



WRYCC

PILOT'S LOG

Your Monthly Newsletter

MARCH 2026 ISSUE

FROM THE HELM



Greetings WRYCC's Dream Team.

February has been a month of excitement, commitment, fellowship and friendship. The annual AYC Commodore's Ball was held at the Airport Sheraton. over the weekend of the 20th. This year, welcomed the 2026 AYC Commodore's Ball Honoring 2025 Commodore Mike Vaillant & Lady Mary. WRYCC and Sun Parlor Boat Club co-hosted the AYC Breakfast on Saturday morning, February 21st. It was a pleasure working with and meeting Commodore Scott Pillon, Lady Marianne Burke and their members. Our Bridge and members were front and center assisting and serving breakfast for over 250, out 985 attendees that made it to the Atrium to eat. VC Don Ledbetter, Lady Terri, RC James Mabson, PC Joy Moon, Rana Love, Karyn Selle, Scott Selle, and PC Michele Konarski each pitched in with work and donations, before, during and after the breakfast. Thanks again and again. for the donations of your funds, food and time. Thanks for volunteering to serve breakfast, picking up supplies and more. Thanks for attending Bridget Labadie, Kellie Labadie, and the Christians who partied like Rock Stars. Thanks Board and members for your unyielding support. We received the AYC Commodore's Award Certificate of Appreciation, presented to us for **Hosting Breakfast at the 2026 AYC Commodore's Ball, from Mike Vaillant, 2025 AYC Commodore.** We could not have done it without Sun Parlor Boat Club, who received their Award, too. We now have one more Award to hang in our future Clubhouse.

It was wonderful to share my 75th birth anniversary at midnight 2-22 with the AYC attendees. I found my way to a hospitality suite. Upon my arrival they yelled my name, filled my red solo cup and sang "Happy Birthday". I received countless hugs and well wishes over the weekend. The celebration continues for us all. I love this Club. Thanks, WRYCC.

Don't forget VC Don Ledbetter's upcoming Popcorn fundraiser. Buy, buy, buy. Finally, April begins our Texas Holdem series. Please sign up. Finally, April 17th is the WRYCC's Commodore Ball. Fun awaits. Get your early ticket discount.

Commodore Sharon

FROM THE MID-SHIP



Ahoy members and friends!

We are moving forward full throttle this year!

This spring, we have a variety of social gatherings planned, both internally and in conjunction with other clubs. We encourage you to consult the club calendar and your email for the latest updates. There will be ample opportunities to participate in our upcoming events.

Please mark your calendars for Commodore Sharon's Ball on April 17th. We eagerly anticipate this event to celebrate Sharon and express our gratitude for her dedicated service to WRYCC.

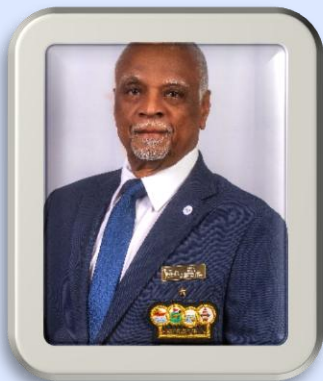
Lady Terri and I have recently had the pleasure of representing WRYCC at several events. These included the Elba-Mar Boat Club Ball and the AYC Weekend. It was wonderful to connect with fellow club members, engage with friends from other clubs, and forge new relationships. The AYC Weekend saw representation from 30+ clubs and proved to be a highly enjoyable and valuable experience. It was also a great experience to witness the first female Commodore in the AYC's hundred year anniversary! Congratulations to Sue Pitock!! We highly recommend considering attendance next year. Additionally, we have a few more engagements scheduled for March.

I will be organizing several fundraising events to support the 2027 Commodore's Ball. These efforts will include a Double Good Popcorn fundraiser, timed with March Madness, and a Spring concert/dinner to usher in the summer season.

We look forward to seeing you at the March Membership meeting on the 16th.

