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## Commodore's Corner

Commodore Kris Miller



I-LYA Commodore Kris and Lady Reni Miller

The last month has definitely been a busy one for I-LYA and its members. As you will read in greater detail elsewhere in this newsletter, we have just finished three weeks of regattas. They included the Junior Sail Regatta with 155 junior sailors, Senior Sail Regatta with 100 sailboats from around the lake competing on four race courses, Junior Power Regatta with a full schedule of training and contests held during the Senior Power Regatta, and the Senior Power Regatta with contests both on land and on the water. With the exception of some rough winds for Sail and a cardboard boat or two that sank before the race was over during Senior Power, they were all

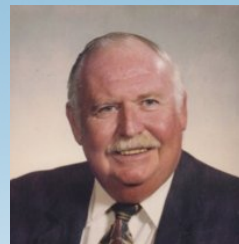
very successful regattas. We have already begun meeting to see how changes made this year were received and what can be done in the future to make things even better. Your input is always welcome. Comments can be sent to me at [www.ilya2013.com](http://www.ilya2013.com).

I need to acknowledge the many individuals and organizations that helped to make the last three weeks possible: The Yachtsman Fund which donated housing and scholarships for our Junior Regattas; our major sponsors, Boat US, True Course, Mount Gay Rum, and West Marine; the clubs and members who contributed to the Keg Challenge; and especially my Fleet Captains and Team 2013 members who were always there to do whatever needed to be done. Thank you to one and all!!!!

We are looking ahead to the Fall Meeting which will be held December 6-7 at the Holiday Inn in Westlake, Ohio. We are planning a vendor fair and symposium as we did at the Spring Meeting. More information will be available in coming newsletters but mark the date now so you won't miss out.

## Trustee report

Jay Onacila, President



I-LYA P/C Henry Webber

It is with our deepest sympathies that we mourn the loss of Commodore Henry Webber 1991. Henry was a great asset to I-LYA and will be missed by many. It was nice to see and talk with him at the regattas just a few weeks ago. Our condolences to Lady Peg and the Webber family.

Well, from what I have been told and seen for myself, Junior Bay, Senior Sail, and Power all were very successful this summer. Hats off to the Chairpersons and their committees for doing an outstanding job with our summer regattas. Next, we begin to take comments and suggestions to try and improve our regattas for next year. If you have any ideas please contact our current committee chairs with your suggestions. Also, don't forget to attend the Fall Meeting in December at Westlake Holiday Inn.

For those of you who don't know, we are currently starting an effort to collect donations from our member clubs to raise funds to restore the I-LYA monument in De-Riviera Park at Put-In-Bay. Due to many years of harsh weather its condition has deteriorated. Trustee Chris Amlin is handling this task to raise the funds necessary for the repairs. Chris is doing a great job

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### Wanted: New members for I-LYA Sponsorship/Publications Committees

As a bi-boat-ual organization, we need volunteers from both the sailing and power communities to help with sponsorship and publications. It's more than simply raising money; it's about getting more club members involved to help grow the summer regattas and the organization itself. If you're interested in finding out what you can do to help, contact Bob Sheppard at [sailing1@columbus.rr.com](mailto:sailing1@columbus.rr.com) or Mike Fishbaugh at [mfishbaugh@pathmaker.net](mailto:mfishbaugh@pathmaker.net). Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm September 12 at the Sandusky Yacht Club. Come for dinner at 6:30. Hope to see you there!

## I-LYA's 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Sail Regatta at Put-in-Bay is Complete!

*Matt & Tracey Davis, Chairmen*



*Competitors, coaches and volunteers*



*Our coaches*

Thank you to our Co-Chairmen Mark and Monica Bloomstine, 155 Sailors, 106 Volunteers, 26 Past Junior Bay Chairmen and our Sponsors.

### **Congratulations to our winners,**

Laser Radial Fleet -- CORINNE DUROCHER, NCYC

Laser Fleet -- COLIN GUTRIDGE, BLYC

420 Fleet -- COLIN MACKAY & AJ RUSH, NCYC

Thistle Fleet -- WILL HARDERS & NATHAN HARRIS & DARBY LANSDOWNE, CYC

Looney Tunes – ERIE YACHT CLUB

Female Sportsmanship -- ANNA BLOOMSTINE, EYC

Male Sportsmanship – AJ RUSH, NCYC

Team Sportsmanship – ERIE YACHT CLUB

Team Shipshape – BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB

Davis Family Trophy (Thank you for Caring) – PATI ARTH, PIBYC

Backus Family Trophy – CORINNE DUROCHER, NCYC

A special Thank you to the Inter-Lake Yachtsmen's Fund and all their Life Members and donors for their continued support for all our children. You are all on Starboard Tack.

