

Starboard Tack



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DECEMBER 2024

Next deadline for Starboard Tack articles, photos, and ads is Sunday January 5 *

- * January Membership Meeting and CHANGE OF WATCH—SECOND THURSDAY January 9 at 7:30pm *
- * THE CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY AT JANUARY 9TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING *
- * Next Cruising Committee Planning Meeting—Sunday Jan. 12 at 1:00pm *
- * Watch your email for notice of next Racing Committee in January *
- * SAVE THE DATE: COMMODORE'S BALL IS SAT. APRIL 5, 2025 *

From The Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

CHILL OUT WEST SHORE SAILORS! Southeast Michigan has officially turned cold, with short days, frosted windshields, and a dusting of white stuff on the ground. With the change in weather, I've shifted my focus from reflecting on warm sunny soft water sailing to dreaming of cold hard ice. That's right, it's iceboating season, and I can't wait to get out on the frozen lakes



Commodore Anita and Gentleman Alec (on left) represent WSSC at the I-LYA fall meeting with WSSC members Patti Baur-Duffett and Todd Duffett.

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

and sail fast. The ice is not quite ready to venture out on, but we are

just one cold



snap away. Meanwhile, the family and I have been getting our ice fix in at Toledo Walleye hockey games and at man-made ice-skating rinks. Anyone else a fan of these cold winter months?

RACING COMMITTEE: Of course, the winter months also mean it is time to get busy planning NEXT summer's fun. The West Shore Race Committee met on Wednesday, November 20th to recap the 2024 season, and review ideas for 2025.

More meetings are expected for January to shore up course recommendations and 2025 Boat Of The Year criteria.

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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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Anita & family are hoping for some good sailing ice this winter, so we've been enjoying some ice activities to inspire a freeze. (top left and bottom left) Toledo Walleye ECHL Hockey game. (top right and bottom right) Two pictures from Thanksgiving weekend ice skating in Wisconsin. "I even skated backwards and didn't fall down once!"

Speaking of BOTY, don't forget the application deadline for 2024 award is January 31st, 2025 to be considered.

CRUISING COMMITTEE: The Cruising Committee, hosted by Rear Commodore Todd Harris, held their year-end wrap-up as well on Sunday November 24th. New ideas and perspectives are always welcome, so please don't be shy to get involved with the Racing or Cruising Committees.

I-LYA FALL MEETING: Additionally, Gentleman Alec and I are looking forward to attending the I-LYA Fall Meeting the first weekend of December in West Lake, Ohio. I will serve as the club's delegate, attending meet the candidates, the sail fleet meetings, and the general meeting on Saturday. But I really look forward to the Friday night social, mingling with

fellow I-LYA club boaters and leaders. I will provide a full report at the January GMM and in the next Starboard Tack (and will try to live up to the Howe's past thorough reports).

A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL! Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all the West Shore Sail Club members and friends a very restful and joyful holiday season! I am so thankful to all the volunteers who've contributed to making 2024 a great year for our club. I look forward to sharing the end of year celebrations together!

Sincerely,
2024 Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

Sail MORE with WEST SHORE in '24



HAPPY HOLIDAYS! to all of our West Shore Sail Club



*** Members * Families * Friends ***

Best wishes for happy holidays from the officers of WSSC
Board of Directors, Executive Committee & Past Commodores Committee



AND SAFE TRAVELS TO ALL UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

on the land (see you at our January meeting) and on the sea (join us next season for racing and cruising)!

OUR OFFICERS: (center) 1-Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski with her Gentleman Alec Chabalowski, (top left continuing counter-clockwise) 2-Vice Commodore Jonathan Cotter with his Lady Helena Thornton, 3-Secretary Jane Bersie, 4-Director and Past Commodores Committee Co-chairperson PC David Monk, 5-Past Commodores Committee Co-chairperson PC Carver Dumke, 6-Fleet Captain-Racing PC Chris McCardell, 7-Representatives to Affiliate Organizations PC Doug Howe and PC Kathy Howe, 8-Activities Committee Chairperson Amy Wright and Fleet Captain-Cruising Dave Wright, 9-Director PC Chuck Laskey, 10-Treasurer Mike Soltis and Membership Officer Lana Hawkins, 11-Rear Commodore Todd Harris

STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS: PAST COMMODORES COMMITTEE



CONGRATULATIONS! The following persons were elected to serve on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors at the November Annual Meeting of the Membership of WSSC.



