

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)

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

September 2023 Newsletter



Wide Waters Yacht Club – August and September Bridge and Board Meetings

were held at the head of E Dock and in the Pavilion after the set up for the Steak Fry and Lobster Boil.

Miscellaneous notes from meetings:

- Treasurers report - bank statement and balances reviewed and approved.
- New membership applications were presented, reviewed, and approved.
- Participation in IRBBA Winter Games was discussed with a game theme chosen and ultimately approved by IRBBA. Ralph and Jeff will be coordinating our club's game.
- Request to purchase new popup canopy and oversize burgee flags was reviewed and approved.
- A donation to the Sasha Walters Benefit was approved.
- The WWYC Annual awards selection committee will consist of Tony Martinez, Mike Grzybowski and Cheri Westfal.
- Email information will be sent to members with additional information regarding the 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff.
- **IRBBA** Riverbottom dates have been changed to June 23-24 for next year. **SRYC** has cancelled the Special Peoples Cruise for 2023 due to lack of participation. **Shoreline** Boat Club has invited us to their Fish Fry on September 16th on their island also featuring a live band!

WWYC 2023 Events Calendar

3rd Annual Chili Cookoff – 5:00 PM
WWYC Members ----- October 7

Haul Out Party
Chop'd, Plainfield, Illinois ----- November 11

The next WWYC Bridge and Board meeting will be held at the head of E Dock on October 14th at 9:00 AM. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Hope to see everyone there!

Condolences



Wide Waters Yacht Club was extremely saddened with the recent passing of Lynn Jones on August 22, 2023.

Lynn was the matriarch of our club for many years and was the inspiration for many of us to get involved with the various club activities.

Her commitment, devotion and monetary contributions to the club were unswerving. She will truly be missed!

Thank you, Cheri Westfal, for the Sunday morning open Bloody Mary bar commemorating Lynn.

Recent Events



The recent Lobster Boil and Steak Fry was a great season finale with even the weather cooperating for a perfect day. Congratulations to Jackie Pacenti winning the 50/50 split and thank you to Dana and Captain's Cove for donating all the baked potatoes for the event! There were no entrees left over this year!

Upcoming Events

Save the date, October 7th. WWYC 3rd Annual Chili cookoff. Please watch your email for more details and participation information.

Welcome New Members

Wide Waters Yacht Club welcomes new members:

Todd Wilmington and First Mate Mindy from Elgin, Illinois. Todd and Mindy keep their boat on D Dock at Starved Rock Marina.

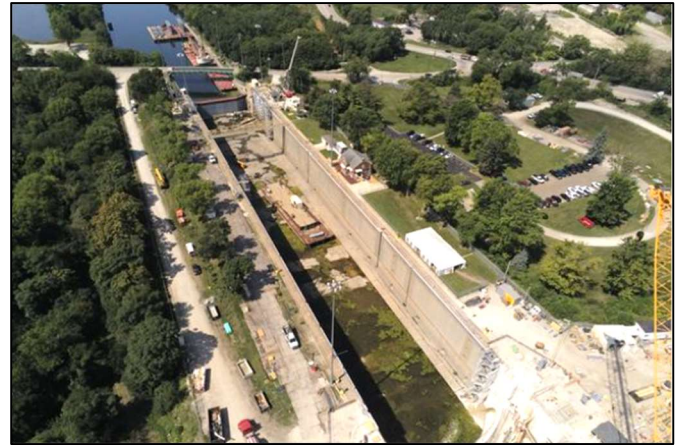
Charles Bone and First Mate Danielle from Utica. Charles and Danielle keep their boat at Starved Rock Marina on D Dock.

Please help us welcome our new members to the Club!



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

With less than a month to go on the 2023 Illinois Waterway Consolidated Closures, work is continuing to move quickly at Brandon Road Lock and Dam in Joliet, Dresden Island and Marseilles locks, all scheduled to reopen to navigation on October 1st.



General Information

There has been a lot of interest in the location of this Wing Dam lately, a.k.a. the million dollar rock for all the damage it has caused. This is just east of the Fox River on the back side of the island approach to "Bob's Beach" as you're heading upriver east bound. Please, be careful.





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



STARVED ROCK Marina



Boat winterization protects your boat's engine & mechanical systems from the effects of inclement weather & temperature changes. While some winterization tasks are easy to do yourself, you might want to consider professional boat winterization. Starved Rock Marina's service ensures optimal protection from wind, freezing rain, snow, & temperature changes.

Importance Of Boat Winterization

When you live in a state with four distinct seasons, boat winterization is a must. If done properly it will save you from unexpected damage and costly repairs when boating season starts anew.

Winterizing Your Boat

Engine winterization is an important aspect of keeping your boat safe through the colder months. Whether you have a gasoline inboard engine, a marine diesel boat, or a boat with an outboard motor, you need to protect your engine from corrosion during the winter. While the specific steps you need to take depend on the type of engine your boat has, there are some basic engine tasks that all boats need during pre-winter preparation. These include:

- >Changing the oil to minimize acid buildup that can damage the engine
- >Fogging the engine to reduce the risk of corrosion
- >Topping off and stabilizing the fuel to prevent condensation buildup
- >Add antifreeze to the engine block to prevent freezing that could cause cracks

Once your engine is properly winterized, you should tackle other systems in your boat that may be vulnerable to cold weather. Air conditioning units, sanitation systems, and portable water systems can all be vulnerable to freezing temperatures. Batteries should be set on a trickle-charge during the off-season.

Before you finish putting your boat away for the winter, make sure you do a thorough cleaning of all surfaces. Removing grime and spills at the start of winter means you won't start the next boating season with a big mess to clean up.

Contact Us

At Starved Rock Marina, we pride ourselves in helping you make the most of your boat. We offer full winterization services to protect your watercraft during the off-season. Give us a call at 815.433.4218 or message us to find out more about the winterization process.

Winterizing Service appointments available - call 815.433.4218 to schedule!!!

Safety Information:



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

If you plan to be out and about on the water this weekend, please remember to avoid the Restricted Areas above and below all dams. Restricted areas are 600' above and 150' below the dam on the Mississippi River and at LaGrange and Peoria on the Illinois Waterway. All other dams on the Illinois Waterway have restricted areas of 600' above and 400' below the dams.

Dam safety is a shared responsibility. You are encouraged to know your risk, know your role and be prepared to take action.



Another summer quickly coming to an end!

