## **April 2024**



## FROM THE HELM



I hope everyone had a nice Easter.

However, it briefly looked in March like we might have sprung into spring too fast, as we experienced a bit of old man winter again.

#### **Club House**

The board is studying different options to try to secure a club house. If you want to hear whats being considered please attend membership meetings in person, or on zoom. Your opinion matters!

#### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TEXAS HOLD-UM**

April 11th to 14th

Only 4 more spots to fill

Need one person to fill Thursday 4:00 – 9:00pm

Need one person to fill Thursday 9:00pm – 2:00am

Need two people to fill Saturday 9:00pm - 2:00am

If haven't signed up in "Sign Up Genius", or are having difficulty you can contact:

Dawn Shoemaker 734 347 2085

RC Sharon McWhorter 313 283 8122

We want to try to avoid mandatory volunteer hours!

#### **ILYA WEEKEND APRIL 5th to 7th**

Looking forward to seeing many members attending this event in Westlake, Ohio.

This is an informative as well as a fun weekend.

It's supposed to be the best viewing area for the eclipse on Monday the 8th.

#### **Seaway Boat Club**

Visited WRYCC on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the K of C in Wyandotte.

This was a very nice time and it was great to see some old friends and meet some new ones. Stay tuned as we will plan on a visit to SBC to retrieve WRYCC's burgee and for an evening of fun.

#### Commodore Michele

## FROM MID-SHIP



Hello Members: Happy Spring!

I hope you are all enjoying the weather and the spring flowers popping thru the soil.

I've heard the birds chirping throughout the day and hope that our snow birds will be arriving to the area once again for a fun filled summer with our club.

I obtained my first burgee from Detroit Beach this past weekend. Also attended Bay Views Ball, the Commodores Spaghetti dinner @ Elba Mar Boat Club. That was an exciting event as our 2025

class got together to decide on colors, moto, song, etc.... Stay tuned to hear what those might be..... Right now it's Top Secret. ha ha ..... Did you know that AYC will be 100 next year ?

Looking forward to seeing members at our upcoming events. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any interests, suggestions or recommendations. My cell phone number is (734) 341-3580.

Vice Commodore Joy Moon

## FROM THE REAR



Greetings,

I am a non-boating member in hopes of getting a boat sooner than later. So <u>Marine Law Day</u>, held at SunSeekers, last Saturday (March 23, 2024) was an event I couldn't miss, and I am excited to share the value I received, by attending. All hands were "on deck" to remind boaters of Marine Laws for Wayne County and International water considerations. We heard from the: US Coast Guard, Michigan DNR, Wayne County Sheriff Marine Division and Boarder Protection. Several. Several attendees voiced their concerns and frustrations with several boaters violating the "No Wake" rules, fishing in the Channels and a host of other water related issues

with the uninformed. Unfortunately, all the above agencies are understaffed for areas that exceed 143 miles of waterways. We are all asked to be their extra eyes and ears on the ground. If you see something, say something as it relates to small engine planes flying at night w/o lights, people on the ground waiting for a boat to come in at night w/o lights. You get the idea.

It wouldn't hurt to take a boating safety class or refresher course on your responsibilities as a boater or soon to be boat owner. Most of these agencies offer boating safety classes and schedules are available on their respective websites. The MI DNR has a schedule of classes on their website. Just register and away you go. The US Power Squadron offers intensive charting and boating courses. I believe Wayne County Sheriff Marine Division, or the US Coast Guard announced an upcoming class on April 9, 2024. Here's a quick question to ponder: Who should you call for gas spills/leaks near dock pumps and on the waterways? You're welcome to share your correct answer at our next meeting or on our Facebook page.

#### **Rear Commodore Sharon McWhorter**

## FLEET CAPTAIN



Happy Spring 2024! On March 19, 2024, spring arrived! But, unfortunately, the spring temperatures have not made their presence known yet. I always gauge the quality of spring weather dependent upon if it is at least warm enough to start waxing boats outside yet.

March was a relatively warm month. Starting on the 1<sup>st</sup>, there was an average high and low of 39F and 24F respectively. Ultimately, there was an average high of 51F and low of 33F on the 31<sup>st</sup>. During March, we had 17 days above average and 14 below. There seemed to be lots of clouds, but very little snow.

In terms of local water levels, Lake Erie is down 5 inches from March 22, 2023. And "they" are predicting the level to go up 3" inches by the end of April 2024. The water temperature is 38F at Belle Isle.

Hope to see all of you at the next meeting!

