

# 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)

## 2022-2023 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

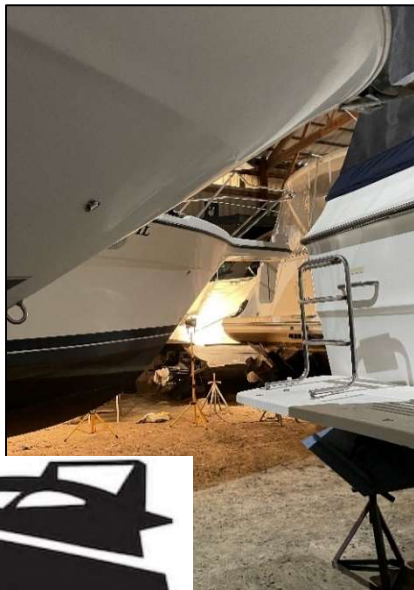
Lynn Jones  
Dave Puent  
Jeff Donovan  
Joe Pacenti  
Stacey Nicholson

## April 2023 Newsletter



### Good-bye Winter – Hello Spring!

Let the spring boating rituals begin.....



# Welcome to SPRING!



Save the date:

## WWYC 2023 Events Calendar

- Flag Raising & Member Memorial  
10 AM Starved Rock Marina  
Parking lot at monument----- May 28
- Blessing of the Fleet  
1:00 PM on the water at the foot of  
Buffalo Rock-----May 28
- IRBBA Riverbottom  
Shoreline Boat Club-----June 24-25
- Pig Roast and Draw Down Raffle  
WWYC Pavilion at SRM-----July 22
- Lobster Boil  
WWYC Pavilion at SRM-----September 9
- Kid's Day  
WWYC at SRM----- October 7
- Haul Out Party  
Chop'd, Plainfield, Illinois ----- November 11

### Wide Waters Yacht Club – February and March Bridge and Board Meetings:

The past February meeting was held at Vice Commodore's Mike Grzybowski's home, and the March meeting was held at Commodore Tony Martinez's home. Thank you, Mike, and Tony, for hosting the meetings.

## Miscellaneous agenda and notes from meeting:

- Treasurers report - bank statement and balances reviewed and approved. The ability to pay Club event ticket purchases and payments through Zelle will be pursued.
- 2023 Membership renewal forms were sent out. Return deadline was March 1<sup>st</sup>. New books will go to print March 15<sup>th</sup>. Advertising fees for advertisers from 2022 will be waived since technical issues delayed the 2022 book printing.
- New membership applications were reviewed and approved.
- WWYC Event calendar reviewed, and supporting activities discussed.
- WWYC membership card printing status was updated.
- IRBBA Winter Games festivities was presented by those who were able to attend. A great time was had by all and the need to get our Club more active in next year's program was recognized and agreed.
- Lynn Jones reported on the fabrication status for the plaques needed for this year's memorial recognition and flag raising ceremony.
- Painting bids for the Pavilion continue to be solicited.

The next WWYC Bridge and Board meeting will be at Captains Cove on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Meet and greet will begin at 11:00 AM followed by the business meeting beginning at 12:00 PM. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Hope to see everyone there!

## Upcoming Events Info:

Please see the attached letter for information regarding this year's **Annual Pig Roast and Draw Down** raffle. More prizes and more opportunities to win! Be sure to get you ticket early to ensure a better opportunity to select your favorite winning number!

## Recent Events:

A great time was had by all who attended this year's I.R.B.B.A. Winter Games last February in Morton, Illinois. Already planning and looking forward to next year's event!



## Welcome New Members:

Wide Waters Yacht Club welcomes new members:

Kevin Ledger Jr. and Briana Krisch from Earlville, Illinois. Kevin and Briana keep their boat "Sotally Tober" at Starved Rock Marina.

Chad and Jessica Rodrick, from Troy Grove, Illinois, also keep their boat "No Pressure No Problem" at Starved Rock Marina.

Please help us welcome, Kevin and Briana, Chad and Jessica and their family to the Club.



## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District

**Reminder** - three locks will be closed on the Illinois Waterway for significant maintenance that is long overdue.

The locks at

**Brandon Road  
Dresden Island  
Marseilles**

will be closed June 1 - September 30, 2023.

While the locks will be closed, navigation on the rest of the river, between the locks, will not be impacted.

