

Starboard Tack



WSSC: promoting the sport of sailing and seamanship since 1972 **NOVEMBER 2024**

- * **Racing Committee Meeting—Thursday Nov. 21 at Whiskeys (downstairs) ***
- * **Cruising Committee Meeting—Sunday Nov. 24 at 1pm ***
- * **December Membership Meeting and Holiday Party—Thursday Dec. 5 at 7:30pm ***
- * **Don't forget TOYS FOR TOTS at the Dec. 5 Holiday Party ***

From The Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

GREETINGS WEST SHORE SAILORS!

We've made it to November, but somebody forgot to tell the weather it's time to turn cold. While I'm enjoying raking leaves in a t-shirt under the warm sun, I'm a little sad we all put our boats away for the year already. I am personally hoping for a cold winter and to get my sailing fix on the ice as we've just made room in the garage for the iceboats to come out. Thankfully meanwhile we've had other fall activities to keep the fun going with our West Shore friends.

The **WSSC ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT** at Whiskey's on the Water on October 16th was a huge success.

We had a great turnout with just about every chair in the building filled. In addition to handing out many flags and trophies, there was plenty of time to socialize with fellow racers. Congratulations to Vice Commodore Cotter for organizing such a great event!

Saturday October 26th was

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



another gorgeous fall afternoon for the Harvest Fest at the Laskey's Barn! Phae's famous sloppy joes made an appearance, along with Don Baumgartner's Asian noodle salad. Chuck treated the guests to a nice hayride. Rear Commodore Todd Harris and Lady Maria were the best dressed pair decked out in full Dia de Los Muertos costumes.



If you missed any of these fun WSSC events, don't worry we've got plenty more activities in the works for the off-season. Both **THE RACING COMMITTEE AND THE CRUISING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD THEIR END OF SEASON WRAP UP MEETINGS** to reflect on the past year and ideas for next season. (See the Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore pages for meeting dates.)

We are hoping to return to a more festive and party atmosphere for the **DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & HOLIDAY PARTY WITH OUR ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS GIFT COLLECTION, GAMES, AND A HOLIDAY ORNAMENT SWAP**. Keep an eye on the Starboard Tack, the club website, e-mails, and the club Facebook Page for the latest happenings.

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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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PHOTOS: (above left) New winter toy (Nite iceboat) catching a ride home from the west side of the state 11/2. (above right & center) Boat transport up river past downtown and Gordy Howe Bridge for winter storage 10/26

As we are nearing the end of the year, the Executive Committee and I have been working on "taking care of business" behind the scenes. This includes discussions on the club website and a new proposed website position, understanding our club insurance policy, thinking about next year's budget, and filling board positions coming vacant. Our aim



is to keep the club humming along in good shape so we can all continue to enjoy West Shore Sail Club for years to come.

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR FRESH HELP AND NEW PERSPECTIVES SO PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR AN OPENING IF YOU ARE ABLE.

Sincerely,
2024 Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

WSSC December Holiday Party

supporting the Marine Toys for Tots charity drive



BRING YOUR UNWRAPPED TOY DONATION TO THE DECEMBER 5th MEETING and HOLIDAY PARTY

Again this year we are supporting the Marine Toys for Tots organizations at our Holiday Party. If you can help Santa this year, please bring a donation for our charitable project.

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy suitable for a child aged 2-12. "The primary goal of Marine Toys for Tots is, through the gift of a new toy*, to help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children."



A look back at the 2022 WSSC holiday charity drive

The U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is a 501(c)(3) foundation. *Toys for Tots does not accept realistic looking toy weapons.

Sail MORE with WEST SHORE in '24





November VOTING RESULTS

STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS: PAST COMMODORES COMMITTEE



ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS: The process for election of WSSC officers and directors began at the October meeting. Nominations were accepted up until the November annual meeting. PC David Monk, Co-chairperson of the Past Commodores Committee (which oversees the election process), conducted the finalization of nominations and conducted the election process.

