

WSSC: promoting the sport of sailing and seamanship since 1972

*** THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 ***

From the 2026 Commodore (including Executive Committee)

Todd Harris



SUMMER 2026 SAILING: I hope that everyone has had their fill of Summer sailing. No? Well... there are still a few more opportunities to enjoy your Great Lakes adventures with your WSSC friends. As for me – Bring it! I still have room for more Great times and memories.



NEW CREW: In July, my nephew signed on as crew aboard Fandango

for the WSSC Summer Cruise. His out-going sense of adventure and witty sense of humor helped make it an enjoyable and memorable time at sea. Thanks, Josh!



This year we met up with the rest of the WSSC cruisers at Middle Bass Island Yacht Club / Marina. First up was catching up over pizza. Then we toured the island and ended the night with karaoke at St Hazard's Resort. On Sunday everyone headed off



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



to Vermillion, Ohio. Along the way I had to stop off to enjoy a short swim at Kelleys North Cove before continuing on our way.



DISCOVERING A NEW PORT: I've never considered stopping off at Vermillion. I had no idea how nice the riverfront is! So glad to have met this quaint community, too. We didn't get to stay long. I think that I want to go back to enjoy more time here.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR for these SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER EVENTS

*** OCTOBER General Membership Meeting on Thursday OCT. 1 at 7:30pm***

PROGRAM: Harry Jones with Detroit Community Sailing Center (see page 9)

*** WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT—Wed. Oct. 21—7:30pm—at Whiskeys (see page 4 & 6) ***

*** HARVEST MOON CRUISE SEP. 25-27 TO MONROE BOAT CLUB (see page 9 & 11)***

*** ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE has a full fun calendar of car cruises starting Oct. 21st (see page 21) ***

** Deadline for the OCTOBER Starboard Tack articles, flyers, ads, photos is September 15th *
(Anything received after September 15th can't go in the Tack. I have to stop being late with the publishing. Sorry folks.)*

Commodore (continued)

A special treat during our stay was the “Buck” Full Moon – Yes, this is a picture taken from my cell phone.

NEXT UP – HURON, OHIO: A familiar standby was next on our agenda. We’ve enjoyed stops at Huron in the past and this time was no different. The hospitality of Huron Yacht Club brought us back.



High winds off shore led to our choice to alter our schedule and stay an extra day. This gave Josh and me a bonus afternoon to take a 7-mile walk to the beach and nature trails. We came across a

movie set on the beach with filming in progress - a comedy about Sir Walter Raleigh.



Early Thursday morning found us skipping past Kelleys Island and continuing on to South Bass. The cruise along the Ohio shoreline reminded me of another time... It was just four years ago that Josh’s brother Jake joined me for an end-of-summer cruise and we anchored off the shore of Cedar Point.



I-LYA BAYWEEK RENDEZVOUS: Thursday we tucked in amongst the racing boats inside dock “A” at Put-in-Bay Marina. The next three days/nights we spent exploring the island and attending the Bayweek events at PIB Yacht Club. Great job I-LYA for a fabulous event!

America 250 events were also being held the weekend of August 1-2, 2026.



The weather Saturday and Sunday dampened the outdoor activities, so we ducked under the tent for music, dancing, and delicious food.

RIDING OUT THE STORM 🎵 As we wrapped up our weekend fun, the forecast predicted a “sporty” ride with winds gusting to 20 knots as a storm was blowing across the lake and through Canada. Fandango’s course was along the south edge of the weather.

Unfortunately, a slight shift in the direction and intensity of the storm caused higher winds and waves than expected. Fully-reefed, we pushed through the 30+ knot winds and waves taller than I’ve ever seen. As we were dousing our headsail, the genoa sheet slipped free and made it extra difficult to retrieve and fully furl. We donned our foul weather gear and got ready for the rain. It was a “washing machine & rollercoaster ride”!

AN URGENT REQUEST TO MEMBERS: Thank you for joining us for our WSSC meetings, cruises, and races this summer! We’ve had lots of great fun with good company, friends, and family.

As we start to wind down from this year’s activities, we are already beginning to plan the framework for next year! We need your help to continue making West Shore Sail Club a success. If you’ve been thinking about getting involved – don’t hesitate to toss your name in the hat for upcoming West Shore Sail Club’s 2027 positions.

Sincerely,
2026 Commodore Todd Harris
wssccommodore@gmail.com



STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS:

PAST COMMODORES COMMITTEE

PC Carver Dumke / PC David Monk

HEY YOU! ... YES YOU!

You and I are so fortunate to be part of this great club. Just think, no monthly dues bill, no quarterly minimums, no storage fees, and no dock fees. Shall I go on? Yet, we all have the common love of sailing. We race, we cruise, we help each other out, discuss the finer points of seamanship, and maybe brag a little about our boats. It's all good, and it's all part of the fun of our club.

All this fun doesn't happen haphazardly. Believe it or not, it happens because members, like you and me, care and enjoy doing all of it.

YOU MAKE THE ORGANIZATION: An organization like WSSC does not run itself and we have been very lucky to have a wonderful membership that is willing to step up and to contribute their time, their talents, their knowledge, experience, and commitment to making this one of the greatest clubs on Lake Erie or anywhere.

On Thursday, October 1st we will open nominations for calendar year 2027. Open positions include:

- Flag Officers – Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore
- Executive Committee Officers – Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Officer
- Board of Directors – a Past Commodore for Director of the Corporation

WE WANT YOU TO FEEL COMFORTABLE AND CONSIDER BEING NOMINATED FOR ONE OF THESE POSITIONS. It's not hard work by any means. In fact, when I went through the chairs I learned more and had more fun than I would have otherwise experienced. It was a great experience for me and expect it will be for you as well.

