

Starboard Tack



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JANUARY 2025

* Next deadline for Starboard Tack articles, photos, and ads is Thursday February 6th *

* RACING COMMITTEE MEETING — WEDNESDAY JAN. 22 AT 7:30PM AT WHISKEYS *

* CAR CRUISE: THURSDAY JANUARY 30TH AT 6:00 PM "CAR CRUISE" TO BURGER NIGHT AT MONROE BOAT CLUB *

* FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON THURSDAY FEB. 6 AT 7:30PM - WHISKEYS ON THE WATER *

* SAVE THE DATE FOR THE COMMODORE'S BALL — SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2025 *

From The 2024 Commodore (including Executive Committee news)

Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025 WEST SHORE SAILORS!

As we turn the calendar over to a New Year, it is time for me to pass the torch to our next Commodore Jonathan Cotter and join the esteemed ranks of the WSSC Past Commodore's Club.

It has truly been an honor to serve through the chairs and represent West Shore Sail Club these past three years. The level of involvement and volunteerism from our membership is unequal for sailing clubs and West Shore is a very special place. There has been no shortage of great crew to keep this ship on track as I've taken my turn at the helm!

MANY THANKS: Thank you to Vice Commodore Jonathan Cotter and Lady Helena, for your enthusiasm, friendliness, and fresh eyes approach to all things West Shore. Thank you to Rear Commodore Todd Harris and

2024 Commodore Anita and Gentleman Alec sail FAMILY TRUCKSTER a J-92 30'



Lady Maria, the parties in the years to come are sure to be over the top based on what we saw in 2024.

Thank you to Past Commodore John Kukla and Lady Ana who were great examples of all around outstanding club leaders.

Thank you to Past Commodore Michael Ingrody and Lady Naseem for your eloquence and technical expertise with everything from web cams to web sites.

Thank you to the Past Commodore's Committee including (but not limited to) P/C Dave Monk, P/C Carver Dumke, P/C Dick Synowiec, and P/C Chuck Laskey for your guidance and history of the club.

Thank you to everyone who served on the Executive Committee during my three years including Ana Kukla, Doug Howe, Lea Ellwood-Filkins, Jane Bersie, Mike Soltis and Lana Hawkins, the business of the club would not get done without the hard work of the Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairs.

Thank you to our Racing Committee participants and Chairman Chris McCardell who enjoyed endless hours of course planning with me, continuous improvement seems to be the motto!



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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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Thank you to our Cruising Committee and Chairman Dave Wright for continuing to serve as the club’s fun directors.

Thank you to Lea Ellwood-Filkins for her professional level editing of our monthly Starboard Tack publication, the ultimate guide to what’s happening in West Shore.

Thank you to Amy Wright for keeping the fun going during the non-sailing months as our Activities Chairperson.

Thank you to the entire Web Committee who is navigating taking over our club site internally as we speak.

Thank you to Karen and Gale Laughner for your leadership of the Commodore’s Ball Committee, formal emcee skills, and

most of all fabulous cooking and hospitality.

If this was the Academy Awards, I’m sure the orchestra would have started playing the “get off the stage” music long before now, but I can’t thank the West Shore Membership enough.

LOOKING FORWARD: I am excited for the 2025 season and am confident that club will be in great hands with Commodore Cotter, Vice Commodore Harris, and Rear Commodore Soltis.

CHEERS TO 2025!

Sincerely,
2024 Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski



Photo fun from the December I-LYA meeting and Commodore's Ball



BURGER NIGHT! Join us!
Thursday, January 30th at 6:00pm
at the MONROE BOAT CLUB
7932 N Harbor Dr, Monroe, MI 48161



MEMBERSHIP REMINDER — DUES ARE DUE FEBRUARY 6TH

See your email –or– print out the "renewal" form found at www.westshoresailclub.org/wssc-membership/ fill it out (including your current club interests) and mail with payment of \$55 (plus \$1 for Yachtsman's Fund) to: WSSC, P.O. Box 369, Trenton, MI 48183 — OR use ZEFFY or PAYPAL online (see Membership Officer page) (Reinstatement fee is assessed for late dues starting on MARCH 1st)



STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS: PAST COMMODORES COMMITTEE



OFFICER POSITIONS WAITING TO BE FILLED: Members will notice that two Executive Committee officer positions remain 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, 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!

