

Starboard Tack



West Shore Sail Club

January 2012

From the Commodore...

As we enter into 2012 I would like to take a minute to thank those that stepped up to serve on the WSSC board: Rear Commodore—Dale Brennan, Membership Chair—Dave Wright, Treasurer—John Sakowicz. I would again like to thank Frank Pavia and Gale Laughner for their years of service to the Club. Without people like Frank, Gale and many others, this club could not have made this milestone year. As I move forward to Commodore of WSSC, I want to make sure we stay in the original ideals of the founding members. So at anytime if the membership see's a drift from those ideals please let the board or I know your thoughts. Moving on to News for the Club. January and February will be busy. In January we have to set all the Race dates and work within the Western Lake Erie Clubs for Race scheduling. We would also like to work closely with GIYC and FYC to promote inter-club racing. Also Jan 22nd—there will be the first cruising club meeting of the year. This will be held at the Laskey Household at 1:30pm. It will have a pot luck meal followed by a 2012 planning meeting. Speaking of which Lary Smith has announced his intention of stepping down as Cruising Fleet Captain, This means there are another set of shoes that need to be filled. Again a big **Thank You** to Lary. In February we have the Commodores Ball on the 18th. This looks to be a great event, held at a new venue GIGCC. One thing I noticed as we led into the Holidays were the letters from and about older members of WSSC. I found these interesting and thought how nice that people stay in contact. My thoughts were that these could go into the Starboard Tack, in a members news section or something like that. That's all for now I'm sure you will be seeing more information on the events as they come up.

Chuck Laskey

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From the Vice Commodore...

2011 is behind us and 2012 is racing to the fore front. I know it's only January but before long we will be rigging and tuning for the first Wednesday night race. Yes – shovel the snow but think WNATR.

The 2012 Race Committee will be meeting soon, identifying race dates, committee boats, course layout and after glows. WNATR and Special Race Applications will be updated and available on the WSSC web site by early February as will instructions, scratch sheets and course cards.

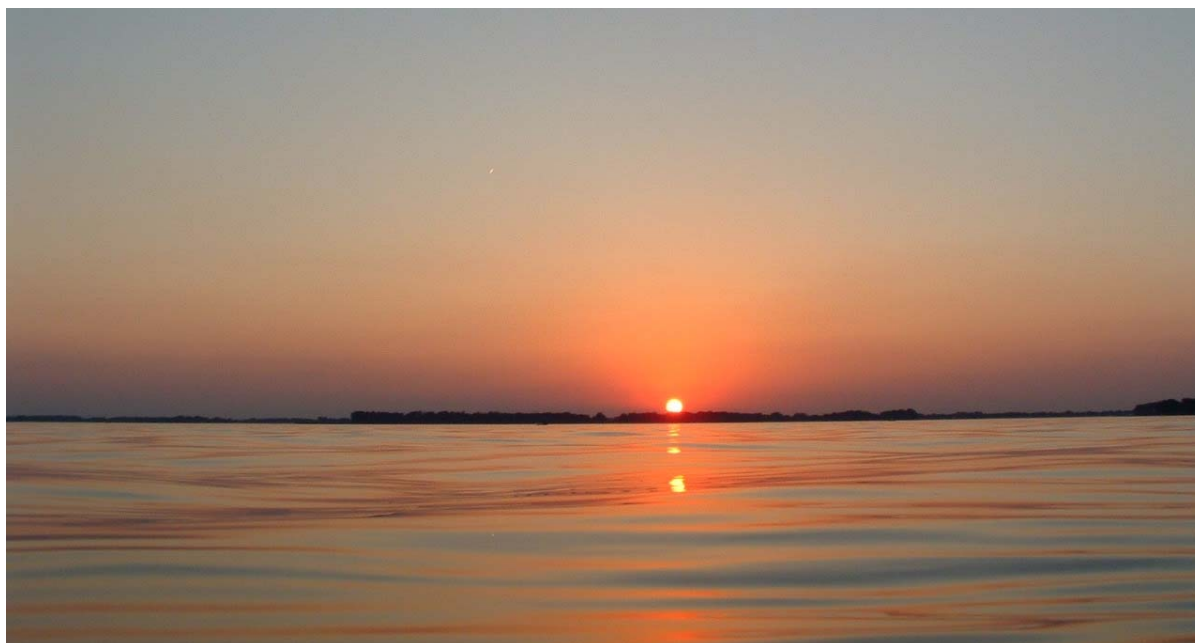
Chris McCardell is our Race Chairman again this year. He did a great job last year and we anticipate this year will be even better. His committee members and race schedule will be the subject of a separate announcement that will soon follow.