V/C Don Ledbetter

FROM THE REAR



Greetings Mates. Just want to echo the voice of Commodore McWhorter on the successful outcome of the AYC breakfast hosting. GO TEAM! March is here bringing Daylight savings time and what we have all been waiting for, SPRING. But did you know that MARCH is also WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH! Check this: For most of maritime history, women were expected to stay ashore while men took the helm, signed the logbook, and claimed the glory. Yet across centuries, women have

quietly—and sometimes defiantly—reshaped boating, sailing, and yachting, from pirate queens and coastal skippers to solo circumnavigators, superyacht designers, and cruise-ship captains. Their stories are no longer footnotes; they are a blueprint for what the future of the water can look like. • In 1952–53, Ann Davison became the first woman to sail single-handed across the Atlantic. • In 1978, Poland's Krystyna Chojnowska-Liskiewicz completed the first female solo circumnavigation, sailing more than 31,000 nautical miles over nearly two years • Just weeks later, Naomi James became the first woman to sail solo around the world via Cape Horn, one of seamanship's most dreaded passages, and then broke Sir Francis Chichester's record for the fastest solo circumnavigation • In 1988, Australian sailor Kay Cottee completed the first solo, nonstop, unassisted circumnavigation by a woman aboard Blackmores First Lady, covering more than 22,000 nautical miles in 189 days, enduring the Southern Ocean, and rounding Cape Horn without ever putting into port. • Women's impact on yachting now extends well beyond the helm, into design studios, media, and industry organizations. Female yacht designers such as Laura Pomponi, Adriana Monk, Sabrina Monteleone-Øeino, and Daniela Zulli have become sought-after voices in superyacht projects, arguing that they bring a distinct sensitivity to comfort, flow, and how people actually live aboard. Their work demonstrates that innovation in yachting is not just about hull shapes and rig plans; it is also about human-centered design.

A Salute to the LADIES

Rear Commodore JD

I-LYA Delegate



Ahoy Mates!

The Inter-Lake Yachting Association (I-LYA), established in 1885, continues its long-standing tradition. We're pleased to announce preparations are underway for the upcoming Annual Spring Meeting, a highly informative and educational event. This year's meeting will be held at the Sheraton in Romulus, Michigan, on March 27-28. This essential gathering helps coordinate the details for the July Regatta in Put-In-Bay.

I-LYA Delegate – V/C Donny Ledbetter



March 15 – Doug Mickels

March 25th – Bridget Labadie



**Inter-Lake Yachting Association
2026 Spring MEETING**



**March 27 - 28, 2026
Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport
8000 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI 48174
734-729-2600**

Please make your room reservation by March 6th

The I-LYA room rate should be requested when making reservations. One of the two options below must be selected at the time of reservation.

\$129 Standard room per night plus taxes and **does NOT include breakfast** [\(Click Here\)](#)

\$149 Standard room per night plus taxes and **does include two breakfasts** [\(Click Here\)](#)

Or call the Hotel, ask for in-house reservations, and request the **I-LYA** group rate.

*Join us Friday evening in our Hospitality Rooms to socialize and network
and Saturday for the Organizational Meetings to help us plan the 2026 Regattas*

****Ladies Luncheon ****

Saturday March 28, 2026, at 12:00 Noon

Name(s): _____ Club _____ # Attending _____

Price: \$27.00 pp – Menu: Chicken Salad, Soup, Assorted breads, deli meats, cheeses, and Dessert
(Special Dietary needs available on request)

**** Spring Dinner & Awards ****

Saturday March 28, 2026

Cocktails (Cash Bar) 6:00 pm ---- Dinner 7:00 pm ---- **Price: \$75.00 pp**

Menu: House Salad, Chicken, Short Ribs, Red Skinned Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable, Chef's Dessert & Coffee

Dinner Attire: Blues & Grays

Name(s): _____

Club: _____ # Attending _____

****Reservations Required****

RESERVE and PAY ONLINE at <http://www.i-lya.org/reserve>

****Deadline for Dinner and Luncheon Reservations**** is Friday, 3/13/26

If paying by check, make check payable to: I-LYA 2026

Mail to Lady Teresa Vanderford, 3112 6th St., Monroe, MI 48162

Phone 419-367-4171 (For Questions)

Entertainment & Member at Large



Happy March!

The ship store has been working on some **new designs** for your shopping pleasure. Nothing in production yet, but we will get started on it! Some new **blingy shirts** that the ladies have been asking for.

V/C Donny is going to be **selling popcorn** this month for one of his **fundraising** events. Please make sure to help out in any way you can, watch your email for more information that will be coming soon!

