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***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**MEETING REMINDER**

TRUSTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY APRIL 11, 2007

1930 hrs / 7:30 P.M.

**LORAIN SAILING CLUB**
By the Lorain Coast Guard Station

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:**

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

# Happy Easter To All!

## Commodore – Beverly Sams

I would like to welcome 7 New Members from the IX Boat Show, held in January of this year and invite them to attend our April 11th meeting.

I encourage every member to reach out and ask your dock partners, boating friends and others, to bring in just one new member in 2007. There are several methods available to you. 1. Download an application from our web site. 2. Pick up at the Wheelhouse. 3. Ask someone on the Membership Committee.

We plan on having a speaker from the Lorain Health Department on clarification of Private Clubs with the new smoking laws. Since there is some confusion and to see what alternatives we can offer our club members that do smoke.

Also, at the April meeting, I will have a representative of Vermilion Power Squadron, to do a short presentation on the educational programs, that are available to every boater and non-boater. There will be a sign up sheet or email me at bsams@eshores.com, for those interested in furthering their boating knowledge. You will only have to pay for your book and materials. The whole family can attend with just buying one book and materials.

The Officer's and Trustee's approved renewing our lease with Spitzer Management for the next year, with no increase in our rent. So, we are set until April of 2008. We have also asked for renewal options and have not heard back, as of this newsletter.

We have also passed paying your due's by credit card. This also includes any proposed new member application and dues. Our Treasurer, Bobby Rhodes will be putting this program together and hopefully next year, we will be able to renew our dues on our webpage.

We will be needing volunteers to help with the clean up for the Wheelhouse and backroom, on April 14th at 10:00 AM till ???

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2007**

**Finance Committee**
V/C Dave Swagger
R/C Bob Sefcovic
Bobby Rhodes, Treas.
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
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

**Fleet Captains**
Roger Kubera – Power
William Arnett – Sail

## *Commodore Cont'd – Beverly Sams*

I want to thank Jim Ehrman, for advertising his business card in our newsletter. Jim has been a member of Westlake Yachting Club for many years. Give him a call for your boating needs.

If you have any suggestions for our club, please feel free to email, call or see me in person.

Last but not least, in quoting, William Jennings Bryan, "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved."

Let's work together in 2007 to continue achieving Westlake Yachting Clubs destiny.

Yours in Boating Safely ,

Commodore Beverly Sams

## *Vice Commodore – Dave Swagger*

Well my ski trip was a success. I came back with nothing broken and had a great time!

My committees have been very busy this last month. Finance committee has the budget completed for this year. Management committee has set the dates and menu for the Wheelhouse.

Wheelhouse clean up will be on April 14th at 10:00 A.M. We could use some help so if anyone is interested, please just show up on the 14th. The Wheelhouse will be open on Friday and Saturday only with a limited menu on April 20, 21, 27, and 28th. The grand opening will be on Friday May 4th with Tim Blake performing. We are planning some new things this year that I am sure you will enjoy. If you have any ideas of entertainment, menu items or events you would like to see at the Wheelhouse please let me know. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. We will be hiring a new cook and two new waitresses this year. If anyone knows of someone that might be interested have him or her come to the Wheelhouse on April 14th, as we will be conducting interviews on that day.

I would like to welcome our new members that were approved at our March meeting. I know I will meet all of you soon. Please feel free to direct any questions you may have to any of our Board members.

Get ready for spring they say it is coming this week! Maybe now we can turn our thoughts to getting our boats ready for the water!

V/C Dave Swagger

**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
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
330-656-3272

**GCBA/ILYA DELEGATE**

Please contact Rich McKee for any GCBA/ILYA related issues at captnmac2@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.

**WAYS & MEANS**

Barb Sefcovic at 330-656-3272 or

Nan Kubera at 440-835-1225 or

nkubera@verafast.com

## *Rear Commodore – Bob Sefcovic*

Ahoy all, it's April now and the March weather roller coaster should have come to an end! It's time to start re-rigging, washing, and polishing our vessels for the upcoming season. Hope to see you all soon, making ready to set sail.

April also brings the opening of the Wheelhouse. V/C Swagger will be needing help prepping for the opening, so please lend a hand if possible.

I would entertain suggestions from the members on creating strategies to invite new members to join our club. Membership retention is also important. We, as a club, need to make all members, both new and current, feel welcome, and have the desire to renew year after year. We are hoping to have a suggestion box in the Wheelhouse soon, but until then, membership ideas can be sent to my e-mail address on our web site, or to mrsef@aol.com.

Our newest applicants were accepted unanimously by the board at our last meeting, so to them I offer, a hearty Welcome Aboard!!!

Smooth Sailing,

R/C Robert R. Sefcovic

## *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!!

2. Kelly's Island - Seaway Marina - July 20-21 - 16 docks

3. Cedar Point Marina - August 17-18 - 10 docks

All of these cruises are a reduced number of docks from previous years so get your reservation form in ASAP to be included.