CONGRATULATIONS! The following persons were elected to serve on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

FLAG OFFICER:

- Jonathan Cotter—Commodore
- Todd Harris—Vice Commodore
- Mike Soltis—Rear Commodore

OFFICERS:

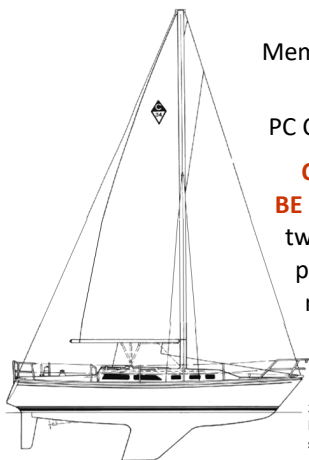
Membership Officer - Lana Hawkins

DIRECTORS:

PC Chuck Laskey and PC David Monk

OFFICER POSITIONS WAITING TO BE FILLED: Members will notice that two Executive Committee officer positions are unfilled at this time, namely SECRETARY and TREASURER.

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

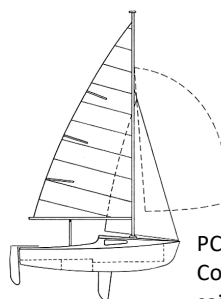


The Past Commodores Committee is seeking volunteers and nominations to fill those two open positions. If you are a member and available to serve your club as Secretary or Treasurer, please contact PC Carver Dumke or PC David Monk.

The Past Commodores Committee is offering a "job-sharing" option for the Secretary officer position on the Executive Committee. Perhaps you are available in the off-season, but cruising the Great Lakes in the summer and would like to share the Secretary duties with someone who would be available for the summer meetings. Contact PC Carver or PC David if this might work out for you!



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

Volunteers needed for unfilled positions



TREASURER: The Treasurer serves on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors keeping the club's finances. As you would expect, income (from dues, etc.) is tracked and deposited, and club expenses are paid by the Treasurer. Bonus! Our

most recent Treasurer has just been elected Rear Commodore, so he will remain close by to train the new Treasurer and be available as a continuing resource. You don't need a degree in accounting—just basic math skills and a willingness to serve.



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.

www.westshoresailclub.org



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.



ALBUM-KEEPER: The Club Album is the "photo wall" of our club. The Album-Keeper helps new members create their own individual club sailing memories pages, and encourages and helps members, new and old, to keep their pages updated. The Club Album is a

treasure that is often displayed at meetings and events.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WestShoreSailClub/>

*** RACING COMMITTEE WRAP-UP MEETING THU. NOV. 21 AT 7:30PM ***

From The Vice Commodore (including Racing Report)

Jonathan "Jon" Cotter

WSSC 2024 RACING CALENDAR
WRAP-UP RACING COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday NOV 21 7:30pm at Whiskeys

AWARDS NIGHT: We had a really fun and well attended Awards night this past October 16th. Many full crews attended and Whiskeys was standing room only when the Awards presentation finally started up. Thanks again to all who attended! It was a huge challenge for me to help manage the race program, and a whole lot of fun being able to participate in 15 races altogether.

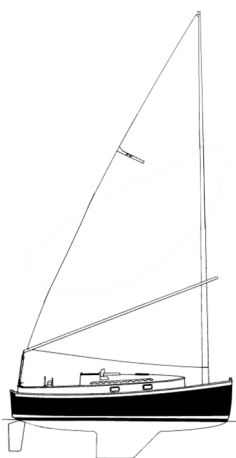


Many thanks to Anita, Todd, and Jane for helping me through the awards handout and to Helena and Mike Soltis for taking pictures of all the winning crews. This year I managed to get 9 of our unused flags repurposed and at the same time managed to not shortchange any one of a flag or trophy, Well except one! Our boat Jolee earned the pickle flag in the (very slow) Jack & Jill race and it was missed in the order. Jolee had to settle for a jar of (way too spicy) pickles.

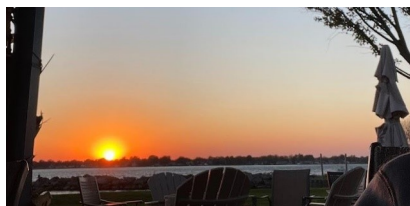


SCENIC SPLENDOR FALL SAILING:

October being one of our states most scenic months it is always satisfying to get in one more sail. Little did we know there were a dozen more perfect weather opportunities. We got our sail October 6th and had almost too much wind for our double reef. Against some friendly advice we did



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



Sunset is over Gibraltar from FYC patio.



