

Westlake Yachting Club

“On the Black River”

Lorain, Ohio

Newsletter

April

2008

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING REMINDER

TRUSTEE MEETING
1900 HRS / 7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY APRIL 9, 2008

SPECIAL ELECTIONS MEETING

20:00 HRS / 8:00 P.M.
JACKALOPE'S
301 LAKESIDE AVE
3rd Floor

The Trustees meetings are open to every member of Westlake Yachting Club. All members are encouraged to attend.

2008 Officers & Trustee's

Commodore: Bob Sefcovic

V/Commodore: Keith Chafer

R/Commodore: Mike Pollock

Treasurer: Bobby Rhodes

Secretary: Joyce Rhodes

Trustee's:

Kevin Boggs
Ray Cull
Robert Coffman
Joey Gary
Ken Klein

Commodore – Robert Sefcovic

Ahoy All,

First of all let me thank all who attended the Commodores Ball. If I may say, a good time was had by all. I tried to interject a little humor with a small sprig of mistletoe, as well as my own personal performance of “Humpty Dumpty”.

At the March meeting, the By-laws were passed pending a few spelling and wording corrections. I would advise that everyone take a few minutes and read them. There are changes that may be of interest. One in particular concerns the Deck and Wheelhouse membership. Spitzer would pay a paltry amount, which granted any Spitzer docker the same privileges as an Associate Member or a Social Member. We found this to be unfair to those who pay to belong, and chose to eliminate this category. The Lease Committee has requested that Spitzer comply, they in turn, have done so. Our Lease is ready to be signed and details will be forthcoming.

No details are available as yet regarding the Wheelhouse opening. Watch your E-mail for times and dates.

Last year P/C McKee reported on an incident that had required an on water tow. According to Rich, they found out that basic towing insurance doesn't provide much. This year, at the boat show, I noticed the price to renew with unlimited towing coverage was very reasonable. In fact it was only about forty percent of what it used to be. A word to the wise should be sufficient and I have faith that our members are wise beyond their years.

Robert Sefcovic

Commodore

Vice Commodore – Keith Chafer

The Wheelhouse will be opening in April, as we have in the past. The date will be posted on our website for cleanup and getting ready for the 2008 season.

Also, the committee members are working on our Calendar of Events and when compiled, they will be posted also on our website.

V/C Keith Chafer

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2008

Finance Committee

V/C Keith Chafer
R/C Michael Pollock
Bobby Rhodes, Treas.
Joyce Rhodes, Sec.
Levin Boggs, Trustee
Pat Swagger

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R/C Michael Pollock
Bobby Rhodes, Treas.
Joyce Rhodes, Sec.
Burt Bruehler
Kevin Boggs
Ray Cull
Robert Coffman
Joey Gary
Ken Klein

Hospitality

Sue Taylor

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Ken Klein, Trustee
Ray Cull, Trustee

Membership Committee

R/C Michael Pollock
V/C Keith Chafer
Kevin Boggs, Trustee
Richard Hartman

Ways and Means

Nan Kubera
Barb Sefcovic

Entertainment

R/C Michael Pollock
Kevin Boggs, Trustee
Teri Wysocki, Mgr.

Fleet Captains

Roger Kubera – Power
William Arnett – Sail

Newsletter

Beverly Sams

Rear Commodore – Michael Pollock

I hope everyone who attended the commodore's ball had a good time. I would like to thank Bob and Barb Sefcovic for putting on a great event. I didn't realize I would be able to call on our new commodore for entertainment at the Wheelhouse, but after attending the Commodore's Ball, I think he would do a great job as a stand up comedian.

I would like to invite all members to visit us at the Spring I-LYA meeting being held April 4, 2008 at the Holiday Inn, Westlake, OH. We will have a hospitality room set up with LYSC. Please consider attending, it is fun to meet and enjoy the company of other boaters in our area. We are considering a theme again for the hospitality room, since the island theme made our room in November so festive. If you need details about it you can go on our website and click on the ILYA tab for more information. Any theme suggestions forward to proautotruck@yahoo.com.

I encourage each one of us to talk to potential new members about what a great club we have and bring them down as guests. The more we increase membership the stronger our club will be.

I will see you all soon at the Wheelhouse, THINK SPRING, as I hope we will be slipping boats soon.

Michael Pollock
Rear Commodore

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We have Tee shirts, golf shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, polo shirts, tank tops, hats, visors, tote bags, mugs, koozies and youth apparel. There are several "NEW" items in stock. If you want something in a different size or color or with something special on it - like your name or boat name, it can be ordered, just contact Nan Kubera 440- 823-3364 or Barb Sefcovic at 330-656-3272. All special orders need 50% down. Items in stock can be purchased from Nan Kubera, Barb Sefcovic or see any board member.

