
WRYCC
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Your Monthly Newsletter
NOVEMBER 2026 ISSUE
WRYCC

FROM THE HELM



Greetings WRYCC Members,

It's unbelievable that we are ending another year, 2 short months. What a roller coaster. We made new friendships and celebrated births and birthdays. Attended Commodore Balls, Receptions, Regattas, AYC events, I-LYA events, and Weddings. Regrettably we lost loved ones and friends. My heart and prayers remain with each and everyone of you, your family and friends. I pray that you find the strength to navigate any unwanted and unexpected path ahead. Our time here is a series of continuous adjustments. I love you all for the support and growth you have assisted me and others with.

You all are amazing and I am thankful for being your 2026 Commodore, one more month. Look ahead members, to an outstanding Bridge with Commodore Elect Don Ledbetter and the Board. Happy Thanksgiving in advance.

Always,

Sharon L. McWhorter,
WRYCC - Commodore

FROM THE MID-SHIP



Ahoy members and friends!

The boating season is almost officially over. What a wonderful summer it was! Our club has some fun events planned for November – please check our website, Facebook posts and your email for information.

Lady Terri and I will be continuing to attend receptions and balls host by the other Yacht and Boat Clubs. It is an honor to represent WRYCC and always a great opportunity to visit with members and guests of the Associated Yacht Clubs from our region.

We have our last fundraiser for the WRYCC 2027 Commodore's Ball on November 8th at Freckles & Grit in Trenton. This is a really neat shop with an assortment of Lions, Tigers, and Pistons apparel for men, women and children as well as other unique items! Great place to start your Christmas shopping!! We are sure you will find the perfect gift for that "hard to buy for" person in your life! There will be holiday beverages, snacks and sweet treats for you to enjoy while you shop.

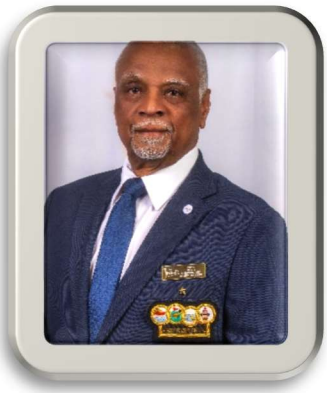
The WRYCC Monopoly tournament is being held at the Grosse Ile VFW on November 22nd from 4-7. We hope you can all make it for some fun and camaraderie! Snacks will be available and it is BYOB.

Also, save the date of May 15th for the WRYCC Commodore's Ball. We would love it if you could all attend what is going to be a very fun night!!

Hope to see you soon!

Commodore Elect Don Ledbetter

FROM THE REAR



Ahoy Mates, As November eases in, we are approaching the holiday seasons. Thanksgiving is soon upon us and it is appropriate that we give thanks for the friendship and camaraderie of WRYCC I know that I am grateful to all of your for the warmth that I experience when we're together. Also, in remembering, let us not forget the 29 crew members that lost their lives in the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald on lake Superior on November 6, 1975. On a happier note, let's all not forget to support commodore elect Donnie on Nov 8th at Freckles and Grits, and the Monopoly tournament November 22nd. That's all for now, Peace to all

Vice Commodore Elect JD

Rear Commodore Elect

hello fellow members,

I like to thank you for your support in electing me rear Commodore. I look forward to following our dictated leadership of the ladies and gentlemen officers before me and after. It will be a pleasure to serve and continuing enjoying this group wonderful people.

Rear Commodore Elect Ronald Elliott

I-LYA Delegate



Ahoy Mates!

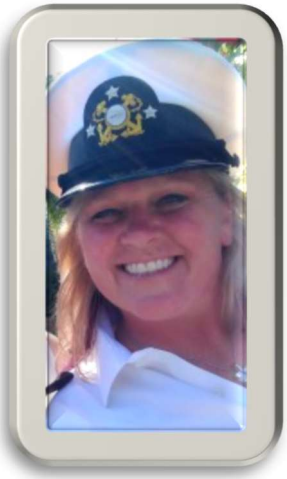
The I-LYA will hold its annual Fall Meeting at the Sheraton Hotel in Romulus on Friday, December 4, and Saturday, December 5. The weekend will also include the Change of Watch ceremony, installing the 2027 Board of Officers.

The Fall Meeting helps set the 2027 event calendar, appoint committee chairs, and organize focus groups on boating education, safe boating, and environmental issues. I-LYA works to promote enjoyable boating and protect our waterways and marinas while supporting boating, sailing, and watersports throughout the Great Lakes.

Please contact me if you're interested in attending an I-LYA event or getting more involved with this outstanding organization.

Commodore elect Don L.

Entertainment & Member at Large



Ahoy, West River Family!

Can you believe November is already here? Where has the time gone?!