Invites were emailed out for the Commodore's Ball – we did some great number crunching and are passing on the savings to our members. **\$30 for Members Only until March 14th**, after March 14th the price increases to \$40, any guests of members is \$75. We hope you will be able to attend this fabulous evening celebrating our club, members & our Commodore!

Our Texas Hold 'Em Fundraising Event is just around the corner, and we still have a few time slots to fill! If you're able to lend a hand, we'd love your help. Please use the links below to sign up for a shift. As a bonus, volunteers earn **\$2 per hour worked**, which will be applied toward your **2027 membership renewal**—a win-win! Thank you for supporting the club and helping make this event a success. We couldn't do it without you!

April sign up - <https://volunteersignup.org/RJJQW>

May sign up - <https://volunteersignup.org/P9X9K>

Next month we will begin selling spots for our Tiki Boat Adventure! This event gets better every year!

In other news: Congratulations to P/C Karyn Selle the new IOBG District 25 Supply Officer!

Entertainment & Member at Large – P/C Dawn Shoemaker

Discount Code for BOAT US ~ GA80969Y

**MEMBERSHIP
MEETING!**

MARCH 16
6:30 PM

AT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN WYANDOTTE

**LET'S CELEBRATE
ST. PADDY'S DAY**

A DAY EARLY!



FUNDRAISER

All proceeds go towards
WRYCC V/C Donny Ledbetter's
2027 Commodore's Ball

Double Good
POPCORN
Fundraiser

**POP INTO
MARCH MADNESS**

More information
coming soon!



Commodore Ball Invites

Have Been Emailed Out!

If you did not receive it please contact

P/C Dawn Lang:

Call, Text or Email

734-347-2085

dawnwrycc@ymail.com

Make sure to take advantage of our

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!

\$30 for
Members!

Where else can you go for
that fantastic price?

Dinner & Open Bar Provided!

DJ for Your Dancing Enjoyment!

THINK SUMMER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

RAFT OFF DATES FOR 2026 WEATHER PERMITTING

June 19th - 21st

July 17th - 19th

August 14th - 16th


September 4th - 7th



Let's make this a summer of fun and great memories.

No boat, no problem. We are making arrangements with our captains to shuttle our members out for the day, and some have offered accommodations for those wishing to stay the weekend. More information to come.

Please contact V/C Donny Ledbetter 734-231-4859 if you are planning to attend or need transportation.

The poster features a vibrant orange and yellow background with tropical illustrations. On the left, a wooden tiki mug is filled with a drink, topped with a red straw, a strawberry, and pineapple slices. On the right, a tiki mask with a wide smile and a red and orange feathered headdress is visible. The word 'Tiki' is written in a large, black, brush-stroke font, and 'BOAT PARTY' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The date 'JUNE 28' is prominently displayed in the center, along with the time '12:25 PM', the price '\$45 PER PERSON', and the requirement 'MUST PRE-PAY'. A list of party details and parking information is provided at the bottom. The overall theme is tropical and festive.

Tiki

BOAT PARTY

JUNE 28

12:25 PM

\$45 PER PERSON

MUST PRE-PAY

Cash - Check - Venmo or Zelle

- 2 hours of fun on the water.
- Bring a snack to share.
- Bring your own drinks & cocktails.
Small coolers are welcomed.
- Bathroom onboard.
- No Smoking onboard.
- Must Sign Detroit Cycle Boat Waiver
- Non Refundable
- Have Fun!

PARKING INFORMATION

150 Old St Jean St, Detroit, MI 48214

Parking in City lot \$15 per car.

Arrive 15 minutes early.

Questions Contact Dawn Shoemaker 734-347-2085

March

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
	WRYCC Membership Meeting 6:30 PM		Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser	Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser	Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser	Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	AYC Meeting				I-LYA Spring Meeting Weekend	I-LYA Spring Meeting Weekend
29	30	31				
I-LYA Spring Meeting Weekend						

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Texas Hold-Em Fundraiser					WRYCC Commodore's Ball Arnaldo's	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	WRYCC Membership Meeting 6:30 PM					
26	27	28	29			
	AYC Meeting					

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					AYC Bowling	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				Texas Hold-Em Fundraiser	Texas Hold-Em Fundraiser	Texas Hold-Em Fundraiser
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Texas Hold-Em Fundraiser	WRYCC Membership Meeting 6:30 PM AYC Meeting					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						Islandfest Parade