

WSSC: promoting the sport of sailing and seamanship since 1972

THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS THURSDAY, MARCH 5th — SEE YOU THERE!

From the 2026 Commodore (including Executive Committee)

Todd Harris

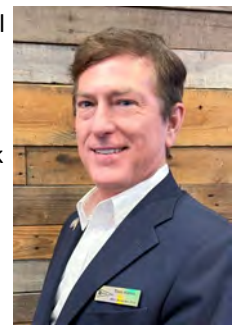


CROSSING THE STARTING LINE:

We're off to a Great start! Crossing the start line wasn't without a hitch, but the lines are getting straightened out as we settle into our new crew positions. Racing (VC Mike Soltis) and Cruising (RC Lana Hawkins) held their first planning meetings which were fun, comfy, and inviting. Good spirited conversation, with food and

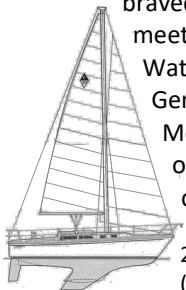
and Zoom attendees. Thanks to Michael Fluegemann (WSSC Treasurer) for helping to teach this old dog a new trick.

WSSC AMBASSADORS: I want to ask for several volunteers to become "WSSC Ambassadors" to each of our sister clubs. My hope is that we can be more aware of what is going on in our sailing community by posting the



drinks, helped to get us pointed in the right direction with a proposed events list and calendar dates for the 2026 sailing season. The course has been plotted, there are still decisions to be made, but we're underway for a great 2026 sailing season.

GET "IN THE MIX IN '26": WSSC is "Getting in the Mix" with many familiar faces and even a few new ones who braved the cold and snow to meet up at Whiskeys on the Water for the February General Membership



Meeting. A warm reception was received by our new crew. We found a new way to connect the audio/ visual for both the room

2026 Commodore Todd Harris sails FANDANGO (a Catalina 30) with Lady Maria Gonzàlez

WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB—SISTER CLUBS

Crescent Sail Yacht Club **CSYC**
Bayview Yacht Club **BYC**
Detroit Yacht Club **DYC**
LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club **LMYC**
Elba-Mar Boat Club **EMBC**
Grosse Ile Yacht Club **GIYC**
Ford Yacht Club **FYC**
Monroe Boat Club **MBC**
North Cape Yacht Club **NCYC**
Toledo Yacht Club **TYC**

BECOME A WSSC AMBASSADOR!

events on our Corkboard for easy reference and consider joining events more frequently as a group. My hope is that they will reciprocate and join some of our events as well!

I already see Dave Monk's hand in the air and accept him as our first ambassador for Elba-Mar Boat Club. We have ten (10) sister clubs - plenty to go around. I would like someone for each club. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping with our initiative for club interchange.

Early in February, Lady Maria and I took advantage of our first chance to interact as representatives of the West Shore Sail Club. Thank-you, Commodore James Fowler and Lady Crystal for the warm reception and opportunity for

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR for these MARCH & APRIL EVENTS

* March General Membership Meeting *

Thursday, March 5 at 7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water — 6:30pm social hour — 7:30pm meeting
PROGRAM: WSSC FRIENDS WINTER-SAILING IN THE BVI (Lana, Mike, Jon, Jody, and Helena)

* Next up on the "Activities" calendar—will it be the Fox Theatre or Little Caesar's Arena? *
"VOTE" for the March/April Car Cruise Activity (see page 10)

* Make your reservation for the Commodore's Ball (see page 11) *

* Racing Competitors'/Skippers' Meeting — Tue. May 12 7:00pm *

* Next Cruising Committee Meeting — at the Memorial Day Weekend Cruise *

* Deadline for the MARCH Starboard Tack articles, flyers, ads, photos is Friday, Mar. 6 *
Please send reports in .doc or .docx format and photos in .jpg or .jpeg format. Please identify photos with event and person.
Please send flyers in PowerPoint format so they can be edited if necessary for size or content.

Commodore (continued)

Lady Maria and I to meet the new crew of Elba-Mar Boat Club on February 7th at their Commodore’s Ball. Our wish is to strengthen our community of clubs by working more closely with EMBC for future events.

COMMODORE’S THEME FOR 2026: My theme for WSSC in 2026 is "Get in the Mix in '26". It's always more fun with all of

our club friends in the mix. Whether you're a club racer or a cruiser or crew—or all of these—please consider ways you can participate in our club's events and "Get in the mix in '26!"

Sincerely,
2026 Commodore Todd Harris
 wssccommodore@gmail.com



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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West Shore Sail Club

2026 Executive Committee Goals

- **Club Business: Not Business-as-Usual**
- **Increase Interaction with Sister Clubs**
- **Engaged Membership**

Not Business-As-Usual

I give the entire EC Board / Flag Officers / Membership my commitment to Support and Lead you in all of our Club activities

We Have a Great Crew!

Of course, we will get the job done...

Our goal is to have FUN while doing it.

Let's Plan Ahead

"I've got your Back" (I Trust you have Mine)

Listen, Understand & Help each other to Resolve Concerns

Get in the Mix
in **2026**

Our Main Goal: "Get in the Mix in '26"

- Increase Interaction with Sister Clubs
 - ✓ Volunteer Ambassadors to our Sister Clubs
 - ✓ WSSC Activity Board & Other Club Activity Boards
 - ✓ Sister Club Commodore Interaction (Rear/Vice/Commodore)
- Utilize Social Media for Improved Communication
 - ✓ Website, Facebook, Instagram
 - ✓ Digital Memory Book (Secure)
 - ✓ Reliable Zoom Mtg Access
- Mix-Up Racing / Cruising
 - ✓ Join Bayweek during the Week-Long Cruise
 - ✓ Destination Race/Cruise (There & Back Again!)
 - ✓ Cruiser involvement in Lighthouse Challenge

