



# *Westlake Yachting Club*

*“On the Black River”*

*Lorain, Ohio*

Newsletter

March

2015

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETING REMINDER

**WYC's Monthly Meeting**  
**Next meeting: March 11th**  
**at 7:00 PM**  
**Location:**

**Wood & Wine, Avon**

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

### 2015 Officers & Trustee's

**Commodore:** John Lively

**V/Commodore:** Capt Jeff Robb

**R/Commodore:** Rick Case

**Treasurer:** Bobby Rhodes

**Secretary:** Joyce Rhodes

### **Trustee's:**

Ray Cogdell  
P/C Burt Bruehler  
Capt. Bill Robb

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2015

### Finance Committee

Bobby Rhodes  
Pat Swagger  
Bev Sams

### House & Grounds

Bev Sams  
Joyce Rhodes  
Bobby Rhodes

## Commodore – John Lively

Hello Everyone,  
There's a lot going on and it's all good.

Our Active Membership is up 23% versus March 1st last year. That's the biggest increase I've seen since we joined WYC in 2005!

The committees are still meeting to finalize plans for both back room and Wheelhouse events. The season calendar will be e-mailed to you and posted on our web site before April 1st.

The Wheelhouse is opening on April 10th at 3:00 (same date as last year) for the Cleveland Indians home opener. The game starts at 4:00 and we will be having hot dog, fries, beer and other specials.

As everyone is aware the Commodore's ball had to be rescheduled. The hotel has been under renovation as it changes from a Holiday Inn to a Double Tree hotel. The new date is the weekend of March 27-28th. If you made a room reservation please call and change it, the hotel wouldn't allow me to do it to save you the call. Hopefully the date change will still work for everyone that could make it and for those who couldn't make the original date this could be better for you. As a result of this the hotel has added some "perks" to our weekend, poolside breakfast buffet with Bloody Mary bar, hot appetizers at the ball and an open bar for 4 hours instead of 2 hours.

Here's the weekend schedule:

Friday, the 27th  
Hospitality Suite, 5:00-12:00.  
It's BYOB and a dish to share.

Saturday, the 28th  
Poolside breakfast buffet (complimentary if you stay at the hotel) with a Bloody Mary bar.  
The ball starts at 6:00.  
Social hour is 6:00-7:00 with hot appetizers and an open bar.  
Dinner and ceremony is from 7:00-8:00.

**Grievance**

**Hospitality**

**By-Laws**

**Membership Committee**

**Ways and Means**

**Entertainment**

**Fleet Captain**

Capt. Bill Robb

**COMMITTEE CONTACTS**

Interested in helping out on any of these committees? Then contact the appropriate V/C or R/C.

House & Grounds, Finance,  
By-Laws

Contact: V/C Capt. Jeff Robb  
vicecommodore@

westlakeyachtingclub.com

Membership, Entertainment, Steak  
Fry, Clam Bake

Contact: R/C Rick Case  
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westlakeyachtingclub.com

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

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Open bar reopens from 8:00-11:00.

The band Ace Molar, featuring Todd Meaney from channel 8 news, starts at 8:00 and will perform one hour sets with a 20 minute breaks between sets and finish at 12:00.

Hope to see everyone there.

John Lively, Commodore

**Vice Commodore – Capt. Jeff Robb**

Well as you read this it is March. It certainly doesn't look like March to me. But I guess the saying "in like a lion out like a lamb" we will have to see if that becomes true this year. In my opinion it's just cold. And I pray we all properly winterized our boats. This will be one of those years we will find out.

We continue to work as a Board to build the schedule of events for 2015. That said we should be very entertained this year at the Wheelhouse, as the "in-house" DJ David Perrier will be spinning tunes almost every weekend. I am very much looking forward to the special events we are going to have at the Club, I'm thinking one of those nights will be a country night!! Who's with me? Yeehaw.

We are working on the Wheelhouse menu this month and if anybody wants anything specific please let me know. We might just be able to add it to the menu.

I am very much looking forward to opening day of the Wheelhouse and looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Capt. Jeff Robb

Vice Commodore

**Rear Commodore – Rick Case**

I would like to welcome back all of our returning members. I also want to welcome all of our new members and I hope to meet you at our planned New Member Party in May.

Looking outside, we probably feel like boating season is way off. But Spring is just a couple of months away and we need to start planning now to get our club ready. The Wheelhouse cleanup will be in less than a month, and the Grand Opening will follow a few days later.

WYC is a small club, and therefore need a large percentage of members to help on the committees. We can use everybody's help. Committee Membership can be a lot of fun and is a great way to meet fellow members. I want to encourage our new members to give committee participation a try.

