



From The COMMODORE

John Kukla

**ATTEND OUR "CHANGE OF WATCH"
AT THE JANUARY 6 MEMBERSHIP MEETING
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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Lady Ana and I are honored to be able to take over the Commodore position for West Shore Sail Club during this momentous 50th anniversary year. Although we have been members for just a few years, the people we have met and the history of the club we have learned makes us proud to a part of such a fine organization.

2022 IS OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY: As this is WSSC's golden 50th anniversary year, I want to do something above and beyond our normal races and cruises to commemorate the year. Some ideas have been floating around, including a "50k" race and/or cruise with some celebration event at the destination. If you have any ideas, please let me know. The sailing season calendar gets pretty full with all the activities of area clubs. So the sooner we consider an idea the better chances we have of fitting them into the calendar.

Vice Commodore Michael Ingrody suggested a "50 BY 50" goal for the "memory book" (the club's Anniversary Album), which I think is a great idea. He is challenging the club members to submit their pages to Frank Pavia in order to have pages from at least 50 members in the book this year.

MEETINGS: In an effort to restore some normality, I plan to continue to conduct our monthly meetings in person at Whiskeys on the Water in Wyandotte. For the summer meetings (June and August) we may go outside at Myer Elias Park in Trenton. This location has worked out well for us in the past, and conducting our meetings there will save the club some rental costs.

And speaking of meetings, I found a "Roberts Rules of Order" book on my front porch the other day. A big thank you to Lea Ellwood-Filkins who was gracious to get it for me when I told her

I was interested in conducting our meetings with the formality that this fine club deserves. Thanks so much for the book *Lea*; I can no longer say "I don't know the rules."



I'd like to thank the new members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for stepping up to fill positions. I hope you will find your time on the Committee and Board as fulfilling and enjoyable as I have. I would also like to thank the past committee members who have agreed to stay on another year. Your experience and guidance will keep us on course and well-trimmed for the weather. If any members have an interest in participating more in the club please let me know. There are still a few open positions to fill.

AT THE BALL: Ana and I are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, we have already been invited to our first commodore's ball with the Elba Mar Boat Club. We will do our best to proudly represent our club at any of the events we get invited to.

SUGGESTION "BOX": Our club is only as strong and healthy as the membership, so if you have any comments, suggestions, concerns, or would like to share your thoughts on the club please feel free to contact me at any time.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2022: I was reviewing the By-Laws of the club and saw that the Executive Committee is responsible for "presenting a formal report of goals, objectives and the methods to achieve them at the February meeting". I think this is a great task for the new EC to address when we meet in January. If any members have suggestions or comments along those lines, please reach out to me sooner rather than later. I will be reaching out to some of the Past Commodores to get an idea of what we have done in the past so stay tuned...

Sincerely,
Commodore John Kukla

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 .. Social Gathering starts at 7:00PM .. MEETING starts at 7:30PM

MEETING LOCATION: WHISKEYS ON THE WATER 2903 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, at the southeast corner of Oak and Biddle. Meeting will be held in the upstairs space — there is an elevator available. There is a bar upstairs and the whole menu is available. Come early and enjoy dinner before or during the meeting.

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West Shore Sail Club

WSSC: promoting the sport of sailing and seamanship since 1972

CHANGE OF WATCH 2022



DISCHARGE OF OUTGOING OFFICERS and COMMENDATION FOR SERVICE TO WSSC

These officers will be thanked for their service to the club
and officially relieved of duty

Membership Officer Angela McKeith
Secretary Rick Bohl
Director PC 1973 Richard Synowiec
Director PC 1979 Michael Jablonski

INSTALLATION OF 2022 FLEET CAPTAINS

Installation of 2022 Fleet Captains

Fleet Captain-Racing..... PC 2002 Chris McCardell
Fleet Captain-Cruising Richard Wright

INTRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF 2022 BRIDGE, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF THEIR OFFICES

2022 Directors

DirectorPC 2013 Carver Dumke
DirectorPC 2017/2018 Dave Monk

(The Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, and Treasurer also serve on the Board of Directors)

2022 Executive Committee Members

TreasurerPC 1997 Doug Howe
Secretary Lea Ellwood-Filkins
Membership OfficerAna Kukla

(The Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore also serve on the Executive Committee)

2022 FLAG OFFICERS

Rear Commodore Rick Boros
Vice Commodore.....Michael Ingrody
Commodore John Kukla

Welcoming of Newest Past Commodore

Past Commodore 2021 Russell Sims

MEET OUR 2022 COMMODORE –and– 2022 MEMBERSHIP OFFICER John & Ana Kukla

This section should be titled "MEET THE 2022 COMMODORE AND THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICER". Since my wife Ana was also elected an officer of the club this year, we decided to combine our "introductions".



I started sailing shortly before I retired from Ford Motor Company in 2017. I didn't grow up around boats and sailing wasn't on my short list of interests. Ana was the first person to put the thought in my head. In June of 2016 I was working on a job in

Mexico that was going bad and I had been away from home for weeks. Unexpectedly Ana sent me a picture of her out in the lake on a friend's catamaran. It looked great from where I was at!

Later that summer at a BBQ party we met Joan and John Samuelson through mutual friends. When the topic of sailing came up, we said we'd like to try it and got ourselves invited on their boat *G'Day*. That's all it took for me to get hooked. All the trimming and calculating appealed to the engineer in me, and working so close to nature appealed to my soul. Ana also found that being out on the lake on a sailboat brought up a special feeling of fulfillment — she had an "aha" moment and she figured she wanted to do that more because it felt awesome.

After a season or so of crewing on *G'Day*, Ana and I decided to take the next step and get a boat of our own. At the recommendation of Bill Tilley, we signed up for sailing lessons out of Edison Boat Club in Detroit. They had a fleet of Flying Scots, and held weekly lessons all season. At the same time we started shopping for a boat, and found a 2003 Hunter 306 in "like new" condition, out at Jefferson Beach Marina in August of 2018. That was a very good starting boat for us — it was easy to sail.

Now we needed a slip! I did the research and made a spreadsheet comparing all the available marinas in the area. We decided on FYC. John and Joan dock there, and we quickly met a lot of nice people who sailed. Many of the crowd belonged to the WSSC, so it wasn't too hard for John to talk us into going to a meeting. I didn't understand why we would want to be in another club, but I went along with it.

We felt so welcome at the meeting we joined that night. I guess we passed the test as the following season I was asked to run for Rear Commodore. I was honored to be considered and agreed,

without really understanding the details. Fast forward a couple of years and here I am as the Commodore, and my watch happens to fall on the club's 50th Anniversary!

While WSSC members John and Joan Samuelson introduced us to sailing, Dick Synowiec introduced us both to racing and allowed us to crew on *Shenanigan*. We consider them our mentors and we are grateful for their teachings and support. Our favorite thing about racing and cruising with the club is the fellowship we share with other sailors. Sailors seem to be a group of people who always look out for each other, and help you grow and succeed. (Well maybe not succeed too much on the race course!)

For short trips, our favorite destinations can be found on chart 14844 "Islands in Lake Erie". We never pass up an opportunity to anchor in the North bay of Kelleys Island. For longer trips, I would have to say our favorite destination is the islands in northern Lake Michigan: Beaver Island, Hog Island, South Manitou. Overall, our favorite cruising destination is any place we haven't been yet. We love the adventure of discovering a new anchorage, getting to shore on our dinghy, and exploring.

