

Starboard Tack



WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

February 2019

From The Commodore ...

I would like to say thank you to P/C Bryce and P/C David M. for your assistance the last two years. When asked by Bryce if I would be interested in being Rear Commodore, I thought about it for a week then said yes. At the time I did not realize that I had signed up for three years. It has been an amazing journey so far and I have had incredible opportunities to engage with the sailing community in ways that I did not think were possible. I have also come to realize what a phenomenal and diverse group of people make up West Shore Sail Club. Your support, encouragement, and at times, forgiveness have provided me the reassurance I needed to continue this journey, together.

The January General Membership Meeting brought along many faces new to the front table. I am grateful to have members volunteer for every position and to be starting my Commodore year with a full fleet. Thank you Gale for hosting the Change of Watch, you always do such a terrific job.

I would like to thank the Howes for hosting the January Cruising Meeting with the award winning lasagna and not an empty seat in the house. I am excited to see the Cruising Committee increasing in members and would like to thank Don and Sandy for helming the ship for as long as they have. I know that the committee will continue to flourish under the direction of Fleet Captain Dick.

The Western Lake Erie Sail Scheduling Meeting was recently held at Detroit Beach Boat Club. Unfortunately, there was very short notice before the meeting and I was the only one able to attend from West Shore Sail Club. It was a quick meeting and thankfully there are no calendar conflicts from any clubs.

Activity Chairperson Matt organized a bowling outing at Biddle Bowl. It was a fun evening with an excellent turnout and as an added bonus; I was the high scorer for both of my games. The next activity planned is to see the Wayne State University orchestra featuring the three concerto competition winner, Amanda Beaune, Catherine Butler, and Raymond Li, in the Cube at Orchestra Hall. This event is scheduled for Monday, February 18th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.dso.org on the events calendar page or by calling the box office at 313-576-5111. Matt and Joy would love your sugges-

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New email for the Starboard Tack articles and photos: burycj@gmail.com

www.westshoresailclub.org

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tions for new activities; please contact them if you have any ideas: wsscactivities@gmail.com.

Ford Yacht Club is starting a new three-race Dacron series geared for cruisers on Friday nights starting June 28th. The entry fee has yet to be determined, but my understanding is that at most, there will be a nominal fee. Details will be available on their website soon.

Save The Date: Our Commodore's Ball is coming up April 13th. Please know that with your invitation you may invite any adult family and friends. This is a great opportunity to introduce them to the club and I am positive that Christy will have Membership Applications at the event. This year's ball will be "dressy casual;" so please do not feel you need to buy anything new.

I would like to thank Karen and Gale for hosting the January Commodore's Ball Committee Meeting, your dedication to this event is so very appreciated and I am truly looking forward to the evening. I would also like to welcome the committee's newest member, Amy Klinkenberger.

Quick Reminder: it is time to renew our memberships. Please see Angela at the next General Membership Meeting for your renewal. Renewal forms can be downloaded then printed from our website under the Membership tab or our Facebook page. It is important that all members' information is updated every year; this includes life members as well.

As I begin this third leg of my journey with the club, I have to say that I am surprised by how much I enjoy the seemingly endless opportunities to socialize with the sailing community. Christy and I will be attending, in February, both the Elba-Mar and the AYC Commodore's Balls and I must admit, I am looking forward to the events; I am proud to be representing West Shore Sail Club and the amazing group of people that make it work!

Smooth Sailing,

Lance Yee

From the Vice Commodore...

W.S.S.C.

Why Should Someone Care?

As a reluctant volunteer and habitual procrastinator, I wonder each and every day, "what in the world was I thinking when I decided to step up to the plate and take a seat at the WSSC table?" Life would be so much easier had I stayed on the sidelines and simply continued to enjoy the fruits of other laborers.

Unlike Lance who was asked nicely, thought about it a week, and said yes, my journey began more recklessly. PC Dick Synowiec called me the first time and politely asked if I would be interested. I quickly replied- NO THANK YOU. A year passed by (thank you Lance) and this time Dave Monk and Bryce Boardman made the inquiry. Again, my reply- NO THANK YOU. Of course, they were not that easily discouraged.

They must have noticed how much fun I was having being a part of the racing crowd. In particular they noticed how much "fun" I was having dancing in the tent at a FYC regatta. Seeing their opportunity, they pounced, and rumor has it that I said YES! In all fairness, Dave did call me the next day or so to remind me

From the Vice Commodore Continued...

of my concession and confirm that I was still committed and that it was not just the liquor talking. Not to sound like a complete idiot, and to save face, I replied- “Of course I remember and YES I will do it!”

Now just like Lance stated in his article, I too did not realize that I had signed up for three years. The first year was not too demanding (they like to ease you in it seems) but this second year has me with many more duties and responsibilities. I hope to keep my enthusiasm high and, to plagiarize Lance, with “your support, encouragement, and at times forgiveness” I am sure that things will come together and that we will have yet another successful year.

