

Starboard Tack

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OCTOBER 2024

* DATE CHANGE FOR NEXT WSSC MEMBERSHIP MEETING * WEDNESDAY Nov. 6 ANNUAL MEETING

Wed. Nov. 6 at 7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water

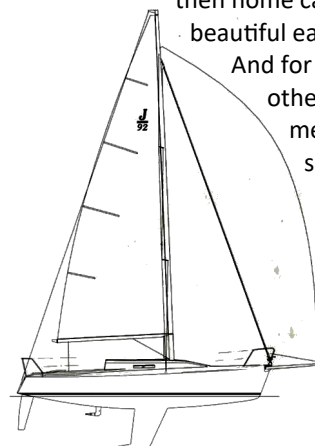
(See election information on page 3 Past Commodores Committee)

From The Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

HAPPY FALL 2024!

Now that the calendar is turning over to October, it's time to embrace the season and make the most of these last weeks before the snow flies. For some West Shore sailors that means hauling the boat, winterizing the engine and covering up for the winter months. For others that means a nice Sunday afternoon sail to the Detroit Light and then home catching a beautiful early sunset.



And for some others that means squeezing in a few last weekend races, such as NCYC O'Connell Fall Bay, FYC Frostbite Regatta or

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



Coach boat view weeknight practice, just south of Sugar Island

LMYC River Rat. For me personally, it means coaching the **GROSSE ILE HIGH SCHOOL SAILING TEAM** with

evening practices just off Sugar Island and weekend sailing regattas across the state from Pontiac to Traverse City. Whatever sailing or boat activities you have planned for your October, I hope you have nice weather and the company of good friends in your endeavors!

A huge thank you goes out to Vice Commodore Jonathan Cotter and his crew for **ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BUOY RETRIEVAL PARTY**. For the second year in a row all nine marks made it safely back to shore, which is

great news for our equipment budget! If you missed your chance to help out don't worry, spring 2025 is right around the corner and it will be time to launch again before you know it.



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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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CONGRATULATIONS as well to Rear Commodore Todd Harris and Fleet Captain-Cruising Dave Wright on a successful 2024 Cruising season! Our final boat cruise of the year was the Harvest Moon

Cruise to Monroe Boat Club the last weekend of September. Though Hurricane Helene tried to mess with our local Lake Erie weather, big wind and waves did not discourage our hearty group. For those not wanting to ride the roller coaster, we had a great turn out of "car cruisers" for the Saturday dinner at the Harbor Hook and Grille. With those cruising memories fresh, start thinking about where you want to travel to by boat in 2025.



Sept 21 GIHS sailors at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club for Wooden Shoe Regatta

one roof, at the Doubletree Hotel. A block of rooms under the I-LYA group is available at a special rate from now until November 5th. Friday night starts out with the hospitality



rooms hosted by various clubs and organizations. Saturday daytime activities include Senior and Junior Sail meetings as well as I-LYA organization meetings and the Ladies' Luncheon. Saturday evening is capped off with the

I-LYA COMMODORE'S BALL AND CHANGE OF WATCH. Doug and Kathy Howe have asked me to be our club's delegate to this year's Fall Meeting as Alec and I have been in attendance at most meetings in the past couple of years. WSSC Member, and I-LYA Board Member Todd Duffett and wife Patti will also be in attendance. If you are looking for some fun, or to learn more about I-LYA I encourage you to attend. We'd love to see you there!

Sincerely,
2024 Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

The **INTER-LAKE YACHTING ASSOCIATION** will once again be holding their Fall Meeting on December 6th and 7th in Westlake, Ohio (just outside of Cleveland). The I-LYA Fall Meeting is a mix of business and fun. It is a great chance to interact with our fellow sailors and boaters on Lake Erie, talking about common issues and interests, planning for 2025 activities, and some great parties. The events happen under



Club Seeks Volunteers to fill positions for 2025



REAR COMMODORE: Cruise through 2025 serving as WSSC's Rear Commodore. This Bridge officer oversees the boat cruising activities of the club. This officer has the planning guidance and assistance of our experienced Fleet Captain-

Cruising, and the Past Commodores Committee and the other Bridge officers always make themselves available for advice and assistance. The person in this position usually proceeds to the Vice Commodore and then Commodore positions in subsequent years.



WEBMASTER: If you have some skills and interest in this important position keeping the WSSC website up-to-date and functioning well, contact the Commodore who will put you in touch with the Web Committee to discuss the

technology in place and the scope of this important work.



