



# Wide-Waters YACHT CLUB

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[www.wide-waters.org](http://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

## April 2024 Newsletter



Spring at Starved Rock Marina

Photo courtesy of Tony Bush



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

Thank you, Tony, and Teresa Bush for hosting the April Bridge and Board meeting aboard your BNB Starved Adventures Houseboat located in Starved Rock Marina.

Miscellaneous notes from meeting:

- Treasurers report - bank statement and year end balances, invoices along with 2024 insurance coverage were reviewed and approved.
- Paid Club memberships were reviewed.
- Wanda G. has ordered and will be picking up the Lynn Jones memorial plaque for this year's flag raising and memorial recognition of recently diseased members.
- There was considerable discussion about expanding this year's Drawn Down Raffle to a larger ticket sale event. The Draw Down Raffle for this year will remain at 100 tickets with the previously agreed addition of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize winners .



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

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 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize winners of \$700.00 and \$300.00.

Wanda G. will order a new proof reflecting the revised payouts, once approved she will have the tickets printed and available for the next meeting.

- Mike G. has updated the club event flyers for 2024. (See attached Draw Down Ticket purchase form)
- Blessing of the Fleet – Monsignor Mark Merdian will again be doing the blessing this year at Buffalo Rock at 1:30 PM. Distribution of flowers was discussed, and it was confirmed that there will be at least three jet skis available to distribute flowers and decals to all participants. Wanda G. will be ordering the flowers.
- Jessica R. presented multiple club logo design options for various clothing options. Design options were narrowed down and final selections were made and approved.
- Advertisers and 2024 membership listing for the 2024 WWYC Yearbook is nearly finalized. Cheri W. reported book and 2024 membership cards will be going to print soon.
- It was noted that the SRYC Special Peoples Cruise has been officially scheduled to take place on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Anyone with a handicapped accessible pontoon boat would be especially welcome.



The next WWYC Bridge and Board meeting will be held at Captain's Cove on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. 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!

#### Upcoming events:

#### Wide Waters Yacht Club Annual Flag Raising and Memorial recognition:


Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 AM  
Starved Rock Marina

Please watch your email for a separate announcement pertaining to the details of this event.



### ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE FLEET

ON THE WATER AT BUFFALO ROCK  
SUNDAY – MAY 26, 2024  
1:30 PM



Monsignor  
Mark Merdian  
Pastor  
merdian@stlucavacah.org

**ALL BOATERS ARE WELCOMED!**

2024 IRBBA Miss Riverbottom will be held at Pekin Boat Club. (Please see the attached for more event details)



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.

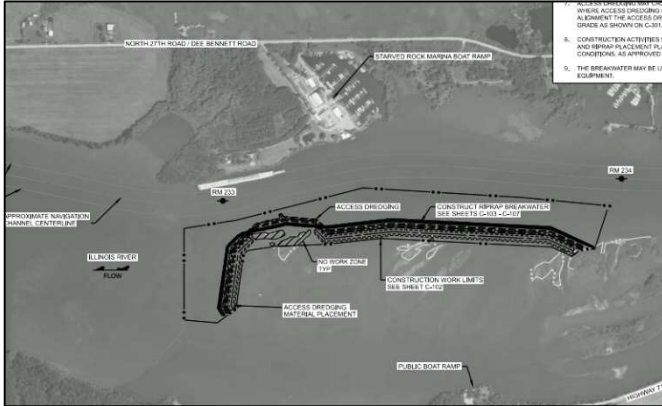
Dress your contestant in her finest Riverboat can-can showgirl outfit and help us celebrate the glory days of the paddlewheel steamboat.

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

**Delbridge Island Construction Update:**  
 Work by the ACOE has been substantially completed with clean up operations currently on going. Delbridge Island is being restored with the help of a stone seawall, as shown below, across from Starved Rock Marina and Captain's Cove. The multimillion 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.




**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




**STARVED ROCK Marina**

**May Hours at Starved Rock Marina**

**Ship Store & Gas Dock & Boat Sales**  
 Tuesday-Saturday 9-5  
 Sundays 10-4  
 Memorial Day open 10-2

**Service**  
 Tuesday - Saturday 9-5  
 Mon & Sun - closed

**NOW ACCEPTING SLIP & STORAGE & VALET CUSTOMERS FOR THE 2024 SUMMER SEASON**  
 Contact Us Today!!!

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

**Call ahead for Mother's Day reservations!**  
**Live Music**  
**Ray Hall – May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 – 4:00 PM**



**(815)434-0881**

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



**Calendar is filling up fast! Call now to get the best available dates:**  
**Pontoon rental and Houseboat BNB**

**(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 spring and summer fashions. Call ahead for hours or to schedule an appointment.

# Wide Waters Yacht Club

## Pig Roast Draw Down Raffle

Saturday, July 27th, 2024 7:00 pm

Starved Rock Marina at the Pavilion

**1<sup>st</sup> Place \$3,000 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$700 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$300**

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

**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 the 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:

Tony Martinez

or

**zelle**

3101 Twin Falls Dr.

wwyctreasurer1964@gmail.com

Plainfield, Il 60586

Please include your information

You may also drop off form and check at Starved Rock Marina for Tony Martinez or at his camper.

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

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

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

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

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



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**SUNDAY – MAY 26, 2024**

**1:30 PM**



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# 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 &amp; 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.