A membership in the West Shore Sail Club has many benefits and caring enough to sacrifice your time and help out is vital to the ongoing success of our club. I would like to once again thank everyone who volunteers at our club and in particular, those who took on leadership roles in 2019: Russ Sims, Rear Comm- I like his enthusiasm and fun ideas! Angela- for taking on the membership even though as she says “I don’t know what the hell I’m doing” Colleen- for putting up with my late entries and her fine work on the newsletter. Rick for logging all the details. Doug and David for keeping us in the black. And lastly, Commodore Lance for taking the helm this year!

Hoping this Polar Vortex leaves soon while enjoying You Tube Sailing Videos,

V/C Tim Lozon

Next Race Committee Meeting- Russ Sims home Thursday Feb 21, 7:30 pm
Address: 19629 Park Lane Grosse Ile, PH- 734-624-8007

I’m glad we don’t have this option at WSSC.



From the Rear Commodore...

The Rear Commodore's LOG

This has been an inspiring first month as rear commodore.

There have been three major events for me and the participation and camaraderie have been outstanding.

First: We had our change of watch (David I'm still waiting for the Rolex you promised me). It was a vibrant meeting full of proud moments for the new people taking over positions. It is great seeing new faces and new ideas mixing with the experience of the past.

January Activities

Second: Matt & Joy along with Biddle Bowl in Wyandotte put on our first (hopefully annual) event of the year. Over 20 people, many whom were first time participants in our events, came down to do some bowling, tell some stories and have yummy snacks. (The Racers were out scoring the Cruisers, must be that competitive spirit). Really everyone was cheering and lifting each other up, it was a great group. Look for the email for next months event, (Sounds) like a great new experience at the Symphony Orchestra.



January Cruising Activities

Third but not least was the Cruising Committee meeting held at Doug and Cathy Howe's house. Their home was busting at the seams along with our belts. There were around 30 people there enjoying lasagna, dogs, dips and delectable desserts. This year's cruises were discussed and planned. There are a lot of fun locations some new and some old, but with this group I'm sure they will be full of Shenanigans. I challenge you to make it to one or more of these events, I'm sure you will have fun. The Committee was ratified and Port Captains volunteered (we still need a couple). It was great getting to know everybody, lots of interesting stories.



From the Rear Commodore Continued...

Cruising Schedule:

*May 18-19 Icebreaker/Bob-lo Island or Meet@Dumke's

*May 25-27 Memorial Day/Toledo Beach followed by a cruising meeting at 3pm on Sunday

*June 8-9 Leamington Cruise Commodore's Tea

Week-long Cruise:

July 20 Middle bass Island

July 21-22 Kelly's Island

July 23-24 Vermillion

July 25-26 Sandusky Paper District

July 27-28 Port Clinton

*August 17-18 Late Summer Cruise/Toledo-Maritime Museum

*September 28-29 Harvest Moon Cruise/Monroe Boat Club

Please see me if you need information who is Port Captin for each port or if you would like to be one.



I'm thankful for all the people who have come out so far. I think we will see more and more people do so with the fun events planed this year.

Sincerely,

Russell Sims

UP Coming Activities

February Presenter

Matt Bounds (The Protest Process)

March Presenter

Lori Monk (Sailing Adventures)

February Concert Social

Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall

Come hear the WSU orchestra featuring the three concerto competition winners Amanda Beaune, Catherine Butler, and Raymond Li in the Cube at Orchestra Hall! Monday February 18th at 7:30pm. Tickets can be bought online at www.dso.org and following the events calendar or the box office at 313.576.5111.

CHANGE OF WATCH

Thank you Amy Stout for taking the photos.



Change of Watch



Commodore Lance and his Bling!



Fleet Captains Dick and Chris



Master of Ceremony Gale



Membership Angela



Past Commodore's Kathy & Dick



Rear Commodore Russell



Secretary Rick



Thank You Past (two time) Commodore David



Treasurer PC Doug



Vice Commodore Tim

WSSC January 2019 Meeting Minutes

West Shore Sail Club General Membership Meeting Minutes – January 2019

Date: Thursday, January 3, 2019

Members in attendance: – Meeting held at Mr. Nick’s basement.

Time called to order: Meeting called to order by Commodore David Monk. at 7:00 pm

Current Commodore’s Report – David Monk .

- The minutes of the December 2018 were approved. Motion Amy Wright, Second Dave Wright, Approval unanimous
- Don Baumgartner has requested to step down as Cruising Fleet captain. PC Richard Shackelford has volunteered to take on the duties for 2019. Don was heartily thanked for his service with a round of applause.
- The meeting was turned over to Gale Laughner to perform the Change of Watch ceremony.

