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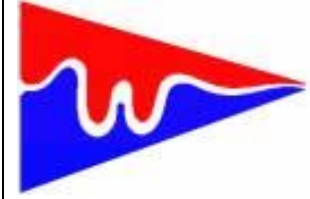
FEBRUARY

2008

Westlake Yachting Club

“On the Black River”

Lorain, Ohio



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING REMINDER

TRUSTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY February 13, 2008

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING

19:30 hrs / 7:30 P.M.
LORAIN SAILING CLUB
By Lorain Coast Guard Station

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
Joey Gary
Ken Klein
Richard Potash



Commodore – Robert Sefcovic

Ahoy All,

Ah January! What a month. First we're greeted with some lake effect snow, then some unusual above average temperatures, and now as I'm writing the mercury is in the single digits with wind chills in the teens, below zero.

The Boat Show has come and gone, and although interesting, I was surprised that two of the largest marine retailers in the area, West Marine and Boaters World, chose not to participate.

As for club news, Ken Klein is currently holding meetings, revising and updating the By-laws. They should be ready for ratification in the near future. The February meeting is a special called meeting for the purpose of electing a trustee for an unexpired term. Our best wishes to John Lively, who vacated the position due to health and family priorities. The Bridge will examine Spitzers lease proposal and make recommendations for a counter proposal.

The Commodores Ball at Sawmill Creek Lodge and Resort is rapidly approaching. We will begin on Friday February 29th at 6:00 PM in the Tall Pines Hospitality Room. As in the past, a dish to pass would be in order. The room will also be open all day Saturday. It will however be closed during the Change of Watch ceremony and dinner party, opening again afterwards. The block of reserved rooms at our special rate is only being held until January 30, 2008. I'm looking forward to seeing as many of our members as possible.

Since I've been on the Bridge, I have stated that our most important asset is our members. We have a committee devoted to creating ideas and conducting drives to increase our numbers. These few people, however, cannot be expected to do this on their own. I will once again issue the challenge to all members to recruit at least one new member, be it active or social.

In about sixty days we will all be thinking about uncovering our vessels and preparing them for the upcoming season. See you in the back lot!

Robert R. Sefcovic
Commodore

Don't forget to make your reservations for
the "2008 Commodore's Ball"

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FOR 2008**

Finance Committee

V/C Keith Chafer

Management Committee

V/C Keith Chafer
Teri Wysocki, Mgr.

House & Grounds

V/C Keith Chafer

Hospitality

Sue Taylor

By-Laws

Ken Klein, Trustee

Membership Committee

R/C Michael Pollock

Ways and Means

Nan Kubera
Barb Sefcovic

Entertainment

R/C Michael Pollock

Grievance

R/C Michael Pollock

Insurance

R/C Mike Pollock

Fleet Captains

Roger Kubera – Power
William Arnett – Sail

Newsletter

Beverly Sams

Vice Commodore – Keith Chafer

Happy New Year to everyone, not long now before boating season is upon us.

Not much to report, the years first meeting went as scheduled and all the new officers were duly sworn in and are in the process of building their committees. Don't forget to put your name forward if you want to become more involved in the operation of your club.

Plans are being put together and we should have all the committees etc set up by the next newsletter.

Please watch out for notification of some proposed by-law changes. The by-law committee is already in the process of "cleaning up" our by-laws in order to clarify some issues and contradictions etc that they contain. Any changes will obviously need to be voted on at a General Membership meeting sometime in the near future.

V/C Keith Chafer

Rear Commodore – Michael Pollock

I would like to thank everyone in the club for the opportunity to serve as your Rear Commodore.

We need participation from members to serve on our committees, anyone who would like to serve on any of the committees, please feel free to contact me at 440-327-0191.

We should all be looking forward to a great boating season and the opening of the Wheelhouse to get us through these cold winter months.

I hope to see a large turnout for the Commodores Ball, which I know will be a great time.

