



Wide-Waters YACHT CLUB

Member Lake Michigan Yachting Association
www.wide-waters.org

Box 28, OTTAWA, IL 61350

Home Port – STARVED ROCK MARINA

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

2024-2025 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

March 2024 Newsletter



Save the date:

WWYC 2024 Events Calendar

Flag Raising & Member Memorial
10:00 AM Starved Rock Marina-----May 26

Blessing of the Fleet
1:30 PM - Buffalo Rock-----May 26

IRBBA Riverbottom - Pekin Boat Club ---.June 22

Pig Roast and Draw Down Raffle - SRM---July 27

Lobster Boil – SRM -----September 7

Commodore's Chili Cook Off -----September 28

Haul Out Party----- November 9

Wide Waters Yacht Club – February Bridge and Board Meeting

Thank you, Jeff Donovan, and Cheri Westfal for hosting the March Bridge and Board meeting at your home.

Miscellaneous notes from meeting:

- Treasurers report - bank statement and year end balances, along with 2024 insurance coverage were reviewed and approved.
- Reminder, to be included in the WWYC Yearbook, all membership renewal forms must be returned by March 31st.
- This year's Flag Raising event will be recognizing one member, Lynn Jones. A memorial plaque has been ordered by Wanda G.
- Cheri W. will be getting the tickets for this year's Draw Down Raffle and Pig Roast printed. The Grand Prize for this year's Draw Down Raffle will be changed from \$4,000.00 to \$3,000.00 to create 2nd and 3rd place prize winners of \$700.00 and \$300.00.
- Selection of club logo design, options for purchase, along with the availability for purchase of WWYC logo wear and products at club events was discussed.
- Mike G. will be updating club event flyers for 2024.

- Jeff Donovan reported that copies of the 2023 WWYC Newsletters are now available on our website, www.wide-waters.org

The next WWYC Bridge and Board meeting will be held aboard Tony and Teresa Bush's houseboat at Starved Rock Marina on April 13th. Meet and greet will begin at 11:00 AM with the business meeting beginning at noon. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there!



Starved Rock River Adventures at SRM – Ready for spring!

Upcoming events:


This year's IRBBA Miss Riverbottom will be held at Pekin Boat Club. (Please see the attached for more event details)

WELCOME ABOARD
THE MAJESTIC COOPERS ISLAND QUEEN!

Join us as we take a ride on our Illinois river, paying tribute to the boat clubs north to south. It is the river that has brought us together helping us forge lifelong friendships and a lifetime of memories.

Dress your contestant in her finest Riverboat can-can showgirl outfit and help us celebrate the glory days of the paddlewheel steamboat.

Pekin Boat Club is proud to host the 2024 Miss Riverbottom event! We promise you a great weekend of food, music, fellowship, and frivolity!
We hope you enjoy the ride!



Miss Riverbottom 2024

Recent Events:

IRBBA Winter Games – WWYC Wins BIG!



IRBBA Hall of Fame Recognition for Lynn Jones

Best Theme Award

2024 IRBBA Nauti-Games Champions

3rd Place IRBBA Winter Games 2024 "Game Shows"

China Throne Trophy



Thank you for all the great support and participation by many WWYC Club members this year. Everyone there had a great time and are already looking forward to next year's event!

Thank you everyone and Starved Rock Marina for donating great prizes for the winners!



**Lynn Jones
 IRBBA 2024 Hall of Fame Recipient**

WWYC Winter Games Participants



Delbridge Island Construction Update:

Work by the ACOE continues to aggressively progress on the construction to restore Delbridge Island across from Starved Rock Marina and Captain's Cove. The multi million dollar project is intended to help restore the habitat that was lost back in the 1930's with the construction of Starved Rock Lock and Dam. It will also help maintain the navigation channel past the marina.