Change of Watch

The following were thanked for their service and officially discharged

- Lori Monk – Secretary
- David Sakowicz – Treasurer
- Ray King – Membership Officer
- Don Baumgartner – Cruising Fleet Captain

Fleet Captains

- PC Chris McCardell was introduced and installed as the 2019 Race Fleet Captain
- PC Richard Shackelford was introduced and installed as the 2019 Cruising Fleet Captain

Bridge, Executive Committee, and Board of Directors

“Each executive committee member is chosen by the membership to serve as it’s representative in all business Transacted by the Club. As an executive of the Club, their primary responsibility is concerned with the proper guardianship of the corporate and financial affairs, and physical property of the Club.”

The executive committee is made up of the following positions:

Treasurer
Secretary
Membership officer
Rear commodore
Vice commodore
Commodore

The following positions are also legal officers of the corporation and members of the corporate board of directors:

Past commodore elected by the membership
Chairman of the past commodore’s committee (elected by the PC committee)
Treasurer – chief financial officer

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Rear Commodore—Director
Vice commodore – vice president
Commodore – chief executive officer and president

Elected Directors of the Board of Directors

- PC Dick Synowiec was introduced and installed as an Elected Director of the Board of Directors
- PC Kathy Howe was introduced and installed as an Elected Director of the Board of Directors

Treasurer

PC Doug Howe was introduced and installed as the 2019 Treasurer.

Secretary

Rick Bohl was introduced and installed as the 2019 Secretary.

Membership Officer

Angela McKeith was introduced and installed as the 2019 Membership Officer

Flag Officers

Rear Commodore

Russ Sims was introduced and installed as the 2019 Rear Commodore

Vice Commodore

Tim Lozon was introduced and installed as the 2019 Vice Commodore

Commodore

Lance Yee was introduced and installed as the 2019 Commodore

Past Commodore

David Monk was asked to continue to work for the best interests of the Club and to continue to participate in the Club as an active member at large. He agreed and was installed as a two time Commodore of the Club

Each was presented with the symbol of their office.

2019 Commodore's Report – Lance Yee

- Boat of the Year applications are due January 31, 2019 to Lance Yee.
- There is a bowling activity this Saturday 1/5/2109, from 4-7 at the Biddle Bowl

2019 Vice Commodore's Report – Tim Lozon

- Reported on the recent race committee meeting
- Five race format with a two race throw out
- Racing starts at North Mark unless presented with a North wind then starts are at C

WSSC January 2019 Meeting Minutes Continued...

- Start sequence is changed to get higher rated boats in sooner
- Next Race committee meeting is 2/2/19 at 7:30 Place to be determined
- Light house challenge is scheduled for 6/22/19. Afterglow will be at Waters Edge pavilion. The designated charity for this event is The ALS Association
- The Double Handed Race is scheduled for 8/24/2019 with a destination of Toledo
- The Jack and Jill race is scheduled for 9/1/2019. The Afterglow will be in Gibraltar.
- There is a sailing presentation on 1/1/19 at Grosse Pointe YC, "Sailing in the D"

2019 Rear Commodore's Report – Russ Sims

- Russ introduced himself and gave a brief biography of his sailing and boating experiences.
- There is a cruising meeting 1/6/2019 at 1 PM Location Howe residence.

Treasurer's Report – David S.

David S. passed out the Statement of Activities/Financials for December 2018:

Revenue:	\$354.62
Expenses:	\$ 302.93
Net Loss:	\$ 51.69
Cash, Nov 30, 2018	\$13,861.35
Net Decrease in Cash	(\$78.89

David also presented the West Shore Sail Club 2018 Annual Report and Statement of Activities.

Membership Chair's Report – Ray King.

99 members currently in WSSC
15 New members in 2018

Memory Book – Frank P.

Frank reminded the members of the anniversary book and the fact that he has added additional pages for those needing one or more; one page was requested.

Starboard Tack – Colleen Bury - Absent

No report

Cruising Committee – Don Baumgartner & Richard Shackelford.

Next Cruising committee meeting to be held at Howe residence 1/6/2019 to discuss cruising schedule; with world famous Lasagna; a dish to pass is appreciated.

Racing Committee – Chris McCardell

A cruising class will be offered for WNATR if 3 boats are entered and willing to commit to racing.
See Vice Commodore report for 2019 race revisions

The Starboard Tack Autobiography Section! This month is: [David Monk](#)

After writing monthly articles for WSSC, I was quite excited for February 2019 as it would be the first time in over four years not needing to submit an article. Then I was approached by our wonderful editor Colleen Bury to provide a short bio of my sailing experience for February... so much for my excitement but alas, there is always March. So here we go...

To quote a famous singer that I had the privilege of sailing with on Buzzards Bay, "As the son... of a sailor, I went down to the sea for adventure". And I guess that is where my love of the water began – with my father's love of the water. Although his childhood did not have much water involved, my father was a sailor in WWII, was a very early scuba diver with his firemen co-workers, and purchased a boat when I was very young... although possibly a disappointment to our club, it was a "smoke pot" that he kept at Hoovers Livery; a place still going strong next to Elba-Mar Boat Club. Although this was an early introduction to power boating, our next door neighbor – and a second mother – was the now infamous past manager of the Grosse Ile Yacht Club, Scottie. And she was able to spark a hidden passion for the wind and sailing.

