Starboard Tack

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JUNE 2022

From The COMMODORE (including Executive Committee News) — John Kukla

Commodore John and Lady Ana enjoy the sunny day at the 2022 Memorial Day Weekend Cruise

GREETINGS SAILORS AND FRIENDS,

This will be another short article as I imagine everyone is still busy tuning up their boats.

Lady Ana and I have managed to get Sojourner splashed and the mast stepped, and our new Mainsail rigged. As of this writing we are still planning to sail down to the WSSC Memorial Day cruise and 50th Anniversary Reunion picnic.

Our cruising and racing seasons are off to a good start with the IceBreaker Cruise and the WNATR series. I'll let the Rear Commodore and VIce Commodore share the details with you.

As we enter the next 50 years of the club's existence, I do have one interesting development to share. It seems we can no longer say "no one has ever contacted us for reciprocal dockage"! WSSC received a request from a group of Harbor Bay Yacht Club sailors (Sandusky, Ohio) looking for three slips in late July. A 32 ft and a couple of 36 ft sailboats are looking for an overnight dock to stay before heading up the river to Lake St Claire. I informed them that we didn't have anything available that would work for their boats, but gave them the names of the local marinas and clubs to help them find something close to the mouth of the river. They said they got our information from the 2021 I-LYA Directory.

See you on the water!

Sincerely,
Commodore John Kukla

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022 ..... Social Gathering starts at 7:00PM ..... **MEETING starts at 7:30PM**

THIS WILL BE A "HYBRID" MEETING—BOTH LIVE AND ON ZOOM

LIVE MEETING LOCATION:

WHISKEYS ON THE WATER at 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. Enjoy the upstairs bar.

COME EARLY AND ENJOY DINNER before (or during) the meeting. The whole menu is available starting at 6:30 and throughout the evening.

Online "ZOOM" MEETING LOCATION:

TO JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING Ctrl+click on this link -OR- copy and paste this into your web browser: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83678799748?pwd=OXc0RDdScjJOZEQzTGxNN3Vzb2krZz09

OR launch ZOOM and use Meeting ID 836 7879 9748 - Passcode 404573

To join by phone find your local number at this link: https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kcoxEr0AAY

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From The VICE COMMODORE (including Racing Committee News) — Michael Ingrody

BUOY LAUNCH: A dozen volunteers from the club met up at FYC on the morning of May 7th to deploy our 9 WNATR buoys in Canada. The crew loaded the buoys on the work boat (this time with some heavy machinery assistance) and set course for Amherstberg. The weather couldn't have been better, with plenty of sun to offset the cool lake breeze as the team fueled up on some hearty donuts! Before long, we dropped the stern gate and the crew began deploying the marks. All was going well until we threw in our final buoy, an older model, and noticed that it was just a little too tired to float upright this year. After some inspection, we decided to pull that mark out and officially retire it after its many years of loyal service. In the following week, we prepped one of our spares and sent out a skeleton crew to put it in its rightful place. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this critical task a great success! And special thanks to Ray Crooks for hosting this activity on his boat, which was perfectly outfitted for the task!

SKIPPERS MEETING: The WNATR captains met at GIYC on May 15th for a briefing on the 2022 WNATR program. Here we discussed some new rules and information pertaining to the upcoming season.

WNATR: Wednesday night racing is officially in full swing! The first race of the season was canceled due to weather, but nature quickly redeemed itself the following week where the racers enjoyed plenty of wind and warm sun. We had just shy of 20 boats, which made for an exhilarating evening out on the lake! Remember, it's not too late to sign up for the upcoming Summer Series and join in on the excitement.

SPECIALTY RACE APPLICATION: The specialty race application is available on the club website and noticeofrace.net. As a reminder, you can sign up for all specialty races using the same electronic form (which can also be printed/ mailed-in). If you can't commit to all races today, no problem–just fill out and send multiple copies of the application throughout the season before the deadlines.

