

Wide-Waters YACHT CLUB

Member Lake Michigan Yachting Association
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Home Port – STARVED ROCK MARINA

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

2023-2024 Bridge and Board Members

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

Bylaws Chairman – Dom Pacenti
Fleet Captain – Cheri Westfal

Board of Directors

Teresa Bush
Jeff Donovan
Stacey Nicholson
Joe Pacenti
Dave Puent

October-November 2023 Newsletter



Wide Waters Yacht Club – Thank you Tony and Teresa Bush for hosting the last full Bridge and Board meeting aboard your boat on October 14th. The November meeting was held on November 11th in conjunction with our Annual Haul Out party at Chop'd in Plainfield, Illinois.

Miscellaneous notes from meetings:

- Treasurers report - bank statement and balances reviewed and approved at the October meeting.
- The Bridge and Board unanimously approved Teresa Bush to fill the current Board Director vacancy.
- Participation in IRBBA Winter Games was discussed with a game theme chosen and ultimately approved by IRBBA. Ralph and Jeff are coordinating our club's game.

- Due to circumstances beyond our control, it was decided to cancel Kid's Day event this year. However, the 2nd Annual Commodore's Chili Cook Off will take place as scheduled with details of that finalized.
- Tony Martinez presented Lynn Jones to the IRBBA to be considered for the IRBBA Hall of Fame. Motion was approved and she will be officially recognized and added to the IRBBA Hall of Fame at the February Winter Games event.
- The slate for WWYC Officers was presented by Dominic Pacenti and approved at the November Haul Out Party. Members are as listed above in the letter head. Appreciation for the continued support for our Club from these members is truly appreciated!

The December WWYC Bridge and Board meeting is traditionally waived for the month of December due to holiday scheduling conflicts. The next regular WWYC Bridge and Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 13th. Please watch your email for further information concerning confirmation of date, time, and location, as the Chicago Boat Show is also taking place that weekend.

Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendars to attend the **IRBBA Winter Games**. Whether you come for the day or stay for the weekend, it's always a fun event. The dates this year are February 23-25. Additional information will be distributed as soon as it becomes available for event schedules and hotel information. Please remember, Lynn Jones will be inducted in the IRBBA Hall of Fame at this event.

Recent Events

Commodore's Chili Cook Off

Wide Waters Yacht Club
2023



The 2nd Annual Commodore's Chili Cook Off was again held this year on October 14th in one of the Starved Rock Marina buildings. Congratulations to this year's winner, **Suzi Bozovic-Derka!** There were nine entries competing in this year's event, making

the competition a bit tougher! Please check our Facebook posting for more pictures of the event.



Annual Haul Out Party

This year's party was again held at Chop'd located in Plainfield, Illinois on November 11th.

Congratulations to **Wanda Gifford** who received the *Boater of the Year* award and to **Dave Puent** who received the *Boat of the Year* award.



Haul Out Party – Continued



Coming soon!

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THANK YOU

Thank you, Starved Rock Marina, Ben and Alissa, for hosting the 2nd Annual Pumpkinfest Party at your home. Your generous hospitality was truly appreciated, and everyone had a great time. Thank you, Commodore Tony Martinez, for sharing and decorating your boat for the parade. It looked great!



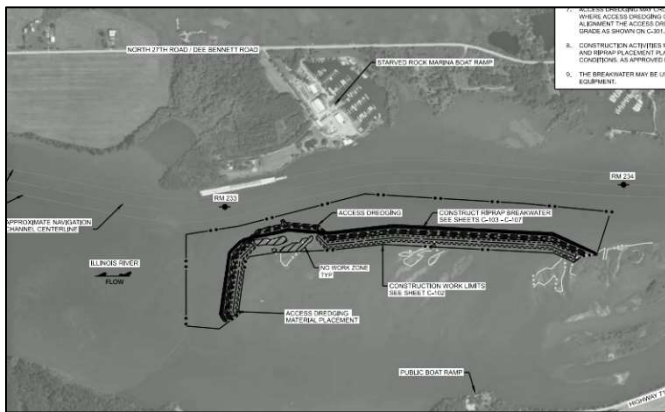
FYI

Starved Rock Marina recently shared some information from the Army Corp of Engineers pertaining to the restoration of Delbridge Island.



Delbridge Island is located directly across from Starved Rock Marina and has been underwater since the creation of Starved Rock and Dam.

According to information received, the Corps is trying to help restore some of the habitat that was lost back in the 1930's when the State started building Starved Rock Lock and Dam. Over the years, Delbridge has been growing back on its own. The Corps wants to help restore Delbridge Island structurally but without damaging the navigation channel or interfering with boat access to our area. To that end, the Corps has designed a breakwater in the shape of a hook.



Five bids were received on September 6th for doing the work. Bids range from approximately \$7 million to nearly \$10 million dollars. Project could start as early as this spring, 2024.



STARVED ROCK
Marina

Fall Hours at SRM

OCTOBER
Mon-Thur 9-4
Fri & Sat 9-5
Sundays - closed

Oct 9 - Columbus Day OPEN 9 to 4
Oct 31 - OPEN 10 to 2

NOVEMBER
Mon-Fri 9-4
Sat & Sun closed

Nov 20-24 Thanksgiving week - CLOSED



Captain's Cove Bar And Grill At Starved Rock Marina

Call ahead or visit social media for scheduled entertainment, dining room and bar hours.

(815)434-0881

www.captainscovebarandgrill.net



Currently Closed for the Season

(815)434-9200

<https://starvedrockriveradventures.com>



Weeta's Boutique
at
Starved Rock Marina



Open Year Round



Great Place for some Christmas shopping! Please stop by and check out all the new fashions while saying hello to Kathy! Call ahead for hours or to schedule an appointment.

2024 IRBBA Winter Games
February 23 – 25, 2024
COMFORT INN - 201 E. Ashland St., Morton, IL 61550
309-263-5116

START BOOKING RESERVATIONS Dec 1st 2023

We are back for 2024! 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):** \$85 per night + Tax (7 available)
309-263-5116 **IRBBA Guest Room (Double Queen):** \$85 per night + Tax (60 available)

(16 total suites ****IRBBA Hospitality Room (King Suite):** \$95 per night + Tax (9 Available)
In Main Hallway) ****IRBBA Hospitality Room (DBL Queen Suite):** \$105 per night + Tax (1 Available)

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

Reservations: Book your **IRBBA Guest Room** beginning December 1st 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/WINTER GAMES Guest Room** (67 rooms available each night)
Contact 309-263-5116 to reserve an **IRBBA/WINTER GAMES Hospitality** (10 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, 2024 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 **Call/Text Todd Peterson 309-264-7593 to reserve**

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 6th Something Annual Late Night NAUTI Winter Games 9:30pm in Ballroom

SAT 7:00 – 9:00am: Complimentary Breakfast Buffet in O Flaherty’s
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)

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 enforced by the Hotel Management.

SMOKING: In compliance with the Illinois Clean Air Act, Smoking will NOT 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 - e-mail mackdad2@hotmail.com
Amanda Camp 309-361-1033

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