

December

WRYCG Pilot's Log



From the Helm



Dear Members

Thank you for a very memorable Commodore Year -

Happy Holidays !

Joy Moon
2025 WRYCC Commodore

From Mid-Ship



Greetings WRYCC Members & Mates,

Great news to share. Texas Hold-em 2026 is waiting for your exceptional participation again. Don't forget to apply your earned credits against your membership renewal. We can't thank you enough as we end this fundraising event \$14,000+ strong for 2025.

Let's get register early for our April and May Texas Hold-em dates. 15 generous souls to volunteer, per monthly event.

4p to 9p or 9p to 2a

4/9 thru 4/12/26
5/14 thru 5/17/26

9/10 thru 9 /13/26
10/15 thru 10/18/26

We look forward to celebrating with you on December 15th at the Change of Watch Ceremony. We also look forward to working with you in 2026. Happy Holidays.

Sharon McWhorter,
Commodore Elect

From The Rear



Ahoy members and friends!

The month began with a fantastic cruise - our first one - with Bob and Bobbi Lang, Dawn Shoemaker, and Steve Jakubik. We are looking forward to doing this again and hope more club members will be able to join us.

Lady Terri and I are looking forward to our Change of Watch and holiday celebration. Hope to see you there!

I am excited to be under commodore Sharron's helm and welcome JD (James) to the board. We will be working together to bring you all a great, fun-filled 2026 with club events and get togethers as well as visiting fellow yacht clubs.

Keep checking the web site for upcoming events.

We hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and hope to see you soon!

Vice Commodore Elect Don Ledbetter

Rear Commodore Elect

Holiday greetings to all,

It seems that the time has come for me to join the illustrious team of commodores who have who have served and guided WRYCC on its journey through time and space. Although I view this as a daunting task, I look forward to the challenge of providing my best service to the friendship and comradery I have experienced in this club. I consider it a true honor to be selected as Rear Commodore for 2026. OK TEAM, LET'S DO IT.

JAMES MABSON (aka JD)
Rear Commodore Elect

Secretary



Let's Bring Back the Spirit of Our Club!

As Secretary, I've watched our membership ebb and flow—new faces join, familiar ones drift away. Maybe we're not hitting the mark with our social events. Some say there's too much drama. My answer?

Leave the drama at the door. We're here because we love boating, the water, and the camaraderie of like-minded people.

Here's the challenge: we do a great job recruiting new members, but participation in events is low. At our last membership meeting in November, only four members showed up. **That's not good.** As our

Member at Large, Dawn, often says: *"You do for the club, the club will do for you."* So let's get involved!

We need your ideas and feedback at General Membership meetings. Years ago, we had 50–60 members at these meetings, and the energy was incredible. Members suggested fun, creative events, and we made them happen. We can get back there—but only if you show up and share your voice.

Each year, the incoming Commodore works hard to create a calendar of events. Without your input, that's a tough job. If you want better events, **be part of the conversation.** Our December meeting is replaced by the annual Christmas Party and Change of Watch—a fantastic event where you'll meet the new officers and help shape the 2026 season. Don't miss it!

Personally, I'd love more boating events—and the last survey shows I'm not alone. But we're a diverse group, and not everyone owns a boat. So how about local boating events with anchor-outs, where non-boaters can join in? That sounds like fun, right?

Let's make this club vibrant again. **Show up. Speak up. Get involved.** Together, we can make 2026 our best year yet.

See you at the Change of Watch on **December 15th!**

Captain Bob, Secretary

I-LYA Delegate



I-LYA fall meeting is December 5 through 7, 2025.
More information from the fall meeting coming soon!

I-LYA Delegate – P/C Dawn Shoemaker

Entertainment & Member at Large



Holiday Greetings West River!

What a fantastic time we all had on our Anniversary Cruise! The weather was absolutely amazing, the times we had with our fellow travelers even better! We had fun on the ship hanging at the pool, martini bar, sunset bar, gathering for breakfast & dinners, island excursion on Curacao (even sampled some real Curacao – YUM), had drinks on the beach, snorkeled, swam, wondered the streets of Aruba, popped into a grocery store just to check it out, and Bonaire was such a sweet little town so quaint with a lot of little shops, we drank local beer and had a great time strolling the streets. It was such a great time, and wonderful memories made!

In a blink of an eye, the year has flown by and our change of watch is right around the corner along with so many festivities and parties.

December 15th – Change of Watch/Christmas Party – this event will be free to West River members who bring a toy for Toys for Tots, for members not bringing a toy, guests, & non members the cost is \$30 per person, includes a dinner buffet & BYOB. * Please note the flyer does not state free to members who bring a gift - See flyer for more information – RSVP REQUIRED.

Discount Code for BOAT US ~ GA80969Y

Entertainment & Member at Large – P/C Dawn Shoemaker





December 17th – John Trominski

December 21st – P/C Steve Jakubik

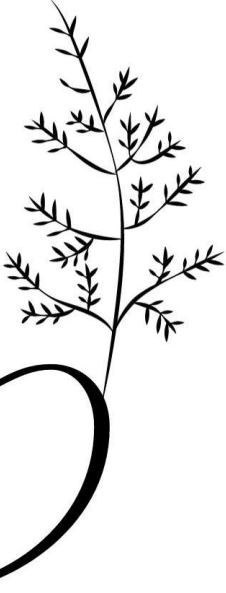
December 21st – James Nelson

December 22nd – Mary Reed

December 24th – Jesse Lyscas

December 25th – Don Conroy

H A P P Y
Anniversary

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John & Nancy Stewart

Change of Watch & Christmas Party



December

15

At 6:00 pm

**Jefferson Event Center
5474 W. Jefferson
Trenton, MI 48183**

**\$30 per person
Dinner Buffet
BYOB**

**Please bring an unwrapped
gift for Toys for Tots**

**RSVP to Dawn by November 28
734-347-2085**

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					I-LYA Fall Meeting	I-LYA Fall Meeting
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
I-LYA Fall Meeting				Shop till you drop at Ford Yacht Club		Santa hat event visit local clubs TBD
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Christmas Gathering & Change of Watch 6:00pm					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	WRYCC Membership Meeting 6:30 PM		Convene cookbook Committee to have for May 2026 Reception			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	AYC Meeting PRCU, Bingo 6:00 PM					