

WRYCC

PILOT'S LOG

Your Monthly Newsletter

JUNE 2026 ISSUE



FROM THE HELM



Greetings WRYCC Magical Members & Friends,

May has proved to be another fun and heartwarming month. Thanks to all who volunteered so tirelessly to get us over the Texas Holdem finish line. Special thanks to Don Ledbetter, Andrew Lomax Jr., Bob Lang, and John Stewart for filling in several shifts to keep us afloat as the earnings streamed in. This month both Rear Commodore James Mabson and I attended the 2026 Commodore's Ball for Commodore Troy Mrowca and Lady Cathy, Detroit Beach Boat Club. Earlier in the month I also celebrated with Commodore Craig Stead and Lady Traci Cleghorn (MRYC). As expected, both Balls were wonderfully off the charts.

Finally, May 30th, 2026 was a day to remember. We participated in the Island Fest Parade and at 1 p.m. our beloved Captain Bob Lang, performed the "Blessing of the Fleet" ceremony for the Bridge, Board and members in attendance. During this time, we also announced West River Yacht & Cruising Club's Resolution to award our own, Dawn Lang Shoemaker, A Lifetime Membership. It was long overdue for her continued selfless acts including: Commodore in 2016, 2018, and 2021;

- Entertainment Chairperson;
- Communications Chairperson;
- Member at Large;

We shared hugs, tears and a meal. More to come. Bingo, June 10th, PRCU Hall. Door open at 4. Both Nancy and I will be there at 4:30 to hold seats. Games start at 6p and ends at 8p. Join us to grab a snack and win prizes.

Always with admiration,

Commodore Sharon



FROM THE MID-SHIP



Ahoy Members and Friends!

Summer is fast upon us, and our club is busy with plenty of functions and events for us to attend and support. I would like to thank all of those who helped out in our 2027 Commodores Ball fundraising events. More events are scheduled this fall. We had a great time at the Tobi Lee dinner-concert fundraiser. Our club's blessing in the fleet and cookout was well attended and was great to see people out there this Year.

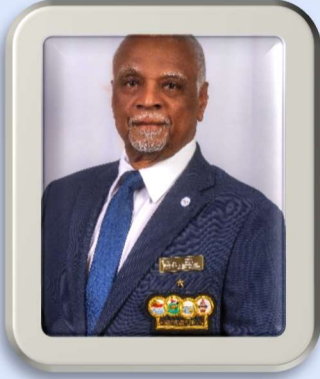
The annual Island fest parade was a great time for us to get together and promote our boat club Lady Terri and I are excited to attend the upcoming annual spring tiki boat excursion. It is always fun and a great opportunity to see some parts of the river one doesn't normally traverse. Hope you can join us for this fun-filled afternoon. Our club's blessing in the fleet and cookout was well attended and was a great ceremony. This year at our blessing of the fleet ceremony we were all privileged to honor our PC Dawn, with a lifetime appreciation award and membership. It is an honor to have Dawn's experience and support to help keep our club on its proper heading.

This year I am honored to participate in this year's flag raising ceremony held at the annual OOTI at Ford yacht club held this year June 5, 6, and 7th between multiple local boat clubs. It is a wonderful ceremony and I hope you can all attend. We are also looking forward to our first raft off of the season and encourage members to attend. No boat no problem we will have shuttle service. Please check our Facebook website and your email and stay current on all of the great events coming up soon. Hope to see you soon, on land but preferably on the water.

V/C Don Ledbetter



FROM THE REAR



Ahoy Mates,

June is here and summer is around the corner. June is a peak month for sailing regattas and yacht events. I attended the AYC meeting in Port Clinton, Ohio and was very glad to have had that opportunity. Among the many things that were discussed was the need AYC has for upcoming meeting locations for Jan, March, June and September of 2027. Also, the AYC class trip to Costa Rica in March of 2027. It was also interesting

to learn that there is a War of 1812 Celebration on the Portage River every year for Memorial Day. That should be interesting.

Additionally, I learned about the GREAT BLACK SWAMP. The Great Black Swamp was a vast wetland that once covered much of northwestern Ohio and a small portion of northeastern Indiana. It stretched roughly 120 miles long and 30–40 miles wide, covering around 1,500 square miles. It occupied the ancient lakebed of glacial Lake Maumee, a predecessor to Lake Erie. It was a dense, marshy forest — not an open swamp like you might picture. Starting in the 1850s, a massive drainage effort using clay tiles transformed the region. By the late 1800s, the swamp was almost entirely gone — drained and converted into some of the most fertile farmland in the world. The draining of the Great Black Swamp is considered one of the largest wetland reclamation projects in American history. Lake Erie's western basin and the Maumee River watershed are directly tied to its legacy.