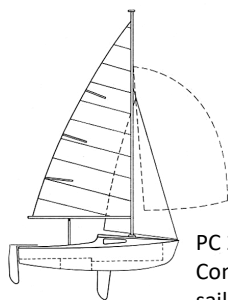


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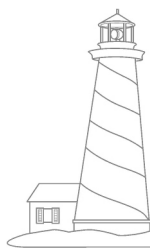
PC 2013 Carver Dumke

2025 Past Commodores Committee Co-chairperson

PC 2017/2018 David Monk
2025 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



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

still 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.



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.



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.



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 ... WED. JAN 22 7:30PM AT WHISKEYS ***

From The 2024 Vice Commodore (including Racing Report)

Jonathan "Jon" Cotter

HAPPY NEW YEAR SKIPPERS & CREW. I hope every one of our members had a wonderful holiday and got the Helly Hansen under the tree, or a Harken block in their stocking. I sadly did not, and I did put in for a new main halyard. (I know Commodore Anita & Alec asked for ice...) I did get a few years worth of archived photos from Helena, which was really a fine gift and a great way to preserve those vulnerable print photos.

For Christmas dinner at my Mother's this year we keep the English tradition of "crackers" and I got the eye patch in mine. This opened up the whole pirate eye patch debate...

One photo I hadn't remembered was of her dad's boat Horizon on Lake Saint Clair. One of those rare boats-under-sail images that were even rarer during the age of remembering to load camera, wind the film, and bring a camera.

Some of my holiday free time was used to catch up on a sailing YouTube log I've been following by Alan Mulholland. It turns out Alan's home-built 21' junk

rigged Wave Rover II completed her journey from Prince Edward Island, Canada, to Baltimore, Ireland, (near Dublin) in the summer — and this is old news for 2024.

Besides the bravery and calm confidence needed for this task, Alan teaches you to cook very healthy fish omelettes. This series pulled me in for the sheer audacity of the plan and the similarity to my Nonsuch Cat rig — and the fact at least one Nonsuch sailor had converted to a battened

junk rig. Alan's stubborn determination is to "forge your own adventure", which is good life advice and we have seen plenty of that in our own WSSC members.

Jolee is not ready to head to the open ocean quite yet, but with my passport renewed I will at least be sailing to Leamington this summer!

MANY THANKS: I really enjoyed the fun and challenges of being Vice Commodore last year and learned so much from Commodore Anita, our race committee and numerous past commodores.

There were a lot of so-called marks to make along the way and everyone offered tremendous support.

Thank you also to Secretary Jane Bersie for being at my side for so much of the way.

I look forward to working with them in other capacities in 2025 and hopefully seeing them on the water as much as possible.

HELM'S A'LEE,

Sincerely,

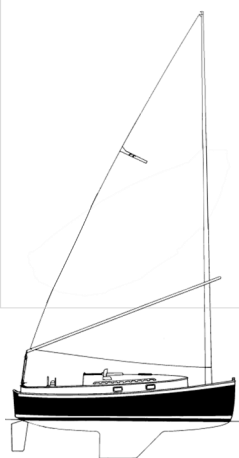
2024 Vice Commodore Jonathan "Jon" Cotter



Fleet Captain—Racing



Race Committee



2024 Vice Commodore Jon and Lady Helena sail JOLEE—a Nonsuch 26

WSSC 2024 RACING CALENDAR
NEXT RACING COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY JAN. 22 AT 7:30PM
AT WHISKEYS

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



WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

2024

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

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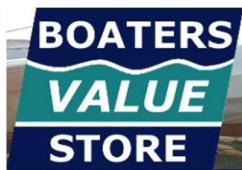


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- ◆ Join your friends at West Shore Sail club for our monthly general membership meetings and programs on the FIRST THURSDAY of each month, upstairs at Whiskeys on the Water at Biddle and Oak in Wyandotte.
- ◆ If you would like to join our mailing 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

* WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR NEXT CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING *

