

All Star 1 2024 Chairs Report

Our speaker is Dr. Rebecca D. Klaper, Dean of the School of Freshwater Sciences and Director of the Great Lakes Genomics Center at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. She will be joined by her husband, Harris, their 8th grader, Benjamin, and, possibly, their 12th grader, Jacob, whose summer plans are not yet set.

To date, we have reviewed and shared 2023 feedback (which was overwhelmingly positive!) and are filling key volunteer positions for next year. Our entries for All Star 1 2024 in the Star Island Blue Book conference catalog and updates for the All Star 1 website are almost done.

We will maintain the tradition of offering a varied schedule, including beloved events, tried and true indoor and outdoor activities, and lots of music. There will be a few new offerings, resurrected old offerings, multi-generational games, and organized opportunities for new shoalers to meet their peers and fall in love with All Star 1.

We have been thinking a lot about recruitment and retention. Fortunately, so has the Star Island Corporation. Their marketing folks will work with members from All Star 1 to create promotional materials, implement outreach, and consider registration discounts. We could use a few volunteers for this effort.

Respectfully submitted by Michele and Matthew Cohen