Ana and I entered into sailing late in life and have a lot of "catching up" to do. So as rookies in the sport we really appreciate all the stories and good advice from our more experienced friends at WSSC. It was through such advice that we sold the Hunter in September of 2019 and in July 2020 purchased our current boat *Sojourner*, a 1977 Tartan 37. We are quickly coming to realize the value of the design and construction of our boat, I believe it has made us better sailors and we learn something new every time we go out. Our long-term vision is to continue to improve our sailing skills on the Great Lakes, and when our youngest daughter graduates from college next year, to close up the house, set a course for Put-in-Bay, and keep going until we reach the Bahamas.

We leave you with this bit of wisdom from the movie "Captain Ron" (which is required viewing on *Sojourner* each season):

"Well if anything's going to happen, it's going to happen out there!"



From The VICE COMMODORE (including Racing Reports)

Michael Ingrody

BACK FROM THE BREAK: I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday break. In December the Race Committee met to discuss the upcoming season. I am excited to announce that the racing calendar has been finalized and is available to all. There's a link to the "Grosse Ile Racing Calendar" from our website, or you can find it at <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=n83lqdn0930fj1ufp3rd69m8%40group.calendar.google.com>

Start marking your calendars now!

2022 IN CANADA? We are planning to race in Canada this year. I will be in communication with the Canadian government soon to ensure the club procures all the necessary authorization. We will use the same Canadian courses as prior years, so do not expect any course card changes.

WNATR SCHEDULE: Each WNATR series will consist of four races with two makeup dates in the fall. If we don't have a need for makeups on these days, we are considering hosting specialty windward-leeward races instead.

NEW RACING INFO

SIGNBOARDS: After a great demonstration by Alec Chabalowski, the committee has decided to acquire



"Competitor Information Boards" — racing signs that the committee boat can use to relay various race information. These signs are manually-configured 7-segment character boards that use a high-contrast yellow text on a black background. Due to grants through the Grosse Ile Community Sailing Foundation, these signs can be acquired at no cost to the club. We will be ordering three boards: a direction, a distance, and a course board. See this link for examples — <http://www.w1dm.com/products/products.html>



Race Committee



Fleet Captain: Racing

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS: Additionally, the committee appointed volunteers to Race Committee positions. Thank you to Chris McCardell for accepting the chair of the WNATR program again in 2022. And thanks to Dick Synowiec for accepting the chair of the Protest Committee for 2022.

The next Race Committee meeting is February 16. I'm looking forward to an exciting year of racing.

Sincerely,
Vice Commodore Michael Ingrody

MEET OUR 2022 VICE COMMODORE

Michael Ingrody



Boating always ran in the family, but I'm a 'first-gen' sailor. I first got into sailing from fellow member Noel Gingrich, who took me out for a cruise on Lake St. Clair

where he lived aboard. A couple years later, I ended up purchasing that very Hunter 30 Cherubini from him, "Godspeed". I lived on it year-round in 2017.

Around the same time I bought *Godspeed*, John McCallum introduced me to WSSC and I became a member.

My favorite thing about sailing in the area is how close we are to the western Lake Erie archipelago. It's incredible that you can take off on a weekend, sail a few hours, live the island life for a bit, and make it back in time before the start of the weekdays. And not a drop of saltwater in sight.

My sailing advice: Sailing is simple... It's just about knowing what knot to do.

(Pictured are Vice Commodore Michael Ingrody and his spouse, Naseem Bokhari, aboard *Godspeed*.)

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From The REAR COMMODORE (including Cruising Reports)

Rick Boros

HELLO EVERYONE!

I'd like to start off by thanking you for this great honor. I look forward to the 2022 cruising season, as well as serving with the WSSC Cruising Committee.

I am working with Vice Commodore Michael, and he has passed along to me the big book of all the information and procedures I will need to get a handle on the responsibilities of the Rear Commodore. Many on the 2021 Cruising Committee are continuing on the committee and I will appreciate working with them—especially with their experience and insights.

I will do my best to live up to the expectations for my new post as Rear Commodore. So with that being said,

please bear with me as I learn the role of my post. I know with the help of my fellow Commodores and all the members of the club, I will be up to speed shortly.

Please be sure to contact me via my club email to share any ideas, comments, or concerns you have about our cruising program.

I can always be reached at wssc Rear Commodore@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Rear Commodore Rick Boros



Fleet Captain: Cruising

MEET OUR 2022 REAR COMMODORE

Rick Boros

For me it began in the 70s at Au Gres, Michigan on a 23' Searay with a cuddy cabin, but shortly I graduated to my own boat - a super Snark sailboat! Unsinkable! (Yeah right. Remember the Titanic?)

The person who influenced me to get into boating was my first stepfather who also introduced me to motorcycles.

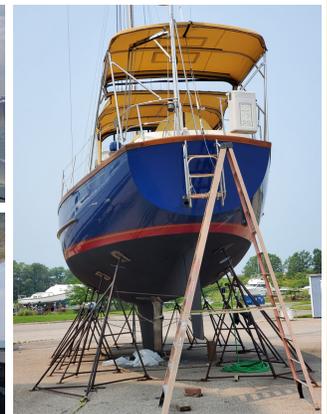
I was introduced to West Shore Sail Club by . . . to be honest I do not recall who that was! It was around 2005. I had a Santana 22 back then - the *Rival Muse*. She was a fun little racer, although working for the Sheriff's Department my schedule was not conducive to sail club participation. So I mainly did solo sailing when I was able to. I kept the *Muse* until around 2010 when I had to sell her due to a divorce.

In 2016 I picked up a derelict sailboat, a 1986 X-YACHT, X-102, that my wife Laura and I re-christened *Second Chance*.



In late 2018 we found and bought our current boat, a 1980 C&C Landfall 48, which we re-christened as *Aurora's Revenge*. She was originally *Aurora*, but the marina damaged her bilge by tearing her propeller shaft through the side of the fin. also bending her shaft in the process. We bought her and healed her wounds—one of those times that being a boatbuilder came in handy!

We're looking forward to WSSC cruises on our *Revenge*.



CONTACT INFORMATION can be found on page 14 for our **Flag Officers, Executive Committee members, Board of Directors, as well as Standing Committees and other committee chairpersons**

Our updated CALENDAR OF EVENTS and deadlines can be found on page 15-16 — including dates for WNATR, Cruises, Specialty Races, cruising report deadline, committee meeting dates, and more. Page 16 includes a partial calendar of events for other nearby sailing clubs.

From The SECRETARY (including Minutes)

Lea Ellwood-Filkins

Each month draft MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING are included near the back of the Starboard Tack or as an attachment to the newsletter distribution email.

Draft minutes from the DECEMBER meeting start on page 20. If you have corrections to the draft minutes, please bring them up at the next membership meeting (the first Thursday of the month).

MINUTES of past meetings can be found on our website at www.westshoresailclub.org



MEET OUR 2022 SECRETARY

Lea Ellwood-Filkins



Hi everyone! It's good to be back! Some of the "old-timers" remember me from my early days with WSSC. My spouse, Brother John, joined in 1977 and I became a member when we were married that summer. John raced with Nelson Thomas on *Rainbow Darter*, a Santana 27, and was introduced to the club through the WNATR program. I had been a fishing-boater all my

life, but John had a CL-14 named *Aphanizomenon* (it's a toxic blue-green algae—he's a botanist—so, yeah) and that's how I learned to sail. There's nothing like dating while seasick on a big lake in a little boat. John lived in one of the apartments in the Olds Mansion on Elba right there on the Detroit River. We got married there and after the reception on the lawn, John and I sailed away to our new life together. (My sister decided it would be a good idea for everyone to throw rice, but that's a tale for another day.)

