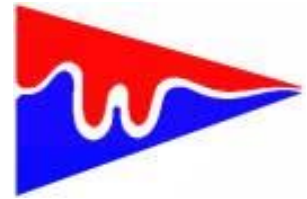


Newsletter

JUNE

2007

*Westlake Yachting Club*  
*“On the Black River”*  
*Lorain, Ohio*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING REMINDER

TRUSTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 13, 2007

1830 hrs / 6:30 P.M.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING

1930 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.

**2007 Officers & Trustee's**

**Commodore:** Beverly Sams

**V/Commodore:** Dave Swagger

**R/Commodore:** Bob Sefcovic

**Treasurer:** Bobby Rhodes

**Secretary:** Joyce Rhodes

**Trustee's:**

Burt Buehler  
Ken Klein  
John Lively  
Mike Pollock  
Richard Potash  
A.C. VanDenBossche

*Happy Fathers Day!*

Commodore – Beverly Sams

**Steak Fry - Congratulations** go out to Trustee Burt and Madelon Bruehler, Rear Commodore Bob Sefcovic, the Wheelhouse and everyone who made this event a fun filled and successful evening.

It's great to drive into the marinas and see the docks filling up with boats and fellow boaters finally enjoying this years boating season. Mother Nature has co-operated somewhat, with the weather and Jim and I finally put our woody, a 1964 Chris Craft, in her slip on F dock at Riverside.

As always, boating safely in any body of water, is a big factor, in being able to enjoy your summer. Please schedule a Vessel Safety Check by calling me, Commodore Beverly Sams at 440-324-6288, email: [bsams@eshores.com](mailto:bsams@eshores.com), see me at the Wheelhouse, or F-Dock Spitzer Riverside Marina. You can also, get a group together to schedule your vessel safety checks. I am a Certified Vessel Safety Inspector of the United States Power Squadron.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to P/C Joey Gary for volunteering to put up our American Flag and WYC Burgee, on the flag pole and Matt Edwards – Spitzer Marinas for replacing and fixing the electrical line that keeps our flags lighted at night and Trustee Ken Klein for overseeing this project.

At the May meeting, I brought up an award that use to be given out to one member of our club, that recognizes their significant contribution, outstanding leadership, demonstrated enthusiasm, extraordinary involvement and loyal support. This is a prestigious acknowledgement for our membership to bestow on one of its own. It is an honor that was presented every year at the Commodore's Ball. The Officers and Board Members have approved to rejuvenate, the Westlake Yachting Club Member of the Year Award. P/C Richard McKee will be the chairperson for this award. He is presently working on revising the criteria for this award. We will put this on our website to be downloaded and filled out and mailed.

The Officers and Board Members also approved from the Membership Committee, rather than offer a \$100.00 initiation discount, we would give the new member five \$20.00 gift certificates to the Wheelhouse. Only one certificate may be used per day by the member. They are not transferable and yacht club I.D. is required for redemption. The certificates exclude

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2007**

### **Finance Committee**

V/C Dave Swagger  
R/C Bob Sefcovic  
Bobby Rhodes, Treas.  
Burt Buehler  
Wayne Ross  
Keith Chafer  
Virgil Radar  
Joyce Rhodes, Sec.

### **Management Committee**

V/C Dave Swagger  
Bobby Rhodes, Treas.  
Joyce Rhodes, Sec.  
R/C Bob Sefcovic  
Mike Pollock, Trustee  
Teri Wysocki, Mgr.

### **House & Grounds**

V/C Dave Swagger  
Ken Klein, Trustee  
Mike Pollock, Trustee

### **Hospitality**

Sue Taylor

### **By-Laws**

A.C. VanDenBossche, Trustee  
John Lively, Trustee  
Richard Potash, Trustee  
Ken Klein, Trustee  
Ray Cull

### **Membership Committee**

R/C Bob Sefcovic  
Dan Lesko  
Kevin Boggs  
Mike Pollock, Trustee

### **Ways and Means**

Nan Kubera  
Barb Sefcovic

### **Entertainment**

R/C Bob Sefcovic  
Richard Potash, Trustee

### **Grievance**

Mike Pollock, Trustee

### **Insurance**

R/C Bob Sefcovic

## **Commodore – Beverly Sams, cont'd**

gratuities and use for yacht club functions. The certificates will have no cash value; therefore no change will be given, should the guest check be less than \$20.00. The Wheelhouse will be reimbursed for all certificates they honor and the receipt shall be attached for the proper amount to be paid back to the Wheelhouse.

Our Cruise to Huron with Point Yacht Club is June 15-17<sup>th</sup>, P/C Roger Kubera & Nan assures everyone who comes by land or sea will have a terrific time. See you there.....