As a kid and adult I was always interested in the water. I was a young boater, a swimmer, a swim coach, a scuba diver, a water skier, and just wanted to be in or near the water in anyway possible. As you might expect, when I was old enough to get my first boat, it was a powerboat after my father's and friend's example. And although we traveled the Lake, our main focus in boating was Crystal Bay, sunning, and partying with my other like minded power boaters. Eventually we all joined Elba-Mar... but that is an entirely different story.

At the time I considered myself a powerboater, although I still had a secret love of sailing. It had been something that started pretty early. In high school a girlfriend gave me a pewter sailboat figurine and a wooden pond sailor for Christmas as we often talked about getting a real boat and sailing the seas. After College I started building a model wooden tall sailing ship for fun (not from kits but from the actual building plans). While working on a model of the schooner *Gertrude L. Theobald*, I ran into one of the last remaining original Gloucester Schooners in Charlestown, MA. The *Ernestina/Morrissey* was built in 1894 and is one of only three two-masted schooners still afloat from the original Grand Banks fishing fleet. Its lines, its grace, its power, and its history are wonderful and for me it was love at first sight. I was invited aboard and have continued to support her and be part of her family for over 25 years now.

The schooner *Ernestina* opened an entire world for me. It introduced me to the world of tall ship sailing and the wonderful people that love them and dedicate their lives to them. Through my association's, I have been very fortunate to join the crews and sail on the greatest sailing ships from all over the world including several you might have heard: *Niagara*, *Endeavour*, *Bounty*, *Pride of Baltimore*, *Shenandoah*, *Brilliant* and many, many others. I have also been fortunate enough to be asked to work as crew during many special sailing events and Parades of Sail including crewing during the 200th anniversary of the sailing of the *Constitution* and crewing on the *Lynx* during the bicentennial reenactment of the Battle of Lake Erie at Put-in-Bay.

The *Ernestina* also helped introduced me to sailboat racing. A friend knew of my tall ship sailing passion and asked if I would be interested in crewing on a smaller, local vessel. So decades ago I was introduced to WSSC members Brenda Woodruff and John Perry and the rest of the crew of *Dragon Lady*. Brenda and JP were kind enough to take me under their wings and teach me first the basics and then the tactics of sailboat maintenance, handing and racing. Through their tutorship, I was also introduced to many of the friends that I have today... many of which I have also had the privilege to sail with over the years.

Today, I crew for PC Bryce Boardman along with Commodore Lance Yee and my passion continues to grow. Currently, I own 9 sailboats and enjoy "playing" with them and taking them out for afternoon sails in front of my home.

David Monk Continued...

Although sailing is great, it is the friendships that sailing has fostered that has been its greatest reward – by far. The friendships that I have developed through this sport and our club, have only enhanced my passion for sailing and triggered a desire to support the organization that has provided me so much pleasure. Thus, my decision to venture through the flags and represent West Shore Sail Club (a great decision I would encourage others to pursue and one where I hope I was able to make the club and membership proud).

My association with WSSC has been one of my best experiences and I plan to continue to support, encourage and promote the sport, my friends and our great club.





Dear PHRF-LE Members;

Welcome to the 2019 Season!

PHRF-LE attended the recent I-LYA Fall Meeting in Perrysburg, Ohio and listened to the feedback from our members in attendance. This short email is to keep you in touch with developments at PHRF-LE.

To that end, we have updated the web site to include a pdf of all Base Handicaps. When you click on the Base Handicaps tab along the top it will launch a PDF list.

<https://phrf-le.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Base-Handicaps.pdf>

Likewise, we are revamping the Member Tab. Under Members, you will find a PDF list of Membership by Boat Name. Additional Member Lists by Sail Number, Club, Owner Name and Boat Name can be found under Information and Forms.

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

The Information and Forms Tab also contains information about the Renewals and New Applications.



MOBILE PHONE USERS: Please note if you are using a mobile phone to access the web site, turn the phone sideways and use the hash tags on the upper right corner of the page. You will then be able to navigate through the various tabs and drop-down boxes. The Members tab will have a small arrow for a drop down box on the far right.



PHRF-LE is also preparing your renewal certificates for the coming season, and you should look for your renewal letter in your email around February 15. The renewal fee has not changed and will remain at \$35.00 with the same for new applications. If you haven't received it by March , check your "spam" folder and/or contact our secretary Judy Kellner at PHRFLE@gmail.com.