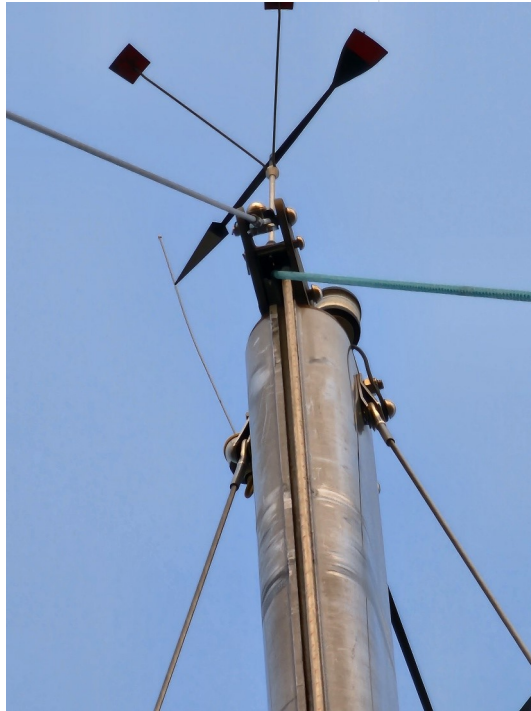
From The 2024 Rear Commodore (including Cruising Report)

Todd Harris

FANDANGO UPGRADES – LIGHT IT UP!

It's already been a few weeks since I've been to visit Fandango out at the end of the Toledo Beach Marina storage peninsula. We've been at home with the fireplace burning to stay warm while selecting and ordering the parts needed to upgrade our lighting systems. This summer you will have no problem finding us out at anchor. Hopefully you'll join us!

REFLECTION ON 2024 CRUISING: Last year WSSC Cruising was successful but we want to make it even better during 2025. Member turn-out was good despite weather doing it's best to dampen our fun. This year we are planning to make cruising more accessible and more fun! The cruising committee thinks that we might be able to get more involvement and spend more time enjoying full sails rather than motor-sailing. Your responses to our cruising survey will enable us



to find ways to get new members out onto the water, identify your choice of exciting ports that you would like to go to and tune our events to your level of comfort and sense of adventure.

INCOMING OFFICER:

I'm very happy to have our new 2025 Rear Commodore, Mike Soltis, moving up through the WSSC Executive Board! Please join me in helping him get established and underway with 2025 planning.

PICKING UP THE PACE – LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025 RACE EVENTS:

As I pick up the role of Vice Commodore, I'm sure that I can count on your support while I learn all I can about organizing and running the WNATR events and Specialty Race events. Please plan to come out to discuss and set our 2025 schedule during the Race Committee on January 22nd. We have a cram-packed schedule of exciting race events!

Sincerely,

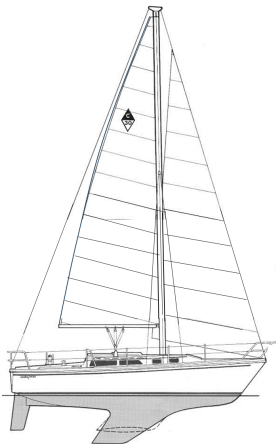
2024 Rear Commodore Todd Harris



Fleet Captain—Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising



2024 Rear Commodore Todd and Lady Maria sail FANDANGO—a Catalina 30

WSSC 2024 CRUISING CALENDAR

Watch your email—and this space for news on the next Cruising Committee meeting and cruising activities

WSSC 2024 AFTER-MEETING PROGRAMS

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

THANK YOU to our 2024 Flag Officers. In this issue of the Starboard Tack, our 2024 Flag Officers bid "Farewell" to their 2024 roles. They report in their new roles beginning in the February issue of the Tack.

BEST WISHES to our Flag Officers in your upcoming 2025 officer assignments. AND MEET OUR NEWEST FLAG OFFICER—our 2025 Rear Commodore Mike Soltis—on page 7.

MEET THE 2025 REAR COMMODORE

Mike Soltis

Meet WSSC's 2025 Rear Commodore Mike Soltis!



Mike Soltis and Lana Hawkins
(on our Alaskan cruise last August)

I'm excited to return for another year of serving on the WSSC Executive Committee in my new role as Rear Commodore.

I've had the pleasure of meeting and making friends with many of you over the course of the last two years and look forward to meeting more of you this year either racing,



Jetpacking over the Cancun Lagoon

where I crew for Brenda Woodruff on DRAGON LADY in JAM class, or cruising with my wife, Lana Hawkins (WSSC's Membership Officer) on KINGFISHER, our J-37.

I've had a keen interest in water sports for most of my life including swimming, paddling, sailing and waterskiing. When traveling, I like to take advantage of opportunities to try unique water-related experiences such as submarines, hydrofoils, parasailing, old sailing vessels, a 12 meter, and even a jetpack.

