



# Wide-Waters YACHT CLUB

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Box 28, OTTAWA, IL 61350

Home Port – STARVED ROCK MARINA

Member  
Yachting Club of America  
Illinois River Basin Boating Association (IRBBA)

## 2021-2022 Bridge and Board Members

Commodore – Tony Martinez  
Vice Commodore – Mike Grzybowski  
Treasurer – Wanda Gifford  
Secretary – Dom Pacenti

Bylaws Chairman – Dom Pacenti  
Fleet Captain – Tony Martinez

## Board of Directors

Lynn Jones  
Dave Puent  
Jeff Donovan  
Judie Jacobs  
Joe Pacenti

## November-December 2021 Newsletter



### 2021

2021, the year that we all expected to be done dealing with COVID-19 issues, didn't quite turn out that way. Fortunately, while some events like the IRBBA Miss Riverbottom had to be once again postponed, other events were able to return with some limitations and added safety precautions.

Thanks to the help from everyone, gatherings like our Opening Season Flag Raising, The Blessing of the Fleet, Pulled Pork Dinner and Draw Down raffle, Lobster Boil & Steak Fry, Fall Kid's Day and our Haulout Party, were all huge successes! Thank you to everyone for your help and support!



Some other notable WWYC 2021 accomplishments, our annual yearbook was converted to a binder, allowing future updates to be published as a single page insert. And by now everyone has logged in and seen our new website! If not, be sure to check it out.

2021 wasn't just all about WWYC events, we also welcomed new owners to Starved Rock Marina, Ben and Alissa Bumpus.



Ben and Alissa have been very "hands on" making many changes and improvements to the marina and also very active members and supporters of our Yacht Club!

It would be remiss not to mention Dana Kartheiser, Captains Cove, and Kathy Fox, Weeta's Boutique, for all the heroics they've gone through to survive the impact of COVID-19. It's hard to imagine a harder time to start a new restaurant business than what Dana went through. Thanks to both for your support and amenities offered to our WWYC members. And for those of us who wanted to share our boating enthusiasm with friends, there was Tony Bush with Starved Rock River Adventures with an available rental pontoon boat!

**Wide Waters Yacht Club – November Bridge and Board Meeting:**

The past November meeting, and last meeting of the year, was held in conjunction with our Annual Haul Out Party at CHOP'D in Plainfield. As tradition, most of the business portion of the meeting was waived and moved to January's meeting.



This year, WWYC Commodore Tony Martinez, presented Vice Commodore Mike Grzybowski, The Boater of the Year award for Mike's outstanding achievements in recruiting new members to our Club.



But wait, Mike wasn't done yet, Club Secretary, Dominic Pacenti presented Mike with the prestigious Nefarious Award, a.k.a. Dumb boater Award, for a dock departure maneuver that could not go by without some recognition!



Congratulations Mike on your awards and outstanding contribution to the Club!

The next WWYC Bridge and Board meeting will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup> at Jeff Donovan's home. Please watch your email for further updates on time and address. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. We will be planning our events calendar for 2022 and everyone's suggestions are valued.

**Miscellaneous Updates:**

IRBBA has announced that Winter Games are back and will be held on February 25-27, 2022 at the Comfort Inn in Morton, Illinois. Please see the attached information for reservations and details.

**Condolences:**

Our condolences to the family of Bob Bishop on his passing November 14, 2021. Bob was the original owner of Starved Rock Adventures houseboats, villas, pontoon and jet ski rentals at SRM. He also operated the "Bell of the Rock" for several years at Starved Rock State Park.



**Winter Traditions:**



The January 2022 Chicago Boat show has been CANCELED! "...a result of current needs and economics of the Chicagoland market, including the supply chain disruptions and historically low market-specific boat inventory."





# Starved Rock Marina

## Winter at SRM

We will be available by appointment and occasionally as posted on social media.

