

# WRYCC PILOT'S LOG

Your Monthly Newsletter

MAY 2026 ISSUE



# FROM THE HELM



Greetings Marvelous WRYCC Members & Friends ❤️

I want to thank everyone involved in making our 2026 Commodore's Ball the exceptional event it was. My heartfelt thanks to our Ball Committee, Co-chairs Dawn Shoemaker and Terri Ledbetter, Committee members, Rana Love, Bobbi Lang and Denise Hohf, volunteers Michele Konarski and Tom Hohf. Thanks to our dedicated Board, VC Don Ledbetter, RC/Anthem Balladeer, James Mabson, PC/Member At Large Dawn Shoemaker, PC/Secretary/MC Bob Lang, Treasurer Don Conroy, and FC Jon Allen. Blue Gavel President PC/Afterglow Host

Steve Jakubik.

It goes without saying that my thanks extend to all of our members, Commodores, Dignitaries, AYC, I-LYA, PCs, family and friends that attended in person and in deeds.

Finally, thanks to the following: Photographer Jeffrey Forrester for 137 magical memories. Brazelton's Florist and Lenora Shorter for donating five boutonnieres and twelve corsages. Thanks Rosalind Worthy and Gifted Sistas for donating 200 Tea Guest Gifts. Thank you , PC Joy Moon for the gift of my dazzling pair of 2026 earrings. Arnaldo's visually stunning decor, ambiance, and exceptional food and service exceeded both our guests and my expectations. Thanks again for personally serving two late arrivals dinner. Your flexibility and management style remains appreciated.

I'm so very proud and thankful to be a member and the 2026 Commodore of WRYCC. A club full of heart, Genius, acceptance and camaraderie. Always appreciated and accepted. Thank you.

**Commodore Sharon**



# FROM THE MID-SHIP



Ahoy Members and Friends!

Spring has sprung and summer is right around the corner. Come join us in all the fun activities our club has planned. Please check our website and calendar for upcoming events to attend. We look forward to seeing our members get together at our functions as well as visiting other boat clubs together.

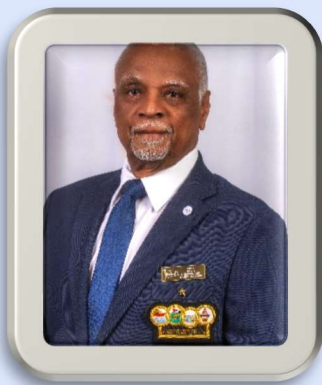
Lady Terri and I have been attending Commodores balls and are proud to represent WRYCC. We had such a wonderful time at our 2026 Commodore's Ball honoring our very own Sharon, celebrating her, with her family, our boat club, friends and members from many other boat clubs. The reception hall was beautifully decorated and the meal was delicious. It was a pleasure to be in attendance and enjoy the celebration.

We are off to a great start with our fundraising efforts for the 2027 commodores's ball. Thank you all for participating, helping out and your donations. We are planning on more dinner concerts planned for this fall.

May and June offer plenty of WRYCC events to attend and join in on the fun and festivities and comrade. We hope to see you soon, supporting and promoting our wonderful boat club. We are full throttle ahead for the 2026 boating season. Look forward to seeing you on land or at sea.

*V/C Don Ledbetter*

# FROM THE REAR



AHOY MATES,

SUMMER FUN IS IN THE AIR, LET THE FUNTIMES ROLL. I FIRST WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL THE MOMS A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS MOTHERS DAY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COMMODORE SHARON MCWHORTER FOR A SUCCESSFUL BALL, GOOD MUSIC, GOOD FOOD, AND GOOD FUN. WE

ARE FORMING A COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A STRUCTURED PLAN FOR RECRUITING AND WOULD LIKE ANYONE WHO IS WILLING TO HELP OUT TO DO SO. THANK YOU.

Did you know:

- Boating Safety Month in Michigan. May is used to emphasize safe operation, life jackets, and preparation before the season gets busy.
- National Maritime Day falls on May 22, and it commemorates the maritime industry and the historic steamship Savannah's 1819 voyage. The Savannah's departure on May 22, 1819 is especially important because it marked a major transition from sail to steam in maritime history.
- The Great Lakes Boating Festival is scheduled for May 16–17, 2026 in Grosse Pointe Shores, giving Michigan boaters an early-season event on the lake.