Fleet Captain—Racing



Race Committee

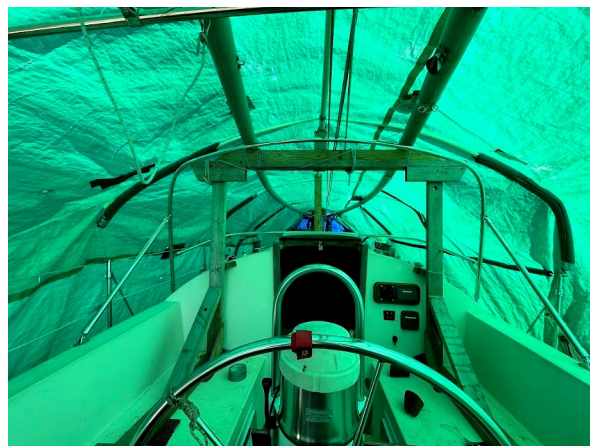
go out and had a short exciting look at the conditions. While we were out we saw the sleek USS Nantucket (LCS 27) coming out of the Livingston channel. She was on her way to being commissioned in Boston, unfortunately not running at her rated speed of 40+ knots.



USS Nantucket (LCS 27), due to be commission November 16th in Boston. One of the new controversial class of Littoral combat ships. Built in Marinette, Wisconsin homeport will be in Mayport Florida.

Due to conditions we chose not to chase her down to get a better look and ended up doing an unsuccessful hat-overboard drill. Then we motored back to FYC before the 30 knot gusts were due to start.

ON THE HARD: Now Jolee is out and tucked away between “Hellion” and my name-sake “Jonathan Patrick” for the winter. So time comes to contemplate 2025 upgrades.



The Nonsuch wishbone boom must be stored on deck but make a nice support for cheap res-usable tarps.

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Vice Commodore

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DON'T MISS THE RACING COMMITTEE WRAP-UP: Next up is our last Race Committee meeting for the 2024 racing season where we can take a good look at how WSSC did and what we might want to change in 2025. The meeting will be held at Whiskeys (downstairs) at 7:30 on November 21st. If you have any comments at all on the race season, good or bad, please let me know and I will report them in my agenda.

HELM'S A'LEE,

Sincerely,
2024 Vice Commodore Jonathan "Jon" Cotter



PEACEFUL SAILING ON LAKE ERIE 2024



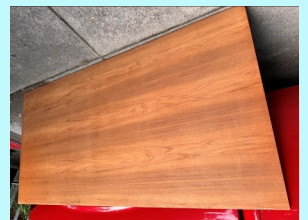
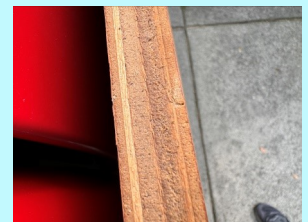
For Sale: 4' x 8' 3/4" MARINE TEAK PLYWOOD



JUST IN TIME FOR YOUR WINTER WOODWORKING PROJECTS:

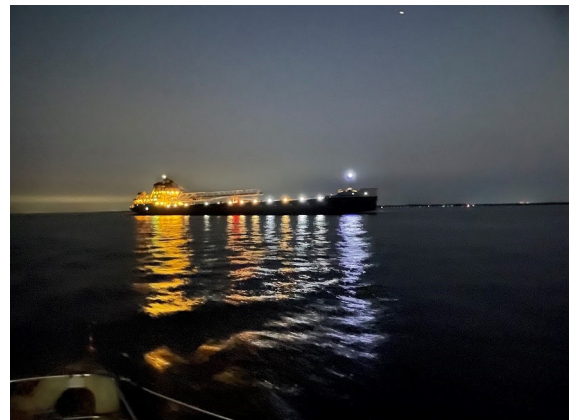
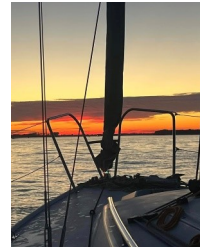
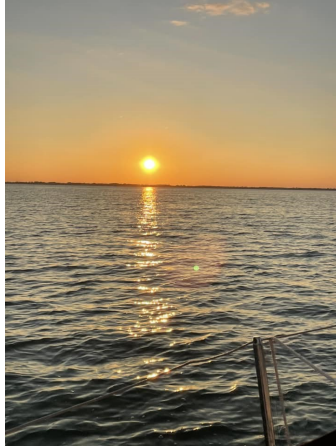
Cabinet quality. Stored for over 15 years. Miscellaneous Solid teak trim and pieces. (Over 100 board ft.) \$300.00

