



Westlake Yachting Club

"On the Black River"

Lorain, Ohio

Newsletter

October

2008

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING REMINDER

TRUSTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY Oct.8 , 2009

1830 hrs / 6:30 P.M.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP &
ELECTION MEETING

19:30 hrs / 7:30 P.M.

WESTLAKE YACHTING CLUB WHEELHOUSE

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

2008 Officers & Trustee's

Commodore: Bob Sefcovic

V/Commodore: Keith Chafer

R/Commodore: Mike Pollock

Treasurer: Bobby Rhodes

Secretary: Joyce Rhodes

Trustee's:

Robert Hilko Pat Swagger
Ray Cull Joey Gary
Robert Coffman Ken Klein

Commodore – Robert Sefcovic

Ahoy All,

I would like to thank those that helped make the Clam Bake/ Silent Auction a success. There were a few minor hiccups, but over all things turned out well.

Remember October is a General Membership meeting. This meeting involves the election of officers for the upcoming year. There is a list of candidates posted in the Wheelhouse. Nominations will also be taken from the floor anyone who meets the criteria to hold office.

October also bring the second annual Jet-to-the-Bay trip. Tickets are available at the Wheelhouse, as well as the Bridge Officers. You can also contact Bev Sams, who has worked tirelessly to make this event a success.

One last thing. We have tickets available for our first ever large scale raffle. First prize is \$3000.00. Who couldn't use that? Trustee Coffman introduced this raffle as a means of defraying the overhead costs of running a facility such as ours. Don't be left out. The cost is \$25.00 per ticket.

Robert Sefcovic
Commodore

Vice Commodore – Keith Chafer – no report submitted

Rear Commodore – Michael Pollock

The Clam Bake and Silent Auction had a great turnout this year. I would like to thank everyone who helped with this event. Joanie Ross for handling the silent auction, Pat Swagger for helping her with it and selling lots of tickets, Bob Coffman, the ticket taker, Burt Bruehler and Bob Hilko for flipping steaks and all the bartenders, including Kevin Boggs may have thought he purchased a boat at the silent auction when he awoke Sunday morning.

There were many helpers with set up and cleans up, and we even had a visit from our jello shot fairy, Carol. The help from these people and so many others was greatly appreciated for this event.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FOR 2008

Finance Committee

V/C Keith Chafer
R/C Michael Pollock
Bobby Rhodes, Treas.
Joyce Rhodes, Sec.
Kevin Boggs
Pat Swagger, Trustee

House & Grounds

V/C Keith Chafer
R/C Michael Pollock
Bobby Rhodes, Treas.
Joyce Rhodes, Sec.
Burt Bruehler

Grievance

R/C Michael Pollock

Hospitality

Sue Taylor

By-Laws

V/C Keith Chafer
Ken Klein, Trustee
Ray Cull, Trustee

Membership Committee

R/C Michael Pollock
V/C Keith Chafer
Kevin Boggs
Richard Hartman

Ways and Means

Nan Kubera
Barb Sefcovic

Entertainment

R/C Michael Pollock
Kevin Boggs
Teri Wysocki, Mgr.

Fleet Captains

P/C Roger Kubera – Power
William Arnett – Sail

Newsletter

P/C Beverly Sams

Rear Commodore cont'd – Michael Pollock

We still have two club functions left this year, the Jet Express trip to Put in Bay on October 4th and a Halloween party on November 1st, with Royce as entertainment. Wear your favorite Halloween costume. More information to come.

I hope to see all of you there, as these will be two more great parties to wind up the season.

Mike Pollock
Rear Commodore



WAYS & MEANS

We have a limited supply of tee shirts, golf shirts, sweatshirts, polo shirts, tank tops, hats, visors, tote bags, mugs, koozies and youth apparel. Also in stock we have our WYC lapel pins and WYC necklace charm.

If you want something in a different size, color or with something special on it, like your name or boat name, it can be ordered, just contact Kay Neubert at 216-570-7954.

NOTE: All regular & special orders need 50% down. Items in stock can be purchased from Kay Neubert, Teri at the Wheelhouse or see any board member.

Put-in-Bay JET-EXPRESS 2008 Trip – P/C Beverly Sams

Don't Miss the Boat

The Put-In-Bay Jet-Express trip is scheduled for October 4, 2008. The price will be \$55.00 per person and it's a first come first serve on the tickets. We will be pre-selling a limited amount and when they are gone they are gone.

Everyone who said, they wished they had gone, now is your chance. Tickets are now on sale and will be on sale at the Wheelhouse, Jackalopes, Lorain Port Authority and WYC members. Don't be left at the dock get your tickets early. It's a perfect Fall Cruise. Contact information: 440-324-6288 or bsams@midviewinternet.com

BOAT CRUISES! BOAT CRUISES!!

2009 WYC CRUISES

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

Roger Kubera – Power Fleet Captain

Bill Arnett - Sail Fleet Captain

GCBA/ILYA

Rich McKee

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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

House & Grounds, Finance, Hospitality (coffee & drinks for cruises), Dinghy Poker Run

Contact: V/C Keith Chafer
kchafer@spirax.com
440-244-4392

Membership, Entertainment, Sail Cruises, Power Cruises, Steak Fry, Clam Bake

Contact: R/C Michael Pollock
ProAutoTruck@yahoo.com
440-323-4468

GCBA/ILYA DELEGATE

Please contact P/C Rich McKee for any GCBA/ILYA related issues at captmac@roadrunner.com or 419-797-0019.

WYC DIRECTORY

Mail changes to WYC, P.O. Box 3003, Lorain, OH 44052 or email Joyce Rhodes, Secretary at jaye@kellnet.com.