2nd Goal: Engaged Membership

- Engage Members through Successful Activities
 - ✓ Encourage new members to join activities (personal invitations)
 - ✓ Target a steady 70+ memberships
 - Add just a few, Quality Members
 - Encourage Racing Boats/Crew to Join
 - Encourage previous members to return (Don't lose Members)
 - Recruit more boats for WNATR races – even Cruisers!
- Rev-up WSSC "Car Cruises"
 - ✓ Come out and Enjoy more Activities
 - ✓ Involve other Clubs / Join their events

*** COMPETITORS'/SKIPPER'S MEETING—TUE. MAY 12 7PM AT FYC ***

From the 2026 Vice Commodore (including Racing Committee)

Mike Soltis



Fleet Captain—Racing



Racing Committee



WSSC Lighthouse Challenge Regatta

2026 RACING COMMITTEE & SCHEDULE: The weather is cold and the river filled with ice except where icebreakers have cleared a path for the LNG freighters, but the Racing Committee has been working out the schedule of the 2026 summer racing season. The first committee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 7, with a follow-up at the Soltis/Hawkins house on Wednesday, February 25.

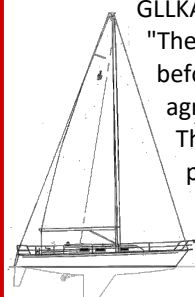
While many details are still in flux, the Committee has decided to utilize the same course cards that were used with success during the 2025 season. Tuesday, May 12 was chosen as date of the Competitors'/Skippers' meeting. Dates have also been selected for two specialty races – the Lighthouse Challenge on Saturday, Aug. 15, and Jack & Jill on Sunday, Sep. 6. A Port-to-Port race is being proposed with details being worked out to replace the lightly-attended Doublehanded Race.

WNATR: The first WNATR Spring Series Race will begin on Wednesday, May 20. WNATR will continue weekly with the exception of a break (no race) on June 3 to allow competitors to get to the Mills Race for the weekend of June 5-7. From June 10 on, WNATR will continue every Wednesday until the last race on Sep. 2, with no break for the Mackinac Races utilized in past years. Beginning on Wednesday, Sep. 9, FYC is organizing an End of Summer Series. Please note that most of these dates are preliminary and subject to change. None have been entered into Notice of Race yet. We are attempting to keep the club calendar updated with the latest information at: <https://westshoresailclub.org/events/>

2026 LHC CHARITY PARTNER: The Lighthouse Challenge Charity Partner for 2026 will be a non-profit that is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Great Lakes lighthouses, the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association (GLLKA) <https://www.gllka.org/>.

Mark & Michele Van DerVelde of GLLKA gave a presentation last fall introducing the organization to WSSC (<https://westshoresailclub.org/presentations/>). They talked about the resurrection of St. Helena Light Station under GLLKA care in partnership with Ann Arbor Boy Scout Troop 4.

GLLKA's second President, Dick Moehl, dubbed it "The Miracle of the Straits." If you check out the before-and-after pictures, I think that you will agree that this is an accurate description. The St. Helena Light Station is open to the public, with GLLKA offering reasonably-priced ½ week Lighthouse Keeper Training on-site



2026 Vice Commodore Mike Soltis sails KINGFISHER (a J-37) with Lady Lana Hawkins

that gives a taste of what it was like to be a member of the Light House Service on this forgotten island in the name of maritime safety. You can see the current conditions and time-lapse camera videos of the St. Helena Light Station at <https://www.gllka.org/copy-of-cheboygan-webcams>.

Looking forward to an exciting and competitive 2026 racing season.

Sincerely,
2026 Vice Commodore Mike Soltis
wssvicecommodore@gmail.com



Ice Boat Parade—Algoma Equinox Class Nat Gas Tankers Algotera, Algotcanada & Algotberta follow Canadian icebreaker Vincent Massey upbound on the Detroit River

WSSC 2026 RACING CALENDAR

RACING COMMITTEE MEETING Wed. FEB. 25 at 7pm

Competitors'/Skippers' Meeting—Tue. May 12
7-9pm at FYC

2026 WSSC SPECIALTY RACES

Port-to-Port Race (TBD)

Lighthouse Challenge Regatta—August 15
and charity afterglow supporting GLLKA

Jack & Jill Race—September 6

2026 WNATR RACING SEASON

Buoy Launch—Sat. May 9 (10am meet at FYC)

Wed. Spring Series—May 20, 27, Jun. 10, 17, 24

Summer Series—Jul. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Fall Series—Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, Sep. 2

Buoy Retrieval—Sat. Sep. 19 (10am meet at FYC)

2026 WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT

Oct. 21—7:30pm

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



WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

2025

23RD ANNUAL LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE

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



“SAILING THE RIVER, WRITING OURSELVES”

FOR MORE INFORMATION on Detroit Story Lab
<https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/detroit-river-story-lab/>



WSSC 2025 Commodore
Jonathan P. Cotter
and
Lady Helena Thornton

WSSC 2025 Vice Commodore
Todd Harris
and
Lady Maria Gonzalez

WSSC Past Commodore 1982
Brother John Brendan, AF
and
Lady Lea Ellwood-Filkins

Matt Dubois
Amy Deller-Antieau

WHISKEYS ON THE WATER

- 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 wsscmembershipchair@gmail.com

* MARCH AFTER-MEETING PROGRAM: SAILING WITH FRIENDS IN THE BVI *

From the 2026 Rear Commodore (including Cruising Committee)

Lana Hawkins



Fleet Captain—Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising

FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR: We had our first cruising planning meeting of the year at the Hawkins-Soltis residence on Sunday Feb. 1st. The traditional potluck before the meeting was a success featuring Mike's chicken cacciatore. The appetizers and desserts brought by meeting attendees were very delicious!