FLAG OFFICERS:

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

OFFICERS:

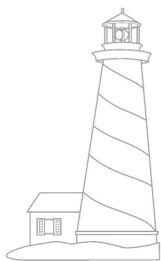
Membership Officer - Lana Hawkins

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.**

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,



"In between boats" right now, PC 2013 Carver, 2024 Commodores Committee Co-chairperson, sails with Lady Allison on other people's boats

please contact PC Carver Dumke or PC David Monk.

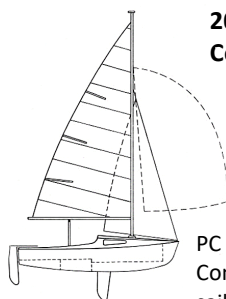
The Past Commodores Committee is offering a "job-sharing" option for the Secretary officer position on the Executive Committee. Perhaps you are available in the off-season, but cruising the Great Lakes in the summer and would like to share the Secretary duties with someone who would be available for the summer meetings. Or maybe you need to share because you are away for the winter. 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



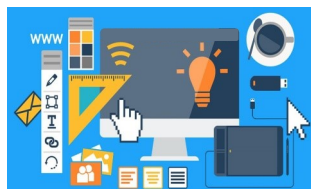
PC 2017/2018 David, 2024 Director and Commodores Committee Co-chairperson sails (*too small to name*) – a Sirocco 15

Volunteers needed for 2025 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.



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.



WE NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS—ARE YOU AVAILABLE?

*** NEXT RACING COMMITTEE MEETING ... WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR NEWS ***

From The Vice Commodore (including Racing Report)

Jonathan "Jon" Cotter

RACING COMMITTEE WRAP-UP: Our committee members came together on November 20th for one last hurrah with regard to the 2024 Wednesday Night and specialty races. Somewhere in November Jolee got her well deserved Pickle flag for our becalmed Jack & Jill. We had a nice season of racing to report on with only a few weather cancellations, no protests, and good participation. Below (*bottom right*) is the participation survey from the last four years.

We still have potential to increase racing on our three speciality races, especially in the cruising and JAM classes. I was skeptical when we were first encouraged to race by PC Susan Ashley, but have never looked back. (OK we are usually sailing back there!). We have learned a ton and always appreciate some more competition. I wish the best of luck to Todd Harris as he takes on the racing responsibility in 2025. The Racing Committee will be much the same in 2025 and he can expect the same excellent support I was offered.

Some improvements have been appreciated in the digital payments and signups. Most of us have resigned our selves to the power of the interwebs, QR codes, and our ubiquitous smart phones. Even my 90-years-young mother Facetimes

her little sister in UK most weeks. The new website committee will see to it that the website and functionality of the documents will improve over the years.

END-OF-SEASON: All of us missed the extra potential sailing weekends we could have had, but we got on our bicycles often and did



Buoy Survivor: handle design has one year under its belt, maybe needs improvement



Lighthouse Challenge T-shirt still available (now long-sleeved). \$20 cost is strictly fund raising.



Pickle Flag: our racing pride and joy?

10 nm or so - our typical day sail. In other news I gave some attention to my Dyer Dowh dinghy. Poor IRONDEQUOIT needs some water time next year!

We had such an efficient and nice weather haul-out this year that its seems ages ago. Now it's the right temperature to be climbing the icy ladder and looking for something you left on the boat.

Luckily, I remembered to take my Vice Commodore burgee off the boat, getting ready for the big handoff!

HELM'S A'LEE,

Sincerely,
2024 Vice Commodore
Jonathan "Jon" Cotter



Fleet Captain—Racing



Race Committee



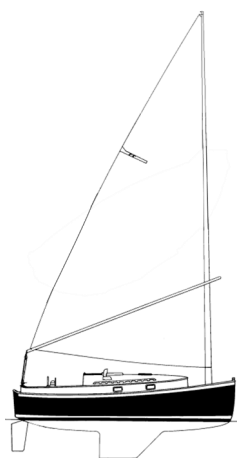
"That's a wrap!" Not pretty, but environmentally responsible.