Mother Nature certainly treated us to a bonus boating season this year! The weather has been absolutely beautiful, and I have to admit, I'm a little disappointed we pulled our boat so early. We could have enjoyed a few more cruises and some spectacular fall color runs! Oh well, maybe next year Mother Nature will be just as generous!

As we begin winding down 2026, there is so much to be excited about! We have some wonderful plans, fresh ideas, and exciting adventures in store for 2027. The enthusiasm and momentum within our club are something we should all be proud of, and I would love to see that continue to grow.

Let's keep spreading the word about West River! Invite friends to join, encourage our newer members to get involved, and reach out to those familiar faces we haven't seen in a while. Sometimes all it takes is a friendly invitation to bring someone back into the fun!

Our club is only as strong as its members, and together, we can make 2027 one of our best years yet!

Speaking of 2027… We Have Some GREAT News!

We have something special in store for our West River members, and who doesn't love a great deal?!

We're offering ALL renewing members a whopping 20% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT on their 2027 membership dues!

That's right! Renew your membership by **December 1, 2026**, and enjoy 20% OFF your dues! If you're mailing your payment, it must be postmarked by December 1, 2026, to qualify.

But Wait… There's MORE!

Did you volunteer at one of our Texas Hold'em events? Well, those hours are about to pay off even more!

You can apply your earned Texas Hold'em volunteer credits ON TOP OF your 20% early bird discount!

That's double the savings and our way of saying THANK YOU for giving your time and supporting our club!

We take great pride in being a club that gives back to its members. Your dedication, participation, and loyalty are what make West River so special, and we believe those efforts deserve to be recognized and rewarded.

After all, how many yacht clubs offer their members opportunities like these? It's just one more reason to be proud to call West River your club!

Your official 2027 membership renewal notices will be arriving by email, so be sure to keep an eye on your inbox!

Great Members. Great Friendships. Great Savings. That's the West River Way!

Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Events!

November 8 – Vice Commodore's Fundraiser: Shop 'Til You Drop!

Freckles & Grit – Downtown Trenton | 4:00–7:00 PM

Get a head start on your holiday shopping while supporting a great cause! Join us for a fun evening of shopping, holiday cheer, festive beverages, and sweet treats!

Every purchase and show of support helps our V/C Donny and Lady Terri as they raise funds for the upcoming Commodore's Ball.

Bring a friend, find some unique holiday gifts, and enjoy a little fun along the way!

Shop local, support West River, and spread some holiday cheer!

November 16 – General Membership Meeting

Knights of Columbus, Wyandotte | 6:30 PM

Come out, stay informed, share your ideas, and enjoy some time with your fellow members. Your participation matters, and we'd love to see a great turnout!

November 22 – West River's First-Ever Monopoly Tournament!

VFW Post 7310 – 8840 Macomb Street, Grosse Ile

Get ready to buy, sell, trade, and maybe send a few friends straight to jail! This is our first-ever Monopoly Tournament, and it's sure to bring plenty of laughs, friendly competition, and a little wheeling and dealing!

Whether you're a Monopoly master or just coming for the fun, don't miss this one!

December 13 – Change of Watch & Christmas Party

Save the Date!

It's almost time to celebrate the holiday season and welcome our incoming Bridge and Board! Plans are underway for a wonderful evening of friendship, celebration, and holiday cheer. Watch for more details coming soon!

The Fun Doesn't Stop Here!

As we look ahead to a new year, let's keep the West River spirit alive! We have new ideas, exciting events, and plenty of opportunities to make memories together.

Be sure to check your email regularly for club news, event announcements, and all the fun things coming your way.

Most importantly, get involved, bring a friend, reconnect with fellow members, and enjoy everything our club has to offer!

West River isn't just about boating. It's about the friendships we build, the memories we make, and the traditions we carry forward.

Here's to finishing 2026 strong and making 2027 even better!

Entertainment & Member at Large – P/C Dawn Shoemaker




West River Yacht
WRYC
& Cruising Club
Passport to Fun!
Your Passport to Fun!
EARLY BIRD
SPECIAL
2027 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
Renew your membership for the 2027 season
and save 20%!
Single Membership
$140
(regularly $175)
Dual Membership
$240
(regularly $300)
GREAT PEOPLE
LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS
MEMORABLE ADVENTURES
MAKING BOATING BETTER SINCE 1965
OFFER VALID TO
DECEMBER 1, 2026
Must be postmarked by December 1, 2026.
STANDARD DUES RATES GO BACK TO NORMAL PRICING DECEMBER 2, 2026.