WAYS & MEANS

Barb Sefcovic at 330-656-3272 or Nan Kubera at 440-835-1225 or nkubera@verafast.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



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Articles are **due by 20th** of the month. Please email to P/C Beverly Sams at: bsams@midviewinternet.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 Beverly Sams at bsams@eshores.com. Send check payable to Westlake Yachting Club, P.O. Box 3003, Lorain, OH 4403. Card will not be put in newsletter until payment received.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee chaired by Past Commodore Virgil Radar has duly posted in the Wheelhouse and Back Room the following nominations for Rear Commodore, Trustees, Treasurer and Secretary. The list of nominees is as follows:

Rear Commodore (Vote for only one)

Burt Bruehler
Open – will take nominations from the floor

Trustee (Vote for Two)

Jim Sigman
Open - will take nominations from the floor

Jason Smith
Open - will take nominations from the floor

Treasurer
Robert Rhodes

Secretary
Joyce Ruf

Lake Erie Legend of The Storm Hag

Many people are acquainted with the legends of the famed Bermuda Triangle. We have all heard the eerie stories of The Triangle; the aircraft that have mysteriously disappeared from radar or the mighty ships that vanish without a trace. However, few of us know the story of the menacing Great Lakes Triangle.

Surprisingly, The Triangle of the Great Lakes has been cited as being responsible for more shipwrecks and disappearances than The Bermuda Triangle. It is estimated that between 6,000 and 10,000 shipwrecks have occurred within The Great Lakes Triangle.

Lake Erie has long been renowned for its treacherous waters and its sudden storms. As a result, frightening legends arose, many of which date back to early in our nations history.

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Lots of FUN!!!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Thoughts & Prayers go out to:

Deb Lively- speedy recovery
P/C Rich McKee
Dick Kovacs

If you know of a member that
needs our thoughts and prayers
please notify a flag officer or the
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During the 18th and 19th centuries, Lake Erie and Erie County, Pennsylvania were sites of navigational importance. Erie was a vital port for commercial shipping and fishing, as well as military and naval operations. Today, Erie County and nearby Presque Isle are considered part of the Erie Triangle or the "Graveyard of Lake Erie". Early shipping records tell us, that the water off of Erie Pennsylvania is the site of many mysterious disappearances and shipwrecks.

Erie locals will attest to the violent storms and ferocious gale winds that occur over the lake. Many storms are said to come on with little or no warning. Seasoned sailors of the past spoke of their great respect for the Lake and its unpredictable and dangerous weather. During the 18th century, sailors also likely feared a strange and frightening creature that was said to live beneath the depths of Lake Erie, an evil sea witch. American folklore tells us that a Storm Hag, as she was called, was thought by many to live in the Lake close to Presque Isle.

Her pale green, ghost-like form swims lazily through the murky waters, near the tall duckweeds. Her yellow, piercing, cat-like eyes gleam through the waters surface as she lays in wait for her next victim.

There is an old seamen's story about The Storm Hag of Lake Erie and a shipwreck that occurred in the late 18th century (about 1792). A ship was returning to Erie Port on a dark and very stormy night. The ship and its crew were anxious. The waters were treacherous and they were desperately trying to make their way to Presque Island's safe harbor. As they made their way, the crew began to gain confidence that this journey would come to a safe conclusion, because, as quickly as the storm had begun, it began to wane. As if by magic, the sky began to settle and clear, and the moonlight returned. It had been a long and difficult voyage, but the crew now believed that they would return home safely.

Unfortunately, as the story goes, the ship was steering into a frightening fate. The vessel had finally neared the isle and entered the island's murky waters. According to the story, the sea witch laid in wait in the calm waters, and with great care, she lured the weary ship and its crew to her lair. Suddenly, and without warning, the lake rose up in a violent storm. The crew was caught unprepared. The Storm Hag attacked the vessel and greedily swallowed up the ship and the crew, dragging the ship down into the bottom of the Great Lake. The sad legend goes on to say that if you stand at the lakes edge on a calm, moon lit night, you can still hear the frightened screams of that ancient ill-fated crew.

Disappearances and shipwrecks still occur in The Great Lakes Triangle today, so if you venture out on to Lake Erie, be wary of the sea witch and stay clear of the Presque Isle shores. However, if you are brave enough to near Presque isle, make sure you listen intently. The old legends say that The Storm Hag gives sailors a brief warning before she pulls their vessels into the deep murky lake. Old sailors, who were said to have survived the Storm Hag's wrath, told tales of a soft luring voice.

A soft voice that sings the chant:

**"Come into the water, love, dance beneath the waves,
where dwell the bones of sailor-lads inside my saffron caves."**

So if you find yourself in Lake Erie and you hear the soft singing voice of The Storm Hag, it is said that you only have seconds to abandon ship and save yourself before the Storm Hag pulls you under.

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W Y C's Calendar of Events for 2008	
	October
October 8	WYC Trustees Meeting Wheelhouse – 6:30 P.M.
October 8	WYC General Membership Meeting (<i>Elections</i>) Wheelhouse – 7:30 P.M.
October 31	Halloween
	November
November 1	WYC HALLOWEEN PARTY – Entertainment - Royce
November 1	Wheelhouse Closing Date
November 8	Cleanup & Winterized for the Season
November 12	WYC Trustees Meeting location TBA – 7:30 P.M.
	December
December 5-7	I-LYA Fall Meeting at Westlake Holiday Inn
December 13	WYC Trustees Meeting & Christmas Party location TBA – 7:30 P.M.

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