WRYCC

PILOT'S LOG

Your Monthly Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2026 ISSUE

FROM THE HELM

Greetings WRYCC Magical Members and Members,

Our club is growing and it's all because of each and every one of us. As a club, Teamwork continues to make our Dreams work. Thanks for your continuing contributions to the club, including improving meeting attendance, volunteering for Texas Hold'em again and again. Time and time again, you contribute to our fundraising efforts with basket donations, food and dessert donations, in addition to manning ticket tables, when called upon. This is a small sampling of what dedicated members of WRYCC share with the club, tirelessly.

So, thanks again and again. Don't forget we need your scrumptious recipes for our Fundraising Cookbook. We want to have it completed before the end of September. Continue to check FB and you email for submission instructions. Call me or email Terri Ledbetter for help. We're still committed to finding our new club home. We will keep you updated.

Finally, I look forward to everyone joining us, September 19, 2026, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Si's Speakeasy next door to Captain's on 126 Oak St., in Wyandotte.

Love and Hugs,
Sharon McWhorter
WRYCC Commodore

FROM THE MID-SHIP

Ahoy Members and Friends!

The summer will soon be coming to an end. With the winding down of summer activities, our club has planned some Autumn Adventures that we hope you can join us in! It's great getting together to visit and celebrate. Going to other clubs in the fall is also a great time to meet with members of those clubs to support them and enjoy the fun activities they plan.

We have our final “Raft Off” of the summer scheduled for this weekend – September 4-7. We hope you can join us for fun out on the water. No boat, no problem! We can arrange to have you picked up from a nearby club! Contact me at (734)231-4859 to make arrangements.

Lady Terri and I have had a very busy August attending Regatta’s and Receptions, traveling, a baby shower and attending an amazing wedding!

Please check the calendar on the website and the Facebook page for upcoming events and meetings. We have over a dozen new members this year and we would like everyone to meet each other. Your participation and input helps our boat club plan for fun-filled events like our holiday themed bus trips visiting other clubs and Burgee exchanges.

Fair winds, V/C Don Ledbetter

FROM THE REAR

Ahoy mates,

Well blow me down, summer is almost over. Where did it go. I guess when you’re attending cocktail parties every weekend and need time to recover during the week, you don’t even notice how fast the time is going by. And now we look forward to our commodore’s reception this month. I’ll be looking forward to all hands on deck for Commodore Sharon on September 19th.

Congratulations to Steve and Dawn on tying the knot. The maritime wedding performed by captain Bob was fantastic with lots of food and drink and good fellowship. HATS OFF!

Did you know:

In an area just beyond Rattlesnake Island northwest of Put-In-Bay. Commodore Oliver Perry defeated British naval forces on September 10th, 1813 bringing British control of Lake Erie to an end. Perrys victory secured American control of the Great Lakes and changed the future of Detroit which at the time was occupied by the British.

Wow, so much history around the western basin of Lake Erie.

Until next month
Peace and safe boating
R/C JD

I-LYA Delegate

Ahoy Mates!

Summer Regattas are coming to an end and the ILYA is working on plans for 2027.

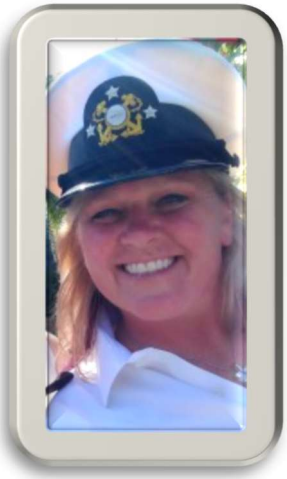
The next ILYA meeting is the Fall meeting being held in Romulus, MI, December 4-5. The focus of these meetings will be on the planning of 2027 meetings and Regatta as well as committees and volunteers for the Regatta.

This Historic Organization organizes several programs to promote safe and fun boating, as well as interests to boat owner's and water-sports enthusiasts. They provide educational opportunities and serves as a legislative watchdog in areas that could impact boaters and boating.

Please contact me if you are interested in attending or volunteering for an event. It is a great experience to participate and meet members and friends from other clubs.

Fair winds, V/C Don Ledbetter

Entertainment & Member at Large



Ahoy West River Family,

What a fantastic August we had, it was a little crazy and hectic for us, but it all works out. Membership Appreciation was absolutely amazing and so much fun, even with the thunder storm. No rain can wash our fun away! Thank you to everyone who attend and helped out!

