



# Westlake Yachting Club

"On the Black River"

Lorain, Ohio

Newsletter

November

2015

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETING REMINDER

**WYC's Monthly Meeting**  
**Next meeting: Nov. 11**  
**at 7:00 PM**  
**Location:**

#### **The Wheelhouse**

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  
Capt. Bill Robb  
Kristy Cain  
John Sinclair  
Chrissy Harrison

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2015

### Finance Committee

Capt. Jeff Robb  
Bobby Rhodes  
Pat Swagger  
Bev Sams  
Capt. Bill Robb

### House & Grounds

Bev Sams  
Joyce Rhodes  
Bobby Rhodes

## Commodore – John Lively

Hello Everyone,

We had our annual elections last month. Congratulations to Trustee Bill Robb on being elected to Rear Commodore, Treasurer Bobby Rhodes on being re-elected again and the following Trustees being elected, Kristy Cain, Chrissy Harrison and John Sinclair. Thanks to all of you for your time and commitment to represent these Board positions. With Bill moving to Rear Commodore we now have 2 Trustee positions open as well as Secretary.

If you are interested in any of these positions or know someone that might be please contact any Board Member.

There have been many members asking that the Wheelhouse remain open thru the end of November instead of closing after the Halloween party which we have done in the past. The House and Grounds committee met and decided to give it a try. Sales will be monitored on a weekly basis to ensure that we are not losing money. We will be open Wednesday thru Saturday from 4:00 until closing with a limited menu that Teri is working on. We will not be open on Sunday's.

Active membership is up about 70% this year and we are already receiving and approving applications for 2016. It was a group effort to achieve this growth and I want to thank everyone that helped. There is still work to be done and I'm convinced that the right people are in place to get the job done. If we all pull in the same direction we can continue to be successful.

Last, but certainly not least, Former Lady Madelon Bruehler is retiring from the Ways & Means Committee. She also advised me her assistant, Past Commodore Burt Bruehler is retiring with her. Madelon and Burt, I can't thank you both enough for your commitment and dedication to the club, whether it's committee work, Board Positions, Bridge Positions, supporting the Wheelhouse and back room events you've pretty much done it all over the years. Thank You.

Our next meeting is November 11th @ 7:00 in the Wheelhouse, hope to see you there. Board members, attire is CASUAL, I'm talking jeans and sweatshirts....

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone,  
Commodore John Lively

## Vice Commodore – Capt. Jeff Robb

As this year is coming to a close I am happy to remind everyone that the Wheelhouse will be open until Thanksgiving. It is important that we try to keep the business coming in during November to justify having the Wheelhouse open, but I believe that will not be a problem with the activities I've seen up at the club recently.

**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  
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Membership, Entertainment, Steak  
Fry, Clam Bake

Contact: R/C Rick Case  
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**GCBA/ILYA DELEGATE**

**WYC DIRECTORY**

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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**

The Halloween party was a roaring success. It was nice to see the large number of people as well as all the costumes from everyone. Really enjoyed the theme costume from the Wizard of Oz - you guys did a rocking job. I will look forward to what you're going to put together next year.

As we only have two more months on the calendar with our Commodore John Lively, I would like to take this moment to thank him for his service and hard work promoting and advancing the Westlake Yachting Club through the last few years. The Job of a Bridge Officer is not always an easy one. Thank you John.

I also wish everyone luck in properly winterizing and storing their boats for this winter season - depending on what weather outlet I listen to, it sounds like we may have a cold and snowy one this year. But that said I am really looking forward to the 2016 season at the Westlake Yachting Club, also remember there are still a few board positions (Secretary, Trustees, Fleet Captain) that we need filled for 2016, if you are interested in serving on the board please contact me or R/C Rick Case to discuss. And thank you all for the friendships we all share in the Westlake Yachting Club.

V/C Capt. Jeffrey Robb

**Rear Commodore – Rick Case**

No Article Submitted

**WHEELHOUSE NEWS:**



**Westlake Yachting Club's**  
**WHEELHOUSE**  
**RESTAURANT & LOUNGE**  
**FALL HOURS AS OF OCT 28TH**

<b>Weds -Thurs</b>	<b>4:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Sunday-Tuesday</b>	<b>Closed</b>

**CLOSING NOVEMBER 25TH**  
*All hours are subject to change  
due to weather and business conditions*

**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 new members:  
Active: James & Madeleine Wensink, Timothy & Amy Brunk  
and Mike & Linda Cullen

Congratulations to Diane Vitovitz for achieving Lifetime 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.

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

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

## **A MESSAGE FROM BOATUS**

### **Winterization and Ethanol Blended Fuels** by BoatUS and American Motorcyclist Association

The coming of cooler weather means an end to the boating and motorcycling season for many. Chiefly important in preparing these vehicles for winter is managing the potential for engine damage from the federally-mandated ethanol blend in our nation's gasoline supply.

Ethanol in gasoline stored for long periods can damage marine and motorcycle engines: "phase separation" of the fuel can leave a corrosive water-soaked ethanol mixture at the bottom of the gas tank. Half of the respondents of a recent Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatU.S.) survey reported that they have had to replace or repair their boat engine or fuel system parts due to suspected ethanol-related damage, costing an average \$1,000 for repairs.

To prevent ethanol problems over the winter, boats with built-in gas tanks should have fuel stabilizer added and the tank left nearly full. E10 fuel remaining in small portable gas tanks (and not pre-mixed with 2-stroke engine oil) should be poured into your car's gas tank and used quickly. Same goes for motorcycles - store full with stabilizer or drain completely.

So how did ethanol get into our gas? Signed into law in 2005 and expanded in 2007, the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) requires an increasing amount of biofuels such as corn ethanol to be blended into the gasoline supply. However, the ethanol mandate has failed to achieve promised consumer and environmental benefits.

In addition to winter storage and engine repair concerns, ethanol-blended fuel is actually worse for our air and water. According to research from the University of Tennessee, ethanol's "clean alternative" record is "highly questionable." The 2014 federal National Climate Assessment reported that ethanol production can require 220 times more water than gasoline.

Ninety-one percent of those surveyed by BoatU.S. prefer non-ethanol fuel for their boats. An AMA-commissioned poll found that 78 percent of all voters – not just motorcycle owners – have "very serious concerns about E15 use" and 70 percent oppose increasing the amounts of ethanol blended into gasoline.

But the Environmental Protection Agency ignores the public's concerns and continues to increase the amount of ethanol required to be blended in our nation's gas. Even though it's illegal to use E15 (15 percent ethanol by volume) in marine engines, snowmobiles, motorcycles, lawnmowers, and any vehicle made before 2001, E15 can now be found in 24 states. Using E15 in many vehicles on the road today will void the manufacturer's warranty.

With a recent \$100 million USDA grant made available to subsidize the installation of blender pumps at gas stations throughout the country, access to ethanol-free gas may soon be more difficult, leading to even more cases of inadvertent misfueling and engine damage.

Thankfully, Congress is considering bipartisan legislation to repeal the ethanol mandate, but the question remains whether our legislators will protect consumers and our environment by eliminating the ethanol mandate.



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