I-LYA BAY WEEK INCLUDES NEW CLASS FOR CRUISERS: Dave Monk has been fired up about the I-LYA Senior Sail Week in late July. He and Alec Chabalowski presented the plan to the group with many of the details. The summary is below. The Cruising

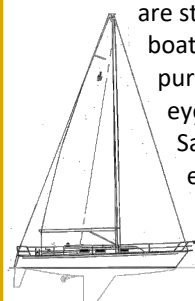
Committee agreed to make this the core destination for the WSSC Week-long Summer Cruise with add-on cruising before or after to be worked out at a later date.

2026 WEEK-LONG CRUISE: WSSC cruisers will be joining I-LYA Senior Sail Bay Week in the Rendezvous Class at Put-in-Bay for 4 days/3 nights.

The Rendezvous Class is a new class developed for cruisers, however there is no requirement to race! Great idea! This is a chance for the racers and cruisers of WSSC to socialize together at the same event! Event headquarters are in PIBYC (Put-in-Bay Yacht Club). Docking for sailboats only is in the PIB public marina at a discounted rate on A and C docks (there may be rafting of boats). Registration for docks is expected to be available sometime in March per Alex C. The area will be monitored for security. Powerboat support docks for WSSC members are available and they are welcome. Land transportation from the marina to PIBYC and (around town possibly) will be provided.

Arrive after noon on July 30, leave by 3pm on Aug 2. Three-night docking fees: up to 27' \$300 — to 35' \$360 — to 40' \$400 — 40+ feet \$460. The docking fee includes 2 wristbands for entry to private PIBYC, beverage parties -rum, beer, vodka, discounted meals, transportation on land from the marina to the club, entertainment, social activities not yet planned may be extra (e.g. winery tour, putt-putt golf).

If you like, you can sign up for day racing with the other half of the WSSC — our sailboat racers. Cruising class racing is available, or you can stay docked in the marina and enjoy the island. The boats will be grouped by size and activity so if you are staying put you won't have to move your boat. Extra wristbands will be available for purchase for your boat guests. We'll keep an eye on water levels as the year progresses. Sailing to other ports before and/or after this event will be discussed at a later date. Watch your email for more details.



2026 Rear Commodore Lana Hawkins sails KINGFISHER (a J-37) with Gentleman Mike Soltis

FYI—RACING AND CRUISING CONFLICTS: The racing schedule for the second half of the season is in flux so there may be a conflict with cruisers who race on WNATR in July. Watch your email and the Starboard Tack for updates.

MARCH AFTER-MEETING PROGRAM: I will be presenting a trip report from our recent sailing adventure in the British Virgin Islands. Mike and I sailed with PC Jody, PC Jonathan, and Lady Helena. We will each present a little bit of it at the March GMM.

CRUISING SIGN-UP LOG ON GOOGLE SHEETS: Remember to let us know if you're planning to attend a WSSC cruise. Be sure to fill out the cruising sign up sheet on the WSSC website once you know which cruises you plan to attend. Here is the link for the form:

Ctrl+click on this link to go to the sign-up sheet:

[WSSC CRUISING SIGN-UP SHEET](#)

Sincerely,

2026 Rear Commodore Lana Hawkins

wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com



UPCOMING AFTER-MEETING PROGRAMS

March 5: Cruising with Friends in the BVI
Adventure featuring Lana Mike Jody Jon & Helena

May 7: Annual Swap Meet

WSSC 2026 CRUISING CALENDAR

NEXT CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING

at the Memorial Day Weekend cruise
(watch your email for other dates)

WSSC 2026 CRUISING CALENDAR

ICEBREAKER "LAND" CRUISE—SAT. MAY 9 AT 3PM

at PC Carver and Lady Allison Dumke's, Grosse Ile

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE

FRI.-MON. MAY 22-25

to Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Marina—Port Captain: Dave Wright

and Cruising Committee Meeting

Sun. May 24 at the Memorial Day Weekend Cruise

COMMODORE'S TEA—SAT. JUN. 19-21

to Leamington, Ontario—Port Captain: (TBD)

WEEK-LONG CRUISE (in conjunction with)
I-LYA SENIOR SAIL REGATTA (Bay Week) **JUL. 30 - AUG. 2**

to Put-in-Bay Yacht Club (ports before and after TBD)
Port Captain: (TBD)

LATE SUMMER CRUISE—AUG. 21-23

to Bay View Yacht Club of Toledo (confirmed)
at BVYC's Homecoming Weekend—Port Captain: (TBD)

HARVEST MOON CRUISE—SEP. 25-27 (dates to be reconfirmed)

to Monroe Boat Club—Port Captain: Dan Williamson

From the Secretary (including Correspondence and Reciprocity)

Patti Duffett



WORK FOCUS: This month focused on maintaining organizational efficiency, coordinating club records, and supporting Executive Committee initiatives. All records, correspondence, and meeting minutes were updated and archived.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING are sent to members via a link in the meeting notice email. If you have corrections to the draft minutes, please send an email to me at wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com.



LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY are on the Corkboard at the general membership meetings, or the (virtual) Corkboard near

2026 Secretary sails Go Baby!
(an LS10) with Todd Duffett

the back of the Starboard 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 wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com



Sincerely,
2026 Secretary Patti Duffett
wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com

From the 2026 Treasurer

Mike Fluegemann



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

Sincerely,
2026 Treasurer Michael Fluegemann
wsscfinancial@gmail.com



CELEBRATING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- Ron K.
- John M.
- John P.
- Cindy L.
- Roy B.
- PC Lance Y.
- Marcie G.
- Lori S.
- Naseem B.

PC Kathy is ready to share her February birthday cake, while member Angela is ready for the assist.



WSSC TRADITIONAL BIRTHDAY SONG is sung at each Membership Meeting: This tribute to our Birthday members is sung with **GUSTO** (you don't even have to sing it in tune) to the tune of **Ta-Ra-Ra-BOOM-De-Ay!**

This is your BIRTHday song! It isn't VERY long!

