

# Starboard Tack

West Shore Sail Club

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January 2007



We're getting ready for a new year, a new board and a new Starboard Tack

## From the New Rear Commodore

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that asked me to run for this position.

I would also like to thank the club as a whole for granting me this position.

I have been working on program ideas and have been e-mailing frequently with potential speakers. I haven't set an exact schedule yet, but here is a brief synopsis of what I have so far. I contacted an instructor from the Coast Guard Auxiliary who agreed to present on boating safety, vessel inspections and class curriculum. A staff member from a Detroit NOAA Center agreed to present on weather topics as well as some information on the state of our lakes in regard to invasive species etc.... I also have a list of interesting list of presentations available from Boat US.

Amanda & I have visited just about every lighthouse on the Lower Peninsula and are putting together a presentation on that for February, we're not sure on the theme yet but we'll narrow down the choices soon enough.

If there is a program that you would like to have again or have an idea for a new one please let me know and I will do what I can to make it happen.

I will be working diligently with the cruising committee and look forward to another fun filled summer of sailing.

I will do my best to keep you all up to date, informed and entertained. Please feel free to call me at 313-359-3191 or email me at fkrabach@wowway.com.

Thank You,  
Fred Krabach  
Rear Commodore

## From the New Secretary

With the New Year quickly approaching, I feel this is a good time to introduce myself and let you know what you can expect from me in 2007.

I will be emailing the General Membership Meeting Minutes to you each month as well as the Starboard Tack. Please let me know if you do not receive either of these emails.

I have also absorbed the duties of Benevolence Chairperson. These duties include mailing cards to the sick and bereaved, maintaining Sick Bay for the Starboard Tack, and sending flowers on behalf of the club in the event of a death in a Member Family.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me by phone at 313-359-3191 or by email at mandyk515@wowway.com if someone is ill or has passed away. I will email all updates, notices and arrangements to the General Membership.

I am also working closing with Commodore Susan Ashley and Membership/Activities Chairperson Tina Askins in planning some exciting events for next year. I will email announcements to the General Membership as they become available.

I look forward to serving you in 2007 and hope to get to know you all better.

Happy Holidays,  
Amanda Krabach

GM Meeting - Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM  
At Mr. Nicks. Program will be Carribean Cruising presented by John Schamante. Come early for the Nick's Broasted Chicken  
Cruising Committee - Next meeting schedule for January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm at the Warchol's Home  
Race Committee - Next meeting scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm at the Howe Home.  
Rum Party - January 19<sup>th</sup> Location TBD

Look for a complete and extended calendar inside=>

## From the New Editor

First - I hope that the membership will join me in thanking Tom Priest for both his years on the board and being the editor of this publication.

Next - Please welcome your new board with your support, cooperation and most of all, appreciation.

## If you Missed the Christmas Party- Here Comes Santa Claus



Several members attended the annual Christmas Party on December 9th at Tom Priest's home. The air was abuzz with laughter and chatter about last summer's sailing adventures and plans for the coming season. There was tons of delicious food and camaraderie. The children enjoyed making beaded necklaces and

Christmas frames. Santa visited, bringing lots of laughs and gifts. Jody Larrow exclaimed that he had been a good boy because he had only run aground once this year. Santa agreed and presented him a gift, a spider killer holder! AKA a winch handle holder.



This annual event is loads of fun! Don't miss it in 2007. For more Christmas Party photos, please visit our

website [www.westshoresailclub.org](http://www.westshoresailclub.org)

There are lots of pictures either on the website or linked. If you go there you can get to the links to WNATR pictures.



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## Your Starboard Tack will take on a new features and new look.

There are some planned changes. Many are direct results of suggestions from the membership. If you are thinking that you might suggest an improvement, please don't keep it to yourself. This is your club, and this is your newsletter. (Some will also result from the fact that Tom is a graphics professional and I am not).