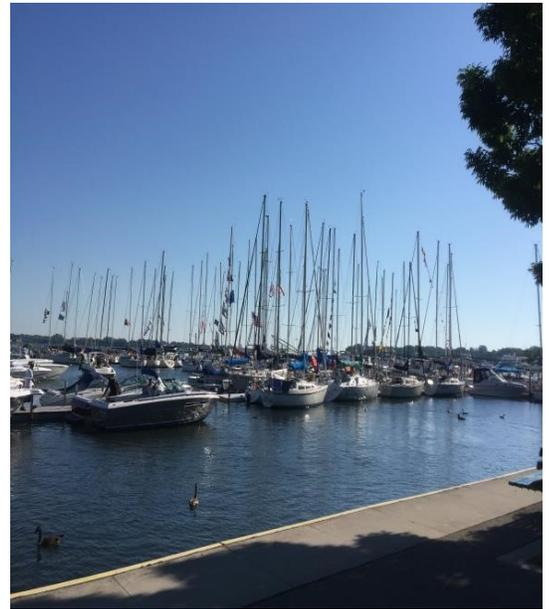
PHRF -LE is financially sound with a year -end account balance in excess of \$14,000.00. In 2018 we were under -budget on the expense side but were also under budget on the revenue side, resulting in spending \$1,327.72 more than income. The projected financials for 2019 include additional expense reductions but anticipate still being in the red by \$973.00. Please encourage fair sailing at your club by reminding all sailors to renew or get a PHRF -LE certificate.

PHRF -LE depends on volunteers at two levels:
A) Club Measurers and B) Area Handicappers.

Club Measurers are active racers of participating boat clubs. They measure boats, rigs and sails for use in assigning handicaps.

Area Handicappers are members who have declared an interest in becoming an Area Handicapper and demonstrated an ability to fairly assign ratings and avoid conflicts of interest when assigning ratings. They shall have experience as a Club Measurer prior to becoming an Area Handicapper. Area Handicappers initially observe PHRF -LE Handicapping meetings as Club Measurers for one year, then must attend no less than four regular meetings of the Handicapping Committee.

Area Handicappers and Club Measurers can be found on the PHRF -LE website at <https://phrf-le.org/measurers/>



Over this winter, PHRF -LE is reviewing all boats in the Rating Range of 151 -200 to verify their accuracy, and the accuracy of any boats with changed ratings over the past 3 years.

NEWS FROM DRYA

For those Lake Erie clubs with boats participating with DRYA certificates, please note that DRYA has changed their roller furling credits to fall more in line with PHRF-LE. In particular, DRYA changed their woven-sail credit from 9 seconds to 6 seconds. For both laminate and woven, the "foot round" (foot roach) restriction was eliminated but added a qualifier that the sail must be capable of being completely furled on the foil. PHRF-LE requires the foot round(roach) to be no more than 2% of LP, or that the sail fit in the footprint of a non-furling 155% jib. Note that DRYA rating for a boat may or may not be the same as the PHRF-LE rating.

Cruising Etiquette by Kathy Howe

It was wonderful to have so many WSSC members at our house for the recent Cruising meeting. (Sorry that I overcooked the Lasagna). I was noticing that we have quite a few new members and thought it might be time to revisit the cruising etiquette and responsibilities of port captains.

One of the duties of the Cruising Committee is to determine the dates and locations of every scheduled cruise for the coming year. We have a wonderful schedule of ports for 2019 and it is my hope that everyone who wished to join us is able to participate in some or all of the planned ports.

In order to make the ports more attractive, the cruising committee developed the role of Port Captain. This is intended to share the responsibilities among multiple captains and to take some of the workload off of the Fleet Captain. We even developed the guidelines for the role so everyone would know what was involved when they chose to be a port captain. Here they are:

Cruising - Port Captain - Guidelines

What should a Port Captain do?

Having volunteered to be a Port Captain, the following items should be undertaken or considered.

- A. Contact the port harbormaster and request/discuss slip availability for the date(s) in question.
 - Is a deposit required and if so how much?
 - What is the lead time for making reservations?
 - What is their "refund of deposit" policy? That is, how long before the event can we cancel any of the reservations without losing our deposit? What about weather cancellation?
 - How is their deposit handled? That is will they hold our deposit check and return it when we arrive or will they cash it and apply the deposit towards each boat's dockage fee?
 - B. Research amenities available, i.e.: Restaurants, Activities, Shopping, and Swimming.
 - C. Circulate sign-up sheets to potential cruisers at WSSC Club meetings.
 - D. Provide the harbormaster with information about each boat which will be visiting the port:
Boat Name, Skipper Name, Draft, Beam, MC # or Documentation
 - E. Provide boat skippers who are planning on visiting the port with a harbor chart the
Latitude/Longitude for the harbor entrance and other port information as appropriate.
 - F. Arrange restaurant reservations and transportation as appropriate.
 - G. Maintain contact with the harbormaster as required to provide up to date information about the boats participating in the cruise.
 - H. On the day boats are to arrive at your port:
 - Maintain VHF contact with the boats on the cruise to determine ETA information. Determine if the harbormaster would like assistance with contacting boats and docking. If not, you may want to advise boats to contact the harbormaster for docking instructions.
 - If assistance is appreciated, obtain dock assignments and relay information to respective boats as necessary.
 - Assist with docking of boats until all have been docked or they have information required.
 - If you will not be the first boat in port, you might request other skippers and crew to assist with docking until you arrive.
 - Provide general assistance to skippers and crew as required while in the port for which responsible.
- Enjoy the cruise and port.
- Thank the harbormaster on behalf of West Shore Sail Club for allowing us to visit.