We join our birthday celebrants after every monthly membership meeting for birthday cake, compliments of ELLIOTT'S BAKERY!

Join us at our GMMs (General Membership Meetings)...
WE ALWAYS HAVE BIRTHDAY CAKE! AND FUN! AND OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF!

From the 2026 Membership Officer

Todd Duffett



MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS:

For the 2026 membership year we have 23 renewed memberships as of the end of January

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

are streaming in and we expect this to continue since the deadline was February 5th!! **Beginning March 1st, the \$10.00 late fee will be imposed!**

The first of the year membership totals look like this:

WSSC Membership "By the numbers"	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS	46
Total Paid Memberships	41

DUES ARE DUE: Membership renewals have started and dues are due to be paid at or before the February

membership meeting. Thank you for those who have already paid their dues through Zeffy!

You can pay 2026 dues from the WSSC website at:

<https://westshoresailclub.org/pay-dues/>

Here is a direct link to pay dues using Zeffy:

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/c3c21d54-28f1-4fcf-aa9e-85bbd2cb1f27>

Sincerely,
2026 Membership Officer Todd Duffett
wsscmembershipchair@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP NEWS: IN MEMORIAM—FOUNDING MEMBER

PC 1975 THEODORE "Ted" MOSCYNKI, SR.

July 30, 1935 - February 8, 2026



Club members were saddened to learn that 1975 Past Commodore Ted Moscyński passed away. News of his passing was shared with the club by his daughter, Paula.

From the Martenson Funeral Home website: "Theodore "Teddy" Moscyński Sr. passed away Feb. 8, 2026, at the age of 90. Born July 30, 1935, Teddy lived a life marked by passion, adventure, and dedication -- especially to sailing. Ted was widely regarded as one of the finest captains of under-30-foot sailboats on Lake Erie and Lake Huron, winning numerous regattas and club races over the years. His love of sailing was central to his life and legacy. He was a charter member and past commodore of the West Shore Sail Club and was honored with induction into the Ford Yacht Club Hall of Fame, an honor he will receive posthumously in November. "Teddy also proudly served his country for nine years in the United States Air Force (USAF). Whether on the water, in uniform or at home, his commitment, discipline and generosity left an impression."

"Teddy was a devoted family man who was deeply cherished by those who knew him. He is survived by his children, Ted Jr. (Beth), Michael, Joseph (Suzanne), Paula (Paul), and James (Julie); his grandchildren, Alicia, Andria, Sean, Sabrina, Jason, Jelana, Brianna, Mirissa, Ruby, and Michael; and six great-grandchildren. Ted is also survived by his brother, Michael, as well as many nieces and nephews. Ted's passing followed the loss of his cherished wife, Virginia, his parents Mickey, and Josephine, as well as his sisters, Joan (Lee) and Connie (John)."

The memorial service was held in the Trenton Chapel of Martenson Funeral Home on Saturday, February 14, and a Celebration of Life luncheon followed at the Hungarian Rhapsody in Southgate.



(L to R) PC 1975 Ted Moscyński, PC 1974 Jim Neylans, and PC 1973 Dick Synowiec celebrate placing in the early days of WNATR racing



Ted and crew celebrate wins including Cedar Island Yacht Club races

"Ted's vision, leadership, and love of sailing were instrumental in founding our club nearly 54 years ago. His legacy of camaraderie, tradition, and friendship continues to guide and inspire our community today. He will always be remembered with great respect and gratitude by the entire West Shore Sail Club family."

— 2026 Commodore Todd Harris

"Ted and Virginia were the spearheads of the ICONIC cruise/race to Cedar Island YC after they met a group from that Club at Pelee Island."

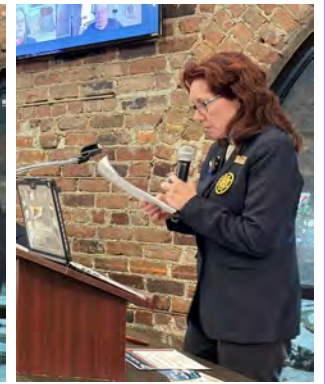
"Ted was a real good fisherman. On a trip to the north channel he would lead a bunch of us in cleaning our daily catch and having a fish fry."

-- Past Commodore 1973 Dick Synowiec

Photo Fun from February GMM



The 2026 Executive Committee Goals were shared by Commodore Harris (see slides on page 3). Here, the new 2026 Executive Committee gives reports, news, events, announcements ... all the news you can use for WSSC members. (above) Members had lots of fun with the Valentines Day friends who attended the meeting—the Love You bears!



The CorkBoard will become even more important to club members in 2026. The Board now contains reciprocal letters, event information from our Sister Clubs (read about Sister Club Ambassadors in the Commodore's article on page 1), safety information, club cruising, car cruising, racing flyers and announcements, and more! Check it out at the next GMM.



STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS: ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Jane Bersie, Chairperson

westshoresailclub.org/events



HELLO WSSC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: All are welcome to join us on our Car Cruise adventures. For the MARCH or APRIL Car Cruise, you'll have to vote! We're choosing between a tour of the Fox Theatre –or– a tour of Little Caesars Arena. PC Dave Monk is one of the "tour guides" at these venues and is working on times and availability for WSSC (\$25 includes 10% discount card for venue stores).

Here is the link to the public tours of these two places. Use Ctrl + click to check it out....

<https://www.313presents.com/plan-your-visit/tour-photo-opportunities>

and then **CAST YOUR VOTE** via email to our Activities Chairperson at bersi001@yahoo.com!



Sincerely,

Jane Bersie, Activities Committee Chairperson

bersi001@yahoo.com



Little Caesars Arena Tour Highlights

Experience the Ultimate Detroit Sports and Entertainment Tour at Little Caesars Arena, guided by an expert who brings the city's rich history to life.