The best way to reach us is either via Facebook messenger or email us at [info@starvedrockmarina.com](mailto:info@starvedrockmarina.com)

Feel free to leave us a phone message at 815.433.4218.



[www.starvedrockmarina.com](http://www.starvedrockmarina.com)



## Captain's Cove Bar And Grill At Starved Rock Marina

Winter hours: 11:00 – 9:00 Friday - Sunday



Brunch with Santa – December 19<sup>th</sup>

Captains Cove gift cards! Buy \$100.00 and get a \$25.00 gift card for free!



Make this a winter destination for some great food and beverages! Some very big payouts from the slots have also recently been posted!

[www.captainscovebarandgrill.net](http://www.captainscovebarandgrill.net)



Starved Rock River Adventures pontoon boat rental is closed for the season. Please check their website for information or call the rental office and leave a message if you need to contact them. (815)434-9200.

<https://starvedrockriveradventures.com>



Weeta's Boutique at Starved Rock Marina



Open Year Round

Open all winter. Call ahead for hours or to make an appointment. Not too late for some great Christmas shopping! (815) 434-1587.



## 2021 Memories



**2022 IRBBA Winter Games**  
**February 25 – 27, 2022**  
**COMFORT INN - 201 E. Ashland St., Morton, IL 61550**  
**309-263-5116**

**START BOOKING RESERVATIONS**

**We are back for 2022!** We have re-booked the Comfort Inn (Formerly Park Inn by Radisson) for Winter Games located in Morton, IL just off the I-74 Exit off Morton Ave. For our convenience, they have an on-site restaurant, Paddy O'Flaherty's Irish Pub and Eatery.

**Reservations:**            **IRBBA Guest Room (Single King):**    \$84.99 per night + Tax (9 available)  
**309-263-5116**            **IRBBA Guest Room (Double Queen):** \$84.99 per night + Tax (68 available)

(16 total suites            **\*\*IRBBA Hospitality Room (King Suite):** \$94.99 per night + Tax  
In Main Hallway)        **\*\*IRBBA Hospitality Room (DBL Queen Suite):** \$104.99 per night + Tax

**\*\*King & DBL Queen Suites will ONLY be offered to Clubs as Hospitality - NOT for individual booking**

**Reservations:** Book your **IRBBA Guest Room** beginning December 13th<sup>t</sup> by contacting the Comfort Inn reservation department at the hotel for the IRBBA group rate. Individuals can book a maximum 3 rooms under the same credit card information. Reservations will need a valid credit card and driver's license or State ID

**Contact 309-263-5116** to reserve an **IRBBA Guest Room** (77 rooms available each night)  
**Contact 309-263-5116** to reserve an **IRBBA Hospitality room** (12 Suites available each night)

**Incidentals:** It will be each individual's responsibility to pay all incidentals occurring during their stay upon check-out, when credit is established upon check-in.

**Room taxes:** These rates are also subject to change, the existing 6% sales tax and 6% room tax.

**Block Cancellation:** Up to 30 days prior to arrival

**Individual Cancellation:** 3 weeks prior to arrival by 3pm, or the first night's deposit will be forfeited. **(February 1, 2022 to avoid room charges to your credit card. (Find someone to book your room!))**

Should the Comfort Inn reach capacity, nearby facilities include:

**Quality Inn**    115 E Ashland St, Morton    (309) 266-8310  
**Holiday Inn**    140 E Ashland St, Morton    (309) 266-4400

**Saturday Ballroom Hospitality Booths (12' X 12')**

**Club Hospitality Booths:** \$50 per Booth            **Call/Text Todd Peterson 309-264-7593 to reserve**

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## Event Details

**FRI** Guest Room Check-in 3:00pm -  
Evening fun in hospitality Rooms - **Paddy O'Flaherty's Restaurant Menu**  
IRBBA Hospitality Booth Lottery at 7:00pm in Ballroom  
The 5th Something Annual Late Night NAUTI Winter Games 9:30pm in Ballroom

