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**\* THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 \***

From the 2026 Commodore (including Executive Committee)

Todd Harris



**AN HONORED TRADITION:** The destination was Leamington, Ontario, where I had been invited to attend the 2026 WSSC Commodore's Tea as the guest of honor.

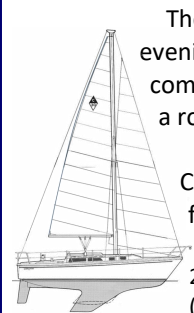


The familiar crossing from Toledo Beach Marina to Leamington is normally about 44.6 nautical miles and takes around nine hours. This trip, however, benefited from above-average winds in just the right direction, trimming nearly an hour off the passage.

As I closed in on port, the winds built to more than 18 knots, forcing me to reef and eventually strike the sails. Then came an unwelcome surprise. After starting the engine for the final approach, I discovered there was no cooling water flow—the engine impeller had chosen that exact moment to disintegrate.

Fortunately, I was able to limp safely into harbor, report to Customs, and replace the impeller without incident.

As it turned out, I wasn't the only one dealing with mechanical challenges. Vice Commodore Michael Soltis and Rear Commodore Lana Hawkins aboard *Kingfisher* were battling their own engine cooling issues and unfortunately couldn't make the Tea.



Their congratulations still arrived, and the evening became a wonderful celebration complete with a toast in my honor, preceded by a round of Mexican mezcal—¡Salud!

Special thanks go to Port Captain and Past Commodore Jonathan Cotter for arranging a fantastic spread of specialty pizzas,

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

everyone who contributed delicious sides, and our gracious hosts — Dave and Amy — for holding the ceremony aboard *The Wright Choice*.

**AN UNPLANNED VACATION... OFF THE HOOK:**

Sometimes the best cruises are the ones you never planned.

It was a late start to the 2026 sailing season, and I had almost forgotten that I still had a week of vacation to use. During a conversation with fellow WSSC Commodores about an added "bonus" cruise to Pelee Island—and after hearing that PC Jody Larrow would also be taking time off—I realized I had the perfect opportunity for an escape.

There would be no reservations, no rigid itinerary, and no deadlines. Just a boat, favorable weather, and the freedom to see where the wind would take me.

After provisioning on Wednesday and loading *Fandango* Thursday evening after work, I cast off early Friday morning. Anchors aweigh!

**THE BEST PLAN IS A FLEXIBLE ONE:** How do you plan the nearly perfect vacation? You don't... well, not exactly. You make a plan, but you remain willing to change it whenever the weather says otherwise.

Knowing the waters, understanding local anchorages, carrying the proper equipment, and keeping a close eye on forecasts are all part of making the most of a cruising adventure.

When the rest of our sailing companions departed Sunday morning, *Puffin* headed home for a crew exchange while *Fandango* pointed south toward Ohio's Erie Islands.

With moderate southeast winds and storms approaching northern Ohio, I searched for a protected anchorage on the north or west side of an island and settled into Kelleys Island's North Cove for the night.

Mother Nature, however, had different ideas.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR for these AUGUST EVENTS

**\* AUGUST General Membership Meeting on Thursday Aug. 6 at 7:30pm\***

PROGRAM: Kevin Arnold of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks "Hawkfest"

**\* WNATR Summer Series RACING continues—Fall Series—Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, Sep. 2 \***

**\* AUG. 15<sup>th</sup> WSSC LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA and CHARITY AFTERGLOW \***

supporting GLLKA—Great Lakes Lightkeepers Association

**\* LATE SUMMER CRUISE —AUG. 21-23 \***

to BAY VIEW YACHT CLUB of Toledo at BVYC's Homecoming Weekend

\* ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE is on hiatus until the fall—See you on the Water! \*

\* Deadline for the SEPTEMBER Starboard Tack articles, flyers, ads, photos is August 15th \*

## Commodore (continued)

Before sunrise the forecasted northeast winds arrived earlier, stronger, and farther north than expected. Although my anchor remained firmly set, the shifting wind angle caused *Fandango* to swing outside my anchor alarm zone.

Rather than gamble on changing conditions, I chose the safer option—raising anchor before daylight and relocating to a more protected western cove on South Bass Island near the state park campground. Ninety minutes later, I was tucked safely out of the wind as the sun rose.

Crisis averted. Time for a well-earned nap.

**FLOATING THROUGH THE ERIE ISLANDS:** After catching up on sleep, I decided it was time to stretch my legs. Since I hadn't brought the dinghy, there was only one way ashore—a swim.

After exploring the campground and making the half-hour walk into town, I managed to capture what became one of my favorite photos of the trip: *Fandango* peacefully riding at anchor.

With nearly two free days before meeting *Puffin* at Put-in-Bay, steady 10–15 knot southwest winds made the next decision easy. Go sailing!

A relaxing run to Kelleys Island, a swim in North Bay, and another leisurely sail back to the anchorage made for a perfect summer day.

Tuesday and Wednesday were spent meeting up with *Puffin* and showing Dave around South Bass and Middle Bass Islands. Good sailing weather continued, and I couldn't resist squeezing in yet another sail over to Kelleys Island on Thursday with pleasant west-southwest breezes.

**FRIDAY BROUGHT ANOTHER CHANGE OF PACE:** While *Puffin* returned to FYC, I stayed to enjoy the annual Put-in-Bay Pirate Festival. Apparently my pirate attire passed inspection, because the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce photographer caught me in one of the event photos that later appeared on their Facebook page.

