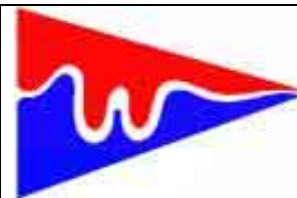


Newsletter
May
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Westlake Yachting Club of Lorain, Ohio



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING OF WYC

Date: May 11, 2005

Time: 1930 Hours

Place: Wheelhouse

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

GCBA/ILYA DELEGATE

P/C Richard McKee

Please contact Mr. McKee for any

GCBA/ILYA related issues at

captn-mac@adelphia.net

or 419-797-0019.

2005 FLEET CAPTAINS

Cruise applications were put in earlier editions of newsletter. If you need additional copies or information contact your Fleet Captains directly or check the website.

Power F/C – Jim Forberger at

440-949-2350 or

jforberg@imaginenet.net

Huron cruise is full – waiting list

Kelley's Island – 2 openings

Cedar Point – call 888-273-6257

Sail F/C Rick Vanek at

440-949-7182 or

Richard.Vanek@polyone.com

WAYS & MEANS

If you are in need of WYC Merchandise, please contact the following:

Beth Lusk at 440-734-5456 or

blusk@verafast.com

Connie Friess, 440-949-5040.

Letter from your Commodore

I'm a man of a few words (unless I've had a few beers!). The boating season is finally upon us and there is life down at the boat yard and boats are going in the water.

We had a busy Saturday cleaning up the Wheelhouse for the season. Thanks to everyone who was there to help! Bev really put in some overtime - staying till late Saturday evening and back again on Sunday to make sure everything was sparkling and ready to go.

The Kick Off for the 2005 Summer is the Grand Opening Party at the Wheelhouse on Friday April 29th, with entertainment by Denny Michaels. It should be a good time!

Commodore Roger Kubera

Vice Commodore – Joey Gary

The weather turns, we clean the Wheelhouse. The boats go in the water, it starts to snow. We are ready to open the Wheelhouse, they build a wall. When will it end, the weather, the construction, who knows, I sure don't.

However, after another cleaning, the Wheelhouse is ready to open on the 29th. A huge thank you to all that took part in the first clean up, a spectacular job. The management committee has been busy last week choosing the new staff. I think you will all appreciate our efforts. There will be a finance committee meeting after the next trustees meeting. The Wheelhouse will be featuring a happy hour this year, details at the club. We are working on ways to give back to the membership. We hope to have the back room open as a clubhouse as soon as possible.

In closing, thank you again for all the help, it could never have been done without you, the members. Keep our club strong..... get involved.

Smooth sailing, V/C Joey Gary

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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

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

Contact: V/C Joey Gary
sailor_44052@yahoo.com
216-924-0153

Membership, Entertainment, Sail
Cruises, Power Cruises, Blessing
of the Fleet, Parade of Lights,
Waterway Cleanup, Steak Fry,
Clam Bake

Contact: R/C Beverly Sams
bsams@eshores.com
440-324-6288

NEW MEMBER'S

The Commodore, Bridge and
Trustee's would like to welcome
aboard the following new
members:

Scott and Leslie Deslover
1439 Lexington Drive
Vermilion, OH 44089
440-967-9936

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK IS MAY 21-27, 2005

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK'S

R/C Beverly Sams will be doing
Vessel Safety Check's for our club
members this year. Your boat
does have to be in the water. To
schedule your appointment call
440-324-6288 or see her on
Riverside Harborwalk Dock F-6.

Rear Commodore – Beverly Sams

WOW! What a turnout for the cleanup of the Wheelhouse, I want to thank all of you for volunteering your time, out of your busy schedules to help this year. Everyone put in a lot of elbow grease to get our Wheelhouse ready to open and kickoff this years boating season. We don't know what we'd do without you, THANK YOU.

We've also negotiated the lease with Spitzers and we do have a home for this year, with an option on a second year for sure in the area we are in right now. Included in the lease is use of the back room and the deck, so we can go ahead and plan this year's functions. And yes, it's signed by all parties.

