



Westlake Yachting Club

“On the Black River”

Lorain, Ohio

Newsletter

April

2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING REMINDER

WYC's Monthly Meeting
Next meeting: April 11
at 7:00 PM
Location: Wheelhouse

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

2018 Officers & Trustee's

Commodore: Capt Bill Robb

Vice Commodore: Capt Tim Brunk

Rear Commodore: Kevin Welch

Treasurer: Bobby Rhodes

Secretary: Joyce Rhodes

Trustee's:

Ray Cogdell

Amy Brunk

Kevin Welch

Rick Case

Chuck Barth

Ed Rico

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2018

Finance Committee

Tim Brunk

Bobby Rhodes

Rick Case

House & Grounds

Bill & Connie Robb

Tim Brunk

Kevin Welch

Bobby & Joyce Rhodes

Bill & Libby Landers

Chuck Barth

Ed Rico

Commodore – Capt. Bill Robb

Hi, all!

As I write this – winter is still hanging in there! It doesn't look like we'll be able to touch our beloved boats for a while yet.

Water is being turned on and the furnace is re-lit at the Wheelhouse.

Our annual “Wheelhouse Clean-up” was Saturday. We could not have had a better group working this event! Over a dozen members showed up – and made all the dusting, vacuuming, sweeping, cleaning, and sanitizing go easier. To please the Board of Health – all eating surfaces must be cleaned & sanitized – and we accomplished that! A GREAT day!

Committees are formed and ready to go to get us through 2018.

PLEASE consider helping out! You can contact ANY bridge member about serving.

We're looking forward to a GREAT year!

Captain Bill Robb

Commodore

Vice Commodore – Capt. Tim Brunk

I would like to thank the many members that helped get the Wheelhouse ready to open. We had a great turnout and everyone did a fantastic job!

The Wheelhouse opens on Friday April 6th and will be open weekends only until the grand opening in May. We have a new chef this year and we are looking forward to some great things coming out of the kitchen.

Captain Tim Brunk

Vice Commodore

Grievance

Hospitality

Amy Brunk

By-Laws

Membership Committee

Kevin Welch
Bill & Libby Landers
Ed Rico

Ways and Means

Nancy Case

Entertainment

Tim & Amy Brunk
Bill & Connie Robb
Kevin Welch
Bill & Libby Landers
Bobby & Joyce Rhodes
Chuck Barth
Ed & Chris Rico

Fleet Captain

Amy Brunk

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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

GCBA/ILYA DELEGATE

Tim Brunk
Kevin Welch

WYC DIRECTORY

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rear Commodore –

WINTER IS OVER - HELLO SPRING - WE'VE MADE IT - BEGINNING 2018 SEASON!

The marina is bustling with activity, docks being repositioned, the Herons are back, boats are coming out of hibernation, boat wrap and tarps off uncovering our gems. Here we go.

During the last monthly meeting, the topic of expiration date on our membership card was brought to the forefront, i.e.: expires December 2017.

Spending time in warmer latitudes, after the first of the year, before the new cards were issued, a member tried visiting a yacht club and was asked to present a current yacht club membership card. Upon doing so, they noticed an expired card.

To that end, the Board is changing the current expiration date on the cards to reflect APRIL 30, 2019. Moving forward the annual card will be good from MAY 1, 2019, expiring APRIL 30, 2020, and so on.

This is to cover the gap of members visiting other clubs during our off season with a more favorable outcome.

The Club Dues will still be due January 1, 2019, and if not paid by March 1, 2019, late fee will apply.

The "WHEELHOUSE CREW" is still looking for volunteers to assist during peak times and functions. Convey your interest to Terri and training times will be forthcoming.

See you on the hard and in the Wheelhouse for refreshments.

Calm Seas and Blue Skies!

Kevin Welch
Rear Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN - Amy Brunk:

Our Fleet Trip for Huron Boat Basin has been confirmed for June 7th through June 10th. We would like to do a catered lunch as we did last year, so when completing the registration – please indicate how many for lunch. I will have a more detail with regard to the menu as well as cost to follow- but it has always been well received and decently priced. More details to follow upon completion of the calendar.

Save the date and note the location changes for Kelley's Island Trip--- Please be advised our annual Kelley's Island trip has been scheduled to the Weekend of July 20th. We will also be staying at Portside downtown. I have reserved dockage to accommodate 10 boats---but each boat must call and make a formal reservation under our group- PRIOR to the trip.

We are going to try to go to Olde River Yacht Club and the Air Show again this year. Date will be Aug. 31 through Sept. 3.

WAYS & MEANS

If you are interested in some clothing with the WYC logo and/or 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:

Welcome new Active member David & Sandy Burgess

WHEELHOUSE NEWS – CLUB EVENTS:

Apr. 6 Wheelhouse opens 4pm Friday and Saturday only

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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Wheelhouse Privileges

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WYC Events

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Newsletter, By-Laws

CLASSIFIEDS:

Got something to sell? Post it in your Newsletter!