**Contact: Dick Shackelford
313-443-7112**



2024 RACING SEASON MEMORIES

PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: Patti Baur-Duffett, Anita Bersie-Chabalowski, Jon Cotter, Lana Hawkins



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2024

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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
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LADY ANA KUKLA

WSSC 2024 Vice Commodore
JONATHAN P. COTTER
and
LADY HELENA THORNTON

MATT DUBOIS
FRANK PAVIA

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

*** CRUISING COMMITTEE WRAP-UP MEETING SUN. NOV. 24 AT 1PM ***

From The Rear Commodore (including Cruising Report)

Todd Harris

WSSC 2024 CRUISING CALENDAR
CRUISING COMMITTEE WRAP-UP MEETING
 Sunday, Nov. 24th at 1pm
 (contact Todd at wssvicecommodore@gmail.com
 for location and directions)

WSSC 2024 AFTER-MEETING PROGRAMS
 Thurs. Dec. 5 Meeting and HOLIDAY PARTY!

IT'S A WRAP! 2024 CRUISING SEASON SUMMARY:

- May Memorial Weekend—Toledo Beach (Lake Erie)
- June Commodore's Tea—Leamington (Lake Erie)
- July Week-Long—Port Huron to Port Sanilac (Lake Huron)
- August Late Summer—Toledo Yacht Club (Lake Erie)
- September Harvest Moon—Monroe Boat Club (Lake Erie)

The 2024 cruising season was one full of good memories. This year we travelled near and far to both familiar and some less frequently visited ports. How many of our weekend and week-long cruises did you get out to enjoy? If you're interested in joining WSSC cruises next year, this is the time of year that we ask for your input to improve our next season and broaden participation. Even if you prefer racing a sailboat, are a power boater (maybe even a tug/trawler!) we want you to feel welcome to join in on our cruise events. Let us know what we can do to peak your interest. Even if you can't make the get together, please feel free to offer your feedback to us. Be sure to look for details of our upcoming Cruise Committee Meeting hosted by Fleet Captain, Dave Wright.

Even with the end of the boating season, the cruising never stops! We are still coming together for car cruises and other activities. During October, the Laskey's hosted another



The Rear Commodore and his Lady enjoy WSSC Harvest Fest



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

Harvest Fest. Mary and I took the opportunity to get dressed up in costume celebrating the Mexican tradition of "Dia de los Muertos" as the characters Katrina & Katrin.

A CRUISER GOES RACING: Also in October was the Racing Awards Ceremony hosted by VC Jonathan Cotter – Great Job! This year I raced on Hussell. Thanks to our Captain, PC Russell Sims, for helping our crew grow as a team and even eventually win a few races. I really enjoy getting involved in this amazing sport! If you might be interested in entering a race or joining a crew, just let me know.

You can expect to hone your sailing skills and maybe even learn a new trick or two. My involvement with the WNATRs will continue next year as I look forward to being your Vice Commodore.

MY WINTER PLANS: I usually do most of my boat maintenance at the start of the season, but this year I am ahead of schedule thanks to a worn out water pump! All replaced and tested out. Ready for another 30 years of service!

Like many of you, I always have some on-going boat project. This year my winter project is a mast pull. I will be reviewing, performing maintenance and upgrading the rigging, lights and instruments above the deck. Now that it has been pulled and inspected, there will be several things to learn as I get the parts on order and plan to install as soon as the weather breaks in spring. For now, Fandango is tucked away in her cradle for a long winter's nap.

Sincerely,
 2024 Rear Commodore Todd Harris



Fleet Captain—Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising



2024 CRUISING SEASON MEMORIES



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.

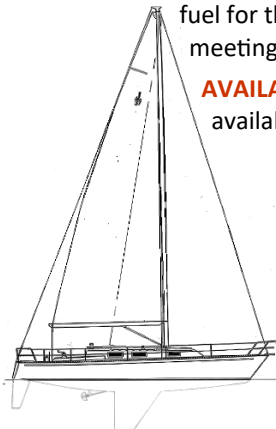
MAILING LISTS FOR FRIENDS OF THE CLUB: If you know a non-member (perhaps one of your racing crew or a cruising buddy) who would like to receive our meeting notices and/or our club newsletter (Starboard Tack), please send their name and email address to the Secretary.

Sincerely,
2024 Secretary Jane Bersie

From the Treasurer

Mike Soltis

NOTABLE IN OCTOBER: The financial summary table for the month of October was presented at the November GMM and is available to members upon request. A "Thank You" contribution was made for fuel for the buoy haul-out. Also, work is ongoing on the 2025 budget. The December meeting is targeted for presentation of this budget proposal.



