later looking at my chart plotter I noticed how far off it was. The Race Committee announced the variation and allowed for a "virtual" rounding of this mark at the next race.

RE-CAPTURING WAYWARD MARK: A couple weekends Lady Helena and I were done with boat and yard work and went for a very nice day sail out to the errant NE buoy and managed to wrestle it to a line and also not anchoring ourselves to Bar Point. Jolee managed to relocate "him" over to his proper location without too much trouble.

**HELPING FUTURE R/C BOATS:** For some future

considerations we will be reviewing R/C boat start instructions with the idea of making the process more clear for boats that volunteer to be R/C. It is an essential part of the sailboat racing process, so if we can make it easier we can hope for more participation.

JACK AND JILL is coming up on September first with a morning start.

Rear Commodore Jon and Lady Helena sail JOLEE—a Nonsuch 26 This race is typically a pursuit start. We plan to have the potluck afterglow and corn roast at the FYC north pavilion. All are welcome, whether you race or not. Register for the race at www.notice of race.net. Let us know if you're coming to the afterglow at wsscvicecommodore@gmail.com.

#### GYBE 'HO!

Sincerely, 2024 Vice Commodore Jonathan "Jon" Cotter





Fleet Captain—Racing



Race Committee







# ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM WSSC RACING PROGRAMS



# West Shore Sail Club



# 2024 Jack & Jill Race

Sunday September 1st 10:55 AM Start



Double-handed JAM Race - Pursuit Start

Afterglow will take place at 3:00pm at Ford Yacht Club North Shelter on Grosse Ile.

Pot-luck meal and Corn Roast
Race Application Available:
<a href="https://westshoresailclub.org/wssc-race-applications">https://westshoresailclub.org/wssc-race-applications</a>
<a href="https://www.noticeofrace.net">www.noticeofrace.net</a>

Registration Deadline: August 31, 2024 5:00pm



# West Shore Sail Club Annual LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE

THANK YOU to our 2023 Lighthouse Challenge Sponsors and participants for their generosity in supporting our 2023 charity partner



Watch this space in September for our 2024 sponsors supporting our 2024 charity partner





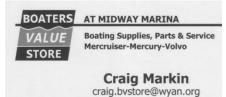


















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WSSC 2023 Secretary

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JOHN BRENDAN, AF

WHISKEYS

#### \* MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR THE WSSC HARVEST MOON CRUISE TO MBC SEP. 28-29 \*

# From The Rear Commodore (including Cruising Report)

## **Todd Harris**

#### **SUMMER IS FOR MAKING FUN BOATING MEMORIES:**

This Summer is filling up with so many good memories for me. I haven't gone away on vacation to an exotic destination. Instead, I've taken the opportunity to enjoy some fun, relaxing, and even exciting times much closer to home with our family and friends.





After getting an early launch this year, Fandango didn't really dust off her keel until the Commodore's Tea. Although less than ideal weather delayed our departures, it ultimately

led to a peaceful and memorable overnight solo trip returning from Leamington for me. In July, just days after the Gordie Howe bridge midspan was connected, we passed directly under it on our way to Port Huron at the start of the WSSC Summer Cruise. Our crew aboard Puffin took a trip up the Detroit and St. Clair rivers to meetup with the rest of the club boats that lined the

Rear Commodore Todd and Lady Maria Jose sail FANDANGO—a Catalina 30 Black River. Our flotilla of sailboats ventured into the blue waters and relaxed at the ports of Lexington and Port Sanilac along the western shore of Lake Huron.

As if cruising isn't keeping me busy enough, I've also been working to improve my sailing skills with spinnaker trim during the WNATR Summer series aboard Hussel. We're getting better each race!

I hope to that I will see each of you at one of our upcoming events. This is your chance to join in the camaraderie and snap a few memories of your own!





