

On behalf of the Catawba Island Club Yachtsmen Association, I would like to welcome my fellow Yachtsmen to the 2023 yachting season. We have so much in store for you this year and cannot wait to get the activities started.

2023 Flag Officers: Commodore Mike (Candice) Irlbacher, Vice Commodore William (Jane) Verne, Rear Commodore Brian (Mary) Gilbert, Fleet Captain Paula R. Chesser and Fleet Surgeon Karen Kelley (Chris Seiple). Yachtsmen Association President and Past Commodore is Doug Schmidt.

Candice and I, along with the flag officers and CIC staff members, have been hard at work planning and scheduling many activities and trips that are sure to offer something for every family member. Here is a small glimpse of just a few activities that are planned. Please note that both cruises are accessible by land and water. Hotels also are available, so come join the fun.

- **Spring Cruise** – June 8-11 – Put-in-Bay – Paula R. Chesser
- **Summer Cruise** – July 5-9 – Geneva on the Lake and Mentor Yacht Club – Brian Gilbert
- **Yachtsmen Weekend** – August 10-13 – “I Love New York” – Bill Verne
- **Commodore’s Ball** – August 12 – A celebration in classic style “Breakfast at Tiffany’s”
- **Shaft and Screw Presentation** – September 4 – Karen Kelley

Candice and I have been working in close conjunction with the marketing team at Catawba Island Club. Our focus is to increase communication about these events for all Yachtsmen in the harbor and undocked outside the harbor. In addition to the communications that you get from your dock captains, we will be launching a new electronic communication avenue that will keep you up to date on what events are happening and how to get involved. Not tech savvy? That’s ok, information on activities also will be available in print, with posters and flyers more visible around the harbor. More to come on all of this in the coming months.

Candice and I are blessed to be a part of Catawba Island Club and all the experiences it has offered us over the last 20 years of membership. We hope to continue to share the experiences with others and to engage more Yachtsmen during the 2023 season.

Lastly, we would like to thank Catawba Island Club for having the confidence in us to serve as Commodore. This truly is one of the greatest Yacht Clubs on the Great Lakes, and we are proud to be a part of it. We look forward to working with the Stouffer Family, management and their teams to make sure this year is one of the best years of living our lake life!

Come join us, let’s have some fun in 2023!

Michael Irlbacher  
Commodore 2023  
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