Fleet Captain: Racing

Race Committee

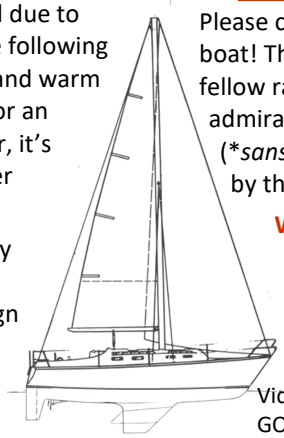
DOUBLEHANDED: Our first specialty race of the season is coming up on Saturday, June 18th. The Doublehanded will be a port-to-port from FYC to NCYC, with afterglow festivities taking place at the North Cape clubhouse. Please login to **noticeofrace.net** to sign up for the event, fill out your application, and download the race documents. NCYC is offering complimentary dockage for WSSC racers on a first-come first-serve basis, so make your reservations today!

LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA: The Lighthouse Challenge is slated for Saturday, August 20th (with a rain date of August 21st). Please mark your calendars for our club's signature event. Stay tuned as we publish more race documents in the coming months.

LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE COMMITTEE BOAT - NEEDED: Please contact me if you can volunteer as the committee boat! This is a critical service that not only benefits your fellow racers but will garner the utmost respect and admiration from the entirety of WSSC! All equipment* (**sans vessel, of course)* and information will be provided by the Race Committee.

Wishing you all some warm and windy days!

Sincerely,
Vice Commodore Michael Ingrody



Vice Commodore Michael and Lady Naseem sail GODSPEED, a Hunter 30

Registration, courses, and race results can be found on the Notice Of Race website. http://noticeofrace.net/

FINDING RACING SIGN-UP AND INFORMATION: Racing registrations, sailing instructions, courses, and results for WNATR, WSSC Specialty Races, and races sponsored by other clubs can be found on the Notice Of Race website at http://noticeofrace.net

Our CALENDAR OF EVENTS and deadlines is on pages 13-14 including dates for WNATR, Cruises, Specialty Races, cruising logs deadline, committee meeting dates, and a partial calendar of events for other nearby sailing clubs.

CONTACT INFORMATION can be found on page 12 for our Flag Officers, Executive Committee members, Board of Directors, Standing Committees and other committee chairpersons

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SUBMIT articles, classifieds, ads, and other information to EDITOR-STARBOARD TACK at wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

From The REAR COMMODORE (including Cruising Committee News) Anita Bersie-Chabalowski

Sailing season is here, huzzah! The club enjoyed a great Saturday afternoon on May 14th at Carver and Allison Dumke's home for the **ICE BREAKER CRUISE PARTY**. For many it was a well-earned reward for all the spring boat work (washing, waxing, bottom painting, rigging). Gale Laughner grilled up some excellent burgers and hot dogs, while there were plenty of side dishes and desserts to share. There was lots of talk of past sailing adventures and sharing of summer 2022 plans. Holly and Ryan Chabalowski even got a few games of corn hole going, though Christy Yee wisely came up with some alternate rules to speed up the game. Thank you to Allison and Carver for hosting a lovely afternoon event!

Our next event on the Cruising Calendar is the **MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**. By the time the Starboard Tack comes out the event will be behind us. Port Captain Christy Yee has a great weekend planned at Safe Harbor Toledo Beach. Our Summer Cruising Meeting will be held on Sunday at 3:00pm during the cruise, where we plan to finalize our mid- and late-summer events.

As a reminder I am **STILL LOOKING FOR PORT CAPTAIN VOLUNTEERS** for both the Put-In-Bay and Kelleys Island stops on the July week-long cruise. Contact me at wsscrearcommodore@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Just two weeks after our Memorial Day Cruise is our **COMMODORE'S TEA** at Middle Bass Island on June 11-12. Kathy Howe is our Port Captain for this event and has sent several communications out to date (see flier on page 17).

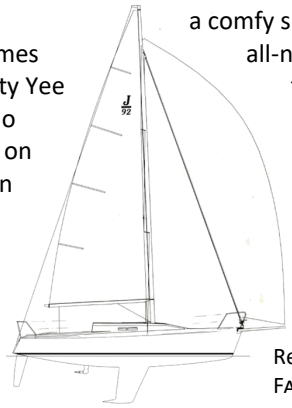
Coincidentally, this is the same weekend as the Toledo Yacht Club Mills Cup race which ends at Put-In-Bay on Saturday Morning. Alec and I will be racing our J-92 the *FAMILY TRUCKSTER* and will take the ferry over to MBI to join the group. I might need a comfy spot to nap however after all-night racing and a few sips of the "tea"!

