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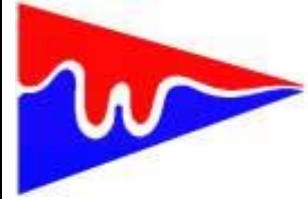
DECEMBER

2007

Westlake Yachting Club

“On the Black River”

Lorain, Ohio



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING REMINDER

**TRUSTEE MEETING & WYC
CHRISTMAS PARTY
WEDNESDAY Dec. 12, 2007**

19:30 hrs / 7:30 P.M.

at

**R/C Keith Chafer home
3337 West Erie Ave., Lorain
(party after meeting)**

Please BYOB and covered dish.

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

2007 Officers & Trustee's

Commodore: Beverly Sams

V/Commodore: Bob Sefcovic

R/Commodore: Keith Chafer

Treasurer: Bobby Rhodes

Secretary: Joyce Rhodes

Trustee's:

Burt Buehler

Ken Klein

John Lively

Mike Pollock

Richard Potash

A.C. VanDenBossche



Happy Holidays !

Commodore – Beverly Sams

I can't believe 2007 has gone by so quickly and it's December already. With the holidays approaching quickly, Jim and I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and may you receive many blessings in the New Year.

I personally would like to invite you to our Christmas Party on December 12th at R/C Keith Chafer's home. Come and enjoy the camaraderie, fun and being together this holiday season. This will be held after the meeting, if you plan on attending, please BYOB and a covered dish.

Just in time, for under the tree, we have tickets available for the 2008 Jet Express Trip to Put-In-Bay. The date for our Second Annual Trip to the Bay is October 4, 2008 and the tickets are still \$55.00. Again, these tickets will be pre-sold. We are starting early, Jim and I already have ours, WHERE'S YOURS, why not join us for a fun filled day. Flyer available on our website.

The Cleveland IX Boat Show is now called Cleveland Boat and Waterfront Lifestyle Expo and will be held January 11th-20th, 2008.

Yours in Boating Safely,

Commodore Beverly Sams

Vice Commodore – Robert Sefcovic

Ahoy All,

November already! By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will have come and gone. The Wheelhouse has been cleaned and winterized. Many thanks to those who came out to help.

I have asked the incoming Vice and Rear Commodores to begin considering their selection of committee members so we can hit the deck running after the first of the year. Should anyone wish to help, please contact V/C elect Chafer and R/C elect Pollock.

A questionnaire will accompany the dues notification. Please take the time to fill it out and return it. We are hoping to get input from the membership to increase participation.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2007

Finance Committee

V/C Bob Sefcovic
R/C Keith Chafer
Bobby Rhodes, Treas.
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Mike Pollock, Trustee

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Roger Kubera – Power
William Arnett – Sail

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Beverly Sams

Vice Commodore Cont'd – Robert Sefcovic

My Commodores Ball will be coming up on March 1, 2008. It will be held at Sawmill Creek. There will be a hospitality room beginning Friday February 29, 2008 in the Tall Pines Room of the Lodge. More details will follow in December.

Since the Holiday Season will be well under way, let me take this time to wish everyone A Happy Holiday. Look forward to seeing more of you in the weeks and months ahead.

V/C Robert Sefcovic

Rear Commodore – Keith Chafer –

Tis the season to be jolly, so join us for our Christmas Party at my home and let your jolly out!

BOAT CRUISES! BOAT CRUISES!!

Next year we currently have Huron Boat Basin scheduled for June 13 & 14 and Kelly's Island for July 18 & 19. Cedar Point cannot be scheduled till after the first of the year. We are talking about the possibility of adding a fourth cruise - to Put-in-Bay. If anyone has any input, let us know.

Fleet Captain
Roger Kubera

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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 2008 Trip – Joyce Rhodes

Looking for a special Christmas gift for the person who has everything? Why not a trip on the Jet-Express. Commodore Sams has booked another trip to Put-In-Bay on the Jet for October 4, 2008. The price will be \$55.00 per person. Remember the fun you had on the last trip? Everyone who said they wished they had gone, now is your chance. Tickets are now on sale! Don't be left at the dock get your tickets early. Makes a perfect Christmas, Anniversary or Birthday gift! Contact Commodore Sams for more information.