Sign up for the Westlake Yachting Club and Lorain International Parade of Lights on June 23, 2007. This event is open to everyone and the application and fee must be turned in. The application can be downloaded from our website shortly. For more information contact R/C Bob Sefcovic.

Don't forget about volunteers needed for the Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club I-LYA Junior Regatta on Saturday June 30, 2007. If you can help out please contact Secretary Joyce Rhodes.

Yours in Boating Safely,

Commodore Beverly Sams

## **Vice Commodore – Dave Swagger**

Well the steak fry was a great success and like always, Trustee Bruehler and his crew did a excellent job. Everyone seemed to be having a good time.

June 15th-17th is the Huron Cruise. Sue Taylor, like always, will be providing breakfast that Saturday morning for those interested. Don't forget, you don't need a boat to participate in this great event. You can drive up and be part of all the fun.

Please continue to check our website for a complete list of events for this season. Volunteers are always needed to help with these events. Let us know if you can help.

Vice Commodore David Swagger

## **Rear Commodore – Bob Sefcovic**

Ahoy all,

Well, the Steak fry is now another part of WYC history. What an event! Burt and his lovely wife Madelon worked many long hours to put on an event that was second to none. Many thanks to the many who helped setup on Friday night, the cooking crew, the bartenders, not to mention clean up. Last but not least, a heart felt thanks to all the members and their families and friends who attended.

### **Fleet Captains**

Roger Kubera – Power  
William Arnett – Sail

### **Newsletter**

Beverly Sams

### **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,  
Wheelhouse Management,  
Hospitality (coffee & drinks for  
cruises), Dinghy Poker Run

Contact: V/C R/C Dave Swagger  
[davestheman@centurytel.net](mailto:davestheman@centurytel.net)  
440-245-3016

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

Contact: R/C Bob Sefcovic  
[MRSEF@aol.com](mailto:MRSEF@aol.com)  
330-656-3272

### **GCBA/ILYA DELEGATE**

Please contact Rich McKee for any  
GCBA/ILYA related issues at  
[captmac2@verizon.net](mailto:captmac2@verizon.net)  
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](mailto:jaye@kellnet.com).

### **WAYS & MEANS**

Barb Sefcovic at 330-656-3272 or

Nan Kubera at 440-835-1225 or

[nkubera@verafast.com](mailto:nkubera@verafast.com)

**Don't forget your**

**Membership Benefits:**

### **Rear Commodore – Bob Sefcovic cont'd**

Don't forget, June 23, 2007, is the parade of lights. Information in newsletter & will be available along with sign up sheets at the Wheelhouse.

On a more serious note, Sunday morning as I headed to the Wheelhouse for breakfast, I couldn't help but notice the tremendous amount of debris on the water. I saw Plastic bags, juice and soda containers, and far too many other things to mention. A simple plastic bag got caught on my trolling motor blocking the water intake, causing the motor to overheat and destroy the power head. The problem is, you may not realize what has happened until the damage is done. The repair on this 15 HP engine was \$2500.00. I wouldn't want to imagine what the cost would be to a 200 or 300 HP engine. So please, boat safe, smart and clean. Lake Erie is a natural resource, not a trash dump. It has been made fun of, however, if it wasn't for this lake we wouldn't be enjoying our summers cruising, fishing, water skiing or any of the recreations we enjoy.

One final note, the month of May, we held a special membership drive. After all, it's the membership that makes this club what it is. Our most important member is each and every one of you, for if we didn't have you on the roster, we couldn't be the fine organization we are.  
R/C Robert Sefcovic

### **May Steak Fry**

To everyone who helped make the steak fry a success-a big thank you. It takes more than 2 people to make it happen.

Kudoes to the set up crew, the usual suspects, the ticket sellers , Terri, the booze raffle guys, the raffle ticket sellers, the bartenders, the servers, the desk crew, the dessert bakers, Kathy and her great beans, Burt & his great planning & above all the cooks & anyone else I missed. You are terrific!

Madelon & Burt

### **Discount & Happy Hours at the Wheelhouse**

The 10 % discount is for **Full Active Members** at the Wheelhouse, with the following stipulations:

The 10% discount **shall not apply** during Happy Hours at the Wheelhouse.

Full Active Member, Spouse or Significant other's **shall** present their membership card when ordering to get the discount. The discount will be applied when paying your bill. Remember, there are no discounts for happy hour, it will be totaled and added after the discount is applied.

All other types of membership's **shall not** get the discount.

Happy Hours will be Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

Our 13 oz. blue stem wine glasses, with the imprint of Westlake Yachting Club and burgee are available for \$5.00 each, at the Wheelhouse.