Fleet Captain—Cruising



## Sincerely, 2024 Rear Commodore Todd Harris





#### **WSSC 2024 CRUISING CALENDAR**

#### HARVEST MOON CRUISE

September 28-29—Saturday & Sunday

#### **WSSC 2024 AFTER-MEETING PROGRAMS**

(Watch this space for news about upcoming after-meeting programs.)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM WSSC CRUISING PROGRAMS

# West Shore Sail Club Harvest Moon Cruise

September 28-29, 2024

A WSSC Tradition at Monroe Boat Club on Bolles Harbor



For dock reservation, please contact:
Port Captain - Dan Williamson
For dinner and other information, please contact:
Fleet Captain Cruising - Dave Wright



# Cruise To MBC By Boat:

- Enter LaPlaisance Creek from the start (R"2") of the well marked entrance channel. Follow the bouys from the lake to the start of LaPlaisance Creek. Use chart 14846\_14 for a more detailed view.
- Follow LaPlaisance Creek around until you arrive at MBC.
- Hail VHF Channel 69 or 9 for location of guest dockage. (Monroe Boat Club monitors VHF Channel 16 & 69.)

# Cruise To MBC By Car:

- Monroe Boat Club is located at 7932 N Harbor Drive (Bolles Harbor Drive) in Monroe. MI
- Take Interstate 75 to exit 11. From the North turn left onto Laplaisance Rd, from the South turn right onto Laplaisance Rd. Follow Laplaisance Rd. east until the road forks at the yield sign, stay left as the road now becomes Lake St.
- Continue a short distance and turn left onto Bridge Dr, follow the road around to the right until it becomes N Harbor Dr, you will now be able to see MBC on the left.

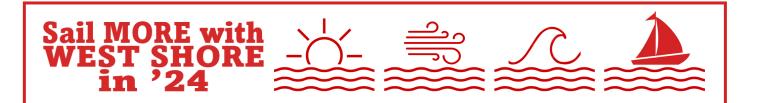
# **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM WSSC CRUISING PROGRAMS**



# Cruising at its best — Heather at rest

Photo from Lady Christy Yee reminiscing on what she calls the "mini cruises" that WSSC friends often enjoy together.

Good friends sailing boats together — what could be finer!



Mark your calendars! Don't forget!

There's lots of time to make your plans and reservations for the

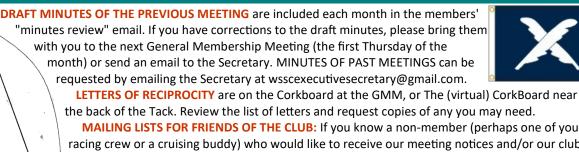
# WSSC HARVEST MOON CRUISE to MONROE BOAT CLUB

September 28-29

Sail more with West Shore in '24!

# From the Secretary (including Minutes and Correspondence)

#### **Jane Bersie**





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**

NOTABLE LAST MONTH: Income came mostly from specialty race entrance fees, which were partially offset by expenses from meeting room rental and reimbursement for expenditures related to racing and Commodores Ball.



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

> Sincerely, 2024 Treasurer Mike Soltis

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

# From the Membership Officer

# Lana Hawkins

MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF JULY 24: We have 66 memberships totalling 111 adults. 61 memberships are paid memberships.

DO YOU KNOW OF A FRIEND (PERHAPS A CREW MEMBER) WHO MIGHT BE **INTERESTED IN WSSC?** Please send any people interested in joining the club to the membership chairperson at this email address:



WSSCMembershipChair@gmail.com

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 July 24, 2024 **Total Memberships** 66 / 111 persons **Total Paid Memberships** 61 **TOTAL MEMBERS** 111





# MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter"

# **JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**



4-Jul .....Kelly B. 7-Jul ......Nathan E. 7-Jul ......Katie L. 8-Jul .....Frank P.

13-Jul ......Maria Jose G. T.

19-Jul .....Paul G.

July 24.....Don H.

19-Jul .....Jim B. 23-Jul .....Lori M. 24-Jul .....Ana K.

5-Aug..... Rick B. 11-Aug.... PC Dan W. 15-Aug.... Tim S.

16-Aug.... PC Chris M. 18-Aug.... Patricia B. 21-Aug.... Patti D.

25-Aug.... Christy Y.

