

# Westlake Yachting Club

*"On the Black River"*

*Lorain, Ohio*

**Newsletter**

**March**

**2016**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETING REMINDER

**WYC's Monthly Meeting**  
**Next meeting: March 9**  
**at 7:00 PM**  
**Location:**

**HarborWalk Clubhouse**

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

Bobby Rhodes  
P/C Bev Sams

### House & Grounds

P/C Bev Sams      Rick Case  
Joyce Rhodes      Connie Robb  
Bobby Rhodes      Kristy Cain  
John Sinclair  
Joann Sinclair

## Commodore – Capt. Jeff Robb

By the time you read this, it will be March and the warmer weather should be headed our way. I have been sitting in on some committee meetings recently and I can assure you that they have been very productive and will be setting the foundation for the 2016 boating season. I know that more meetings are planned and there is much to do so that the Club starts off with a bang. I urge you to step-up and assist with planning for this year. The help would be appreciated by all.

This year's Westlake Yachting Club Commodores Ball will be held on April 30th with the pre-party on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree, Westlake, OH. Rooms will be \$89.00 plus tax with a \$2.00 off breakfast coupon for all guests. Since this event is later in the year than normal we will be closing the Wheelhouse for those nights. I look forward to this year's Ball.

## Vice Commodore – Rick Case

No article submitted.

## Rear Commodore - Capt. Bill Robb

WOW! We sure did have a nasty weather night for our February Board Meeting! Thanks to all who "braved the storm" to come out!

Committees have been formed – and I am especially grateful to Kristy Cain for taking on the duties of our Membership Committee. This remains one of our most important committees – as getting new members is the main source of our income. We can't do anything if we don't have money! There are still plenty of spots open on our committees. If you think you have ideas and would like to help out – please sign up!

Hope to see more of you at our March Board meeting! Come and participate in YOUR club!

## Grievance

### Hospitality

Capt. Tim Brunk

### By-Laws

### Membership Committee

Kristy Cain

Rick Cain

### Ways and Means

### Entertainment

Bobby Rhodes

Joyce Rhodes

P/C Bev Sams

Connie Robb

### Fleet Captain

Capt. Tim Brunk

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

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

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Contact Nancy Case for catalog and orders.

## MEMBERSHIP:

## 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.

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## E0 Gas Is Going Away for Boaters

### ***Op-Ed: South Carolina Boats, Presidential Candidates and Ethanol Blended Fuels***

Dear Friends:

I want to share with you the Op-Ed below that was recently offered this week to South Carolina newspapers in advance of Saturday's Democratic primary. E0 (zero-ethanol) gasoline, which is sold at marinas and gas stations, is in effect being pushed out of boat fuel market to make room for the Renewable Fuel Standard-mandated E15 and higher ethanol blends. This means boaters may see shortages of E0 fuel as early as this summer's boating season. BoatUS believes boaters need a reliable, trusted fuel to ensure smooth engine operation and safe navigation, and we ask you to share the Op-Ed below in any manner available to you.

Please call me at 703-461-2864 or email [SCroft@BoatUS.com](mailto:SCroft@BoatUS.com) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support on this issue,

Scott Croft  
Vice President BoatUS Public Affairs

### ***Op-Ed: South Carolina Boats, Presidential Candidates and Ethanol Blended Fuels***


by: Margaret Bonds Podlich, President of BoatUS

As Democrat presidential candidates turn their attention to South Carolina, it is worth considering how a particular federal law that both candidates support wreaks havoc on the state's boaters. That law is the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) and it has led to some significant, albeit unintentional, negative consequences for owners of the roughly half-million boats registered in the Palmetto State.

When gasoline containing ethanol and boats mix, boat owners lose. That's because of something called "phase separation" – think oil and vinegar – that can turn fuel stored in a boat's gas tank into corrosive, water-soaked ethanol mixture, unusable in any engine. Half of those who responded to a recent informal national survey by the Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) said they have had to replace or repair boat engine or fuel system parts because of suspected ethanol-related damage. The average cost for these repairs was \$1,000.

The federal ethanol mandate requires increasing amounts of biofuels – primarily corn ethanol – to be blended into America's gasoline supply every year. In part because of the mandate, more than 90 percent of American fuel today is E10, or 10 percent ethanol. In addition, higher ethanol-blend fuels such as E15 are becoming more prevalent in the marketplace, even though federal law prohibits the use of 15 percent ethanol in marine engines, ATVs, motorcycles, lawnmowers or any cars made before 2001.

Boaters have long preferred ethanol-free gasoline to other fuels, so much so that many refer to E0 as "marine fuel." However, our country's supply of E0 is projected to be reduced dramatically from over 8 billion gallons in 2014 to just 200 million, possibly as early as this summer's boating season. E0 is in effect being pushed out of boat fuel market to make room for the RFS' mandated E15



and other higher ethanol blends. The prospect of this disappearing act has the boating community in South Carolina and around the country extremely concerned.

Correcting the RFS before it wipes out the availability of E0 for boating families and wreaks additional havoc on marine engines is the responsibility of our next president—perhaps Secretary Clinton or Senator Sanders—and Congress. Ted Cruz, by becoming the first candidate to win Iowa while opposed to the mandate, shows that supporting the RFS is not a political necessity. It is now time to fix this broken law. Thankfully, there are bipartisan ideas to fix the ethanol mandate in Congress, but the question remains whether our elected leaders will act and solve the problem. America's boaters, and certainly those in South Carolina, hope they will.

*Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) is the nation's leading advocate for recreational boaters providing its over half-million members with government representation, fighting against unfair federal taxes, fees and regulations that single out boat owners. BoatUS is also non-partisan and works with state agencies to promote boating laws that make sense.*



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