**A CHANGE OF COURSE:** Originally, the week was supposed to conclude with another trip to Pelee Island. Weather, however, had other ideas.

With less-than-ideal winds, *Puffin* heading home, and *Kingfisher* delayed, I decided to point *Fandango* toward the Detroit River instead. Northeast winds of 10–12 knots made for an enjoyable sail north and gave me the opportunity to explore several Grosse Ile anchorages. One anchorage east of GIYC near Sugar Island proved especially inviting. Sheltered from the river current, it offered a peaceful place for boaters

to relax and swim. The shallow water and abundant weeds posed no problem for *Fandango's* shoal-draft keel.

### Homeward Bound

All good voyages eventually come to an end.

Sunday delivered gentle conditions, with light winds gradually building to about 12 knots out of the west. It was an easy, unhurried sail back across western Lake Erie and into Safe Harbor.

Sometimes the best vacations aren't defined by reservations or detailed itineraries. They're measured by good friends, changing winds, safe anchorages, unexpected adventures, and the freedom to simply go where the breeze leads.

### CRUISE LOG:

| Day | Destination                       | Overnight    |
|-----|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1   | Toledo Beach Marina to Leamington | Dock         |
| 2   | Leamington                        | Dock         |
| 3   | Kelleys Island – North Cove       | Anchor       |
| 4   | Middle Bass Island                | Dock         |
| 5   | Put-in-Bay                        | Mooring Ball |
| 6   | Put-in-Bay                        | Mooring Ball |
| 7   | Middle Bass Island                | Dock         |
| 8   | Put-in-Bay                        | Mooring Ball |
| 9   | Sugar Island                      | Anchor       |
| 10  | Return to Home Port               | Home         |

Sincerely,

**2026 Commodore Todd Harris**

wssccommodore@gmail.com



**\* KEEP UP WITH WNATR RACE RESULTS & SPECIALTY RACE APPLICATIONS AT NOTICEOFRACE.NET \***

## From the 2026 Vice Commodore (including Racing Committee)

**Mike Soltis**



Fleet Captain—Racing



Racing Committee



WSSC  
Lighthouse  
Challenge  
Regatta

### THE SUMMER RACING SEASON IS NOW IN FULL SWING.

During the WNATR Summer #2 race on July 8, a situation was identified with the S1 Course that had the potential for faster JAM and slower Spinnaker boats to be rounding the "S" buoy at the same time in opposite directions. To prevent this undesirable condition, the Racing Committee voted to modify the S1 JAM Course and post the changes on NoticeOfRace.net effective July 14. The Addendum B document was posted as: "**Courses Amended July 14**" along with the document: "JAM S1 course card Amended July 14" and an email was sent out to notify all registered skippers regarding the change. This article is for information only, Notice of Race remains the authoritative source.

### SPECIALTY RACES – LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE / JACK & JILL:

Time is near for the Lighthouse Challenge on Saturday, August 15 and the Jack & Jill Race on Sunday, September 6. Signup for both on Notice of Race at [NoticeOfRace.net](http://NoticeOfRace.net). (Creating a login for NOR is free.)

The **LHC course** will be similar to the LHC courses from recent past years.

The **Jack & Jill Race** will continue the tradition of two-handed crews (1 male and 1 female) in Cruising/JAM Class boats around the appropriate WNATR Course for the conditions of the day. Pursuit Start will be incorporated based upon rating to avoid congestion at the start line and so first boat across the finish line wins.

Be sure to include these fun Specialty Races in your racing season!

**SPECIALTY RACE AFTERGLOWS - LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE / JACK & JILL:** All racers as well as cruisers including car cruisers are encouraged to join the fun of the **LHC Afterglow Party and Charity Auction** following the LHC race. The party begins at 3 PM at the Grosse Ile Recreation Waters Edge Pavilion next to Island Grill at the corner of West River Rd and Bellevue Rd. This is the location that was used two years ago, near the Grosse Ile Recreation Dept. pool.

Food will be available to purchase for \$10 and donated items will be auctioned off for the benefit of our 2026 Light House Challenge Charity Partner, Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association (GLLKA). Go to [GLLKA.org](http://GLLKA.org) to read more about their work.



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

### CALL FOR ITEMS FOR

**CHARITY AUCTION:** If you have any nautical-themed household or other related items that you would be willing to donate to the auction, please contact me at [wsscvicecommodore@gmail.com](mailto:wsscvicecommodore@gmail.com). We would be pleased to help find a new home for them to help our Charity Partner!



WNATR—Downwind run home

The **Jack & Jill Afterglow** will be a casual gathering 3PM at the FYC North Pavillion. Food will be available at this post-race party.

**LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE T-SHIRTS:** For a limited time, commemorative t-shirts will be available to celebrate the 2026 LHC for the benefit of our charity partner, Great Lakes

### 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  
at the Grosse Ile Rec Dept Pavillion-Bellevue Rd at W. River

**Jack & Jill Race—September 6**  
Afterglow 3pm at FYC North Pavillion

### 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)

Lighthouse Keepers Association. The shirts are available in two basic graphics designs:

- Detroit River (Bar Point Shoal) Light Station – This design features the Detroit River Lighthouse that is the namesake of the Lighthouse Challenge Race.
- St. Helena Light Station – This design features the St. Helena Lighthouse in the Straits of Mackinac, that was restored and owned by GLLKA, the charity partner for the 2026 LHC.