Lastly, there is a real time **live-data buoy network** project for Lake Erie, it deploys high-tech buoys and sensors along the Ohio shoreline and makes their readings available in real time to boaters and the public. The system fills gaps along Ohio's Lake Erie shoreline and helps monitor conditions near places like Oregon, Port Clinton, the Catawba/Erie Islands, Huron, Cleveland, and Ashtabula. The data are intended to be freely accessible online at the CLEVELAND WATER ALLIANCE.

Congratulations to PC Dawn Shoemaker as a lifetime member

Peace everyone

Rear Commodore JD

SECRETARY



What's Coming Up at the Club

We've got a busy stretch ahead, and it's all the good stuff—parades, boats, sunshine, and plenty of chances to catch up with friends.

Islandfest Parade – May 30

We'll be kicking things off at the Islandfest Parade. If you're joining us, meet at **Grosse Ile High School at 9 AM**. It's always a fun morning and a great way to show off the Club.

Blessing of the Fleet – Right After the Parade

Once the parade wraps up, head over for our **Blessing of the Fleet**. It's a nice, relaxed way to welcome the boating season. Stick around afterward for a light lunch and some time to reconnect.

First Anchor Out – June 19–21

Weather permitting, our first Anchor Out of the season is set for June 19–21. Planning to come by boat? Need a shuttle out to the raft for the day? Just reach out to **VC Donnie Ledbetter** so we can make sure you're covered.

Tiki Boat Adventure – June 28

This one is always a blast. On June 28 we'll head out for the Tiki Boat Adventure—Detroit, Belle Isle, great views, and good company. Cost is **\$45 per person**. Bring a snack to share and let **MAL Dawn** know if you're hopping aboard.

Secretary P/C Capt. Bob Lang



I-LYA Delegate



Ahoy Mates.

It's an honor to represent West River yacht and cruising club and all of its members to stay informed with all this wonderful organization Preparations are underway for the annual July regattas in Put in Bay, Ohio More than 140 yacht clubs will be in attendance at this annual event. There is a variety of things for the entire family to enjoy. from Boat captains and crew, to guests and friends, on water activities and plenty for those who prefer to participate on land, Hope to see you there this year, the I-LYA organization is always striving to make boating activity, safe and accessible to all. Let me know if you're interested in volunteering to help out with an event or to be a host.

I-LYA Delegate – V/C Donny Ledbetter

Entertainment & Member at Large



Ahoy,

Wow, May was extremely busy. Steve and I started the month out with a quick little camping trip to Algonac State Park, beautiful campground on Lake St. Clair. It was extremely cold, so most of our time was spent huddled inside with the heat going strong. Then we had V/C Donny's Tobi Lee Dinner & Concert Commodore Ball fundraiser, that was fantastic! The food, the entertainment, the camaraderie, the raffles and to top it off it was a huge success! Way to go V/C Donny & Lady Terri! We then had our second Texas Hold-Em fundraising event, it was a little harder to wrangle the helpers, hopefully the next two we can fill up quickly. Here are the links for the September volunteersignup.org/RX7A7 & October events <https://volunteersignup.org/HEKFA> . All in all, it was a great success, thank you to everyone for stepping up. Memorial Weekend started off rather chilly and rainy but the skies cleared by Monday and it turned out to be a beautiful day. We ended the month with the Islandfest Parade & Blessing of the Fleet. The

Islandfest Parade is always so much fun, if you didn't make it this year try to come out next year. The Blessing of the Fleet is one of my favorite time-honored traditions, instead of throwing a wreath in the Lake we use flower pedals (wow, that is just an amazing sight to see), you do not need to own a boat to take part in this beautiful ceremony. I hope you will all be able to join us next year for this beautiful event!

Tiki Boat Adventure coming June 28th, **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! Friends & Family are welcome! 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@ymail.com

You can Venmo me @Dawn-Shoemaker-3

One more thing, I am beyond grateful and deeply honored to be recognized as a Lifetime Member of the West River Yacht and Cruising Club. This honor means more to me than words can express. Being part of this remarkable organization has brought countless friendships, memories, and experiences that I will always treasure. To receive such a meaningful recognition from a club that has meant so much to me is truly humbling. Thank you for this extraordinary honor and for allowing me to be part of such a wonderful boating family. I will cherish this distinction for years to come.

Entertainment & Member at Large – P/C Dawn Shoemaker





DISCOUNT CODE

GA80969Y

SAVE ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP!