### I-LYA DELEGATE



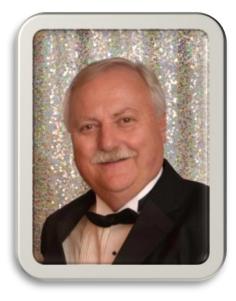
I-LYA spring meeting is April 5-7, Westlake, Ohio.

More information will be coming after the spring meeting, looking forward to spending time with several of our club members, and our I-LYA friends.

If you have any questions about I-LYA please feel free to contact me.

I-LYA Delegate – P/C Dawn Shoemaker

## AYC DELEGATE



Club SunSeekers Boat Club
Clubs 27

Members 57

Comm 9 Hd Table 5

Financial Report \$22819.51 Total No Bills

Officers Report 2 openings to hold meetings for May and

June.

Year Book If we have a lot of books not handed out from last year please reduce order amounts. Trying to reduce cost.

Bowling League Harborview A 1st Place

Pool League Need Teams for fall.

Blue Gavel District #9 April 17<sup>th</sup> Monroe Boat Club

Next Meeting Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024

Ottawa River Yacht Club

Toledo, OH

Doug Mickels AYC Delegate

# ENTERTAINMENT & MEMBER AT LARGE



Happy April!

Spring is in the air, and we all know what that means. That's right, time to start getting our boats ready to launch. Soon we will be getting those buff arms from waxing (wax on wax off), getting those girls beautified for her launch day. It sure is a tough messy job, washing, waxing, un-winterizing the motors, putting canvas' back up, spider bombing, cleaning, etc. Long days ahead, but we reap what we sow. I CAN'T WAIT!!!

We are going to have some shuffleboard fun on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm at Knights of Columbus. If you are interested in coming let us know. Commodore Michele has signed up our club for the Islandfest Parade, this is always a good time. Come and pass out candy, safe boating coloring books and brochures to the parade watchers. V/C

Joy will be doing fundraising events for her Commodore's Ball which will be in 2025, the support of the club is most appreciated, so keep your eyes peeled for whatever fun things she has coming up. F/C Jon is working on some trips for this summer. Mark down on your calendar, Put-in-Bay for the Inter-Lake Yachting Association powerboat regatta July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. I know Commodore Michele, V/C Joy & R/C Sharon are working on filling up our calendar as we speak, please watch for the fun events coming up. If you have an idea for an event or would like to plan something, please contact our Commodore (we love to see that enthusiasm from our members).

Volunteers are always needed and very much appreciated. We need everyone to fill a spot or two for our upcoming Texas Holdem' Events. Our first event is just around the corner April 11, 12, 13 & 14 and the second one will be held May 9, 10, 11 & 12. This is all hands-on deck; we all benefit from this fundraiser. Please sign up today for a time slot or two and help YOUR CLUB! Please click on the links for April & May Texas Holdem' sign ups – if you need help or are having problems, please contact me and I will get you added. Thank you!

April Texas Holdem' - <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EAEAE2AA1F49-47023321-april#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EAEAE2AA1F49-47023321-april#/</a>

May Texas Holdem' - <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EAEAE2AA1F49-47024473-maytexas#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EAEAE2AA1F49-47024473-maytexas#/</a>

We (the members) are the greatest advertisement for the club. If you know of anyone interested in joining our club, please encourage them to join, have them come to one of our events. We have room to grow, we have all the same benefits as a large club, except we have no monthly, quarterly, or yearly minimums.

I think this poem says a lot about what a member is and should be.

Written in a WRYCC 1968 Pilot's Log --- DO YOU BELONG ---Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed, Or are you just contented that your name is on the list. Do you attend the functions, and mingle with the flock, Or do you stay home and criticize and knock. Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick? Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about a clique. There's quite a program schedule, that for sure you've heard about. And we will appreciate it if you'll come out and help. So come to the events often, and help with hand and heart, Don't just be a member Dig in and do your part. Think this over member, you know right from wrong, Are you an active member Or do you just belong.

Entertainment & Member at Large – P/C Dawn Shoemaker



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	Board Meeting						
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	AYC Meeting						

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Shuffleboard Fun	AYC Meeting					Opening of the Port	
26	27	28	29	30	31		

			June			
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						Islandfest Parade
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					Opening of the Island Weekend SunSeekers Fish Fry	Ford Yacht Club Blessing of the Fleet & Boat Parade Elba-Mar Dinner & Dancing
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Seaway Boat Club Survivor's Party						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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30	AYC Meeting					