Mark your calendar for the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Jr. Bay Regatta on July 20 to 25. See you in 2014!

### Trustees Report *(continued from page 1)*

and our clubs have donated about 1/3 of money needed to date. We will next be asking the I-LYA Commodores and individuals for donations.

Our next Trustee meeting will be held in late September. We will take a look at the financial reports for the summer regattas and everything that is up to date. I am happy to report that because of responsible spending by our Committees and I-LYA Administration, we are keeping within our budgets. I-LYA is financially doing well as of today. Thanks to Commodore Kris Miller for doing a fantastic job this year.

Unfortunately summer is coming to a close and it's too soon for me. I hope everyone has had a good summer and were able to do a lot of boating as well. Hope to see you all very soon.



## 2013 Senior Power Regatta

Bob Lang, Chairman

WOW! No matter how hard you plan for an event, some things just don't go as planned. The weather, what's that all about! I figured because we got our butts kicked last year that we'd be home free this year as far as weather. Well, guess again. Wednesday's weather was not very kind to us and Thursday morning the weather was still bad. The flying mile, chicane and docking contests were forced to shut down early on Wednesday and couldn't get started until after lunch on Thursday. That caused some of our boaters to cancel their plans to compete. Oh well.

Thursday afternoon finally brought sunny skies and the inflatable race. We had some great racers this year and the word I received from some of the spectators was that they plan to return next year and bring their inflatables! We even got the I-LYA Vice and Rear Commodores to compete. We nicknamed them "Joker" and "Fish-head" and had a lot of fun at their expense. (By the way, they finished dead last.) I heard the announcer was awesome. I couldn't have done it without the support from the participants and spectators on the docks. A great time was had by all.



I-LYA Rear Commodore Duane "Gunker" Burgoyne and Vice Commodore Steve "Fish-head" Harris

All the social events were well attended and I heard no complaints about the food and drink. The Rum Party was held under the tent at the PIBYC and there were a lot of great raffle items. The steak dinner, fish fry, Ladies Tea, IOBG reception and the commodores' reception were all well attended and all had great reviews.



Sports ashore: Coed softball was a decisive victory for the West with a final score of 23 to 5. Volleyball was split: the men's division ended East over West; women's division, West over East. Golf and Putt-Putt are always a good time, but Wednesday's Putt-Putt tournament had to be called due to the rain.

Friday was our Cardboard Boat Race and we had a pretty good turn out this year with eight boats. I want to thank our cardboard boat participants for their help with clean-up. Next year, remember to do a little pre-assembly work at home, with final assemble at the PIBYC pavilion.

The awards ceremony on Saturday was outstanding; the cool temperatures and overcast skies didn't scare away any of our participants. There were 23 clubs represented at this year's regatta; clubs compete each year for the Participation and Volunteer awards. This year brought out a new competitor for Participation and the first place win went to BVYC. Congratulations, and job well done. The Volunteer award went to my friends at WRYCC with over 500 hours. Job well done and thank you for all your help. This is what the regatta is all about: participation, volunteers, camaraderie and good friends. Thanks go to all who attended. I'm awaiting final numbers on attendance, but we should be around 240. A little off from last year but it was still a GREAT REGATTA.



For those who did not attend the regatta, drop me an email and let me know what we as a committee need to do next year in order for you to join us. If anyone has any comments (good or bad) about this year's regatta, drop me an email at [bob@encoeng.com](mailto:bob@encoeng.com) and I'll make sure it gets into the right hands for consideration next year.



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## Senior Sail Regatta a Great Success!

Mike Fishbaugh, Sail Chairman

As most everyone who attended will agree, Senior Sail Bay Week 2013 was another great regatta at Put-In-Bay. August 2-4, 2013 brought us three great days of sailing, each packed with their own challenges, from plenty of breeze on Friday to light air on Saturday. The I-LYA Bay Week Committee assembled a great on-the-water and shore package for everyone to enjoy. New this year, Tony Packo's joined us at our Thursday night party and served their classic Hungarian fare. On Friday night, we enjoyed Midway "Oh Boy" burgers and a fantastic rum party sponsored by Mount Gay, followed by a great chicken and pork BBQ on Saturday.

And then there was the racing: three great days on four race courses! The Hobie Wave fleets rounded out the regatta as the largest group, bringing 26 boats, with eight from Clearlake Yacht Club in Iowa! We also had two keelboat courses, East and West, where the JAM, PHRF, One-Design and Multihulls raced. The Casual Cruising class also raced around the islands each day.

