



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

May 2023 Newslette



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MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

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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 – April Bridge and Board Meeting:

The past April meeting was held at Captain's Cove Bar and Grill. Thank you, Dana, for hosting the meeting.

Miscellaneous agenda and notes from meeting:

- Treasurers report - bank statement and balances reviewed and approved. Wanda announced that arrangements have been made with Chase Bank to allow Club event ticket purchases and payments through Zelle effective immediately. Wanda also updated the increased property values for Club insurance coverage and premiums for 2023.
- 2023 Membership books are currently being printed and will be distributed at the next Bridge and Board Club meeting.
- WWYC Event calendar reviewed, and supporting activities discussed. Commodore Tony Martinez discussed the Club's participation and competition considerations toward hosting a future Miss Riverbottom event.
- WWYC membership card printing status was again updated. Membership cards will tentatively be available and distributed at the May Bridge and Board meeting.
- Plaques have been made for this year's memorial recognition and flag raising ceremony, pending pick up.
- Tickets have been printed and are now on sale for this year's Pig Roast and Draw

Down Raffle. Please see Commodore Tony Martinez for tickets. Only 100 tickets will be available for the Draw Down! Get your tickets soon!

- Painting bids for the Pavilion continue to be solicited.
- Dominic Pacenti's 2022 Nefarious Awards (a.k.a. Dumb Boater Awards) were presented at the April meeting. Due to scheduling conflicts, two awards that would have normally been presented at last year's Haul Out party, were deferred until now. Congratulations to:



Suzi Derka – for her Wing Dam encounters, was presented with a hand drawn navigation chart!



Kim Grzybowski – for her unexpected swimming off the marina dock was presented with supplemental arm flotation devices and a kids harness for easy retrieval!

Congratulations Suzi and Kim!



The next WWYC Bridge and Board meeting will be at Captain's Cove on May 13th. Meeting will begin promptly at 11:00 AM with social gathering to follow meeting. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Hope to see everyone there!

Upcoming Events:

Opening Season Flag raising and Memorial recognition of recently passed Club members.

Sunday – May 28th

10:00 AM – Starved Rock Marina Parking lot at the flag and monument.

This year, we will be recognizing:

Judie Jacobs

Clair Ruggles

Laura Dare

Roger Ahnholz

Please join us, everyone is welcome!

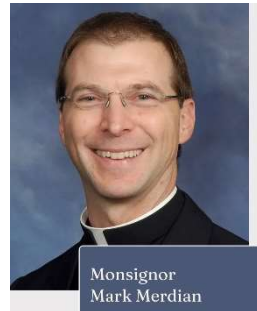
Annual Blessing of the Fleet

Sunday – May 28th

1:00 PM –on the water at Buffalo Rock

This year, Monsignor Mark Merdian will be giving the blessing, a great way to start your boating season.

All boaters are welcome and will receive participation flowers and a commemorative Blessing of the Fleet 2023 decal for your boat.



The annual Pig Roast and Draw Down raffle tickets are now on sale for this July event. Be sure to get your tickets early for the best opportunity to pick your lucky number. Please see the attachments for further details.



We wish **Lynn Jones** a speedy recovery from her recent illness and look forward to seeing her back on the Joshua soon!



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



ACOE Spring dredging of the main channel by Starved Rock Marina and Captain's Cove.

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.

Starved Rock Lock and Dam will not be impacted at this time. One of the lock gates need to be replaced but work has not been scheduled at this time. Replacement of the gate, once scheduled, is expected to take 2-3 weeks, and will necessitate lock closure while work is being done.

Boating Safety

It's not too late, FREE Boater Safety Classes are still available at the Starved Rock Lock Illinois Waterway Visitor Center.

Classes for the 2023 season will be held on 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**

May Hours

Ship Store & Gas Dock & Boat Sales

Mon-Thurs 9-5

Fri & Sat 9-6, Sun 10-4

Memorial Day open 10-2

Service

Mon-Fri 9-5

Saturdays 9-2

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at
Starved Rock Marina



Open Year Round

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.



ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE FLEET

ON THE WATER AT BUFFALO ROCK

SUNDAY – MAY 28, 2023

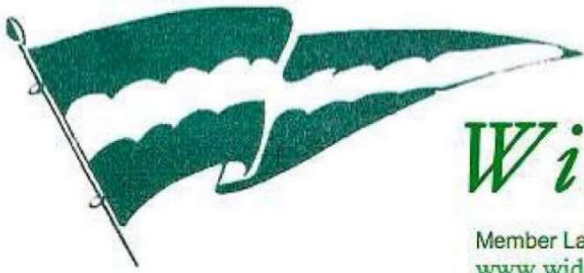
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ALL BOATERS ARE WELCOMED!



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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 22nd, 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.

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.