- Begin your exclusive journey at the **BELFOR Training Center**, home to the Detroit Red Wings' practice ice, and enjoy **stunning bird's-eye views** from the **Press Box** and **Michigan First Gondolas**.
- Snap a photo with the custom **Detroit Red Wings Organ**, original **Olympia Sign**, and sit on **Red Wings bench** that was from Joe Louis Arena.
- Next, you will explore the luxurious **Blue Cross Blue Shield Suites** and exclusive **Clubs**, offering first-class amenities.
- Go behind the scenes and experience where the magic happens! Sit in the **Meijer Media Room**, where you'll feel like your favorite Detroit Pistons player being questioned about the game.
- Go into the NHL **Visitors' Locker Room** where rival teams prepare for their epic matchups against the Red Wings. Discover the **Loading Dock** and **Star Dressing Room**, where your favorite performers get ready to take the stage.

Fox Theatre Tour Highlights

Step into the grandeur of the **Fox Theatre Detroit**, a 1920s masterpiece where history, elegance, and culture come alive. With its stunning "**Siamese Byzantine**" design—a fusion of Egyptian, Hindu, and Buddhist influences—the theatre exudes exotic charm and architectural brilliance that's unlike anything you've seen before.

- Take a ride in the original 1928 **hand-operated elevator**, a rare piece of history that's still in use today, offering a unique glimpse into the past.
- Then, stand on the very stage where legends like **Frank Sinatra**, **Elvis Presley**, **Stevie Wonder**, and **Liza Minnelli** once performed. Walk in the footsteps of the stars and explore the **backstage green room**, where thousands of iconic performers have left their signatures, immortalizing their presence.
- The **Fox Theatre** is more than just a venue—it's a living testament to Detroit's rich cultural history, architectural wonder, and the magic of live performance. Embark on this unforgettable tour and step into a world where every corner tells a story of grandeur and legacy.

WSSC 2025/2026 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MARCH—or—APRIL

Vote for a tour of Little Caesars Arena or the historic Fox Theatre

MAY 7—Annual SWAP MEET
before and after the meeting
at Whiskeys on the Water

[June—September on hiatus]

OCTOBER

Wed. Oct. 21 Car Cruise to
WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT

Car Cruise to WSSC ANNUAL HARVEST • FEST
Sat. Oct. 24

Sloppy Joe Pot Luck • Hayride
and S'MORE FUN than a barrel of sailors!

NOVEMBER

Car Cruise to Thursday Burger Night at MBC

DECEMBER

Holiday Party and Charity Drive

OTHER COMMITTEE NEWS COMMODORE'S BALL

Maria Gonzàlez, Chairperson



WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB COMMODORE'S BALL APRIL 11, 2026

The West Shore Sail Club Commodore's Ball is one of the most anticipated events of the year, and the 2026 celebration promises to be truly unforgettable. Taking place on April 11, 2026, this year's ball is in honor of Commodore Todd Harris and Lady Maria Gonzàlez, making the evening both heartfelt and memorable.



This marks my second year chairing the WSSC Commodore's Ball Committee, and planning began early to ensure every detail reflects the joy, elegance, and strong sense of community that define our club. Organizing an event of this scale is no small task; it's about creating an experience where members can come together, relax, celebrate, and create lasting memories, all while enjoying a truly special night.

EASY INVITATIONS & TICKET OPTIONS: To make attending as convenient as possible, we are offering two invitation and payment options this year. Members will receive a traditional printed invitation by postal mail, complete with a response card that may be returned with a check before March 22. In addition, an email invitation will be sent to members, including a Zeffy link that allows guests to purchase tickets easily and securely online, with instant confirmation.

If you have not received the email invitation, please feel free to contact me at wssccomb@gmail.com.

THEME: CASINO NIGHT! The 2026 theme is "Casino Night", setting the stage for an elegant and lively evening inspired by the excitement and glamour of a classic casino atmosphere. Beautiful décor, thoughtful details, and festive

touches throughout the venue will make guests feel like the luckiest people in the room; all while keeping the focus on fun and celebration. (No actual gambling is involved.)

AN EVENING TO REMEMBER: Guests can look forward to a wonderful night filled with:

- Great company and the chance to meet new friends
- Food, drinks, music, and a beautiful venue
- Conversations, laughter, and plans for the upcoming sailing season

Following a delicious dinner, attendees will enjoy a meaningful ceremony that honors WSSC traditions, cherished memories, and the rich culture that makes our club so special. Once the ceremony concludes, the celebration continues as the dance floor opens and the DJ invites everyone to enjoy the rest of the night.

And because this is a Casino Night-themed event, guests can also enjoy casino-style fun—Japanese Slots with free-play, adding an extra layer of excitement to the evening. Additional surprises are planned, but some things are best discovered in person. Join Us! The WSSC Commodore's Ball 2026 promises an evening filled with elegance, laughter, tradition, and celebration. We look forward to sharing this very special night with our members and guests.



Sincerely,
Lady Maria Gonzàlez, Chairperson
wssccomb@gmail.com



OTHER COMMITTEE NEWS:
WEBSITE COMMITTEE

westshoresailclub.org

Commodore

wsscmodadore@gmail.com

CALENDAR: Webmaster Lana Hawkins has updated the WSSC calendar on the website. It has all the current information listed. Since the Vice and Rear Commodores and the Webmaster talk regularly about club activities and control most of the activity dates for the club, at this time it is the most accurate listing of activities.

Club calendar link

<https://westshoresailclub.org/events/>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND FIND OUT WHAT'S NEW FOR YOU!

MEMBER LOGIN PASSWORD: If you need the password for the Member Login section, please contact the Membership Officer via email at wsscmembershipchair@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Website Committee Chairperson
2026 Commodore Todd Harris



From The Webmaster

Lana Hawkins

WEBMASTER EMAIL: The official email for the webmaster is web@westshoresailclub.org. If you need anything updated on the website or see mistakes, please let me know so I can fix it asap. I do check emails often. Also let me know if you have suggestions for the site.