Members need to call in their own reservation to Cedar Point - call 888-273-6257 8:30 - 5:00 Mon-Fri. You will be asked for one night's advance deposit

Fleet Captain's – Roger Kubera & Bill Arnett

## WAYS & MEANS

We have Tee shirts, golf shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, polo shirts, tank tops, hats, visors, tote bags, mugs, koozies and youth apparel. There are several "NEW" items in stock. If you want something in a different size or color or with something special on it - like your name or boat name, it can be ordered, just contact Nan Kubera 440- 823-3364 or Barb Sefcovic at 330-656-3272. All special orders need 50% down. Items in stock can be purchased from Terry at the Wheelhouse, Nan Kubera, Barb Sefcovic or see any board member.

***Don't forget your***

***Membership Benefits:***

**BoatUS Membership Discount**

**GCBA/ILYA Privileges**

**Voting Rights**

**5% Discount off dockage at Spitzer's**

**Wheelhouse Privileges**

**WYC Cruises**

**WYC Events**

**Members Room Privileges**

**WYC Newsletter**

**WYC Members Directory**

**WYC By-Laws**

**Lots of FUN!!!**

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you know of a member that needs our thoughts and prayers please notify a flag officer or the Newsletter Editor.

**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.

## DUE'S REMINDER:

Per our By-laws: Dues are payable by two (2) options: 1. Full amount on or before January 1st. 2. If total dues were not paid by March 1st a $25.00 late fee will be assessed in addition to annual dues. If not paid by April 1st the Board of Trustee's may act to suspend the member. To be reinstated, member must pay dues, late fee and re-instatement fee of $25.00. Total of $275.00

## *FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER*

If you or your family are interested in taking the **United States Power Squadron Boating Course** in the Spring, please contact me by phone at 440-324-6288, email: bsams@eshores.com or sign up at the March meetings. The class will be open to all ages…we need at least 5 to teach the class.

**FOR SALE -** If you have items for sale, let the newsletter editor know before the 20th of the month.


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**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.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Articles are **due by 20th** of the month. Please email to Commodore Beverly Sams at bsams@eshores.com

**GOOD NEWS! ……**

Due to protest by U.S. boaters and other groups including private aircraft pilots, commercial fisherman and BoatUS, the FY2007 appropriation bill or DHS was recently signed into law. It will provide the funds necessary for LORAN to continue to be maintained and operated. Loran has been shown to be a low-cost, ground-based and jam-proof backup for GPS. There is also the potential for "e-LORAN" receivers which combine the best features of both the LORAN and GPS systems into very accurate and reliable units.

## Discontinuation of *CG on Cell Phone

The Coast Guard has requested that the cellular companies reroute all *CG calls to the 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) nearest to where the call originated. As an added precaution, mariners should stop using the special keying sequence *CG and begin using 911 on their cell phones to notify authorities of a distress at the onset of a maritime emergency if a cell phone is their only means of communication.

## 121.5/243 MHZ EPIRBs Discontinued

**BOATERS MUST NOT OPERATE 121.5/243 MHZ EPIRBs AFTER 31 DECEMBER 2006.** The Coast Guard reminds all boaters that beginning January 1, 2007, both 121.5 and 243 MHz Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) are prohibited from use in both commercial and recreational watercraft. Boaters wishing to have an emergency rescue be acon aboard their vessel must have a digital 406 MHz model.

The January 1, 2007, date to stop using 121.5 MHz EPIRBs is in preparation for February 1, 2009, when satellite processing of distress signals from all 121.5/243 MHz beacons will terminate. Following this termination date, only the 406 MHz beacons will be detected by the International Cospas-Sarsat Satellite System which provides distress alert and location data for search and rescue operations around the world.

The regulation applies to all Class A, B, and S 121.5/243 MHz EPIRBs. It does not affect 121.5/243 MHz man overboard devices which are designed to work directly with a base alerting unit only and not with the satellite system.

## "National Safe Boating Week" May 20th – 26th

VSC's are offered by experienced members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the United States Power Squadrons®, two of the nation's premier volunteer boating safety organizations. A VSC is your best way of learning about problems that might put you in violation of state or federal laws or, worse, create danger for you or your passengers on the water.

To schedule your Vessel Safety Check call Commodore Beverly Sams at 440-324-6288, email: bsams@eshores.com, see me at the Wheelhouse, or Spitzer Riverside Marina. You can also, get a group together to schedule your vessel safety checks.

## Coast Guard & Auxiliary votes for Mandatory Boating Education.

The U.S.C.G. and their Auxiliary are encouraging state legislatures to pass mandatory boater education laws in their respective states. They are also suggesting mandatory operator licensing for boaters.

The Marine Retailers Association of America is opposing this type of mandate. MRAA argues that other efforts to reduce boating fatalities are working and to impose a licensing program would be an unfunded mandate that is both unfair and a violation of states rights. MRA does suggest that dealers encourage boat operator education.