At the conclusion of the cruise:

- A. Write a thank you note to the Port Contact Person.
- B. Fill out a WSSC Cruising & Activities Expense Summary. Provide copies to the Cruising Committee Chairperson, Rear Commodore and Treasurer.
- C. Provide the Cruising Committee Chairperson with a packet of information for use by a future Port Captain during a return visit to the same port.

Ongoing Timeline:

This early reservation information is collected in the **late winter /early spring** as summer dates fill up quickly. Marina opening dates vary so the earlier you call to make reservations the better chance you have of getting slips. Plan on an average of 10 boats when making reservations and make sure to include boats up to 47 foot. (Some locations cannot handle larger boats and alternative docks will have to be reserved.) Some Port Captains even do winter runs to unfamiliar harbors to scope out the actual docks and local restaurants or attractions. (It actually helps to break up the winter blahs!)

Bring the sign-up sheets to the club meetings at least **1-2 months before the actual date of the departure**. It gives the Port Captain an idea of potential boats and allows them to develop a list to send the dockmaster of the harbor. Also have the Fleet Captain send out notices by e-mail. The more actual information you provide to the Fleet Captain e-mail, the more you will entice interested sailors into committing to the trip. If you are planning on coming to a particular port, please communicate to the Port Captain. If your plans change, please let the Port Captain know ASAP. In the past we have had people come into port claiming to be part of the cruisers, take one of the reserved slips, and then not have enough slips for the scheduled boats.

Entering the Harbor

If you are the Port Captain and are able to get to the Harbor first, have the incoming cruisers contact you and be ready to assist docking. Some harbormasters will share their list of assigned slips with you so you can communicate with the incoming boats. If the Port Captain is not the first in the Harbor, then the first WSSC boat entering the Harbor can contact the Dockmaster to get their slip assignment and assist the remaining boats as they arrive. Please be considerate when entering the Harbor. (We all know one boat is a cruise, but two boats are a race as skippers try to stay close or pass the other boat/s.) Several boats entering too quickly can be dangerous if there are difficulties in docking the previous vessel. Please remain outside the harbor and wait to be hailed to come into your slip.

The Mother Goose flag is green with a white goose in flight. It is the symbol of the Port Captain and should be flown while in harbor. It allows boats coming into the harbor to have an idea of the location of the other WSSC boats on the cruise. It is passed to the next Port Captain at the end of scheduled activities. It is the responsibility of the last Port Captain of the season to return the flag to the cruising Committee Fleet Captain. It is suggested that this transfer be witnessed by other skippers as this flag is frequently misplaced over the winter. A quick review of past minutes of the cruising committee shows frequent searches for this flag.

While in Harbor

Shore activities are planned to accommodate a variety of interests. Cruisers are invited to join some or all of the activities. Just make sure you let the Port Captain know of dinner participation. Especially if you come by land cruiser. One unspoken requirement of the Port Captain is to locate the closest ice cream shop. When one is not available, we have even had ice cream sundae pot lucks. Movie nights have also happened in harbor so remember to bring your favorite DVDs.

Leaving the Harbor

The procedure for leaving a harbor is the same as entering. Please be considerate of the other boats leaving. If you are planning on pumping out and fueling up, make sure that you give others space. Help other cruisers as they leave. If you plan on leaving or entering the cruise at different points from the schedule, please let the individual Port Captains know. We always leave the continuing participation up to the skipper as weather and changing responsibilities affect the cruise numbers.

I hope this rambling note guides you as you join our very active cruising group. The wonderful comradeships of the cruising members are some of the highlights of the cruising season. I hope to see you all on the water in 2019.

BE SAFE

A Great Winter Task

A great winter task to do while dreaming of things to do after you launch.

Spring is not yet even close (you knew that).

You can't work on the boat yet, but you can do a chore that dry, warm and pleasant.

Oh - By the by - It could just save your life.

You have one or more inflatable PFDs? (I hope so, I think they beat colored socks and are right up there with canned beer.) There are a number in the closet behind me and many have had lots of sea miles go under them.

They do have some issues that require attention. The airtight fabric can get worn enough to leak even if it is never inflated. So, blow it uptight and let it sit around for a day. While it is all opened up, inspect everything. Carefully look over the inflation mechanism and see if the spool will go through another season. Does it have a light packed in it? (Hint - good idea) Check it and look for a date on the batteries, or, just change them out on GP. This is only part of the task.