Fleet Captain: Cruising

Port Captain: Cruising

Looking forward to seeing all the WSSC sailors on the water very soon!

Sincerely,
Rear Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski



Rear Commodore Anita and Gentleman Alec sail FAMILY TRUCKSTER a J-92 30'

QUESTION: HOW DO YOU FIND THE PORT CAPTAIN'S BOAT IN THE HARBOR WHEN YOU GO ON A WSSC CRUISE?

ANSWER: Just look for the big green MOTHER GOOSE WSSC flag flying overhead and you'll soon find your fellow club members — and the fun!

From The SECRETARY (including Minutes and Correspondence) Lea Ellwood-Filkins

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING are included each month in the members "minutes review" email. If you have corrections to the draft minutes, please bring them with you to the next General Membership Meeting (the first Thursday of the month) or send an email to the Secretary. MINUTES of past meetings can be found on our website at www.westshoresailclub.org in the Members Only section.

LETTERS OF RECIPROCITY have been received from several affiliated yacht clubs. See The (physical) Corkboard at the GMM, or The (virtual) CorkBoard near the back of the Tack, to review the list of letters and request copies of any you may need.

Sincerely
Secretary Lea Ellwood-Filkins

Secretary Lady Lea and PC Brother John sail STILL WONDERING, a Grampian 26

From The TREASURER — Doug Howe

FINANCE AND BUDGET: The complete spreadsheet report is available to club members from the Treasurer at our General Membership Meeting, or contact the Treasurer at wsscfinancial@gmail.com.

NOTABLE LAST MONTH: The past month was busy with lots of transactions. WSSC had a great showing for the Commodore's Ball, and so the balance sheet improved from this. In addition, Wednesday Night at the Races (WNATR) payments were due by mid-May, so this improved our balance sheet too! On the expense side, we paid our 2022 I-LYA dues, the annual charges for our P. O. Box, and a year subscription for ZOOM meetings.

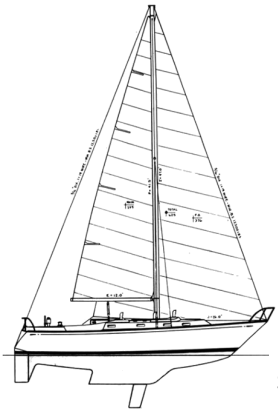
I'll have a complete breakdown at the June 2 WSSC meeting. If members want more information, please feel free to contact me at wsscfinancial@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Treasurer PC Doug Howe

Treasurer PC Doug and PC Kathy sail WINDQUEST, a Catalina 42

From the MEMBERSHIP OFFICER — Ana Kukla

MEMBERSHIPS: There's not a lot to report this month except the numbers. Our memberships are increasing slowly, and we now have a total of 74 memberships.



Sincerely,
Membership Officer Ana Kukla

WSSC Membership Report	
Type of membership	**as of 5/25/2022**
Regular Memberships	62
Associate Memberships	12
Total Memberships	74
Total Paid Memberships	**67**

Regular and Associate memberships are subclassified as follows:	
Individual Membership	31
Family Membership (2 people)	43
Life Memberships	7
Honorary Memberships	2

Membership Officer Ana and Commodore John sail SOJOURNER, a Tartan 37

STANDING COMMITTEES and OTHER COMMITTEE NEWS

ANNIVERSARY ALBUM NEWS

THE ANNIVERSARY ALBUM GOES TO THE 2022 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION PICNIC

By the time you read this article we will have had two great WSSC social events, the 50th Anniversary Commodore's Ball, and the Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Marina. The cruise also celebrated the Golden Anniversary of WSSC with a reunion picnic.

I'm sure many pictures were taken during those events. Please record your experiences by sending me an e-mail with photos attached and I will place copies of the pictures on your album page.

Send photos to: frankpavia001@comcast.net.

