

# Westlake Yachting Club

*"On the Black River"*

*Lorain, Ohio*

**Newsletter**

**November**

**2011**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETING REMINDER

***WYC's Monthly Meeting  
November 9th  
at 7:00 PM  
Location:***

#### ***Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club***

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

#### 2011 Officers & Trustee's

Commodore: Kenneth Klein

V/Commodore: Robert Hilko

R/Commodore: Robert  
Coffman

Treasurer: Bobby Rhodes

Secretary: Joyce Rhodes

#### Trustee's:

Norman Heppner

Ruth Ann Jacops

James Forberger

Pat Swagger

John Lively

Jim Sigman

### Commodore – Kenneth Klein

Amazing, time sure flies by at an amazing rate. By the time you read this, the 2011 Halloween Party will be in the history books and the Wheelhouse will be closed for the season. I am anticipating that we will have a good showing for the end of the year cleanup and winterization (05 November). That is a good time to get together for a little work and to reminisce about the past year.

Now is also the time to wind up the Club business for the year and start to prepare for the 2012 season. It will be here before you know it.

As I look around the marina, I see many people out getting their boats ready for the colder weather but on the other hand maybe it is best to say that we are preparing for the next summer. At least that sounds a little better.

With that said, I would like to congratulate the newly elected Trustees and Bridge officers for 2012. You will make a great team and continue to move the Club forward.

As I've said before... Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to all of the people who have stepped up and donated their time, talents, and skills for the betterment of the Club.

That's all I have for now. Be safe, enjoy your family and friends.

*Remember: Be Involved and "May Your Sails be Full of it".*

Respectfully submitted,

**Ken Klein / Commodore**

**Vice Commodore – Robert Hilko**

**None Submitted**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
FOR 2011**

**Finance Committee**

Sean Boutin  
Bev Sams  
Joyce Rhodes  
Pat Swagger  
Mike Pollock  
Bobby Rhodes

**House & Grounds**

Joyce Rhodes  
Teresa George  
Bobby Rhodes  
Ruth Jacops  
Leah Wirkner  
Rich Hartman  
Teri Wysocki

**Grievance**

Norm Heppner  
Marc Bottone  
Roger Kubera  
Burt Bruehler  
Ray Cull

**Hospitality**

**By-Laws**

Roger Kubera  
Burt Bruehler  
Ray Cull

**Membership Committee**

Dave Carson  
Joyce Rhodes  
Ray Cull  
Bobby Rhodes  
Norm Heppner

**Ways and Means**

Madelon Bruehler

**Entertainment**

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**Fleet Captains**

P/C Roger Kubera - Power  
Robert Coffman - Sail

**Newsletter**

Teresa Pollock  
Living4678@yahoo.com

**Rear Commodore – Robert Coffman**

None Submitted

**Why does our license plates say [Heart of it All?](#)**

**Ohio, Really?**

I was reminded of being asked this question by someone during the bitter cold of off season. While we are boaters, we probably appreciate boating season more since boating is not an all year round option here in Ohio. While winters have been cold and snowy, and predicted to continue or intensify this year, I found an article which indicated that we, WYC and our boating friends, are not alone.

According to an article in the Great Lakes Scuttlebutt Year end 2011, News from ODNR by John Wisse , the U.S. Census Bureau for October indicated that Ohio is one of the top ten most populous states. Interesting enough, five of the top ten are states that border the Great Lakes. There are a total of eight states that border the Great lakes and they “account for ownership of 49 percent of all registered powerboats in the USA, based on a Michigan State University study published in 2007.” In multiple surveys over the years, “Ohio’s recreational boaters have listed boating access at their top priority an area of interest.” A Marinas and Harbors Award was presented to staff of our local ODNR for the new state park marina on Middle Bass Island from the States Organization for Boating Access (SOBA).

Forty-Nine percent of all registered powerboaters in the USA have much in common. We not only cruise the Great Lakes by summer, we share a similar climate of four seasons. We winterize and store our boats for the winter, unlike our southern US boaters. We bundle up, shovel snow and by February we itch to clean our boats, pack coolers, and all those things I tire of by the end of boating season. As spring arrives, our souls are rested and refreshed as we begin the cleaning and packing process anew to head for destinations that have the boating access to restaurants, islands, and beaches right on our Lake Erie Shoreline.

So, I believe we do live in the Heart of it All! I love the opportunities of eating lunch at Kelly’s Island, walking along the shoreline of the sandbar, going to the Fish Festival or the air show by boat, and who doesn’t love the view of the Lorain Lighthouse lit up at night when entering the Black River? With all that to look forward to next spring, I will accept the hushed beauty and freshness of the first snow and all those that follow this winter. I will do so knowing I am not alone, 49 percent of the registered US boaters are joining me in the winter to come knowing that each cold, blustery, and perhaps snowy day is one day closer to a Great Lakes boating season.

Yours Truly,  
Teresa Pollock

**BOAT CRUISES**

Our Fleet Captains are now in the process of setting up cruises for next season. If you have any suggestions please don’t hesitate to contact them.