If you feel you can help continue the success of our club (and we know you can), please be ready to raise your voice and be nominated. We'd love to have you and hope you'd love to be a bigger part of our club. Nominations will officially open at our General Membership meeting

October 1st and remain open until elections in November. If you're ready to throw your hat in



"In between boats" right now, PC 2013 Carver, 2026 Past Commodores Committee Co-chairperson, sails with Lady Allison on other people's boats

the ring, or just thinking about it, please talk to any of the current Flag Officers, Executive Committee Officers, Board of Directors, David, or myself.

David Monk and I, as Past Commodores Committee Co-Chairs will facilitate nominations and elections.

THE COMMODORE'S COMMITTEE AGAIN WISHES TO THANK THE MEMBERSHIP AND EVERYONE THAT SERVED AND SUPPORTED WSSC IN ANY ROLE DURING 2026: It was a very special and successful year as we

continue to celebrate our 54th anniversary and start the next steps towards our future.

KEEP ON SAILING!

Respectfully submitted,

PC 2013 Carver Dumke,
2026 Past Commodores Committee Co-chairperson



PC 2017/2018 David Monk, 2026 Director and Past Commodores Committee Co-chairperson sails (*too small to name*) – a Sailstar Explorer 17

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*** 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

LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE WAS A GREAT RACING DAY! It seems only yesterday that we were celebrating the Lighthouse Challenge and Afterglow. In the LHC Cruising Class, Jolee beat Encore across the line after sailing the 12.31 NM course in the (unplanned) 26' Nonsuch 1-design race with both of the FYC boats competing. Less than two minutes separated ShenanAgain and Lightning (1st and 2nd respectively) around the 16.24 NM PHRF course, followed by Family Truckster.

I'd like to thank Anita Bersie-Chabalowski for getting the special LHC buoy out in time for the race and retrieving it afterward. Thanks also to Brenda Woodruff and the crew of Dragon Lady for serving as the Committee Boat for the race. We wouldn't have been able to hold the race

without both of your contributions.

Regarding the Afterglow, we had two dozen in attendance for dinner, the gift card raffles and the silent auctions. We are still finalizing the numbers, but over \$1000 was raised for our charity partner, GLLKA, while having fun and comradery. Thanks to Todd Harris, Maria Jose González, and Lana Hawkins for helping set up and decorate for the party. You made a lot happen in a short amount of time, and made it look good doing it! Also, it's not too late to order your LHC T-shirts. As of the time of writing, they are still available on RegattaRepublic.com. I know that Webmaster Lana plans to move them to the main WSSC website sometime in the near future, so you might have to check there as well.

I-LYA SENIOR SAIL BAY WEEK REGATTA: WSSC had a number of boats racing in the Senior Sail Regatta at Put-in-Bay the first weekend in August. Lana and I attended as Rendezvous Class and did not enter any of the races, but had a great time with the other WSSC cruisers that attended as the last port-of-call for the WSSC Summer Weeklong Cruise. It was fun to mix with the cruisers and racers at the same event. I cannot report on WSSC performance in the races, but did manage to get some photos of boats in the Regatta in the distance as Kingfisher headed home from Put-in-Bay.

LET'S TAKE A QUICK LOOK BACK ON AN EXCITING WNATR SEASON: We opened with Spring Race #1 on May 20 and continued weekly until September 2 with just one-

week break for the Mills Race. As of Fall Race #3, we had 2 boats finish with corrected times within 60 seconds of each other 17 times and 3 boats finish with corrected times within 60 seconds of each other on seven occasions. 1st place was decided in 8 of those 24 cases and 2nd place was won in 10 of those 24 cases. Some were nearly "photo finishes" with one case where 3 boats finished with only three seconds separating the 1st from the 3rd! We had some winning streaks: five wins in a row for Dragon Lady and three in a row



2026 Bay Week Senior Sail

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 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



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

Vice Commodore (continued)



2026-09 Bay Week

for Feisty. Yet half of the competitors had at least one win during the season, too. All things considered, I think that you will agree that it was a competitive season with a lot of fun.

With the 2026 WSSC racing season drawing to a close, I'd like to thank Fleet Captain—Racing Chris McCardell for organizing and administering the races including writing/posting the essential documents to NOR as well as entering the race results to NOR and for your guidance during the season. There have been several times that I (and I am sure many others) was hanging on waiting for your announcement of the post-race results. I'd also like to thank the volunteers of the Racing Committee who planned the season and to the Committee Boat skippers who ran the individual races during the season. We can't do it without you guys.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PULL THE RACE BUOYS ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 19, DEPARTING FROM FYC. You don't need to race or even own a sailboat to help. We just need several strong deckhands with gloves and old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Come help us put the buoys away for the season.

OCTOBER 21 AWARDS NIGHT: Notice to all racing skippers and their crew, we will be celebrating the racing season accomplishments at the annual Awards Night at Whiskeys on the Water on Wednesday, October 21. Flags and trophies will be awarded for the 2026 racing season.

Thanks for the exciting and competitive 2026 racing season.

Sincerely,

2026 Vice Commodore Mike Soltis

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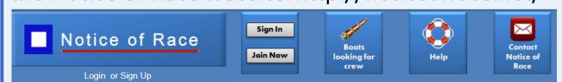
2026-09 WNATR-Goin' Home



2026-09 2026 WNATR Sails into the Sunset

WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 7:30P.M. AT WHISKEYS ON THE WATER!

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>

Racing flyers and information...

**Skippers! Crew!
Family! Friends!
Everyone is invited to ...**



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WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

2026

**RACING
AWARDS
NIGHT**

Wednesday October 21, 2026

Awards ceremony starts at 7:30pm

CELEBRATED AT

WHISKEYS ON THE WATER

WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN

KITCHEN AND BAR WILL BE OPEN THROUGHOUT THE EVENING



WNATR



Doublehanded



Lighthouse Challenge



Jack and Jill

PHOTO FUN ... Racing Memories ... last race of the WNATR 2026 season


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WSSC 2026 Commodore
Todd Harris
 and
Lady Maria González



WSSC 2026 Vice Commodore
Mike Soltis
 WSSC 2026 Rear Commodore
Lana Hawkins



WHISKEYS
 ON THE **WATER**

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



* THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR GREAT 2026 CRUISES *

From the 2026 Rear Commodore (including Cruising Committee)

Lana Hawkins



Fleet Captain—Cruising



Port Captain: Cruising

UH OH—IT SEEMS LIKE SUMMER IS DISAPPEARING! I hope everybody got a chance to sail on their boats this summer.