SECRETARY: You'll keep the minutes of General Membership, Annual Membership, and Executive Committee meetings. You'll also keep track of the archives of the corporate documents and current Constitution and Bylaws. 2024 Secretary Bersie

has a streamlined procedure for all things "Secretary" and all Club officers receive training time before they take over their positions in January. Past Secretaries and the Commodore will be there to help you with whatever you need to be a success in this position.



HISTORIAN: The Club Historian keeps the historical record up-to-date, as well as keeping track of various memorabilia and unofficial archives. The Historian occasionally offers reports and/or a program for the Club, keeping our memories alive.



ALBUM-KEEPER: The Club Album is the "photo wall" of our "club without walls". The Album-Keeper helps new members create their own individual club sailing memories pages, and encourages and helps members, new and old, keep their pages updated. The Club Album is a

treasure that is often displayed at meetings and events.



ANNUAL MEETING INCLUDING ELECTIONS

Note change of date to WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

AT WHISKEY'S ON THE WATER IN WYANDOTTE

STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS: PAST COMMODORES COMMITTEE

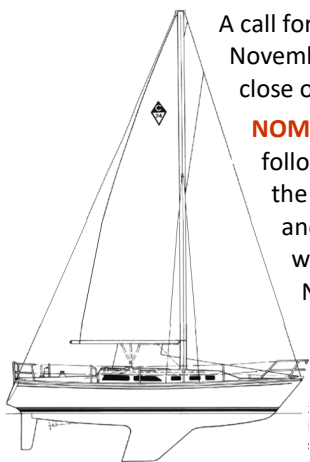


PC Carver Dumke, Co-chairperson of the Past Commodores Committee, explains the elections process, and opens the nominations at the October GMM.

NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS PROCESS: The 2024 West Shore Sail Club elections process started at the October General Membership meeting with the Past Commodores Committee Co-Chairperson PC Carver Dumke opening the candidate nomination process for Flag Officers, Executive Committee Officers, and Board of Directors positions. The nomination process has been open since its call at the October meeting and will be closed at the November General Membership meeting on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, at Whiskeys on the Water, and on Zoom. (Details for joining the Zoom portion of the meeting will be sent in an email from the Secretary prior to the Annual Meeting.)

A call for election will be conducted at the November 6th meeting based on the close of nominations.

NOMINEES AT OCTOBER GMM: The following are the nominations as of the October membership meeting, and more contacts and nominations will be made throughout October. Nominations will close during the



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

November Annual Meeting and the elections will follow at the same meeting.

FLAG OFFICER NOMINEES:

- Commodore - Jonathan Cotter
- Vice Commodore - Todd Harris
- Rear Commodore - _(open)_

OFFICER NOMINEES:

- Treasurer - Mike Soltis
- Secretary - _(open)_
- Membership Officer - Lana Hawkins

DIRECTORS NOMINEES:

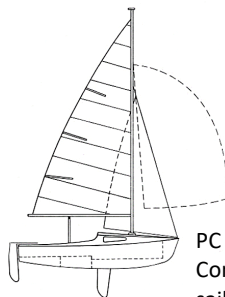
- PC Chuck Laskey
- PC David Monk

Additional candidate nominations can be communicated to either PC Carver Dumke or PC David Monk prior to the close of nominations at the November Annual Meeting. All candidate nominations must be made in accordance with our Constitution and Bylaws, and accepted by the nominee, to be considered for election.

Respectfully submitted,

PC 2013 Carver Dumke
2024 Past Commodores Committee Co-chairperson

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



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



Sail MORE with WEST SHORE in '24



*** WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR NOTICE OF WRAP-UP RACING COMMITTEE MTG. ***

From The Vice Commodore (including Racing Report)

Jonathan "Jon" Cotter

WSSC 2024 RACING CALENDAR

Look for Racing Awards Night photo memories in a special edition of the Starboard Tack next month.

WRAP-UP RACING COMMITTEE MEETING

Watch your email for notice from the Vice Commodore regarding date/time for the Wrap-up Racing Committee meeting.



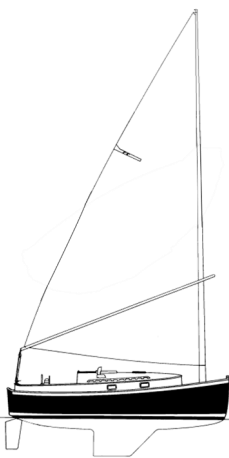
On Jolee modelling the 2024 Lighthouse Challenge t-shirt. Order yours from V/C Cotter

MICHIGANDERS IN THE FALL: Come mid-September every Michigander seems to be shocked at how short the evenings are getting, a bigger reminder of how precious our five months of sailing weather is. This year we were lucky to have some really beautiful Wednesday nights for racing. On the last Fall #5 race we had a fine moon rise, but it was still hard to find those elusive buoys in the dark.