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**SAT** 7:00 – 9:00am: Complimentary Breakfast Buffet in O Flaherty's  
9:00am – Bloody Mary Bar!!  
8:00am – Noon: Hospitality Booth Setup; **Noon: Booths Open;**  
**Paddy O'Flaherty's Hotel Restaurant Menu Open**  
**IRBBA Board Meeting 9:30 am (Reagan Room)**  
**IRBBA Commodores Meeting 11:00 am (Reagan Room)**  
Winter Games Competition 2:00 pm (Ballroom)  
Hospitality Booth Judging 4:00 – 6:00pm **Pull Raffles 6:00pm**  
TTT – Tunes 'Til Ten or so w/DJ Todd (Ballroom)

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**SUN** Complimentary Breakfast Buffet 7:00-9:30am – Paddy O'Flaherty's  
Guest Room Check-out 11:00am

## HOTEL OVERVIEW:

The Comfort Inn provides all the comforts of home and the friendliest staff in town. Their knowledgeable staff members are on hand to provide recommendations for sightseeing, dining and shopping. Enjoy a peaceful getaway or stress-free business trip when staying at the right Morton hotel that offers exceptional service and affordable accommodations. For dinner you can step into the on-site restaurant at our hotel, Paddy O'Flaherty's Irish Pub and Eatery.

Our pet-friendly hotel features:

- Free wireless internet access
- Free local calls
- Indoor heated pool
- Fitness Center
- Free Hot Buffet Breakfast M - Sat 6am - 9am; Sundays 6:30am - 9:30am
- On site laundry facility

All of our guest rooms come equipped with microwaves, refrigerators, hair dryers, irons and ironing boards. In addition, our business suites feature king sized beds, oversized work desks and lounge areas with sofa sleepers. Superior amenities, along with a great, friendly staff make the Comfort Inn located in Morton, Illinois perfect for affordable luxury.

**FOOD NOTE:** Any food brought in by your boat club (including but not limited to): veggie trays, crock-pots, sandwich trays, snacks, etc. AND outside pizza deliveries, ANY food deliveries, must be kept within your respective personal rooms, and will not be permitted inside the Banquet Room. This will be enforced by the Hotel Management. There is a restaurant within the facility and there are numerous restaurants in the nearby vicinity for your dining experience.

**BEVERAGES:** In compliance with the Comfort Inn's Liquor License, liquor must be confined to personal rooms and cannot be sold or raffled by any Winter Games members. All consumers must be of legal drinking age. Bars, coolers, and open drinks (bottles, cans, squeeze bottles, coffee mugs, travel cups) shall be managed responsibly by each club in personal rooms only. Outside Liquor will not be permitted inside the Banquet Room. Liquor infractions will be enforced by the Hotel Management.

**SMOKING: In compliance with the Illinois Clean Air Act, Smoking will NOT be permitted within the Facility at any time during the event. This will be enforced by the Comfort Inn management.**

## CONTACTS:

Call/Text Todd Peterson 309-264-7593 or e-mail [mackdad2@hotmail.com](mailto:mackdad2@hotmail.com)

# **IRBBA WINTER GAMES PRESENTS:**

## **MASK -EH - RAID 2022**

*WHO IS READY FOR MASKS???*

*ON SATURDAY, THE 26<sup>th</sup> OF FEBRUARY, ANYONE WANTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS GALA EVENT SHALL DRESS MASK-EH-RAID -STYLE AND BOOTHS SHALL BE DECORATED ACCORDINGLY. (EACH CLUB DEFINES THEIR MASK-EH-RAID. JUDGING WILL BEGIN AFTER 'GAMES FROM 4 - 6PM*

*HERE'S YOUR CALL-OUT: BRING YOUR GAMES AND FUN!!*

*IT'S NOW TIME WE MOVE AHEAD WITH THE FUN WE BRING WITH IRBBA WINTER GAMES!!!*

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