I started my sailing career by crewing in the WSSC WNATR series in the late 1970s. After a couple of years, including some eventful chartering experiences in the Bahamas, I decided to take the plunge and buy a boat, starting small with the purchase of an exciting 470 sailing dinghy with a spinnaker. Later, I developed an interest in waterskiing and purchased a bowrider, which we still own.

After joining WSSC two years ago, Lana and I purchased the J-37 which we call KINGFISHER. We had fun taking it on the local cruises and on the week-long WSSC cruise to Lake Huron last summer. We also learned a lot about the care and maintenance of a cruising sailboat.

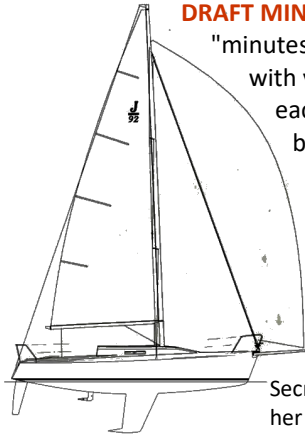
Looking forward to favorable winds during the 2025 cruising season.

Sincerely,
2025 Rear Commodore, Mike Soltis



Kingfisher On the Wall at PHYC during the 2024 summer sojourn

From the Secretary (including Minutes and Correspondence)



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.

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

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

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

Sincerely,
Acting Secretary Jane Bersie



From the Treasurer



DUES ARE DUE FEBRUARY 6Th : Please support our club by paying your dues in January.

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

ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS: The FY2025 budget was scheduled to be reviewed at the January Executive Committee Meeting.

ANNUAL AUDIT: The books are closed for the 2024 WSSC financial records and ready for review by the Audit Committee.

NOTICE TO ALL WSSC MEMBERS: The position of Treasurer has 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.

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

Sincerely,
Acting Treasurer Mike Soltis



A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEWEST COMMODORE . . .

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

"Thank you all for your great participation in 2024 activities and I hope we can do even better in 2025. If you would like to become more involved, please consider helping out in one of the open positions on the West Shore Sail Club bridge — Treasurer and Secretary."

Cheers,
2025 Commodore Jonathan P. Cotter

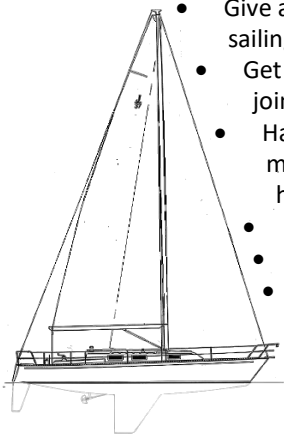
From the 2025 Membership Officer

Lana Hawkins

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE SOON: It's the beginning of the new year and time to renew your WSSC Membership. Your \$56 Membership (\$1 goes to I-LYA Yachtsmen's Fund charity) includes these and many more benefits:

- A great community of sailing buddies.
- Give and get useful info from the members with 15 tons of sailing and boat knowledge.
- Get in on the WNATR or the super fun specialty races and join the party afterward.
- Have your birthday song sung to you at the monthly membership meeting at Whiskies on the Water and have some birthday cake. It isn't very long.
- Join in on all the activities and get together.
- Get lots of awards and flags for sailing!
- Join us at the Commodores Ball.
- and more!



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



WSSC Membership "By the numbers"	
MEMBERSHIPS	as of 1-9-2025
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

Sincerely,
2025 Membership Officer Lana Hawkins

Hey Members! DUES ARE DUE FEBRUARY 6th

WSSC DUES FOR 2025 ARE \$56 PER MEMBERSHIP

The dues include \$1 for the club's annual donation to the I-LYA Inter-Lake Yachtsmen's Fund. Late fees charged after March 1st.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

FILL OUT A NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM only if your membership information requires updating! OR if nothing has changed since last year, just print the form (from your email or the westshoresailclub.org website, put a check mark on the square that says "IF YOU HAVE NO CHANGES MARK HERE", then sign at the bottom and go to the second page to fill in the "Volunteer Opportunities For Members" section. (BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE FORM—Don't fill out the form directly on the Google drive. Thanks.) Life Members—see your email for additional instructions. Thanks.

WAYS TO PAY

Pay in Person: When you attend the February general membership meeting, bring your filled-in membership form and pay with check or cash.

CHECK: Print and fill out a membership form. Make check payable to "West Shore Sail Club" and write "2025 membership Renewal" in the memo line. Mail to West Shore Sail Club, Attn. Membership Officer, P. O. Box 369, Trenton, MI 48183.