The club had its **WEEK-LONG SUMMER CRUISE IN JULY**, which was a lot of fun. Mike and I, aboard Kingfisher, started on Middle Bass Island. On Saturday, we met up with Jonathan and Helena on Jolee and explored Put-in-Bay and the winery on Middle Bass. Just as PC Jonathan and Lady Helena were getting ready to shove off, PC Jody and Becky showed up. That's a lot of sailing for one day! Two thumbs up to Jonathan and

Helena for coming out for the day. Commodore Todd and his nephew also joined us later that day.

One thing I like about sailing over to those islands is seeing all the pelicans. This trip was a real treat because we got to see a whole bunch of them.



PC Cotter captures photo of a scoop of pelicans

The rest of our trip took us to Vermilion for a day, then Huron for three days, and finally back to Put-in-Bay. We had planned a stop at Kelleys Island in between, but the winds were kind of nasty, and we didn't want to have a barfy trip. Unfortunately, we missed Brad Tidik, who went to Kelleys Island to meet us—and we weren't there. I'm so sorry, Brad. We'll have to meet you next time. We also thought we saw Don sailing Heather, with Lance and Christy on Still No Agenda nearby, but our binoculars weren't strong enough to confirm that it was actually them.

The tail end of the trip was the **SENIOR SAIL REGATTA** at Put-in-Bay. I'm kind of new to sailing, so I wasn't sure what it was going to be like. For some reason, I wasn't really thrilled about tying a bunch of boats together and having to walk across them in the middle of

the night. But when we arrived, I told the dock guys that I had a reservation right next to the dock—and that's where they put me.

We did have one boat tie up to us: a polite couple from the place where PC Michael Ingrody keeps his boat. I had a chuckle at the Tito's party at PIBYC on Friday evening when I told our tie-up neighbors that we were leaving in the morning.



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 confirmation)
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



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

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Rear Commodore (continued)

Because one of them had racing commitments at 8 a.m., we had to move the boat right then so he could get back to drinking before the party ended. Those were pretty much his exact words. We know what's important! I was really impressed—and amused—by how we moved all those big sailboats around in a big green seaweed patch using only dock lines. Drinking resumed successfully.

We ate at some really good restaurants. We also seemed to miss many of the usual suspects parading around the island for bachelorette parties and such, which I didn't mind at all. It was a lot of fun to see other sailors from West Shore and Ford Yacht Club there. I must say, I really enjoyed it and would go again. The Rendezvous class worked for me! All other stories stay at Put-in-Bay.

AUGUST PROGRAM TAKES FLIGHT: At our August GMM, guest speaker Kevin Arnold from Huron-Clinton Metroparks talked about HawkFest. I can't remember the exact number, but in some years, 200,000 or more hawks fly through the Lake Erie corridor over a three-month period. You should definitely check it out: <https://www.metroparks.com/hawkfest/>

NEXT PROGRAM: At our September 3 GMM, John Samuelson will tell us about his volunteer work with Seafarers, which supports sailors on bulk carriers when they come into port. I'm looking forward to seeing his pictures and hearing his stories. Please come to the meeting and hear his talk.

SIGN UP FOR HARVEST MOON CRUISE: What's next, cruise-wise? When you read this, the next cruise will be the Harvest Moon Cruise, currently scheduled for September 25-27 at Monroe Boat Club. Let me, RC Lana Hawkins, know if you want to go.

(And let's all give Lea a big hand for putting together the Starboard Tack. What a patient person! We're always late with the articles, and I'm so glad she doesn't have a negative Lifesavers prize, because we'd owe her cases of them.)

Sincerely,

2026 Rear Commodore Lana Hawkins

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AUGUST PROGRAM — Speaker Kevin Arnold is the Southern District Interpretive Supervisor at Huron Clinton Metroparks, a role he has held since 1997, leading interpretive programs and partnerships across multiple Metroparks in Southeast Michigan. Arnold has been active in cultural and environmental education. For example, he co-led the Wyandot of Anderdon Nation partnership at Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center, integrating Wyandot history and culture into trail names, exhibits, and interpretive materials Huron-Clinton Metroparks. This collaboration highlights the region's Indigenous heritage and the historical Treaty of St. Mary's. He also contributes to wildlife education programs, such as the "Owls at Your Metroparks" series, where he guides visitors through identifying and observing local owl species, and the annual "HawkFest" at Lake Erie MetroPark.

"Official Hawk Watch sites exist along important flyways, the paths that many birds take during migration. A combination of topography and weather patterns often dictates these. The Hawk Watch site at Lake Erie Metropark is staffed by trained counters from September 1st to November 30th every day --unless truly inclement weather moves in and the watch is canceled for the day."

<https://www.metroparks.com/fall-migration-raptors-on-the-move/>



(left) Guest speaker Kevin Arnold shows what a Hawk "boil" looks like. (center) Member Dave Monk consults Lake Erie Metropark HawkGuide handout.

Kevin shows some tips used in bird identification. For example, hawks have a dihedral wing shape when soaring.

Cruising flyers and information...



WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

**HARVEST MOON
CRUISE**

TENTATIVE DATE
SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026

MONROE BOAT CLUB

GROUP DINNER SATURDAY

RSVP: REAR COMMODORE LANA HAWKINS
WSSCREARCOMMODORE@GMAIL.COM

Ahoy cruisers! We have confirmation of the last club cruise of the season, by water. Dan Williamson is our port captain and Dave Wright is our dinner captain. Mike and I plan to attend and have sent a confirmation to Dan already.

