

WRYCC PILOT'S LOG

Your Monthly Newsletter

AUGUST 2026 ISSUE



FROM THE HELM



Greetings WRYCC Mates & Friends

July has been a month of joyful journeys to numerous AYC yacht clubs, Commodore cocktail receptions, Class of 2026 meets and greets photos, Bingo Bash outings, and more than I can list. Our Member's Appreciation is coming up soon, so don't miss it.

I'm excited to share that I attended my 1st I-LYA Regatta. It was unbelievable. The pageantry, the races officiated by Secretary P/C Robert Lang, the cocktail parties, the ladies' luncheon, Putt Putt competition, the 2026 Commodore's Sunday Brunch. For me, it was five days well spent with I-LYA Commodore Dean and Lady Karla, I-LYA Regatta. It was unbelievable. The pageantry, the races officiated by Secretary/PC Robert Lang, the cocktail parties, the Ladies Luncheon, Putt Putt competition, the 2026 Commodore's Sunday Brunch. For me, it was five days well spent with I-LYA Commodore Dean and Lady Karla, WRYCC members, AYC Commodore Sue & Gentleman Wayne, Class of 2026 Commodores, Thanks to our Fleet Captain Jon and Lady Laura, I joined them at the Beer Barrel Saloon on the Island to see our own WRYCC member, Toby Lee perform and posed with us for pictures. Thanks for the personal invitations to join you on your boat, dinner, drinks and saving seats. WRYCC members' rock!

Regrettably, I missed the Opening Ceremony and our very own Rear Commodore James Mabson singing both the Canadian and our National Anthems. I did however attend the Closing Ceremony. R/C James did a great job singing both Anthems, in my personal biased opinion. The closing parade and the Bagpipes, big Wow. By the way, our club and members were the recipients of three Awards. Ask us what and who. One was a dinghy race.

Texas Holdem – We need 3 more sign ups for both September and October evenings. Please continue your support. Thanks in advance.

Sharon McWhorter
WRYCC Commodore

FROM THE MID-SHIP



Ahoy, Members and Friends!

Summer is in full swing, and August is shaping up to be a wonderful month for us to get together on and off the water!

Unfortunately, our July Raft-Off was canceled due to high winds and wildfire smoke alerts. Not to worry — we're back on schedule with our next Raft-Off, set for **August 14th–16th**. Whether you're bringing your own boat or not, we want you there! No boat? No problem — our

water taxi will be running to ferry you between the mainland and the Detroit River rendezvous point. Please contact me if you'd like to join in on the fun.

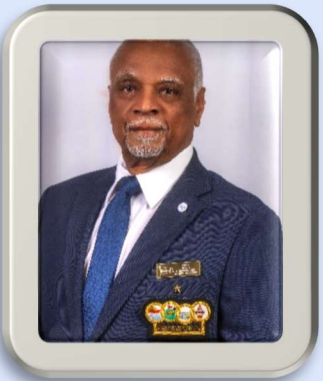
Mark your calendars for our **Membership Appreciation Party on August 22nd**! It's one of our favorite gatherings of the year — great food, good company, and plenty of laughs (especially once the white elephant gifts come out!). If your schedule allows, we'd love to see you there.

Be sure to check the website and club calendar for additional events happening throughout the next few months.

Hope to see you all soon out on the water!

Fair winds, V/C Don Ledbetter

FROM THE REAR



Ahoy Mates, Holy Smokes! Only one more month before summer is over, but fear not lots of fun and fellowship is still on the horizon. Speaking of fun, what a fun week was had at the I-LYA Powerboat Regatta. Congratulations to award winners Laura Allen and Joy Moon as well as a club award for WRYCC.

Did you know:

- 1885 – Inter-Lake Yachting Association (I-LYA) formed: Cleveland yachtsman George Gardner helps organize I-LYA to coordinate clubs around Lake Erie, formalizing racing rules and regattas’
- 1894 – First official I-LYA regatta at Put-In-Bay: This becomes the signature event, later evolving into “Bay Week,” a major Lake Erie sailing festival.