ZEFFY: Pay online at Zeffy with a bank account or credit card. (The zeffy donation is optional.) Use the link: <https://bit.ly/wsscdues> or use the QR code. It is free to the club and free to you, too, **IF you change the donation to Zeffy to \$0 on your order. Otherwise the Zeffy form defaults to a 17% surcharge (donation).** I'm sure Zeffy would appreciate any donation, but using Zeffy without donation (surcharge) is OK too. Here is the link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/c3c21d54-28f1-4fcf-aa9e-85bbd2cb1f27> ... Or you can scan this QR code to be taken to the Zeffy "WSSC Membership Renewal 2025" payment page.



PAYPAL: Go to www.paypal.com and sign into your account, or create an account. Select "Send" and type wsscfinancial@gmail.com, then press Next. **Please add \$2 to your dues to cover the cost of transaction fees charged to WSSC on PayPal transactions.** Enter the payment amount of \$58 (\$56 plus \$2 to cover the required PayPal fees) and answer the question "What's this payment for?" by typing [Your Name] and "2025 Membership Dues". Press Continue. Next select your payment method or enter your credit card information. You can choose to add your bank account to link it to Paypal (it will take several days—follow the procedure on PayPal). After selecting the payment method press Next. Review your information and select "Send Payment Now".

MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE MAILED AFTER PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.

CELEBRATING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Membership Officer Lana Hawkins

JANUARY/FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Jan 12....Mary C
 Jan 15....Daniel D
 Jan 16....Ryan C
 Jan 22....Steve S
 Jan 27PC Fred K
 Jan 28....Joni Z

Feb 2PC David M
 Feb 2Phae L
 Feb 5 Dave W
 Feb 7 Heather S
 Feb 10 ... Jackie M
 Feb 12 ... Angela M
 Feb 17 ... PC Michael I
 Feb 17 ... Jennifer O
 Feb 26 ... PC Harvey S
 Feb 27 ... Judy T
 Feb 27 ... PC Kathy H

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 cake compliments of ELLIOTT'S BAKERY.

**STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS:
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Chairperson Amy Wright

JANUARY 30th 6:00pm Car Cruise TO MONROE BOAT CLUB FOR BURGER NIGHT! Hop in your "land cruiser" (or your car) and head on over to Monroe Boat Club to join your WSSC friends at Burger Night. The menu includes burgers and grilled chicken, fries, soup, as well as beverages (and soft drinks) from the bar. It's always a fun get-together!



R.S.V.P. FOR POSSIBLE FEBRUARY 8th TRIP TO TOLEDO WALLEYES

HOCKEY & DINNER: Looking for interest to see if we can get a minimum of 15 folks that want to head down to Toledo to watch a Walleye's game. Game starts at 7:15pm on Saturday, February 8th, and we could meet for dinner before. Please let me know if you're interested and how many would be coming with you. Please RSVP to Dave Wright at iamdave57@gmail.com

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE CLUB ACTIVITIES THIS WINTER!

Sincerely,
 2024 Activities Committee Chairperson Amy Wright

Grab your Family! Grab a Friend! Grab the whole Crew!

Thursday, January 30th 2025



Hop in the car and
CAR CRUISE OVER TO
MONROE BOAT CLUB

Join the WSSC Gang for a
brew and a burger at the
friendliest club in Monroe!

5:30PM to 8:00PM
Burger & Fries under \$10
 (homemade soup & grilled chicken, too)

No need to RSVP – just cruise on in!
Car Cruise Captain – Amy Wright

MEMBERS IN THE "NEWS-letter": IN MEMORIAM

PC 2003 MATTHEW COLIE

January 20, 1948 - December 24, 2024

Club members were saddened to learn that 2003 Past Commodore Matthew Colie had passed away. News was shared by his daughter, Daisy. Please keep Matt's family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

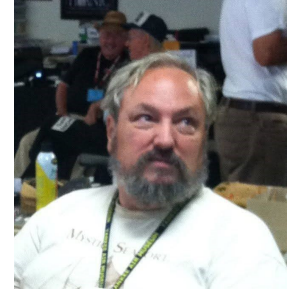
From the obituary on the David C. Brown Funeral Home website: "Matthew Euler Colie, age 76, of Huron Township, passed away Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at his home. He was born January 20, 1948, in South Orange, New Jersey, son of Frances Carolyn (Euler) and Edward Martin Colie II.