Calling all
WEST RIVER MEMBERS

BINGO
NIGHT!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

PRCU HALL, OAK ST. IN WYANDOTTE



5:30 PM
START TIME



DOORS OPEN
AT 4:00 PM



BINGO

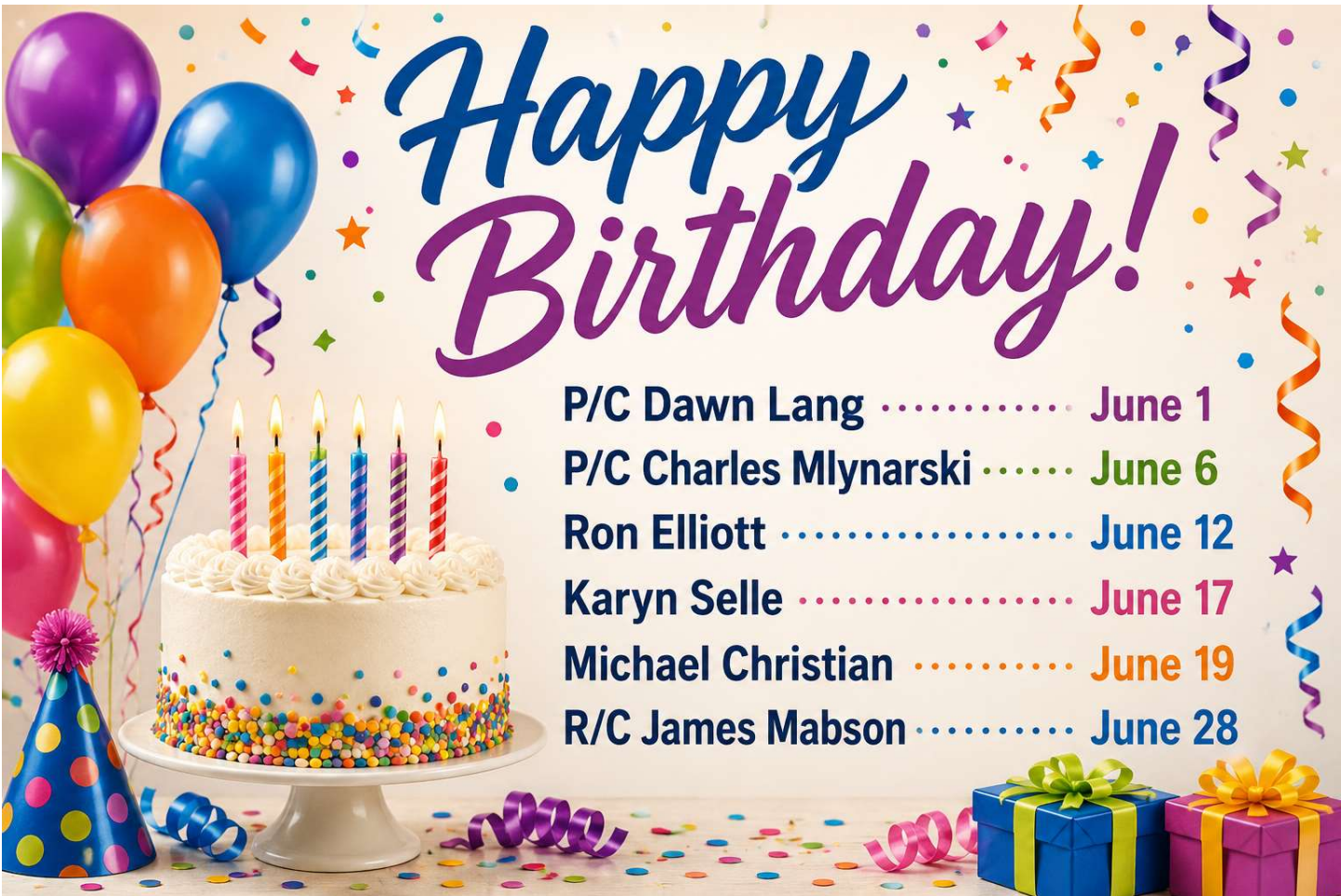
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BINGO

