

WSSC: promoting the sport of sailing and seamanship since 1972

THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS THURSDAY, APRIL 2 — SEE YOU THERE!

From the 2026 Commodore (including Executive Committee)

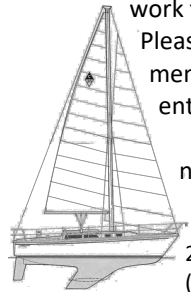
Todd Harris



GET IN THE MIX IN 2026—CLUB AMBASSADORS: We're off to a Great start! As part of my 2026 goals, I've asked for several volunteers to become "WSSC ambassadors". Gentleman Alec Chabalowski and PC Anita Bersie-Chabalowski have volunteered for Grosse Ile, and PC Dave Monk for Elba Mar.

At the GMM during March, our Past Commodore 2025 Jonathan and Lady Helena agreed to help us stay informed and involved with Ford Yacht Club. FYC members are a big part of our club with the single largest number of members. They actively support and are involved in both racing and cruising. After Memorial Day (June 6th), they host the "Opening of the Island".

As you probably know, I am one of your southern members from down at Toledo Beach. I am volunteering to be our ambassador for North Cape Yacht Club. I will be bringing some event information to/from their club and will work to build a closer relationship with them. Please see our Ambassador Board at the next membership meeting for lots of fun and entertaining events to be part of!



There are still plenty of clubs that we need to reach out to at least occasionally during the year. If your club has an event

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

that you think we might be interested in, don't hesitate to let us know.

MEMORY BOOK: I've started to archive the Memory Book pages by digitizing and securing the pages on our website for members-only access. Several of our sister clubs have this type of website area that requires a password to see club-sensitive information.



We're working to keep the site safe and secure while still sharing our memories with each other. Our goal is more accessibility and more fun! There are concerns that we want to address regarding the access and use of any shared memories and pictures. We will be soliciting your feedback for how we can best protect your rights for use of your sail club memory photos.

DO YOU HAVE A MEMORY BOOK PAGE? If not, we have blank sheets just waiting for your beautiful pictures!

REMEMBERING: Unfortunately, during February we were saddened to hear of the passing of two of our past members. Both were long-time members with active involvement in the club. Founding member PC 1975 Ted Mosczynski (age 90) visited with us at our General Membership Meeting just a couple of years ago. Leonard Grabacz (age 88) joined WSSC in 1984. Both are remembered fondly as kind and caring members of our sailing community.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR for these APRIL & MAY EVENTS

* APRIL General Membership Meeting *

Thursday, April 2 at 7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water — 6:30pm social hour — 7:30pm meeting
PROGRAM: U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS—Water Predictions for Summer Sailing

* The WSSC COMMODORE'S BALL—Saturday, April 11 at Crystal Garden *

* Next up on the "Activities" calendar: April 11 Car Cruise to the COMMODORE'S BALL and May 7 Annual Swap Meet at the GMM *

* Next Racing Committee Meeting—April 8 *

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

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

* Deadline for the APRIL Starboard Tack articles, flyers, ads, photos is Tuesday, April 7 *
Please send reports in .doc or .docx format and photos in .jpg or .jpeg format. Please identify photos with event and person.

Commodore (continued)

INVENTORY & RECORDS: I have received help from Vice Commodore Mike Soltis to organize the club's historical administrative records. Thanks, Mike, for your fine work! These records have been categorized for easier access by future Executive Committee members and Directors of the club. In finding the membership rosters over the years before computerized files, we will be able to piece together a better

picture of who was involved with what and when. I'm sure that WSSC Club Historian, Lea Ellwood-Filkins, may find some of the lists and records both interesting and informative as I did!

Sincerely,
2026 Commodore Todd Harris
 wssccommodore@gmail.com



Fond memories at our General Membership Meetings. Past Commodores Mocsynski, Synowiec, and Jablonski.



Our club Memory Album (soon to be digitized!) is a fun trip down memory lane. It is our club's "photo wall".



Commodore Todd and Lady Maria at Elba-Mar Boat Club Commodore's Ball February 2026

Get in the Mix in 2026

🚢 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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* COMPETITORS'/SKIPPER'S MEETING—TUESDAY MAY 12TH 7PM AT FYC *

From the 2026 Vice Commodore (including Racing Committee)

Mike Soltis



2026 RACING COMMITTEE NEWS & SCHEDULE: The initial draft of the 2026 Racing Season calendar is complete, though none of the races have yet been entered into Notice of Race.