Over the years, we each crewed



with different WSSC members—with the Thomases on *Rainbow Darter*, with Peg & Harv Spriggs on *Vagrant*, with Fred & Chris Schuster on *Whip-R-Snap-R* and others—for WNATR and lots of other races. I raced for several years with Katie Hartwell on *Feisty* for the ladies races, and did the single-handeds as well.

I enjoyed my time serving as Secretary of the club way back when Mike Jablonski was Commodore, serving on Protest Committee with Dick Synowiec and Matt Dubois for several years, and the club cruises were great, too. John was Commodore in 1982, so of course that was three years of busy-fun. We had our International 23 for those years, *Vallisneria* (vallisneria is the eel-grass seaweed we all get stuck in for late summer races).

As my career grew, I ended up working a ridiculous amount of hours and traveling all the time for work, so that put a damper on sailing. But now I'm retired! Yay! Our current boat, *Still Wondering*, a Grampian 26, has been sitting on its cradle at GBY for too many years—but we're working to get it back in the water a.s.a.p. And now I've come full-circle to serve as Secretary again. Fun!

And here's one of my lame watercolors because, as a wise person from the club once said, "It's not all about sailing. Well, MOST of it is. But not ALL of it!"



MEET OUR 2022 TREASURER

Doug Howe



My boating 'career' started early as I used to go out fishing with my Dad and Grandpa from Rocky River (yes, Ohio). That's what my parents told me as I would look at the picture of my Dad and me (at 8) at the shore, beside a small wood powerboat. Fast forward to when I was 16, and we went to a family reunion in the Akron area during the summer. We were at a second (or third) cousin's house who had a 'lake'

in their back yard, and a Sunfish, ready to sail. He showed me how to sail it about mid-afternoon. My family found it difficult to get me to come in from sailing to have dinner!

A few years later, Kathy and I were dating and going to school at the Ohio State University. One of my friends from Cleveland called, and asked if we would like to go camping and sailing on the Sunfish sailboat that he just finished rebuilding, at Monroe Lake (about midway between Cleveland and Columbus). Kathy's younger brother had a Mini-Fish, and let us borrow it. The four of us had a wonderful weekend sailing and camping at this lake.

After graduation from Ohio State, the Air Force sent us to Sacramento, California. We were close to Folsom Reservoir (which was the subject of a wonderful song at the time). Kathy and I purchased a Snark Mach II sailboat (similar to a Sunfish, but the hull

was ABS plastic) and spent many hours sailing it, along with some sight-seeing tours of that area of California, and showing our Dalmatians.

After Navigators and survival training, my first and only 'permanent duty station' was Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina. Kathy worked at Fayetteville Tech as a Nursing Instructor. Along with showing our Dalmatians, we found time to sail on some inland lakes in North Carolina and the Intercoastal Waterway near Carolina Beach. We decided to get a larger boat, and purchased an O' Day Mariner (19 foot) sailboat. We had our maiden sail out of Atlantic Beach, which is the surfing capital of the East Coast. We quickly became disenchanted with sailing and camping on the Intercoastal especially with the barges that came through with terrible wakes and the no-see-ums that left welts on our bodies!



MEET OUR 2022 TREASURER (continued)

Doug Howe

We then found Lake Waccamaw and the associated sailing club. The Lake Waccamaw Club held weekend races – one race on Saturday, and two on Sunday with a party afterwards. Along with having fun with our ‘big’ boat, and the racing, the club held a raffle for a Sunfish Sailboat, which Kathy won. She successfully had a maiden sail on it with a few tacks and jibes without dumping it! Our friend who crewed with us tried it, and dumped the Sunfish several times. He learned how to sail on larger boats, and didn’t learn how to shift his weight as the boat changed tacks! He was astonished at how easy Kathy made it look!

Then in 1979, Doug was offered a job at Ford Motor Company. We moved to this area, and sailed our O’Day Mariner on the Great Lake Erie. As we approached the Detroit Lighthouse, we were appalled by the size of Lake Erie. We met Tom Thebo through West Shore Sail Club and he got me into racing with him on the Great Lake Erie. Then we started our 6’ jumps in boats as we moved to a Seidelmann 24’, then a Seidelmann 30’, then our Catalina 36, and now our Catalina 42. As the boat size and family increased, we did less

racing and more cruising. As our foster daughters moved on, and sons started working and having families, my crew decreased and we moved to almost all cruising to the extent that we traveled over 1300 nautical miles (nm) in 2020 and over 1400 nm in 2021!

Kathy was the Commodore of the Windjammer YC, which was at the Lake Erie Metroparks Marina. Windjammer dissolved several decades ago, and we merged into WSSC. Both Doug (‘97) and Kathy (‘01) are PCs of WSSC, the only husband and wife to do so. Doug is also a past Director at FYC, and was the Chairman of PHRF-LE for three years. Doug was Treasurer of WSSC prior to being Commodore, and has been Treasurer again for the past 3 years.



From The TREASURER (including Monthly Financial Report)

Doug Howe

The bank information in the report below reflects all transactions through 12/31/2021.

Sincerely,
Treasurer Doug Howe



WSSC Finances	November 30, 2021		Year to Date		Budget		NOTES: known income / expenses
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses	
Income							
Membership	\$ 151.00		\$ 4,392.08		\$ 3,070.00		Outstanding income / deposits
General / Advertising			\$ 141.16				\$0.00
Activities, Shirts			\$ 76.00		\$ 450.00		
50-50 Raffle	\$ 100.00		\$ 573.00		\$ 780.00		
Other Donations	\$ 25.00		\$ 1,275.00		\$ 670.00		
Commodore's Ball			\$ 5,880.00		\$ 4,200.00		
Race	\$ 185.00		\$ 5,188.95		\$ 4,725.00		
Race - Dinner			\$ 263.00		\$ 970.00		
Cruising			\$ 140.00		\$ 330.00		
Total	\$ 461.00		\$ 17,929.19		\$ 15,195.00		
Expenses							Outstanding expenses/check(s):
Membership :		\$ -		\$ 60.00		\$ 175.00	1200 Seaborn Canva \$34.75
General		\$ 134.15		\$ 3,897.02		\$ 3,470.00	
Other Donation		\$ 1,250.00		\$ 1,250.00		\$ 500.00	
Commodore's Ball:		\$ 573.59		\$ 8,048.60		\$ 5,200.00	
Race:		\$ 30.00		\$ 3,944.44		\$ 4,500.00	
Race -food				\$ 366.35		\$ 750.00	
Activities : (Pavilion Rental)				\$ 90.00		\$ 250.00	
Cruising				\$ 22.37		\$ 350.00	Outstanding charge(s)
Total		\$ 1,987.74		\$ 17,678.78		\$ 15,195.00	U. S. Sailing Re \$225.00 Gowrie - Insur \$ 2,461.00
November Income/(Expenses) - Total		\$ (1,526.74)					
Bills paid in cash:		\$ -					
Net - Checking Balance change:		\$ (1,526.74)					
	November 30.	December Tran	12/31/2021	12/31/2021			
	Balance	Income / Exp	Treasurer's Re	Bank Report			
Checking Balance	\$ 14,884.31	\$ (1,526.74)	\$ 13,357.57	\$ 13,357.57	reconciled		
Savings:	\$ 2,006.73	0.02	\$ 2,006.75	\$ 2,006.73	reconciled		
Certificate of Deposi	\$ 3,808.74	\$ 0.16	\$ 3,808.90	\$ 3,808.90	reconciled		
Credit Card (outstan	\$ -		\$ -				
Note: Certificate of Deposit	renews February 22 and August 23 of 2022				1318 Reward Points		

From the MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Ana Kukla

As of December 31 there were 195 Members (active/paid/life and inactive/not renewed) currently registered in our Membership List. 118 Memberships (89 active/paid/life and 29 inactive) comprised of 77 "family" (dual) memberships (154 people) and 41 "single" memberships (41 people) There were 76 renewed (paid) memberships, 11 Life memberships (some Life members also contribute dues), and 2 new memberships in 2021. And we already have 3 renewed memberships so far for 2022!