A flyer from Dan Williamson was sent by email describing our Harvest Moon

Cruise at the Monroe Boat Club coming up on September 25 - 27th.

Quick summary:

You can come by boat or by car.

Group dinner is Saturday Sept 26th.

Let Dan know if you are coming by boat with your boat details (LOA, beam, draft) so he can reserve a well for you.

First come, first served.

Let Dave Wright know you're coming for dinner by Thursday Sep 20th at Harbor Hook and Grill so he can get the correct number of reservations for dinner.

Hope to see you there!

From the Rear Commodore
Lana Hawkins

PHOTO FUN ... Cruising memories ... WEEK-LONG SUMMER CRUISE IN JULY



2026 marks another successful Week-Long Cruise. New this year was joining the I-LYA Rendezvous Sail at Bay Week.



Declaration 250 at PIB BGSU Marching Band arrival on the Miller Ferry.



more PHOTO FUN ... Cruising memories ... WEEK-LONG SUMMER CRUISE IN JULY



A miracle of nature! Ducks in an actual row!



Sometimes the sights make you think you've been at sea just a little bit too long.

and more PHOTO FUN ... Cruising memories ... WEEK-LONG SUMMER CRUISE IN JULY



Family Truckster at I-LYA Bayweek



PHOTO FUN ... Cruising memories ... LATE SUMMER CRUISE



Another marvelous Late Summer Cruise to Bay View Yacht Club in Toledo.



Pc Lance takes Lady Christy for a spin around the dance floor. Rockin' with the oldies!



What will Amy do with all that gold?



The Wright Stuff



The fresh-made French fries were worth the wait in line!



The "After Party Party" was hosted aboard Still No Agenda. Good times!



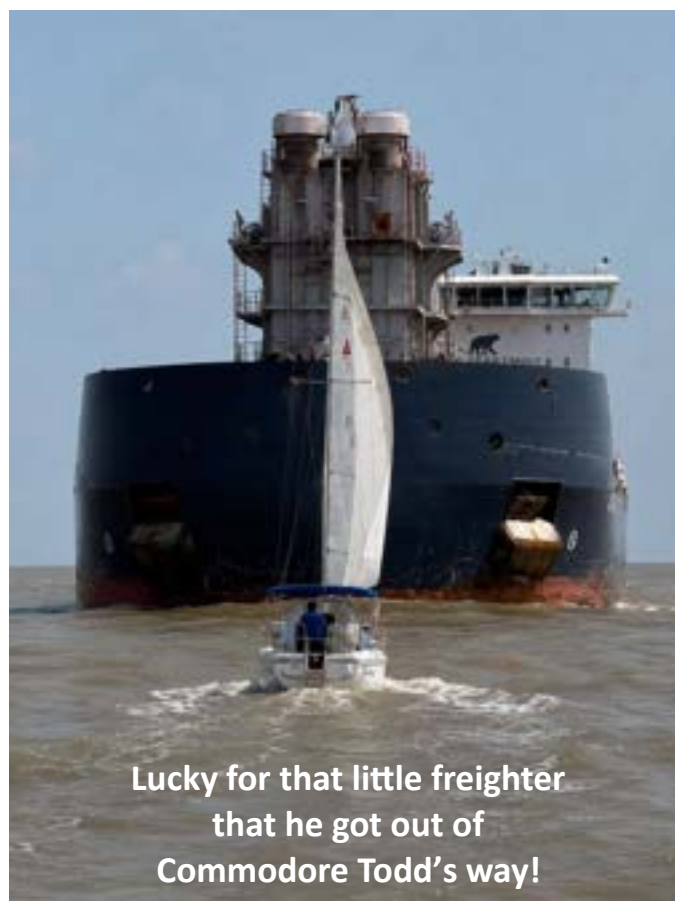
Fandango



Still No Agenda



(who is this?)



Lucky for that little freighter that he got out of Commodore Todd's way!

From the 2026 Secretary (including Correspondence and Reciprocity)

Patti Duffett



AUGUST SECRETARY'S REPORT:

During this reporting period, the Secretary's Office remained focused on maintaining accurate records, supporting organizational

communication, and keeping members informed of important activities and upcoming events.

Key activities included:

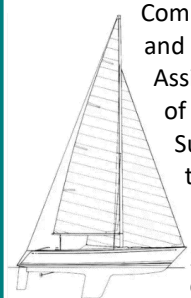
Maintaining and updating meeting minutes and organizational records.

Preparing and distributing notices, correspondence, and meeting information.

Communicating important updates to members and leadership.

Assisting with coordination and documentation of organizational activities.

Supporting upcoming programs and initiatives through timely communication.



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

The Secretary's Office appreciates the continued participation and support of all members. We look forward to another productive period and encourage everyone to stay informed and involved in upcoming activities.

PAST MINUTES are available to WSSC members by contacting the Secretary at:
wsscexecutivesecretary@gmail.com

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



From the 2026 Treasurer

Mike Fluegemann



MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATES are available to WSSC members by contacting the Treasurer at
wsscfinancial@gmail.com

TREASURERS JUST WANNA' HAVE FUN, TOO: These photos are from the T-10 North American Championship last weekend. GO BABY placed 14th out of 25.

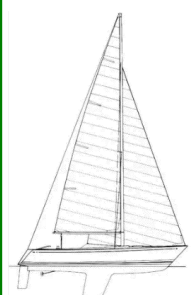
Sincerely,

2026 Treasurer Michael Fluegemann

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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 57 renewed memberships as of the end of July. The \$10.00 late fee is in effect for those who have not paid up and are intending to renew for 2026.

TWO WAYS TO PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE: 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>

The first of August membership totals look like this:

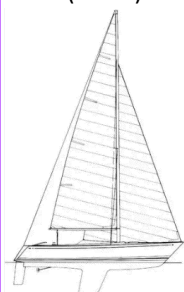
62	Total 2026 Memberships
57	Total Paid Memberships = Total memberships - Non pay Life memberships - Honorary members
13	Individual
23	Family
29	Regular
7	Associate
0	Honorary
5	Non Paid Life Mem.
1	Paid Life-Membership
6	Total Life-Mem.