Dinghy Oh Oh! We're sinking!



Drier Dyer dinghy.



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

Race Years Compared R/C November 2024 - Race entries									
	Total signups	WNATR-Spin	WNATR-Jam	L.H.C.	#divs	D.H.	#divs	J&J	#divs
2021	62	20	10	18	4	0	cancel	14	3
2022	47	20	10	9	3	0	cancel	8	1
2023	59	20	9	18	5	3	1	9	1
2024	60	21	8	12	4	7	2	12	1

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



WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

2024

22ND ANNUAL LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE

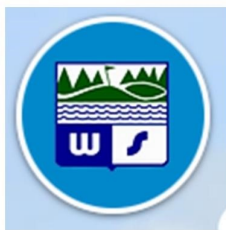
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- ◆ Join your friends at West Shore Sail club for our monthly general membership meetings and programs on the FIRST THURSDAY of each month, upstairs at Whiskeys on the Water at Biddle and Oak in Wyandotte.
- ◆ If you would like to join our mailing list to receive the STARBOARD TACK newsletter, send a note to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

WSSC 2024 Commodore
ANITA BERSIE-CHABALOWSKI
LADY ANA KUKLA

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 PLANNING MEETING SUN. JAN. 12 AT 1:00PM *

From The Rear Commodore (including Cruising Report)

Todd Harris

WSSC 2024 CRUISING CALENDAR

Sunday January 12 at 1:00pm
next Cruising Committee Meeting
at the Soltis/Hawkins house 19545 Parke Lane
Grosse Ile, MI 48138

WSSC 2024 AFTER-MEETING PROGRAMS

WATCH THIS SPACE for news of upcoming programs of interest to you!

A SUCCESSFUL 2024 CRUISING SEASON:

May – Toledo Beach (Lake Erie)
June – Leamington (Lake Erie)
July – Port Sanilac (Lake Huron)
August – Toledo (Lake Erie)
Sept – Monroe (Lake Erie)

DECEMBER CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING

SUMMARY:

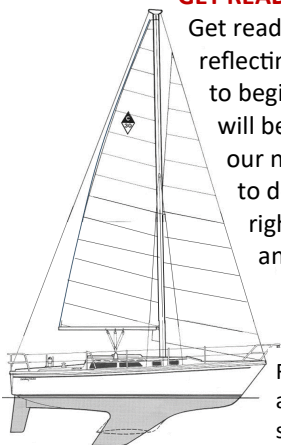
This year, just before Thanksgiving, Lady Maria and I were able to host the 2024 WSSC Cruising Committee Season Wrap-up Meeting at our home. Everyone who drove out to our place (or joined online) for this social event, potluck, and meeting had the chance to provide valuable feedback on the success of our 2024 cruise events. We reviewed the list of ports and reminisced about the good times (even the not quite as fun times) that we spent with both long-time and new-found friends. Remember not to forget all the great food and drinks that we ate!

MY CHRISTMAS WISH:

I want to wish our club members, friends and family “All the Best” with time to share together throughout this holiday season! May we all share in the gift of the Great Lakes.

GET READY FOR SAILING IN THE NEW YEAR:

Get ready to weigh your anchors! After reflecting on the past year, it’s already time to begin forming plans for next year. We will be getting together right away with our new Rear Commodore, Mike Soltis, to do just that. I’ll be helping Mike jump right in to gather all of your good ideas and suggestions. We will be offering a



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

short survey and hope you all will respond and join us to grow our joyful, wandering group of Cruizers. Your feedback will help us to put together yet another list of the most popular and maybe even some “new to you” ports for us to explore in 2025. Save the Date: Cruising Committee meeting on January 12th, 2025.

Even before the water freezes, we are excitedly planning to drop buoys just as soon as the ice melts! In January I will be meeting with the Racing Committee as Vice Commodore to talk “course corrections” for next season.

SAVE THE DATE: RACE COMMITTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 12, 2025

Honestly, I am a bit nervous about taking on my new responsibilities. Thanks to help from Chris McCardell & Team, I’m sure that I will be alright. Time to learn all about sailboat race organization.