Sincerely,
Membership Officer Ana Kukla

MEET OUR 2022 MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Ana Kukla



(see Ana's "Get Acquainted" story included with Commodore John's on page 2)

Our Membership Officer reminds us DUES ARE DUE February 1st

Print out the "renewal" form found at www.westshoresailclub.org/wssc-membership/ fill it out (including your current club interests) and mail with payment of \$55 (plus \$1 for Yachtsman's Fund) to: WSSC, P.O. Box 369, Trenton, MI 48183 — OR BRING TO THE NEXT MEETING — OR use PAYPAL Online (Reinstatement fee of \$10 is assessed starting on April 1st)



PAST COMMODORES CORNER

STORIES * TIPS * ADVICE BORN OF EXPERIENCE FROM WSSC's PAST COMMODORES

Meet WSSC's Newest Past Commodore: Russell Sims



support the last couple years and please show the same love to your new commodores. The club is in good hands.

As a small child I was lucky enough to go sailing with my grandpa. We do that to this day with him at 92 years old—he comes on my boat now. My love of racing started with watching the America's Cup and in the early 2000s I went to San Diego and sailed on Stars & Stripes. When I came back, I was telling a friend about my experience and he invited me out on Dick Synowiec's boat. That started my racing adventures. Once Dick realized I was serious about sailing he introduced me to WSSC. After many years of racing and incredible experiences, the idea of running for commodore was purposed to me. My first year as rear commodore is where I really came to appreciate the cruising and the people involved in it. The destinations and parties are a lot of fun. I would advise anyone to jump on a sailboat, not once or twice, but as much as you can. Every time is an adventure that will shape your life to come.

Sincerely,
PC 2021 Russell & Lady Heather Sims

Happy new year!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. And that your stockings were filled with boat parts and there were new sails under your tree. But mostly I hope you were able to spend time with your loved ones. Thank you again for your

MEET OUR 2022 DIRECTORS

PC Carver Dumke

It is an honor to serve as one of the two new Co-chairpersons of the Commodores Committee and a



member of the Board of Directors.

As you may be aware, the Commodores Committee includes the current Commodore and all Past Commodores of WSSC. Our purpose is to provide guidance to the WSSC Board of Directors by Past Commodores who have had the experience of running the club as

Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Commodore.

I entered the Bridge in 2011 as Rear Commodore, moved to Vice Commodore on 2012, and served proudly as Commodore in 2013. The Commodores Committee at that

time, among other things, guided my Bridge to secure the first Canadian 'approval' to drop race buoys, anchor a committee boat, and to race WNATR, all in Canadian waters. That process remains in place today with an anticipated WNATR return to Canadian waters in 2022.

Today's Commodores Committee is designed to provide the same guidance in different areas as needed. David Monk is the other Co-chairperson of the Commodores Committee and together we plan to help the new bridge maintain its current high level of ethical and proper club management for many years to come.

The Commodores Committee duties are clearly stated in the WSSC Constitution, Article XI, Section C. Rather than list them all I'll summarize: duties include nominations and elections, changes to our Constitution, By-Laws, and helping provide long range planning for the future health of our club.

I look forward to again serve this great club and hope to see you all out on the water next spring.

Let's go sailing!



PC 2013 Carver A. Dumke

WSSC Commodores Committee Chairperson and Director

MEET OUR 2022 DIRECTORS

PC David Monk



My family had a 20 foot powerboat when I was little and we spent our summers at White Sands (the south end of Bob-Lo island).

I think I was introduced to WSSC when I started racing with Brenda Woodruff and JP on *Dragon Lady*. I subsequently joined the club in 2012.

I am competitive so the racing is fun for me, but my favorite thing is when we are done with the race and heading home. On Wednesday nights, the sun is setting, everyone is relaxing with a drink, and we are talking. It is a great time to be on the water in a beautiful location with friends, family—those you like being with, doing something that you love to do.

The best advice I received was decades ago from PC Gene Demick and PC Fritz Ryznar when they told me (coming back from a stag-weekend at Put-in-Bay)... "When you get seasick, make sure you are leaning over the leeward rail."

My favorite place on the water is my home—but my favorite destination is likely Put-in-Bay. I have been

traveling there for decades, often several times a year, and can remember being there even when I was young. Like me, it has changed over the years but it still is a very

fun place to be. My memories of it are so vast that when I recall, they flip from decade to decade and reveal friends, family, and even strangers providing wonderful stories. I have been there as family, friend, passenger, stowaway, crew, skipper, current and past Commodore, and likely more. I have travelled there by plane, car, truck, dingy, raft, canoe, kayak, powerboat, sailboat, ferry (car and people), Tall-ship (as crew both on the Niagara and then the Lynx during the once in a generation anniversary recreation of the Battle of Lake Erie), and even once got picked up by authorities for swimming back to the island. Heck, I even had a ride in a 60's Amphicar when we drove off the island for a cruise around the bay and then drove back onto the island. And the reasons I have been on the island are at least as numerous as the way I got there... but each time has provided a wonderful time, great experiences, and very cherished memories.

And it is not over yet; each year and season makes even more!

PC 2017 / 2018 David Monk

WSSC Commodores Committee Co-chairperson and Director



MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter"

ANNIVERSARY ALBUM NEWS FROM FRANK PAVIA, ALBUM-KEEPER

**WSSC celebrating its FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
Help us meet the 50 BY 50 GOAL!**

January 1, 2022 we begin celebrating WSSC's GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY. At the January 6, General Membership Meeting we will change the title page numerals from "49 years and counting" to "50 years and counting".

We will have a Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration section towards the front of the Album. The color of those pages will not be the traditional blue—



rather, they will be a golden color. We will chronicle as many events, activities, and memories that WSSC members have during the club's Golden Anniversary year.

IF YOU HAVE NOT TURNED IN YOUR ALBUM PAGE PLEASE DO SO AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE AS WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL PAGES IN BY TIME OF THE COMMODORE'S BALL IN APRIL.

REMEMBER, you do NOT have to turn in a completed page with dozens of pictures on it. Just place two or three pictures and your name on the page and bring it to a general membership meeting. If you are unable to attend a meeting, give the page to another member who can turn it in for you.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and will have a Wonderful New Year!