Contact secretary@westlakeyachtingclub.com to place your ad.

A MESSAGE FROM BOATUS



BoatUS Spring Commissioning Checklist

ALEXANDRIA, Va, March 27, 2018 — With boatyards, backyards, marinas, and clubs now coming to life, spring commissioning time has arrived. Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has a [Spring Commissioning Checklist](#) to help boaters start the season right:

Before You Launch:

1. Hose clamps should be inspected and replaced as necessary. Double clamp below-waterline connections, including all hose and fuel lines with marine-rated stainless hose clamps and keeping sea cocks closed when you are away are wise moves.
2. Inspect cooling hoses for stiffness, rot, leaks and cracking. Make sure they fit snugly.
3. Replace deteriorated sacrificial anodes.
4. Inspect prop(s) for dings, pitting and distortion. Make sure cotter pins are secure. Grip the prop and try moving the shaft – if it's loose, the cutless bearing (on inboard drive systems) may need to be replaced.
5. Check the rudderstock to ensure it hasn't been bent.
6. Inspect the hull for blisters, distortions and stress cracks.
7. Make sure your engine intake sea strainer is not cracked or bent from ice, free of corrosion, and is clean and properly secured.
8. With inboards, check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for looseness. A stuffing box should only leak when the prop shaft is turning and needs to be inspected routinely.
9. Inspect and lubricate sea cocks.
10. Use a garden hose to check for deck leaks at ports and hatches. Renew caulk or gaskets as necessary.
11. Inspect bilge pump and float switch to make sure they're working properly.
12. Check stove and remote tanks for loose fittings and leaking hoses.
13. Inspect dock and anchor lines for chafing.
14. If equipped, ensure that the stern drain plug is installed
15. After the boat is launched, be sure to check all thru-hulls for leaks.

Engine Outdrives and Outboards:

1. Inspect rubber outdrive bellows for cracked, dried and/or deteriorated spots (look especially in the folds) and replace if suspect.
2. Check power steering and power trim oil levels.
3. Replace anodes that are more than half worn away.
4. Inspect outer jacket of control cables. Cracks or swelling indicate corrosion and mean that the cable must be replaced.

Engines and Fuel Systems:

1. Inspect fuel lines, including fill and vent hoses, for softness, brittleness or cracking. Check all joints for leaks, and make sure all lines are well supported with noncombustible clips or straps with smooth edges.
2. Inspect fuel tanks, fuel pumps and filters for leaks. Ensure portable tanks and lines are completely drained of stale fuel before filling with new fuel. Clamps should be snug and free of rust. Clean or replace fuel filters.
3. Every few years, remove and inspect exhaust manifolds for corrosion.
4. Charge battery. Clean and tighten electrical connections, especially both ends of battery cables. Wire-brush battery terminals and fill cells

- with distilled water (if applicable).
5. Inspect bilge blower hose for leaks.

Sailboat Rigging:

1. Inspect swage fittings for cracks and heavy rust (some discoloration is acceptable). Inspect wire halyards and running backstays for “fishhooks” and rust.
2. Remove tape on turnbuckles and lubricate threads, preferably with Teflon. Replace old tape with fresh tape.
3. If you suspect the core around a chain plate is damp, remove the chain plate to inspect and make repairs.

Trailers:

1. Inspect tire treads and sidewalls for cracks or lack of tread and replace as necessary. Check air pressure — don't forget the spare.
2. Inspect wheel bearings and repack as necessary.
3. Test all lights and winch to make sure they're working properly. Inspect hitch chains.
4. Inspect trailer frame for rust. Sand and paint to prevent further deterioration.
5. Inspect brakes and brake fluid reservoir.

Safety:

1. Check expiration dates on flares. Inspect fire extinguishers. Replace if over 12 years old. Over 40 million Kidde extinguishers with plastic handles were [recalled](#) on Nov. 2, 2017.
2. Make sure you have properly sized and wearable life jackets in good condition for each passenger, including kids. Check inflatable life jacket cylinders.
3. Test smoke, carbon monoxide, fume and bilge alarms.
4. Check running lights and spare bulb inventory.
5. Update paper charts, chart plotter software.
6. Replenish first aid kit items that may have been used last season.
7. Be sure to get a free vessel safety check from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary or US Power Squadrons. Find out more at [SafetySeal.net](#).

For the Dock:

1. Check both ends of the shore power cable connections for burns, which indicate the cable and/or boat's shore power inlet or the dock's receptacle must be replaced.
2. Test ground-fault protection on your boat and private dock, and know how to prevent [Electric Shock Drowning](#).

The Paperwork:

1. Make sure your boat registration is up to date. Don't forget your trailer tags.
2. Review your [boat insurance](#) policy and update coverage if needed. Provide a copy to your marina or club.
3. If applicable, ensure your BoatUS Towing Membership is in good standing. Log in to [BoatUS.com/Account](#) to check your membership status or join at [BoatUS.com](#).



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