Mock-ups can be seen and sizes defined at

[RegattaRepublic.com](http://RegattaRepublic.com). Shirt style 1 (Detroit River Light) is available in White, Tropical Blue (turquoise) and Island Reef (retro green) with black lettering. Shirt style 2 (St. Helena Light) is available in the preceding color combinations as well as in Red, Black, Navy and Pepper (charcoal) all with white lettering. As of the publication deadline, the shirts are available in unisex sizes S-4XL, but work is proceeding on a version in a women's fitted size t-shirt as well. Contact me (VC Mike) to order.

**WISHING YOU AN EXCITING AND COMPETITIVE 2026 RACING SEASON.**

Sincerely,

**2026 Vice Commodore Mike Soltis**

[wsscvicecommodore@gmail.com](mailto:wsscvicecommodore@gmail.com)

### 2026 WSSC LHC T-Shirts Now Available



**Order your LHC T-shirt today!**

Whether Detroit Light, St. Helena Light or both,  
you're sure to be the winner.

Order online from [RegattaRepublic.com](http://RegattaRepublic.com)  
or from VC Mike Soltis.



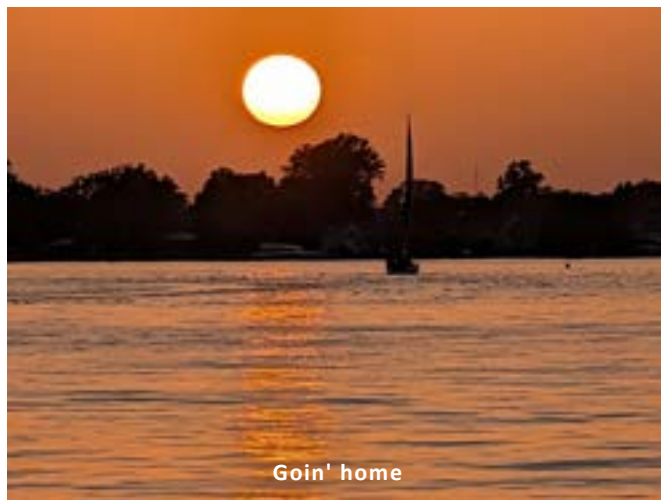
Racing for the finish



Dragon Lady's finish



Ginger's finish



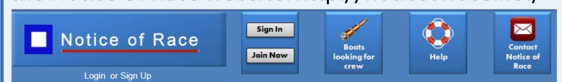
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## PHRF-LE REGARDING 2026 CERTIFICATE RENEWALS

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

**RENEWALS AFTER MAY 15TH WILL BE \$50.00.**

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 \***



Become a 2026  
Lighthouse Challenge  
charity sponsor by  
contacting  
Rear Commodore  
Mike Soltis at  
wssc Rear Commodore  
@gmail.com

## 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/>

## WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

**thanks our 2025 Lighthouse Challenge sponsors:**

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Racing flyers and information...

# WSSC 2026 Lighthouse Challenge

★  
Saturday August 15, 2026

10:55 am start time



  
**Benefitting Great Lakes  
Lighthouse Keepers  
Association GLLKA**

★  
Proceeds to support GLLKA

  
**Medium Distance Race  
in Western Lake Erie**

★  
Open to Spinnaker, JAM  
and Cruising Classes.  
Register by Aug 6th at  
[noticeofrace.net](https://www.noticeofrace.net)

  
**Post-Race Afterglow**

3 pm at Water's Edge Pavilion, GI

★  
Dinner is available for purchase,  
awards, raffle and a silent  
auction of goods donated by  
businesses and locals in the  
Downriver area.

Racing flyers and information...



# WSSC LHC AFTERGLOW

**JOIN US FOR THE AFTERGLOW**

3 PM on Saturday, August 15, 2026

Grosse Ile Rec Waters Edge Pavilion

Food and Drink \$10 a person

Silent Auction for Charity

## **WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB**

Racing flyers and information...



# WSSC 2026 Jack & Jill Race



Sunday, September 6, 2026

**11 AM Pursuit Start**



Double-handed race open to JAM and Cruising Class  
boats operated by a mixed male/female (1 each) crew.

**Register by Aug 31 at [noticeofrace.net](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WestShoreSailClub/)**



**Casual post-race afterglow 3 PM  
at FYC North Pavilion, GI**



**\* BE SURE TO SIGN-UP FOR YOUR CRUISES ON THE CRUISE SPREADSHEET \***

**From the 2026 Rear Commodore (including Cruising Committee)**

**Lana Hawkins**



Fleet Captain—Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising

**HI EVERYONE!** This is a report for Starboard Tack. I'll be writing about what happened in June and July and also what is going to be happening in August.

**CRUISING NEWS:** In June we had the Commodore's tea in Leamington, Ontario, Canada. We also had a plan to go to Pelee Island the following weekend.

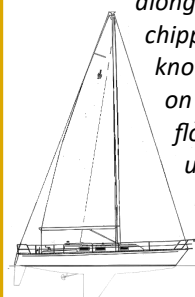
**COMMODORE'S TEA IN LEAMINGTON, ONTARIO, JUNE 19TH THROUGH THE 21ST:** PC Jonathan Cotter was the Port Captain for Leamington, Ontario for the Commodore's Tea. Thank you Jonathan for organizing all the boats and dinner.

Mike and I did not make it to Leamington. We set out of Ford Yacht Club and watched the water coming out of our exhaust quickly diminish to nothing. Luckily for us we have great towing insurance with Boat US and they gave us a tow back, which was quite exciting when we entered the boat basin! The guy giving us a tow had to call for another towboat because he was worried that we would crash into something. Anyway we ended that day with dinner on our boat in the marina and it was quite relaxing. I did get an update from the Commodore Todd Harris, about the event and here his report. Thank you Todd for filling me in on this! Not a fan of tequila but the rest sounds like a good time.