Upcoming Events

September 4th – 7th – Raft-Off weather permitting

September 10th -13th – Texas Hold-Em – we have one spot that opened up and needs to be filled. volunteersignup.org/RX7A7

September 19th – Commodore's Reception
We would love for the members to be part of this celebration. We are also, looking for a couple volunteers to collect the $5 cover charge at the door. This event runs from 1:00-2:30 PM at Si's Speakeasy.

September 21st – Special Nominations Meeting

We're doing something a little different—and a lot more fun—for our next meeting!

This will be a Special Meeting dedicated exclusively to nominations for our Bridge and Board positions, so why not add a little boating, dinner, and camaraderie to the evening?

THE PLAN:
Meet at Water's Edge Marina at 5:30 PM, hop aboard one of the boats providing transportation, and cruise over to J.P. Waterfront for dinner and nominations!

We plan to arrive at J.P.'s around 6:30 PM.

Dinner & Drinks:
Order whatever sounds good and enjoy the evening! Food and beverages will be individually purchased, so each person will be responsible for their own dinner and drinks.

Can't make the 5:30 departure? No problem! You're welcome to drive and meet us directly at J.P.'s.

If Mother Nature doesn't cooperate:
The meeting is still ON! We'll simply skip the boat ride and everyone will meet at J.P.'s by car.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

This may be a fun evening, but it's also an important one for the future of West River. Our club is only as strong as the members willing to get involved, share their ideas, and step up to help lead the way.

Maybe you've thought about running for a position.
Maybe someone has encouraged you.
Maybe this is your year to say, "Why not me?"

Come enjoy a boat ride, dinner, great company—and help shape the next chapter of WRYCC!

PLEASE RSVP — BOAT OR CAR!

Whether you're cruising over with us by boat or meeting us at J.P. Waterfront by car, please be sure to RSVP.

We need an accurate headcount so we can let the restaurant know how many members will be joining us for dinner and make sure our volunteer captains have enough room aboard their boats for everyone wanting to cruise over.

When you RSVP, simply let us know:

BOAT — I'll meet at Water's Edge Marina at 5:30 PM and travel by boat.

CAR — I'll meet everyone at J.P. Waterfront around 6:30 PM.

Please RSVP either way—even if you're driving!

Your response will help us keep everything organized and make sure there's a seat waiting for you—whether it's **o**n the boat or at the dinner table!

We'll keep everyone posted as we get closer regarding the weather and any changes to the boating plans.

Come for the cruise. Stay for dinner. Step up for your club.
WRYCC — Passport to Fun!

Entertainment & Member at Large – P/C Dawn Shoemaker

Birthdays –

- Willena Hrabowski – 9/2
- Kelli Labadie – 9/6
- Andrew Lomax – 9/14
- Jim Taraszkiewicz – 9/12
- Kristine Baldwin – 9/20

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.

WEST RIVER YACHT & CRUISING CLUB

Cordially invites Bridge Officers, Flag Officers, Past Commodore's, and their guest to attend our Commodore's Reception honoring.

Commodore

Sharon McWhorter

Saturday, September 19, 2026
1:00 PM

Si's Speakeasy next door to Captain's
126 Oak Street
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Attire: Summer Whites
Admission: $5.00

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED *Running* FOR AN OFFICER OR BOARD POSITION?

Maybe now is your time to take the helm.

- **HELP GUIDE** the future of your club
- **MEET NEW PEOPLE** & build lasting friendships
- **REPRESENT YOUR CLUB** at events and functions
- **BECOME MORE INVOLVED** in the boating community
- **MAKE MEMORIES** you'll never forget

RUNNING THE RANKS IS MORE THAN HOLDING A TITLE.
IT'S AN EXPERIENCE. IT'S AN OPORTUNITY. IT'S A LEGACY.

STEP UP. | GET INVOLVED. | MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

You might just discover how rewarding leadership can be.

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						Commodore Reception
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Nomination Meeting					
27	28	29	30			
	AYC Meeting					

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Texas Hold-Em	16 Texas Hold-Em	17 Texas Hold-Em
18 Texas Hold-Em	19 Election Meeting	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 AYC Meeting	27	28	29	30	31

November

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
	Meeting					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	AYC Meeting					
29	30					

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
					I-LYA Fall Meeting	I-LYA Fall Meeting
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
I-LYA Fall Meeting						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Change of Watch & Christmas Party					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		