



Westlake Yachting Club

"On the Black River"

Lorain, Ohio

Newsletter

April

2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING REMINDER

WYC's Monthly Meeting
Next meeting: April 13
at 7:00 PM
Location:

Wheelhouse

The Monthly meetings are open to all members of Westlake Yachting Club. Members are encouraged to attend.

2016 Officers & Trustee's

Commodore: Capt Jeff Robb

Vice Commodore: Rick Case

Rear Commodore: Capt Bill Robb

Treasurer: Bobby Rhodes

Secretary: Joyce Rhodes

Trustee's:

Ray Cogdell

Capt. Tim Brunk

Kristy Cain

John Sinclair

Chrissy Harrison

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FOR 2016

Finance Committee

Bobby Rhodes

P/C Bev Sams

House & Grounds

P/C Bev Sams Rick Case

Joyce Rhodes Connie Robb

Bobby Rhodes Kristy Cain

John Sinclair

Joann Sinclair

Commodore – Capt. Jeff Robb

Well, it looks like we made it again... It's April 2016 and the nasty cold and snowy season hopefully is behind us even though winter is giving us one last reminder that we live in Ohio. I can't speak for all of you but although this winter was light on snow, it just seemed to be extremely long and unforgiving. Now we can all look ahead to the warm sunny days with the great Wheelhouse food, friendships, and club activities. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining me for this year's Commodore's Ball on Saturday April 30 with the pre party on Friday night. It will be at the Double Tree Hilton on Crocker Rd. (the old Holiday Inn).

Thanks to your dedicated committees, the budget is set, the 2016 Calendar of Events and activities has been completed and the events are in the planning stage. We had some great input and suggestions from all in attendance. That's what a Club meeting is all about.

Good news, Good news, Good news, the **Wheelhouse Cleanup has been completed** and we are scheduled to be open Friday, April 8th – Hope to see you there.

Vice Commodore – Rick Case

No article submitted.

Rear Commodore - Capt. Bill Robb

By the time you read this – covers will be coming off our beloved boats and spring pre-launch work will be starting. It's about time!

Not complaining! It's been a phenomenal winter!

Your board has been working to make 2016 a GREAT year for the club! We recently completed our "new member" letter inviting all dockers to visit the WYC and consider joining our club. We're working hard to make sure we continue to have a great member base.

Grievance

Hospitality

Capt. Tim Brunk

By-Laws

Membership Committee

Kristy Cain

Rick Cain

Ways and Means

Nancy Case

Entertainment

Bobby Rhodes

Joyce Rhodes

P/C Bev Sams

Connie Robb

Fleet Captain

Capt. Tim Brunk

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Interested in helping out on any of these committees? Please contact Commodore Robb, Vice Commodore Case or Secretary Rhodes.

GCBA/ILYA DELEGATE

V/C Rick Case

WYC DIRECTORY

Mail changes to WYC, P.O. Box 3003, Lorain, OH 44052 or email Joyce Rhodes, secretary@westlakeyachtingclub.com

PICTURE'S NEEDED FOR WEBSITE!!

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

webmaster@westlakeyachtingclub.com

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Sinclair has agreed to form a group to restore the deck for another season of fun and fellowship! Please offer your help if you can. The deck and tables will need a lot of work!

As always – we can't have a great club without YOUR help!

FLEET CAPTAIN:

Cruises for this year are set as follows:

June 9-12 Huron Boat Basin

July 15-17 Kelley's Island

Sept. 2-5 Edgewater Yacht Club – Please note they have changed rates to \$2.00 per foot and no free night.

Cruise applications are available on our website.

WAYS & MEANS

If you are interested in some clothing, jackets, or hats with of any color and with WYC, your name or boat name, it can be ordered.

NOTE: All regular & special orders need 50% down.

You can now see some selections at Lake Screen Printing in Lorain.

Contact Nancy Case for catalog and orders.

MEMBERSHIP:

WHEELHOUSE NEWS:

Wheelhouse will be open on Friday April 8th at 4pm with drinks and a limited menu. We will be open Fridays and Saturdays only until our Grand Opening on May 7th with the Kentucky Derby party. Full menu will be available at that time.

Normal hours will resume on Wednesday May 11th.