*"Lana,*

*The Commodore's Tea was a fun time! There were 4 boats and two cars that made the trip to Leamington. Puffin (PC Jody & Becky) and Fandango (Commodore Todd) arrived Friday afternoon. Lea also arrived in her "little red land yacht" to meet us. On Saturday, The Wright Choice arrived early (Dave & Amy). In the afternoon, PCs Doug & Kathy Howe came by car, and Jolee arrived (PC Jonathan & Helena) to kicked off the festivities.*

*The Tea was strong but tasty with a base of Long Island Iced Tea with assorted hard liquors. The first "swig" was a shot of straight Mescal that the Wright's offered. This year we went back to utilizing our thrifty 5 gallon black bucket and ladle (which I will need to be sure to pass on). Dinner was a selection of gourmet pizzas that Jonathan had delivered along with a spread of delicious sides that we all chipped in on. The wind was an average 15 to 18 knots and made for above average speed (not on the nose this year). Our flags / "colors" were flown with pride. Breakfast on Sunday was the usual high standard at the Lakeside Bakery Deli Cafe just a short hike up Erie St. in town.*



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

*Everyone departed around midday.*

*Todd Harris  
WSSC Commodore 2026"*

**AD HOC PEELE ISLAND  
CRUISE FOR THE WEEKEND  
AFTER THE COMMODORE'S TEA:**

We discussed during the planning meeting adding another cruise to Pelee Island because Mike and I have never been there with Kingfisher. We



**UPCOMING AFTER-MEETING PROGRAMS**

**March 5: Soltis/Hawkins Cruising with Friends in the BVI**

**April 2: US ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS**

**May 7: Annual Swap Meet**

**June 4: Matt Bounds**

**August 6: Kevin Arnold, Huron-Clinton Metroparks  
"Hawkfest"**

**September 3: John Samuelson  
"International Seafarers' Center"**

**October / November (pending)  
Harry Jones with Detroit Community Sailing Center**

**December 3: Annual Holiday Party**

**WSSC 2026 CRUISING CALENDAR**

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

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

**MEMORIAL WEEKEND CRUISE—MAY 22-25**

to Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Marina—Port Captain: Dave Wright  
**and Annual Reunion & Cruising Committee Meeting**  
Sun. May 24 at the Memorial Weekend Cruise

**COMMODORE'S TEA—JUN. 19-21**

to Leamington, Ontario—Port Captain: PC Jonathan Cotter

**BONUS CRUISE TO PEELE ISLAND—JUN. 26-28**

Port Captain: PC Jody Larrow

**WEEK-LONG CRUISE JUL. 25-AUG. 2**

**PART I—Lake Erie Islands**

July 24-25 MIDDLE BASS—Port Captain PC Jody Larrow

July 26 VERMILLION—Port Captain PC Jody Larrow

July 27-28 HURON, OH—Port Captain Todd Harris

July 29-30 KELLEYS ISLAND—Port Captains Dan Williamson  
and Peggy Hillen

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

at Bay Week JUL. 30 - AUG. 2—Port Captain RC Lana Hawkins

**LATE SUMMER CRUISE—AUG. 21-23**

to Bay View Yacht Club of Toledo

at BVYC's Homecoming Weekend—Port Captain: VC Mike Soltis

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

to Monroe Boat Club—Port Captain: Dan Williamson

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## Rear Commodore (continued)

thought it would be great to go there— so we found a way to put our bikes on board and planned to go. PC Jody Larrow was the Port Captain and reserved our slips. Commodore Todd planned to join us also. He was sailing around the islands so he was planning to zip over on Friday or Saturday.

**YOU KNOW THIS IS JUST A REASON I'M USING TO TELL YOU ABOUT ALL OF OUR BOAT TROUBLES:** This is you've been there, done that. Before this adventure, Mike and I replaced the impeller on our boat again. We went through the freshwater cooling system and it seemed like water was flowing everywhere it was supposed to be. We even got a missing piece of impeller, from a prior repair that we couldn't seem to locate earlier, right near the heat exchanger. Figured that was the problem. We had taken the heat exchanger apart and it was all clear. So we thought we'd had it licked. We put everything back together and decided to sail out to Pelee, motoring first out of the marina.

**ENGINE ON:** There was some water coming through the engine. I was trying to convince myself that it was a healthy amount. Then it again stopped to absolutely nothing. Not a drop. 120 seconds with no water. Oh yeah, and the oil light turned on. Don't want to destroy the engine. Kill the engine.

**SO WE CALLED BOAT US AGAIN:** They decided that since we had just called them three days ago, they were not going to help us unless we could provide a receipt for some kind of work that was supposed to fix it all. I told the dispatch operator we did the work ourselves and asked if he wanted us to make a receipt and charge ourselves for something like that? He just needed some kind of receipt for the record. Well since I had ordered parts on Amazon prior to the whole fiasco so we would have spares I was able to somehow email back to Boat US a receipt for parts. However, they never got it due to the spotty data conditions out in the river. No receipt, no service. They decided to help us anyway. Fortunately, that tow was pretty uneventful and some super nice people on the dock helped us get back into our slip with no damages to anybody. Yay, wow, what a difference.