Sincerely,

2024 Rear Commodore Todd Harris



Fleet Captain—Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising



The Cruising Committee hard at work during their November meeting. (around the table from left) Karen Laughner, RC Todd Harris, Don Baumgartner, Mike Soltis and Lana Hawkins, and VC Jonathan Cotter.

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.

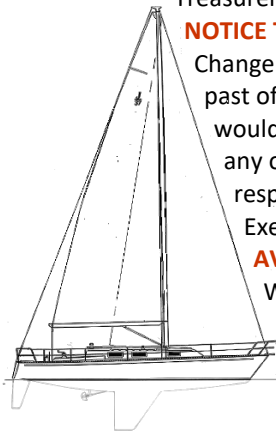
Sincerely,
2024 Secretary Jane Bersie



From the Treasurer

Mike Soltis

NOTABLE IN NOVEMBER: The Executive Committee is in the process of preparing the 2025 budget. The current budget and monthly financial reports are available to WSSC members by contacting the Treasurer at wsscfinancial@gmail.com.



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

NOTICE TO ALL WSSC MEMBERS: The position of Treasurer will become vacant with the Change of Watch at the January 2025 GMM. All WSSC members are eligible (including past officers and PCs) and encouraged to consider helping the club with this important responsibility. If you would like to get more involved in the planning and operation of the club, I encourage you to notify me or any of the other members of the Executive Committee of your interest. We will be glad to explain the responsibilities and help you learn the job. As Rear Commodore, I will continue to be a member of the Executive Committee and available to provide guidance to help you learn the new role.

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

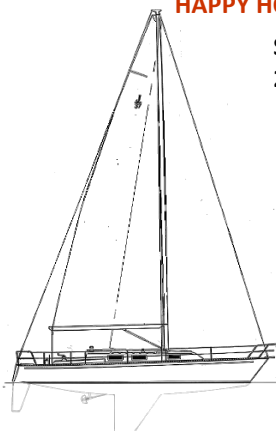
Sincerely,
2024 Treasurer Mike Soltis



From the Membership Officer

Lana Hawkins

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: WSSC now has 67 total memberships with 113 people. It's just about time to renew your membership. Feel free to mail in your 2025 dues of \$56 to the club mailbox. Make checks out to West Shore Sail Club, PO Box 369, Trenton, MI 48183. Or pay online using Zeffy. Here is a short link: <https://bit.ly/wsscdues>



Sincerely,
2024 Membership Officer Lana Hawkins



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



WSSC Membership "By the numbers"	
MEMBERSHIPS	as of 12-5-2024
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

DECEMBER/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 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 .. PC John K.
- 28-Dec .. PC Bryce B.
- 12-Jan ... Mary C.
- 15-Jan ... Daniel D.
- 16-Jan ... Ryan C.
- 20-Jan ... PC Matthew C.
- 22-Jan ... Steve S.
- 27-Jan ... Fred K.
- 28-Jan ... Joni Z.

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 V E R Y 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

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY CHARITY: The Holiday Party and Charity Event was a blast! Lots of toys were gathered for for the TOYS-FOR-TOTS charity at our meeting and party on December 5th. See the fun photo pages later in this newsletter—be sure to look for Santa's Elf riding her speedy reindeer!



JANUARY ACTIVITIES: We will be sending out information on our plans and activities for January and February right after the New Year.



WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE CLUB ACTIVITIES THIS WINTER!

Sincerely,
2024 Activities Committee Chairperson Amy Wright



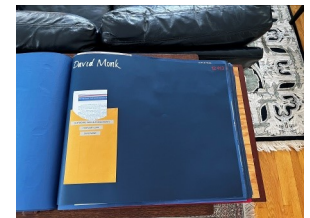
Other Committee News:
MEMORY ALBUM IN OUR 52ND YEAR! *


*** WE NEED A CHAIRPERSON—ARE YOU AVAILABLE?**



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

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



Sincerely,
"Interim" Club Album-Keeper Jonathan Cotter

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



Other Committee News:

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE—Starboard Tack

Editor Lea Ellwood-Filkins

DISTRIBUTION: 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 shared by Commodore Anita Chabalowski, VC Jon Cotter, RC Todd Harris, Maryjo Gonzalez, PC John and Ana Kukla, Patti Baur-Duffett, Lea Ellwood-Filkins, PC Chuck Laskey, and (I think) Helena Thornton.