Put-in-Bay JET-EXPRESS 2008 Trip – P/C Beverly Sams

Don't Miss the Boat

The Put-In-Bay Jet-Express trip is scheduled for October 4, 2008. The price will be \$55.00 per person and it's a first come first serve on the tickets. We will be pre-selling a limited amount and when they are gone they are gone.

Everyone who said, they wished they had gone, now is your chance. Tickets are now on sale and will be on sale at the Wheelhouse in the spring. Don't be left at the dock get your tickets early. It's a perfect Fall Cruise, Club Function, Anniversary or Birthday gift!

Contact information: 440-324-6288 or bsams@midviewinternet.com

GCBA/ILYA

Rich McKee

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Interested in helping out on any of these committees? Then contact the appropriate V/C or R/C.

House & Grounds, Finance, Hospitality (coffee & drinks for cruises), Dinghy Poker Run

Contact: V/C Keith Chafer
kchafer@spirax.com
440-244-4392

Membership, Entertainment, Sail Cruises, Power Cruises, Blessing of the Fleet, Parade of Lights, Waterway Cleanup, Steak Fry, Clam Bake

Contact: R/C Michael Pollock
ProAutoTruck@yahoo.com
440-323-4468

GCBA/ILYA DELEGATE

Please contact Rich McKee for any GCBA/ILYA related issues at captmac@roadrunner.com or 419-797-0019.

WYC DIRECTORY

Mail changes to WYC, P.O. Box 3003, Lorain, OH 44052 or email Joyce Rhodes, Secretary at jaye@kellnet.com.

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Barb Sefcovic at 330-656-3272 or Nan Kubera at 440-835-1225 or nkubera@verafast.com

PICTURE'S NEEDED!!

We are asking that anyone who has taken pictures at our event's please copy them to a disk or email them to:

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Membership Benefits:

BoatUS Membership Discount

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Voting Rights

5% Discount off dockage at Spitzer's

Wheelhouse Privileges

WYC Cruises

WYC Events

Members Room Privileges

WYC Newsletter

WYC Members Directory

WYC By-Laws

Lots of FUN!!!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thoughts & Prayers go out to:
Rich McKee

If you know of a member that needs our thoughts and prayers please notify a flag officer or the Newsletter Editor.

MEMBERS ONLY ADVERTISING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members are invited to advertise items or place announcements in the "For the Good of the Order" section of this newsletter at any time, free of charge. Please submit advertisement or announcement to the editor. See next page for contact information.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Articles are **due by 20th** of the month. Please email to Commodore Beverly Sams at: bsams@midviewinternet.com

BOAT CRUISES! BOAT CRUISES!!

Only a few short months away to sunny weather, good times, good friends and Boating Season. Three 2008 boat cruises have been booked.

Huron Boat Basin - June 13 -14 - This is the Oldies Fest and we will also hook up with Point Yacht Club to share this fun time again.

Kelly's Island, Seaway Marina - July 18-19

Cedar Point Marina - August 15-16

You need to call and make your own reservations for this one 888 CP DOCKS (273-6257) We will once again host our now famous Bloody Mary Party with Point Yacht Club.

There are a limited number of docks reserved for each cruise so get your reservation in quickly and not miss any of the fun.

Roger Kubera
Fleet Captain



Sail Fleet Captain

Well the snow is melting (most places) the days are getting longer, and the temps are getting warmer. Do you think spring is on the way?

For everyone that didn't make it to the commodores ball "**boy did you miss a good time**" Sawmill Creek Resort is a fantastic place. Congratulations to Bob and the rest of the bridge.

Now to all the sailboat members (and power boat members also), **What would you like to do this summer? How about a BBQ or some other type of get together?**

I realize that cruising some place for a weekend on a sailboat doesn't fit into everyone's schedule so, maybe we need to try something else.

Let's try to do something together as a group.

You can E-mail me your suggestions at plumcrazytoo@sbcglobal.net and we'll make something happen.

Hope to see you in the boat yard soon.
Sail Fleet Captain Bill Arnett



It's time to start thinking about getting your boats ready, for this years boating season.

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From the Secretary & Treasurer

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Commodore Sefcovic and Lady Barb for the fantastic job they did on this year's Commodore's Ball. This is the first time it has ever been held at Sawmill Creek in Huron and everything was perfect. The Hospitality room was one of the best ever. We know that Commodore Sefcovic and Lady Barb worked very hard to make this event special and they certainly succeeded. It was great to see so many members in attendance along with some very special guests. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be a part of this event.

Treasurer Rhodes
Secretary Rhodes

Life Jacket Rules by The Army corps of Engineers

The Army Corps of Engineers has jurisdiction over Lake Erie and other lakes and streams in Ohio along with a total of 456 waterways in 42 other states. They are working on a plan to make the use of life jackets mandatory for all boaters on their waters. The incentive for moving in this direction is concern over a lack of improvement in water related fatalities in the last few years in spite of continuing safety education by organizations like United States Power Squadrons, Ohio Division of Natural Resources ,Watercraft Division, United States Coast Guard, etc.

