

# Westlake Yachting Club

*“On the Black River”*

*Lorain, Ohio*

Newsletter

May

2008

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETING REMINDER

TRUSTEE MEETING  
1830 HRS / 6:30 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY MAY14 2008

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING  
1930 HRS / 7:30 P.M.

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:

Kevin Boggs

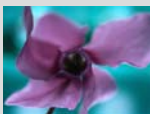
Ray Cull

Robert Coffman

Joey Gary

Ken Klein

*Happy Mother's  
Day!*



## Commodore – Robert Sefcovic

Ahoy All,

It's finally beginning to feel spring like. The Wheelhouse opened on the 18th and boats are being prepped for launch as we speak.

Thanks to the many who took the time out of their Sunday to help clean the Wheelhouse. They all know their help was appreciated. Trustee Klein, however, did look a little strange pressure washing the deck in the snow that was falling. Additional thanks to Terri and P/C Sams for their weeks work in organizing the kitchen, reprogramming the register as well as any items we may have overlooked as a group. To Roy Stewart who showed up during the week to help out on some plumbing issues. Last but not least to V/C Chafer and R/C Pollock and Rich Hartman Who began the carpet project on Sunday. Wait until you see it! In addition, there has been new paint and paneling added as well.

Lady Barbara and I helped Trustee Coffman epoxy the floor in the back room. He and I may have another surprise to be added in the near future?????????

Also, to the many Willie Mosconi's and Minnesota Fats' that showed up at the Commodores Ball, we now have a pool table up on the stage in the back room. Good luck to all of you pool **sharks**.

Our member's only policy is in effect. There are those who have become disgruntled, however we have already gained some new members. Our mission is to seek new members, nothing more nothing less. Those who feel otherwise have a right to their opinions.

On a more somber note, Lady Barbara noticed an obituary for Edward Demko. Ed was Commodore of the Westlake Yachting Club in 1983. The family had a private funeral and requested no flowers; however the condolences of the Bridge and members of WYC go out to the family and friends of P/C Demko.

I am looking forward to another successful season. Our spending habits may be altered, but we'll all get through this together. See you on the docks.

Robert R. Sefcovic  
Commodore

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2008**

### **Finance Committee**

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

### **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, Trustee  
Richard Hartman

### **Ways and Means**

Nan Kubera  
Barb Sefcovic

### **Entertainment**

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

### **Fleet Captains**

Roger Kubera – Power  
William Arnett – Sail

### **Newsletter**

Beverly Sams

### **GCBA/ILYA**

Rich McKee

## **Vice Commodore – Keith Chafer**

Well, now I know that Summer is just around the corner.....The Wheelhouse is open. A big THANK YOU to all the members that turned up for the spring cleanup, it was probably the best turnout I've seen since I joined the club in 2000.

You will see many changes in the Wheelhouse this year we're sprucing the place up, new carpeting, etc thanks to the efforts of R/C Mike Pollock and member, Richard Hartman. A video surveillance system has also been donated and installed, thank-you Trustee Bob Coffman, so this year we shouldn't have the security issues we suffered last season.

Also, now the new by-laws are in place, we are tightening up on the fact that we are a Members ONLY Club. Please carry your membership card with you when visiting the Wheelhouse as Teri and the staff have been instructed that NO CARD means NO SERVICE. The only people, other than our members and guests of active Members, that you should see in the Wheelhouse, are ILYA Members from Clubs that offer reciprocal privileges, ie: we are allowed to visit their Clubhouse facilities.

Active Members must be present and accompanying their guests at all times and we ask that Active Members do not repeatedly bring in the same guests. If this is abused we will start and limit the amount of times a person can be a guest in any single season. Social Membership is specific to the member and they have no guest privileges.

Please encourage your friends to join the club. Since this is the first year that the "Deck and Wheelhouse" Membership cards have been eliminated. We are waiving the Initiation Fee for all of Spitzer's Dockers, Lakeside, Riverside and Rack Storage, to facilitate them being able to join in the fun, and utilize our facilities and that of the ILYA. Spitzer, in return, has agreed to continue to extend the 5% discount on 2008/2009 dockage and winter storage to all current and new Active Members.

We are also extending this offer to the Harborwalk Residents and Full members of all other ILYA Clubs.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

V/C Keith Chafer

## **Rear Commodore – Michael Pollock**

The Wheelhouse is open and another year of boating begins.

I would like to thank all who gave their time at the Wheelhouse clean up.

Next time your are in the wheelhouse take note of all the improvements to spruce up the inside and if you see member Rich Hartman tell him, thanks for all his hard work on installing the new carpet in the Wheelhouse.

Please keep an eye on our calendar for our upcoming events.

