

# *Westlake Yachting Club*

*“On the Black River”*

*Lorain, Ohio*

**Newsletter**  
**December**  
**2008**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETING REMINDER

***WYC Trustees Meeting***  
***December 10, at 6:30 PM***  
***Special General Membership***  
***Meeting at 7:30 PM***  
***Location: LSYC Club House***

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:

Robert Hilko      Pat Swagger  
Ray Cull            Joey Gary  
Robert Coffman    Ken Klein



## **Commodore – Robert Sefcovic**

Ahoy All,

The year is nearly at an end and so is my term as Commodore. I wish the incoming Bridge all the success in the world. In retrospect I think we made strides in the right direction, however I wish we could have accomplished more.

We were blessed with many donations of time and money. These donations enabled an extensive renovation to the Wheelhouse, as well as improvements in ventilation and air circulation. We also epoxied the floor in the back room. This all came about without one nickel of club funds. To those who gave their time, material, and or labor. I thank you.

Robert Sefcovic  
Commodore

## **Vice Commodore – Keith Chafer**

Well the last Wheelhouse function of the year was fun and everyone seemed to have a great time at the Halloween night. Congratulations to all who held a lucky winning ticket for the Grand Raffle drawing.

Thank you to everyone who helped in the Wheelhouse clean-up and winterization the following week. Everything went well and sadly the Wheelhouse is now closed until next season.

Financially, our club did much better this year, than in recent past years, and I'm confident that the board will continue to ensure that we keep good control of our finances. One thing we need is for more members to utilize the Wheelhouse, when it is open, and the relevant committees are having a meeting to discuss how we can encourage that to occur.

The next monthly meeting is on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December and will be a General Membership Meeting. This year we are having our Christmas gathering on a different day, it will be on the following Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, at Jim and Carol Forbergers'. Please try and attend the meeting, members are welcome to attend any Trustee Meeting, as well as the party, and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Have a Great Winter and try and stay warm.  
V/C Keith Chafer

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
**FOR 2008**

**Finance Committee**

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

**House & Grounds**

V/C Keith Chafer  
R/C Michael Pollock  
Bobby Rhodes, Treas.  
Joyce Rhodes, Sec.  
Burt Bruehler

**Grievance**

R/C Michael Pollock

**Hospitality**

Sue Taylor

**By-Laws**

V/C Keith Chafer  
Ken Klein, Trustee  
Ray Cull, Trustee

**Membership Committee**

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

**Ways and Means**

Kay Neubert

**Entertainment**

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

**Fleet Captains**

P/C Roger Kubera – Power  
William Arnett – Sail

**Newsletter**

P/C Beverly Sams

**GCBA/ILYA**

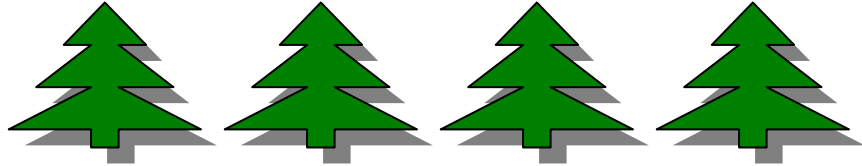
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**Rear Commodore – Michael Pollock – no report submitted**

**WYC Members Christmas Gathering December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30pm - ??? at Jim & Carol Forbergers**

**Hope to see you there !!!!**



**WAYS & MEANS Order your Christmas Gifts Now!**

We have a limited supply of tee shirts, golf shirts, sweatshirts, polo shirts, tank tops, hats, visors, tote bags, mugs, koozies and youth apparel. Also in stock we have our WYC lapel pins and WYC necklace charm.

If you want something in a different size, color or with something special on it, like your name or boat name, it can be ordered, just contact Kay Neubert at 216-570-7954.

NOTE: All regular & special orders need 50% down. Items in stock can be purchased from Kay Neubert, Teri at the Wheelhouse or see any board member.

**Corrected 2008 Silent Auction List of Donors**

Jim & Heidi Andrews (Jackalopes)	Ken Klein
Bill & Sandy Arnett	Roger & Nan Kubera
Greg & Tina Barricklow (Express Marine)	Marge Lucas (Studio 8)
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Larry Campana (Quaker Steak & Lube)	Mike & Teresa Pollock (Pro Auto & Truck)
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De Luca's Place in the Park	Jim & Beverly Sams
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Great Lakes Auto & Marine	Jason & Holly Smith
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Norm Heppner	Richard & Susan Taylor
Bob Hilko & Kay Neubert	Bill & Mona True
Vicky Hilko-Wilson (Victoria's Loft)	West Marine
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We apologize, if we have left anyone off the above list.

## **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, Steak Fry, Clam Bake

Contact: R/C Michael Pollock  
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## **GCBA/ILYA DELEGATE**

Please contact P/C Rich McKee for any GCBA/ILYA related issues at [captmac@roadrunner.com](mailto: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](mailto:jaye@kellnet.com).

## **WAYS & MEANS**

Kay Neubert at 216-570-7954.