That's all for now. SAFE BOATING

*Rear Commodore JD*

## I-LYA Delegate



Ahoy Mates.

It is an honor and a pleasure to represent WRYCC as your delegate. The planning for the 2026 ILYA regattas in Put-in-Bay, Ohio, is all set with many fun things to do on Land and On The Water, Our boat club is involved in many of the events, with members volunteering their time, preparing and running the activities. It is a privilege to participate in this annual gathering of over 40 yacht clubs. The regatta has plenty to offer for the everyone.

Three regattas are held each year, one after another. This year, the Power Boat regatta is July 22nd -26th. It is a wonderful event, fun for the entire family. Please contact me or any of your board members for further information, interested in attending or volunteering.

*I-LYA Delegate – V/C Donny Ledbetter*

# Entertainment & Member at Large



Happy Happy May,

I will start off with saying that the commodore's ball was wonderful! A great big congratulations to Commodore Sharon, what a beautiful night of celebration it was. It was truly an honor to celebrate you and our club, and I loved meeting so many of Commodore Sharon's friends and family that came to celebrate. It was just spectacular! Photo's are up on our website – check it out! [www.wrycc.com](http://www.wrycc.com)

Now onto all the fun things coming up!

**Vice Commodore Donny** is having a fundraiser on **May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Tobi Lee will be performing; tickets are \$50 per person – dinner included and mixers – this is a BYOB event. **Only a few tickets available!** We are still accepting donations for baskets to raffle off. If you are able to donate, please contact myself, V/C Donny or lady Terri.

**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!

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

**Blessing of the Fleet – Date Changed to May 30<sup>th</sup> – after the Parade!**

**Islandfest Parade & Blessing of the Fleet – May 30<sup>th</sup>** – This is honestly so much fun, come on out and show your club pride, toss candy, have some good old fashion fun! Looking for candy donations! Immediately following the parade we will hold our Blessing of the Fleet & BBQ at Water's Edge Marina.

**Tiki Boat Adventure** coming June 28<sup>th</sup>, **tickets are now on sale** for this super fun outing. Spend a few hours on the water, with great people, music, laughter and tons of memories! Limited space is available so get your spot reserved now! Please prepay for this event, cost is \$45 per person. Contact P/C Dawn to secure your spot! 734-347-2085 or email [dawnwrycc@gmail.com](mailto:dawnwrycc@gmail.com)

**Entertainment & Member at Large – P/C Dawn Shoemaker**



Commodore Ball – AYC Class of 2026





W R Y C C

# West River Yacht & Cruising Club

## MAY 9TH

Award-winning  
Nashville artist Tobi Lee

*Limited seats available*

All proceeds go towards  
**2027 Commodore  
Ball Fundraiser**

Vice Commodore Donny Ledbetter

**\$50 per person •**  
dinner served at 7:00

Doors open @6:30 •

Tobi Lee to perform 7:30 - 10:30

Buffet, BYOB. Ice, water, soft  
drinks and mixers provided

**50/50 & Basket Raffles**

GI VFW post 7310 •  
8840 Macomb St,  
Grosse Ile, 48138

Contact V/C Donny Ledbetter  
for tickets: 734-231-4859





# Islandfest

PARADE

MAY 30

SHOW OUR CLUB PRIDE

&

Let's Make  
WAVES

MEET AT

GROSSE ILE  
HIGH SCHOOL

9:00 am



# Blessing of the FLEET



★ **DATE CHANGE** ★  
**NEW DATE: MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FOLLOWING THE ISLANDFEST PARADE**



We've moved the Blessing of the Fleet to **May 30th**, immediately following the Islandfest Parade. By bringing both events together, we're hoping for even greater participation—join us for the parade, the blessing, or both!



Please join us for one of our most meaningful traditions as we raise our burgee, bless our vessels for a safe and successful boating season, and honor those who are no longer with us.



Following the ceremony, stay and enjoy a classic cook-out with fellow members—great food, great company, and the chance to build wonderful memories together.  
*If you're able, please bring a dish to pass.*



If you plan to participate in the parade, the blessing, or both, please contact **P/C Dawn** at **734-347-2085**.