That’s all for now. Hoping that ever one will be able to participate is in all the upcoming activities and don’t forget MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION DAY. Until next time, safe boating to all

Peace, R/C JD

I-LYA Delegate



Ahoy Mates!

WRYCC was well represented at the 52nd I-LYA Powerboat Regatta in Put-in-Bay, OH! Congratulations to **Laura Allen** for taking first place in the Weather Prediction Contest, and to **P/C Joy Moon** for a strong 2nd place finish in the Inflatable Dinghy Race. Our club also has a long-standing tradition of participating in — and volunteering for — this annual event, and this year we placed 2nd in overall Volunteering. Way

to go, WRYCC! Let's keep making our club proud and continue this great tradition.

Unfortunately, Lady Terri and I were unable to attend this year. Still, it's wonderful to see that over 140 yacht clubs from across the region came together for this fantastic event. Plans and dates for 2027 are already in the works, and you can count on Lady Terri and me being there! This is truly a great event for the whole family, and we hope even more of our members will join in the fun next time around.

Fair winds, V/C Don Ledbetter

Entertainment & Member at Large



Ahoy West River Family,

We had the pleasure of welcoming seven new members to the WRYCC family last month! When you see them around at upcoming events, please take a moment to introduce yourself and give them a warm West River welcome.

Our club continues to grow because of you. Every invitation you extend, every conversation you have, and every positive experience you share helps strengthen our membership. Together, we are building a welcoming, vibrant club that people want to be a part of. Thank you for your continued support, and keep up the great work promoting WRYCC!

The I-LYA Powerboat Regatta was another fantastic event! It's always an honor for us to represent West River Yacht & Cruising Club and spend time with fellow boaters from across the region. The camaraderie, fellowship, and fun make it one of the highlights of the season. While it's always exciting to be part of such a great organization, there's something special about returning home to WRYCC to relax, reconnect, and reflect on another memorable adventure.

August 14th – 16th – Raft-Off weather permitting

August 17th – Membership Meeting

August 22nd – Membership Appreciation Party

Whether you're one of our newest members or you've been part of the WRYCC family for years, we hope you'll join us for one of our favorite time-honored traditions—our **Membership Appreciation Party!**

This celebration is all about **YOU** and is our way of saying **thank you** for being part of the West River Yacht & Cruising Club family.

We'll be firing up the grill and providing a cookout along with a limited bar for everyone to enjoy. We ask that each guest bring a **dish to pass** to help make the meal even more delicious.

And don't forget the highlight of the afternoon—our **Mystery White Elephant Auction!** Bring one wrapped surprise item and get ready for plenty of laughs. Past treasures have included unicorn hats, shot glasses, bottles of spirits, nautical gadgets, quirky décor, and all kinds of unexpected surprises. The best part? **You never know what you'll end up taking home!**

It's an afternoon filled with **great food, fun, laughter, friendship, and unforgettable memories**. We can't wait to celebrate with all of you and thank you for helping make WRYCC such a special place.

Come hungry, bring your sense of humor, and get ready for an afternoon of fun!

Please RSVP by August 8th to WRYCC334@gmail.com

September & October Texas Hold-Em Sign Up Links: September volunteersignup.org/RX7A7 & October events <https://volunteersignup.org/HEKFA> .

September Nomination membership meeting: It's that time of year where we are looking for members to run for officer & board positions.

Have you ever considered taking the next step in your club journey by running for an officer or board of director position?

Serving as an officer & board of director is one of the most rewarding experiences our club has to offer. It's an opportunity to help guide the future of the organization, preserve our traditions, and ensure that our club continues to thrive for generations to come.

Running through the ranks provides much more than a title—it offers the chance to develop lasting friendships, build leadership skills, and become more involved in the boating community. Officers often find themselves meeting members from other clubs, attending special events, representing our club at regional functions, and creating memories that last a lifetime.