Roger Kubera – Power Fleet Captain  
Robert Coffman - Sail Fleet Captain

## 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 Robert Hilko  
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westlakeyachtingclub.com  
440-396-0358

Membership, Entertainment,  
Cruises, Steak Fry,  
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Contact: R/C Robert Coffman  
rearcommodore@  
westlakeyachtingclub.com  
330-730-4225

## GCBA/ILYA DELEGATE

Please contact V/C Robert Hilko  
rearcommodore@  
westlakeyachtingclub.com  
440-396-0358  
for any GCBA/ILYA related  
issues

## 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

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needs our thoughts and prayers  
please notify a flag officer or the  
Newsletter Editor

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## 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

## 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 living4678@yahoo.com.

## BUSINESS CARD ADVERTISEMENTS

Members with businesses can advertise in the WYC Newsletter for 11 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. Card will not be put in newsletter until payment received.

## WYC Classified

Email any items to sell in our WYC Classified section to [living4678@yahoo.com](mailto:living4678@yahoo.com) FYI: Mike and I got our fold up bikes from a WYC add (you know the ones many of you call our clown bikes). We use them frequently at the Islands and they were half the price of buying new bikes. Th

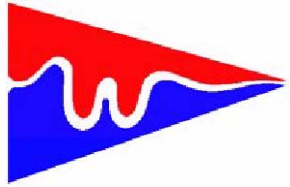
## **Membership**

Your 2011 membership dues are due on January 1. The renewal letters will be mailed to you. If you do not receive a letter please contact Joyce Rhodes, Secretary.ank you Bev for putting them in the news letter for sale.

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

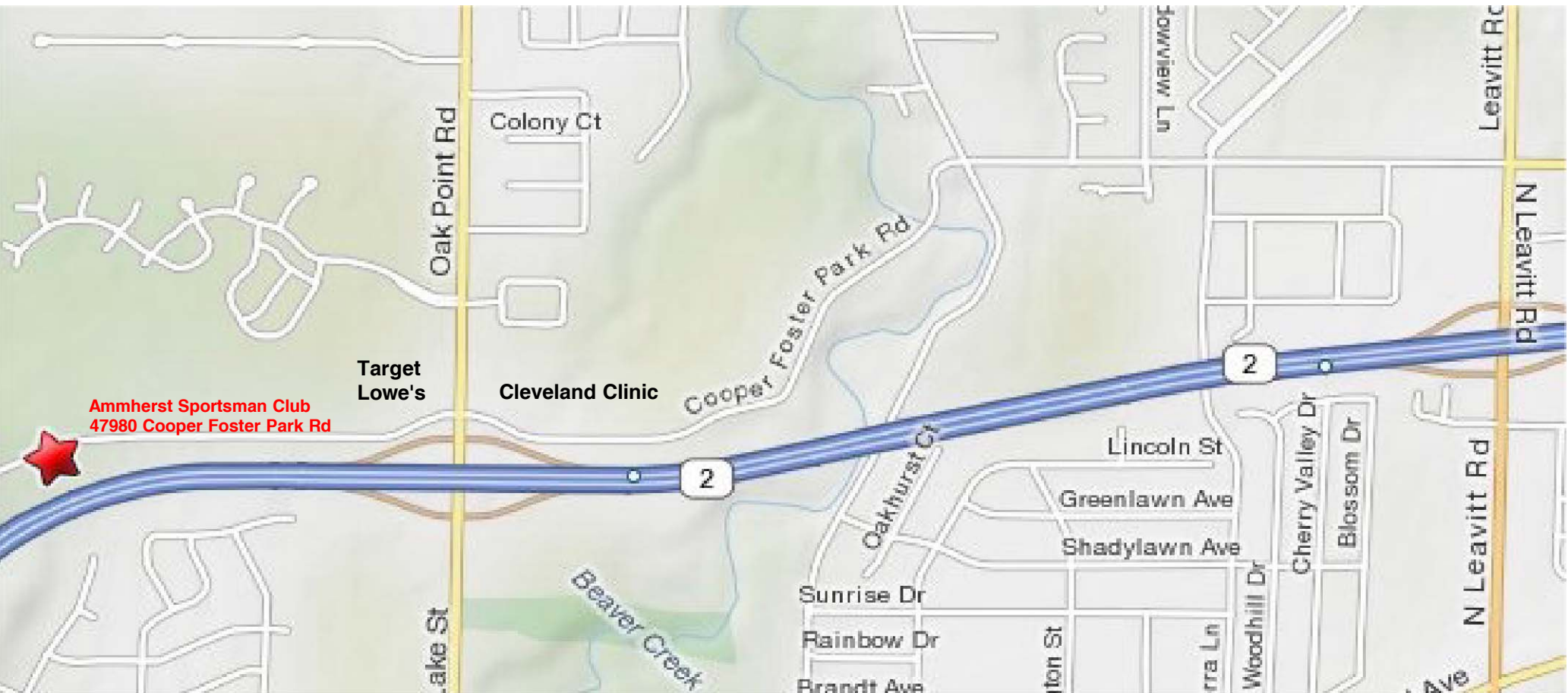
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Members Room Privileges  
WYC Newsletter  
WYC Members Directory  
WYC By-Laws  
Lots of FUN!!!





# WYC's Annual Christmas Party

## Friday Dec. 9 at 7:00 PM



### DIRECTIONS FROM LORAIN, OHIO

Take I-90 (Rt.2) and exit Oakpoint Rd. in Amherst, Ohio.

Turn right (north) & immediately turn left (West) on COOPER-FOSTER PARK RD.

The AMHERST SPORTSMAN CLUB 47980 Cooper-Foster Road is about a mile and on the right.

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