**Sincerely,
Frank Pavia, Anniversary Album Keeper
frankpavia001@comcast.net**

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



Our Members and Friends with Birthdays in January

- Ted W 1/1
- Barb S 1/2
- Renee T 1/4
- Leonard G..... 1/7
- Patrick R 1/13
- Susan A..... 1/15
- Matt C 1/20
- Connie K 1/20
- Joni Z 1/20
- Fred K 1/27
- Steve S..... 1/27
- Michael Z..... 1/28

WSSC TRADITION: Singing the Birthday Song at each General Membership Meeting: The tribute below to our Birthday members is sung with GUSTO to the tune of Ta-Ra-Ra-BOOM-De-Ay . . .

**"This is your BIRTHday Song!
It isn't VERY long!"**

MEMBERS SHARE PHOTOS of Events, Activities, Races, and Family Fun!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR PHOTOS OF OUR MEMBERS' BOATS IN THEIR CRADLES ALL WRAPPED UP FOR THE WINTER—OR—SAILING AWAY IN WARMER CLIMES.

Submit your photos to Starboard Tack Editor at wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com
Selected photos will be shared on the "Photo Fun" pages in upcoming issues of the Starboard Tack newsletter.

IN MEMORIAM PC 2004 WILLIAM HARTMANN



It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Past Commodore Bill Hartmann who passed away November 30th at Wyandotte Hospital following complications of COVID pneumonia infection. A moment of silence was observed at the December meeting to honor Bill and his service to the club, including serving as Commodore in 2004.

Many will also remember him from Ford Yacht Club where he served in many capacities including as 2018 Sail Fleet Captain.

Bill's sister Elizabeth shared with the club that his sons ask that persons wishing to make a memorial contribution contact Gift of Life Michigan (an organ and tissue donation program which is a part of the "Donate Life" organization). More information can be found at:

www.giftoflifemichigan.org/foundation/ways-to-give.



Bill on the foredeck 2018

WSSC Family & Friends Photo Fun

Submit your photos to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

December ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & HOLIDAY PARTY at Whiskeys on the Water



Lots of fun at the Annual Meeting and Holiday Party. Steve showed off his new toy—a radio-controlled sailboat—and Lady Heather brought WSSC sailboat cookies for all!



That's a VERY festive hat, Mr. Baumgartner!



Commodore Russ and Past Commodore Mike shared some of Lady Heather's seasonally-appropriate Gingerbread birthday cake with the club



Elf Christy announces the winner. Hey! It's Frank!



Andrew's sharp eyes caught a big typo and won him the "LifeSavers" award



Chuck Laskey catches up on his cruising flags.



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By the end of the meeting more than 70 toys and pajamas had been collected for our charity outreach to Toys for Tots and Mimi's Mission. And then Santa's helpers had to find room for all of them in the sleigh.

Wrap-up meeting of the year for Race Committee at the Commodore's house



Race information signs demonstration by Alec Chabalowski

Is that a fearsome Pirate-Parrot-Cat? Or is that just Commodore Russ and Lady Heather's new kitty, Beignet?



The Race Committee reminds us that we celebrate WSSC's

50TH ANNIVERSARY in 2022



AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS — NEWS & INFORMATION

BoatUS/WEST MARINE

Rep. Doug Howe

WSSC is a co-operating group. Boat U.S. no longer offers discount membership to co-operating groups, but does offer a discount on towing insurance. More benefits are at: <https://www.boatus.com/products-and-services/membership> WSSC membership # is GA 81337 S.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Doug Howe at d1howe@wowway.com

U.S. SAILING.ORG

Rep. Doug Howe



WSSC is a member of U.S. Sailing, and members can join or renew at a discount at: <https://www1.ussailing.org/membership/MPP/Default.aspx?ycid=117266X>.

Members can download the 2021 Racing Rules onto their phone.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Doug Howe d1howe@wowway.com.

I-LYA (INTER-LAKE YACHTING ASSOCIATION)

Rep. Kathy Howe



Inter-Lake Yachting Association

WSSC is a member of I-LYA and every member of an I-LYA club is

automatically a member of I-LYA.

ALEC CHABALOWSKI REPRESENTED WSSC AT FALL I-LYA MEETING IN OHIO: Minutes of that meeting will be available for your information in an upcoming Tack.

The latest summer results are available at <https://I-LYA.org> even including the Sailing Results. See website for information on this summer's activities: Junior Bay Week, Senior Bay Week Sail, and Power Bay Week.

Note: I-LYA MINUTES FOLLOW WSSC MINUTES AT THE BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER. I-LYA meetings are held twice annually and minutes generally appear in the January and May issues of the Starboard Tack.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Kathy Howe at kahowe@wowway.com

GLOBAL ENTRY 2021

(Customs & Border Protection - USA RE-ENTRY)

Rep. Doug Howe

US CUSTOMS HAS TRANSITIONED TO THE MOBILE APP "CBP ROAM": CBP Roam is a free mobile application that provides an option for pleasure boaters to report their U.S. entry to CBP via their personal smart device, or a tablet located at certain local businesses to satisfy re-entry reporting requirements. In limited areas, travelers arriving in remote locations may also be eligible to use the CBP ROAM app. The CBP ROAM app also qualifies as an Alternative

Inspection System that satisfies the boat operator's legal requirement to report for face-to-face inspection in accordance with 8 CFR 235.1. While you can still "call in" our members reported long wait times and triggering customs to come to the boat.

CBP ROAM WORKS LIKE THIS:

1. Enter your method of entry.
2. Travelers should download the CBP ROAM app on their web-enabled smart device. Note that a free LOGIN.GOV account is required to use the CBP ROAM app. After opening the CBP ROAM app, tap "Sign In".
3. Travelers who do not have a login.gov account should "Create an account" and follow the instructions
4. Travelers who already have a login.gov account should sign into their existing account, and will be redirected back to the CBP ROAM app .

NEXUS WORKS WITH CBP ROAM: The best way to return to the US is to obtain a 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 NEXUS Marine program is a joint Canada—U.S. initiative that offers facilitated customs and immigration



clearance for recreational, low-risk boaters entering either country through registration into the program. NEXUS is valid for 5 years and satisfies the boat operator's legal requirement to report to a

port-of-entry for face-to-face inspection in accordance with 8 CFR 235.1. Boaters must still phone in their arrival to satisfy 19 USC 1433. A Nexus card is \$50 for 5 years. More information at <https://tftp.cbp.dhs.gov/>. You should enroll online: select NEXUS at the center top of the "Trusted Traveler Programs" page.

If you fly outside the U.S., a Nexus card is still the easiest and least expensive way to get into the GOES system, which can greatly expedite your passage through the airport.