Please note - Starved Rock Lock and Dam was previously on the 2023 closure list but has been removed and will no longer close in 2023.

## Boating Safety

FREE Boater Safety Classes are again being offered at the Starved Rock Lock Illinois Waterway Visitor Center.

Classes for the 2023 season will be held on April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, and August 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The class is recommended for new boaters, families that enjoy boating adventures and seasoned boaters who would like to brush up on their safe boating knowledge.

Class covers the basics of boater safety, equipment, emergency measures, navigation, boating laws and motorboat registration and titling.

One 8-hour class is required to complete your certification. Anyone over the age of 12 can be certified. Students under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact the Park Rangers at 815-667-4054 for more information.



# STARVED ROCK Marina

## Welcome Spring!!! April hours at Starved Rock Marina

### REGULAR HOURS

Ship Store, Service, Sales & Office  
Monday thru Friday 9-5  
Saturday 4/8 & 4/15 10-2

NOW ACCEPTING NEW  
SLIP/STORAGE/VALET CUSTOMERS  
FOR 2023 SPRING/SUMMER SEASON  
Contact us today!!!

starvedrockmarina.com  
815.433.4218

[info@starvedrockmarina.com](mailto:info@starvedrockmarina.com)  
[www.starvedrockmarina.com](http://www.starvedrockmarina.com)



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

### OPEN !

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

**(815)434-0881**

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



Taking reservations now for opening season  
May 1, 2023

**(815)434-9200**

<https://starvedrockriveradventures.com>

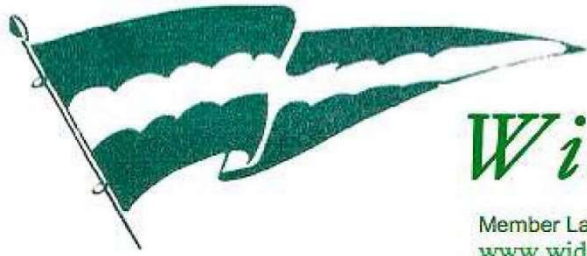


Weeta's Boutique  
at  
Starved Rock Marina



OPEN Please stop by and check out the new fashions while saying hello to Kathy! Call ahead for hours or to schedule an appointment with Kathy.

**(815)434-1587**



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March 2023

Dear Wide Waters Members and Friends,

It has been a very long winter, but thankfully spring is just around the corner. When the first nice day finally arrives everyone will be headed to their marinas and getting a jump start on preparing boats for another fun season.

We would like to get a start on one of WWYC's events. We are currently offering our annual Draw Down tickets. (See attached flyer). Our Draw Down and Pig Roast will be held on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. The event will be held at Starved Rock Marina, Pavilion. This year we will be back to selling 100 Draw Down tickets. Our Grand Prize will go to a single winner. This year the Grand Prize will be \$4000.00. The first number drawn will receive \$250. Nine (9) \$100.00 drawings will also be drawn during the contest.

If you normally buy a ticket for this fun event, buy early. If you have never purchased a ticket before, buy a ticket and come join the fun. Two dinner tickets will be included with your Draw Down ticket. Additional dinners can be purchased for \$10.00 each if you would like to come out and just join the fun. We are anxious for everyone to get involved this year and enjoy the fun with WWYC.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the river and at the Draw Down.

Thank You,

WWYC and The Draw Down Committee

# Wide Waters Yacht Club

## **Pig Roast Draw Down Raffle**

Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 7:00 pm

Starved Rock Marina at the Pavilion

### **Grand Prize \$4,000.00**

First number drawn wins \$250.00. Nine (9) \$100.00 additional prizes.

Last Man Standing

**Only 100 tickets will be sold for drawing.**

**\$100.00 per ticket**

**Pig Roast Dinner Served 5:00-7:00pm.**

Two (2) dinner tickets with purchase of a "Draw Down" ticket.

Do not need to be present to win.

**Return below part of the form.**

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I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ WWYC Draw Down ticket(s) at \$100.00 each. Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_.00 for my tickets. Please make check payable to Wide Waters Yacht Club. You can mail for and check to:

Lynn Jones

12222 Rambling Rd

Homer Glen, IL 60491

You may also drop off form and check at Starved Rock Marina E Dock the Joshua boat.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Upon receipt of your check your ticket(s) will be mailed to you.