That CO2 cylinder can leak with no visible trace. In thirty odd years, I have had two of them go bad. One completely lost its charge with the only possible trace being a small amount of corrosion on the neck. The other just came up somewhat light at the regular check. The only way to know its condition is to weigh it. It should have a minimum weight marked on it. Find someone that weight it, like your pharmacist. Postage scales usually lack the resolution required. I have a scale that can do it, and if you call, we can arrange to check them.

And most all, wear the thing. With luck you may never use it.

A friend once watched what I was doing about something to something important (I do not recall what and it doesn't matter) and he remarked that he thought I was kind of paranoid. To this I remarked that I am and I was very aware, but he should notice that I am also old and paranoid.

Wishing you all a safe season on the water.

Membership News...

Happy Birthday

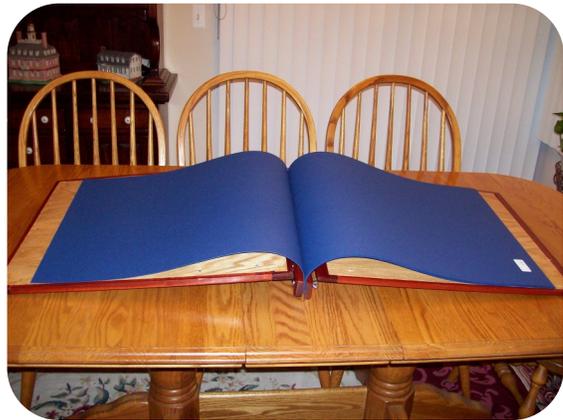


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ANNIVERSARY ALBUM NEWS

Historically in this area the time period between January 20, and January 26, experiences the coldest days of winter with the average high temperature being 30deg. F., and the average low temperature of 15 deg. F. WHAT COULD BE FURTHER FROM A WARM SUMMER SAIL ON LAKE ERIE?

Brighten up the dark winter evenings by consolidating your past summer's boating pictures. Gather them up and send me a virtual copy through attachments on an e-mail message. I will make a "hard" copy and place them on your album page. Please send to: frank-pavia001@comcast.net



You can make your memories and pictures appear in the Starboard Tack by forwarding them to:

burycj@gmail.com

Looking forward to some great articles and pictures.....

Bring it on!

WSSC 2019—CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date & Time <i>(tentative)</i>	Contact
January GMM & Change of Watch	January 3, 2019	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
Bowling	January 5, 2019	Matt Hevron
WSSC Cruising Committee Meeting	January 6, 2019	Russell Sims
WSSC Cruising Logs Due	January 10, 2019	Kathy Howe
WSSC BOTY Entry Due	January 31, 2019	Lance Yee
February GMM	February 7, 2019	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
WSSC Race Committee Meeting	February 21, 2019	Chris McCardell
WSSC Membership Renewal Due	March 1, 2019	Angela McKeith
March GMM	March 7, 2019	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
April GMM	April 4, 2019	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
WSSC 2018 Commodore's Ball	April 13, 2019	Commodore's Ball Committee
WNATR Buoy Inspection	April 20, 2019	Tim Lozon
WNATR Buoy Work Day	April 27, 2019	Tim Lozon
May GMM - ANNUAL SWAP MEET	May 2, 2019	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
WNATR Buoy Launch Day	May 4 (rain date May 5), 2019	Tim Lozon
WNATR Skipper's Meeting - GIYC	May 5, 2019	Chris McCardell
WNATR Spring #1 - GIYC afterglow	May 15, 2019	Chris McCardell
Ice Breaker Cruise/Bob-lo Island	TBD	TBD
WNATR Spring #2 - GIYC afterglow	May 22, 2019	Chris McCardell
Memorial Day—Toledo Beach Cruise	May 25 - 27, 2019	TBD
WSSC Cruising Committee Meeting	TBD	Russel Sims / Don Baumgartner
WNATR Spring #3 - GIYC afterglow	May 29, 2019	Chris McCardell
June GMM	June 6, 2019	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
Leamington Cruise/Commodore's Tea	TBD	TBD
WNATR Spring #4 - GIYC afterglow	June 12, 2019	Chris McCardell
WNATR Spring #5 - GIYC afterglow	June 19, 2019	Chris McCardell
Lighthouse Challenge - WSSC Regatta	June 22 (rain date June 23), 2019	Tim Lozon
WNATR Summer #1 - FYC afterglow	June 26, 2019	Chris McCardell
WSSC Week-long Cruise	TBD	Russell Sims
WNATR Summer #2 - FYC afterglow	July 3, 2019	Chris McCardell
WNATR Summer #3 - FYC afterglow	July 10, 2019	Chris McCardell
WNATR Summer #4 - FYC afterglow	July 31, 2019	Chris McCardell
August GMM	August 1, 2019	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
WNATR Summer #5 - FYC afterglow	August 7, 2019	Chris McCardell
WNATR Fall #1 - FYC afterglow	August 14, 2019	Chris McCardell
Late Summer Cruise - Middle Bass Island	TBD	TBD
WNATR Fall #2 - FYC afterglow	August 21 2019	Chris McCardell
WSSC Doublehanded Race	August 24, 2019	Tim Lozon
WNATR Fall #3 - GIYC afterglow	September 28 , 2019	Chris McCardell
WSSC Jack & Jill Race	September 1, 2019	Tim Lozon
WNATR Fall #4 - GIYC afterglow	September 4, 2019	Chris McCardell
September GMM	September 5, 2019	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
WNATR Fall #5 - GIYC afterglow	September 11, 2019	Chris McCardell
WNATR Buoy Pull	September 15, 2019	Tim Lozon
Harvest Moon Cruise/Monroe Boat Club	TBD	Dan Williamson & Peggy Hillen
October GMM	October 3, 2019	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
WNATR Awards Night	October 18, 2019	Tim Lozon
November GMM	November 7, 2019	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
Dec GMM - WSSC Christmas Party	December 5, 2019	Mr. Nick's, Trenton