### **BOAT CRUISES! BOAT CRUISES!!**

The 2007 summer season boat cruises have been reserved:

1. Huron Boat Basin - June15-16 - 10 docks. This is the Oldies Fest and when we get together with Point Yacht Club - always a really good time!!



# HOW TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES FROM A FOREIGN PORT OR COUNTRY, INCLUDING CANADA

All private boaters are obligated to immediately report their arrival upon entering the United States from a foreign port or country, including Canada. You need to report to two different offices of the United States Customs Border Protection (CBP): **Immigration** and **Customs**.

## **HOW TO REPORT TO CBP-IMMIGRATION**

### **OPTION #1: I-68 Border Landing Permit**

You must obtain an I-68 permit for each person onboard 14 years or older in advance of your trip. You must apply in person and provide three forms of identification. You will be fingerprinted and your photo will be affixed to the I-68. If you and every other person on board your boat has an I-68, you may bypass reporting to CBP-Immigration any time you enter the U.S. via boat. *(You still have an obligation to report your arrival to CBP-Customs, see below.)*

The Cleveland area location where you can obtain an I-68 is Burke Lakefront Airport at 1501 N. Marginal Road in Cleveland. Call CBP-Immigration at 216-522-2265 to find out what you are required to bring with you. The cost is \$16 per person, with a maximum per family of \$32. An I-68 is valid for one year.

### **OPTION #2: Videophone**

If everyone on board your boat does not have an I-68 you must report your arrival by Videophone at one of the below locations.

*(You must also report your arrival to CBP-Customs, see below.)*

- **Ashtabula – Ashtabula City Public Dock**
- **Fairport Harbor – Grand River Marina**
- **Mentor – Mentor Lagoons Marina**
- **Eastlake – Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club**
- **Cleveland – East 55<sup>th</sup> Marina**
- **Sandusky – Cedar Point Marina**
- **South Bass Island – Put-in-Bay Dock Master's Office**
- **Port Clinton – Brands Dry Dock**

## **HOW TO REPORT TO CBP-CUSTOMS**

Private boats must contact CBP-Customs at **1-888-523-BOAT (2628)** to report their arrival. This number will connect you to a CBP-Customs officer who will either tell you that you are cleared or to wait in your boat for a Customs Inspector to arrive at your location to clear you and your boat. Only the Captain of the boat may leave the boat and go to the nearest telephone to report the arrival. You may also call en-route via cell phone. When Customs clears the boat then all persons may leave the boat. Have this information ready when calling to avoid delays:

- Boat registration number and length *(and Customs decal if over 30 feet, see below)*
- Captain's name and date of birth
- Total number of persons on board and value of all purchases in Canada
- The name of the marina where you first arrived on the U.S. side

## **NOTE FOR VESSELS 30' OR LONGER**

If your boat is 30 feet or longer, you must have a valid U.S. Customs Decal affixed to the boat prior to your voyage to Canada. Decals may be purchased from CBP-Customs for \$25 (good for one year). For information on how to purchase your decal, contact Customs, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm in Ashtabula (440-998-3073), Cleveland (440-891-3800), or Toledo/Sandusky (419-259-6424).

## Brief Explanation of VSC Required Items:

**❑ 1. NUMBERING:** The boat's registration number must be permanently attached to each side of the forward half of the boat characters must be plain, vertical, block style, not less than three (3) inches high, and in a color contrasting with the background. A space or hyphen must separate the letters from the numbers. Place State validation sticker according to State policy. (e.g. **FL 1234 AB** or **FL4234-AB**)

**❑ 2. REGISTRATION/DOCUMENTATION:** Registration or Documentation papers must be on board and available. Documentation numbers must be permanently marked on a visible part of the interior structure. The documented boat's name and hailing Port must be displayed on the exterior hull in letters not less than 4 inches in height.

**❑ 3. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs):** Acceptable PFDs (also known as Life Jackets) must be U.S. Coast Guard approved and in good, serviceable condition. A wearable PFD of suitable size is required for the each person on the boat. Children must have properly fitted PFDs designed for children. Wearable PFDs shall be "readily accessible." Boats 16 Feet or longer, must also have one Type IV (throwable) device, which shall be "immediately available." PFDs shall NOT be stored in unopened plastic packaging. For Personal Watercraft riders, the PFD must be worn. An impact rating is recommended, but not required.

**❑ 4. VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS:** Recreational boats 16 feet and over used on coast waters or the Great Lakes are required to carry a minimum of either 1) three day and three night pyrotechnic devices, 2) one day non-pyrotechnic device (flag) and one night non-pyrotechnic device (auto SOS light) or 3) a combination of 1) and 2). Recreational boats less than 16 feet on coastal waters or the Great Lakes need only carry night visual distress signals when operating from sunset to sunrise.