Bay Week would not be possible without the gracious support of all of our volunteers, committee members and sponsors. To all who assisted in making this regatta such a great success, we say thank you. We had 100 boats in attendance this year and are looking forward to this number continuing to grow in the years to come. See you at the Bay in 2014. Mark your calendars now for August 1-3!

### 2013 I-LYA Bayweek Regatta Results

#### Casual Cruising

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Bad Idea    | Kevin Crawford |
| 2. Jolly Mon   | Mike Petsch    |
| 3. Best Sister | Gary Wandtke   |

#### Centerboard Racing

##### Hobie Wave - IWCA

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Air Apparent III | Rick White      |
| 2. Angelfish wave   | Doug Seib       |
| 3. Zepher           | Jim Hildebrandt |

##### Hobie Wave - HCA

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|--------------------|--------------|
| 1. Boat            | Jim Glanden  |
| 2. Tiger Shark III | Jack Woehrle |
| 3. Wave 64         | Matt Wirth   |

##### Interlake

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|----------|-------------------|
| 1. 909   | Tom Marriott      |
| 2. Bingo | Ronald & Kay Soka |

##### Sailing Canoe

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Arrested Development | David Gilliland |
|-------------------------|-----------------|

#### PHRF Division

##### PHRF A

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|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. Hot Ticket     | Mike Kirkman |
| 2. Spaceman Spiff | Rob Ruhlman  |
| 3. Evil Duer      | Nate Duer    |

##### PHRF B

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|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Wizard     | Jeff Mackay             |
| 2. Oh Baby!   | Todd Duffett/ Ed Nykiel |
| 3. 10 FORWARD | Will Lightfoot          |

##### PHRF C

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Feisty       | Brian Hartwell      |
| 2. Powder Hound | Ron Hamilton        |
| 3. Redcloud     | John & Judy Greiner |

##### PHRF D

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|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Hall Pass | Dean Riedy    |
| 2. InfraRed  | Bryan Huntley |
| 3. Hat Trick | Dan Sadoski   |

##### PHRF - JAM A

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Orange Crate | Jim & Chris Davis |
| 2. Sea Turtle   | James Miller      |
| 3. Gotcha       | Donald Ingersoll  |

##### PHRF - JAM B

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|----------------|----------------------|
| 1. Flak-Bait   | Duane & Dar Burgoyne |
| 2. Aloha       | Keith Weinman        |
| 3. Wing Jammin | William Pribe        |

##### T-10

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|------------|--------------------|
| 1. Nuts    | Heidi Backus       |
| 2. Gotcha  | Kim & Dave Disbrow |
| 3. Wildcat | Parsons/Demming    |

##### PHRF Level 72

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Magic     | Aaron Hertel |
| 2. Fever     | Jim Penning  |
| 3. Adrenalin | Kurt Kachler |

##### OH Multihull

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Panic Button | Ryan Howe       |
| 2. MyiraWhite   | Harold Alber    |
| 3. Big Storm    | James Frederick |





## 2013 Junior Power Regatta: Awesome!

Bob Lang, Chairman

The new Junior Regatta format resulted in a total of 28 participants, with 15 taking part in the boating contests. I think this format, a stand alone regatta, is the way to go with future Junior Regattas. This year we added two additional On-The-Water contests and a junior-specific weather contest. The weather was not real cooperative on Wednesday and we were forced to cancel the volleyball game. Putt-Putt was delayed but we managed to gather all the juniors at Perry's Cave. The fishing derby brought out a crowd: kids and parents alike. Everyone had a great time despite the high winds and low fish count. Cardboard boats on Friday was a hoot: five boats entered and all went away with an award. I-LYA Commodore Kris Miller's grandson, Jeff Miller, was the winner of the "Titanic Award" for the best sinking.



Fifteen juniors attended Friday morning's "Safe boating and charting" seminar. On Saturday morning, everyone gathered at the state park for the boating and dry land navigation contests. The weather was a little windy which added a degree of difficulty for the competition. We also had some inflatable problems that caused delays in finishing the contests. Everyone was patient and we completed all the contests just before noon.



**AWARDS:** Scholarships were given to Jeff Miller of PIBYC, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Joshua Kneisel of BVYC, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; and Jacob Koteles, EMBC, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Jeff also was the first place winner of the Skipper Award, given to the to the junior having the highest overall score in all of the On-The-Water and weather contests. This was

also the first year for award ribbons to be given for each contest. I think the ribbons went over great; I saw a lot of happy faces during the awards ceremony.