Sincerely,
Frank Pavia, Anniversary Album-Keeper

PC Dick Synowiec and Member Don Baumgartner enjoy sunshine and history at the Memorial Day Weekend Cruise

STANDING COMMITTEES and OTHER COMMITTEE NEWS

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE*

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A *CHAIRPERSON

DON'T FORGET—THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE IS STILL LOOKING FOR A CHAIRPERSON. Contact Commodore John Kukla at wssccommodore@gmail.com if you have questions about the role —or— if you are able to serve in this capacity.

MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS-letter"

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

1-Jun ....."Evvy" Thomas R
2-Jun .....Frank B
4-Jun .....PC Dick S
7-Jun .....PC John F
8-Jun .....Robert R
11-Jun .....Joseph K
13-Jun .....Amy W
17-Jun .....Ted W
21-Jun .....Jonathan C
23-Jun .....Gina D
26-Jun .....PC Carver D
26-Jun .....Katrina R

WSSC TRADITION: SINGING THE BIRTHDAY SONG at each General Membership Meeting:

This tribute to our Birthday members is sung with GUSTO (you don't even have to sing it in tune) **to the tune of Ta-Ra-Ra-BOOM-De-Ay!**

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

Join our birthday celebrants after the meeting for some tasty birthday cake, compliments of Elliott's Bakery and Coffee Shop in Trenton. (See their ad on the WSSC CorkBoard for location and hours.)

WRIGHT FAMILY "DOES IT ON A TUG" AROUND THE GREAT LOOP!

Our intrepid Loopers had to pull out of the way so this little boat could surface. Wow! "May 22—Current situation.....please pull as far to the shore as you can a submarine is coming up. They have us anchored, big ships with guns are on standby, so I'm guessing soon "

Great Loopers Spring Rendezvous in Norfolk, Virginia where our Loopers got to see old friends, make new ones, and get info for the next section of their route.

FOLLOW THE WRIGHTS AS THEY JOURNEY ALONG AMERICA'S GREAT LOOP ON THEIR FACEBOOK BLOG:

"DOIN' IT ON A TUG"

https://www.facebook.com/Doin-It-on-a-Tug-123531266575969

May 22 at Dungeness Ruins On Cumberland Island, Dungeness, GA

May 28 at Buck Hall, NC

Cap'n Max at the helm
Buck Hall, SC

PAST COMMODORES CORNER

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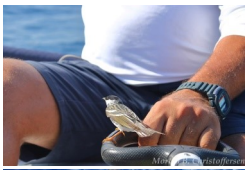
MY MEXICO RACING ADVENTURE

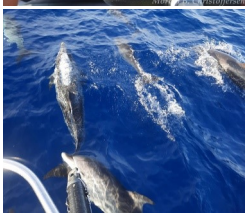
THIS MONTH'S COLUMN IS WRITTEN AND SHARED BY

2007 PAST COMMODORE SUSAN ASHLEY

When I was asked to join the crew of WARRIOR for the Regatta Del Sol al Sol Race from St. Petersburg, FL to Isla Mujeres, Mexico (456 NM across the Gulf of Mexico), I was filled with excitement and gratitude. Months of anticipation, planning, and logistics—the day was here. We started the race on Friday, April 22 at 10AM. As soon as we left the dock, it was clear we were in for a wild ride! We popped the chute and WARRIOR lurched into high gear. We were on a broad reach with our kites up, heading out of Tampa Bay at lighting speed. If our adrenaline wasn't already pumping enough, when we reached the Sky Way bridge, we were met with multiple high powere offshore speedboats. Going through the narrow span of the bridge we were surrounded by boats at top speed—so fast into the waves they were out of the water going 50mph next to us! Once we maneuvered through them as well as their wakes, we began to settle in for our long journey.

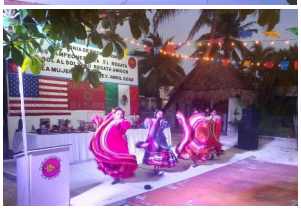
For the remainder of the first day spirits were high as we raced towards Isla Mujeres. The first night came and we found ourselves in 10–12-foot swells with no land in sight. We would not see land for 2.5 more days. We decided to go through the night with three on deck and six sleeping in shifts of three sleeping for a total of six hours. Being so light on deck, we went through the nights with our headsail and main reefed. It was blowing steady at 20 knots the whole race. The force of the waves and wind in the sails was driving the bow of the boat into the water so much that when we turned a flashlight on, the deck was covered in flying fish! We made it through night 1 with no issues, greeting and gathering on deck for day 2.