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

IN MEMORIAM: We were saddened to learn of the passing of friend of the club Jim Bourgault in August. He raced his GUS (who?) out of GIYC.

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



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

Be sure to check out our CorkBoard on display at our General Membership Meetings (GMM). It's always chock-a-block full of news and information!



CELEBRATING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER

Barbara M.
 Stephen M.
 VC Michael S.
 Pete Z.
 Sharon B.
 Allison D.
 Amy D.
 Patricia G.

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!**



Congrats and Thank You! to Fleet Captain—Racing CHRIS and Secretary PATTI exhibited perfect seamanship etiquette by sharing their birthday cake with everyone at the August GMM. Very tasty!
 And a big 🇺🇸 to Karen, Allison, Phae, Ryan, and Holly who always jump in to make sure we all get cake!

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

MEMBERS IN THE NEWSletter: Patti Duffett (member since 2016)

SAILING THROUGH THE GENERATIONS

There's something special about sharing a sailboat with your grandchildren. The excitement of racing takes on a whole new meaning when the little ones are aboard, eager to learn, lend a hand, and experience the thrill of being out on the water.

Whether they're helping with the lines, watching the sails fill, or simply taking in the sights and sounds of a race day, our grandkids have quickly become an important part of the crew. Their enthusiasm is contagious, and their questions remind us why we fell in love with sailing in the first place.

Racing with grandchildren aboard isn't always about crossing the finish line first. It's about the memories made along the way—the laughter in the cockpit, the excitement of a good tack, the teamwork required to get the boat moving, what snacks Nana



brought aboard, and those quiet moments between races when everyone can relax and enjoy being together.

There's also something wonderful about passing the love of sailing from one generation to the next. The skills, traditions, stories, and friendships that come with life on the water become part of their own memories. Maybe someday they'll be the ones at the helm, teaching their own children how to read the wind and trim a sail.

For now, we're happy to have them aboard, watching their confidence grow with every race and every adventure. The boat may have a crew of all ages, but when the wind fills the sails and we're racing together, we're simply one team.

Some of the best trophies aren't the ones you take home—they're the memories you make with the people you love.

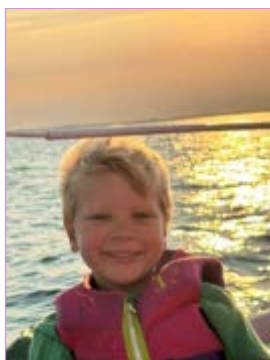
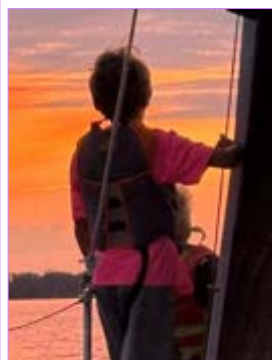


Photo Fun from the GMM (General Membership Meeting) ...



Join us in person OR on Zoom. See you there!



The kitchen and the bar are always open during meetings!



Raffle—and the winner is ...Gale! Did you know the 50/50 helps support our Commodore's Ball?

Join us at our GMMs (General Membership Meetings)...

WE ALWAYS HAVE BIRTHDAY CAKE! AND FUN! AND OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF!





WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

★ SAIL. CONNECT. BELONG. ★

MORE FRIENDS. MORE SAILING.

More Memories.

West Shore Sail Club is more than a club—
it's a community of sailors who share a
passion for the water and for each other.

JOIN TODAY. SET SAIL TOGETHER.

BE PART OF SOMETHING **EXTRAORDINARY**

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



WELCOMING COMMUNITY

Connect with fellow sailing enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels.



ON-WATER ADVENTURES

Participate in races, cruises, and social sails throughout the season.



SOCIAL EVENTS

Enjoy club gatherings, parties, and special events year-round.



LEARN & GROW

Access sailing education, mentorship, and skill-building opportunities.



GIVE BACK

Support our local community and promote the joy of sailing.



BE ON THE WATER.

Escape. Explore.



MAKE CONNECTIONS.

Laugh. Share.



CREATE MEMORIES.

Last a Lifetime.

JOIN TODAY! →



**BECOME A MEMBER
OF WEST SHORE
SAIL CLUB!**

Scan the QR code or visit
westshoresailclub.org/join

- ✓ All are welcome!
- ✓ New sailors & experienced alike!
- ✓ Affordable membership options
- ✓ Create lifelong friendships



FROM FIRST TACK TO LIFE-LONG PASSION,
THERE'S A PLACE FOR **YOU** AT WEST SHORE.



PO Box 369
Trenton, MI 48183

✉ info@westshoresailclub.org

🌐 westshoresailclub.org

📱 [@westshoresailclub](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WestShoreSailClub/)

Members asea ...

A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A RACE ON LAKE ERIE:



On Serendipity with WSSC Fleet Captain—Racing Chris McCardell at the Ford Yacht Club Regatta on August 8 are practically the whole WSSC Executive Committee including PC Jody Larrow, RC Lana Hawkins, Treasurer Mike Fluegemann, and Commodore Todd Harris.

NEWS FROM OUR CARIBBEAN CONTINGENT—PC JOHN AND LADY ANA KUKLA:

"We are anchored in Salinas, Puerto Rico. Ana flies back Thursday so I'm crashing to get boat projects done and get the boat back together to sail. We see a weather window coming to cross the Caribbean Sea south to Bonaire and get out of the hurricane box.

Key of Sea has been anchored here for 47 nights and I've had several systems torn apart so to make sure everything is good we will make a 15 nm shakedown cruise to "Isla Caja de Muetros" (Coffin Island) Friday. If everything's good and our adrenalin is pumping we may keep going, or anchor there for a few hours to rest and then head down to Bonaire. It's about 400 nm, our longest "open water" passage. I imagine there will be some material for a future ST article.