# **Membership Officer Lana Hawkins**

WSSC TRADITIONAL BIRTHDAY SONG is sung at each 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 compliments of ELLIOTT'S BAKERY.

# **Other Committee News: MEMORY ALBUM IN OUR 51ST YEAR! \***





HI! CAN YOU DO THIS IMPORTANT JOB? VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO BE THE CLUB'S "ALBUM-KEEPER": For many years Frank Pavia took care of the club's Memory Album (it's 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?

"Interim" Club Album-Keeper Jonathan Cotter

Pictured at left are some members and friends looking at the beautiful WSSC club album, created by Life Member Frank Pavia for the 40th Anniversary of the club. Members and friends have fun looking at the photo-memories of many WSSC members.

# **Other Committee News:**

# **NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE—Starboard Tack**

# **Editor Lea Ellwood-Filkins**

DISTRIBUTION: If you know of someone (friends and crew members) who might like to receive the Tack, be sure to send their email address to: wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

THIS MONTH'S STORY "Specials" CREDITS: Thank you to Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski and Past Commodore David Monk for adding some reporting to this month's Tack. Also to Lady Christy Yee for reporting on a "mini-cruise". Always fun!

THIS MONTH'S PHOTO CREDITS: We were glad to receive other photos for this issue from our three commodores—Anita, Jon, and Todd and PC David Monk. Thanks also to Lady Christy Yee. Always grateful to Patti Baur-Duffett for her WNATR and other photo coverage. Send your photos of WSSC events — and submissions for the CAPTION CONTEST — to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

TACKY TYPOS / THIS MONTH'S LIFESAVERS AWARDS: OOPS! We've missed a lot of LifeSavers while The Editor has been in SICK BAY, but keep sending in those corrections and we will get caught up with the rewards at the September meeting. 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 mispelled 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**

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Rep. PC Doug Howe

WSSC remains a co-operating group with BOAT/US. Our membership number is GA81337S. While BoatUS: our members no longer get reduced membership fees, we still can receive discounts on towing insurance and more. PC Doug reminds us that ONE GREAT BENEFIT is the Boat U.S. magazine, published every other month, and each purchase aguires points towards a future purchase. See benefits at: https://www.boatus.com/products-andservices/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/ILYAInter-LakeYachtingAssociation 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)

**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 postition.



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

IMPORTANT HEADS-UP FROM PC DOUG: "Canadian Customs. If one does not properly check into Canadian

Customs, you can be subjected to a fine of not less than \$1,000." DO YOU HAVE YOUR DTOPS DECAL? Boats of length 30' or more need a DTOPS decal to return to the U.S.



This number as well as a Trusted Traveler number (may not be required for boaters) should be entered into CBP Roam as well as passport numbers.

**CBP ROAM REQUIRED:** US requires the use of CBP Roam. FOR MORE INFORMATION or to sign-up go to: https:// ttp.cbp.dhs.gov/ (Official Trusted Traveler Program Website | Department of Homeland Security (dhs.gov))

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







# **AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: Membership Officer Lana Hawkins



At the August meeting, Lady Ana Kukla celebrates and RC Todd Harris represents Lady Maria and the other 15 July and August birthday celebratees.



Enjoy our full Espresso bar

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!

# DOUBLEHANDED RACE—A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN JULY

PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: VC Jon Cotter















# August After-Meeting Program: "WINDQUEST GREAT ADVENTURE" with PC KATHY AND PC DOUG HOWE

PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: Doug & Kathy Howe







MEMBERS PC DOUG AND PC KATHY HOWE SHARE THEIR ADVENTURES ABOARD WINDQUEST (their sailboat and "trawler") — In the summer of 2023, Doug and Kathy Howe completed one of their sailing bucket list items. A trip to NYC and the Statue of Liberty by boat. We left in the middle of June and traveled almost 2300 nautical miles. There was much preparation for the trip. Learning about the locks was challenging. Being able to stop and see unique sites was fun. WindQuest visited 59 separate dockages, two Canadian provinces, and five states. Fixed bridges on the canal system meant the mast had to come off and WindQuest became a trawler for most of the trip. It was truly a great way to spend over three months in the summer last year.











toward her own adventure on Trent Severn Waterway.