The Chanukah Menorah

The Chanukah menorah is called a *HANUKIYAH*. It has nine candle holders. There are eight candles, one for each night of Chanukah. The ninth is called the *SHAMASH*.

The Shamash is used to light the other eight candles. The Shamash is lit first and then is used to light the other candles.

The candles are placed in the *HANUKIYAH* from right to left. But when the candles are lit, you light from left to right.



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, Wheelhouse Management, Hospitality (coffee & drinks for cruises), Dinghy Poker Run

Contact: V/C Bob Sefcovic
MRSEF@aol.com
330-656-3272

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

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

GCBA/ILYA DELEGATE

Please contact Rich McKee for any GCBA/ILYA related issues at captmac2@verizon.net 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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Frosty says, for only \$25.00 I could put my business ad here for 11 issues.

Christmas Parrot

One day a man walked into a bar and sat down next to a guy with a parrot on his shoulder. The bartender said, "Cute parrot, does he talk?" The guy with the parrot says, "He does more than just talk, watch." The guy lit a match and placed it under the parrot's left foot. Then the parrot started singing "Jingle Bells", it was a Christmas Parrot. The guy then placed the match under the right foot and the parrot then started to sing "The 12 days of Christmas." The bartender said, "That's incredible". He then asked, "What does he say when you place them between his feet?" The guy said, "You know I never tried that, let's see." When the match was placed between the feet of the parrot the parrot began to sing a familiar tune... "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire."

Don't forget your

Membership Benefits:

BoatUS Membership Discount

GCBA/ILYA Privileges

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@eshores.comn

I'd like to take this opportunity to remember all that have served or are serving their country and their families this holiday season. For those that haven't served, there is no greater gift to them than to say "thank you" to a veteran that has made the sacrifice and given us the freedom we all enjoy this holiday season.

Commodore Beverly Sams

The Gift

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS,
HE LIVED ALL ALONE,
IN A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE MADE OF PLASTER AND STONE.

I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE,
AND TO SEE JUST WHO IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.

I LOOKED ALL ABOUT, A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE,
NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS, NOT EVEN A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY MANTLE, JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND,
ON THE WALL HUNG PICTURES OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.

WITH MEDALS AND BADGES, AWARDS OF ALL KINDS,
A SOBER THOUGHT CAME THROUGH MY MIND.

FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT, IT WAS DARK AND DREARY,
I FOUND THE HOME OF A SOLDIER, ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.

THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING, SILENT, ALONE,
CURLD UP ON THE FLOOR IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.

THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE, THE ROOM IN SUCH DISORDER,
NOT HOW I PICTURED A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.

WAS THIS THE HERO OF WHOM I'D JUST READ?
CURLD UP ON A PONCHO, THE FLOOR FOR A BED?

I REALIZED THE FAMILIES THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT,
OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE SOLDIERS WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.

SOON ROUND THE WORLD, THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY,
AND GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.

THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR,
BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS, LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.

I COULDN'T HELP WONDER HOW MANY LAY ALONE,
ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE,
I DROPPED TO MY KNEES AND STARTED TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE,
"SANTA DON'T CRY, THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE;

I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, I DON'T ASK FOR MORE,
MY LIFE IS MY GOD, MY COUNTRY, MY CORPS."

THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER AND SOON DRIFTED TO SLEEP,
I COULDN'T CONTROL IT, I CONTINUED TO WEEP.

I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS, SO SILENT AND STILL
AND WE BOTH SHIVERED FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.

I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT,
THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER, WITH A VOICE SOFT AND PURE,
WHISPERED, "CARRY ON SANTA, IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL IS SECURE."

ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH, AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT."

This poem was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa Japan.



November 2007

November 30 I-LYA Fall Meeting – WYC Hospitality Room at Holiday Inn French Quarter, 10630 Fremont Pike, Rt. 20, Perrysburg, Oh 43551

December 2007

December 12 WYC Trustees Meeting at R/C Keith Schafer home – 7:30 PM
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3733 West Erie Ave., Lorain, OH. Christmas Party following meeting, all members are invited. Please BYOB and covered dish.
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December 25 – Christmas Day - Happy Holidays
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January 1, 2008 Happy New Year