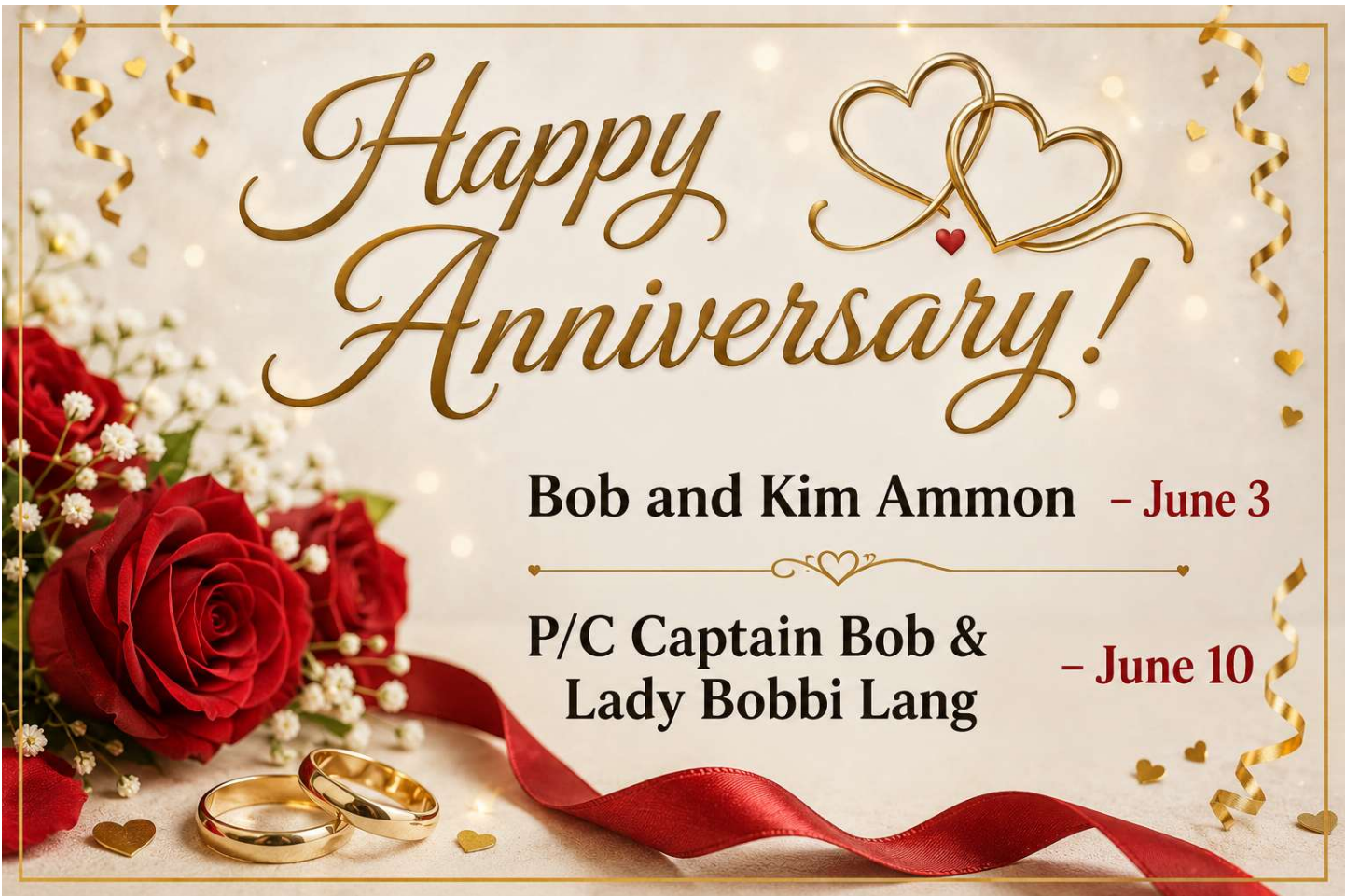
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2	28	33	47	71
10	27	39	55	69





Happy Birthday!

- P/C Dawn Lang June 1
- P/C Charles Mlynarski June 6
- Ron Elliott June 12
- Karyn Selle June 17
- Michael Christian June 19
- R/C James Mabson June 28



Happy Anniversary!

Bob and Kim Ammon - June 3

P/C Captain Bob & Lady Bobbi Lang - June 10



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.

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!



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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, Hot Dog Roast, Steak & Chicken Dinner, as well as entrance to all functions and beer trailer.

Visit the Website
i-lya.org

For more information or questions, contact Registrar Nate Edmunds
754.646.3436 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 ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY
<https://bit.ly/2026OOTIFishFry>
6PM [REDACTED]
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 5TH – 7TH



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 5th 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??

- 1ST CARD SSBC FISH FRY (6pm-8pm)
- 2ND CARD FYC OOTI CEREMONY (10am-12pm)
- 3RD CARD EMBC ENTERTAINMENT (6pm-8pm)
- 4TH CARD SEAWAY SURVIVOR PARTY (1pm – 3pm)
 - 3 PM OPENING OF THE CARDS 50/50 PAYOUT
 - ATTEND ALL 4 EVENTS – 5th CARD FREE
 - MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

OPENING OF THE ISLAND FISH FRY June 5TH 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 5TH

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

June

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

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Anchor Out			I-LYA POWERBOAT REGATTA	I-LYA POWERBOAT REGATTA	I-LYA POWERBOAT REGATTA	I-LYA POWERBOAT REGATTA
26	27	28	29	30	31	
I-LYA POWERBOAT REGATTA	AYC Meeting					

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					Anchor Out	Anchor Out
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Anchor Out	Membership Meeting					Membership Appreciation Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	AYC Meeting					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29