I will be needing help for the Steak Fry June 11th, if you would like to help out your club and make this function a success, call or sign up on the bulletin board at the Wheelhouse.

Here are bit's n pieces of my last month's article that didn't make it by email. I now have a new laptop... There was a BIG CORRECTION in my February report. It was Matt Edwards that worked with the Oberlin Inn to help meet all the commitments they made to WYC. But, Nan Kubera did all the work and organizing, she did a fantastic job. Thanks Nan.....

There will be a sign up sheet in the Wheelhouse to see if any of our members, members family or other boaters in the marina's are interested in taking a Basic Boating Course taught by United States Power Squadron. The Vermilion Squadron has volunteered to teach a course at our club and the only cost would be the materials. I would like to set this class up to start in May, but if I don't have enough interest from our members, I won't pursue it further. So, if you're interested in furthering your education in boating or just want a refresher course email me at bsams@eshores.com, call 440-324-6288 or sign up on the sheet in the Wheelhouse.

Yours in Boating Safely, R/C Beverly Sams

Wheelhouse news

Grand Opening is scheduled for April 29th. Entertainment for that evening is by DJ Denny Michaels from 8 p.m. to midnight. Watch the Wheelhouse and website for more updates.

Mark your calendars for May 14th – Tim Blake will be back that evening from 8 p.m. to midnight.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for the 2005 season, email them to Teri at wheelhouse_manager@westlakeyachtingclub.com

WYC DIRECTORY

Please check your listing in the directory and make corrections so that we may have the correct phone number, address, email, boat name, dock number, what Marina you dock at and whether you are sail or power. We need this information as soon as possible before we print our new directory. Mail changes to WYC, P.O. Box 3003, Lorain, OH 44052 or email Joyce Ruf, Secretary at jaye@kellnet.com with your changes.

FOR SALE

Need a Dingy for the 2nd Annual WYC Race July 2, contact Ron Buddie (440) 734-3699 he has a Seaworthy SW8.3 Rollup inflatable - \$450.00 w/ accessories: (2) oars w/ oar locks, foot pump w/ hose and nozzles, floorboards, (2) registration placards for sale.

4 large white fenders - \$10.00 each. Contact Russ MacNeal at 440-666-0054.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your thoughts and prayers are needed for member David Gard who is very ill and going through radiation and chemotherapy. Let's cheer him up with a shower of good wishes and cards, send to 1015 Gulf Road, Elyria, OH 44035.

POETRY FROM THE SEA

Would you like to give the newsletter a little "color" with words? If you have original poetry or essays with a nautical flavor that you would like to share with your WYC friends in upcoming issues of the WYC newsletter, I would love to hear from you.

2005 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FROM MAY 1 TO JUNE 30TH

**** RECEIVE \$100.00 OFF THE INITIATION FEE ****

The Westlake Yachting Club Membership Committee would like to ask all members to participate in increasing our membership. The initiation fee and dues with the \$100.00 discount would be \$350.00 payable to WYC. We will have applications available at the Wheelhouse, Spitzer Lakeside, website or contact R/C Beverly Sams – 440-324-6288, so arrangements can be made.

Also, WYC is pleased to accept a current membership in good standing of another I-L-Y-A affiliated yacht club in lieu of our initiation fee. If they qualify for this, they must send a copy of their 2004/05 membership card and a check for \$225.00 payable to WYC.

These applications must be received by WYC before June 30, 2005 to qualify for this year's new membership special. Remember this is your club and we all should work together as a team.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Boaters Top Resolutions for 2005

Teach a child or friend how to sail, or introduce them to boating.

Check your flares, fire extinguisher and other safety equipment to be certain they're in good condition and up-to-date.

The next time you go fishing, experiment with circle hooks. These fish-saving hooks will save an angler's excitement of the catch for another day or perhaps even for your own child.

Familiarize yourself with an online weather service so it becomes a routine part of your pre-departure planning. Knowing potential conditions before you go makes float planning easier.

Fuel up your boat without spilling a drop overboard this entire season and contain engine room drops and spills with bilge pads and socks. The cumulative effects of a little drop here and there can add up.