August 4, 2026

John and Ana at Sea on Key of Sea

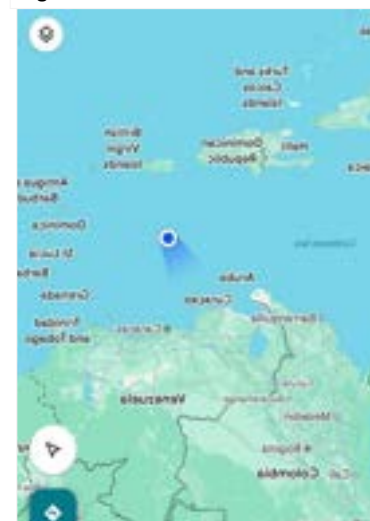
Link to The Sea Is Calling on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094661328247>



Only ocean and endless horizons 360°. We only have some sea birds and flying fish for company.



August 8



WE ALL LOVE HEARING FROM OUR WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB MEMBERS AT SEA!

Send your "postcards" (a couple of photos and two or three sentences) to let us know what you've been up to while cruising, racing, or just puttering about on boats. We'll "post" them here. Send your news to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

*** LOOK FOR OUR ACTIVITIES INFORMATION ON OUR WEBPAGE, TOO! ***

**STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS:
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Jane Bersie, Chairperson

westshoresailclub.org/events



FALL & WINTER CAR CRUISES ARE ALMOST HERE!

OUR SEASON "ON THE HARD" IS COMING UP FAST—DON'T MISS OUR FULL CALENDAR OF CAR CRUISES AND ACTIVITIES!



FIRST UP—OUR ANNUAL "CAR CRUISE" TO THE WSSC RACING AWARDS

NIGHT: All you racers and cruising racers don't want to miss don't want to miss our annual Awards Night filled with colorful flags and colorful stories. It's at Whiskeys on the Water in Wyandotte on Wednesday, October 21. Awards ceremony starts at 7:30pm. The kitchen and bar are open from before the ceremony until all the awards are done and all the stories shared. See you there!



NEXT UP—OUR ANNUAL "HARVEST-FEST" POTLUCK AND HAYRIDE AT LASKEY'S FARM: You don't want to miss our popular annual potluck, featuring Phae's Phae-mous Sloppy Joes and all the fabulous potluck dishes. (A lot of our club members are pretty great cooks.) The ever-popular hayride with Farmer Chuck is booked. And, as always, costumes are not required, but they are a lot of fun if you like getting dressed up for Halloween. The evening ends with S'more S'mores for everyone around the firepit. Stories abound. Don't miss it.

Sincerely,

Jane Bersie, Activities Committee Chairperson

bersi001@yahoo.com



PC Jody is a crafty guy! Activities Chairperson Jane Bersie has members participating in an impromptu arts & crafts "activity" at the August meeting, putting together calendar handouts for the coming season of car cruises and activities. WSSC sailors are a multi-talented group!



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

WSSC 2026/2027 CAR CRUISE CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Wed. Oct. 21 7pm — **WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT**
at Whiskeys on the Water, Wyandotte

Sat. Oct. 24 3pm — **WSSC Annual HARVEST•FEST**
at PC Laskey's Farm in Newport
Sloppy Joe Pot Luck • Costumes are fun! • Hayride
and S'MORE FUN than a barrel of sailors!

NOVEMBER

Thu. Nov. 12 around 5:30pm **BURGER NIGHT** at MBC

DECEMBER

Thu. Dec. 3 — **Holiday Party and Charity Drive**
at the GMM

Tue. Dec. 15 at 6-9pm — **BIG BAND & DINNER**
at HARBOR HOOK & GRILL in Monroe

JANUARY

Thu. Jan 7 — **Change of Watch** at the GMM

Jan. TBD — **Annual GAMES NIGHT** at ??
Euchre anyone? And board games! Goofy Prizes!

FEBRUARY

Sun. Feb. 21 8:30-11:30am — **SUNDAY BRUNCH**
at Riverview Yacht Club in Toledo OH

MARCH

Sun. Mar. 21 3-5pm — **PICKLEBALL** at 3D Fit
1 hour lesson and 1 hour play

APRIL

Car Cruise to the Commodore's Ball!

MAY

May 6 at 6:30pm — **Annual SWAP MEET**
before and after the GMM (meeting)
at Whiskeys on the Water

ICEBREAKER "LAND" CRUISE MAY 8TH 3PM

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

[June—September on hiatus]

Activities: Upcoming Event Information for WSSC, Sister Clubs, and Friends

 WEST SHORE
SAIL CLUB

Annual
HARVEST
Party
• AND POTLUCK •

TRACTOR PULLED
HAYRIDE

**HALLOWEEN
COSTUMES**
Optional!

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 24, 2026
— 3:00 – 5:00 PM —

at **LASKEY'S FARM**
• NEWPORT, MI •

Activities: Upcoming Event Information for WSSC, Sister Clubs, and Friends

WSSC WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

BURGER NIGHT!

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 12, 2026**

**GET THERE AROUND
5:30 - 6:30 PM**

**ORDER A BURGER
AND SOMETHING
TO DRINK**

**CHOW DOWN
AS A GROUP IN THE
BACK BANQUET ROOM**

at the
MONROE BOAT CLUB
★ 7932 BOLLES HARBOR DRIVE ★

WSSC WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

Dinner & MONROE BIG BAND
(~\$20-\$30) *Holiday Show*

**DECEMBER 15, 2026
(TUESDAY NIGHT)**

HOOK & REEL
RESTAURANT
13993 Laplaine
Monroe, MI 48161
Monroe, MI • Bolles Harbor, MI

6:00 PM Dinner **7:30 PM** Band Starts

MONROE Big Band

Good Food • Great Music • Great Company!
ALL WSSC MEMBERS & GUESTS WELCOME!