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

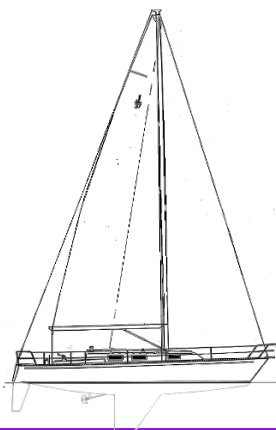


From the Membership Officer

Lana Hawkins

NEWEST MEMBERS: It's official! We have new members this November. WSSC welcomes Roy and Beth Baker as our newest members. The Baker's are co-owners of the 33 foot LS10 named Go Baby docked at Grosse Ile Yacht Club. Welcome aboard!

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: WSSC now has 67 total memberships with 113 people.



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

Sincerely,
2024 Membership Officer Lana Hawkins



WSSC Membership "By the numbers"	
MEMBERSHIPS	as of 11-7-2024
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS	67
Total Paid Memberships	62

WSSC memberships are also subdivided as follows:	
Regular Memberships	57
Associate Memberships	10
Individual Membership	23
Family Membership (2 people)	44
Life Memberships	6
Honorary Memberships	
Total members	113

CELEBRATING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Membership Officer Lana Hawkins

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1-Nov.....PC Doug H
- 3-Nov.....RC Todd H
- 6-Nov.....PC Vern M
- 8-Nov.....Karen Z
- 9-Nov.....Gale L
- 16-Nov...PC Dick S
- 19-Nov...Jane B
- 30-Nov...John S
- 28-Nov...Helena T
- 30-Nov...Don B
- 3-Dec.....Andrew J
- 4-Dec.....PC Jody L
- 4-Dec.....Lana H
- 7-Dec.....Brenda W
- 13-Dec...PC Mike J
- 21-Dec...PC Russell S
- 26-Dec...John K
- 28-Dec...PC Bryce B

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.

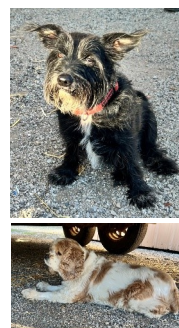
STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS: ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Amy Wright

HARVEST FEST WAS FALL FUN! PC Chuck and Lady Phae hosted the club for the annual Harvest Fest. The weather was cool, but beautiful. The food was great—the friends were great! A good time was had by all!



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. Toys should be appropriate for ages 2-12, new, and unwrapped. (Remember that realistic-looking toy guns are not accepted by the Marine Reserve Toys for Tots program.)



REPORTING FROM HARVEST FEST 2024: While Lady MaryJo and RC Todd were fabulous as La Katrina and Katrin, her Wealthy Gentleman, and Lea was really on point dressed up as a clumsy person, the BEST COSTUME award had to go to Diesel and Janey who came dressed up as "Two Dogs"

WATCH THIS SPACE AND YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE CLUB ACTIVITIES THIS WINTER!

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 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 Anita Chabalowski, Patti Baur-Duffett, Lea Ellwood-Filkins, Jon Cotter, Helena Thornton, our own Junior Staff Photographer Holly Chabalowski.

HELP US OUT WITH YOUR BEST, FUN, OR FUNNY PHOTOS: 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 Todd Duffett for catching so many typos he received TWO LifeSavers awards this month. Oops. And then he shared one of his awards with Commodore Anita when she caught her own typo in a proposal during the meeting. Todd, you're a gentleman and hilarious.

CAPTION CONTEST: Congratulations to last month's caption contest winner member Barb Mainzinger. Don't forget to submit your captions for the chance to win! Forms are available at the membership meeting or send your entry to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

OTHER 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 help us out!