Some of our winners couldn't make it to the awards ceremony. If you were one of them, please contact me at bob@encoeng.com so I get your awards mailed or delivered to you. Congratulations to all of you for a job well done! Thanks for being a part of the Junior Power Regatta, and we look forward to seeing you next year.

## Szambecki Junior Thistle Results

The I-LYA Junior Thistle Series for the Szambecki Trophy and Scholarship was defined this year as the best three finishes at four designated Traveler Series regattas. The four regattas: Edgewater, Sandusky, Mentor, and Port Clinton were chosen because they did not conflict with local Thistle Class Association events. The idea was to make sure our juniors and their coaches could race with the class while still maintaining a "junior" presence.

The Szambecki Memorial Fund was created by Diana and Anthony Szambecki in memory of their son Aaron. The endowed scholarship is managed by the I-LYA Yachtsmen's Fund. Scholarship awards of \$300 (First Place) and \$100 (Second Place) were presented to each sailor.

First Place: Cleveland Yachting Club  
Will Harder  
Nate Harris  
Darby Lansdowne

Third Place: Vermilion Boat Club  
Josh Mallett  
Jordan Wukovich  
Zane Accord

Second Place: Leatherlips Yacht Club  
Marcus Myers  
Jackie Corson  
Devin Chapman

Fourth Place: North Cape Yacht Club  
Keith Frederick  
Peter Atkins  
Julia Gentner

## Four I-LYA Coaches Rescue Boaters during Junior Bay Week

*On the evening of Tuesday, July 23 four I-LYA Junior Bay Week coaches, Leatherlips Yacht Club coach Evan Graves, Sandusky Sailing Club coach Ryan Kyle, and Vermilion Boat Club coaches Tim Zacher and Lee Ferber, were instrumental in rescuing seven people from the water near Put-in-Bay. Read below for Evan's account of what happened that night and the lessons he shared with 155 junior sailors the next morning.*

On Tuesday night, we were relaxing on Lee's Ferber's J24 *Escapade* which was moored in the harbor of Put in Bay. We had two small inflatable Zodiacs tethered to the J-24 to provide transportation to and from shore. At approximately 8:15pm a sailboat moored to the north of us requested we assist a capsized boat just north of the harbor entrance. The breeze was 18-24 knots with waves around 4-5 feet. Ryan Kyle and I were first to respond to the capsized boat.

When we arrived on scene we encountered a flipped over and sinking 21' Sea Ray with seven people in the water, five of whom were wearing life jackets. Ryan and I immediately asked if seven was the original number of passengers, which it was, and swimmers. C clinging on to the and in a state of panic, was a and another man struggling to this point Tim Zacher and Lee scene with the other coach As Tim and Lee were picking Ryan and I tended to the over-other person in the water had them to the side of our boat tempts were unable to pull the Coast Guard for help while man's head out of the water.

After about ten minutes water taxi came to assist in five individuals had been picked up by Lee and Tim's boat while our two victims were still in the water. With the help of the water taxi staff, we were able to get a line underneath the overweight man's shoulders and Ryan, Lee and I were finally able to pull the man out of the water.

We proceeded to shore with all victims in our power boats. The overweight gentleman had trouble breathing and was vomiting but was talking to us on the way in. EMS arrived shortly after we came ashore and tended to the individuals. The Coast Guard arrived on scene as we were going ashore and met us there also. The overweight gentleman was eventually life-flighted off the island to an area hospital.

From 2003 to 2009 all four of us had competed at Junior Bay Week. I sailed for Cleveland Yachting Club, and the other three competed for the clubs they were now coaching. Ryan, Tim, and I continued our sailing careers competing collegiately (Bowling Green, Hobart, Ohio University, respectively) and all of us currently sail Thistles in the summer. There is no doubt that our years of sailing and coaching helped us save those individuals that evening. Not only did we have experience in rough seas sailing, but the powerboat skills we learned from coaching proved invaluable.

The next morning I had a chance to speak to the competitors about the incident and lessons I had taken away from it. I chose to highlight two points: first, it is very easy for sailors (in particular juniors) to become complacent about their safety. Even if you have experienced rough conditions, be smart about wearing a life jacket and venturing out onto the water. My second point to the young sailors was that as they grow older and bring their non-boating friends into the sport, they should remember that as the experienced ones in the group, they need to use their knowledge to keep other people safe and to maybe someday even help people like we did.