In the morning, we hoisted the kite for the day, with a full crew on deck to help and continued to cruise at speeds of 10-12 knots. The enormity of the size of the waves really hit when day broke, I have never seen seas that big. We were joined by a little bird that was flying next to us, which was incredibly surprising considering we were 100+ miles from shore. He joined us, after taking a few investigative lands on the boat. We later learned he was a Blackpoll Warbler and was on his journey from North America to the Greater Antilles area when we interrupted his migration. We also saw pods of dolphins with 10-12 in them, as they played and jumped around us. They seemed to enjoy us as much as we did them; it was truly magical. As we enjoyed the day of sun and great wind, night began to fall, and we settled in for another night's rest. We changed back to the jib and began our watch rotation. The sunsets were stunning!

On Sunday morning, we were greeted with a beautiful sunrise and still no land. It is a weird feeling to have been sailing as fast as we were for 2 days and still see nothing but jelly fish, sky, and water. Sail change to the kite at daybreak and we settle in for the day. It was a full-time job driving and trimming the kite, so we were very busy. Those that weren't doing anything had to be in the back of the boat to try and keep us from burying the bow too much. The skipper did a location check, and we discovered we were only 55 miles out on Sunday! Once we reached the current, our speed decreased drastically. We were going 10 knots, but only 4-5 over the ground. The last 50 miles was by far the longest as we seemed to trudge through it for eternity.



As the day progressed, the wind seemed to pick up and we all were very tired of grinding, driving, and holding on with all our might. It was very tiring to move around the boat with the wave action. Spirits were still high and getting higher as we slowly made our way through the current towards our destination. Night fell as we began to see the glow of the island off of our bow.

I was down below navigating through the reefs and shoals as we headed toward the Mexican Navy ship that was on station to finish us. I was given the job of radio communications and navigation for the finish. As I hailed the Navy ship, I was greeted by a man who spoke little to no English. As I fumbled my way through my college Spanish to communicate between the crew and the finish about what to do and where to go, we ended up at the dock after being led by an escort to help us. We were not allowed to get off the boat until the customs and immigration was ready for us, so we did what any sailor at sea for days would do…we all cracked our first beer and waited for permission to officially land in Mexico. Once cleared to get off the boat, we all stumbled off our home-on-the-water. We were wobbly and very tired, but our excitement drowned those feelings out quickly. We grabbed our passports and walked over to the tent set up for immigration. As we waited for our turn to be cleared into the country, we all sat in silence, reflecting on the past few days and what we had accomplished together.

The feeling of accomplishment was followed by a somber feeling, knowing we had just finished one of the biggest challenges in our sailing adventures. This was the greatest adventure of my life thus far, and words don't do it justice for the feelings I felt during the entire experience. We faced challenges, rough seas, forged friendships, and made memories that I will carry with me forever. These 9 people came together from all over the country, some had never met, and sailed 465 nautical miles across the Gulf of Mexico together and became friends as a result.

I will forever be grateful that I was chosen to do this elite event with the best damn group of people I have ever had the pleasure to sail with.

WSSC Family & Friends Photo Fun

Submit your photos to wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com

MAY 2022 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—May 5

Whether you are a "member in good standing" attending virtually or attending in-person, you count in the quorum and voting, so be sure you don't miss a meeting.

We always have an online "host" to assist members in the virtual environment (phone number is in the meeting invite), but you have to get your own drinks. Sorry! ... In-person members can get an assist, too, just raise your hand!

The 50/50 raffle proceeds support our annual Commodore's Ball event. New member Nathan volunteers to don the apron and works the floor. May winner PC Dave chats with Commodore's Ball Chairperson Karen.

May birthday people Lea, Alec, and Chuck are serenaded by club members with a rousing round of The WSSC Birthday Song (it isn't very long). And hostess-with-the-mostess Holly gets busy running birthday cake to hungry club members.