*Thank you for being part of this wonderful club—we look forward to a fantastic day together!*





# Think Summer!



**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 at**  
**734-231-4859**

*if you are planning to attend or need transportation.*

A vibrant, tropical-themed poster for a 'Tiki Boat Party!'. The background is a bright blue sky with a large yellow sun, palm trees, and a beach. In the foreground, a wooden signpost holds the event title and details. To the right, a tiki boat with a thatched roof and torches is filled with people. Various tropical items like a tiki mask, drinks, and a guitar are scattered around the sign.

# TIKI Boat Party!

**JUNE 28 • 12:25 PM**

**Just \$45 per person! Prepay Only!**

**2 Hours of Waterfront Fun!**

- ✓ Bring a Snack to Share!
- ✓ BYO Drinks & Cocktails!
- ✓ Small Coolers Welcome!
- ✓ Bathroom Onboard!
- ✓ No Smoking Onboard!
- ✓ Must Sign Detroit Cycle Boat Waiver!

## **PARKING INFO:**

- 150 Old St Jean St, Detroit, MI 48214
- City Lot Parking: **\$15** per Car
- Arrive 15 Minutes Early!

**Non-Refundable • Have a Blast!**

**SWAN BOAT CLUB  
SOMBREROS AND DERBYS  
SATURDAY MAY 2nd  
CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO ON  
KENTUCKY DERBY DAY**



**ENJOY TACOS, NACHOS AND OTHER FARE WITH  
YOUR MINT JULEP!!!**

**Dinner at 5:30**

**Price is \$10.00**

**Race is at approximately 6:15 with  
Poker Bingo to follow.**

# *Opening* of the *Port*

*Bay View Yacht Club*



Presented by Bay View Yacht Club, Maumee River Yacht Club,  
Toledo Sailing Club, and Toledo Yacht Club

**Saturday, May 23, 2026**

Join us as we honor our Commodores, past and present,  
bless our fleet and all boaters who navigate our local waters

**Brunch & Registration at**

**Bay View Yacht Club - 9:00 am to 11:30 am**

*Ceremony begins at 1:00 pm*

*at Bay View Yacht Club*

*3902 N. Summit St. Toledo, OH*

**Steak Dinner following the boat parade at  
Bay View Yacht Club**



# MEMORIAL DAY STEAK ROAST



MONDAY, MAY 25TH 3PM FOLLOWING THE MEMORIAL  
DAY SERVICE UNTIL SOLD OUT

\$20.00

CHICKEN BREAST WILL ALSO AVAILABLE TO  
GRILL.

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE SIDES.  
WILL HAVE HOT DOG AND CHIPS FOR KIDS  
FOR \$5.00

SWAN BOAT CLUB 6332 BRANCHEAU RD, NEWPORT, MI 48166





# I-LYA POWER BOAT REGATTA

## JULY 22 - 26

Come join in fun for the entire family! All I-LYA Boaters and members are invited to our Annual Powerboat Regatta, including kids who are encouraged to join in.



SCAN ME

### ADULT ACTIVITIES

- On-The-Water Events
- Corn Hole
- Co-Ed Volleyball & KICKBALL
- Putt-Putt Golf \*
- Golf Tournament \*
- Pub Crawl \*
- Mt. Gay Rum & Tite's Party
- Inflatable Boat Races
- Beer Trailer
- Kayak Boat Races
- Tug-A-War On the Water
- Award Ceremony
- Ladies Tea
- \*Small Fee May Apply

### JR. POWER 12-18 (\$10)

- SAFE Boating Seminar & Navigation Contest
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Fishing Contest & Geo Quest
- Putt-Putt Golf & Movie Night
- Co-Ed Softball, Volleyball & Cornhole
- Kayak Races & Tug-A-War On-the-Water
- Award Ceremony

### KIDS 5-11 (FREE)

- Fishing Contest
- Geo Quest
- Putt-Putt Golf
- Movie Night

### SOCIAL PACKAGES

- Boaters \$60.00
- Non-Boaters \$75.00
- Kids Steak Dinner \$15.00

Social Package includes Spaghetti Dinner, Taco Dinner, Hut Dog Roast, Steak & Chicken Dinner, as well as entrance to all functions and beer trailer.