TOUR GUIDE DOUG SAYS: To find more information on the Erie Canal System and plan your own Great Adventure ... go online at: https://www.canals.ny.gov/ or follow the Canal Corporation on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or LinkedIn.

# WNATR (Wednesday Night at the Races) with WSSC

PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: Patti Baur-Duffett, VC Jon Cotter, rainbow photo courtesy of crewmates Luke and Gillian & True Love skipper Chris





It's not always about first place even a slow-starting night can result in some beautiful sailing friendships and memories.















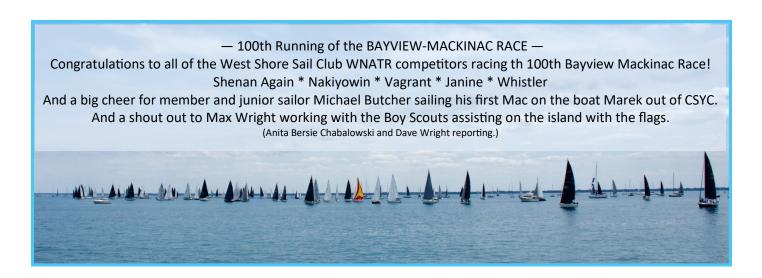






# CLUB MEMBERS HAVING FUN IN THE SUN ALL AROUND THE GREAT LAKES

PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: PC David Monk, Anita Bersie-Chabalowski



AT I-LYA BAY WEEK — PC Bryce Boardman won all Class B Jam races and was overall corrected time winner for all Jam class races to with the Jam B championship and the Jam overall Millennium trophy for the 2024 Senior I-LYA Senior Bay Week. Other sailors representing WSSC were Commodore Anita and Family (4th place Perf C), Todd and Patti Duffet (4th place Perf D), and PC David Monk sailing with PC Bryce. Congratulations to everyone who participated in I-LYA Bay Week! (PC David Monk reporting).













# THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

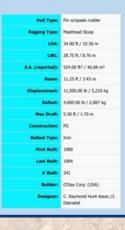


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SUBMIT articles, classifieds, ads, and other information to EDITOR-STARBOARD TACK at wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

# THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"



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!

# MEMBERS CLASSIFIED



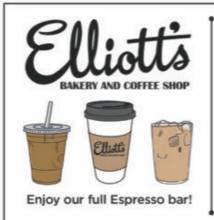
 Looking to sell or giveaway: New 6x 10oz tubes of Sikaflex 291 LOT ('long open time' for warm weather workability)

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-flotationfoam?variant=43199410929888





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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"

# **From The Webmaster**













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

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**AUGUST** Aug. 1-4 \*Thursday-Sunday—"Bay Week" Sail Regatta at Put-In (informational) (informational) Bay, Ohio WNATR Summer #4 Aug. 7 \*Wednesday—6:50pm Fleet Captain-Racing **AUGUST 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING** AUG. 8 \*Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Meeting: Commodore PROGRAM: (TBD) Program: Rear Commodore (Note special date change—second Thursday) **WNATR** Summer #5 Aug. 14 \*Wednesday—6:50pm Fleet Captain-Racing WNATR Fall #1 Aug. 21 \*Wednesday—6:50pm Fleet Captain-Racing LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA Aug. 17 \*Saturday—First start 10:00am Vice Commodore / and Charity Afterglow Afterglow at Grosse Ile Pavilion (Water's Edge Marina) Fleet Captain-Racing Aug. 23-25 \*Friday-Sunday—to historic Toledo Yacht Club Rear Commodore / Cruise #5: LATE SUMMER CRUISE Port Captain Dave Wright—DON'T MISS THE FUN AT TYC Fleet Captain-Cruising "Country Dance Party" is Friday at 7pm - Arrive early if you can. WNATR Fall #2 Aug. 28 \*Wednesday—6:50pm Fleet Captain-Racing SEPTEMBER Vice Commodore / WSSC JACK AND JILL RACE Sep. 1 \*Sunday Fleet Captain-Racing Sep. 1 \*Sunday—11:59:59pm for September Starboard Tack Starboard Tack DEADLINE Starboard Tack Editor Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com WNATR Fall #3 Sep. 4 \*Wednesday—6:50pm Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing Sep. 5 \*Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Meeting: Commodore SEPTEMBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP MTG Program: (TBD) 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 Sep. 28-29 \*Sat.-Sun.—to Monroe Boat Club Rear Commodore / Cruise #6: HARVEST MOON CRUISE and dinner at Blue Heron Fleet Captain-Cruising Port Captain: Dan Williamson Sep. 29 \*Sunday—11:59:59pm for October Starboard Tack Starboard Tack DEADLINE Starboard Tack Editor Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com OCTOBER **OCTOBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP MTG** Meeting: Commodore Oct. 3 \*Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Program: Rear Commodore Program: (TBD) and OFFICER NOMINATIONS October CAR CRUISE Oct. 16 Car Cruise to AWARDS NIGHT! Activities Chairperson Vice Commodore / WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT Oct. 16 \*Wednesday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water Fleet Captain Racing