WSSC WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

Car Cruise to RIVERVIEW YACHT CLUB'S *Sunday Commodore's Brunch*

*Good Friends
Great Food
A Fun Drive!*

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 21, 2027
8:30 to 11:30 AM**
Riverview Yacht Club
5981 Edgewater Dr.
Toledo, OH 43611

*Start your
Sunday
Fun-Day
right!*

**COST
\$20**

Start your Sunday Fun-Day right with the
Commodore's Breakfast
Hot, fresh, and open to the public! 😊

Cars • Breakfast • Commodore

RVYC
RIVERVIEW YACHT CLUB
TOLEDO, OHIO

Same Great People • A Different Shore

WSSC WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

3D-FIT PICKLEBALL LESSONS

**SUNDAY
MARCH 21, 2027
3-5 PM**

- Max 20 people for the class \$20/pp.
- One hour lesson, plus one hour practice.

If you have not played before or newbie on the courts, this is the perfect clinic for you. Learn the rules, how to serve, how to score, dink and drive. We will finish off with some constructive play time and leave knowing the basics of how to play.

3DFIT ARENA
12425 Nixon Ave
Riverview, MI 48193
734-692-3482

RSVP
Jane
952-221-0060

From The Webmaster

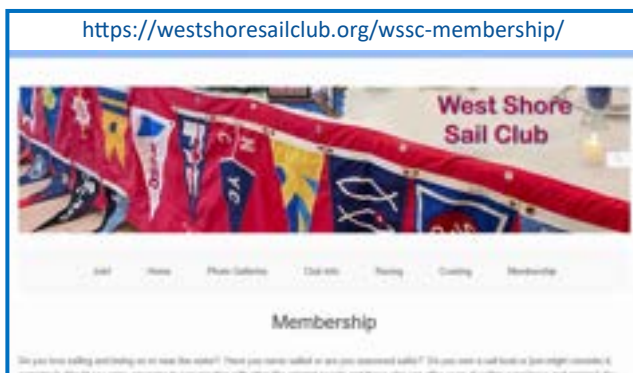
Lana Hawkins



WEBMASTER UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER: The hosting account has been renewed and paid for the year. That's it for now.

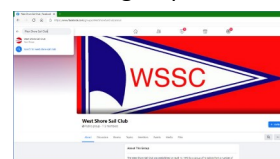
Be sure to check out our updated calendar and events pages on our website for all the latest information.

Sincerely,
Lana Hawkins, Webmaster
web@westshoresailclub.org



VISIT US ON **FACEBOOK** for photos, news, event updates, and more!

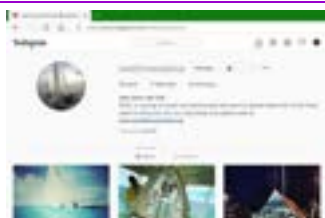
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VISIT US ON **INSTAGRAM**

for photos from our races, cruises, and other events!

www.instagram.com/westshoresailclub/



VISIT OUR **WEBSITE** for links to calendars, membership, newsletters, and more!

www.westshoresailclub.org



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
or from VC Mike Soltis.

Elliott's

BAKERY AND COFFEE SHOP



Enjoy our full Espresso bar!

DID YOU KNOW?
Thank you to Elliott's Bakery and Coffee Shop for their support over the years for our monthly birthday celebrations. Their support makes our meetings quite delicious! Happy Birthday and to all our club celebrators—thanks for sharing your cake. It was delicious!

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 GA813375. 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/>

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 at the Sheraton Metro Airport, Detroit

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 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

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/

AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS — NEWS & INFORMATION—additional news from US Sailing



US Sailing is excited to support the national AMC theater launch of **Mighty Mary** coming September 11!

Mighty Mary tells the inspiring story of the historic 1995 America3 All-Women's America's Cup Team—the first all-women's team to compete on equal terms against men in an international sporting event.

Narrated by Hugh Jackman and Elizabeth Banks, and brought to theaters through a partnership with Paramount and Skydance, the film captures a groundbreaking moment in sports history and the determination, teamwork, and courage it took to break barriers.

The story's messages of high-performance teamwork, breaking the glass ceiling, and inspiring girls, women, and everyone to pursue their biggest dreams are just as powerful today as they were in 1995.

Go see *Mighty Mary* in theaters beginning September 11!

🇺🇸 Detroit, AMC Forum 30

Screening events will be available later in September. You can book a screening for your yacht club or community organization as a great member event or fundraiser.

Visit www.mightymaryfilm.com to learn more.

Want to do more with Women's Leadership? [Rising Tide Leadership Institute](#) was established to inspire, educate, and equip women leaders to compete and succeed in the global economy.

Sydney Hough & Deb Rainey
The US Sailing Membership Team



WATCH THE TRAILER at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6avT1CXG00I>

AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS — NEWS & INFORMATION (continued)



BOATING ACROSS THE BORDER

LAKE ST. CLAIR, DETROIT RIVER & BEYOND

Know the process. Follow the rules. Enjoy the water.

CANADIAN BOATERS GOING TO THE UNITED STATES



USE CBP ROAM APP

CBP ROAM is a free app that allows you to report your arrival into the U.S. from your boat – quick, easy and paperless.

HOW IT WORKS

- 1 DOWNLOAD THE APP**
Get CBP ROAM from the App Store or Google Play.
- 2 CREATE AN ACCOUNT**
Set up your profile and add your travelers and boat info.
- 3 SUBMIT YOUR REPORT**
Submit your arrival report before arriving in the U.S. You'll receive an electronic response.
- 4 RECEIVE APPROVAL**
If approved, you'll get a "Proceed to the U.S." message. Keep this with you while traveling.

IMPORTANT

- Submit your report up to 24 hours in advance.
- Have passports/ID for everyone on board.
- You may be selected for additional inspection.

OFFICIAL APP OF U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
www.cbp.gov | CBP ROAM App

U.S. BOATERS GOING TO CANADA

REPORT TO THE CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY (CBSA)

All travelers entering Canada by boat must report to CBSA without delay once they stop or enter to land.