## **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](mailto:webmaster@westlakeyachtingclub.com)



## **BOAT CRUISES! BOAT CRUISES!!**

### **2009 WYC CRUISES**

Our Fleet Captains are now in the process of setting up next years cruises. If you have any suggestions please don't hesitate to contact them. We're waiting on confirmation and will keep you posted.

Roger Kubera – Power Fleet Captain  
Bill Arnett - Sail Fleet Captain

### **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Articles are **due by 20<sup>th</sup>** of the month. Please email to P/C Beverly Sams at: [bsams@midviewinternet.com](mailto:bsams@midviewinternet.com)

### **BUSINESS CARD ADVERTISEMENTS**

Members with businesses can advertise in the WYC Newsletter for 11 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 Beverly Sams at [bsams@midviewinternet.com](mailto:bsams@midviewinternet.com). Send check payable to Westlake Yachting Club, P.O. Box 3003, Lorain, OH 4403. Card will not be put in newsletter until payment received.



### **War at Christmas by Warner Todd Huston**

Christmas, of course, has not always been celebrated the same way we do today. Not in the U.S.A., not in the world. One thing Christmases throughout history have had in common, though, is that it's been a day for family gatherings. Of course, there is another thing that Christmases of all eras share and that is the simple fact that humans don't always pause for any mere holiday. At least one thing never stops, even during Christmas: war.

And, now we face yet another Christmas with our country involved in strife. I won't lament the causes of such then or now, but we all can feel sorrow for the many friends and family who celebrate their Christmas, once again, with an empty chair at the holiday feast.

As Christmas 2008 draws near we find ourselves again facing a force that wishes to destroy us. And, also again, we have sent our soldiers — those young men and women we hold so dear — into the breach to stem the tide of our enemies.

It has always been thus. Even on Christmas.

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**WYC Newsletter**

**WYC Members Directory**

**WYC By-Laws**

**Lots of FUN!!!**

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our Thoughts & Prayers go out to:

Jim Sams  
P/C Rich McKee  
Dick Kovacs

If you know of a member that  
needs our thoughts and prayers  
please notify a flag officer or the  
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**War at Christmas cont'd**

On Christmas night in the year 1776, George Washington made his famous cross of the Delaware River and captured some 900 Hessian troops in the employ of the British army. If this particularly daring act didn't form the turning point in the War for Independence, it most certainly brought a much needed victory to the beleaguered Continental forces and the celebration afterward brought hope and a new resolve to the Revolutionary generation. A Christmas present that eventually brought success at arms to our nascent nation was General George Washington's gift to his people.

During another trial by fire, Christmas came to the minds of Americans who fought in blue and gray. But, the solemnity and death they faced did not cloud their memories of home and holidays. Corporal J. C. Williams, Co. B, 14th Vermont Infantry, wrote on December 25, 1862:

"This is Christmas, and my mind wanders back to that home made lonesome by my absence, while far away from the peace and quietude of civil life to undergo the hardships of the camp, and may be the battle field. I think of the many lives that are endangered, and hope that the time will soon come when peace, with its innumerable blessings, shall once more restore our country to happiness and prosperity."

The boys of '62 pressed on through two more Christmas holidays until the War Between our States came to an end in 1865.

American troops always face poignant thoughts as they trudge on with their duties during this time of year. As World War One came and faded, as American troops once again flooded Europe in service to the world only 20 some years later, and now when we face a shadowy threat from a world-wide terrorism that is hard to define, American soldiers stand stoic in the face of danger with nothing but their comrades at arms beside them and the thoughts of family back home keeping them warm.

It was said that during the Battle of the Bulge in World War Two our soldiers had faced so much of war, that war had filled every second of their waking life, that many of them had completely forgotten that it even was Christmas. But Patton's lightning strike at the Nazi breakthrough was the best present for those who would celebrate that and many more Christmas days to come free of Nazi tyranny.

It all had to be done. And our soldiers marched on even during Christmas.

So, as you sit to your Christmas dinner or as you enjoy your own family's holiday traditions and festivities, remember our soldiers. Remember those who stand between the breach and us. Remember that some will be lost to that breach so that we might enjoy our holiday. Even if you don't have a family member in the service, remember.

The men and women in uniform are family to us all, especially in times of strife. So, please take just a moment at any time during your holiday celebrations for a moment of silent thanks for their service — past, present and future. Perhaps you might make this your own family tradition?

**Merry Christmas and God Bless America and her  
people.**



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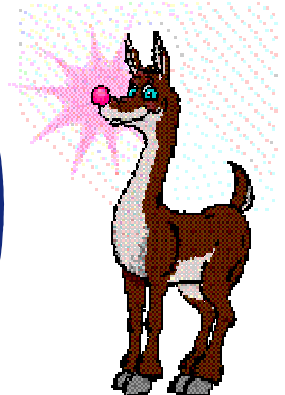
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## W Y C's Calendar of Events for 2008

### December

December 5-7	I-LYA Fall Meeting at Westlake Holiday Inn
<b>December 10</b>	<b>WYC Trustees Meeting Lorain Sailing &amp; Yacht Club – 6:30 P.M.</b>
	<b>Special General Membership Meeting – 7:30 P.M.</b>
December 13	WYC Christmas Party at Jim & Carol Forberger's 6:30 P. M.
December 25	Christmas Day