Wed. – Fri. Open 4pm till 1am

Sat. – Open 11am till 1am

Sun. – Breakfast only from 9am – 1pm

Salad Bar on Friday and Saturday only – Salad Bar closed at 9pm

As always hours may change due to the crowd! If you are planning on bringing a large party in late at night, please check with Teri.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Articles are **due by 20th** of the month. If you are interested in adding something to the newsletter please email it to secretary@westlakeyachtingclub.com. Any member can put an article in our Newsletter. It would be great to hear from you.

BUSINESS CARD ADVERTISEMENTS

Members with businesses can advertise in the WYC Newsletter for 12 months at \$25.00 a year. If your business would be interested in submitting a business card advertisement, please submit in jpeg format and email to Joyce Rhodes. Send check payable to Westlake Yachting Club, P.O. Box 3003, Lorain, OH 4403. Your advertisement will not be put in newsletter until payment is received.

Don't forget your *Active Membership Benefits:*

Boat US Membership Discount Code # GA81748Y
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WYC Events
Members Room Privileges
Newsletter
Members Directory
By-Laws
Lots of FUN!!!

CLASSIFIEDS:

Contact secretary@westlakeyachtingclub.com to place your ad.

A MESSAGE FROM BOATUS

Boat US Fire Facts: Claim Files Show Six Ways Boat Fires Happen

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 10, 2016 -- Fire ranks number five among all boat losses according to the Boat US Marine Insurance Program claims files. Dig a little a deeper, and those claims files also tell you the six specific areas that lead to most reported boat fires. If every boater paid attention to these six things, over a third of all fires aboard boats would be prevented. So what are the top six ways boat fires happen, and some lessons to take home?

26% of fires are due to "Off-the-boat" sources: Over a quarter of the time, a Boat US member's boat burns when something else goes up in flames – the boat next to theirs, the marina, their garage, or even a neighbor's house. It's every boater's responsibility to prevent fires, but when all else fails, having a good [boat insurance](#) policy is the last backstop.

20% of fires are due to "Engine Electrical": For boats older than 25 years, old wiring harnesses take a disproportionate chunk of the blame here. A good electrical technician can put one together for you as most boats of this age had relatively simple electrical systems.

15% of fires are due to "Other DC Electrical": The most common cause of battery-related fires is faulty installation of batteries - reversing the positive and negative cables or misconnecting them in series (when they should be in parallel). So take a picture. Label the cables. Use red fingernail polish to mark the positive lug. By gosh do everything to hook it up right the first time.

12% of fires are due to “AC Electrical”: Most AC electrical fires start between the shore power pedestal and the boat’s shore power inlet. Inspecting the shore power cord routinely (connector ends especially) and for boats older than 10 years, inspecting or replacing the boat’s shore power inlet, could prove wise.

9% of fires are due to “Other Engine”: This one is all about when an engine overheats due to blocked raw water intake or mangled impeller, the latter of which can also happen after experiencing a grounding or running in mucky waters. Be sure to check the engine compartment after getting underway and replace impeller every other year.

8% of fires are due to “Batteries”: This fire fact is for the outboard folks to pay attention to. On older outboards, by far the most common cause of fires is the voltage regulator. At 10 years of age, failure rates on these important electrical components begin to climb. Once it hits 15 years old, it’s time to replace.

Does your boat insurance cover boat fires? Get a free boat insurance check up and quote by calling the Boat US Marine Insurance Program experts at 800-283-2883. Or get an online quote at BoatUS.com/insurance.

Suggested [Tweet](#):

Boat US Fire Facts from the marine insurance claim files show six major ways boat fires happen and how to prevent <http://goo.gl/cm0F1e> #Boat US

Suggested [Facebook](#) post:

Fire ranks number five among all boat losses according to the Boat US Marine Insurance Program claims files. Dig a little a deeper, and those claims files also tell you the six specific areas that lead to most reported boat fires, and what you can do to prevent one from starting. More at <http://goo.gl/cm0F1e>.

About Boat Owners Association of The United States (Boat US):

Celebrating 50 years in 2016, Boat US is the nation’s largest organization of recreational boaters with over a half million members. We are the boat owners’ voice on Capitol Hill and fight for their rights. We help ensure a roadside breakdown doesn’t end a boating or fishing trip before it begins, and on the water, we bring boaters safely back to the launch ramp or dock when their boat won’t, day or night. The Boat US Insurance Program gives boat owners the specialized coverage and superior service they need, and we help keep boaters safe and our waters clean with assistance from the non-profit Boat US Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water. Visit BoatUS.com.



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