As Rear Commodore, I am chairman of the committees that will plan and produce our two biggest fund raising events: the Steak Fry and the Clam Bake. The events are a lot of fun for our members and guests, and generate a large part of the non-Wheelhouse revenue for the club. We will be meeting next on Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> at Wood & Wine in Avon at 6:00 pm. This is immediately before the regular board meeting. Please consider giving us a little of your time for these or any of our other committees. If you cannot make the meeting, shoot me an e-mail.

Rick Case  
Rear Commodore

### **BOAT CRUISES**

Capt. Bill Robb – Fleet Captain

### **WHEELHOUSE NEWS:**

Wheelhouse opens April 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00!  
Indians Opener. Food and drink specials!

### **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. Check with Madelon Bruehler.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Please welcome the following new Social Members:  
Joanne Gray  
Jim Andrews

### **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Articles are **due by 20<sup>th</sup>** of the month. If you are interested in adding something to the newsletter please email it to [secretary@westlakeyachtingclub.com](mailto: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.

## **WYC Classified**

Email any items to sell in our WYC Classified section to [secretary@westlakeyachtingclub.com](mailto:secretary@westlakeyachtingclub.com)  
This is a great way to sell your unwanted items for FREE!

## **Don't forget your Active Membership Benefits:**

Boat US Membership Discount Code # GA81748Y  
GCBA/ILYA Privileges  
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10% Discount off dockage at Spitzer's  
Wheelhouse Privileges  
Buy one meal and get one free (equal or lesser value) on Wednesdays  
WYC Cruises  
WYC Events  
Members Room Privileges  
Newsletter  
Members Directory  
By-Laws  
Lots of FUN!!!



**WYC's 73rd  
Commodore's Ball**  
*New Date*  
**Saturday March 28, 2015**

  
1100 Crocker Road  
Westlake Ohio 44145  
440-871-6000



## **NEWS FROM BOAT U.S.:**

### **In Rare Act of Agreement,**

### **Last Congress Does the Right Thing for Boat Owners**

#### ***Tax Provisions for Boats Extended***

WASHINGTON, DC, January 27, 2015 -- In an exceptional act of agreement, the recently departed 113th Congress did the right thing for boat owners. It extended some boat sales tax and mortgage interest deductions when filing a 2014 federal income tax return. The catch is a boat has to include a sleeping berth, cooking and toilet facilities, and is offered to new owners who paid substantial state sales taxes on a new or used boat purchase last year. If there is a loan taken, mortgage interest paid on the loan may also be deducted from your federal income taxes, according to the nation's largest boaters advocacy group, [Boat Owners Association of The United States](#) (Boat US).

#### **The Sales Tax Deduction**

The Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014 continues to offer a federal tax deduction for state sales taxes. Boaters must choose either the state sales tax deduction or state income tax deduction on their federal tax return you cannot take both.

In addition, to take the state sales tax deduction, the sales tax on a boat purchase must be applied at the same tax rate as the state's general sales tax. In order to claim the sales tax deduction, tax returns must be itemized. State sales taxes are entered on [IRS form Schedule A](#), line 5b.

#### **The Boat Loan Deduction**

For those owners with a secured boat loan, mortgage interest paid on the loan may be deducted from your federal income taxes. Taxpayers may use the home mortgage interest deduction for one second home in addition to their primary home, and must itemize deductions on their returns. A boat is considered a second home for federal tax purposes if it has a galley, an installed head and sleeping berth.

During federal budget negotiations last year, some in Congress sought to eliminate this deduction for boat owners while keeping it in place for second home and recreational vehicle owners. Boat US advocated for a more equitable all-or-nothing approach when applying the deduction, and boaters did not get unfairly singled out.

Some boaters may be unaware of this potential tax benefit because not all lending institutions send borrowers an Internal Revenue Service form 1098 which reports the interest paid. Not receiving the form does not preclude taking the deduction. If a 1098 is not available, boaters should contact their lender for the amount of interest paid and should enter it on line 11 on Schedule A along with the lender's tax ID number. If a form 1098 is sent, boaters should simply enter the amount on line 10 of Schedule A.

For those who fall under the Alternative Minimum Tax, most deductions are unavailable. Boaters are urged to contact a tax preparer or financial advisor for more information. For more details on the mortgage deduction on boats that qualify, go to [www.IRS.gov](#) and [download Publication 936](#) or the Fact Sheets. For state tax deduction information, [download Publication 600](#) which also includes state-by-state tax tables.



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