WNATR HAS WRAPPED UP and as I write this article race results are being prepared for Awards Night on October 16th. Thank you to the 29 yacht teams competing and the 13 Race Committee Boat volunteers that made the season possible and a lot of fun. Personally, I was very happy to participate in most of the races on Chris McCardell's True Love — a big learning experience to learn the foredeck for a cat boat sailor ;)

BUOYS AHOY: In what may be my last mention of buoys in a Tack article

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



we conducted a very efficient fetching on the last day of summer, all nine WNATR buoys and also brought the four FYC marker buoys and 2000 zebra mussels back to shore. A big thank you to Tim Steffke, Don Baumgartner, Dick Synocwicz, Lady Helena, Dave Monk, Mike Soltis, Alec Chabalowski, and a "magic carpet" for making this happen. Again this year we are grateful to be able to borrow Juston Bise's fishing trawler. Alec & Anita generously picked out the priceless oriental rug to protect the trawler floor from all manner of anchor and chain.



Fleet Captain—Racing



Race Committee

Cap'n Steffke seems to have nerves of steel navigating the steel boat through all the big power yachts in the FYC west basin. PC Synowicz manned the lasso, and if he missed (no one was counting) someone else grabbed the buoy end with a boat hook. All buoys survived and even the chain tags that Holly and Anita attached were still legible.

ALL OF MY STORIES SEEM TO COALESCE ON THIS LAST DAY OF SUMMER: RC Harris was planning an anchor meet-up for a few days at Dunbar & Sullivan (Stony Island). Though Todd's engine let him down, we found out Puffin was up there, so we went and tied off with Jody for a few hours of R&R after all the chain and mud work-out. Thank you Todd for arranging this West Shore micro-cruise!

Due for dinner at FYC, we parted with our excellent company and headed back only to come across some boaters in distress by the Hickory channel buoys. A rigid



Crew of Jolee saves the day with a dinghy rescue!

inflatable center console was turtled, all the boaters were safe and unhurt, but the gaggle of small power boats couldn't manage to flip her back over. TowBoat US passed

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Vice Commodore

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by, but alas pulling another power boat. Jolee happens to have a 40 foot pole with a strong halyard and a two speed winch, so we were able to rig a line with Nemo's (skipper of said dinghy) help and pull her up in no time. And with a final push from Helena the last day of summer boating was finished on a positive note. **MORAL OF THE STORY:** Be careful jumping big power boat wakes in your fast dinghy.

READY TO HOIST!

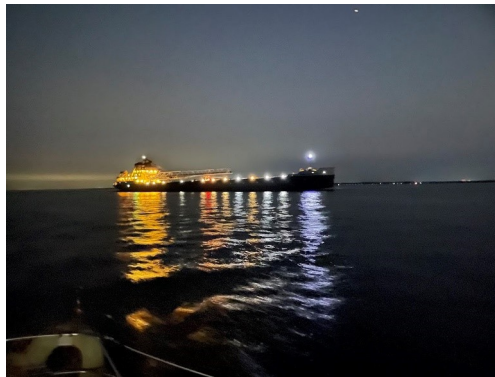
Sincerely,
2024 Vice Commodore Jonathan "Jon" Cotter



Spinnaker prep on True Love



True Love off to last race of the season



Night race freighter



Some pictures from the ISEA schooner Alliance. V/C Jonathan and Lady Helena got to visit the schooner while it was in Detroit in September. ISEA is the charity partner of our 2024 Lighthouse Challenge. Lily Heyns was captain, and Fred Sitkins, who gave an after-meeting program at WSSC earlier this year, was on board as well.

Not much other to say, they just did their program in Detroit. It was nice to get closer on the fund raising project.



*** PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LHC SPONSORS WHO HELP MAKE THIS CHALLENGE A SUCCESS ***



WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

2024

22ND ANNUAL LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE

Thank you to our sponsors and donors for your generosity in supporting our Lighthouse Challenge charity partner:

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- ◆ 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

WSSC 2024 Commodore
ANITA BERSIE-CHABALOWSKI
LADY ANA KUKLA

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JONATHAN P. COTTER
and
LADY HELENA THORNTON

MATT DUBOIS
FRANK PAVIA

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

*** WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR NOTICE OF WRAP-UP CRUISING COMMITTEE MTG. ***

From The Rear Commodore (including Cruising Report)

Todd Harris

WSSC 2024 CRUISING CALENDAR
Watch your email for notice from R/C Todd on a season wrap-up Cruising Committee meeting.