NOTE: "I went into the new Customs App for returning to the U.S., CBP ONE. It uses the same information as CBP Roam did. Once I entered as a 'Traveler, by Sea', I received a message that 'This feature is coming soon. Additional services will be rolled out over the next year'. I suspect this will be the method for returning to the U.S. in early 2022." (Doug Howe reporting)

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT GLOBAL ENTRY can be found at the "Pleasure Boats and Private Flyers" website found at <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/pleasure-boats-private-flyers>. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Doug Howe at d1howe@wowway.com or call 734-675-6133

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Port Captains: Specialty Races	(see information on each Event in the "Activities Updates" section or on our website)		
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2022 — WSSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS — 2022

WSSC Meetings & Events	2021 Date & Time and Location	Event Contact
RED type indicates WNATR race/event — ORANGE type indicates specialty race/event — BLUE type indicates cruising event		
JANUARY 2022 General Membership Mtg and CHANGE OF WATCH	Jan 6, 2022 / Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Commodore / Vice Commodore / M.C.
Cruising Committee Meeting	Jan 23 at PCs Howes' home (see email for location)	Rear Commodore
Membership Dues are due Feb 3rd	Due at or before Feb General Membership Mtg.	Membership Officer
FEBRUARY General Membership Meeting	Feb 3 / Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Commodore
Race Committee Meeting	Feb 16—7:00pm at PC Sims's home (see email for location)	Vice Commodore
MARCH General Membership Meeting	Mar 3 / Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Commodore
APRIL General Membership Meeting	Apr 7 / Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Commodore
COMMODORE'S BALL and WSSC 50th Anniversary Celebration	Apr 23—6pm at Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club Meridian at Grosse Ile Parkway, Grosse Ile	Karen Laughner Commodore's Ball Chairperson
MAY General Membership Meeting	May 5 / Thursday—7:30 pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Commodore
WNATR—Buoy Launch	May 7—9:00am meet at GBY (alt. date May 14)	Vice Commodore
Icebreaker "Land Cruise" & Potluck	(TBD)	
WNATR Skippers Meeting	Sun May 15—7:00pm at GIYC	Vice Comm. / Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Spring Series #1	May 18	Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Spring Series #2	May 25	Fleet Captain-Racing
Memorial Day Cruise	(dates and destination TBD)	
WNATR Spring Series #3	June 1	Fleet Captain-Racing
JUNE General Membership Meeting	Jun 2 / Thursday—7:30 pm at (possibly Meyer Elias Park)	Commodore
Cruising Award Registration deadline	Deadline June 10 postmark	PC Kathy Howe
Commodore's Tea Cruise	(TBD)	
WNATR Spring Series #4	Jun 15	Fleet Captain-Racing
Doublehanded Port-to-Port Race	Jun 18 / Saturday Contact for Dockage: (TBD)	Race: Fleet Captain-Racing Overnight: Port Captain _____
WNATR Summer Series #1	Jun 22	Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Summer Series #2	Jun 29	Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Summer Series #3	Jul 6	Fleet Captain-Racing
JULY General Membership Meeting	(tentative) Jul 7 / Thursday—7:30pm at (TBD)	Commodore
Weeklong Cruise	(dates and destinations TBD)	
WNATR Summer Series #4	Jul 27	Fleet Captain-Racing
AUGUST General Membership Meeting	Aug 5 / Thursday—7:30pm at (possibly Meyer Elias Park)	Commodore
WNATR Fall Series #1	Aug 3 (tentative start of Canadian course)	Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Fall Series #2	Aug 10	Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Fall Series #3	Aug 17	Fleet Captain-Racing
Lighthouse Challenge (WSSC Regatta)	Aug 20 / Saturday; Afterglow and Charity auction, (location TBD)	Vice Comm. / Fleet Captain-Racing
Late Summer Cruise	(date and destination TBD)	
WNATR Fall Series #4	Aug 24	Fleet Captain-Racing
SEPTEMBER General Membership Meeting	Sep 2 / Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Commodore
Jack & Jill Race	Sep 4 / Sunday; with Afterglow at GBY	Vice Commodore
WNATR Make Up Day #1	Aug 31	Fleet Captain-Racing
WNATR Make Up Day #2	Sep 9	Fleet Captain-Racing
Harvest Moon Cruise	(dates and destination TBD)	
WNATR—Buoy pullout	Sep (TBD)—9am meet at Gibraltar Boat Yard	Vice Commodore
OCTOBER General Membership Meeting	Oct 6—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Commodore
WSSC Racing Awards Night	Oct (TBD)—6pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Vice Commodore

2022—WSSC 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2022 . . . (continued)

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NOVEMBER General Membership Meeting NOMINATIONS	Nov 3—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Commodore Commodores Committee
Cruising Committee Wrap-Up Meeting	Nov ___—1 to 3pm at (location TBD)	Rear Comm. / Fleet Captain Cruising
DECEMBER General Membership Meeting ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTIONS * Christmas Party *	Dec 2—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Commodore Commodores Committee Party: Activities Chairperson
I-LYA Meeting (Dec. ___th)	Dec. ___—___ at DoubleTree, Westlake OH	PC Kathy Howe
Race Committee Wrap-Up Meeting	Dec. ___—7:00pm at _____	Rear Commodore
JANUARY 2023 General Membership Mtg and CHANGE OF WATCH	Jan 5, 2023 / Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Commodore / Vice Commodore / M.C.

See **ACTIVITIES UPDATES** pages for detailed information and updates on events listed in the WSSC Calendar of Events.

EVENTS OF INTEREST at ASSOCIATE, AFFILIATE, and NEARBY CLUBS

Event	Dates	Event Contact
I-LYA Spring Meeting, Westlake, OH	Fri Apr 1—Sat Apr 2	I-LYA
GIYC Day Race	Sun Jun 29	Grosse Ile Yacht Club
TYC Mills Race (AYC)	Fri-Sun Jun 10-12	Toledo Yacht Club
Opening of the Island	Fri Jun 10—Mon Jun 13	FYC Commodore Chuck Brock
GIYC Independence Day Race	Mon Jul 4	Grosse Ile Yacht Club
I-LYA Junior Sail Bay Week	Jul 17—Jul 20	I-LYA at Put-in-Bay
Chicago to Mackinac Race	start Sat Jul 23	Chicago Yacht Club
I-LYA Bay Week Sail Regatta	Fri Aug 5—Sun Aug 7	I-LYA at Put-in-Bay
MBC Ladies Race	Mon Aug 8	Monroe Boat Club (crew must be 50% women)
FYC Regatta Weekend (AYC)	Thu Aug 12—Fri Aug 13	Ford Yacht Club
NCYC Irene Race (women's race)	Mon Aug 15	North Cape Yacht Club
LMYC Fighting Island Regatta	Fri Aug 26	LaSalle Mariner Yacht Club
JRSC Fall Series	Sat Sep 17—Mon Sep 19	Jolly Rogers Sail Club (Toledo)
FYC Frostbite Series #1	Sat Sep 17	Ford Yacht Club
LMYC River Rat Race	Fri Oct 14	LaSalle Mariner Yacht Club

For updates and more info see—Grosse Ile Racing Calendar link—on our website at www.westshoresailclub.org

From The Webmaster



VISIT OUR **WEBSITE** with links to racing and cruising calendars, notice of races, cruising awards registration, and more!
www.westshoresailclub.org





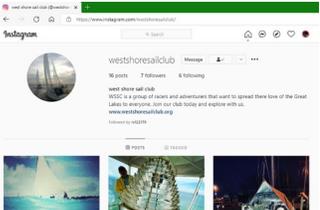
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SPECIAL THANKS TO CHUCK & PHAE LASKEY

"SOS: Store Our Stuff" ... A request was announced at December committee meetings that our loft storage needed a new home. Thanks to Chuck and Phae Laskey our "stuff" (race committee boat equipment, commodores ball items, and lots of other things) has a home. AND not just a home in Chuck's barn, but a fancy home! Chuck built a locker with a raised floor and shelves — pretty nice! Thanks for answering the call!



ACTIVITIES UPDATES — Upcoming Event Information for WSSC, Sister Clubs, Affiliates, and Friends

CHECK HERE EACH MONTH FOR UPDATES

Look in this "Events" section for information about our upcoming races, cruises, and other events, as provided in various past issues of the Starboard Tack and accumulated here with updates.