**PELEE PLANS CHANGE:** Jody ended up staying home and Todd decided to go back a day early due to favorable winds for him, so didn't make it either. We'll have to redo the Pelee Island trip one day. Looking forward to it!

**EXHAUSTED EXHAUST RISER:** After more trouble shooting we ended up replacing the exhaust riser, changed the oil, too, and that solved our problems. That thing was completely corroded solid so no water was getting through.



Exhaust riser



Based on this picture, what's the next problem Kingfisher is heading towards? Let the VC know your thoughts.

### JULY WEEK-LONG SUMMER CRUISE:

In July we had the week-long summer cruise and as of this writing I have no information to report because it has not happened yet. For the record the destinations are/were Middle Bass, Vermilion, Huron, Pelee Island, and Put-in-Bay for the Senior Sail fun activities.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUGUST?

**GUEST SPEAKER KEVIN ARNOLD FROM THE HURON CLINTON METRO PARK WILL BE TALKING ABOUT HAWK FEST AT THE AUGUST GMM.** This presentation is going to be hands-on with no computer stuff. You're going to feel like you're in grade school again and that will be fun!

**LATE SUMMER CRUISE:** August brings us to the late summer cruise, which is scheduled for August 21-23. We will be heading to the Bay View Yacht Club in Toledo, Ohio, which is very close to the Toledo Yacht Club. The club went to Bay View Yacht Club last year and had a great time. Bay View is welcoming us back this year. *If you would like to attend, please let the Rear Commodore know and I will put you on the list.* You may also contact the Vice Commodore Mike Soltis, because he is the Port Captain for this cruise.

I've heard good rumors about the Toledo Yacht Club. They had an infusion of cash, I believe, and, hopefully, we'll be visiting them again in the future. Maybe we can go visit them while we're in Toledo for the Late Summer Cruise.

That is my wrap up for the August Tack. Hope you enjoy the rest of the sailing season.

**WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE NEXT GMM OR CRUISE!**

Sincerely,

**2026 Rear Commodore Lana Hawkins**

wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com

**Hey LOOK! There's a CRUISING CLASS in the Lighthouse Challenge Regatta!**



Cruising flyers and information...



# WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

GUEST SPEAKER AT THE  
AUGUST 6, 2026 GMM

## KEVIN ARNOLD

HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS



SPEAKING ABOUT  
**HAWK FEST**  
AT LAKE ERIE METROPARK



THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026



WHISKEY'S ON THE WATER  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### ABOUT HAWK FEST



LAKE ERIE METROPARK



SEPTEMBER 20 & 21



10 AM - 5 PM



FREE



MARSHLANDS MUSEUM

A two-day celebration for the whole family  
focused on birds of prey and the annual  
fall hawk migration.



DETAILS: [METROPARKS.COM/HAWKFEST](https://www.metroparks.com/hawkfest)

Cruising flyers and information...



# West Shore Sail Club

## *Late Summer Cruise 2026*



### August 21 - 23



#### ★ Destination:

#### Bay View Yacht Club in Toledo



Contact Port Captain Vice Commodore  
Mike Soltis to join by boat.



Car cruisers welcome.



Please join us for this fun-filled cruise  
at the Super Friendly Bay View Yacht Club.



*Cruising together on Lake Erie* ★

#### BAY VIEW YACHT CLUB



**Bay View Yacht Club**  
3902 N Summit Street,  
Toledo, OH 43611  
**bvyc.org**

## Cruising memories ... COMMODORE'S TEA ... Fun in Leamington, Ontario



Lake Erie chop on sonar  
Entrance to Leamington Marina



Dusk—after a loooooong day



Balloon MOB drill on Jolee



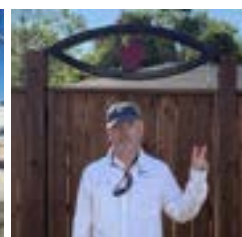
(at right) The Commodore survives the bucket challenge!



Casting off breakfast at our favorite Leamington deli!



Helena with Mascot from Huron, Ohio

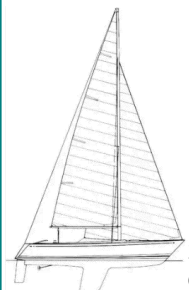


## From the 2026 Secretary (including Correspondence and Reciprocity)

**Patti Duffett**



**PAST MINUTES** are available to WSSC members by contacting the Secretary at [wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com)



Respectfully submitted,  
2026 Secretary Patti Duffett  
[wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com)

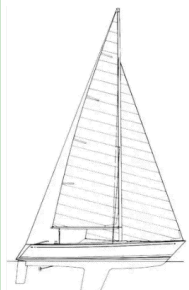
2026 Secretary Patti Duffett sails  
GO BABY (an LS10) with Todd Duffett

## From the 2026 Treasurer

**Mike Fluegemann**



**MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATES** are available to WSSC members by contacting the Treasurer at [wsscfinancial@gmail.com](mailto:wsscfinancial@gmail.com)



Sincerely,  
2026 Treasurer Michael Fluegemann  
[wsscfinancial@gmail.com](mailto:wsscfinancial@gmail.com)

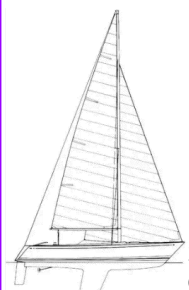
2026 Treasurer Mike Fluegemann crews on  
GO BABY! (an LS10) with Todd & Patti Duffett

## From the 2026 Membership Officer

**Todd Duffett**



**VISIT THE MEMBERSHIP TAB ON OUR WEBPAGE:** Be sure to check out our Membership tab and the rest of our website at: [www.westshoresailclub.org](http://www.westshoresailclub.org)



Sincerely,  
2026 Membership Officer Todd Duffett  
[wsscmembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:wsscmembershipchair@gmail.com)

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



## 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. **COME EARLY AND ENJOY DINNER** before (or during) the meeting. The menu is available starting at 6:30 .