SHOP SMALL,
support Big
at Freckles & Grit
FUNDRAISE FOR
V/C Don Ledbetter
Commodore's Ball
West River Yacht and Cruising Club
NOVEMBER 8th
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Holiday Beverages
& Sweets
to be provided.
FRECKLES & GRIT
2723 West Jefferson
Downtown Trenton

WRYCC

WEST RIVER
YACHT & CRUISING CLUB
EST. 1965

MONOPOLY TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026
TIME: 4 to 7



$20
TOURNAMENT PLAYERS



$5
REFRESHMENTS SNACKS

BYOB





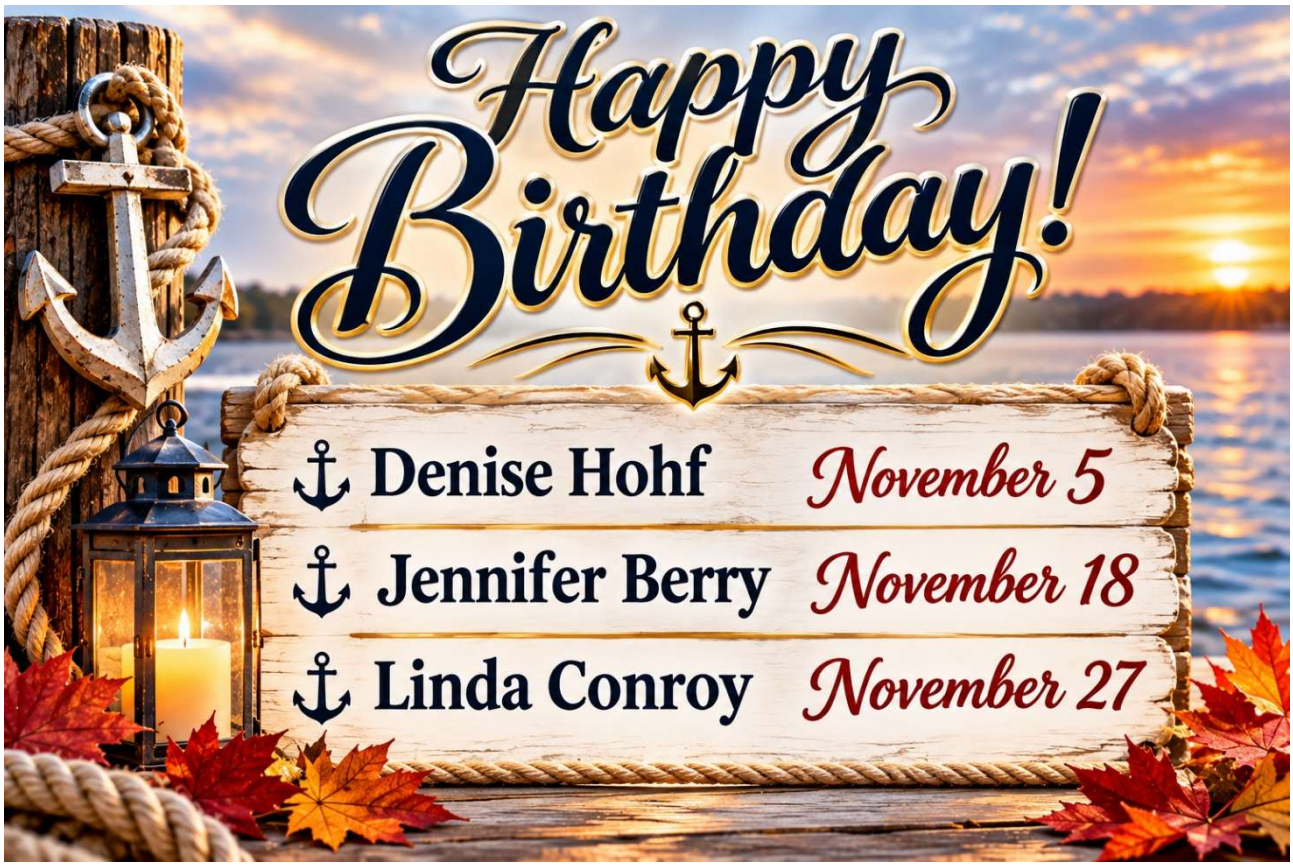
EVERY 25 MINUTES:
Elimination rounds with
10 MINUTES BREAKS
during the elimination.

TOURNAMENT FROM
4:30 - 6:15

VFW POST 7310
8840 Macomb St, Grosse Ile

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT
COMMODORE SHARON 313-283-8122

All WRYCC members, I-LYA, AYC & guests


Happy Birthday!
Denise Hohf November 5
Jennifer Berry November 18
Linda Conroy November 27

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
V/C Fundraiser Freckles & Grit						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Meeting Knights of Columbus					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Monopoly Tournament	AYC Meeting					
29	30					

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		20% renewal discount – must be postmarked by today!			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		

January

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	26
	Membership Meeting					
27	28	29	30	31		