Sincerely,
Starboard Tack Editor Lea Ellwood-Filkins

October Caption Contest

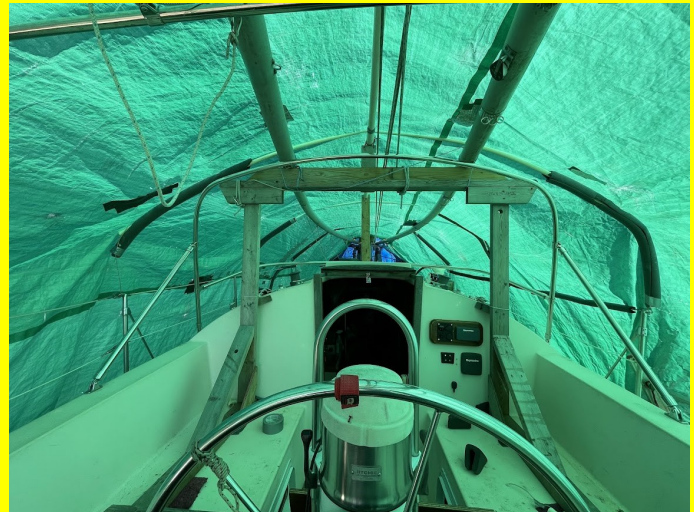


"I told you to take a shower before we left!"

WINNER! Barb Mainzinger

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

NOVEMBER CAPTION CONTEST



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

Join us at our GMMs (General Membership Meetings) on the first Thursday of each month. WE ALWAYS HAVE BIRTHDAY CAKE! AND FUN! AND OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF!

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>.



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Note that West Marine store on Telegraph is closed permanently and the next closest store is Toledo.
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/>

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- I-LYA Fall Meeting is Dec. 6-7, 2024 Westlake, Ohio (Commodore Anita will be representing WSSC at this event.)
 - 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.

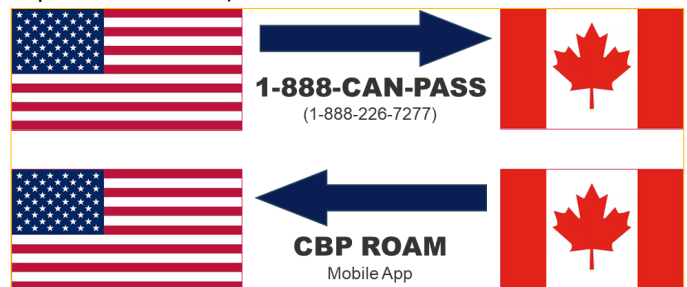


CBP ROAM REQUIRED: US requires the use of CBP Roam.

FOR MORE INFORMATION or to sign-up go to: <https://tftp.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. Nexus incorrectly. The current cost is \$120 valid for 5 years.

Information on Nexus and the other Trusted Traveler programs is at <https://tftp.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)

NOVEMBER ANNUAL MEETING of the MEMBERSHIP

PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: Lea Ellwood-Filkins, MaryJo Gonzalez



(above left) PAST COMMODORES COMMITTEE meeting before the club's Annual Meeting to finalize details on nominations and election procedures. (above middle and right) Everyone likes meeting and eating and greeting before the meeting!



(above) Although there was a little trouble with sharing the screens in the meeting room for the reports, the Zoom participants were A-OK. And nobody had trouble seeing the reports from Holiday Elf and Raffle Volunteer—Lady MaryJo! Don't forget the holiday party December 5th!



(left) There was a BOATLOAD of birthday celebraters at the November meeting. HBTY everyone!

(right) Member Don B. reads over a proposed amendment for a Website Committee.

(below) The 50/50 raffle proceeds support our Commodore's Ball. This month there was a prize basket, too! Congrats!



Hey! We won!

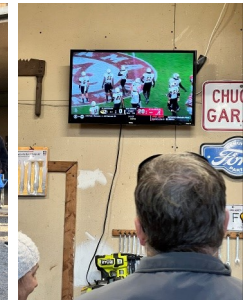


OCTOBER HARVEST FEST FUN

PHOTO CONTRIBUTORS: Junior Staff Photographer Holly Chabalowski, Mike Soltis, John Filkins, Anita Chabalowski



It was a beautiful day for Harvest Fest down at Laskey's barn. The potluck was plentiful with Phae's Phae-mous Sloppy Joes & Don's Asian noodle salad some fan favorites!

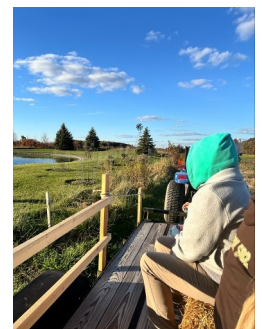


Don't miss the results of the costume "contest" in the Activities Chairperson's report on page 11.