Fleet Captain—Racing

The WNATR 15-race series will be held over 16 consecutive weeks from May 20 through September 2, with only one break on June 3, the Wednesday before the Mills Race.



Racing Committee

The WSSC Lighthouse Challenge will be Saturday, August 15, and the Jack & Jill on Sunday, September 6.

Buoy Prep Day will be Saturday morning, May 2 at FYC with Buoy Launch at FYC the following Saturday morning. We'll be done before the Icebreaker Cruise at the Dumkes'. Buoy Haul Out will be Saturday morning, September 19.



WSSC Lighthouse Challenge Regatta

The next Racing Committee Meeting is scheduled for the Soltis/Hawkins house at 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 8. We are attempting to keep the club calendar updated with the latest information at:

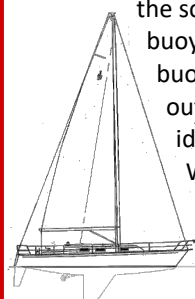
<https://westshoresailclub.org/events/>

HOW DEEP IS THE WATER? Water levels at the clubs and marinas around Grosse Ile are low as expected in late winter, but scuttlebutt has it that the Great Lakes might be water level challenged for part of the 2026 season. As such, both cruising and racing skippers alike will want to hear the presentation that RC Hawkins has arranged for after our April GMM. (See the Rear Commodore's column for details.)

DOUBLEHANDED RACE—NOT THIS YEAR: As previously mentioned, we are not planning to hold the lightly-attended Doublehanded Race this year. The Committee was also unable to agree on support for holding a port-to-port race. Instead, we are encouraging WSSC members with interest in a port-to-port race to consider entering a race to Middle Bass Island that is being organized by the LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club (LMYC) for July 11. We anticipate that they will have both JAM and Cruising classes.

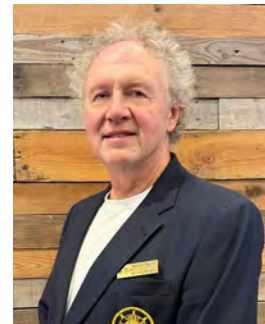
BUOY PREP WORKDAY ON SATURDAY, MAY 2:

Regarding buoy preparation for launching this year, there will be plenty of work to go around. As usual, there will be the prep tasks of inspecting and replacing worn anchor chain and the screw-lock carabiners that attach them to the buoys and anchors. But this year, the two new buoys that are being purchased to replace worn out buoys must be marked with the compass identification letters for the race course and WSSC contact information stenciled on. The "T" handles will also have to be removed



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from the retiring buoys and installed on/sealed to the new buoys. Speaking of which, all of the remaining buoys going back into service need to have the obsolete phone numbers removed and replaced with a current phone number that will be answered by a WSSC officer. It is sure to be a busy Saturday morning.



2025 B-O-T-Y FLAGS: The 2025 JAM and Spinnaker Racing Boat of the Year Flags will be awarded at the Commodore's Ball on April 11 along with the Cruising Award flags.

2026 LHC CHARITY PARTNER: As mentioned last month, the 2026 Lighthouse Challenge Charity Partner is Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association (GLLKA) <https://www.gllka.org/>. They restored and maintain the St. Helena Lighthouse (Light Station) in the Straits of Mackinac.

Some fun lighthouse facts:

1. Did you know that Michigan has more standing lighthouses (130) than any other state? In fact, Michigan has almost as many as the two next-closest states combined - New York (85) and Maine (68). If I remember correctly, Michigan had 187 at one time, though not all are considered to be "standing" currently .
2. The oldest surviving lighthouse in Michigan is the Fort Gratiot Light, built in 1825.