Michael Pollock  
Rear Commodore

## **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 Rich McKee for any GCBA/ILYA related issues at [captmac@roadrunner.com](mailto: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](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)

## **PICTURE'S NEEDED!!**

We are asking that anyone who has taken pictures at our event's please copy them to a disk or email them to:

[webmaster@westlakeyachtingclub.com](mailto:webmaster@westlakeyachtingclub.com)

## **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 Nan Kubera, Barb Sefcovic 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 in the spring. Don't be left at the dock get your tickets early. It's a perfect Fall Cruise, Club Function, Anniversary or Birthday gift!

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**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

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WYC By-Laws

Lots of FUN!!!

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thoughts & Prayers go out to:  
Rich McKee


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  
next page for contact information.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Articles are **due by 20<sup>th</sup>** of the  
month. Please email to  
Commodore Beverly Sams at:  
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***BOAT CRUISES! BOAT CRUISES!!***

Only a few short months away to sunny weather, good times, good friends  
and Boating Season. Three 2008 boat cruises have been booked.

Huron Boat Basin - June 13 -14 - This is the Oldies Fest and we will also  
hook up with Point Yacht Club to share this fun time again.  
Kelly's Island, Seaway Marina - July 18-19  
Cedar Point Marina - August 15-16

You need to call and make your own reservations for this one 888 CP  
DOCKS (273-6257) We will once again host our now famous Bloody Mary  
Party with Point Yacht Club.

There are a limited number of docks reserved for each cruise so get your  
reservation in quickly and not miss any of the fun.

Roger Kubera  
Fleet Captain

**"National Safe Boating Week" is May 17th – 24th**

Vessel Safety Checks - To schedule your Vessel Safety Check contact  
P/C Beverly Sams. Boat Smart! Be Safe! [bsams@midviewinternet.com](mailto:bsams@midviewinternet.com) or  
440-324-6288.

**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.

**FOR SALE –**

If you have items for sale, let the newsletter editor know before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. If items have been sold, please let the newsletter editor know.

**“Memorial Day”**

**Memorial Day**, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920). While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human

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**Sail Fleet Captain**

Now to all the sailboat members (and power boat members also), **What would you like to do this summer? How about a BBQ or some other type of get together?**

I realize that cruising some place for a weekend on a sailboat doesn't fit into everyone's schedule so, maybe we need to try something else.

**Let's try to do something together as a group.**

You can E-mail me your suggestions at [plumcrazytoo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plumcrazytoo@sbcglobal.net) and we'll make something happen.

Hope to see you in the boat yard soon.  
Sail Fleet Captain Bill Arnett

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**“Memorial Day” (Cont'd)**

need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.





## **Yachts of Fun Volunteer Captains Needed**

***Share the joy of boating with local children with cancer and their families***

The Littlest Heroes is a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization improving the lives of Northeast Ohio children with cancer and their families by providing spiritual, emotional, social and physical support services through the referrals of social workers from Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital and Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital. All services are provided free of charge.

**Yachts of Fun** is a unique boating program launched in the summer of 2007 as part of The Littlest Heroes Family Nights Out program. Children, teens and young adults with cancer enjoy family time together boating on Lake Erie, while experiencing a much-needed break from medical routines through your generosity.

Volunteer Captains interested in taking families for a boating evening out on Lake Erie are needed to expand this highly successful program. Specific activities of the evening are coordinated with the families and The Littlest Heroes staff and scheduled according to your desires; for example maybe the outing will include boating to a local restaurant for dinner and watching the sunset on the way back home. Meal costs are reimbursed through the generosity of a grant from Henkel International.

This is a great opportunity for you to share the joys of boating and make a personal contribution to improve the lives of local families experiencing one of life's most traumatic situations. Whether children are just beginning aggressive treatments, in the midst of their course of treatments, or celebrating treatment completion they will enjoy an evening they can think about something other than cancer.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact me by phone or email. We need volunteers from all geographical areas. A training program will be conducted by the Littlest Heroes staff. Attached is a collage of some of the family night outings.

**Ray A. Cull**  
Ph: 440 313 1323 [Ray.cull@us.henkel.com](mailto:Ray.cull@us.henkel.com)

## The Littlest Heroes Family Outings



Dave & Busters Party



Indians Game



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Yachts of Fun



Spa Day



Homecoming Limo

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**May 2008**

May 14 WYC Trustees Meeting Wheelhouse – 6:30 p.m.

May 14 WYC General Membership Meeting – Wheelhouse 7:30 p.m.

May 26 WYC Wheelhouse Open for Memorial Day -- See Specials

May 26 GCBA Memorial Day Services at the USS Cod