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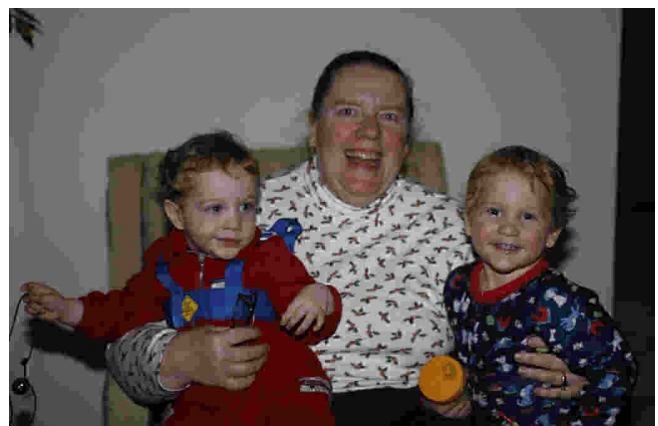
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## Minutes of December GMM

WSSC - General Membership Meeting

December 7, 2006

19 Members in attendance

Call to order @ 7:30 pm

Minutes accepted as published in the Starboard Tack with exception of John Perry as MORC Chairperson.

Amanda Krabach will make change immediately.

--Matt Colie motioned, all in favor.

Commodore - Tom Priest

Mail - Bank statement and some returned checks.

Vice Commodore - Susan Ashley

Race Committee - Next meeting scheduled for January 16th @ 7:30 pm at the Howe Home. Looking for a 2007 Committee so all members are encouraged to attend.

Rear Commodore - Jody Larrow

Today's Program - 2006 Year In Review Slideshow presented by Tina Askins.

January Program - John Schamante will be presenting on Carribean Cruising.

Cruising Committee - Next meeting schedule for January 14th @ 1pm at the Warchol's Home. Please bring a dish to pass.

Treasurer - Jim Sameck

CD's remained untouched at \$6,239 combined.

Checking account \$1,905.

No major expenses expected.

ILYA - John Perry

Reported minutes from November meeting. Dues will remain the same for 2007.

Ed Payne is the new Rear Commodore. Need donations for class flags \$150/class.

Please earmark your donation for the desired class.

MORC - No report.

PHRF - Doug Howe

8 Boats have been reviewed. Six were tabled. Two temporary ratings were issued for Summer. Boat Show Trim needs to be better defined. Renewing Boat US for 2007.

Video Librarian - Fred Krabach

The following are still out:

Close Encounter, Andrea Duane 7/7/05

Ocean Adventure, Dave Gardner, 8/4/05

Stupid Boat Tricks, Dave Gardner, 8/4/05

Anyone wishing to share their personal videos/books should give them to the Fred.

Membership - Tina Askins

No guests in attendance.

No new members.

Activities - Tina Askins

Christmas Party - December 9th @ 7 pm at Tom Priest home. Each person should bring a \$5 gift marked the proper gender. Please let Tina know if you will be bringing children so we can arrange for Santa and gifts. Planned potluck is well rounded so bring whatever they like if you didn't sign up.

Old Business: - None

New Business:

2006 Year End Survey - Tina Askins and Amanda Krabach have put a lot of thought into this survey and would greatly appreciate your response. It will also be emailed due to low turnout at tonights GMM.

Boars Head Festival - all Grosse Ile churches are participating in this holiday tradition. Please see [www.boarsheadgi.com](http://www.boarsheadgi.com) for more details.

Starboard Tack - Tom Priest has decided to step down. Matt Colie has volunteered to take over. Several suggestions were made to boost content: All chairpersons must submit an article every month. Reminder email for contribution deadline. Deadline for contributions printed on front page. Monthly Calendar of Events. Need to consider adding an Advertising Chairperson and a Mailing Chairperson.

Organizational Chart will be at January GMM.

Tom Priest thanked several individuals as well as the GM for their help in making 2006 successful (see insert in December Starboard Tack).