Matt enjoyed theatre and singing in high school, among many things. He was a member of the Islanders theatre group. He continued his education earning his master's in marine and mechanical engineering. He retired from Chrysler Corporation. Matt took advantage of early retirement, bought a motorcoach, and took his wife anywhere they could drive. They were active members of the GMC Motorhomes International. He was also a member of Connecting

Consciousness, past Commodore of West Shore Sail Club, and founding member of East River Folk Society. Matt and Mary were active square dancers in the Jumpin Jim Dandies for many years. Matt loved his grandkids, whom he affectionately referred to as the "littles" and cherished time spent with them. Besides theatre, sailing, dancing, and traveling, Matt's biggest pastime was spending time with his wife and best friend, Mary.

Mr. Colie is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary (Voorhaar), son Christian (Danielle) Colie, daughter Daisy (Erick) Tracer, 6 grandchildren, his dogs Minnie & Maxie, also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, colleagues, and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Monroe Humane Society and would be appreciated.



(left) Matt and Mary's daughter, Daisy, shared a family photo of Matt receiving his WSSC Lifetime Membership in honor of his years of service to the club.

(right) PC 1973 Dick Synowiec places the memorial star in the club memory album for PC 2003 Matt Colie at the January membership meeting.

"Matt was a great sailor, a wonderful person, and someone always willing to help lend a hand when needed. I know that he went out of his way many times to help me and other club members whenever he could. We talked many times about what WSSC meant to us, and I know he is and will truly be missed."

PC 2017/2018 David Monk remembers PC 2003 Matt Colie



Other Committee News:

MEMORY ALBUM IN OUR 53RD YEAR! *

 * WE NEED A CHAIRPERSON—ARE YOU AVAILABLE?



HI! CAN YOU 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. Frank helped members—new and old—to assemble their photo memories for the club's "wall". He made 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
 (Commodore) Jonathan Cotter**



We remember many good times with PC Matt and Lady Mary Colie as we look up their page in the memory album.

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.

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://tftp.cbp.dhs.gov/> (Official Trusted Traveler Program Website | Department of Homeland Security (dhs.gov))



NEXUS: 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://tftp.cbp.dhs.gov/>



West Shore Sail Club

CHANGE OF WATCH — January 9, 2025



RETIRING OFFICERS' COMMENDATION FOR SERVICE TO WSSC

THESE OFFICERS ARE THANKED FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE CLUB
AND OFFICIALLY RELIEVED OF DUTY

Treasurer Mike Soltis
Secretary Jane Bersie

INTRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF 2025 FLEET CAPTAINS AND PRESENTATION OF THEIR SYMBOLS OF OFFICE

INSTALLATION OF 2025 FLEET CAPTAINS

Fleet Captain-Cruising David Wright
Fleet Captain-Racing PC 2002 Chris McCardell

INTRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND FLAG OFFICERS AND PRESENTATION OF THEIR SYMBOLS OF OFFICE

2025 DIRECTORS

Director PC 2012 Chuck Laskey
Director PC 2017/2018 Dave Monk

(The Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore,
Treasurer, and Secretary also serve on the Board of Directors)

2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Membership Officer Lana Hawkins
Treasurer
Secretary

(The Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore
also serve on the Executive Committee)

2025 FLAG OFFICERS

Rear Commodore Mike Soltis
Vice Commodore Todd Harris
Commodore Jonathan Cotter

PAST COMMODORE'S COMMENDATION FOR SERVICE TO WSSC AND PRESENTATION OF HER SYMBOLS OF OFFICE

Past Commodore 2024.....Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

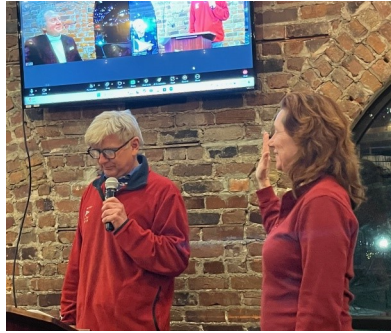


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JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and CHANGE OF WATCH



PC 2017/2018 David Monk acts as emcee and officiant at the annual Change of Watch. Outgoing Executive Committee members were thanked for their service and the 2025 Directors and Officers were officially sworn in.