WSSC 2026 RACING CALENDAR

RACING COMMITTEE MEETING Wed. FEB. 25 at 7pm

Racing Committee Meeting—Wed. April 8
7:00pm at Soltis/Hawkins house

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

2026 WSSC SPECIALTY RACES

Lighthouse Challenge Regatta—August 15
and charity afterglow supporting GLLKA

Jack & Jill Race—September 6

2026 WNATR RACING SEASON

Buoy Prep Day—Sat. May 2 (morning meet at FYC)

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

Vice Commodore (continued)

3. When a hazardous location was identified for a light, a lightship was often deployed for a number of years until funds could be appropriated by Congress so that a permanent structure could be constructed. About 170 were originally built, but only a dozen or so remain. You can tour one of those remaining lightships, the HURON, at Port Huron (Lana and I did a few years ago).
4. The Detroit River Entrance Light (AKA the "Detroit Light", the inspiration for our LHC) was originally known as the Bar Shoal Light when it became operational in 1885. It was preceded by a lightship for 10 years beginning in 1875 (two years after St. Helena became operational in The Straits).
5. Of the four (Detroit River navigation) range lights originally built on Grosse Ile, only the Fighting Island Channel Front Range Light remains. Built in 1906, it is 40' tall wooden tower that is registered with the Coast Guard as a Private Aid To Navigation (PATON). It is owned by the Grosse Ile Historical Society, and they conduct tours one day per year each September. It also happens to be two doors down from our house.

LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EXCITING AND COMPETITIVE 2026 RACING SEASON.

Sincerely,

2026 Vice Commodore Mike Soltis

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(at right) Grosse Ile Lighthouse in the fog—March 3

NEWS FROM PHRF-LE REGARDING 2026 CERTIFICATE RENEWALS

from the PHRF-LE website via PC Dick Synowiec (PHRF-LE Measurer)

<https://phrf-le.org/information-and-forms/>

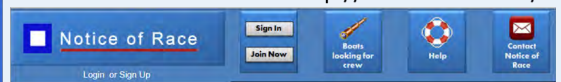
2026 Renewal Notices: 2026 renewals were emailed on March 13th to all members with a certificate in 2025. If you do not have an email address registered with us, you will receive a renewal notice by regular mail. If you did not receive an email, please check your spam folder first and then send an email to phrfle@gmail.com and we will resend. If you have not been a member for several years and need a renewal letter, please send an email to phrfle@gmail.com.

The 2026 Renewal Fee remains the same at \$40.00.

RENEWALS AFTER MAY 15TH WILL BE \$50.00: Payment can be made using Venmo. The venmo user name is @PHRF-LE , or use phrfle@gmail.com; Registered Phone #: 440-667-0745. Or send a check by regular mail. You can also pay by credit card with the link on the home page.

2026 Certificates: 2026 Certificates will be emailed upon renewal.

Registration, courses, and race results can be found on the Notice Of Race website. <http://noticeofrace.net/>



FINDING RACING SIGN-UP AND INFORMATION: Racing registrations, sailing instructions, courses, and **results** for WNATR, WSSC Specialty Races, and races sponsored by other clubs, can be found on the Notice Of Race website at <http://noticeofrace.net>

*** 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

* NEXT CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING at the Memorial Weekend Cruise *

From the 2026 Rear Commodore (including Cruising Committee)

Lana Hawkins



Fleet Captain—Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising

**AHOY SAILORS!
HERE ARE SOME ITEMS
I HOPE YOU'LL REALLY LIKE!**



SPEAKERS AT THE GMMs, UPDATE: Keith K. Chief, Hydraulics and Hydrology Branch Detroit District from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has received clearance to speak at the April 2nd GMM at Whiskeys on the Water. I'm very interested in what he has to say regarding water levels for the summer. He will have new data arriving right before the presentation, so this will be the best information available. I hope you can make it out!

All the speaker information is available on the website under "Club Info", then "Club Calendar". Click any event on the website to see more details.

- April – US Army Corp of Engineers
- May – Swap Meet
- June – (speaker TBD)
- August – Kevin Arnold from Lake Erie Metropark on the topic of the Hawkfest
- September – (pending) John Samuelson speaking about his experience at the International Seafarer Center in Brunswick GA
- October or November – We're hoping that Harry Jones will speak about the Detroit Community Sailing Center
- December – Holiday Party and charity toy collection

SUMMER CRUISING: We need to decide on how to fill out the first part of the weeklong cruise this summer which goes from July 25th to August 2nd. The second part will be at South Bass Island for the I-LYA Senior Sail. The first portion is open for ideas. Here is a suggestion: Pelee Island, Middle Bass and possibly North Bass Island anchorage off the mooring balls (if they are installed). I'll be sending emails to the cruising roster for input or feel free to email, text, or call with your ideas.