RACING BUOY LAUNCH—MAY 7

(at left) Is that a mighty crew, or a motley crew? No matter—they are a GREAT crew! Thanks for your hard work getting the buoys in the water in plenty of time for the start of racing season.

(at right) Captain Ray (an honorary WSSC member) expertly pilots his mighty workboat ... well, we don't know her name yet, but she's mighty. Thanks, Captain Ray!

One away! Eight more to go!

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ICEBREAKER (LAND) CRUISE PARTY at the Dumke's—May 14

PC Carver and Lady Allison Dumke host the WSSC "Icebreaker" Cruise—a fabulous place and a fabulous day to get out of our winter gear and catch up with friends. *(below)* Chef Gale and hostess Lady Allison discuss tools and techniques for perfect burger flipping.

They're saying "Come play. It's an *EASY* game." Hmmm, I don't know about that. Ryan looks serious, and Holly looks like a "ringer" to me.

That's okay—it's all in good fun at the Icebreaker Cruise.

CRUISING COMMITTEE MEETING—May 28

The WSSC Mother Goose flag tells us "This must be where the Cruising Committee meeting is!" Chairperson and Rear Commodore Anita Bersie-Chabalowski leads the discussion with a hearty bunch of sailors planning southern (Lake Erie) and northern (Lake Huron and beyond) club cruises for this summer. A few more Port Captains are needed and then we're good to go! Thanks to the Cruising Committee for all their hard work. Don't forget to turn in your cruising awards application to our Logmaster PC Kathy Howe by June 10th. (Hey, is there something fishy with that flag?)

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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE to Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Marina and 50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION PICNIC—May 28-29

All Aboard! The waterline slowly disappears as everyone gathers aboard STILL NO AGENDA for the traditional WSSC cruise group photo op.

THE WSSC SONG
written and performed by
2022 Commodore John Kukla
(Sung to the tune of "The Ballad of Gilligan's Isle")

Now sit right down and I'll tell a tale,
A tale of the club we're in.
It started 50 years ago,
I think just on a whim—**I think just on a whim.**

I know there was some drinking done,
They met up in a bar.
I bet those 12 brave sailors never
Thought we'd get so far—**never thought we'd get so far.**

They said "Let's start a Sailing Club,
No power boats allowed."
Well, maybe one or two can join,
In case we run a ground—**in case we run a ground.**

Now, what to call our new-found club,
They pondered though the night,
It wasn't 'till the morning sun, that
They all saw the light
that they all the saw the light.

They looked around them and they saw,
the shore of Great Lake Erie,
and though they were from different ports
They final-ly agreed
they final-ly agreed

The name of our new sailing club Officially shall be:
"The Sailing club On the Western shore,
of The Great Lake named Erie
But that was way too long! so now we're known,
as the "W–S–S–C"! **the "W–S–S–C!"**

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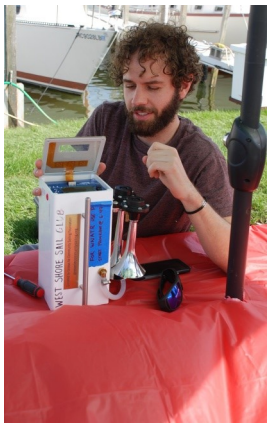
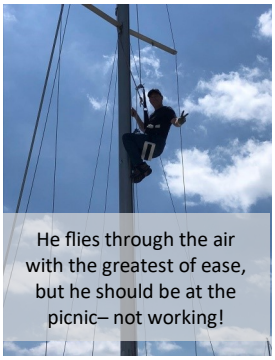
MORE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE!!



"Hey, I found my page!" says member Don Baumgartner. If you don't have a page in the Club "Anniversary" Album yet, make sure you get one from Frank Pavia at our next GMM.



AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS — NEWS & INFORMATION

NEW INFORMATION IS MARKED WITH *

BoatUS/WEST MARINE

Rep. Doug Howe

WSSC remains a co-operating group with BOAT/US. Our membership number is GA81337S. While our members no longer get reduced membership fees, we still can receive discounts 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

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

Upcoming dates:

- Junior Bay Week—July 17-21, Put-in-Bay, Ohio
- Power Regatta—July 27—21, Put-in-Bay, Ohio
- Bay Week Sail Regatta—August 5-7 Put-in-Bay, Ohio
- Fall Meeting—December 2-3, Westlake, Ohio

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON I-LYA CONTACT Kathy Howe at kahowe@wowway.com

* **NEWS FROM I-LYA JUNIOR SAIL PROGRAM:** Thistle Junior Nationals coming to Michigan this summer! The Thistle Class Association and Crescent Sail Yacht Club invite all sailors to attend the 2022 TCA Womens and Junior Nationals June 18-19 in Detroit. They've gone to great lengths to encourage any sailor that wants to sail and are making it very easy to do so. Registration is $20 per boat. You get 2 days of racing, great food through the event and a TCA Junior Membership to the class! You don't have a Thistle--no worries, borrow one of ours (all insured by the Thistle Class)! Get Traveler's Series credit for sailing this event. So put your team of rock star 420 or Laser sailors together and get to Detroit in June to show the class what I-LYA sailing is all about! Contact jjone45@outlook.com. To borrow a boat contact ailnmusic@gmail.com

Registration for Regattas is done on CLUBSPOT. The I-LYA 2022 Traveler's Series Regatta, Junior Championships (PIBYC), I-LYA Opti Champs and US Sailing Area E Bemis/Smythe are registered for on CLUBSPOT. During your first registration for 2022, you will be prompted to Renew your "Membership" to the I-LYA Juniors. This "Membership" is FREE and allows for Series Scoring. A Waiver and Release email will follow your registration from noreply@esignaturees.io. Covering the ALL the sailing events for the season. Please open the email, review the waiver and accept the terms and sign (Parent and Sailor).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON I-LYA 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.

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. 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.

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

* **CANADIAN CUSTOMS UPDATE (AS OF MAY 25):** Canada has announced that they have over 300 ports that are open for entry for people that are fully vacinanted. They recommend pre-populating your information into their new app, arriveCAN. Information can be found at https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/services/arrivecan.html. Ronan (who is the director at Leamington Marina) told Kathy that if you are fully vacinated and free of Covid symptoms, you can "call-in" from the marina - like before Covid. My understanding is that one of the ports not available for entry is the Peele Island West Dock.

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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	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
WSSC CAR CRUISE!	**Feb 10** / Thursday—6:30pm to Monroe Boat Club	Commodore J. Kukla
Race Committee Meeting	**Feb 16**—7:00pm at PC Sims's home (see email for location)	Vice Commodore
MARCH **Special Cruising Comm. Meeting**	Mar 3 / Thursday—6:00pm at WHISKEYS ON THE WATER and on ZOOM	Rear Commodore
MARCH General Membership Meeting	Mar 3 / Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water with "Make Your Anniversary Page" 15 min program (see pg. 6)	Meeting: Commodore Program: (Secretary)
WSSC MARCH 11 CAR CRUISE!	**Mar. 11** / Friday—7 to 9pm—"Fowling" (football & bowling) Fun for the WHOLE family!	Membership Officer A. Kukla
APRIL General Membership Meeting and SWAP MEET	Apr 7 / Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water & ZOOM with "Make Your Anniversary Page" 15-min. program (see pg. 6)	Meeting: Commodore Program: (Activities)
Buoy workshop day	Apr 10 / Sunday—1:00pm at Ford Yacht Club	Vice 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 FYC	Vice Commodore
Icebreaker Land Cruise & Potluck	May 14 Bar-B-Que at Dumkes'	Port Captains PC Kathy & PC Doug Howe
WNATR Skippers Meeting	**May 15** / Sunday—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	May 28-30—to Safe Harbor Toledo Beach **including WSSC 50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION BBQ**	Port Captains PC Lance & Christy Yee
WNATR Spring Series #3	June 1	Fleet Captain-Racing
JUNE General Membership Meeting	Jun 2 / Thursday—7:30 pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Commodore
Cruising Award Registration deadline	Deadline June 10 postmark	PC Kathy Howe
Commodore's Tea Cruise	June 11-12—at Middle Bass Island	Port Captains PC Doug & PC Kathy Howe
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
Northern "Unscripted" Cruise	The "North Cruisers" start about the first week of July	Stay in contact with PC Doug & PC Kathy Howe
WNATR Summer Series #3	Jul 6	Fleet Captain-Racing
JULY General Membership Meeting	(CANCELED) ~~Jul 7 / Thursday—7:30pm~~	Commodore
Weeklong Cruise	July 9-17 (Middle Bass Island, Kelley's Island, Put-In-Bay, Port Clinton, Toledo Yacht Club)	Cruising Committee
WNATR Summer Series #4	Jul 27	Fleet Captain-Racing
AUGUST General Membership Meeting	Aug 4 / 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	August 27-28 (destination TBD)	Port Captain (TBD)
WNATR Fall Series #4	Aug 24	Fleet Captain-Racing