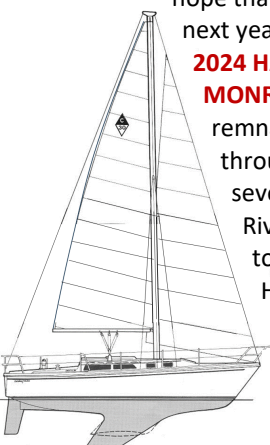
WSSC 2024 AFTER-MEETING PROGRAMS
Watch this space for news about upcoming after-meeting programs.



"On our way!" MBC "Cruzers"

IT'S SCARY! Even the spiders are already packing it in — not true for some of us hardened sailors. We are still eeking out every last moment of time on the water. I got my time in under sail the last two weekends in September. Now it's time to winterize, do maintenance, and make necessary repairs before tucking her in for "a long Winter's nap".

2024 "ON THE HOOK" ANCHORAGE AT LIVINGSTON CHANNEL (DUNBAR & SULLIVAN): S/V Puffin and S/V Jolee came out to hang out "on the hook" on a beautiful September Saturday for a few hours of relaxing fun. S/V Fandango nearly made it to the anchorage and would have if not for a water pump bearing failure that turned us back to port. I was really looking forward to this event and sure hope that I the chance to get to do this again next year!



2024 HARVEST MOON CRUISE TO MONROE BOAT CLUB (MBC): The remnants of hurricane Helene blew through on Friday. Four boats and several car cruisers made it down to River Raisin to close-out our Season together. S/V Blue Skies and S/V Heather had the wisdom to show up ahead of the weather. Fleet Captain

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

-Cruising Dave Wright and I signed on with Past Commodore Jody for the spirited ride to MBC after the winds calmed a bit. Aside from getting a little wet (well actually pretty soaked) and an unplanned jibe caused by following seas hitting our rear quarter hard and snapping the boom shackle, we fared well.

Overall, the weekend was a success. Thanks! to PC Dan Williamson for coordinating dock assignments. Also, Thanks! to Dave and Amy Wright for setting us up for a delicious dinner at the Harbor Hook & Grill. Aside from the sail cruisers, approximately 40 car cruzin' WSSC members found their way out for a memorable evening.

Sincerely,
2024 Rear Commodore Todd Harris



Fleet Captain—Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising

WSSC Anchor Weekend— On The Hook at Stony Island Northeast - Dunbar & Sullivan - just West of the Livingston Channel Upper Entrance Light. 42°7.916'N • 83°7.568'W. Members were invited to Relax, Chill, Swim, Listen to Music, Talk "Live" in-person (much better than chatting online), and general camaraderie to be had by all!



Puffin and Jolee at Stony Island (Dunbar & Sullivan)



At the Dunbar "Micro-cruise"

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 (usually the first Thursday of each month) or send an email to the Secretary. MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS can be requested by emailing the Secretary at wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com.



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

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

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

Sincerely,
2024 Secretary Jane Bersie



From the Treasurer

Mike Soltis

NOTABLE IN SEPTEMBER: WSSC donation to the Lighthouse Challenge charity, ISEA-Inland Seas Education Association, was made during the month of September. The financial summary table for the month of September was presented at the GMM and is available to members upon request.



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

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



From the Membership Officer

Lana Hawkins

CONSIDERING JOINING? You don't need to own a sailboat. Become an associate member for all the benefits of a regular member and no sailboat required.

Members may include a spouse or significant other residing at the same address.

If you join now your dues will cover you for the remainder of this year into early 2026.

Send an email to the membership officer wsscmembershipchair@gmail.com or come to a meeting at Whiskies on the Water in Wyandotte. Check the WestShoreSailClub.org website for date and time.



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

DO YOU KNOW OF A FRIEND (PERHAPS A CREW MEMBER) WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN WSSC? Now is the time to invite your sailing friends to take advantage of year-end discount. 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



WSSC Membership "By the numbers"	
TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	as of 10-1-2024
Regular Memberships	56
Associate Memberships	10
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS	66
Total Paid Memberships	61

WSSC memberships are also subdivided as follows:	
Individual Membership	23
Family Membership (2 people)	43
Life Memberships (non-paid)	6
Honorary Memberships	1
Total members	111

CELEBRATING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Membership Officer Lana Hawkins

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



- 7-Oct..... Peggy H.
- 8-Oct..... Susan S.
- 9-Oct..... Bernice W.
- 20-Oct..... Colleen B.
- 24-Oct..... Andrew L.
- 24-Oct..... Todd D.
- 29-Oct..... Patrick G.

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.