OPPORTUNITY TO GROW THE SAILING COMMUNITY: Harry Jones from the Detroit Sailing Center is looking for people to teach sailing to young adults this summer. They are



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offering pay. I'm asking for details about the commitment involved, and will pass the information along when I learn more. I often hear WSSC sailors talk about how there are very few young people getting involved in sailing these days. This school has a backlog of people that want to learn to sail. This would be a great opportunity to promote sailing and possibly meet people you could sail or race with at some point. Contact information is: Harry Jones, President, Detroit Community Sailing, phone (248) 342-5071. Their website is www.SailingDetroit.org



Sincerely,
2026 Rear Commodore Lana Hawkins
wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com

UPCOMING AFTER-MEETING PROGRAMS

March 5: Cruising with Friends in the BVI

**April 2: US ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS
Water Predictions for Summer Sailing**

May 7: Annual Swap Meet

August 6: Kevin Arnold, Lake Erie Metropark "Hawkfest"

WSSC 2026 CRUISING CALENDAR

NEXT CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING

at the Memorial Day Weekend cruise

WSSC 2026 CRUISING CALENDAR

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

(after the racing buoy launch)

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 JULY 25-AUGUST 2

PART I—(Lake Erie Islands TBD)

PART II—in conjunction with I-LYA SENIOR SAIL REGATTA

at Bay Week JUL. 30 - AUG. 2 at Put-in-Bay Yacht Club

Port Captains: (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



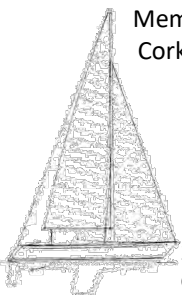
WORK FOCUS: This month focused on maintaining organizational efficiency, coordinating club records, and supporting Executive Committee initiatives. All records, correspondence, and meeting minutes

were reviewed, updated, and properly archived to ensure accuracy and accessibility.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Draft minutes are distributed to members via a link included in the meeting notice email. If you have any corrections or revisions, please email them to

wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com.

LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY: Current letters of reciprocity are posted on the Corkboard at General Membership Meetings, as well as on the (virtual) Corkboard near the back of the *Starboard Tack*.



2026 Secretary Patti Duffett sails GO BABY! (an LS10) with Todd Duffett

Please review the available listings and request copies of any letters you may need.

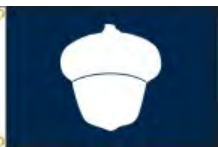
MAILING LIST – FRIENDS OF THE CLUB: If you know a nonmember — perhaps a racing crew member or cruising friend — who would like to receive meeting notices and/or the *Starboard Tack* newsletter, please send their name and email address to wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,
2026 Secretary Patti Duffett
wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com



From the 2026 Treasurer

Mike Fluegemann



DUES ARE HEADING FOR THE FINISH LINE: Thank you to all the members who paid their membership dues on time.

ONLINE PAYMENT AVAILABLE: The online payment system through Zeffy is a great way to pay for events, make donations, and pay your membership because the money gets deposited into our bank account directly.

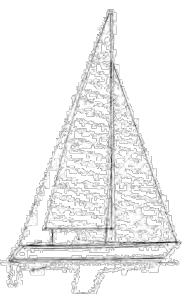
COMMODORE'S BALL TICKETS: The next big focus from a treasurer perspective is the Commodore's Ball. The easiest way to buy your tickets is through the Zeffy link on our website, but you can also send us cash or check. (Tickets may be sold out as the Tack goes to publishing.)

GENERAL FINANCIAL UPDATES: As mentioned at the March membership meeting, we renewed our CD for a year at a good rate.

The current monthly financial report was presented at the General Membership Meeting and is available to WSSC members by contacting the Treasurer at

wsscfinancial@gmail.com

Sincerely,
2026 Treasurer Michael Fluegemann
wsscfinancial@gmail.com



2026 Treasurer Mike Fluegemann crews on GO BABY! (an LS10) with Todd & Patti Duffett



From the 2026 Membership Officer

Todd Duffett



MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS:

For the 2026 membership year we have 55 renewed memberships as of the end of February and one more new application for 2026. **Welcome to the Swifts!**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: Membership renewals are still coming in and we expect this to continue following a personal email sent out to those on the list who haven't renewed as yet. **The \$10.00 late fee is in effect for those who have not paid up and are intending to renew for 2026.**

IN MEMORIAM: We were saddened to hear of the passing of our fellow sailor, Leonard Garbacz. His son Thomas contacted us to share that he passed away on February 6th, 2026. Our thoughts go out to the family and friends.

