

Wide-Waters YACHT CLUB

Member Lake Michigan Yachting Association
www.wide-waters.org

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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

Winter 2023 Newsletter



Mississippi River at La Crosse, WI



Wide Waters Yacht Club – January Bridge and Board Meeting:

The past January meeting was held at Commodore Tony Martinez's home. Thank you, Tony and Angelica, for hosting the meeting.

Miscellaneous agenda and notes from meeting:

- Treasurers report - bank statement and balances reviewed and approved.
- 2023 Membership renewal forms will be sent out. Return deadline will be March 1st. New books will be printed March 15th.

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 was reviewed, and dates finalized.
- IRBBA membership renewal approved and WWYC Events calendar will be forwarded.
- WWYC membership card printing status was updated.
- A poster for listing club advertisers is being reviewed.
- IRBBA Winter Games participation was reviewed.
- This year's opening season flag raising, and club member memorial recognition will include Roger Ahnholz, Judie Jacobs, Clair Ruggles and Laura Dare.
- Painting bids for the Pavilion are being solicited.

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. Meeting will be held on February 11th 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 everyone there!



Save the date:

WWYC 2023 Events Calendar

- Flag Raising & Member Memorial (AM)-----May 28
- Blessing of the Fleet (PM)-----May 28
- IRBBA Riverbottom (Shoreline)-----June 24-25
- Pig Roast and Draw Down Raffle-----July 22
- Lobster Boil-----September 9
- Special Peoples Cruise (SRYC) --September TBD
- Kid's Day----- October 7
- Haul Out Party----- November 11

Welcome New Members:

Wide Waters Yacht Club welcomes new members Anthony (Tony) and Veniece Ramos from Earlville, Illinois. Tony and Veniece keep both of their boats, "Mixed Blessings" and "ZOIE" on "D" Dock. Once summer returns, please stop by and welcome Tony and Veniece to the Club.

Upcoming Events:

I.R.B.B.A. reminds everyone that **2023 IRBBA Winter Games** is just a couple of weeks away, February 24-26. This year's theme is "Black Tie Affair." If you haven't called to make your reservation yet, get it done soon! The hotel will be opening up rooms not reserved by IRBBA members to the public. We need to fill the place! Please see the attached event information.

Condolences:

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Roger Ahnholz in January. Roger and his wife Dianne joined Wide Waters Yacht Club in 1975 and remained a member after retiring and moving to Florida. Roger, in addition to serving on the Board of Directors and Fleet Captain, was responsible for bringing the Blessing of the Fleet to the Illinois River and Wide Waters Yacht Club. Our appreciation and condolences to Roger's wife Dianne and his family.



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

LOOKING AHEAD - Later this year, three locks will be closed on the Illinois Waterway for significant maintenance that is long overdue.

The locks at **Brandon Road, Dresden Island** and **Marseilles** will be closed June 1 - September 30, 2023. The closures are scheduled to take place simultaneously to lessen impact to commercial navigation as much as possible. 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.

For more information on these closures, visit Illinois Waterway Consolidated Lock Closures website -

<https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/.../Nav.../Navigation-Status/>



Six more weeks of winter, but Phil also once again said:



Please remember to support the businesses at Starved Rock Marina that we enjoy all summer long. Some are open now and some have winter hours. Please call ahead for open hours.



SALLY'S SHIP STORE

Call ahead for winter office and service department hours

815.433.4218

info@starvedrockmarina.com
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Captain's Cove Bar And Grill At Starved Rock Marina

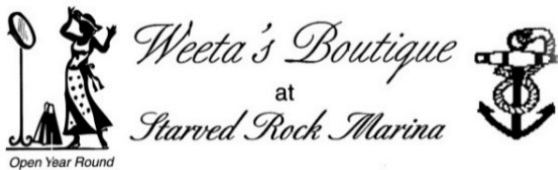
Re-opening late March 2023
(815)434-0881

www.captainscovebarandgrill.net



Currently closed for the season
(815)434-9200.

<https://starvedrockriveradventures.com>



Remember, Weeta's Boutique is open year-round and by appointment. So please stop by and check out the new fashions while saying hello to Kathy! For winter hours or to schedule an appointment, please call Kathy at (815)434-1587.

Summer Memories **Sunrise at Starved Rock Marina's gas dock!**



IRBBA WINTER GAMES PRESENTS:



SATURDAY, THE 25TH OF FEBRUARY,

IT IS OUR TIME TO PARTICIPATE AND CELEBRATE THIS GALA EVENT

*THEME: BLACK TIE AFFAIR MEMBERS DRESS AND BOOTHS SHALL BE
DECORATED ACCORDINGLY.*

EACH CLUB DEFINES THEIR BLACK TIE AFFAIR AS THEY DESIRE.

JUDGING WILL BEGIN AFTER 'GAMES FROM 4 – 6PM

*HERE'S YOUR CALL-OUT: BRING YOUR GAMES AND FUN!!
IT'S OUR TIME WE MOVE AHEAD WITH THE FUN WE BRING WITH
IRBBA WINTER GAMES..*

**CONTACTS: TODD PETERSON 309-264-7593
AMANDA CAMP 309-361-1033**

2023 IRBBA Winter Games
February 24 – 26, 2023
COMFORT INN - 201 E. Ashland St., Morton, IL 61550
309-263-5116

START BOOKING RESERVATIONS Dec 1st 2022

We are back for 2023! 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 1st 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 Guest Room** (67 rooms available each night)
Contact 309-263-5116 to reserve an **IRBBA Hospitality room** (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, 2023 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: no charge **Call/Text Todd Peterson 309-264-7593 to reserve**

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 5th Something Annual Late Night NAUTI Winter Games 9:30pm in Ballroom

SAT 7:00 – 9:00am: Complimentary Breakfast Buffet in O Flaherty's
9:00am – Bloody Mary Bar!!
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)

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 be enforced by the Hotel Management.

SMOKING: In compliance with the Illinois Clean Air Act, Smoking will NOT be permitted within the Facility at any time during the event. This will be enforced by the Comfort Inn management.

CONTACTS: Call/Text

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