*** HARVEST FEST POTLUCK AND HAYRIDE ON SAT. OCTOBER 26TH STARTING 3:00PM ***

STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS:
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Amy Wright



OCTOBER EVENT: Don't forget HARVEST FEST at Laskey's Barn on Saturday, October 26th starting at 3pm. It's pot luck AND serving Phae's Phae-mous Sloppy Joes! Farmer Chuck promises a fun hayride, too! And the day winds down with S'mores at the firepit. Costumes optional, but welcome. (What will R/C Todd and Lady Maria be this time?)



NOVEMBER CAR CRUISE: Watch your email for the date of our next car cruise to THURSDAY BURGER NIGHT at MONROE BOAT CLUB. This is always a fun event and easy to get to now that the I-75 overpass construction is completed.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY CHARITY: Again this year, the club will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the TOYS-FOR-TOTS charity at our general membership meeting and Holiday Party on December 5th.

Sincerely,
2024 Activities Committee Chairperson Amy Wright



Other Committee News:

MEMORY ALBUM IN OUR 52ND 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?

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: The Starboard Tack is published mid-month after our monthly General Membership Meeting, with the July "vacation" issue published the last full week of July.

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 PHOTO CREDITS: We were glad to receive photos for this issue as listed on the various photo "fun" pages, and other photos shared by Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski, Secretary Jane Bersie, Lady Ana Kukla, PC John Kukla, Lady Christy Yee, Vice Commodore Jon Cotter, Rear Commodore Todd Harris, and Junior Staff Photographer Holly Chabalowski. Send your photos of WSSC events and submissions for the CAPTION CONTEST to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

TACKY TYPOS / THIS MONTH'S LIFESAVERS AWARDS: Thanks to Commodore Anita for catching a mislabeled photo as "Aboard the Family Truckster planning our race strategy". Says Anita, "Tack looks great. But one of your picture captions is a little off. We rarely do pre-race strategy with the spinnaker up." Oops.

And thanks to super-proofer Todd Duffett for catching another typo last month in the Commodore's Report. Oops! The Editor is going to get new glasses and, hopefully, we'll catch those typos before they get published—especially when we make typos in the Commodore's corner!

CAPTION CONTEST: We're catching up this month on the caption contest. The April caption contest had TWO winners: Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski and Treasurer Mike Soltis. Also congrats to September caption winner PC Chuck Laskey. Don't forget to submit your captions for the chance to win!

OTHER TACKY PRIZES: A special chocolate orange was awarded to PC Dave Monk for ... actually we forgot why. It was there in the prize bag and marked with a note that said, "Orange you glad?" So congratulations on your special prize, Dave. You're always a great supporter of the Tack so we're glad you won this special award for whatever reason!

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 help us out!

Sincerely,
Starboard Tack Editor Lea Ellwood-Filkins



September Caption Contest



Photo submitted by Lady Christy Yee

"I don't remember being THAT inebriated. "

WINNER! PC Chuck Laskey

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

OCTOBER CAPTION CONTEST



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

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 GA81337S. While 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 acquires points towards a future purchase. 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 Fall Meeting is Dec. 6-7, 2024 Westlake, Ohio
- I-LYA Spring Meeting Apr. 4-5, 2025 Westlake, OH
- I-LYA Junior Bay Week Jul. 13-17, 2025 Put-in-Bay, Ohio <https://www.facebook.com/ILYABayWeekPowerRegattasSrandJr/>
- I-LYA Power Regatta Jul. 23-27, 2025 Put-in-Bay, Ohio <https://www.facebook.com/ILYABayWeekPowerRegattasSrandJr/>
- I-LYA Bay Week (Senior Sail Week) Jul. 30-Aug. 3, 2025 Put-in-Bay, Ohio <https://www.facebook.com/ILYABayWeek>

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 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

IMPORTANT HEADS UP FROM DOUG ON CANADIAN CUSTOMS: "If one does not properly check into Canadian Customs, you can be subjected to a fine of not less than \$1,000."

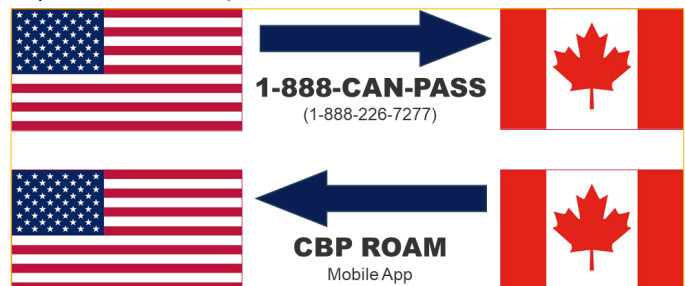
DO YOU HAVE YOUR DTOPS DECAL? Boats of length 30' or more need a DTOPS decal to return to the U.S. This number as well as a Trusted Traveler number (may not be required for boaters) should be entered into CBP Roam as well as passport numbers.