*These four I-LYA club coaches rescued seven people from the water at Put-in-Bay. Pictured (L-R) with the harbor behind them are: Ryan Kyle, Evan Graves, Tim Zacher, and Lee Ferber.*

who were the weakest bow with no life jacket on larger gentleman (400+ lb) hold the larger victim up. At Ferber had arrived on the boat . up the five other victims, weight gentleman. The a life jacket on. We got and despite several at-the man to safety. I dialed Ryan did his best to hold the

on the scene, a Boardwalk the rescue effort. The other

## I-LYA JUNIOR SAILING NEWS

### I-LYA's Chandler Salisbury Part of Winning Dartmouth Team

Congratulations to former I-LYA Junior Sailor Chandler Salisbury (pictured below in boat #9 in 2012) and the Dartmouth Women's team on winning the 2013 Sperry Top-Sider/ICSA Women's National Championship. Chandler, who was also named to the ICSA 2012 All-Academic Sailing Team, sailed for Cleveland Yachting Club. You can read Chandler's [bio](#) on the Dartmouth Sailing Team website. She started sailing on lake Erie at the age of 8 and went on to balance her sailing with participation in soccer and track in high school. Chandler took advantage of our area's excellent thistle sailing and was the highest female and highest under-21 finisher at the 2010 Thistle Nationals. She obviously handled the transition to college sailing well!!



**LOOT:** Ryan Squires of Hoover Sailing Club, Luke Schumann from Cowan Lake, and Will Turner of Chautaugua Lake Yacht Club traveled and trained this summer with LOOT (Lake Ontario Opti Team). Coached by Roberto Fabini, a total of nine young sailors trained together and raced at Opti Nationals, Great Lakes, New England's, and at CORK in Kingston, Ontario. In between, they spent a few very hot days practicing at Put-in-Bay and some very cool days at Chautaugua. The LOOT sailors also competed at Traveler Series events hosted by Edgewater, Mentor, and Port Clinton/Vermilion.

### I-LYA Opti Sailors at Nationals

In early July, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, a beautiful and welcoming venue, hosted the USODA Nationals. The event consists of Team Race Nationals where 18 teams raced; Girls Nationals, a one-day, two-race event with 86 entries; and Fleet Nationals where there were 43 Green Fleet participants, 82 Gold Fleet sailors, and 164 in the Silver Fleet. The dedicated volunteers ran a great event and a very organized launch and recovery. Olympian and GPYC native, Carrie Howe, spoke at both the Girls and Fleet award ceremonies.

**TEAM RACING:** Ryan Squires (HSC) & Declan McGranahan (Chautauqua Lake YC/LOOT1, Luke Schumann (Cowan Lake Sailing Assoc.), Lachlain McGranahan & Will Turner (CLYC)/LOOT2, Lars & Niels Kristensen, Ian McSweeney, Santiago Ojeda (EYC)/LEO Racing.

**GIRLS:** Ayden Coulter (SSC), Grace Yingling (HSC), Nadia Reynolds (HSC), Grace Squires (HSC), Sara Schumann (CLSA), Emily Brassell (VBC).

**FLEET: GOLD:** Ryan Squires, **SILVER:** Luke Schumann, Lars & Niels Kristensen, Declan & Lachlain McGranahan, Will Turner, Emily Brassell, Ian McSweeney, Ronnie Copfer. **GREEN:** Jack Vanderhorst (SSC), Grace Squires, Nadia Reynolds, Grace Yingling, Sara Schumann, Scotty Schumann (CLSA), Ben Rini (VBC), Jack Rini (VBC).

### Globe-Trotting Traveling Opti Sailors

**Bermuda:** I-LYA and Edgewater's own Ian Moran competed in the IODA Optimist North American Championship in Bermuda early in July finishing 13<sup>th</sup> in a fleet of 180 sailors from over 20 countries. Team USA was chosen at the US Team trials held in Pewaukee, Wisconsin in May. Ian's finishes included two firsts and a fifth. Ian was also selected to one of the USA Team Racing Teams. His team finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Congratulations Ian and thank you for representing the USA, I-LYA, and EWYC.

**Belgium:** EWYC sailor Abie Griggs was one of seven US Opti sailors chosen to travel to Europe for the 2013 VVW Nieuwpoort Belgium Regatta. He sailed in the North Sea off the coast of Belgium at the end of June. After returning home, Abie and crew Maddie Brichacek raced a 420 finishing in 7<sup>th</sup> place in both the Traveler Series and at Junior Bay Week.