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

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SEPTEMBER General Membership Meeting	Sep 1 / 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	Sep 17-18 (tentative dates)— Monroe Boat Club	Port Captain PC Dan Williamson
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
NOVEMBER General Membership Meeting NOMINATIONS	Nov 3—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Commodore Commodores Committee
Cruising Committee Wrap-Up Meeting	Nov (TBD) / Sunday—1 to 3pm at (location TBD)	Rear Comm. / Fleet Captain Cruising
Race Committee Wrap-Up Meeting	Nov (TBD)—7:00pm at (TBD)	Rear Commodore
DECEMBER General Membership Meeting ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTIONS ❄ Christmas Party ❄	Dec 1 / Thursday—7:30pm at Whiskeys on the Water	Commodore Commodores Committee Party: Activities Chairperson
I-LYA Meeting (Dec. 3rd)	Dec. 2-3 at DoubleTree, Westlake OH	PC Kathy Howe
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.

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Submit your photos to Starboard Tack Editor at wsscstarboardtack@gmail.com. Selected photos will be shared on the "Member Photos" pages in upcoming issues of the Starboard Tack. This month's photos were shared by Ana Kukla, Christy Yee, Amy & Dave Wright, VC Michael Ingrody, & Lea! Thank you all for making the Tack more fun!

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 26	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
Port Huron to Mackinac Race	start Sat Jul 16	Bayview Yacht Club
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

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Thursday and Friday:

Arrival on own. Days are open for individual activities**.** Feel free to take the Sonny S to Put in Bay or visit Walleyes or Hazards restaurants for dinner on own.

Saturday:

1:00 pm – There will be several fun games set up for individual contests. Winners will get unique prizes. Come early and maybe you will be a winner.

3:00 pm – the Commodore's Tea Bucket will be available in the pavilion which has been reserved for WSSC. Each captain is to bring a liquor to add to the bucket. The tradition is to bring open bottles from last year. The port captain will provide the ice and the seven-up mixer to begin the "tea". (**Please Note** -no red or colored additions are allowed.) Tables will be available for snacks and hors d'oeruvres. Toasts will be made to honor the current commodores.

6:00 pm – Grills will be available. Bring your own meat and a dish to pass. A Pot Luck will be held to follow the Commodore's Tea. Bring your own utensils and plates.

Sunday: Departure time is 11:00 am.

Restaurants:

J.F. Walleyes (419-285-2739) *I have been informed that they have opened for the 2022 season)

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NORTH CAPE YACHT CLUB - Lasalle, MI

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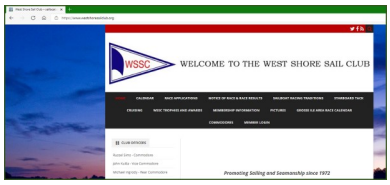

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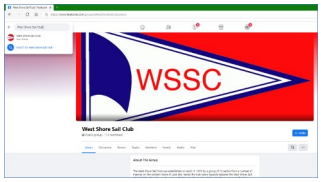

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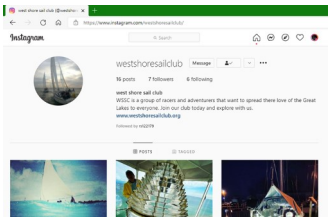

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