



Westlake Yachting Club

"On the Black River"

Lorain, Ohio

Newsletter

February

2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING REMINDER

WYC's Monthly Meeting
Next meeting: Feb. 10
at 7:00 PM
Location:
TBD

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

2016 Officers & Trustee's

Commodore: Capt Jeff Robb

V/Commodore: Rick Case

R/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 2015

Finance Committee

House & Grounds

Grievance

Hospitality

By-Laws

Commodore – Capt. Jeff Robb

I would like to wish everyone a happy 2016 and hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Holiday season. With a new year started it is only a matter of time before we are enjoying the new boating season and functions at the club. We are planning a full calendar of events for 2016 so I really hope to see you all at many events.

As you know, every year we look for help from the members to insure that the club functions smoothly. It is always nice to see new faces on the committees to help out. I would like to remind everyone that V/C Case and R/C Robb are now in the process of looking for volunteers to help with their respective committees. If you are interested, please contact them. It is one of the best ways to meet the other members and learn more about the club. I am looking forward to another year on the Board, and being my last year as a flag officer, I look for it to be even more rewarding than the past. Please remember that the meetings are always open to all members. If you have any suggestions on food, entertainment or functions, feel free to let someone know.

You should be receiving your invitation to the Commodores Ball in the mail soon so please don't forget to mark your calendar. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there and kicking off the season together.

Vice Commodore – Rick Case

The fourth quarter was interesting for the Westlake Yachting Club. For the first time, we extended our Wheelhouse operations into November. November was very successful and exceeded our most optimistic predictions. It was even one of our better months of the year for Wheelhouse sales. We had a limited menu, but it seemed we had more than enough choices. Thanks again to Terry for all of her work making 2015 a very good year for the Wheelhouse.

This year we moved the Club Christmas Party to the Harborwalk clubhouse. The party was a great success. The room was a great place for a party. There was a huge amount of great food,

Membership Committee

Ways and Means

Entertainment

Fleet Captain

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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

GCBA/ILYA DELEGATE

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

tremendous entertainment with our favorite DJ, and lots of FUN.

Thanks go out to everybody who attended and especially the great game-day crew who helped set up and run the party.

Boating Season is almost here. OK, not quite almost here. But it will be here in just a couple of months. We are beginning the process of planning for 2016. Separately, you will receive invitations from the Club Secretary to join and participate in various committees. We really appreciate any help you can provide.

Three of the most important committees are Finance, House and Grounds, and Entertainment. These committees will need to get rolling well BEFORE the boating season. They will set the calendar for a lot of what will happen at the WYC in 2016.

The Finance Committee establishes the budget and monitors our financial performance for the good of the club.

The House and Grounds Committee is responsible for the operation of our clubhouse and the Wheelhouse restaurant and bar.

The Entertainment Committee is a bit misnamed. It has nothing to do with the entertainment provided at the club. The "Entertainment Committee" is responsible for the major events, such as the Steak Fry, Clam Bake, Dinghy Poker Run, Christmas Party, etc. It should probably be called the "Event" Committee.

This committee needs lots of volunteers because there simply is a lot of work.

We have openings on all of our committees. Please consider signing up. We always appreciate new ideas.

Rear Commodore - Capt. Bill Robb

I'm sorry to say that this will probably be my last article as your Fleet Captain. I will be leaving this post to take on the duties of your Rear Commodore. I have certainly enjoyed my time helping out with the cruises! They are still – in my opinion – one of the BEST parts of being in the Westlake Yachting Club! It's what this club should be about: Yachting!

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:

Remember:

Your 2016 dues were due on January 1. If you have not sent in your renewal, please do so now to avoid any late fees.

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 our members!

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.

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. Boaters: Plan Your Summer Cruise Now
With Online Course That Shows You How

ANNAPOLIS, MD, December 17, 2015 – While anxiously awaiting next summer's boating season, boaters may endlessly roam barren marina docks or eerily quiet boat clubs anticipating the return of the season many months away. However, to provide hope for the sun-splashed days of summer, boaters can start planning their summer cruise now with a new online course that shows them how. "Planning Your Cruise" is the newest online course that can be taken from the comfort of a warm home this winter and is offered at BoatUS.org/courses through a partnership with United States Power Squadrons (USPS) and the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water. The cost is \$30, while BoatUS and USPS members receive a 20% discount (\$24).

Designed to help power and sailboat owners get more out of the trip and prepare for the unexpected, the online seminar is targeted for those who have a limited amount of time for cruising inland or coastal waters – typically a long weekend up to several weeks. It is appropriate for both first-timers as well as more seasoned cruisers, offering all of the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare for a voyage including discussions on crew selection and comfort, meals and provisions, chartering, cruising foreign waters, emergencies, medical care and security.

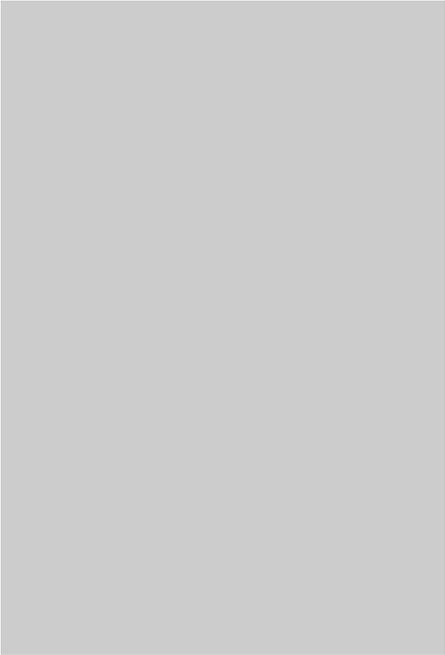
"Planning for Your Cruise," which follows "Weather for Boaters," is the second course of three planned that will, together, replicate the classroom course "Cruising and Cruise Planning." The Planning for Your Cruise course can be completed at your own pace – started, stopped, and picked up again where you left off at any time. All BoatUS specialized courses may be taken on a smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer.

Said BoatUS Foundation Director of Education Amanda Suttles Pérez, "Taking the course now will get you ready for the big trip and keep you happy while winter keeps us inside."

For more information, go to BoatUS.org/courses.

About BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water:

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is a national leader promoting safe, clean and responsible boating. Funded primarily by donations from the over half-million members of Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), the non-profit provides innovative educational outreach directly to boaters and anglers with the aim of reducing accidents and fatalities, increasing stewardship of America's waterways and keeping boating safe for all. A range of boating safety courses – including 34 free state courses – can be found at BoatUS.org/courses.



About United States Power Squadrons:

Organized in 1914, United States Power Squadrons (USPS) is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects. Our members are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating through education. We enjoy participating with our fellow members on the water and in the classroom. USPS has nearly 40,000 members organized into over 400 squadrons across the country and in some US territories. USPS is America's largest non-profit boating organization and has been honored by three US presidents for its civic contributions. Each squadron's activities involve the three primary objectives of USPS: community service, continuing education, and enjoying the friendship and camaraderie of our fellow members. For more, go to USPS.org.



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