At present the Corps is studying existing state laws, the ability to enforce them, and just how effective safety education has or has not been. Creating a federal standard for life jackets would mean a change in Title 36 of the federal regulations. A period for public comment would be required before this could be implemented for the whole United States. However, if any one of the 38 corps districts decided to make this a requirement for all boaters in their own geographic district they could do it by only signing a statement to that effect. No public comment period would be required.

The O.D.N.R. (Ohio Division of Natural Resources) – Watercraft Division and BoatUS. will publish further information on this subject. For further updates check O.D.N.R. or BoatUS websites.

Submitted by: P/C Beverly Sams



**Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club and
Westlake Yachting Club
are sponsoring
A Spaghetti Dinner *Fundraiser*
To benefit the
LSYC Junior Sailing Program**



When: Saturday, April 26, 2008

Where: Westlake Yachting Club
Wheelhouse
485 California Ave.
(HarborWalk – Spitzer Riverside)

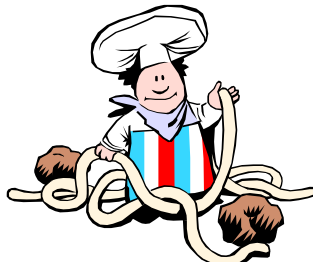
Serving Time: 6:00PM - 9:00PM

Cost: \$10.00 Adults
\$5.00 Kids

MUSIC AND DANCING!

Prizes raffled all evening!
Silent Auction!

All proceeds go to the Junior Sailing Program
(We need to raise \$1000.00 to buy an Opti!)



RSVP to lynn.ensinger@jenningscenter.org before April 18, 2008, Walk-ins are welcome!!

Preventive Maintenance

You know the saying – an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. However, even the best maintained engines will show the tell tale signs of age and hard labor. Hydraulic leaks from steering cables, drips from the last oil change, or fuel from leaky fittings can all be a potential problem for the boater and the environment. Here are a few tips to take help make boat work *and* the environment a little cleaner.

Changing Engine Oil and Other Fluids

Changing engine oil, checking fluid levels and routine inspections are the best way to keep your machinery running smoothly. Refer to your manual for recommended intervals for changing the fluids that help keep your boat running in tip top condition.

“Clean” Tips for Changing Oil:

- Use a self-contained spill-proof oil extractor to remove fluids. Manual and electric pumps can be found at most marine retail supply stores.
- Temporarily disable your bilge pump so that it doesn't cycle on in the case of a spill.
- Use an oil-only absorbent pad under the engine and in the bilge to absorb spills.
- Place a plastic bag around the filter before removing to catch drips.
- Top off your fluids, wipe up any spills, and reconnect your bilge pump.
- [Recycle](#) your filter and used oil at a recycling location and [dispose](#) of used absorbent pads and rags properly.

Changing Fuel Filters

Inspecting and changing fuel filters should be part of your routine maintenance plan. Unfortunately, fuel can become contaminated or can separate and clog filters if it sits in a fuel tank for too long. ***Changing your fuel filter is especially important if you boat in an area that has recently switched to ethanol formulated gasoline.*** Ethanol has a tendency to clean out fuel systems, resulting in the need to change your fuel filter more frequently with the first few tanks of ethanol formulated fuel.

Changing spin-on or in-line primary fuel filters is relatively easy. However, changing some secondary filters (the one that tends to be mounted out of the way or internally in the engine) can be more difficult than your Average oil change and tends to be overlooked by many do-it-yourselfers. When it doubt, refer to your engine manual or let a professional handle it. Proper fuel flow and filtration is essential to smooth operation.

“Clean” Tips for Changing Fuel Filters:

- Clean off any dirt from around the old filter and filter housing.
- Temporarily disable your bilge pump so that it doesn't cycle in the case of a spill.
- Use an oil-only absorbent pad under the engine and in the bilge to absorb spills.
- Use a bucket or cut the top off of a plastic soda bottle to catch fuel overflow.
- Empty the bowl into the bucket and dispose of in a waste fuel bin at your marina.
- Clean the bowl or housing with an oil-only absorbent rag before replacing element.
- Lubricate “O” rings and prime the filter and fuel line as necessary.

April 2008

April 9	Trustee's Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Jackalopes
	Special Elections Meeting – General Membership - 8:00 p.m.
	Trustee Vacancy – Nominations from the Floor 2 year term
April ?	Wheelhouse Cleanup – Date to be posted on website
April ?	Wheelhouse Opening – Date to be posted on website
April 26	LSYC & WYC sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner – Wheelhouse see insert