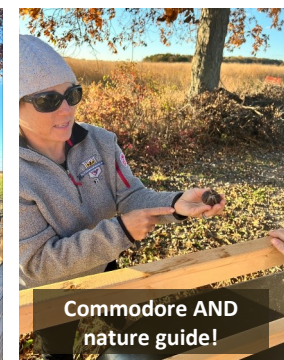
A HAYRIDE WITH YOUR SAILING BUDDIES IS THE BEST FUN!



Thanks for the hayride Farmer Chuck!



This hickory tree was the "stump-puller" for clearing these fields.



Commodore AND nature guide!

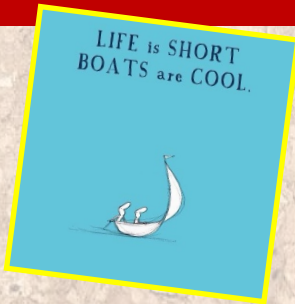


Ryan braved a hike in the haunted woods!



This crazy owl landed on Commodore Anita's head!

THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"



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BAKERY AND COFFEE SHOP

Fresh bread, donuts, pies, cookies, and pastries. Custom cakes. Seasonal treats.

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Trenton, MI 48183
734-676-1940
elliottsbakery.com

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Sun: Closed

Enjoy our full Espresso bar!

Thank you to Elliott's Bakery and Coffee Shop for your support over the years of our birthday celebrations. Your support makes our meetings quite delicious!



See page 20
for WSSC calendar of
meetings, events,
 races, cruises,
 and fun fun fun!

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

SEND YOUR PHOTO(S) TO THE STARBOARD TACK NEWSLETTER



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

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


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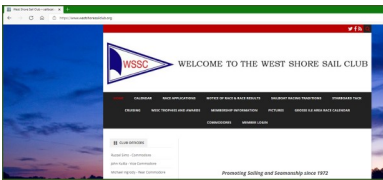
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SUBMIT articles, classifieds, ads, and other information to EDITOR-STARBOARD TACK at wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

From The Webmaster

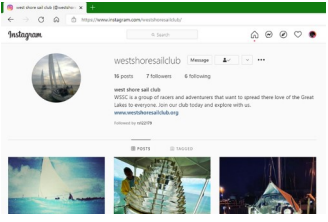
 VISIT OUR **WEBSITE** with links to racing and cruising calendars, notice of races, cruising awards registration, and more!
www.westshoresailclub.org



 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.




WSSC CONTACTS for 2024

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS + indicates Board of Directors		
OFFICE	OFFICER	EMAIL
 Commodore +	Anita Bersie-Chabalowski	wssccommodore@gmail.com
 Vice Commodore +	Jonathan Cotter	wsscvicecommodore@gmail.com
 Rear Commodore +	Todd Harris	wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com
Secretary +	Jane Bersie	wsscexecutivesecretary@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
Advertising (ad placement)	Starboard Tack Editor	WSSCstarboardtack@gmail.com
*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	wssccommodore@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	wsscvicecommodore@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		
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 & Zoom PROGRAM: Elections	Commodore
November CAR CRUISE	Thu. Nov. 14—5:30pm-7:00pm BURGER NIGHT at Monroe Boat Club	Activities Chairperson
RACING COMMITTEE Meeting	Thu. Nov. 21—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water (downstairs)	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
CRUISING COMMITTEE Meeting	Sun. Nov. 24—1:00pm at RC Todd's home	Rear Commodore and Fleet Captain-Cruising
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 and festive ornament exchange	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
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. 9, 2025 *Thursday—7:30pm at Major Biddle's, Wyandotte PROGRAM: Celebrating with our new officers!	Commodore / M.C.
CRUISING COMMITTEE Meeting	(tentative) Jan. 18 *Sat.	Rear Commodore and Fleet Captain-Cruising
RACING COMMITTEE Meeting	(TBD)	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
January CAR CRUISE to _____	(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 to _____	(TBD)	Activities Committee Chairperson
MARCH 2025		
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Mar. 2 *Sunday—11:59:59pm for March Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING	MAR. 6 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
March CAR CRUISE	Mar. __ *Day—_____ time to _____	Activities Committee Chairperson
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Mar. 30 *Sunday—11:59:59pm for April Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
APRIL 2025		
COMMODORE'S BALL "SAVE THE DATE" — SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH		



West Shore Sail Club

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- To promote the sport of sailing and seamanship at a moderate cost to the members
- To promote competitive aspects of sailing
- To bring to the sailing family the pleasure and good fellowship to be found in yachting