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/>



AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS — NEWS & INFORMATION

(continued)



**Inter-Lake Yachting Association
2024 FALL MEETING**



**December 6th and 7th, 2024
DoubleTree by Hilton
1100 Crocker Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145
440-871-6000 or 800-774-1500**

Please make your room reservation by November 5, 2024

The I-LYA room rate should be requested when making reservations.
(\$109 Standard room per night plus taxes and includes two breakfast buffets)
You can call the Hotel and ask for in house reservations to get the I-LYA rate or go online and
use group code: **916**

Or you can book online directly at: <https://bit.ly/ILYAFALL>

*Join us Friday evening in our Hospitality Rooms to socialize and network
and Saturday for the Organizational Meetings to help us plan 2025*

****Ladies Luncheon****

Saturday December 7, 2024 @ 12:00 noon

Name(s): _____ Club _____ # Attending _____

Cost: (\$25pp) – Club Sandwich with Tomato Soup, Fruit, Coffee Tea, Mimosas with Cheesecake for Dessert

****Commodore’s Ball and Change of Watch****

Saturday December 7, 2024

Cocktails (Cash Bar) 6:00 pm ---- Dinner 7:00 pm ---- Cost: (\$70 pp)

**Mixed green salad, Plated duo Entrée Featuring a 6oz Filet Mignon and Gourmet Chicken, Potato or Pasta,
Vegetable, Assorted Breads, Dessert & Beverages**

Dinner Attire: Black Tie (Optional)

Name(s): _____

Club: _____ # Attending _____

****reservations required****

RESERVE and PAY ONLINE@ <http://www.i-lya.org/reserve>

****Deadline for Dinner and Luncheon Reservations** is November 29, 2024.**

Please Make Checks Out To: I-LYA 2024

Send to Lady Sharon Kneisel 2264 104th St., Toledo, Ohio 43611

Phone 419-367-6503 (For Questions)

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: Lady Maryjo Gonzalez, PC John Kukla & Lady Ana Kukla, Holly Chabalowski



It's fun to arrive a little early and get dinner with friends at the meetings. The kitchen and bar stay open throughout the meeting.



Be sure to check out the CorkBoards at the meeting for news you can use.

Come to the meetings— we always have cake!



Guest Michelle was asked to draw the winning raffle ticket—and she won! Hmmm. It was all on the up-and-up; R/C Todd double-checked the numbers. Congrats Michelle! R/C Todd reminds us that the raffles support our Commodore's Ball.



Allison and Karen make sure every slice gets the most frosting!



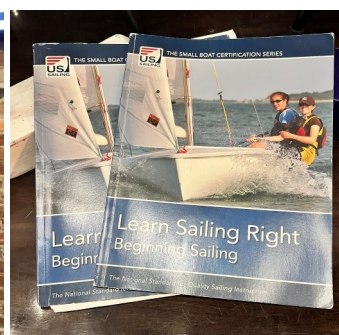
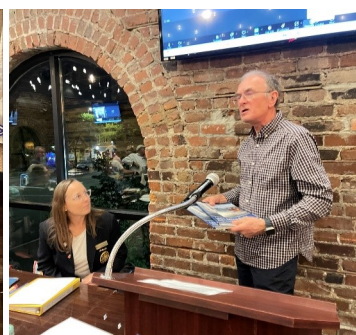
Membership Officer Lana counts memberships in the room and memberships attending viz Zoom to determine a quorum.



PC Carver Dumke starts the fall nominations and elections process at the Oct. meeting by opening nominations (see page 3). Final nominations and elections will be at the Nov. 6 Annual Meeting.



Editor Lea sends a message of appreciation noting that WSSC members always look out for their fellow sailors. After experiencing a series of mishaps this past year, PC John & Lady Lea receive a welcome present from PC Chuck and Lady Phae. It's bubble wrap to protect them from further injury in the coming sailing season.



PC 2022 John Kukla donates two copies of "Learn Sailing Right: Beginning Sailing" to the WSSC resource library. This reference is published by US Sailing.



SEPTEMBER BUOY HAUL-OUT

PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: V/C Jon Cotter



It was a beautiful day for hauling out the race course buoys—and the crew found ALL NINE BUOYS. Maybe the "magic" carpet brought luck in that regard?



The crew also hauled out the FYC channel markers in exchange for FYC storing our racing buoys again this winter.