*EWYC sailor Abie Griggs (4th from the left in the red shorts) poses with the US Team in Belgium earlier this summer.*

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## I-LYA JUNIOR SAILING NEWS

### I-LYA at the Chubb Junior Championships in Texas

*Scott Vining, Edgewater Yacht Club*

Six I-LYA sailors qualified at the Area E Semis hosted by Grosse Ile Yacht Club to go on to the Chubb Junior Championships. Alec Chicoine of Hoover qualified in the radial fleet to sail for the Smythe Trophy and sailed well finishing 15th in a fleet of 20 ByteCIs. Colin Mackay and AJ Rush of NCYC, who won the 420 fleet at Junior Bay Week, qualified, along with CYC sailor Christine Samanich, by topping the thistle fleet at semis. They were joined



*Scott Vining and skipper Stu Wallace race in a 420 in Houston at the Chubb Junior Championship for the Bemis Trophy*

by Sam Rush in Texas as four sailors were needed to meet weight requirements in the sonar class. The team was recognized with the Seamanship Award presented each year to the Sears team that receives the greatest number of points for neatness and general ship-shape condition of their boats. Finally, Stu Wallace and Scott Vining of EWYC, sailed in the 420 fleet for the Bemis Trophy.

Houston was quite an experience for Stu Wallace and me. The first race was at 1:00 PM because the wind filled in every day around 2:00 increasing from about 2-5 to 15-20. The kids we sailed against were incredibly talented and we were excited to compete with them. The kids we met had come from some big name yacht clubs such as San Francisco and St. Petersburg. Although we didn't do as well as we would have liked, we enjoyed the experience and were able to learn some things from the best coaches in the country. We would like to thank the Yachtsmen's Fund and I-LYA for their years of support. We would also like to thank our parents for their continued support.



*Sears Team Receives the Seamanship Award at Nationals. (L-R) AJ Rush, Christine Samanich, Colin Mackay, and Sam Rush representing I-LYA, NCYC, and CYC.*

### USODA Great Lakes Championship

Edgewater Yacht Club hosted this year's U.S. One-Design Association (USODA) Great Lakes Championship July 26-27. The event was an international event drawing participants from as far as Bermuda and Canada. There were also multiple participants from the east coast spanning Florida to New England.

Conditions were fantastic. After seven races, Ian Moran of EWYC topped the 39-boat fleet. The event also served as a 2014 Team Trial Qualifier. I-LYA sailors who qualified for team trials included Ian Moran (EWYC), Ryan Squires (HSC), Will Turner and Declan and Lachlain McGranahan (Chautauqua), Niels and Lars Kristensen (EWYC), and Luke Schumann (Cowan.)

Twelve sailors took advantage of Friday's clinic coached by three-time National Uruguay Champion, Martin Borrallo. Eight local and newer sailors participated in Green Fleet racing.

On Saturday evening, 65 parents and participants were treated to a cruise aboard the SS Holiday. The trip included a tour past Cleveland's waterfront and up the Cuyahoga River to visit Cleveland's new public aquarium.

I-LYA's reputation as a center for junior racing continues to grow. Thank you to all the participants for attending and also to all the volunteers who helped make this such a great event.



*Ian Moran of Edgewater Yacht Club is awarded the Gunkler Family Trophy for the I-LYA Optimist Challenge by EWYC Commodore Terry McSweeney for being the top finishing I-LYA sailor at Opti Great Lakes. Ian also finished in first place in the Traveler Series Opti fleet.*

### Globe-Trotting Opti Sailors *(continued from page 8)*

**Maine:** 320 boats participated in this year's USODA New England Championship held in Portland, Maine in August. Ian Moran finished 14<sup>th</sup> overall and 9<sup>th</sup> place in his age bracket. Also traveling north were I-LYA sailors Iain MacSweeney, Luke Schumann, and Ryan Squires.

## US SAILING Midwest RSPS and Race Management Seminar

The US Sailing Midwest Regional Sailing Programs Symposium (RSPS) will be held at the Erie Yacht Club on Saturday, November 16, 2013. The RSPS provides an opportunity for organizations to share ideas and concerns about sailing education and programming within the various regions throughout the country. All are welcome regardless if you're from a community program, commercial school, yacht club, high school/college program, an instructor or from any other organization (sailing specific or not).

The event is set in a roundtable format designed for productive exchanges among participants. US Sail-

ing provides the moderator to facilitate discussion and offer a national perspective on some of the issues facing our industry. The two primary topics that will be discussed include STEM Education through US Sailing's REACH program and safety. This event is free; however we ask that you register in advance at [http://training.ussailing.org/Training\\_Events\\_Meetings/RSPS.htm](http://training.ussailing.org/Training_Events_Meetings/RSPS.htm). The agenda will be posted prior to the event and can be modified.

For questions, please contact Caitlin Niemic, Training Coordinator, US Sailing: [Caitlinniemic@ussailing.org](mailto:Caitlinniemic@ussailing.org) or 401-683-0800 x640.