It is recommended, but not required, that boats operating on inland waters should have some means of making a suitable day and night distress signal. The number and type of signals is best judged by considering conditions under which the boat will be operating.

**❑ 5. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:** Fire extinguishers are required if one of the following conditions exists: 1) Inboard engine(s); 2) Double bottom hulls not completely sealed or not completely filled with flotation materials 3) Closed living space 4) Closed stowage compartments that contain flammable materials or 5) Permanently installed fuel tanks. Recreational boats less than 26 feet, and propelled by outboard motors are NOT required to have fire extinguishers unless one or more of the conditions (2-5) listed above applies. *NOTE: Fire extinguishers must be readily accessible and verified as serviceable.*

### Minimum number of extinguishers required

Boat Length	No Fixed System	With Fixed System
Less than 26'	one B-1	0
26' to less than 40'	two B-1 or one B-2	one B-1
40' to 65'	three B-1 or one B-1 & one B-2	two B-1 or one B-2

**❑ 6. VENTILATION:** Boats with gasoline engines in closed compartments, built after 1 August 1980 must have a powered ventilation system. Those built prior to that date must have natural or powered ventilation. Boats with closed fuel tank compartments built after 1 August 1978 must meet requirements by displaying a "certificate of compliance." Boats built before that date must have either natural or powered ventilation in the fuel tank compartment.

**❑ 7. BACKFIRE FLAME ARRESTER:** All gasoline powered inboard/outboard or inboard motor boats must be equipped with an approved backfire flame control device.

**❑ 8. SOUND PRODUCING DEVICES:** To comply with Navigation Rules and for distress signaling purposes all boats must carry a sound producing device (whistle, horn, siren, etc.) capable of a 4-second blast audible for 2 mile. Boats larger than 39.4 ft. are also required to have a bell (see Navigation Rules.)

**❑ 9. NAVIGATION LIGHTS:** All boats must be able to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and in conditions of reduced visibility. Boats 16 feet or more in length must have properly installed, working navigation lights and an all-around anchor light capable of being lit independently from the red/green/white "running" lights.

**❑ 10. POLLUTION PLACARD:** Boats 26 feet and over with a machinery compartment must display an oily waste "pollution" placard.

**❑ 11. MARPOL TRASH PLACARD:** Boats 26 feet and over in length, operating in U.S. navigable waters, must display a "MARPOL" trash placard. Oceangoing boats 40 feet and over must also have a written trash disposal plan available onboard.

**❑ 12. MARINE SANITATION DEVICE:** Any installed toilet must be a Coast Guard approved device. Overboard discharge outlets must be capable of being sealed.

**❑ 13. NAVIGATION RULES:** Boats 39.4 feet and over must have on board a current copy of the Navigation Rules.

**❑ 14. STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS:** These requirements must be met before the "Vessel Safety Check" decal can be awarded. A boat must meet the requirements of the state in which it is being examined.

**❑ 15. OVERALL BOAT CONDITION:** As it applies to this Vessel. Including, but not limited to:

**a. Deck free of hazards and clean bilge -** The boat must be free from fire hazards, in good overall condition, with bilges reasonably clean and visible hull structure generally sound. The use of automobile parts on boat engines is not acceptable. The engine horsepower must not exceed that shown on the capacity plate.

**b. Electrical and Fuel Systems:** The electrical system must be protected by fuses or manual reset circuit breakers. Switches and fuse panels must be protected from rain or water spray. Wiring must be in good condition, properly installed and with no exposed areas or deteriorated insulation. Batteries must be secured and terminals covered to prevent accidental arcing. **If installed**, self-circling or kill switch mechanism must be in proper working order. All PWCs **require** an operating self circling or kill switch mechanism.

**Fuel Systems - Portable fuel tanks** (normally 7 gallon capacity or less) must be constructed of non-breakable material and free of corrosion and leaks. All vents must be capable of being closed. The tank must be secured and have a vapor-tight, leak-proof cap. Each permanent fuel tank must be properly ventilated.

**c. Galley and Heating Systems -** System and fuel tanks must be properly secured with no flammable materials nearby.

**I - VIII. RECOMMENDED AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:** (Not required for the award of the "Vessel Safety Check" decal). For the very best boaters, we recommend these additional items. Meeting these requirements reflects your concern for Boating Safety.

**\*\* Person in the Water (PIW) kit consists of one extra wearable PFD and a throwable type IV PFD w/line.**

For more information: Ask your Vessel Examiner,

Visit <http://SafetySeal.net> or

Call the Boating Safety Hotline - 800-368-5647