Thanks to the whole crew for your hard work on behalf of WSSC!



SEPTEMBER HARVEST MOON CRUISE TO MONROE BOAT CLUB

PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: PC Jody Larrow, R/C Todd Harris, Lea Ellwood-Filkins, Junior Staff Photographer Holly Chabalowski, Commodore Anita



Tacking to MBC



TRAVELLING WITH WSSC MEMBERS THIS MONTH

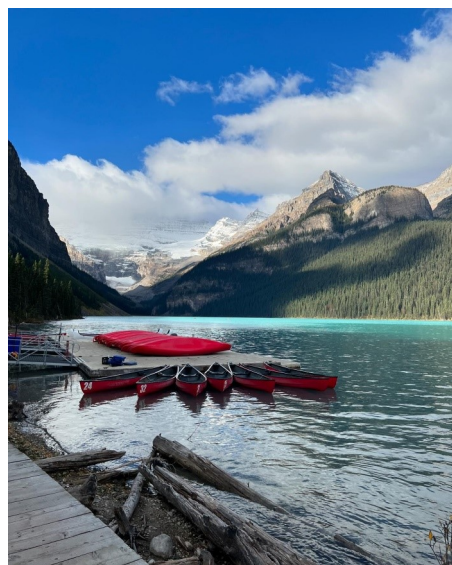
PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: V/C Jon Cotter, Secretary Jane Bersie, PC Russ and Lady Heather Simms

A paddle boat is still a boat! Paddling France with Secretary Jane

Jane Bersie and Chris Bair on a paddle boat on St Croix Lake – in France!. Reports Secretary Bersie, "The wind kicked up and we had to paddle like crazy to get back to the dock. We are going under the bridge in the smaller circle on the map. Fun? Yup!"



A canoe is a boat, too! Boating in Banff with PC Russ & Lady Heather



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S.A. (reported):	524.00 ft² / 48.68 m²
Beam:	11.25 ft / 3.43 m
Displacement:	11,500.00 lb / 5,216 kg
Ballast:	4,600.00 lb / 2,087 kg
Max Draft:	5.58 ft / 1.70 m
Construction:	FG
Ballast Type:	Iron
First Built:	1980
Last Built:	1984
# Built:	241
Builder:	O'Day Corp. (USA)
Designer:	C. Raymond Hunt Assoc./J. DeKnatel



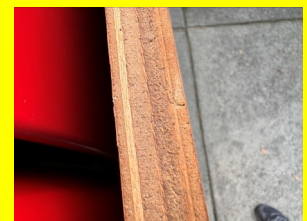
For Sale: 4' x 8' 3/4" MARINE TEAK PLYWOOD



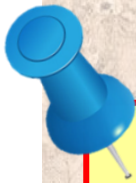
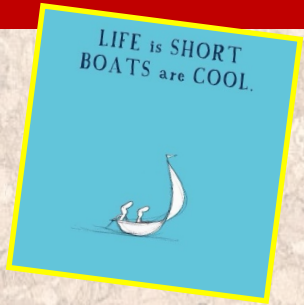
Cabinet quality.
Stored for over 15 years.
Miscellaneous Solid teak trim and pieces. (Over 100 board ft.)

\$300.00

Contact: Dick Shackelford
313-443-7112



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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-flotation-foam?variant=43199410929888>



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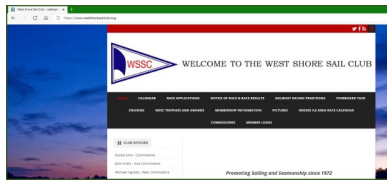
DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO OF A WSSC ACTIVITY OR EVENT? A DRAMATIC RESCUE AT SEA? A BEAUTIFUL SUNSET ON THE WATER? OR EVEN A BORING DAY WITH NO WIND BUT A GREAT CREW?

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

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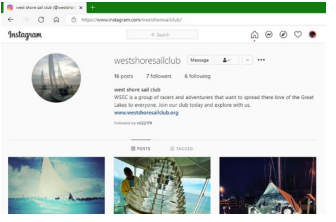
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www.westshoresailclub.org



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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
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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

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.