MEMBERSHIPS AS OF MARCH 1: The first of March membership totals are shown in the chart "WSSC Membership 'By the Numbers'" (to the right).

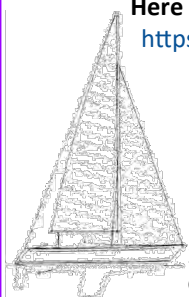
DUES ARE DUE: Membership renewals are nearly complete. Thank you for those who have already paid their dues through Zeffy!

You can still 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>



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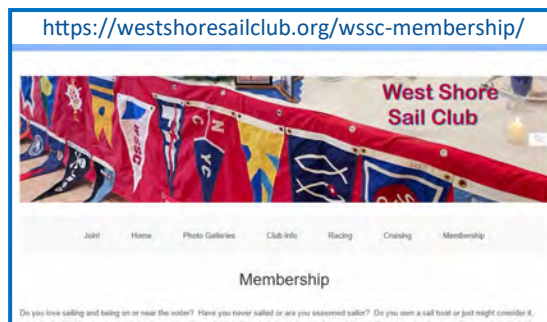
MEMBERSHIP TAB ON OUR

WEBPAGE: Be sure to check out our Membership tab and the rest of our website at:

www.westshoresailclub.org

Sincerely,
**2026 Membership Officer
Todd Duffett**

wsscmembershipchair@gmail.com



WSSC Membership "By the Numbers"	
56	TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS
51	Total Paid Memberships = Total memberships - nonpaid Life memberships - Honorary memberships
12	Individual
17	Family
23	Regular
6	Associate
—	Honorary
5	Non-paid Life Memberships
1	Paid Life Membership
6	Total Life Memberships

CELEBRATING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



APRIL

- Laurie B.
- Thomas F.
- John G.
- Alan K.
- Burt P.
- Bertie S.
- PC Anita B.
- Karen L.
- Joan S.



PC Tim shares cake on behalf of all the March member birthdays. Mmmmmm!

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!

Photo Fun from the GMM (General Membership Meeting) ...



Reports! Reports! Reports!
and a bit 'o Saint Paddy's Day fun at the March General Membership Meeting!



Raffle!
Get your raffle tickets here!
Who won?
The Treasurer!
(You'd better check that
ticket number twice!)
Congratulations Treasurer
Mike!



The March after-meeting program featured Lana Hawkins and Mike Soltis sharing a slideshow of their sailing trip in the BVI (British Virgin Islands) with PC Jonathan Cotter, Lady Helena Thornton, and PC Jody Larrow. What a great adventure!



Remember to check out the WSSC Corkboards at our meetings. They are chock full of information and connections for club members and friends.

**STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS:
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Jane Bersie, Chairperson

westshoresailclub.org/events



HOLY MACKEREL! A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AT THE FEBRUARY CAR CRUISE TO TOLEDO FOR WALLEYE HOCKEY: About a dozen members and friends (and kids!) cruised down to Huntington Center Arena in Toledo on February 15th for an exciting game of hockey where the Toledo Walleyes faced off against the Fort Wayne Komets. Go Fish! was the cheer!



APRIL CAR CRUISING TO THE COMMODORE'S BALL: Don't miss out on a great time as we all head over to Crystal Gardens on April 11 to celebrate our newest Commodore, Todd Harris, and his Lady Maria Gonzalez. The theme a night at the casino, our Commodore's Ball promises to be a fun and festive time. (There's no money involved, just fun!) See you there!

MAY ACTIVITY—SWAP MEET AT THE MAY GMM: It's Spring! And you know what that means! It's time to clear out your lazarette, your garage, your boat locker, and share your "Treasures from the Deep" at the Annual WSSC Swap meet coming up at the May 7th General Membership Meeting.



Sincerely,
Jane Bersie, Activities Committee Chairperson
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WSSC SWAP MEET May 7th 2026

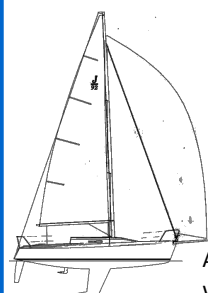
HOW IT WORKS

SELL: Tag or mark your item with...

- ▶ your **NAME**, and
- ▶ your **ASKING PRICE** or swap criteria

BUY: When you find something you like...

