



# Wind & Waves

*St Mary's Boat Club  
Newsletter  
Winter 2024*

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## 2024 Meeting Schedule 1st Sunday of the month at 4 pm Potluck dinner to follow

April 7th  
June 2nd  
August 4th  
October 6th

May 5th  
July 7th  
September 1st  
November 3rd

## *Commodore's Message*

The 2023 season is in the books and it was eventful if not way too short, although technically the same number of days. Our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year was a great celebration throughout. I first want to thank people at the risk of forgetting someone:

- All those who helped with planning 75<sup>th</sup> events whether the dinner, the 60's 70's Band or all the other things I forgot
- My wife Sue for planning the end of season/Holiday Party along with Diane Haller, Lynda Katterheinrich, Kathleen Allwein and a couple husbands
- The Wharf Construction Team of Doug Coon and Vince Deluca in the lead and many helpers
- John Myers for his leadership over so many years with Wind & Waves and also managing email communication. Andrea Schortgen is going to try her hand at editor.
- To our past BOG members Trevor Wurth and Tim Terry and new members Roy Smith, Bill Katterheinrich and Doug Coon, along with "re-upping" officers Brandi Dickey, Karl Gauby and newly elected secretary Mark Shoemaker
- To the work of Stephen Nudge and others on the planters around the club as well as some 1600 photos and lastly to
- DOUG COON, this year's recipient of the Tegetoff-Wilkins Award for Leadership and Support of the Club and Members this year but now lastly to
- The new members joining us the last couple years – bringing new energy, new boats and adding to our Club's health and well being going forward

Included in this issue of the Wind and Waves are the Racing Champions for 2023, congrats to Overall Club Champion Doug Coon. A tentative 2024 race schedule was compiled by Doug Drury, which allows for the Catamaran Racing Association of Michigan's first race for 2024 (see photo) I also took a whack at a tentative Social Calendar – leading off with a Super Bowl party on the new wall mounted big screen TV.

The Social Calendar will fill out with a few other items as we learn more – the Marathon, the Riley Bay Raft Out, Craft Show, Shrimp boil, Mastodon BBQ, Sue wants a Game Day etc. Any ideas for events, get them going. Taking the lead is always permitted.

I also wanted to mention three current members passing this season. John Bachle, Jerry Thompkins and Mike Cecil. I had come to know each of them over the last several years and will miss them around the club. I know many of us will too.

So as I hibernate in the cold, I'll stop by the Club a few times and anticipate the season. This is the year I fix my engine or get a new one!

Commodore Phil Fuerst

## How I became Newsletter Editor By John Myers

It all started when I was in my second year as commodore in 2013. Kate Anderson had been editor for two years after taking over the job from John McFann. I found a volunteer to take over editor in Terri Browning. Terri and her husband Randy were new to the boat club and did not even own a boat, but she had lots of experience writing newsletters for other organizations she had been involved with. I helped Terri by providing her content for the newsletter and guided her through the club organization. Terri changed the format of the newsletter, so it looked more like a newspaper by adding a banner and using multiple columns per page. Unfortunately, after one year, her family decided to move to Florida permanently in April of 2014. Since my time as Commodore had just ended and I had been active in helping with the newsletter, I agreed to take it on. Now, one published issue shy of 10 years' time I would like to help someone else take up the banner. I am thankful for lots of people's help over the years but especially to Stephen Nudge for providing photos. That is my biggest failure, I get caught up in the moment and forget to take a picture!

The newsletter needs information on upcoming social events from the social chairman, a list of upcoming races from the Sail fleet Captain and club events from the Commodore. You can also submit a short story about any unusually great sails you have had recently or even a bad experience that might help someone avoid making the same mistake. I have ran aground on several shoals and found dozens of stumps. Please help the next newsletter editor in anyway you can.

## 2024 SMBC Off-Shore Activities

### Regattas

**CRAM Regatta May 4-5**

Catamaran Racing!!!! More details to come.