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Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Nov. 3 *Sunday—11:59:59pm for November Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor	
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			
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Dec. 1 *Sunday—11:59:59pm for December Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor	
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 for January 2025 Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor	
JANUARY 2025			
JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING and CHANGE OF WATCH	<b>Jan. 2 or 9, 2025</b> *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	
RACING COMMITTEE Meeting		Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing	
January CAR CRUISE		Activities Committee Chairperson	
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## I-LYA (INTER-LAKE YACHTING ASSOCIATION) SPRING MEETING PROCEEDINGS

Rep. PC Kathy Howe.

#### I-YLA General Spring Meeting 2024

Called to order: 15:35 pm

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Role Call of Commodores and Special Guests

Minutes -R/A

**Nominating Committee Elections**: 10 nominations but five will be elected. Must be from different clubs and they are not able to run for office in the next year. If members of multiple clubs they must designate which club they are representing. Candidates must be present and agree to serve.

Advisory Committee: No report

Executive Secretary: 135 clubs with all paid. Insurances are up to date. Let her know of any clubs who should be invited to

join.

**Treasurer:** All bills paid and records transferred. New budget approved for next year.

ILYA Trustee: Cindy Johnson Mintus was appointed to replace the recently deceased Al Ashley.

**Delegates:** 

**USSA:** Recent conference had 400 participants with multiple breakout sessions. Nation was divided into 9 regions. All of ILYA falls into the same region of #7. One big goal is to expand the future generation of sailors. Special emphasis is placed on Olympics. Jamie Jones of Hoover Sailing club won the volunteer award.

YRU of Great Lakes: No Report

**National Boating Federation:** Ed Payne remained as representative. Big movement to get derelict boats out of the water before they sink. May charge for removal if not volunteer to remove.

**Boating Assoc. of Ohio:** Lake Erie has been awarded \$53,000,050 in federal funds for parks and watercraft projects. Much of the original money is still available. Chubs should check the ODNR website for available grants.

**Yachtsman Fund:** Yachtsman Fund still in good standing. Typical grants were awarded. It was a big year for Jrs Instructional as well as Jr. Sail funding. Extra funds were awarded to youth racing. Funding was also used to send women to the national invitational.

**Code of Regulations:** will put forward revised coded in Fall. Will be on the website for three weeks before meeting. Working on guidelines for new candidates to become officers of the organization. Example: Yachtsman Fund was a 9-year commitment. Now set at 3 years to keep things moving forward and encourage more willing volunteers to participate.

Admiralty: No Report

**Sponsorship**: \$1500 grant from Lake Erie Shores. They are developing a one page note with a Q code to help get sponsorship information out.

Yearbook: in progress.

**I-LYA Historian:** Reviewed past secretaries. Also identified individual who participated for 55 years. Please contact historian before any club throws out materials. Club has all but 20 of the annual yearbooks.

Perpetual and Memorial Trophies: -Thanks to Bob Lang for updating bases and cleaning up certain trophies.

**Island Liaison:** Due to death of Al Ashley having to recreate the signed copies of the contracts. Still need three members and to replace Al.