Visit the Website  
[i-lya.org](http://i-lya.org)

For more information or questions, contact Registrar Nate Edmunds  
754.646.3436 [registrar@i-lya.org](mailto:registrar@i-lya.org)

# 36th Annual

## OPENING OF THE ISLAND BLESSING OF THE FLEET - 2026 EMBC - FYC - GIYC - GLSBC - SBC - SSBC - WRYCC

### ★ SUNSEEKER'S BOATING CLUB - FRIDAY, JUNE 5

FISH DINNER WITH FRIES, COLE SLAW, ROLL & COOKIES

CHICKEN WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

6PM [REDACTED]

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY  
<https://bit.ly/2026OOTIFishFry>

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCING 7PM - 11PM

### ★ FORD YACHT CLUB - SATURDAY, JUNE 6

BREAKFAST BUFFET AND BAR SERVICE 8AM

CEREMONY SIGN IN AND BOAT ASSIGNMENTS 10AM - 12:30PM

CEREMONY 1 PM

BOAT PARADE AND BLESSING OF THE FLEET IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING CEREMONY

PRE-REGISTER @ THE LINK BELOW THROUGH 5/26/26

### ★ ELBA-MAR BOAT CLUB - SATURDAY, JUNE 6

DINNER SERVED 5PM - 8PM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCING 9PM - 1AM

### ★ SEAWAY BOAT CLUB - SUNDAY, JUNE 7

SURVIVOR'S PARTY WITH MUSIC, SNACKS, FUN FOR ALL 1PM

OPENING OF THE CARDS 3PM

MEMBERS MAY JOIN THE BOAT PARADE AND HAVE THEIR BOAT BLESSED,  
PLEASE REGISTER ON SATURDAY MORNING, NO CHARGE

OFFICERS AND THEIR GUESTS TAKING A BOAT RIDE  
\$10.00 PER PERSON DUE AT THE REGISTRATION DESK



OFFICER REGISTRATION THROUGH 5/26/26

ELECTRONIC SIGN UP ON LINK: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/OOTISIGNUP26](https://bit.ly/OOTISIGNUP26)

# OPENING OF THE ISLAND POKER HAND JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup>



## What are the rules??

- \$10 ONE TIME Buy-in (at SSBC, FYC, or EMBC) to receive one card for every event you attend. There will be a total of 4 events. If you attend all 4 events, you receive your 5<sup>th</sup> card free.
- Must attend/buy-in at least 1 event prior to the Survivors party.
- Must check in at each event to mark you attended.
- ALL cards will be drawn at the Survivors Party.
- If you do not attend all 4 events, you may purchase additional cards (to total 5 cards) for \$5 each.
- Must purchase additional cards PRIOR to drawing any cards.
- Trades available for purchase AFTER you draw and see all your cards. \$5 per card trade OR trade up to 5 cards for \$20.

## Where to buy-in or check in??

1<sup>ST</sup> CARD SSBC FISH FRY (6pm-8pm)

2<sup>ND</sup> CARD FYC OOTI CEREMONY (10am-12pm)

3<sup>RD</sup> CARD EMBC ENTERTAINMENT (6pm-8pm)

4<sup>TH</sup> CARD SEAWAY SURVIVOR PARTY (1pm – 3pm)

- 3 PM OPENING OF THE CARDS 50/50 PAYOUT
  - ATTEND ALL 4 EVENTS – 5<sup>th</sup> CARD FREE
  - MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

# OPENING OF THE ISLAND FISH FRY June 5<sup>TH</sup> 2026

**ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY  
DEADLINE 5/26/2026**

REGISTER AT <https://bit.ly/2026OOTIFishFry> or use QR code.  
(PAYMENT OPTIONS INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION FORM)

**\$18 PER PERSON**

Fried Cod (chicken upon request),  
Homemade French Fries,  
Coleslaw, Roll & Cookie



🎵 DINNER 6PM – 8PM  
MUSIC 7PM – 11PM  
FEATURING JIM JERNIGAN

PONTOON SHUTTLE  
BETWEEN SSBC AND FYC  
DEPARTURES ONLY AVAILABLE AT  
THESE TIMES:  
DEPARTS FYC: 5PM & 6PM  
DEPARTS SSBC: 9PM & 10PM  
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