**Commodore's Regatta - May 25-26**

Saturday, May 25 11:00am - 2 triangle

Sunday, May 26, 11:00am - Rock Pile

**Firecracker Regatta – July 6-7**

Saturday, July 6, 11:00am - 2 Triangle

Sunday, July 7, 11:00am - Rockpile

**Labor Day Regatta – Aug 31-Sept 1 – Final Regatta**

Saturday, August 31, 11:00 am - 2 Triangle

Sunday, September 1, 11:00 am - Rockpile

### 2024 Monthly Rock Pile Series

Sunday, June 2, June 16, July 7, July 21, August 4,  
August 18, September 18, September 22, October 6

### 2024 Saturday Morning Series Races

*There are a total of 21 scheduled races.*

May 11, 18, 25,  
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
July 6, 13, 20, 27  
August 3, 10, 17, 24  
September 7, 14, 21, 38  
Oct 5 Final Race

***All races will include a  
Captains' Meeting at  
10:00am with the race  
starting at 11:00am.***

***All sailors welcome.***

## *SMBC Racing Champions of 2023*

**2023 SMBC Club Champion  
Doug Coon**

### Rock Pile Series

**1st Place - Doug Coon**

**2nd Place - Bryan Retterbush**

**3rd Place - Bruce Allen**

### Saturday Morning Series

**1st Place - Bruce Allen**

**2nd Place - Doug Coon**

**3rd Place - Stephen Nudge**

### Regatta Series

**1st Place - Bryan Retterbush**

**2nd Place - Doug Coon**

**3rd Place - Bruce Allen**

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### 2024 Social Calendar (so far)

February 11- Super Bowl Party at the club  
& Secret Euchre Party at the club

April 20 - Clean up day & food!  
Help us get the club in ship-shape

May 4 & 5 - CRAM Catamaran Regatta  
(dinner Saturday)

May 5 - **Boat Christening Ceremony!!**

May 25 Memorial Day Cookout 5:00 pm

May 26 Memorial Day Rocking Chair Races

July 4 - Old flare disposal & chinese lanterns

August 31 - Labor Day Cookout 5:00 pm

Sept 2 - Labor Day & clean Commodore's boat

Sept 8 Grandparents Day - bring 'em

Nov 3 Thanksgiving Dinner

Dec 3 - End of season/Holiday party



## Friends of Grand Lake

James Derck · 21 hours ago · 🌐



Hello from the 📍 Catamaran Racing Association of Michigan !

While Michigan may be in the name our membership and reach truly span the Great Lakes Region with many members in Ohio. Over the past few months we have been working with [Grand Lake St. Marys State Park & St. Marys Boat Club, Inc.](#) with the vision of bringing a beachcat regatta to Grand Lake. Our target date would be a season opener event on May 4th & 5th. Our Hopes are that Grand Lake is a little warmer than anything in Michigan at the time and this would allow us to expand our season time frame.

While nothing is set in stone yet, our members are convening this Saturday to set the



move forward, I was told we might be able to find local photographers to join us on the race committee boats or their own craft to photograph the event. We always love local involvement and photos always make an event more memorable.

2. Do you have a beachcat? The primary classes we race are Hobie 16 and Formula 18, but any type of beachcat can race with us! CRAM has a wide range of skill levels and all beachcat sailors are welcome. Sounds like we already have 2 local members of the boat club that would potentially race with us. We would love to include you, and the registration for your first CRAM regatta is free! Please let us know if you would be interested in racing with us!

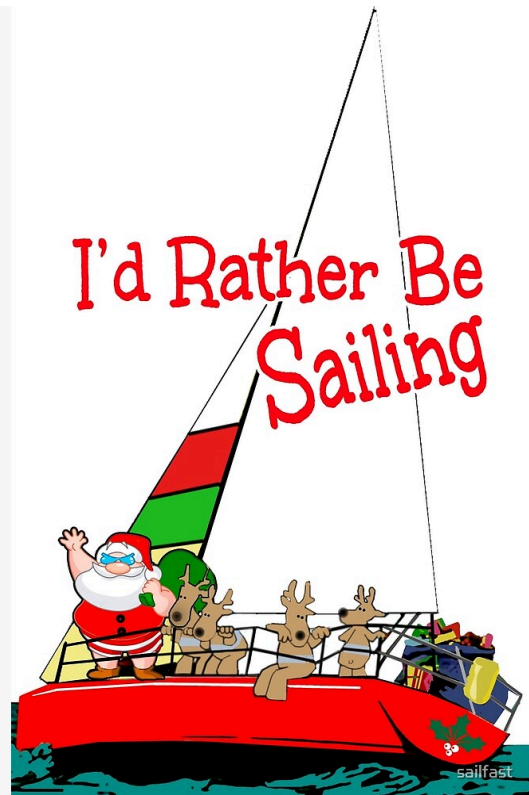


## Christmas Photos 2023

On Saturday, December 9th the St Mary's Boat Club celebrated the holidays with a party. This year's annual event was well attended. There was fellowship and plenty of food. We had a short meeting where we awarded the 2023 club sailing champion. This year it was Doug Coon. But wait, Doug was also given the 2023 Tegetoff-Wilkins award. One of the highlights of the evening was when Ralph Wilson and Tina became engaged. This is a first for the club. We are all looking forward to the 2024 boating (Sailing) season.