**Powerboat:** Dates July 23 to 28. Coincides with unofficial Christmas in July so extra security is being hired for the docks. Registration will open on May 6. Most activities are ready to go. Many new changes. Dock rates have increased to \$2.25 per foot. Social fees from \$10 to \$60. And \$15 to \$70. This is due to costs of food. They are looking to have on water activities on Sunday thru Tuesday. Many captains do not wish to unplug for activities. It is hoped this will help with participation. It is very hard to get tally completed. Moving kids fishing and Geoquest to Saturday with the jr Power seminar on Thursday. On water activities for Jr will be held on Friday. This will allow time to get scholarship paperwork completed. All boats must be gone by 3 pm. Longer stays will be charged additional fees. Additional security will be hired for A and C docks for the evenings. There will be additional costs for this security. Still will need volunteer security from clubs.

Sail Yacht Appeals: None to report

**Sailing Meeting: Bay Week.** How to get more participation? ...would like more. Have Hobie wave and Portsmouth classes. Possibly open up single and double handed classes. (crew) could sleep on boat. Possibly a shorter course. Contacts on the East end were provided. Listing of our events for example: RCC yachts

This year is the 100th Mackinac, Huron – Lake Erie is 100th, 130th Bay Week

Looking to reset finish line for single and doublehanded finish line. Courses will remain. Eliminate the 1st mark.

Shorter courses for PHRF and races

3rd year of photo contest. Looking for more photos.

Dock - issues with deep draft boats - move to C for deeper water. Dockmaster: Tony Blank, Nate Edmunds, and Dave and Mary

Nantais. Volunteers?

Fleet Captains...

Awards - 2024 hats, Will have pickles. Daily first - will be awarded again.

Social: Wrist bands with your package. More available on shore. Looking for help.

Trying to get information out to the clubs. Have a list. More and more conflicts with other races...

Ladies Tea will be on Yacht scoring. Can sponsor kegs and flags. About 10% increase in fees, (due to dockage). Will have white and red sangria this year

Going to set up preorder for T-shirts - size, color and style of choice.

Change of PRO.s cruising Jeff Anders, Dwayne Burgoyne, and Steve Harris for centerboard and to continue with deepwater for one more year. Hope to increase our numbers. If not an increase, will discontinue.

Hope that boats from Cleveland Deepwater will come back.

Hope we can make the pursuit race come this year. Sandusky race will have a time limit for the finish

Already have four registrations for Bay Week. If participated last year, should have received a note from I-LYA.

PHRF: Looking at working together - continue to work closely.

PHRF-LE 382 members in 2020, 429 in 23, 228 renewals so far for 24. 24 more than last year at this time. Operating funds a bit less than one year's expenses, No increase in cost for certificates, and probably not for next year.

Huron Lake Erie celebrating 100 yrs., Mackinaw 100 yrs. and Bayweek 131 years in 2024!

PHRF-LE has requested Sprit boats (Asymmetrical sails) for more complete measurements of sails.

ORC has about 900 in US. So far this year, 150 - across the country. PHRF still is where the majority of people are racing. Working with other areas so that might work together.

DRYA went to Midwest PHRF.

All that is available on Pan-Americans Masters races on website.

Cleveland is host for this year. Dates are set - Mid-July. Lakeside race will only be McCarty race on Sunday.

Edgewater - two-day water safety - firing of flares, and second day in pool with life jackets. US Sailing website, and Edgewater YC websites,

**Intersectional Racing:** New York, Ohio, and Michigan have many regattas on Lake Erie. Co-ordinations completed for this year and will get information out to all racers.

#### **Junior Sailing:**

2024 Schedule (see website) I-LYA.org - Events - Junior Sail

June 1 Buckeye Lake

June 8 Erie

15 NCYC (not confirmed)

19 Edgewater

22 CYC

July -1 Hoover open

14-18 Jr Championships at PIB

July 20 I-LYA Opti Championships Chautaqua Lake YC

23-30 2024 Opti Nationals - Sandusky Sailing Club

25-28 Interlake Nationals Hoover Sailing Club

Aug 3-TS 8 - Hoover Sailing Club

Need PRO for green fleet

July 11 Opti clinic. No cost to I-lya members. Meeting 1st Monday of month. Day before Port Clinton YC. Chautaqua opti race July 20<sup>th</sup>, just before Opti Nationals (July 23-30). Working on Green fleet: (less experienced sailors) Working with club site.