**Online "ZOOM" MEETING LOCATION** is emailed by the Secretary to Members and Friends the week of the meeting.

## CELEBRATING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



#### AUGUST

Chris C.  
PC Chris M.  
Tim S.  
PC Dan W.  
Lady Christy Y.  
Secretary Patti D.

#### 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!**



Birthday wishes were "bustin' out all over" at the June membership meeting. We celebrated for two months' worth of birthdays (because we're on hiatus with no meeting in July). But the big question was—did we get double the cake? If you were at the meeting, you know.

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 Webmaster

Lana Hawkins



**HELLO WEBSITE USERS:** I made the usual updates—Starboard Tacks for May and June uploaded, some cruising and other event flyers, and details were added or updated. **Let me know**

if you want anything on the site. I'm not promising any big changes until the boat is out of the water.

**INTERESTING STATS:** Here are a couple reports taken from the stats program from the website on 7/14/2026. One shows the top pages that were visited and the other says

where the most referrals came from. At the top of the page visits is a backlash—that means the home page.

Sincerely,  
**Lana Hawkins, Webmaster**  
web@westshoresailclub.org



| Top Web Pages                 |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| /                             | 279 (5.99%) |
| Upcoming Events               | 257 (5.51%) |
| Notice of Race & Race Results | 61 (1.31%)  |
| /events/                      | 59 (1.27%)  |
| /events/category/racing/      | 29 (0.62%)  |
| WNATR Spring Series #5        | 26 (0.56%)  |
| Showing 1 - 20 of 200+        |             |

| Top Referring Domains |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| google.com            | 93 (2.00%) |
| bing.com              | 6 (0.13%)  |
| duckduckgo.com        | 4 (0.09%)  |
| noticeofrace.net      | 4 (0.09%)  |
| fordyachtclub.com     | 1 (0.02%)  |
| search.yahoo.com      | 1 (0.02%)  |
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## Members asea ...

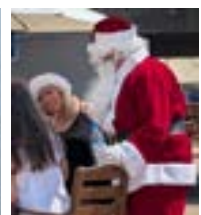
### Spotted on the Week-Long Cruise:

### What is that? Lake Erie "Nessy"!!!



*"We saw a lot of wild creatures on the Week-Long, but that Nessie was the wildest!"*

— Commodore Todd



## OTHER COMMITTEE NEWS COMMODORE'S BALL

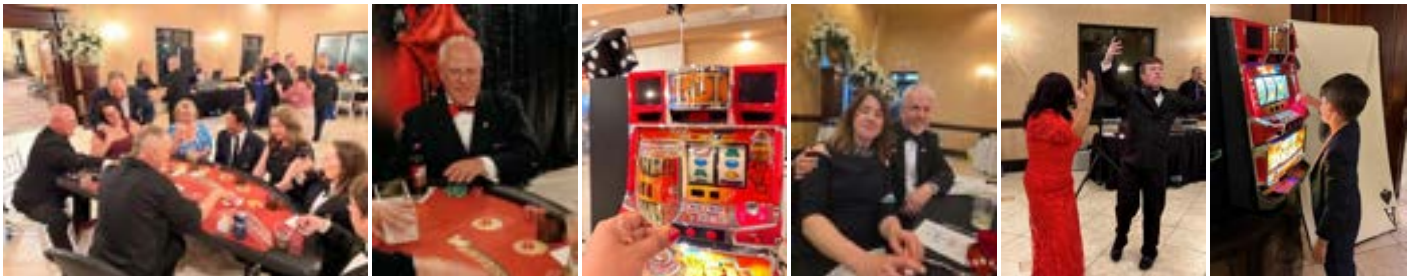
**Maria Gonzàlez, Chairperson**

**HELLO EVERYONE!** This month enjoy some more photo fun from our 2026 Commodore's Ball.

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



**Photo Fun from the Commodore's Ball ... Everyone you know was there having a great time!**



## 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](mailto: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/>

**Junior Bay Week:** July 12-16 Put-in-Bay, Ohio

**Power Regattas:** July 22-26 Put-in-Bay, Ohio

**Sail Regatta:** July 29-August 2 Put-in-Bay, Ohio

**Fall Meeting:** December 4-5

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON I-LYA CONTACT Kathy Howe at [kahowe@wowway.com](mailto: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 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](http://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](mailto:d1howe@wowway.com).

### GLOBAL ENTRY (Canadian Customs and U.S. Customs & Border Protection /USA RE-ENTRY)

Rep. PC Doug Howe

**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.



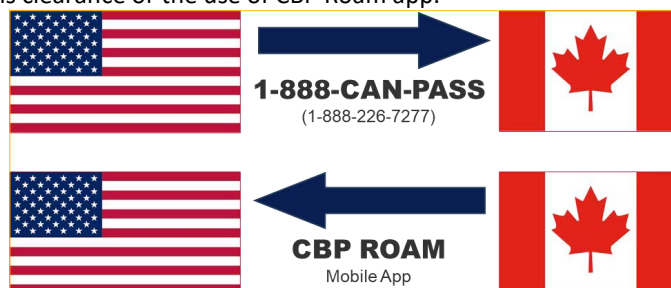
**CBP ROAM:** US re-entry via boat requires in-person customs clearance or the use of CBP Roam app.