You MUST report if you:


Anchor


Dock or land


Tie up to another boat


Refuel


Let people on/off

If you are **ONLY** passing through Canadian waters **WITHOUT** stopping or interacting – no need to report.

OPTION 1 – CALL IN (MOST COMMON)



Call the CBSA Telephone Reporting Centre.
1-888-226-7277

- Captain makes the call
- Have all info ready
- Everyone else stays on the boat

They will ask for:

- Names, DOB & citizenship
- Purpose of visit
- Length of stay
- Goods, alcohol, etc.
- Boat information

You'll receive a report number – you're good to go.

OPTION 2 – REPORT IN PERSON



Pull up to a designated CBSA marine reporting dock and speak with an officer.
Look for CBSA signs at marinas and reporting sites.

WHAT YOU NEED

- Passport or accepted ID for everyone
- Be admissible to Canada
- Declare all alcohol, tobacco, goods, etc.
- No visa required for U.S. citizens

FAILURE TO REPORT WHEN REQUIRED CAN RESULT IN:
Fines starting at \$1,000 • Boat seizure • Criminal charges

MORE INFO: www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca | 1-888-226-7277

NEXUS MEMBERS: Alternative reporting procedures may be available when all passengers are members. Visit cbsa-asfc.gc.ca or cbp.gov for full details.

U.S. BOATERS GOING TO THE UNITED STATES



USE CBP ROAM APP

Same simple process as above. Submit your arrival report before arriving in the U.S.

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BOAT SAFE BOAT SMART

- ✓ Carry required safety equipment
- ✓ Check weather and water conditions
- ✓ Respect the border and our laws
- ✓ Boat responsibly

ENJOY OUR WATERWAYS. BE PREPARED. FOLLOW THE RULES. HAVE A GREAT DAY!

Thank you to Patti Duffett for sharing this informational post.

THE WSSC "CORKBOARD"



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

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Trenton, MI 48183
734-676-1940
elliottsbakery.com

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

Enjoy our full Espresso bar!

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SEPTEMBER'S TACKY PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Thank you to this month's photo contributors:

**Patti Baur-Duffett, Lady Christy Yee,
Lea Ellwood-Filkins, PC Jody Larrow,
VC Mike Soltis, RC Lana Hawkins,
PC Jon Cotter, Commodore Todd Harris,
Lady Maria González,
PC Anita Bersie-Chabalowski,
PC John and Lady Ana Kukla,
Treasurer Mike Fluegemann**

We couldn't do what we do without YOU!

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

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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Budget Committee	Executive Committee	
Bylaws Committee	Past Commodores Committee	
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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		
SEPTEMBER 2026		
GIYC Labor Day Race	Sep. 1 *Monday—10am	Grosse Ile Yacht Club
• WNATR Fall #5	Sep. 2 *Wednesday—6:50pm	Vice Comm./Fleet Captain-Racing
SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING	SEP. 3 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom PROGRAM: John Samuelson on the International Seafarer Center in Brunswick, Georgia.	Meeting: Commodore Program: Rear Commodore
• WSSC JACK AND JILL RACE	Sep. 6 *Sunday—10:55am to approx. 1:00pm 3:00pm Potluck Afterglow at FYC North Pavillion (Details and registration at noticeofrace.net)	Vice Commodore / 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 Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	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 BUOY RETRIEVAL	Sep. 19 *Saturday—10:00am Meet up location: Ford Yacht Club	Vice Commodore
FYC End of Summer Racing Series	Sep. 23 *Wednesday—6:00pm	Ford Yacht Club
• Cruise #6: HARVEST MOON CRUISE	Sep. 25-27 *Fri.-Sun.—to Monroe Boat Club Port Captain: PC Dan Williamson Cruising Committee Meeting on Saturday	Rear Commodore / Fleet Captain-Cruising
CRUISING COMMITTEE Wrap-Up Meeting	Sep. 26 *Sat—at the Harvest Moon Cruise	Rear Comm./Fleet Captain-Cruising
OCTOBER 2026		
OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING and OFFICER NOMINATIONS	OCT. 1 *Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Agenda includes NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS Program: (TBD)	Meeting: Commodore Past Commodores Comm. Co-chair Program: Rear Commodore
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NYCY Fall Bay Race	Oct. *Saturday-Sunday	North Cape Yacht Club
FYC Frostbite Regatta	Oct. *Sunday	Ford Yacht Club
LMYC River Rat Race	Oct. *Tuesday	LaSalle Mariner Yacht Club
• WSSC RACING AWARDS NIGHT	Oct. 21 *Wednesday—7:30-9:00pm Racing Awards Program at Whiskeys on the Water	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain Racing
AYC Racing Awards Banquet	Oct. *Thursday	
GIYC Racing Awards Banquet	Oct. *Friday—7:30pm	Grosse Ile Yacht Club
• October CAR CRUISE TO HARVEST FEST AND POT LUCK AT LASKEY'S FARM	Oct 24 *Saturday—3:00pm at Laskey's Farm Phae's Pha-mous Sloppy Joes provided. BYOB and a dish to pass. Costumes encouraged. Hayride, potluck, and fun!	Activities Chairperson
NOVEMBER 2026		
• NOVEMBER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and OFFICER ELECTIONS <i>*NOTE CHANGE OF DAY to Wednesday Nov. 4</i>	NOV. 4 *Wednesday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & Zoom Agenda includes ELECTION OF OFFICERS	Commodore Past Commodores Comm. Co-chair
Starboard Tack DEADLINE	Nov. 6 *Friday—11:59:59pm for November Starboard Tack Send articles, flyers, photos, etc. to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com	Starboard Tack Editor
RACING COMMITTEE Wrap-Up Meeting	TBD *Wednesday—(Contact Vice Commodore for time and location)	Vice Commodore / Fleet Captain Racing
• November CAR CRUISE	Nov. 12 *Thursday 5:30pm at Monroe Boat Club	Activities Chairperson



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- 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