OFFICIAL CLUB CALENDAR: The club calendar is at <https://westshoresailclub.org/events/> Calendar entries are kept as accurate as possible. Anyone with information to be posted about the club on the website should email the webmaster at either of these two emails or send it to me this year at the rear commodore email.

web@westshoresailclub.org wsscweb48138@gmail.com

Some of the racing dates may change based on negotiations with other clubs. If you know of any issues, please tell me so that our club website can be a reliable source for information.

WEBSITE UPDATES CONTINUING: If you haven't looked yet, please take a some time to check out the website updates and improvements at www.westshoresailclub.org.


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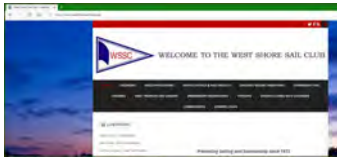
Sincerely,
Lana Hawkins, Webmaster
web@westshoresailclub.org





 VISIT US ON **FACEBOOK** for photos, news, event updates, and more!
www.facebook.com/groups/WestShoreSailClub



 VISIT OUR **WEBSITE** for links to calendars, membership, newsletters, and more!
www.westshoresailclub.org



 VISIT US ON **INSTAGRAM** for photos from our races, cruises, and other events!
www.instagram.com/westshoresailclub/



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. PC Carver shares that the Towing Insurance can save you many hundreds of dollars for even a short tow and would be well worth the price of membership.



See benefits at: <https://www.boatus.com/products-and-services/membership>.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Doug Howe at d1howe@wowway.com

I-LYA (INTER-LAKE YACHTING ASSOCIATION)

Rep. PC Kathy Howe

WSSC is a member of I-LYA and every member of an I-LYA club is automatically a member of I-LYA. See I-LYA on social media for the latest schedules and updates:



WEBSITE: <https://i-lya.org/>

Facebook: I-LYA Inter-Lake Yachting Association <https://www.facebook.com/ILYAInterLakeYachtingAssociation>

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/>

SPRING MEETING: March 27-28, 2026, at Detroit Metro Airport Sheraton

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON I-LYA CONTACT Kathy Howe at kahowe@wowway.com

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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 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)

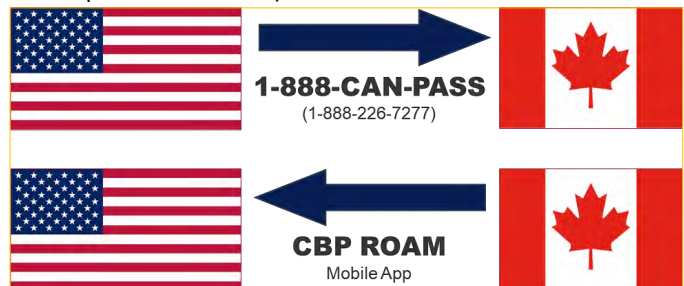
Rep. PC Doug Howe

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: US re-entry via boat requires in-person customs clearance or the use of CBP Roam app. Boaters can use the Reporting Offsite Arrival-Mobile (CBP ROAM) app as a faster way to report their arrival in Michigan, Ohio, and other locations.



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/>

CTRL+click on this link to find helpful links on our club website: westshoresailclub.org/visiting-canada/

THE PAST COMMODORES' CORNER

STORIES * TIPS * WIT * WISDOM * ADVICE BORNE OF EXPERIENCE FROM WSSC's PAST COMMODORES

This month's "PC Corner is contributed by our newest PC—Jon Cotter, a proud "cat" boat owner.



HEY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR RIG? (A CAT-TALE)

One of the pleasures of owning a Nonsuch is getting asked all the time, so how does THAT work?

Briefly stated, the Nonsuch Design is a type of "Cat" boat. But also features no head sail, a wishbone boom, non-stayed mast, and a loose-footed sail. It is a simple sail plan that sails well in close reaches to broad reaches. Lacking a head sail, she won't close haul quite as well as a Bermuda rigged sloop, but it is very pleasant to sail close hauled in 10-20 knots. Famously, the design has lots of cabin room with the mast far forward, and a big cockpit for lobster pots or lobster BBQ. It's easy to reef and de-power the big sail. Yes, but what's a CAT boat? Unfortunately, no one can agree on why they are called cats.

Typically, these beamy but small work boats of the 1850s and 1900s had gaff rigs and shoal drafts, and were designed to sail alone by fishermen and lobstermen. Big rudders and centerboards aided in their function.



Beetle
cat 1921~12.3'
Winslow Homer



Breezing Up,
Cape Cod Cat 1971~17'
Sailboatdata.com



Arey's Pond 22'
Sailboatdata.com

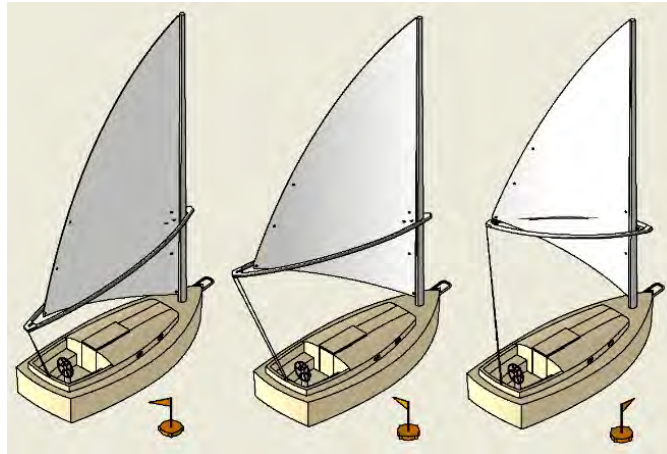
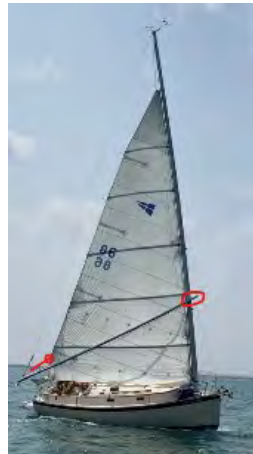


Barnegat Bay
A-Cat 1925~28'
areyspondboatyard.com



(cat boat racing)
Sailboatdata.com

It's easy to see how Mark Ellis is some of the inspiration in the style and design of the Nonsuch 30. After years of his experience in the 70s at C&C Yachts, he joined with George Hinterhoeller (also from C&C) to build the new design, starting with the 30', then the 26' (Jolee), and the 22' and 33'. Crescent Sail Yacht Club now has a fleet of seven 30' Nonsuch30.