**SUNSEEKERS BOATING CLUB**  
OPEN TO MEMBERS, AYC/I-LYA MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

# **Swan Boat Club's First Friday Steak Roast of 2026**



**FRIDAY JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**STEAK \$20.00**

**CHICKEN \$12.00**

**SALMON \$15.00**

**SHRIMP SKEWERS \$3.00**

Ribeye and Filet Steaks, Chicken Breasts and Salmon Filets are also available with baked potato, garlic bread, pasta noodles and dessert.

**Alcoholic Beverages are available for club members with proof of membership only.**



# SWAN BOAT CLUB 10TH ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

**PRIZES  
AWARDED!**

6332 Brancheau Rd., Newport, MI 48166 • 734-586-2002

**PRIZES  
AWARDED!**

**JUNE 13, 2026**

**Start: 6AM • Weigh-In: 1PM**

**\$25**

Per Fisherman  
Maximum 5 Fishermen Per  
Boat Including Captain



Registration Forms available at Swan Boat Club  
Now Till Day of Tournament.  
734-586-2002 • swanboatclub.com

**ICE & BAIT AVAILABLE AT CLUB**

**DONUTS & COFFEE PROVIDED MORNING OF TOURNAMENT**

**FISH FRY AFTER WEIGH-IN, ANY DONATED FISH APPRECIATED**

Club will be open to public Friday and Saturday. We also have a number of docks available and trailer storage in parking lot for use at no cost to tournament participants. There are campsites available, few with electric.

**COME FRIDAY, STAY THRU SUNDAY!  
STEAK ROAST FRIDAY NIGHT,  
ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY NIGHT!**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT**



Tournament Chairman: Marty Myers (734) 771-3858 • Past Commodore: Dan Riordon (313) 350-6061 • Terry Grabowski (734) 934-4417 • Dan Porter (734) 308-9453 • Swan Boat Club (734) 586-2002

# May

| Sunday                   | Monday                               | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday                 | Friday                   | Saturday  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
|                          |                                      |         |           |                          | 1                        | 2   |
|                          |                                      |         |           |                          | 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 | No Membership Meeting<br>AYC Meeting |         |           |                          |                          |   |
| 24                       | 25                                   | 26      | 27        | 28                       | 29                       | 30  |
| 31                       |                                      |         |           |                          |                          | Islandfest Parade 9:00am<br>Blessing of the Fleet |

# June

| Sunday   | Monday                                  | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|---|---------|-----------|----------|---|---|
|  | 1                                       | 2       | 3         | 4        | 5   | 6   |
|  |   |         |           |          | <b>Opening of the Island</b><br><br>Fish Fry<br>Sun Seekers Boat Club | <b>Opening of the Island</b><br>Breakfast & Ceremony<br>Ford Yacht Club<br>Steak Roast Elba-Mar Boat Club |
| 7  | 8                                       | 9       | 10        | 11       | 12  | 13  |
| <b>Opening of the Island</b><br><br>Survivor Party<br>Seaway Boat Club |   |         |           |          |   |   |
| 14   | 15                                      | 16      | 17        | 18       | 19  | 20  |
|  | <b>Membership Meeting and Cook-Out?</b> |         |           |          | <b>Anchor Out Weekend</b>   | <b>Anchor Out Weekend</b>   |
| 21   | 22                                      | 23      | 24        | 25       | 26  | 27  |
| <b>Anchor Out Weekend</b>  |   |         |           |          |   |   |
| 28   | 29                                      | 30      |           |          |   |   |
| <b>Tiki Boat Party</b>   |   |         |           |          |   |   |

# July

| 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                            | 25                            |
|                               |        |         | I-LYA<br>POWERBOAT<br>REGATTA | I-LYA<br>POWERBOAT<br>REGATTA | I-LYA<br>POWERBOAT<br>REGATTA | I-LYA<br>POWERBOAT<br>REGATTA |
| 26                            | 27     | 28      | 29                            | 30                            | 31                            |                               |
| I-LYA<br>POWERBOAT<br>REGATTA |        |         |                               |                               |                               |                               |