- ▶ contact the person who is "selling", and
- ▶ work out a price or **SWAP** between you



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

WSSC 2025/2026 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

JANUARY 8
Change of Watch at the GMM

FEBRUARY 15
Toledo Walleye Hockey

MARCH
Tour of Little Caesars Arena

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

Car Cruise Photo Fun ... February trip to Walleye Hockey in Toledo

LET'S GO FISH!! West Shore Sail Club members, friends, and families enjoyed a fantastic night of hockey, camaraderie, and excitement at a recent Toledo Walleye game at the Huntington Center for our February Car Cruise. The lively crowd, fast-paced action on the ice, and plenty of cheering made for a memorable evening for everyone who attended.

Between the thrilling plays and the fun arena atmosphere, it was a great opportunity for members to get together off the water and enjoy a winter outing. The Walleye, part of the ECHL, once again delivered an entertaining game—and a great reminder that club fun continues year-round. *(Patti Duffett reporting)*



OTHER COMMITTEE NEWS

COMMODORE'S BALL

Maria González, Chairperson

CASINO NIGHT: AN EVENING OF TRADITION AND

ELEGANCE: Time moves quickly, and once again we find ourselves preparing for one of the most anticipated traditions of the year—the WSSC Commodore's Ball 2026.

After months of planning and preparation, everything is coming together for what promises to be a memorable evening. This special event gives members and guests of WSSC the opportunity to gather, celebrate, and enjoy a wonderful night together while honoring 54 years of our club's history and community.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE 54TH ANNIVERSARY OF WSSC WILL BE CELEBRATED ON APRIL 12? Just a few hours **after** the Commodore's Ball begins, this milestone offers yet another reason to celebrate and reflect on the many memories and friendships created throughout the years at our beloved club.

Behind the scenes, the event planning team has been working carefully on every detail to make sure this evening is truly special. From décor to entertainment, every element has been thoughtfully prepared to create a night of elegance and fun. This year's Casino Night theme adds an exciting and playful atmosphere to the celebration. Decorative elements and



interactive activities will bring the spirit of a classic casino evening to life. While this is not a gambling event, guests will have the opportunity to enjoy a few friendly games purely for entertainment, adding an extra layer of excitement and laughter to the night.

By the time this article is published, it is very possible that the event will already be sold out.

However, don't worry our April issue will feature highlights and special moments from the 2026 Commodore's Ball so everyone can share in the memories of this wonderful evening.

A SINCERE THANK YOU to everyone who has already purchased tickets and continues to support this cherished event. Together, let us continue promoting the sport of sailing while creating meaningful memories through gatherings like the WSSC Commodore's Ball — where tradition, friendship, and celebration come together.

"The modernity of yesterday is the tradition of today, and the modernity of today will be tradition tomorrow."

—José Andrés

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



50/50 Raffle—Did you know?

50/50 RAFFLE: MORE THAN A GAME — A Way to Support the Commodore's Ball

"Please don't forget the 50/50 raffle money." For many of us, that simple reminder has become a familiar phrase heard while getting ready to head out the door for the monthly membership meeting. It's a small moment—grabbing a few dollars before getting into the car—but it represents something much bigger within our WSSC community.

For a long time, I brought my money to the meeting and purchased 50/50 raffle tickets simply for fun. It was part of the evening routine: buy a few tickets, enjoy the excitement of the drawing, and maybe—just maybe—be the lucky winner of the night. But everything changed when I became the Commodore's Ball Chairperson. That's when I truly understood the importance of the 50/50 raffle and what it represents for our club.

What some members may not realize is that the money collected from the 50/50 raffle during the entire year is set aside to help support the WSSC Commodore's Ball.

Specifically, these funds are used to purchase the eight dinner plates reserved for our special guests — representatives from four of our sister clubs who join us to celebrate this important tradition. If there is a little extra after covering those dinners, the remaining funds may help with other details of the event, such as the cake or decorations. However, most years the amount raised through the raffle is just enough to cover those guest dinners. This is why participating in the 50/50 raffle truly matters. The more support we receive through the year, the more we are able to reduce the costs of hosting the event. In turn, this helps keep the ticket price affordable for our members—especially when compared with similar formal events at other clubs.