As an officer, you'll have the unique opportunity to:

- Help shape the direction and vision of the club.
- Support and mentor fellow members.
- Strengthen relationships within the boating community.
- Attend special yacht club events, regattas, rendezvous, and social functions.
- Create a legacy of service and leadership.
- Give back to an organization that has provided so much enjoyment and friendship.

Some of the most meaningful experiences in club life come from serving others and working alongside fellow members toward a common goal. The friendships formed and the memories created while serving as an officer are truly priceless.

If you've ever thought about becoming more involved, consider stepping forward. Your ideas, enthusiasm, and leadership can help keep the spirit of our club strong.

The future of our club depends on members willing to lead. Why not make this the year you take the helm?

"Leadership isn't about holding a position—it's about helping steer the club toward an even brighter future. Come take your turn at the helm."

Entertainment & Member at Large – P/C Dawn Shoemaker



A nautical-themed graphic with a background of a boat on the water and a bridge in the distance. A pennant flag in the top left corner displays the WRYC logo. The main text reads "Welcome ABOARD" in a mix of script and bold serif fonts, with an anchor icon replacing the letter 'O'. Below this, a dark blue banner contains the text "NEW MEMBERS". A central white box with a rope border lists the names "Kristine, Sam, Jennifer, Maria, Greg, Kennedy & Cortaz" in a red script font, flanked by a ship's wheel and an anchor icon.

WRYC

Welcome
ABOARD

NEW MEMBERS

*Kristine, Sam, Jennifer,
Maria, Greg, Kennedy
& Cortaz*

★ WE'RE THRILLED TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR CREW! ★



A graphic with a nautical theme featuring a boat, waves, a compass, and a rope. The BoatUS logo is at the top. Below it, a wooden sign reads "DISCOUNT CODE". Underneath, a blue metal plate displays the code "GA80969Y". A red banner at the bottom says "SAVE ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP!".

BoatUS

DISCOUNT CODE

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SAVE ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Happy BIRTHDAY!

TO OUR WRYCC FAMILY!

WRYCC



AUGUST 5TH

Jake Kay &
V/C Donny Ledbetter



AUGUST 11TH

Lady Kathy Callicoat



AUGUST 12TH

Meagan Mitchell



AUGUST 17TH

P/C Captain Bob Lang



AUGUST 31ST

P/C John D. Stewart

Wishing you all a wonderful day
on and off the water!

Happy Anniversary!

CELEBRATING OUR WRYCC FAMILY!

August
1st

Andrew Lomax &
Lakeshia Murray

August
22nd

Scott &
Karyn Selle

Wishing you many more wonderful years 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.

Membership APPRECIATION Party!

AUGUST 22
1 TO 4 PM

 **7604 SWAN CREEK RD., NEWPORT**



**BRING A DISH TO PASS.
COOK-OUT AND
BEVERAGES PROVIDED.**



**MYSTERY WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION.
BRING NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS,
WRAP THEM UP SO NO ONE KNOWS
WHAT THEY ARE!**



**COME ON OUT FOR SOME
Good Ole Fun,
LAUGHTER AND FRIENDSHIP!**



**WE LOVE
OUR MEMBERS!**



PLEASE RSVP

ALONG WITH THE DISH YOU WILL BE BRINGING TO P/C DAWN.

★ **PLEASE RSVP BY RESPONDING TO THIS EMAIL BY AUGUST 8** ★

We can't wait to celebrate with you! 

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					
30	31					

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
					Raft-Off	Raft-Off
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Raft-Off	Raft-Off			Texas Hold-Em	Texas Hold-Em	Texas Hold-Em
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Texas Hold-Em						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Nomination Meeting					
27	28	29	30			
	AYC Meeting					

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Texas Hold-Em	Election Meeting					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	AYC Meeting					