Passing of Gavel  
Commodore - Susan Ashley  
Vice Commodore - Jody Larrow  
Rear Commodore - Fred Krabach  
Treasurer - John Cairns  
Secretary - Amanda Krabach  
Membership & Activities Chairperson - Tina Askins

Adjournment 8:22 pm

## A Year in Review

Jody Larrow gave a great summary of sailing and club activities. Those who attended fondly reminisced with him over the sailing season. The summary was followed by a slide show of some 300 photos set to music. The show was well received and I would like to thank everyone for their kind comments. I would also like to thank all who contributed photos and their time to the project: Jody Larrow, Lary Smith, Matt Colie, Barb Howard, Dan Williamson, Fred Krabach, Doug Howe, John Samuelson, and Tom Priest. The show would not have been such a success without your contributions. Look for a copy of the slide show to be available in the club video library. I have been asked to do another show in December of 2007, so keep your cameras near to catch those special moments.

(Note from ed. - if you missed this, try pick up a copy of the slide show, but you still missed Jody's talk about the year.)

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## 2007 Activities Plans

Your Board has been busy planning all the activities for the upcoming year.

Here are some of the highlights:

- January 19th - Rum Party - bring a bottle of rum and a snack to share. (Location TBD - stay tuned)
- February 17th - Hawaiian Luau - Wear your Hawaiian shirt and grass skirts! A pig roast is planned.
- March 24th - Commodore's Ball at Hungarian Rhapsody
- April 1st - Children's Easter Party Lake Erie Metropark, Marshland Museum, Nature program for kids, crafts & egg hunt
- July 14th - Christmas in July - Decoration contest, raft up, grill and white elephant gift exchange
- September 9th - Corn Roast after the Jack & Jill race
- October 13th - October Fun Fest - Hayride, bonfire, pumpkin carving
- December 8th - Christmas Party

Each and every event requires a chairperson and several helpers, helping will fulfill the member's requirement. Membership is required to participate in the production of at least one activity a year.

If you are interested in working on any of the above events and/or would like to host an event at your home, please contact Tina Askins, Amanda Krabach, or Susan Ashley.

## West Shore Sail Club Calendar 2007

### January

- 4 - GMM at Mr. Nicks  
Caribbean with John Shamate
- 14 - Cruising Committee - 1pm at Warchol's  
Ports are being selected
- XX - Board meeting sometime (\*)
- 16 - Race Committee - 7:30 at Howes  
Yes - it has to start now
- 19 - Rum Party (A substitution for wine and cheese?)  
Location TBD - stay tuned for information

### February

- 1- GMM at Mr. Nicks
- 1~4- Strictly Sail in Chicago  
If you haven't been. You should
- 17 - Luau - we don't know if it's huli huli or kulua, but  
I am betting it will be a good time.
- XX- Cruising Committee 1pm Sunday  
Location TBD (\*)
- XX - Board meeting sometime (\*)
- XX- Race Committee Meeting (\*)

### March

- 1- GMM at Mr. Nicks
- XX - Board meeting sometime
- XX- Cruising Committee 1pm Sunday  
Location TBD (\*)
- XX- Race Committee Meeting (\*)
- 24- Commodores Ball  
at Hungarian Rhapsody

What is going on here???

Well, I have been asked to include a club calendar for at least three months lead. Unfortunately, this is not a club tradition. I am expecting that the committee chairs will supply this information, so it will be soon. It is hoped that this page will contain everything of club interest in the near future. If you know of something that should be on this calendar, please forward that information to the editor.

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### WSSC Birthdays this month

Len Garbacz 7th  
Lisa Rogers 18th  
Matt Colie 20th  
Fred Krabach 27th  
Donna Garbacz 31st

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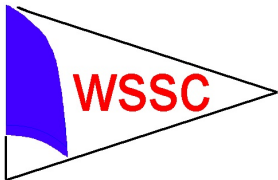
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