WSSC CONTACTS for 2024

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

+ indicates Board of Directors

OFFICE	OFFICER	EMAIL
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 Vice Commodore +	Jonathan Cotter	wsscvice Commodore@gmail.com
 Rear Commodore +	Todd Harris	wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com
Secretary +	Jane Bersie	wsscexecutive Secretary@gmail.com
Treasurer +	Mike Soltis	wsscfinancial@gmail.com
Membership Officer	Lana Hawkins	wsscmembershipchair@gmail.com
Director +	PC 2017/2018 David Monk	david.monk@hotmail.com
Director +	PC 2012 Chuck Laskey	claskey1954@yahoo.com

STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES

* indicates Standing Committee

OFFICE / COMMITTEE / ACTIVITY or EVENT	CONTACT	EMAIL
*Activities Chairperson	Amy Wright	amycwright@gmail.com
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*Audit Committee	Treasurer	mike@mikesoltis.com
Boat U.S. Representative	PC Doug Howe	d1howe@wowway.com
Budget Committee	Executive Committee	
By-Laws Committee	Commodores Committee	
Club Memory (Anniversary) Album	HELP! We need a volunteer!	send photos to joncotter@att.net
Commodore's Ball Chairperson	Maria Jose González	evoluciond229@hotmail.com
*Commodores Committee Co-Chairpersons	PC Carver Dumke (Co-Chairperson) PC Dave Monk (Co-Chairperson)	cadumke@gmail.com david.monk@hotmail.com
*Cruising Committee Chairperson	Rear Commodore	wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com
Cruising Log Master	PC Kathy Howe	kahowe@wowway.com
Fleet Captain—Cruising	Dave Wright	iamdave57@gmail.com
Fleet Captain—WNATR	PC Chris McCardell	courttofficer@att.net
Fleet Captain—Racing (Specialty Races)	PC Chris McCardell	courttofficer@att.net
Facebook Page Administrator	(contact through WSSC Facebook page)	
Historian	PC Mike Jablonski	mtjablonski@wowway.com
I-LYA Delegate	PC Kathy Howe	kahowe@wowway.com
M.C. (Commodore's Ball and Special Events Master of Ceremonies)		evoluciond229@hotmail.com
Meeting Programs	Rear Commodore	wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com
Membership Database updates	Lana Hawkins	wsscmembershipchair@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor (Starboard Tack)	Lea Ellwood-Filkins	wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com
Nomination Committee	Commodores Committee	wssc Commodore@gmail.com
PHRF-LE Delegate	HELP! We need a volunteer!	
PHRF-LE Measurer	PC Dick Synowiec PC Doug Howe	cptsnick1@gmail.com d1howe@wowway.com
Port Captains: Cruising Events	(see information on each Event in the "Activities Updates" section or on our website)	
Port Captains: Specialty Races	(see information on each Event in the "Activities Updates" section or on our website)	
*Racing Committee Chairperson	Vice Commodore	wsscvice Commodore@gmail.com
Social Media Moderator	Executive Committee	
Swap Meet Chairperson	PC Doug Howe	d1howe@wowway.com
Webmaster	Lance Yee	talkingdog@sbcglobal.net
WNATR Racing Committee Boat Chairperson	Fleet Captain-Racing	courttofficer@att.net (Chris McCardell)

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		
OCTOBER 2024		
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
WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT	Oct. 16 *Wednesday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain Racing
October CAR CRUISE	Oct. 26th *Saturday—3:00pm HARVEST FEST & HAYRIDE at Laskey's Farm	Activities Chairperson
NOVEMBER 2024		
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 ANNUAL MEETING and OFFICER ELECTIONS	Nov. 6 *Wednesday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: Election	Commodore
November CAR CRUISE	Date/Time TBD—Car Cruise to Thursday Burger Night at Monroe Boat Club	Activities Chairperson
DECEMBER 2024		
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 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
I-LYA 2024 Fall Meeting	Dec. 6-7 at Westlake, OH	Association Rep. PC Kathy Howe
New Officer Training	(TBD) New Officer training and document exchange	Commodore
December CAR CRUISE	TBD	Activities Chairperson
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	JAN. 2, 2025 *Thursday—7:30pm at Major Biddle's, Wyandotte PROGRAM: Celebrating with our new officers!	Commodore / M.C.
CRUISING COMMITTEE Meeting	Watch your email for details	Rear Commodore and Fleet Captain-Cruising
RACING COMMITTEE Meeting	Watch your email for details	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
January CAR CRUISE	TBD	Activities Committee Chairperson
FEBRUARY 2025		
DUES ARE DUE	Membership Dues are due Feb. 1st ("grace period" until end of February meeting)	Membership Officer
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Feb. 2 *Sunday—11:59:59pm for FEBRUARY Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING and EXEC. COMM. GOALS PRESENTATION	FEB. 6 *Thursday 7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: Executive Committee 2024 Goals Presentation	Commodore / Executive Committee
February CAR CRUISE	TBD	Activities Committee Chairperson
MARCH 2025		



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- To promote the sport of sailing and seamanship at a moderate cost to the members
- To promote competitive aspects of sailing
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