Last year, when I began running the 50/50 raffle, I had a wonderful experience—members enthusiastically participated, enjoying the friendly excitement of the drawing. What touched me the most, however, were the moments when winners generously donated toward the Commodore's Ball expenses above and

beyond the 50/50 raffle. In those moments, it became clear that the 50/50 raffle is not really about gambling at all. It is about sharing support. It is about contributing to one of the most cherished traditions of WSSC. It is about members helping members, ensuring that our Commodore's Ball remains a beautiful celebration that everyone can enjoy.

Thank you to everyone who participates each month, who buys a ticket, who cheers during the drawing, and who supports this fun activity that ultimately benefits our club.

So as we head into another season of meetings and gatherings, remember to keep this tradition going. Bring a few dollars, buy a ticket, and join the fun as we search for the luckiest member of the month.

And most importantly, remember that every ticket purchased helps support the future Commodore's Ball each year.

News you can use from
Lady Maria González
Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson

OTHER COMMITTEE NEWS: MEMORY ALBUM IN OUR 53RD YEAR



HELP-WANTED: For many years Frank Pavia helped members — new and old — to assemble their photo memories in the WSSC Memory Album; it's the "photo wall" for our club. Frank 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,
Commodore Todd Harris
(Acting) Album-Keeper

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 add photo memories to their pages with each new sailing season.



Pictured above is the beautiful wood-carved cover of the WSSC Memory Album, created by Life Member Frank Pavia for the 40th Anniversary of the club.

From The Webmaster

Lana Hawkins

ACCESS TO PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE STARBOARD TACK: Your February Starboard Tack is accessible from the website.

CREW! A FORM FOR YOU! A Crew Sign-up Form was added so we can connect people looking to sail with sailboats and captains. When you fill out the form the information goes the Membership Officer. Todd Duffett will contact members about interested sailors. I put this page on the menu under Join! If you have a better idea for where it should go please let me know. Also the form doesn't send a form received email to the person that filled it out. Working on it.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR: All WSSC events that I am aware of are on the website calendar. Lighthouse Challenge page updates are coming soon. This involves input from the Vice Commodore.

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.


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

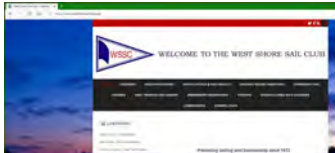
Sincerely,
RC Lana Hawkins, Webmaster
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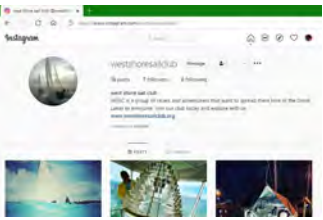
 VISIT US ON **FACEBOOK** for photos, news, event updates, and more!
www.facebook.com/groups/WestShoreSailClub



 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

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. AND DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR CERTIFICATE (see page 4)



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/

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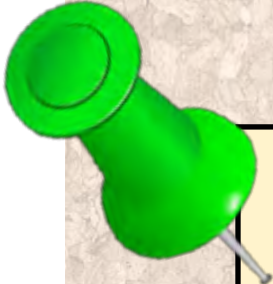
HOURS:
Mon-Fri: 6am-6pm
Sat: 6am-5:30pm
Sun: Closed

Enjoy our full Espresso bar!

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

Thank you to this month's photo contributors: Lady Maria Gonzalez, Commodore Todd Harris, Patti Duffett, Mike Fluegemann.

We couldn't do what we do without YOU!



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://westshoresailclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025-Cruising-Log.xlsx>

CORRECTED LINK

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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Bylaws Committee	Past Commodores Committee	
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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)	
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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		
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>	
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	May 2 *Saturday morning (meet at FYC)	Vice Commodore
Racing BUOY LAUNCH	May 9 *Saturday—10:00am (ending in time to get to the Icebreaker Land Cruise) 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!	Sunday May 10	
• 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 • 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
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

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JUNE 2026 (continued)		
• 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. 25-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
AUGUST 2026		
• WNATR Fall #1	Aug. 5 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING	AUG. 6 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Aug. 7 *Friday—11:59:59pm for August Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
• WNATR Fall #2	Aug. 12 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
• LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA and Charity Afterglow	Aug. 15 *Saturday—10am to approx. 1pm 1pm Charity Afterglow benefitting Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association (GLLKA) at _____ (Details and registration at noticeofrace.net)	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain-Racing
• WNATR Fall #3	Aug. 19 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
Western Lake Erie Women's Race (Irene Race)	Aug. 22 *Saturday	North Cape Yacht Club



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