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://tp.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://tp.cbp.dhs.gov/>

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



# THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"

## WSSC 2026 Lighthouse Challenge

Saturday August 15, 2026  
10:55 am start time



Spinnaker Class    J&M Class    Cruising Class

**Benefitting Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association GLLKA**  
Proceeds to support GLLKA

**Medium Distance Race in Western Lake Erie**  
Open to Spinnaker, J&M and Cruising Classes.  
Register by Aug 8th at [noticeofrace.net](http://noticeofrace.net)

**Post-Race Afterglow**  
3 pm at Water's Edge Pavilion, GI  
Dinner is available for purchase, awards, raffle and a silent auction of goods donated by fishermen and locals in the downtown area.

## WSSC LHC AFTERGLOW



**JOIN US FOR THE AFTERGLOW**  
3 PM on Saturday, August 15, 2026  
Grosse Ile Rec Waters Edge Pavilion  
Food and Drink \$10 a person  
Silent Auction for Charity

**WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB**

## West Shore Sail Club Late Summer Cruise 2026

August 21 - 23



**★ Destination:**  
Bay View Yacht Club in Toledo

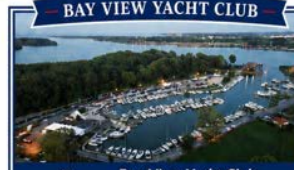
**★ Contact Port Captain Vice Commodore Mike Soltis to join by boat.**

**★ Car cruisers welcome.**

**★ Please join us for this fun-filled cruise at the Super Friendly Bay View Yacht Club.**

**★ Cruising together on Lake Erie ★**

**BAY VIEW YACHT CLUB**



Bay View Yacht Club  
3902 N Summit Street,  
Toledo, OH 43611  
[bvyc.org](http://bvyc.org)

## WSSC 2026 Jack & Jill Race

Sunday, September 6, 2026  
11 AM Pursuit Start



**Double-handed race open to JAM and Cruising Class boats operated by a mixed male/female (1 each) crew.**  
Register by Aug 31 at [noticeofrace.net](http://noticeofrace.net)

**Casual post-race afterglow 3 PM at FYC North Pavilion, GI**

## 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 this month's photo contributors:  
xxx. PC Jon Cotter, Amy Wright, Dave Wright, Lea Ellwood-Filkins, Helena Thornton, Commodore Todd Harris, Mike Soltis, and someone I forgot.

We couldn't do what we do without YOU!

This is Michigan. The areas shaded in blue do not have road construction



### WSSC CRUISE LOG SHEET:

Be sure to fill out the cruising log sheet once you know which cruises you plan to attend. Update it while you cruise and you'll be ready for your next cruising flag! 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>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com)

## WSSC CONTACTS for 2026

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS <sup>+</sup> indicates Board of Directors

| OFFICE                                                                                                        | OFFICER                 | EMAIL                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
|  Commodore <sup>+</sup>      | Todd Harris             | wsscmodcommodore@gmail.com       |
|  Vice Commodore <sup>+</sup> | Mike Soltis             | wsscvicecommodore@gmail.com      |
|  Rear Commodore <sup>+</sup> | Lana Hawkins            | wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com    |
| Secretary <sup>+</sup>                                                                                        | Patti Duffett           | wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com |
| Treasurer <sup>+</sup>                                                                                        | Michael Fluegemann      | wsscfinancial@gmail.com          |
| Membership Officer                                                                                            | Todd Duffett            | wsscmembershipchair@gmail.com    |
| Director <sup>+</sup>                                                                                         | PC 2017/2018 David Monk | david.monk@hotmail.com           |
| Director <sup>+</sup>                                                                                         | PC 2012 Chuck Laskey    | claskey1954@yahoo.com            |

### STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES <sup>\*</sup> indicates Standing Committee

| OFFICE / COMMITTEE / ACTIVITY or EVENT                          | CONTACT                                                                         | EMAIL                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| *Activities Chairperson                                         | Jane Bersie                                                                     | bersi001@yahoo.com                                       |
| Advertising (ad placement)                                      | Starboard Tack Editor                                                           | WSSCstarboardtack@gmail.com                              |
| *Audit Committee                                                | Treasurer                                                                       | wsscfinancial@gmail.com                                  |
| Boat U.S. Representative                                        | PC Doug Howe                                                                    | d1howe@wowway.com                                        |
| Budget Committee                                                | Executive Committee                                                             |                                                          |
| Bylaws Committee                                                | Past Commodores Committee                                                       |                                                          |
| Club Memory (Anniversary) Album                                 |                                                                                 | send photos to joncotter@att.net                         |
| Commodore's Ball Committee Chairperson                          | Mariajose (Maryjo) González                                                     | 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                                          |                                                                                 |                                                          |
| 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                                                             | leaeaf@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)<br>PC Dave Monk (Co-Chairperson)               | cadumke@gmail.com<br>david.monk@hotmail.com              |
| PHRF-LE Delegate                                                |                                                                                 |                                                          |
| PHRF-LE Measurer                                                | PC Dick Synowiec<br>PC Doug Howe                                                | cptsnick1@gmail.com<br>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                                                             |                                                          |
| Swap Meet Chairperson                                           | PC Doug Howe                                                                    | d1howe@wowway.com                                        |
| Webmaster                                                       | Lana Hawkins                                                                    | web@westshoresailclub.org -or-<br>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                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                 |
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| 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 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                 |
| <b>AUGUST 2026</b>                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                 |
| • <b>WNATR Fall #1</b>                                                                                                                                   | Aug. 5 *Wednesday—6:50pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing                                                 |
| <b>AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>                                                                                                                         | <b>AUG. 6 *Thursday—7:30pm</b> at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom<br><b>PROGRAM: Kevin Arnold of Huron-Clinton Metroparks on "Hawkfest"</b>                                                                                                                                                                          | Meeting: Commodore<br>Program: Rear Commodore                                   |
| • <b>WNATR Fall #2</b>                                                                                                                                   | Aug. 12 *Wednesday—6:50pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing                                                 |
| • <b>LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA and Charity Afterglow</b>                                                                                              | Aug. 15 *Saturday— <b>Race 10:55am to approx. 1pm</b><br><b>3pm Charity Afterglow benefitting Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association—GLLKA at Grosse Ile Recreation Dept. Pavilion (Bellevue at West River Road)</b><br>(Details and registration at <a href="http://noticeofrace.net">noticeofrace.net</a> ) | Vice Commodore /<br>Fleet Captain-Racing                                        |
| Starboard Tack DEADLINE                                                                                                                                  | Aug. 15 —11:59:59pm for September Starboard Tack<br>Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to <a href="mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com">wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                           | Starboard Tack Editor                                                           |
| • <b>WNATR Fall #3</b>                                                                                                                                   | 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                                                           |
| • <b>Cruise #5: LATE SUMMER CRUISE</b>                                                                                                                   | Aug. 21-23 (tentative) *Friday-Sunday—to <b>TOLEDO BAY VIEW YACHT CLUB</b> , Port Captain: VC Mike Soltis                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Rear Commodore /<br>Fleet Captain-Cruising                                      |
| FYC Lake Erie Championship S2 7.9 One-Design                                                                                                             | Aug. *Friday-Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Ford Yacht Club                                                                 |
| LMYC Fighting Island Regatta                                                                                                                             | Aug. *Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | LaSalle Mariner Yacht Club                                                      |
| • <b>WNATR Fall #4</b>                                                                                                                                   | Aug. 26 *Wednesday—6:50pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing                                                 |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2026</b>                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                 |
| GIYC Labor Day Race                                                                                                                                      | Sep. 1 *Monday—10am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Grosse Ile Yacht Club                                                           |
| • <b>WNATR Fall #5</b>                                                                                                                                   | Sep. 2 *Wednesday—6:50pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing                                                 |
| <b>SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>SEP. 3 *Thursday—7:30pm</b> at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom<br><b>PROGRAM: John Samuelson on the International Seafarer Center in Brunswick, Georgia.</b>                                                                                                                                                      | Meeting: Commodore<br>Program: Rear Commodore                                   |
| • <b>WSSC JACK AND JILL RACE</b>                                                                                                                         | Sep. 6 *Sunday—11am to approx. 1:00pm<br>3:00pm Potluck Afterglow at FYC North Pavillion<br>(Details and registration at <a href="http://noticeofrace.net">noticeofrace.net</a> )                                                                                                                                 | Vice Commodore /<br>Fleet Captain-Racing                                        |
| FYC End of Summer Racing Series                                                                                                                          | Sep. 9 *Wednesday—6:00pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Ford Yacht Club                                                                 |
| FYC Fall Classic                                                                                                                                         | Sep. 12-13 *Saturday-Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Ford Yacht Club                                                                 |
| Starboard Tack DEADLINE                                                                                                                                  | Sep. 15—11:59:59pm for October Starboard Tack<br>Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to <a href="mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com">wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                              | Starboard Tack Editor                                                           |
| FYC End of Summer Racing Series                                                                                                                          | Sep. 16 *Wednesday—6:00pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                 |
| Metro Boat Show                                                                                                                                          | Sep. 17-20—Lake St. Clair Metropark, Harrison Twp., MI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                 |
| Racing <b>BUOY RETRIEVAL</b>                                                                                                                             | Sep. 19 *Saturday—10:00am<br>Meet up location: Ford Yacht Club                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Vice Commodore                                                                  |
| FYC End of Summer Racing Series                                                                                                                          | Sep. 23 *Wednesday—6:00pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Ford Yacht Club                                                                 |
| • <b>Cruise #6: HARVEST MOON CRUISE</b>                                                                                                                  | Sep. 25-27 *Fri.-Sun.—to Monroe Boat Club<br>Port Captain: PC Dan Williamson<br>Cruising Committee Meeting on Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                            | Rear Commodore /<br>Fleet Captain-Cruising                                      |
| <b>CRUISING COMMITTEE Wrap-Up Meeting</b>                                                                                                                | Sep. 26 *Sat—at the Harvest Moon Cruise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Rear Comm./Fleet Captain-Cruising                                               |
| <b>OCTOBER 2026</b>                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                 |
| <b>OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING and OFFICER NOMINATIONS</b>                                                                                                | <b>OCT. 1 *Thursday—7:30pm</b> at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom<br>Agenda includes <b>NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS</b><br>Program: (TBD)                                                                                                                                                                               | Meeting: Commodore<br>Past Commodores Comm. Co-chair<br>Program: Rear Commodore |
| Starboard Tack DEADLINE                                                                                                                                  | Oct. 15—11:59:59pm for November Starboard Tack<br>Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to <a href="mailto:wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com">wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                             | Starboard Tack Editor                                                           |



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## 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