DECEMBER 2021 THRU JANUARY 2022 —WSSC SPECIAL AUCTION—

Several former WSSC members who are no longer involved in sailing have donated lots of gently used boating items to our club. To see what is available, please go to the WSSC website "Member Login" section. There are pictures of the individual items being auctioned. Doug Howe has agreed to keep the spreadsheets of bids updated. Please take a few moments to review the available items and see if they might have a new home in your boat. All money collected will be donated to the general treasury of WSSC.

TO MAKE A BID—send an email to Doug Howe at d1howe@wowway.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION on how to get the member password please see the "Auction" ad on page 22 or contact Doug Howe at d1howe@wowway.com. FOR MORE INFORMATION on auction items please talk to Kathy Howe.

JANUARY 6, 2022 : WSSC CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY

Installation of the newly-elected bridge during the January General Membership Meeting at Whiskeys on the Water. See the Change of Watch program listing on page 2.

APRIL 23, 2022 : WSSC COMMODORE'S BALL

WATCH THIS SPACE for information on the Commodore's Ball which will be back to the normal schedule of April.

For 2022 the Commodore's Ball will return to a familiar venue - the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Karen Laughner, Chairperson, Commodore's Ball Committee

APRIL 23, 2022 : WSSC 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT THE COMMODORE'S BALL

AND WATCH THIS SPACE for all the events related to celebrations during the 50th Anniversary year of West Shore Sail Club!



West Shore Sail Club Lighthouse Challenge 2021

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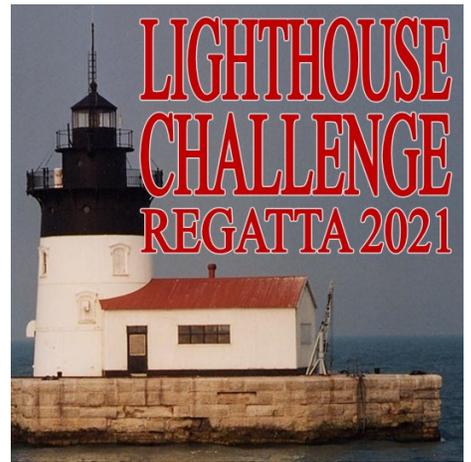
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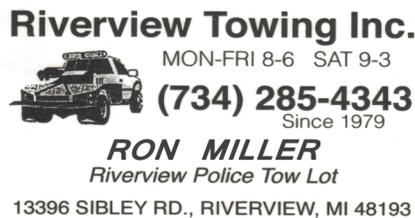
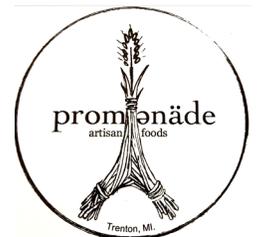
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Secretary's report (continued from pg 4)**Draft Minutes of previous General Membership Meeting****West Shore Sail Club DRAFT Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of the Membership DECEMBER 2021**

Thursday—December 2, 2021—Whiskeys on the Water, Wyandotte, MI

Officers in attendance:

Russell Sims, Commodore (absent) John Kukla, Vice Commodore	Mike Ingrody, Rear Commodore Doug Howe, Treasurer (via phone)	Angela McKeith, Membership Officer (absent) Rick Bohl, Secretary
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A quorum was determined to be present, and the meeting was called to order by Commodore Russell Sims at 7:36 p.m.

Without objection, Lea Ellwood-Filkins will substitute as Secretary for Rick Bohl at this meeting

MOTION TO APPROVE the Minutes of the 2021-11-11 General Membership Meeting - Moved Dave Monk. Seconded Dick Synowiec.
(No questions or corrections were brought forward.) Vote results favorable. MOTION APPROVED.

(The Treasurer's current report was not available to be received and will be received at the January meeting.)

A moment of silence was observed in respect for Past Commodore 2004 William Hartmann who passed away on November 30th at Wyandotte Hospital following a battle with the Covid-19 virus.

2021 Commodore's Report – Russell Sims

- Thanked the club members for their generosity for the holiday charitable outreach to Toys for Tots and to Mimi's Mission.
- Thanked the Commodores' Ball Committee for a wonderful event in November, and especially thanked Chairperson Karen Laughner for her work and leadership, and PC Dave Monk for his well-received "roast".
- Thanked everyone for the past three years of support – Commodore Russ and Lady Heather felt it was a blessing to them to be able to serve the club. Russ is excited and sad that tonight he chairs his last full meeting, but is looking forward with excitement to pass the torch on to John, Michael, and (when elected) Rick. "We have some great new people coming on board and Russ encourages the club members to give their full support and assistance," said Commodore Sims.

2021 Vice Commodore's Report – John Kukla (via text message)

- While at the ocean in Cancun, John is excited for the start of next year – 2022 is WSSC's 50th Anniversary year
- Last Race Committee meeting of 2021 will be Wednesday, December 8th at 7pm at Commodore Sims's home
- Next year racing will be back on the Canadian course, hopefully, and permission is being requested of appropriate agencies
- As John may be elected Commodore for 2022 later in this meeting, he shares that he is looking for special ideas to commemorate the 50th anniversary of WSSC in April 2022. Please contact John with any and all ideas
- Keep the "50 x 50" Anniversary Album goal in mind – 50 members' pages received by April 7th meeting for the 50th anniversary display at the Commodore's Ball on April 23, 2022

2021 Rear Commodore's Report – Mike Ingrody

- Cruising was active in 2021 and the wrap-up review meeting/chili potluck at Chuck & Phae's was another success
 - Biggest takeaway from wrap-up meeting is request for cruises that aren't so far away (sometimes 10 hours sailing in a day)
 - Next biggest takeaway is to consider Canada for the Week-long Cruise in addition to a weekend to Leamington
 - More complete notes from the meeting will be shared soon
- Catching up on awards distribution – two cruising flags were awarded to Chuck and Phae Laskey
- Thanks to everyone who helped this past year on the Cruising Committee with planning and all the details during cruises, to everyone who cruised, and especially to all the Port Captains.

Treasurer's Report – Doug Howe (via phone)

- Kathy and Doug are still in quarantine, but expect full recovery
- Commodore's Ball expenditure more than \$500 over budget requires reporting to General Membership meeting. The budget and reasons for over-budget expenses were explained.
- **MOTION TO ACCEPT that the 2021 Commodores' Ball event is more than \$500 over the budgeted amount.** Moved by Todd Duffett and seconded by Dave Monk. The vote was favorable. MOTION APPROVED.
- Regarding overall club budget – Good news is we are to the positive and did not have to raise membership dues. However, it is not recommended that we lower the club dues and fees in 2022.

Membership Officer's Report – Angela McKeith

- Reminds us to go to the WSSC website to download renewal form and get your membership renewals in by the February General Membership meeting
 - Announcement was in the Starboard Tack, and an email with the form will be distributed in January
 - You can pay online using PayPal or mail a check to the P.O. Box
- Angela is retiring, but will be available to assist the next-elected Membership Officer
- PC Lozon rose to give accolades to Angela for the terrific service she has provided to the club during her years as Membership Officer. There was unanimous agreement by all attending and a round of applause

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**Activities Committee – Chairperson Renee Tackett**

- Retirement – Renee Tackett will be retiring at the end of December from her position as Chairperson of the Activities Committee. The members appreciate her years of service to the club.