Purchase and wear an inflatable life jacket. Being comfortable in your life saving, personal floatation device means you will use it.

Tune your engines. An engine running at top performance can drastically reduce harmful exhaust or oil emissions and you'll get more miles to the gallon.

Set up some easy to identify, separate trash and recycling containers aboard. A readily available disposal system helps everyone keep trash out of the water.

Save the alcohol for when you arrive safely back at the dock. The majority of all boating fatalities are alcohol related.

Take a boating course....

MEMBERS ONLY ADVERTISING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members are invited to advertise items or place announcements in the "For the Good of the Order" section of this newsletter at any time, free of charge. Please submit advertisement or announcement to the editor. See below for contact information.

BUSINESS CARD ADVERTISEMENTS

We are researching how many members with businesses would be interested in advertising in the WYC Newsletter in future issues. If your business would be interested in submitting a business card advertisement for a small fee, please contact the editor. See below for contact information.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Articles are **due by 20th** of the month. Email to Kerry Buddie at kbuddie@cox.net

Questions or Comments about this newsletter should be directed to Beverly Sams at 440-324-6288 or bsams@eshores.com.

VISIT YOUR WYC WEBSITE

www.westlakeyachtingclub.com

For updates on the WYC Calendar, upcoming events, pictures, urgent updates, membership application, newsletter, bridge and trustee contact information, helpful links and much, much more!

Calendar of Events for 2005 <i>WYC EVENTS IN ITALICS</i>	
May 11	<i>WYC Trustees Meeting – Wheelhouse-(Open) 1930hrs.</i>
May 14	<i>Wheelhouse Entertainment, Tim Blake 2000 – 2400 hours</i>
May 22-28	National Safe Boating Week
May 28 – 30	<i>WYC Sail Fleet Cruise to Huron Boat Basin</i>
May 30	<i>WYC Wheelhouse open for Memorial Day – See specials</i>
May 30	GCBA Memorial Day Service at the USS COD
June 8	<i>WYC Trustees Meeting – Wheelhouse 1830 hours</i>
June 8	<u><i>WYC General Membership Meeting - Wheelhouse 1930 hours</i></u>
June 11	<i>WYC Steak Fry</i>
June 17-18	<i>WYC Power Fleet Cruise to Huron Boat Basin</i>
June 24-26	Lorain International Festival
June 24-26	GCBA Summer Rendezvous – Huron Boat Basin
June 25	<i>Parade Of Lights</i>
July 2	<i>WYC 2nd Annual Dingy Race</i>
July 4	Lorain Port Authority Fireworks
July 10 (Sunday)	Spitzer Dock Party – Lakeside Dockers Only
July 13	<i>WYC Trustees Meeting - Wheelhouse 1930 hours</i>
July 15-17	Port Festival – Black River Landing
July 17 (Sunday)	Spitzer Dock Party – Harbor Walk Dockers Only
July 29-30	<i>WYC Power Fleet Cruise to Kelly's Island</i>
August 10	<i>WYC Trustees Meeting – Wheelhouse 1930 hours</i>
August 19-20	<i>WYC Power Fleet Cruise to Cedar Point Marina</i>
August 20	<i>Taco Nite at the Wheelhouse</i>
August 26-28	<i>WYC Sail Fleet Cruise - Dock-of-the-Bay (Sandusky)</i>
September 14	<i>WYC Trustees Meeting - Wheelhouse 1930 hours</i>
September 17	<i>WYC Clam Bake & Silent Auction</i>
October 11	GCBA General Meeting – 1930 hours
October 12	<i>WYC Trustees Meeting at Wheelhouse Restaurant – 1830 hours</i>
October 12	<u><i>WYC General Membership Meeting at Wheelhouse Restaurant – 1930 hours</i></u>
November 9	<i>WYC Trustees Meeting location TBD – 1930 hours</i>
November 11-13	GCBA Commodore's Ball
December 2-4	I-LYA Fall Meeting at Sandusky Holiday Inn
December 13	GCBA General Meeting – 1930 hours All Ports Yacht Club
December 14	<i>WYC Trustees Meeting location TBD – 1930 hours</i>