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 everyone who submits corrections to the Tack; you make us a better publication.

CAPTION CONTEST: Congratulations to last month's caption contest winner PC Kathy Howe with her international-flavour entry (*Je vois la vie en rose!*). And Don Baumgartner's entry, voted "Most Poetic", was also a winner last month (we couldn't resist). Don't forget to submit your captions for the chance to win! Send your entries (you can send multiple entries—we don't want to stifle any ideas) 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!

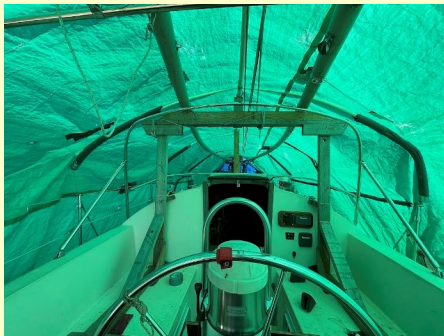


Sincerely,

Starboard Tack Editor Lea Ellwood-Filkins



November Caption Contest



"I thought they were supposed to be ROSE colored glasses?"

WINNER! PC Kathy Howe

JUDGED MOST POETIC

"The fog was as if an opaque sheet had descended upon us."

WINNER: Don Baumgartner

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

DECEMBER 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)...

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>.



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/>

- 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."

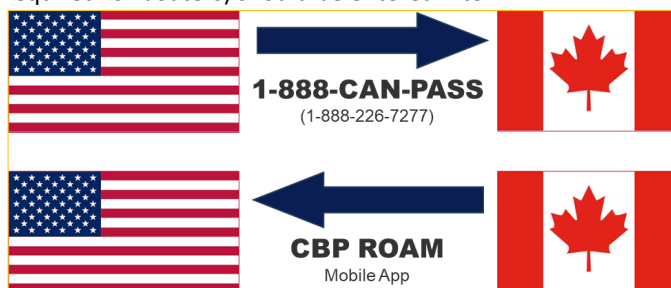


DO YOU HAVE YOUR DTOPS DECAL? Boats of length 30' or more need a DTOPS decal to return to the U.S. This number as well as a Trusted Traveler number (may not be required for boaters) should be entered into CBP Roam as well as passport numbers.

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. The current cost is \$120 valid for 5 years.

Information on Nexus and the other Trusted Traveler programs is at <https://ttp.cbp.dhs.gov/>



DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and HOLIDAY PARTY



It was a jolly time full of holiday spirit at the WSSC Annual Holiday Party (and meeting). A whole bunch of Santa look-alikes were in attendance, and lots of fun holiday apparel decorated members and friends. There was an appearance from one of Santa's reindeer, and Santa's Head Elf Maria was there to get the happy holiday ornament exchange rolling.

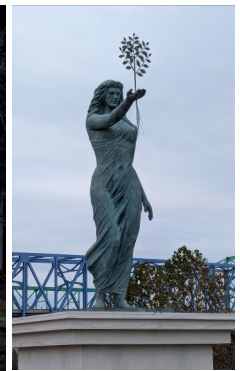
The TOYS FOR TOTS charity drive was a success with members donating many new toys for the annual appeal.

We still had time for a meeting! And celebrated the December birthdays! And held our 50/50 Raffle—congratulations winner PC David! If you look very closely, you can see even The Grinch had a good time!



MEMBERS VISITING EXOTIC PORTS LAST MONTH

PC Jody Larrow visiting Port of Ashland, Kentucky



PC John and Lady Ana Kukla "visiting" their boatyard in Florida



While WSSC's northern branch members are buttoning-up for the winter ... the southern branch members are just getting started on their "springtime" work.