R/C Michael M. Pollock

By-Laws Committee Chairman

We, as a club have watched the winter finally get a grip on us. We are seeing grey skies, cold winds and snow. Hardly what a boater needs or wants to see! Looking at the faces on the people at the boat show I know everyone is anxiously waiting for the warm weather to return us to our docks.

Strangely enough, to keep warm, the By-Laws committee has been diligently working to review and revise the by-laws. In-active we are not! We are working hard to iron out the rough spots and hopefully eliminate the grey areas. We will have a couple more meetings to finalize our recommendations prior to putting them out there for the membership to review. At that time, it is up to you as members to come out to the meeting and cast your vote. You the members are the Club, we need your input.

Stay warm and think Nautie,

Ken Klein, Trustee/WYC

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 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
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GCBA/ILYA DELEGATE

Please contact Rich McKee for any
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Joyce Rhodes, Secretary at
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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:

webmaster@westlakeyachtingclub.com

WAYS & MEANS

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!

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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
Dick Kovacs


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.

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The clock keeps ticking. Congress isn't moving. The deadline's getting closer! Referring, of course, to the ballast water issue, the looming EPA discharge permit requirements for recreational boats.

If nothing happens soon all boaters will be caught up in another destructive federal debacle remindful of the devastation the luxury tax heaped on us 18 years ago!

The background goes like this: Over 30 years ago, the EPA exempted pleasure boats from a provision in the Clean Water Act, requiring an overboard discharge permit. Overboard discharge includes grey and bilge water, deck runoff and engine/generator cooling water. The exemption, however, has been declared illegal by a U.S. District Court ruling; thereby, requiring all boats to be permitted in 8 months (by Sept. 30, 2008) unless Congress passes legislation to prevent it.

The two companion bills in Congress, titled the Recreational Boating Act of 2007, are H.R. 2550 in the House and S2067 in the Senate. If passed, the exemption would be reinstated for pleasure boats. But passage won't happen unless Congress is pushed to act. That's where every boater must weigh in!

www.boatblue.org has been created by a Coalition of boating interests, including the MRAA, the NMMA and BoatUS; they've been pushing for Congressional action. But a louder voice needs to be heard from around the country, **You!**

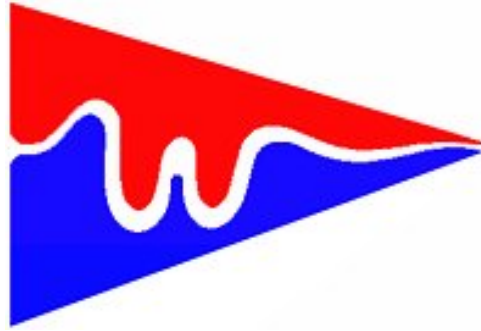
We must turn up the heat by keeping letters, calls and e-mails flowing into Congress, calling on our representatives and senators to co-sponsor and pass H.R. 2550 and S2067. Today, there are 69 co-sponsors of H.R. 2550 and 11 co-sponsors in the Senate for S2067. We need more.

www.boatblue.org is an excellent website that gives everyone the tools to become part of this effort.

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



Commodore Robert Sefcovic

and the

Westlake Yachting Club

Cordially invite you to attend the

66th Commodore's Ball

Saturday, March 1, 2008

at

The Lodge at Sawmill Creek Resort

Huron, Ohio

Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres 1800 hours

Dinner 1900 hours

Ceremony 2000 hours

Entertainment and Dancing featuring Guy Dinello

2030 – 2300

Join us at 2350 in the Tall Pines Hospitality Room

Dress – Formal – Black Tie Optional

Please respond by February 22, 2008

\$60.00 per person

Please make checks payable to Westlake Yachting Club

FEBRUARY 2008		
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February 13	-	Special Elections Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Lorain Sailing Club
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February 29 – 3/1		Commodore's Ball Weekend at Sawmill Creek – Huron, OH
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March 2008		
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March 12	-	Trustee's Meeting – 7:30 p.m. TBD
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April 2008		
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April 9	-	Trustee's Meeting – 7:30p.m. TBD
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