Global Entry Information

Now is the time to start the process so you are ready when boating season starts:

Pleasure Boats and Private Flyers

Ref: <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/pleasure-boats-private-flyers> 2/2019

As of September 5, 2018, Small Vessel Reporting System (SVRS) is longer in service and float plans will no longer be accepted. Boaters looking for a new, faster way to report their arrival and/or apply for a registered boater program may use the CBP ROAM app, available for free on the Apple App and Google Play stores. Boaters may also continue to report their arrival via designated telephone reporting numbers, if desired (note: there have been reports of 'harassment' if you call in).

To install CBP Roam on your phone

a. US customs has transitioned to using a mobile app. While you can still "call in" our members reported long wait times and triggering customs to come to the boat. I used CBP roam app this in 2018 and it is super easy and makes reporting into the US quick and painless. It works like this:

i. **Enter your traveler(s) document info.** This is saved for future use.

ii. **Enter your method of entry.**

AKA your boat - MC, DTOP sticker, make/model...etc. Saved for future use.

iii **Click – Report arrival**

1. Make sure you have good cell or wifi signal

2. Select which travelers

3. Select method of arrival (your boat)

4. Enter captain's info

5. Enter items to declare

6. Submit – grab a beer and wait about 30 seconds

7. They will most likely send you an automatic confirmation, but they could facetime with you if they want.

Border Crossing Information:

Updated, 2/2019 :

The best way to return to the US is to obtain either an I-68 or Nexus card for everyone on the boat. **Reporting in is by using the CBP Roam app from your phone. If you preloaded and entered your information, reporting in is easy.**

The cost of an I-68 is \$16 per year per person, with a maximum of \$32 for a family. Children under the age of 14 are included on their parent's I-68. **It is only good for one year.** You can fill out the forms and obtain the I-68 at the bridge or tunnel. **Request your BR number at the same time.** This is the letters BR followed by seven digits such as BR0123456.

A Nexus card is \$50 for 5 years (\$10 per year). More information at: <https://ttp.cbp.dhs.gov/> . One should enroll online (at <https://www.dhs.gov/trusted-traveler-programs>). You will have to report to get the card. You can do this at the Ambassador Bridge or the Tunnel. We reported to the Border Patrol station at the Ambassador Bridge. As you approach the Bridge, shortly after turning to the east there is a gate on the left (prior to paying the toll). Go through the gate (you may have to tell an officer at the gate your purpose) to the offices. **Request your boater number (BR#) when you pick up your Nexus card(s).** When we renewed our Nexus cards at the Bridge, the U. S. officers that could help with the BR number were at the same desk as the Nexus (Canadian) Officers, just on the right side of the counter. Once you have the Nexus card, you can enroll in the **Trusted Traveler** program online. This allows using the TSA precheck line at U.S. airports **and the Global Entry kiosks** (and is the least expensive way to get this).

If your boat 30 feet long or more payment of the user fee is required. You can obtain a DTOPS (Decal / Transponder Online Procurement System) number for \$28.24 per calendar year. The main change is that as of December, 2017 the cost of the Customs Decal {users fee} (for boats 30 feet or longer) increased to \$28.24 (from \$25). You must have this decal if your boat is 30 feet or more in length. You can obtain it at <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/pleasure-boats-private-flyers> under the Decal Transponder Online Procurement System DTOPS.

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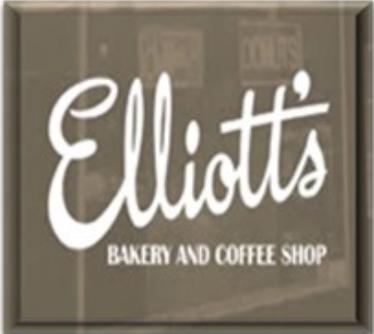
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