NONSUCH SAIL TRIM: Without a boom vang, outhaul, jib sheets, spinnaker sheets and guy, pole lifts and downhauls, running back stays, "tweakers", and travelers, your crew can get mighty bored on a Nonsuch. However, we still have a main sheet, a topping lift, and, most importantly, the "choker" which controls the fore and aft boom position (and thus controls sail shape). When running or broad reaching, the choker is relaxed forward to curve the sail more deeply. While close-hauled it is pulled in tight to flatten the sail. The weight and shape of the wishbone boom helps keep the sail flat for sailing close to the wind, even though WSSC member Don B. will tell you "Gentlemen don't sail to windward."



My old Hobie Catamaran is not a CAT.



And this Sail GP, me thinks, are not a sailboat!



THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

WEBSITE: <https://i-lya.org/>



Inter-Lake Yachting Association 2026 Spring MEETING

March 27 - 28, 2026

Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport

8000 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI 48174

734-729-2600

Please make your room reservation by March 6th

The I-LYA room rate should be requested when making reservations. One of the two options below must be selected at the time of reservation.

\$129 Standard room per night plus taxes and **does NOT include breakfast** [\(Click Here\)](#)

\$149 Standard room per night plus taxes and **does include two breakfasts** [\(Click Here\)](#)

Or call the Hotel, ask for in-house reservations, and request the I-LYA group rate.

*Join us Friday evening in our Hospitality Rooms to socialize and network
and Saturday for the Organizational Meetings to help us plan the 2026 Regattas*

****Ladies Luncheon****

Saturday March 28, 2026, at 12:00 Noon

Name(s): _____ Club _____ # Attending _____

Price: \$27.00 pp – Menu: Chicken Salad, Soup, Assorted breads, deli meats, cheeses, and Dessert
(Special Dietary needs available on request)

**** Spring Dinner & Awards ****

Saturday March 28, 2026

Cocktails (Cash Bar) 6:00 pm ---- Dinner 7:00 pm ---- **Price: \$75.00 pp**

Menu: House Salad, Chicken, Short Ribs, Red Skinned Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable, Chef's Dessert & Coffee

Dinner Attire: Blues & Grays

Name(s): _____

Club: _____ # Attending _____

****Reservations Required****

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

****Deadline for Dinner and Luncheon Reservations** is Friday, 3/13/26**

If paying by check, make check payable to: I-LYA 2026

Mail to Lady Teresa Vanderford, 3112 6th St., Monroe, MI 48162

Phone 419-367-4171 (For Questions)

THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"



Elliott's
BAKERY AND COFFEE SHOP

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

2636 W. Jefferson Ave.
Trenton, MI 48183
734-676-1940
elliottsbakery.com

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!

THANK YOU to contributors!
Photos in this month's Starboard Tack were contributed by Todd Harris, Maria Gonzàlez, Mike Soltis, Lana Hawkins, Jon Cotter, and Patti Duffett. Thank you all—you make Tack-ing easier.



WSSC CRUISE SIGN-UP SHEET:
Be sure to fill out the cruising sign up sheet once you know which cruises you plan to attend. Here is the link for the form (you can Ctrl+click on the link or copy and paste the address into your web browser):
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1noNYPU-1gp6c3HgASBRX0U8_py84y-fM/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=105045894904611650196&rtpof=true&sd=true

LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY

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

STARBOARD TACK is the monthly newsletter of the West Shore Sail Club, Trenton, Michigan. PUBLISHED 12 times annually, with a combined issue for June/July and a "calendar only" issue in late July. DISTRIBUTION by email to WSSC members, racers, and friends of the club, by posting to the club's Facebook page, and on the public section of the WSSC website. **ARTICLE AND AD DEADLINE IS FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.** 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. (Classified Ads for members are free.) The Starboard Tack is published mid-month.
SUBMIT articles, classifieds, ads, and other information to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

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Director ⁺	PC 2012 Chuck Laskey	claskey1954@yahoo.com