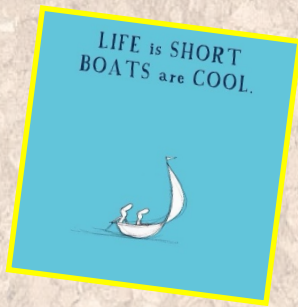
"Happy Thanksgiving from the boatyard in Northern Florida! While most people are getting ready for a turkey dinner and tuning in the football game, we, in turn, are having the most unusual Thanksgiving. Today is just another Thursday in the boatyard, grinders and sanders are at full blast. Most of our boat neighbors are Canadians, so not much celebrating here. Nonetheless we are content, just missing our precious family. Let us be thankful for the blessings we have."

(from "The Sea Is Calling", the Facebook blog of PC John and Lady Ana Kukla as they "adventure" in more southerly waters)



(adventure photos from left to right) 1-Running a new wind instrument wire from the top of the mast down. 2-Hoisting the solar panels. Putting together the stern arch for the solar panels was like "putting a puzzle together" shares Lady Ana. 3-John mixing epoxy resin to patch a hairline crack on the strut, the part that supports the propeller shaft, we patched this leak from the inside back in June of '23 while in Long Island NY. 3-Neck torturing job. Aren't sailboats supposed to be "glamorous yachting"?

THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"





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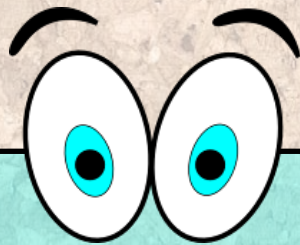
HOURS:
Mon-Fri: 6am-6pm
Sat: 6am-5:30pm
Sun: Closed



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 17
for WSSC calendar
of meetings, events,
races, cruises,
and fun fun fun!**



MEMBERS CLASSIFIED

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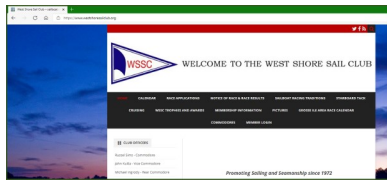
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SUBMIT articles, classifieds, ads, and other information to EDITOR-STARBOARD TACK at wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

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From The Webmaster

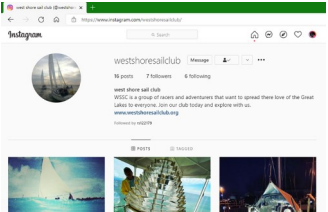
 VISIT OUR **WEBSITE** with links to racing and cruising calendars, notice of races, cruising awards registration, and more!
www.westshoresailclub.org



 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

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 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
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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	Mariajose (Maryjo) González	evoluciond229@hotmail.com
*Past 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	Lea Ellwood-Filkins	leaef@ameritech.net
I-LYA Delegate	PC Kathy Howe	kahowe@wowway.com
M.C. (Commodore's Ball and Special Events Master of Ceremonies)		
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		
JANUARY 2025		
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Jan. 5 *Sunday—11:59:59pm for January 2025 Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
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	Jan. 12 *Sun.—1:00pm at Mike Soltis/Lana Hawkins home	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	(TBD)	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		
APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	APR. 3 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
I-LYA Spring Meeting	Apr. 4-5, 2025 in Westlake, Ohio	Association Rep. PC Kathy Howe
WSSC COMMODORE'S BALL	Apr. 5 *Saturday—6:00pm	Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson
April CAR CRUISE	<i>We're car-cruising to the COMMODORE'S BALL, of course!</i>	
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Apr. 27 *Sunday—11:59:59pm for May Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
MAY 2025		
MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING and SPRING SWAP MEET	MAY 1 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water PRE/POST-MEETING EVENT: SPRING SWAP MEET	Meeting: Commodore Swap Event Chairperson: PC Doug Howe
Racing BUOY PREP WORK PARTY	May ___ *Day—___time Meet-up location_____	Vice Commodore
Racing BUOY LAUNCH	May ___ *Day—___time Meet-up location_____	Vice Commodore
WNATR SKIPPERS/CREWS MEETING	May ___—___time at_____	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
Cruise #1: ICEBREAKER "LAND" CRUISE	May ___ *Day—___time Location/Port Captains: _____	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
WNATR - Spring #1	May ___ *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
Cruise #2: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE	May 24-26 *Saturday-Monday—to Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Port Captain:	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
May 29 *Sunday—9:00am at Memorial Day Weekend Cruise		



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