WSSC'S 2025 FLAG OFFICERS WITH WSSC'S NEWEST PAST COMMODORE
(left to right) 2025 Rear Commodore Mike Soltis, 2025 Vice Commodore Todd Harris, 2025 Commodore Jonathan Cotter, and Past Commodore 2024 Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

More JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and CHANGE OF WATCH



Is she singing karaoke or giving the 2024 year end report?
 That's our 2024 Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski running the last General Membership Meeting under her watch.
 Thanks for everything Commodore Anita!



JANUARY BIRTHDAY REPRESENTATIVE:
 Happy Birthday, Ryan!
 And thanks for sharing your cake with everyone at the meeting!

A note from Commodore Cotter — "This Weather Skills Webinar is a non WSSC event, but an excellent learning opportunity for cruisers and racers alike. Thank you to PC Dick Synowiec for the referral."

The registration link is at <https://tixoom.app/lakeeriewx/bundles/qamh2vuy>

and more information about the webinar is at http://www.lakeeriewx.com/Seminars/Event_Weather_Skills_BYC/WeatherSkills.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAR3lyOWwZkpNtIO6WqAu18tVrf549H0fgHt5Y7xdFpDix4P-aHl2qw1s-wo_aem_2XZy6jVh1Rqp_JRjG-Fobg






Weather Skills For A Successful Race

3-Part Webinar Series

February 18, February 25 & March 4, 2025 @ 7:30 to 9:00 (Eastern)

<p>Location: Live Webinar Series</p> <p>Date: February 18, February 25, March 4</p> <p>Time: 7:30 to 9:00 pm</p> <p>Fee: Registration - Only \$80 for all three sessions.</p> <p>Questions: Please send questions regarding the webinar to Mark Thornton at Mark@LakeErieWX.com.</p>	<p>Overview: Doing well in a long-distance race such as the Bayview Mack or Chicago Mac demands teamwork, endurance, and a routing strategy based on an accurate weather forecast. Developing a competitive strategy requires an understanding of basic weather forecasting principles, a familiarity with weather resources, and a working knowledge of modern routing software. This three-part webinar series is designed for sailors who are relatively new to long-distance racing or experienced competitors who would like to refresh their skills before the season begins.</p>	<p>Seminar Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding & Interpreting Weather Maps • Weather Forecast Model Basics • Wind Forecasting • Forecasting Thunderstorms • Doppler Weather Radar Basics • Getting Weather Data • Measuring Forecast Model Accuracy • Weather Routing Essentials
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About The Presenter: Mark Thornton has sailed for more than 30 years and currently owns *Osprey*, a Mainship 34 Pilot. His interest in weather forecasting grew from his experiences cruising and racing on the Great Lakes. Mark is a 2006 graduate of the Penn State University *Certificate of Achievement in Weather Forecasting*, a two-year program that develops skills in general, tropical, and severe weather forecasting. He is the president of LakeErieWX LLC, a company dedicated to providing marine weather education and forecasting resources for recreational boaters (www.lakeeriewx.com). Mark publishes a marine weather blog and teaches basic forecasting seminars to recreational boaters during the off-season. He has served as the Race Meteorologist for the Bayview Mackinac Race since 2014. Mark is also on the faculty of Annapolis Boat Shows - Cruiser University.



THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

R.S.V.P. Your Interest

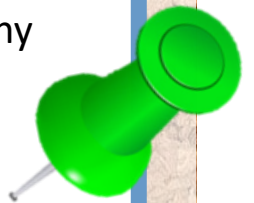
R.S.V.P. FOR POSSIBLE FEBRUARY 8th TRIP TO TOLEDO WALLEYES HOCKEY & DINNER:



Looking for interest to see if we can get a minimum of 15 folks that want to head down to Toledo to watch a Walleye's game. Game starts at 7:15pm on Saturday, February 8th, and we could meet for dinner before.

Please let me know if you're interested and how many would be coming with you.

Please RSVP to Dave Wright at
iamdave57@gmail.com



Many thanks!