## Race for Hope

*Robert Thompson, Chairman*

This year's Race for Hope was held June 22 at North Cape Yacht Club, and is the eighth year that NCYC and the American Cancer Society have partnered to raise money for cancer research. The event's honorary chairpersons were Ron and Patti Schebil who have been active members of NCYC for many years. As cancer survivors, Ron and Patti gave their all in gathering participants and auction items. Everyone involved had an awesome time with the race, meal and music.

NCYC members Duane Burgoyne, John Greiner, Holly Miller and Bob Thompson along with Commodore Doug Jordan, Vice Commodore Rich Cherry and Rear Commodore Russ Atkinson sought participation from boaters and sponsors. The lead sponsor was Parker Steel secured by Vicky Kretz. Other sponsors were Binkelman, Toledo Beach Marina, SABCO, Sun Federal Credit Union, Carpets by Otto, Tuffy, Wexler & White CPA, Toledo Jet Center, Reynolds Road Animal Hospital, Toledo Window and Door, Melchior Building, Merrill Lynch, Arakya, DECO Tool, John Deere, Promedica, Milan PT, Biz Tech, BP, Evergreen Homes, Lays Transmission and North Cape Yacht Club.

The cooks, led by Tom Henkel and Tim Manton, put on another excellent steak and barbeque dinner with all the extras. Tim's crew worked hard to insure dinner went off without a hitch. Everyone enjoyed the extra touches of sweetness from the best cupcakes ever provided by Michelle and the Eischen family.

The day concluded with the awards; Orange Crate, owned by Jim and Chris Davis, won the overall award. Following the awards ceremony, "Hot Rod" Rodney Parker and the Liberty Beach Band cranked out country tunes and turned NCYC redneck for the night. The Chicago raffle went to the crew of Baci, or whoever will claim to be crew.

The entire event raised \$23,200 — an all time record! — that all goes to research and patient services in the local community. Collectively the American Cancer Society of Ohio has raised over \$17 million this year to battle this dreaded disease; for the first time, we are seeing a decline in cancer incidents in Ohio. A huge thank you goes out to our sponsors and everyone who supported the day. Every dollar raised helps "Finish the Fight" and helps us celebrate more birthdays, since the American Cancer Society is the office sponsor of Birthdays!



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## Flying on Water – The 2013 America’s Cup

Vice Commodore Steve Harris

This summer, San Francisco has seen some of the greatest sailing of all time. To say that this year’s America’s Cup is different would be an understatement. The technology and training that has been brought to this competition is beyond what even the most informed sailors could have imagined just a few years ago. If you haven’t been following it, you should. Now, I am not an America’s Cup expert by any means, but I had the opportunity to tour the Oracle – Team USA compound at Pier 80 last fall while in San Francisco for the US Sailing meeting. Needless to say, I was instantly hooked. I put together a talk on this year’s Cup which I gave at both Buckeye Lake and Alum Creek this spring and it was suggested that I share some of this information with everyone via the I-LYA News.

What’s going on in this competition is nothing short of amazing; the best athletes sailing in boats that, literally, fly on the water at highway speeds. This is definitely not the America’s Cup of days gone by. The first “America’s Cup” was sailed in 1851 off the Isle of Wight. As the yachts approached, Queen Victoria asked her Signal Master which boat was in first. “The *America*,” came his reply. “Which is second?,” she inquired. “Your Majesty, there is no second.” The yacht *America*, representing the New York Yacht Club, won by 22 minutes, winning the Royal Yacht Squadron’s 100-Guinea Cup and establishing the United States as a force to be contended with in the sport of sailing. In the beginning, just as today, technology drove the competition. The *America* had a significant advantage in a radical new hull design and cotton duck sails that stretched less than the flax sails commonly used by British yachts at the time.

The Cup later came to be known as “America’s Cup.” For the next 132 years, although challenged 26

times, the U.S. never lost it. However, in 1983 everything changed. Australia won the inaugural Louis Vuitton Cup and the right to challenge the American syndicate for the America’s Cup. After a slow start in the series, *Australia II* rallied to a 3-3 tie with the fate of the Americans coming down to the final race. After fierce tacking duels throughout, on the penultimate leg, *Australia II* passed *Liberty* for the final time and went on to win by nearly a minute. The America’s Cup was America’s no more. Again, technology and innovation was a significant force in the competition. The new and innovative wing-keel of *Australia II* gave them the advantage over the Americans thus breaking the longest winning streak in any sport in history

Since the 1980’s, the U.S. has won the cup back, successfully defended, lost it, and won it back again. Over those years, the Cup has been contested by syndicates from all over the

world and has been won by Australia, New Zealand, and Switzerland. But today, the Cup is back in the U.S.; this time in San Francisco. And, just as in previous contests, technology is a huge factor in the game. With high-tech carbon fiber hulls and spars, hydraulic controls, foils, and super-efficient wings for “mainsails,” these boats are pushing sailing to new speeds and excitement than ever before.