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Budget Committee	Executive Committee	
Bylaws Committee	Past Commodores Committee	
Club Memory (Anniversary) Album	We need a volunteer!	send photos to joncotter@att.net
Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson	Mariajose (Maryjo) Gonzalez	wssccomb@gmail.com
*Cruising Committee Chairperson	Rear Commodore	wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com
Cruising Log Master	Rear Commodore	wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com
Fleet Captain—Cruising	We need a volunteer!	
Fleet Captain—Racing (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	leaf@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 Brochures	Todd Duffett	wsscmembershipchair@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor (Starboard Tack)	Lea Ellwood-Filkins	wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com
Nomination Committee	Past Commodores Committee	wsscmodcommodore@gmail.com
*Past Commodores Committee Co-Chairpersons	PC Carver Dumke (Co-Chairperson) PC Dave Monk (Co-Chairperson)	cadumke@gmail.com david.monk@hotmail.com
PHRF-LE Delegate	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 Rear Commodore section or on our website)	
Port Captains: Specialty Races	(see information on each Event in the Vice Commodore section or on our website)	
*Racing Committee Chairperson	Vice Commodore	wsscvicecommodore@gmail.com
Social Media Moderator	Executive Committee	
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Webmaster	Lana Hawkins	web@westshoresailclub.org -or- wsscweb48138@gmail.com
Website Committee Chairperson	Commodore	wsscmodcommodore@gmail.com
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		
MARCH 2026		
MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING	MAR. 5 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Mar. 6 *Friday—11:59:59pm for March Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
I-LYA Spring Meeting	Mar. 27-28—Sheraton at Detroit Metro Airport	Association Rep. PC Kathy Howe
• March CAR CRUISE	(TBD)	Activities Committee Chairperson
APRIL 2026		
APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	APR. 2 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Apr. 3 *Friday—11:59:59pm for April Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
• WSSC COMMODORE'S BALL	Apr. 11 *Saturday—6:00-11:30pm at Crystal Gardens Banquet Center, Southgate MI *Purchase tickets on Zeffy (ctrl+click to follow link) Commodore's Ball Tickets	Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson
• April CAR CRUISE	<i>We're car-cruising to the COMMODORE'S BALL, of course!</i>	
? RACING COMMITTEE Meeting	(TBD)	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
MAY 2026		
• MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING ANNUAL SWAP MEET	MAY 7 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water PRE/POST-MEETING EVENT: <i>ANNUAL SWAP MEET</i>	Meeting: Commodore Swap Meet Event Chairperson
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	May 8 *Friday—11:59:59pm for May Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
Racing BUOY PREP WORK PARTY	(TBD)	Vice Commodore
Racing BUOY LAUNCH	May 9 *Saturday—9:00am-12noon Meet-up location Ford Yacht Club	Vice Commodore
• Cruise #1: ICEBREAKER "LAND" CRUISE	May 9 *Saturday—3:00-6:00pm with BBQ & Potluck Location/Port Captains: PC Carver and Lady Allison Dumke	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
Happy Mother's Day!		
• WNATR SKIPPERS'/COMPETITORS' MEETING	May 12 *Tuesday—7:00-9:00pm at Ford Yacht Club	
WNATR Practice	May 13 *Wednesday—6:50-9:00pm	Rear Commodore
• WNATR - Spring #1	May 20 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
• Cruise #2: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE with WSSC ANNUAL REUNION AND BBQ	May 22-25 *Friday-Monday—to Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Port Captain: Dave Wright <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday 2pm Welcome Social Saturday 4pm Dinner Reservations SUNDAY—2:00pm CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING and WSSC ANNUAL REUNION POTLUCK (BYO meat / grills available)—Bring a chair—BYOB 	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
GIYC Day Race	May 24 *Saturday	Grosse Ile Yacht Club
• CRUISING COMMITTEE Meeting	May 24 *Sunday—2-4pm at Memorial Day Weekend Cruise	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
• WNATR - Spring #2	May 27 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing

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JUNE 2026			
	JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING	Jun. 4 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
	Starboard Tack DEADLINE for June/July issue	Jun. 5 *Friday—11:59:59pm for June Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
	TYC Mills Trophy Race (AYC)	Jun. 5-7 *Friday-Sunday (Toledo Harbor Light to Put-in-Bay)	Toledo Yacht Club & Storm Trysail Club
	Opening of the Island (Grosse Ile)	Jun. 6-8 Opening of the Island and Blessing of the Fleet AMBC—FYC—GIYC—GLSBC—SBC—SSBC—WRYCC	
•	Cruising Award Pre-Registrations Due	Jun. 10—Registration form on WSSC website	Cruising Log Master (Rear Commodore)
•	WNATR - Spring #3	Jun. 10 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
•	WNATR - Spring #4	Jun. 17 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
	FYC Night Race	Jun. 19 *Friday	Ford Yacht Club
•	Cruise #3: COMMODORE'S TEA	Jun. 19-21 *Friday-Sunday at Leamington Municipal Marina (Leamington, Ontario, Canada) Port Captain: (TBD)	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
	Happy Father's Day!		
	FYC Solo Race	Jun. 22 *Monday	Ford Yacht Club
•	WNATR - Spring #5	Jun. 24 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
JULY 2026			
	JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING	(CANCELLED FOR JULY)	Commodore
•	WNATR - Summer #1	July 1 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
•	WNATR - Summer #2	Jul. 8 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
	GIYC 91st Independence Race	Jul 4 *Saturday	Grosse Ile Yacht Club
	CYC 116th Chicago to Mackinac Race	Jul. 11-13 *Saturday—Tuesday	Chicago Yacht Club
	I-LYA Junior Bay Week	Jul. 12-16 *Sunday-Thursday at Put-in-Bay, Ohio	I-LYA.org
•	WNATR Summer # 3	Jul. 15 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
	BYC 101st Port Huron to Mackinac Race	Jul. 18-21 *Saturday-Tuesday	Bayview Yacht Club
	I-LYA Power Regatta	Jul. 22-26 *Wednesday-Sunday at Put-in-Bay, Ohio	I-LYA.org
•	WNATR Summer #4	Jul. 22 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
	GIYC 68th Downriver Race	Jul. 26 *Saturday—Windsor Yacht Club to GIYC	Grosse Ile Yacht Club
	I-LYA Bay Week Senior Sail Regatta	Jul. 29-Aug. 2 *Wednesday-Sunday at Put-in-Bay, Ohio	I-LYA.org/Put-In-Bay Yacht Club
•	WNATR Summer #5	Jul. 29 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
•	Cruise #4: WEEK-LONG CRUISE (Combined with I-LYA Senior Sail Bay Week)	Jul. 31-Aug. 2 *Friday-Sunday Ports: Put-in-Bay Ohio to join I-LYA Senior Sail Bay Week in the "Rendezvous" class (racing optional) Cruising before and after is "TBD" by participants Port Captains: _____ JOIN FOR ALL OR A PORTION OF THIS CRUISING EVENT!	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising



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