So check on your boats every couple of weeks, make sure they are still on sound footing, shrink wrap or tarps remain intact and although it may be below freezing when you read this, just think about the great racing and cruising we have ahead of us in 2012. I'll be ready – will you?

We have a great Commodore's Ball planned for February 18th at the Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club. Please make every effort to come and enjoy this great new venue, enjoy your WSSC friends, help us welcome our new Commodore Chuck Laskey and let's get 2012 off to a roaring good start.

Sailing – It's what we do!

Carver Dumke



DECEMBER GENERAL

West Shore Sail Club

General Membership Meeting

Dec. 1, 2011

Commodore – Dennis Woods

Call to order: 7:40 pm

47 members in attendance

Previous month's minutes:

A motion was made to accept previous minutes, it was seconded, and min's were approved.

Mail:

Was given to Gale

Vice Commodore – Chuck Laskey

Dennis passed the Gavel to Chuck Laskey. Chuck became our new Commodore.

Rear Commodore – Carver Dumke

Caver turned over his duties to Dale Brennan

Treasure – Gale Laughner

Checking – approximately \$850.00

CD1 – approximately \$3170.00

CD2 – approximately \$ 3780.00

50/50 = \$54

Membership Coordinator – Frank Pavia

We currently have 62 members 13 are lifetime members. We have a visitor; Mr. John Sakowicz is here for his 2nd event. Frank unveiled his gift to the club. A beautiful

memory book. "Picture should be in the Starboard Tack". Frank talked about the making of the book including the fact it is made out of a wood called Blood Wood and this wood doesn't float. It is a gift for our fortieth anniversary. Everyone is encouraged to get a page from Frank to add their memories to the book. This year will be our 40th anniversary and to kick off the year we are planning an Ice Breaker at a favorite club stop Karl's Kabin out by Canton. Frank is making the arrangements. It is always a good time there. Watch for more info in the coming months.

ILYA – John Perry

none

PHRF-LE Doug Howe

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Congratulations to Dave Wright who will be taking over for Frank this year as membership chairman.

It is time for the Christmas Party!!!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING**January Birthdays**

Barbara Smith	2
Walter Lambert	4
Bradley Adelman	2
Leonard Garbacz	7
Matthew Colie	20
Fred Krabach	27
Donna Garbacz	31

**Minutes submitted by
Phae Laskey
WSSC Secretary**

Membership News...

Christmas Party...

Over forty people enjoyed the WSSC Christmas Party which took place after a brief December GMM.

A special feature at this year's Christmas party was the introduction of the WSSC 40th Anniversary Photo Album. A very special THANK YOU goes to Mike and Mary Ann Jablonski, for displaying WSSC's very first Photo Album (1972-76), and to Dick and Berti Synowiec, who submitted a very early (mid 70s) photo album and log book of their trip to the North Channel. Fortieth Anniversary Book pages were also displayed by the Synowiecs, the Jablonskis, and the Paviacs.

Members were given blank pages from the WSSC 40th Anniversary book. These were taken home to be "completed" and returned by April 14, 2012, the date of our 40th Anniversary Dinner.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO ALBUM

Fortieth Anniversary Photo Album pages were given out at the last GMM. If you have not received your page, please pick one up at this Thursday's GMM. Place as many photos, articles or other WSSC related memories on this page and return before April 14, 2012.



FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY DINNER APRIL 14, 2012 AT KARL'S CABIN

The 40th Anniversary Dinner will be served "Family Style" and with separate checks.

The following will be served: Roasted Sirloin, (and) Herb De-provence chicken, Linguini with Palamino (sic.) Sauce, Red Skins, Asparagus, Caesar Salad, and warm rolls.

The cost, INCLUDING GRATUITY, is \$26 / person. This price does not include beverages.

Karl's Cabin is located at 6005 Gotfredson Rd 1/2 mile North of M14, exit # 15 . Complete directions will be sent at a later date.

Come and join all your friends at this wonderful celebration. THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO BOOK WILL BE PRESENTED AT THIS EVENT.

January 2012

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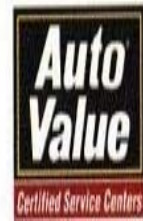
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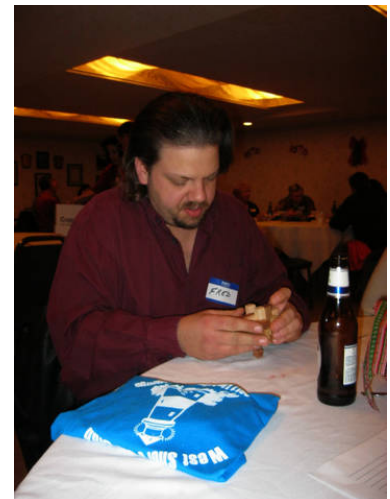
Commodore

Chuck Laskey

February 18, 2012



WSSC 2011 Christmas Party Photo Album



Important Information What—Club Members should Know:

What Club Members should Know:

1) West Shore Sail Club is a co-operating group with Boat U.S. Join Boat U.S. at 50% of the normal rate (\$15.00 vs. \$30.00 per year), and receive many benefits some of which are:

- Representation in various legislative bodies (remember the firing ranges in Lake Erie?).
- Rebates on purchases at West Marine (West Marine Advantage Member)
- Online Boating Safety Course
- Towing Boat loan programs (\$12.00 – Boat U.S. pays 1st \$150, \$34.00 for unlimited, or \$157 for Unlimited Gold)
- Boat insurance
- Graphics services
- Publications – Boat U.S. Magazine, Seaworthy, others—Our membership number is GA 81337 S

2) U.S. Sailing – We are a Member

Last year, U.S.Sailing went to online membership and renewals, at a specific site to get the Member Partner Program discount, and your club to get credit.

I have just renewed West Shore Sail Club's membership to U.S. Sailing. So now you can go to: <http://www.ussailing.org/membership/MPP/Default.aspx?ycid=117266X> to join or renew your membership, get all the great benefits of same, and West Shore Sail Club gets points to purchase items from U.S.Sailing.

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- One year \$ 60
- Two Years \$ 110
- Three years \$ 145

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And 3)

Did you know:

I really like the Waterproof Charts. I ordered new ones through West Marine for a BVI trip, and ended up receiving older charts than I had for the previous trip – which was three years prior.

So I have found the best way to get up to date charts is through:

Waterproofcharts.com - \$26.95. You can also see which charts are new or were updated (currently show 2010 and 2011 information) + 10.34 shipping

Nautical Charts.com - \$24.95 + 10.34 shipping

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Any questions just let me know.

Doug Howe

Member participation in the production of the **WSSC** monthly newsletter the 'Starboard Tack' is encouraged. If you have an article, photo, question, member biography or topic you would like to see or have published in the **SBT**, please email the editors at:

js375_2000@yahoo.com



Sandy and Larry Foster were members of WSSC, lived on Grosse Ile, went to the Caribbean around 2000. When they returned they divorced. It was a huge surprise when Leonard and I saw her in Zion National Park in Utah. She has remarried and lives in Port Lucie, FL. If anyone wants to get in touch with her, her email is caribbean_raes@yahoo.com

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