Draft Minutes of previous General Membership Meeting (continued)

Anniversary Album-Keeper – Frank Pavia

- Reports receiving two more members' pages tonight means we have 25 pages from 25 different members in the book
- Reminds us that just your name on a page and a few pictures get you started in the book. Get a new page if you've lost yours. If you sponsored someone into the club, take a page to them – because YOU do that, they will turn them in. Members can bring photos for your page to any meeting or email them to Frank (see email address in the latest Starboard Tack) and Frank will make sure they get printed and onto your Album page.
- Remember the "50 BY 50" challenge – the goal date is Commodore's Ball on April 23, 2022. This means the Anniversary Album needs at least 25 more members to turn in pages.

Commodore's Ball Committee – Chairperson Karen Laughner

- Reminds us that the next Commodore's Ball in honor of the 2022 Commodore will be "back on the island" on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club

Commodores Committee – Co-Chairperson Dick Synowiec

- Retirements – PC 1973 Dick Synowiec and PC 1979 Mike Jablonski have been Co-chairpersons of the Commodores Committee for the past 25 years. They are both retiring from these positions as of December 2021. The members applauded them for their good work serving in this capacity for so many years.

I-LYA Representative – Doug Howe

- Thanks to Alec Chabalowski for volunteering to represent WSSC at the December 4th I-LYA meeting in Ohio

PHRF Measurer – Dick Synowiec

- Reminds the members that we still need a club handicapper to represent us in PHRF. Dick will train anyone willing to learn how to be the club handicapper

Starboard Tack – Editor Lea Ellwood-Filkins

- December issue was distributed to 156 members and friends of the club via email, and was posted to the Facebook page and the WSSC website
- LifeSavers awards went to Andrew Lozon for finding the membership renewal fee typo, and to everyone at the meeting because "Holidays!". And a thank you to Elf-Helper Lady Christy for distributing the LifeSavers awards!

OLD BUSINESS

- **FINAL NOMINATIONS REPORT and ELECTIONS** – Commodores Committee 2021 Co-chairperson Dick Synowiec
With no nominations received from the floor at the November General Membership Meeting, the final slate of candidates for 2022 office is as follows:

Slate of Nominations for 2022 WSSC Executive Committee and 2022 Board of Directors

Commodore – John Kukla	Treasurer – PC 1997 Doug Howe
Vice Commodore – Michael Ingrody	Membership Officer – Ana Kukla
Rear Commodore – Rick Boros	Member at Large, Board of Directors – PC 2017/2018 Dave Monk
Secretary – Lea Ellwood-Filkins	

Point of Information

- PC 2013 Carver Dumke – Commodores Committee Chairperson and Member on the Board of Directors [Note that the Commodores Committee Chairperson is not elected by the general membership but appointed at the October Commodores Committee meeting. The Chairperson is automatically a member of the Board of Directors.]
- PC 2017/2018 Dave Monk is the appointed Commodores Committee Co-chairperson [Note that the Commodores Committee Co-chairperson is appointed at the October Commodores Committee meeting. The Co-chairperson is not automatically a member of the Board of Directors and that person, or another Past Commodore, must be elected to the Board of Directors.]

- **MOTION TO ELECT** the entire slate as presented. Moved Tim Lozon. Second Gale Laughner. (As there was only one candidate nominated per office, no ballot is required and use of the Tellers Committee is not necessary.) The vote was unanimously in favor. The MOTION IS APPROVED, and the slate as presented is elected.
- Newly-elected Rear Commodore Rick Boros was asked to introduce himself to the members. A member since 2005, Rick now sails a Landfall 48'. He was a police officer and sergeant until April 1, 2020 and is now retired. He is a motorcycle master mechanic and holds a U.S. Coast Guard certificate as a qualified boat builder. If you have questions, Rick will give you the timeless sergeant's response, "I have to check into that and get back with you." Welcome to the Bridge, Rick!

December Birthdays Celebration

- The birthday list was announced, and Commodore Russ Sims and PC Mike Jablonski were on hand to celebrate their December birthdays with a seasonally-appropriate and very fabulous gingerbread cake baked by Lady Heather. They shared their cake with all the members in attendance.

50/50 Raffle supporting our Commodore's Ball event – Christy Yee

- Won by Frank Pavia (by Michigan non-profit organization rules, the club is allowed to accept \$100, and the remainder is returned to the winner).
- Donation to WSSC from Frank Pavia.

MOTION TO ADJOURN. Moved by Christy Yee. Seconded by Tim Lozon (and at least 35 other members). Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lea Ellwood-Filkins, Secretary pro tempore

THE WSSC "CORK BOARD"

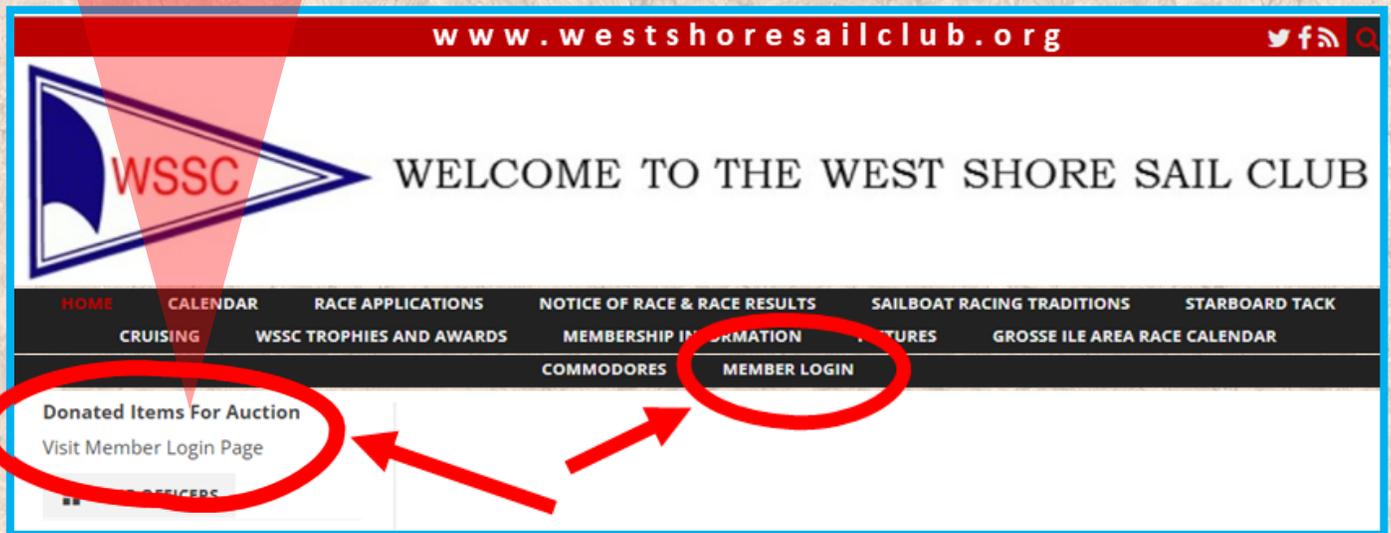
West Shore Sail Club Special Auction!

Several former WSSC members who are no longer involved in sailing have donated lots of gently used boating items to our club. To see what is available, please go to the WSSC website "Member Login" section. There are pictures of the individual items being auctioned. Doug Howe has agreed to keep the spreadsheets of bids updated. Please take a few moments to review the available items and see if they might have a new home in your boat. All money collected will be donated to the general treasury of WSSC.

Thanks. Kathy Howe

TO MAKE A BID send an email with your bid to Doug Howe at d1howe@wowway.com

Members may contact Doug Howe at d1howe@wowway.com for the Member Login password



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