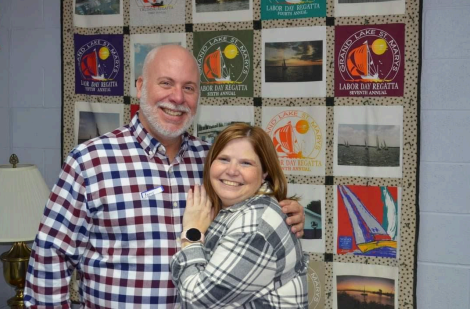


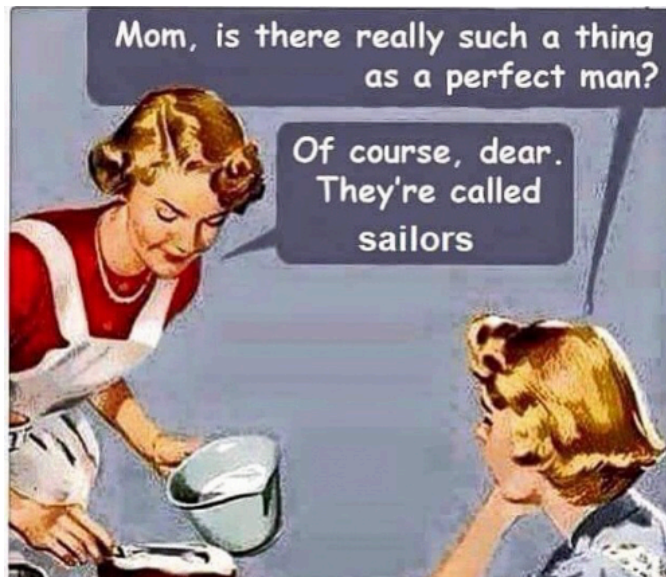












**Business Showcase**

**Advertise your business here**

Send in email or text  
(these are only samples)

**Food Club With a Boating Problem**

Here is where we can share our favorite  
recipes.

Send them in email or text.

Super easy sloppy joes

There's no real measurements, all done by  
taste or preference.

- 1-2 pounds of ground beef
- 1-2 cups ketchup
- 1-3 Tbls. mustard
- 1-3 Tbls, brown sugar

**SMBC Projects**

Volunteers  
always welcome  
and needed

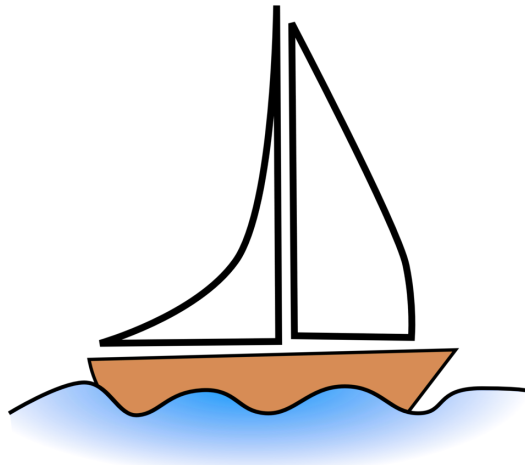
**Jack & Jills  
Custom Pails**

111 Hill Drive  
Broken Crown, Ohio  
555-5555

**Peter's Pumpkins**

All models come with  
factory installed seeds

222-2222



# Classifieds

## *Boat Classifieds*

Sycamore Shores  
Boat Service

15312 Fox Ranch Rd  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
Cell 419-203-5452

FIRE SALE: Large selection of sailboat accessories & parts: Some smoke and water damage but still functional. Very reasonable prices!

Large selection of pre-owned sailboats, ready for the water and used sails.

Outside space and large tarps for winter storage.

## *Other Classifieds*



Free to good home.  
Cat not included



Have 2, would like to sell as a set.



Paid \$1.00 new, asking \$5.00

Ocean front property in Arizona  
\$1,000,000.00 Price firm



**Disclaimer: these  
are not real**

## **St.Mary's Boat Club**

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Dock Master – Doug Coon

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Social Chair Person – Open

### **Board of Governors and Terms:**

Stephen Nudge 2022-2024

Kerry Beamer 2022-2024

Phil Albertson 2023-2025

Bill Katterheinrich 2023-2025

Doug Coon 2024-2026

Roy Smith 2024-2026

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