



Westlake Yachting Club

“On the Black River”

Lorain, Ohio

Newsletter

August

2011

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING REMINDER

WYC's Monthly Meeting
August 10th
at 7:00 PM
Location:
Wheelhouse

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

2011 Officers & Trustee's

Commodore: Kenneth Klein
V/Commodore: Robert Hilko
R/Commodore: Robert Coffman
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Commodore – Kenneth Klein

Well folks, we asked for it, we waited for it, and now we got it! Summer is here!!! Oh boy is it here!!! We've got heat and lots of it. I guess all of the comments and yes at times complaints that summer was taking its good old time to get here made a difference. Maybe too much for some but let's all enjoy it while we can. Even though it's sometimes a little too warm, it sure is great to see everyone out and enjoying the great Northern Ohio summer.

On **July 1**, Vice Commodore Hilko and I represented the WYC at an informal networking meet and greet reception planned to introduce the multi-million-dollar "Lower Black River Fish Habitat Restoration Project" that has been ongoing for quite some time down river from our marina. It was nice that we were invited and even better yet, after talking to many of the dignitaries present, we (WYC) are recognized and accepted as part of the Black River and Lorain Harbor area.

In last month's newsletter I predicted that the **July 2nd Rib Roast and Deck Party** would be a winner. It sure was, with Vice Commodore Hilko grilling up some of the best ribs ever. It was a sell-out. It has been rumored that the Guinness book of records wanted to sample them to see if they were truly the best but no-one would share. Sorry Bob... Of course along with the great food, the weather and music just added to the festivities. Certainly, in order to make any event happen it is all of the behind the scenes planning and preparation and help during the events that really makes it work. Thanks to all of you that volunteered your time and effort; without you, we wouldn't have the great Club that we have.

On **July 3rd** was the first annual Lorain Port Authority Kayak-a-thon followed by the Port Fest at the Black River Landing and ending the evening with a great fireworks celebration.

Wow, what a weekend!!! The marina was packed and the weather couldn't have been better. A while back, I had asked that we make some family weekends out of the events. We sure did, it just doesn't get any better than that!!!

Okay, now take a breather for a couple of days and here we go again.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FOR 2011**

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P/C Roger Kubera - Power
Robert Coffman - Sail

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Teresa Pollock
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On **July 9th** we had the **8th Annual Dingy Poker Run**. Again the weather was fantastic; hot and sunny. In fact by the end of the day, I was doing my cooked lobster imitation. Attendance was also good with many little dinghy's out on the hunt for the best hand joined by the land lovers and their dry dock hands. The free burgers and beer started out the evening including some great music and party animals to boot. As always, we notify all of the local enforcement agencies of our events such as this so they know what is happening and hopefully there are no surprises. And as I mentioned before, "getting wet is not an option". With that said, the Coast Guard (Port Lorain) was on hand to protect us. Well so we thought... As always, they kept the boat traffic safe and orderly but they also came prepared to do battle if need be. They were fantastic! Where else will you find children and adults alike exchanging water balloons with our uniformed friends? I believe everyone, especially the young folks gained a new respect for our friends on the water. Naturally professionalism was very important... Well kind of important... They made the day while maintaining the safety and integrity of the river. After a few hours of sleep, the next morning included a well attended **Breakfast Buffet at the Wheelhouse**.

After all that, take another breather and **July 15th** started the **Cruise to Kelly's** weekend. Again the weather was perfect and as I understand for the first time in a while the entire Bridge had their flags flying (on Rear Commodore Coffman's mast). Pretty cool! How can it get any better?

As always, the committees continue to work hard to provide us with some great events. As I said before, some are our regular and very popular annual events but there are also some new and creative things planned for this year as well. The new events have been a hit so far and I believe that it will continue. Please take the time to join in.

I have to say, I'm proud to write this article. Look what we've done already this year. Amazing, what a Club!

That's all I have for now. Be safe, enjoy your family and friends.

*Remember: **Be Involved and "May Your Sails be Full of it"**.*

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Klein / Commodore

Vice Commodore – Robert Hilko

None submitted

Rear Commodore – Robert Coffman

Hello all!!! Another great month and lots of fun spent on the dinghy poker run. The help we received from the members as well as some of the local veterans was greatly appreciated. For those that were not involved on the river, it was a great time and nice to see the Coast Guard join in on the fun. Without the support of the local authorities and the club members, we could

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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

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PICTURE'S NEEDED FOR WEBSITE!!

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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

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

not pull these functions off. So thanks to all the participants as well! The trip to Kelleys was also a great time and I would like to personally thank Commodore Klein and V/C Hilko for coming out and enjoying the fun. I would also like to remind all members that you don't need to bring a boat to enjoy the atmosphere and fun. If you can come for the day, let me know and you can participate in the festivities as well. Sometimes it's not feasible to bring your boat, or you don't have one, but that should not stop you from being able to join us on these trips. Stop by the Wheelhouse and enjoy the new T.V. made possible by 50/50 ticket sales, take advantage of the 1/2 Wednesday available to full active members, and don't forget the big raffle that is rapidly coming to an end. I look forward to seeing you all there, and welcome to the new members!!

See you on the lake, or at least the dock!

Respectfully,

Rear Commodore Coffman

A Special Thank You to Jerry Winiasz who cut a new wooden burgee for our sign on the Deck and his wife, Teresa, who painted it.

One the Shores of Lake Erie

Lorain in August

6th Jimmy Buffet Night & Crazy Hat Contest on the Deck

10th Club meeting 7pm at the Wheelhouse

20th Hog Fest

21st Breakfast at the Wheelhouse

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.

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