New Zealand wrapped up the Louis Vuitton Cup this past week beating the Luna Rossa Challenge team from Italy and will challenge Oracle – Team USA for the America’s Cup September 7-21. Get all the information, schedule and details at [www.americascup.com](http://www.americascup.com). There’s so much going on, there isn’t room here to discuss it all. Whether you’re a racing sailor, a casual sailor, a powerboater, or just a fan of the water and boating, you don’t want to miss this. It will be, in a word, ***exciting***.



### It’s What Sailors Do....

Hats off to Leatherlips Yacht Club who made their club-owned Thistle available to a juniors team from Michigan who wanted to compete at the Area E Semis but needed a boat. When Matt Dubois of host Grosse Ile Yacht Club posted Nick Harris’s request, Dave Chapman of LYC responded. Nick, a Pontiac Yacht Club sailor, said he had qualified for nationals in two of the last three years he had been skippering, wanted to participate again in his last year of eligibility, but needed a boat. Leatherlips Yacht Club generously agreed. Nick made the trip to Columbus, picked up the Thistle, and finished in second place at the Area E qualifier. Thank you LYC for giving these juniors the opportunity to compete.



## Big Brother Slacks Off, but Looms Down the Road

Ron Getter, TrueCourse

Ohio boaters just got a break from Big Brother. Governor Kasich has signed into law House Bill 29, known as the “Boater Freedom Act,” establishing that a state or local law enforcement officer will no longer have the authority to stop or board a vessel to conduct a safety inspection unless the owner or operator voluntarily requests such an inspection; there is reasonable suspicion the vessel, its equipment or its operator is in violation of watercraft or local law; or the boat is being inspected as part of an authorized checkpoint. “State and local law enforcement” includes ODNR, Ohio Watercraft officers, game wardens, and city/county/township patrols. Obviously, hoisting a can of beer, stupid driving or passengers sitting on the bow while running are reasonable law violations and can cause the blue lights to go on. But in whose eyes is “going too fast in open water” considered reckless operation?

House Bill 29 only directs the activities of state and local law enforcement agencies; it does not change the policies, procedures or other activities of the U.S. Coast Guard, Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security or other federal agencies. The USCG still has a right to stop and board a boat for a safety inspection. There is move-

ment afoot to limit this right to commercial boats only, leaving the recreational boat to the same arbitrary judgment call by local authorities.

This is good news and bad. First, if you’re boating under the influence, I want you stopped. Being above the legal limit and driving in open water is difficult to detect, however, and may not cause a reckless concern. But what happens when you come into my harbor? The ability for local authorities to stop and inspect was a key in detecting boaters who chose to operate a boat under the influence. And what about the boater who has too many passengers on board and not enough life vests? How else can this violation be detected but with random stops and inspections?

On the other hand, once a boater passed an inspection, it showed that the skipper was conscientious in his boating habits. Michigan gives a safe boating inspection sticker; if it’s displayed, local authorities leave the boater alone and direct their attention to non-stickered boats. Why inspect the same boat multiple times as has been reported in the past in Ohio? The initial safety inspection served its purpose of making sure the vessel had the required equip-

ment, and that the skipper was operating the boat safely. Enough! Go after the unstickered boat for more coverage and education.

This isn’t over yet. As I mentioned, the USCG can jump aboard anytime. And the feds are challenging a similar law passed in Alabama, saying the USCG can expect local authorities to help enforce regulations on navigable waters, just like the FBI and US Marshal rely on local authorities to enforce federal law. We’ll see how that pans out.

### Another big brother topic:

Guess what? Another fuel tax is being discussed. Called the Carbon Propulsion Tax, this federal tax would be added to marine fuel to help offset emissions. There is no variance for the old carbureted or rail fuel injection vs. direct port injection motors. Most boaters are aware that we currently pay state and federal tax on fuel and that a portion of that tax goes into a special fund that is returned to the waterways (new ramps, marinas, ODNR/Watercraft, dredging, etc.) and that is a good thing. We boaters pay our own way; there is no state funding from the general budget. But this new tax will go directly into the federal pocket. What benefit will the boater get? Better keep an eye on this one.