



# 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)

## 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

## December - January 2024 Newsletter



Starved Rock Marina – Photo courtesy of Tony Bush – January 2024



### Wide Waters Yacht Club – January Bridge and Board Meeting

Thank you, Tony and Angelica Martinez, for hosting the January Bridge and Board meeting at your home.

Miscellaneous notes from meetings:

- Treasurers report - bank statement and year end balances were reviewed and approved.

- WWYC is participating in this year's IRBBA Winter Games. Activities for the IRBBA Winter Games were discussed in a separate meeting at the conclusion of the normal business meeting. Watch for further information.
- New membership applications were reviewed and approved.
- IRBBA membership renewal application and fee approved.
- WWYC membership renewal forms will be sent out soon. March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for submitting annual membership forms and dues.
- The WWYC Calendar of Events for 2024 was finalized. Dates are as shown on the next page. Please be sure to save these dates!

The next WWYC Bridge and Board meeting will be at the home of Vice Commodore Mike Grzybowski. Mike and Kim's home address can be found in your membership books. The meeting will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> with meet and greet beginning at 11:00 AM followed by the business

meeting beginning at 12:00 PM. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to pass. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there!



Save the date:

## WWYC 2024 Events Calendar

Flag Raising & Member Memorial (AM)-----May 26  
 Blessing of the Fleet (PM)-----May 26  
 IRBBA Riverbottom (Pekin Boat Club)-----June 22  
 Pig Roast and Draw Down Raffle-----July 27  
 Lobster Boil-----September 7  
 Commodore's Chili Cook Off -----September 28  
 Haul Out Party----- November 9

### 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. This year's theme is TV Game Shows. The dates this year are February 23-25. Please remember, Lynn Jones will be inducted in the IRBBA Hall of Fame at this event.

### Welcome New Members:

Wide Waters Yacht Club welcomes new member Riley Stoneking from Utica, Illinois to our Club. Riley has a strong interest in the Club and boating. He can often be found with friends near F Dock. Please help us welcome Riley to WWYC!

Enjoying the winter weather so far?



### Chicago Boat Show

This year's Chicago Boat Show once again offered a good alternative to the weather and a reminder that spring will be returning. Here's a few wishful memories and maybe even some new purchase goals for this coming summer:



Twin 600 HP - 7.6L V12 Mercury Verado Outboards with dual contra-rotating props

I think I need to re-power my boat!



Water Jet Car



Wakeboard Pontoon Boat



# STARVED ROCK Marina

## Winter Hours at SRM

SERVICE & SALES  
by appointment

OFFICE  
available via email/phone

CONTACT US  
815.433.4218  
info@starvedrockmarina.com

NOW ACCEPTING NEW CUSTOMERS FOR  
2024 SPRING/SUMMER  
valet service & slips & storage available



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

Currently closed for the season. Watch for spring opening dates.

(815)434-0881

[www.captainscovebarandgrill.net](http://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 boutique shopping! Please stop by and check out all the new fashions and say 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</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/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****

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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 6th 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  
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 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](mailto:mackdad2@hotmail.com)  
Amanda Camp 309-361-1033

**2024 IRBBA  
WINTER GAMES  
-PRESENTS-**

**GAME SHOWS**

**Password, Smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader?  
Price is Right, Pyramid?  
Press your Luck?**

**Time for a Family Feud!**

**Decorate your Booth**

**Dress your club to your theme,  
Walk away with the 2024 trophy!!  
Rooms & Guests will be judged**

**Saturday 4-6pm**

**YOU MUST BOOK YOUR GAME SHOW with Amanda (No Duplicates!!)  
Contact Amanda Cox 309-361-1033**