#### Jr. Bay:

Updating code of conduct so team event can be held. Yachtsman grant again this year. Co-chairs set up, Team liaison desired to be there for entire week. Need help with judges. Met with PIB. They are welcome to any ideas. 1st night banquet, 2nd some team activity, final night banquet - same format as in past. July 14- 18th 2024. Notice of race being set up. 89 in 2023. have had as many as 150 in past. Not enforcing 9 participant limit. Can request roommates for rooms.

Lasers, 420s and Thistles (if anyone is interested). 4.7s can register. Will set up another meeting. Edgewater - Sandusky - Leatherlist, (https://sites.google.com/view/ilyajrchamps-com/junior-sailors). ILYA Yachtsman fund donates \$15-20 thousand for the event. Opti's now have a new hull; First hull is designated #1 - of new design. (may use old numbers, but inform committee before the race). 420 Coach's clinic. July 25<sup>th</sup>. Want to highlight great lakes participants. Cleveland Yachting Club clinic June 6. Coach coming in for day.

420 Great Lakes - July 27? Plan Clincs 2 days before great lakes. Trying to make this a regularly scheduled event 420 nationals in 2025, possibly at Edgewater.

Laser - not much changing. (problem with using Laser due to licensing). New lower mast section, allows smaller sails, easier to singlehand. Shipping is an issue. (Note: 4.7s provide a step between Optis and 420s). Laser has options that allow for use over

a longer time period. Equipment deadline April 20th.

Hoover has 2-3 thistle regattas. Jamie is coordinator.

Trailer series has a championship. \$ 300 for scholarship.

Have monies available from Yachtsman fund.

**Junior Powerboat:** Need some juniors to continue support the program. Need to shorten the Kayak courses. Desire to randomize the partnerships. Need more adult bodies for on water activities. Money from the Yachtsman Fund used to buy more radios for Geoquest and seminars. The seminar is being moved to Thursday.

Clubs- please send some juniors down to the Bay.

**Entertainment:** All have paid for the dinner.

**Publications**: Thanks to the committee for a great yearbook.

**Shore Courtesy**: There will be a memorial parade. **Sports Ashore:** There will be lots of activities for all.

#### Long Range Planning:

Lonz trophy - Bob Lang "hired" to make one. Sylvan in Sylvania should be able to make a new trophy (Sokas).

Safe place for trophy at any club than at the winery.

Enter the past winters. Deed of gift in 82, year books have info dating back to 1966.

Try to have trophy for fall meeting. Keepers - etchings and a small plaque, awarded at ILYA fall meeting.

Trophy cases at Western Lake Erie (Mike Fishbaugh). To be moved to foundry. Tom - update in fall.

Request a list of trophies. List in the yearbook. Tried to do a master list. Include location. In process.

ILYA Facebook page. Currently 400 people, Interlake-yachting Association History. Want to promote this.

Honorary Chair: Judy Barry (PIB). Brian to handle.

Shores and Island. There will be a grant. Rotates between events.

Island Laison: Signed contract last fall - found PIB, but not village. Re-signed contract yesterday. 3-year contract, 24,25,26. now re-signed.

PIB YC working on area for trophy case. There are several projects in process at this time. ILYA willing to raise money (like we did for the Commodore's Wall).

#### **Old Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

Tellers Report: The following were elected to the Nominating Committee

Alex Chabelowski GIYC

Chris Amblin SBPC

Rhonda Rich AYC

Linda Leff CLYC

Bill Priebe

**Announcements:** The recent passing of PC Al Ashley was announced.

Jr Bay week July 14 to 18

Power Regatta July 23-28

Sail Regatta August 2-4

Fall Meeting December 6-7 in Westlake Ohio at Doubletree.