BE READY FOR SUMMER - SAFETY REMINDERS:

ILLINOIS BOATING LAWS & REGULATIONS
From THE HANDBOOK OF Illinois Boating Laws and Responsibilities:

Requirements for PWC

(625 ILCS 45/4-1, 625 ILCS 45/4-1.1, 625 ILCS 45/5-2, 625 ILCS 45/5-18, 625 ILCS 45/5-20)

- Every person on board a PWC or a specialty prop-craft must *wear* a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device that is in good and serviceable condition. (Inflatable PFDs are not approved for PWC or prop-craft use.)
- If the PWC is equipped with an engine cut-off switch:
 - The lanyard must be attached to the person, clothing, or PFD of the operator *or...*
 - The wireless cut-off system must be activated.
- A PWC may not be operated between sunset and sunrise.
- There are minimum age and boater education requirements for PWC operators. See "Who May Operate a Vessel."
- A PWC must be operated in a responsible manner. Maneuvers that endanger people or property are prohibited, including:
 - Weaving your PWC through congested waterway traffic
 - Jumping a wake of another vessel unreasonably close to the other vessel or when visibility around the other vessel is obstructed
 - Waiting until the last possible moment to swerve and avoid collision



Enforcement (625 ILCS 45/2 and 45/5-22)

Illinois DNR officers and all other law enforcement officers enforce boating laws.

- Officers have the authority to stop and board your vessel in order to check that you are complying with state and federal laws.
- It is illegal to refuse to follow the directive of a person with law enforcement authority. An operator who has received a visual or audible signal from a law enforcement officer must bring his or her vessel to a stop.
- You must yield or slow to "slow, no wake speed" when being approached by or passing an emergency vessel using legal visual signals. Failure to yield or slow will result in a mandatory suspension of vessel operating privileges for a period of three months up to two years.





STARVED ROCK Marina

It's almost time...

Boat launching begins April 2nd. We will be reaching out a few days before your requested launch date to confirm an exact day & time. Feel free to contact us to schedule your launch if you haven't already done so.

Just a few reminders...

- >all launches are contingent on weather conditions
- >launches are scheduled Monday-Friday
- >we must have your completed contract and proof of current insurance & registration
- >>> your account must be paid-in-full or you must complete a payment plan agreement<<<

Winter storage season ends April 2. Please make arrangements to pick up your boat or sign up for Spring/Summer storage, slip or valet service.

Contact us to schedule your detail, summer tune-up or bottom painting now!!! Bottom Painting is 10% off if scheduled by May 1.

Don't be left behind stranded on the dock this summer! Be sure to check out these great buys at Starved Rock Marina!



Incredible Boat Deals!!!

Boating season will be here sooner than you think. Be ready for sunny days! Check out these great boat deals.

- 2003 Fiesta Vee 342.....\$68995
- 1987 Wellcraft St. Tropez 3200.....\$9495
- 1994 SeaRay Sundancer 290.....\$25995
- 2010 SeaRay 175 Sport.....\$12995
- 1988 Silverton 34X express.....\$14995
- 2000 Kawasaki Ultra 150 jet skis.....\$3500
- 1988 Bayliner Avanti 34.....\$7500
- 2012 Skeeter 1825.....\$37995
- 1994 Four Winns 238 Vista.....\$14995
- 1995 Chaparral Signature 29.....\$22995
- 1989 Carver Montego 2557.....\$7495
- 2004 Rinker Captiva 28.....\$30995

Available at Starved Rock Marina.
Contact us today for more details or a showing.
starvedrockmarina.com ~ 815.433.4218



Captain's Cove Bar And Grill At Starved Rock Marina

OPEN FOR THE SEASON!

Serving corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day

(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

OPEN - Great Place for some boutique shopping! Please stop by and check out all the new spring fashions. Call ahead for hours or to schedule an appointment.



PEKIN BOAT CLUB 2024



JUNE 21

8AM-10AM	Continental breakfast, \$3 WELL Bloody Mary's
10AM	Beverage ticket, wristband sales open
12PM	Merchandise booth opens
4PM-7PM	Food provided for purchase by Pekin Boat Club
8PM-11PM	Music by <i>JAMMSAMMICH</i>

JUNE 22

8AM	Beverage ticket, wristband sales open
8AM-10AM	Breakfast served by Pekin Boat Club Auxiliary \$3 WELL Bloody Mary's, Specialty drinks all day
10AM	I.R.B.B.A. Board meeting in club
11AM-2PM	Activities and Entertainment, Food Vendors will be open
11AM	Commodores meeting in club
12PM	Contestants meeting in club
3PM	MISS RIVERBOTTOM CONTEST with guest Master of Ceremonies, local Stand Up Comedian, and TV personality, <i>Edgar Sandoval</i>
7PM-10PM	Music by <i>DEXTER O'NEAL & FUNKYARD</i>

JUNE 23

8AM	Bon Voyage Continental breakfast \$3 Bloody Mary's
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EVERYONE MUST HAVE AN APPROPRIATE WRISTBAND
FROM FRIDAY THROUGH SATURDAY NIGHT.