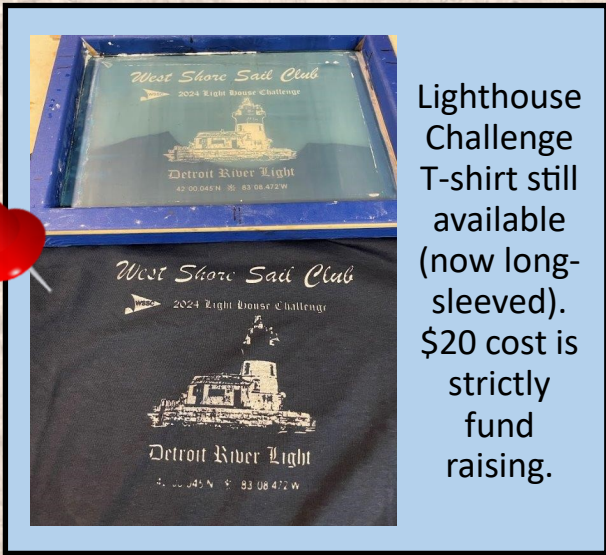
to the January issue's
PHOTO & IDEA CONTRIBUTORS

Anita Chabalowski
Jonathan Cotter
Patti Baur-Duffett
Todd Harris
Mike Soltis
Dick Synowiec
Dave Wright



See page **21** for
WSSC calendar
of **meetings, events,**
races, cruises,
and **fun fun fun!**

THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"



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

Contact Commodore Jon Cotter

MISSING



Have you seen this flag?

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

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

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

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!



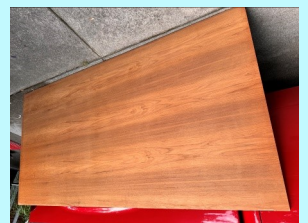
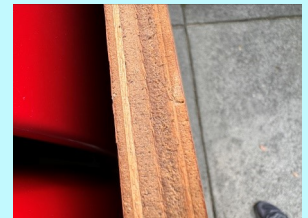
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313-443-7112



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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!

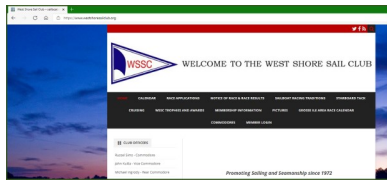
STARBOARD TACK is the monthly newsletter of the West Shore Sail Club, Trenton, Michigan. Publishes 12 issues annually. DISTRIBUTION is by email to WSSC members and friends, by posting the club's Facebook page, and on the public section of the WSSC website. **ARTICLE AND AD DEADLINE IS 25TH OF MONTH PRIOR TO PUBLICATION DATE**, EXCEPT December deadline is December 20th. Submit all written information in Word or compatible format. Submit ads, graphics, photos in JPG, PNG, or PDF format. Please submit "high quality" (at least 600x600) graphics and photos. Contact Editor for ADVERTISING PRICES, SIZING, and DISCOUNT SCHEDULE.

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

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From The Webmaster

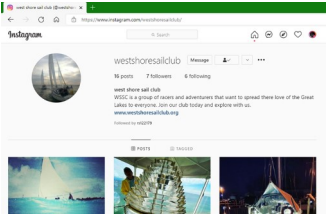
 VISIT OUR **WEBSITE** with links to racing and cruising calendars, notice of races, cruising awards registration, and more!
www.westshoresailclub.org



 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 2025

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS * indicates Board of Directors		
OFFICE	OFFICER	EMAIL
 Commodore ⁺	Jonathan Cotter	wsscmodcommodore@gmail.com
 Vice Commodore ⁺	Todd Harris	wsscvicecommodore@gmail.com
 Rear Commodore ⁺	Mike Soltis	wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com
Secretary ⁺	(Acting) Jane Bersie	wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com
Treasurer ⁺	(Acting) 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	wsscfinancial@gmail.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	wsscmodcommodore@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	Jan. 22 *Wednesday—7:30pm at Whiskeys	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
January CAR CRUISE	Jan. 30 Thursday—6:00pm BURGER NIGHT at Monroe Boat Club	Activities Committee Chairperson
FEBRUARY 2025		
DUES ARE DUE	Membership Dues are due Feb. 6th	Membership Officer
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
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Feb. 6 *Thursday—11:59:59pm for FEBRUARY Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
February CAR CRUISE	(TENTATIVE) Feb. 8 Saturday—Dinner and Hockey at Toledo Walleyes—RSVP to Dave Wright	Activities Committee Chairperson
MARCH 2025		
MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING	MAR. 6 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Mar. 6 *Thursday—11:59:59pm for March Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
March CAR CRUISE	(TBD)	Activities Committee Chairperson
APRIL 2025		
APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	APR. 3 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Apr. 3 *Thursday—11:59:59pm for April Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
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>	
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
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	May 1 *Thursday—11:59:59pm for May Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
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



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