



COMMODORE'S CORNER

Commodore Steven G. Harris



2014 is shaping up to be another great year for I-LYA and I am looking forward to serving as your Commodore.

I would like to first thank Commodore Kris Miller and Lady Reni for both their excellent leadership this past year and also their continued guidance and support as we move into this year.

I would also like to congratulate those elected to serve our Association this year: Vice Commodore Duane Burgoyne, Rear Commodore Chris Amlin, Trustee President Ron Soka, Vice-President John Dalessandro, and Trustees Mike Fishbaugh and John Bedford. Thank you to all those who ran for office. Our Association is strong because of these and so many other tireless volunteers so willing to give their time and efforts for I-LYA.

As we begin the year, our first major activities will be the I-LYA booths at the Cleveland and Detroit Boat Shows. This is a great opportunity for us to share with the wider boating community information about not only I-LYA but our member clubs as well. Stop by and visit while you're at the show.

The highlight of the year will be, as always, the I-LYA Regattas at Put-in-Bay. Our committees are already meeting and plans are being put in place for 2014 to be another great year at the Bay. These events all combine opportunities to socialize, make new friends, catch up with old ones, and, of course, compete. Make plans now to attend.

Our spring meeting will be held the weekend of April 4-5 at the Holiday Inn - Crocker Road in Westlake, Ohio. The weekend is a great time to get information for the coming season as well as network and share information with your fellow boaters. As with last year, we plan to have the Trade Show and Boating Symposium as a part of this weekend. Information on the meeting will be posted on the I-LYA website in March.

Please visit the website frequently at www.i-lya.org for the latest information on all things I-LYA. Please follow our Twitter at @InterLakeYacht as well. As new media becomes popular, we must better take advantage of these new forms of communication. On the I-LYA website, you can follow the various Twitters and Facebook pages for your specific area of interest in I-LYA (Sail, Juniors, Power). Also, while you're there, be sure to sign up to receive the I-LYA News electronically and share it with your club members, friends, and fellow boaters.

Again, the strength of our Association comes from the many, many volunteers who make it great. It is truly a team effort and for that, I thank you. Let's have a great year!

TRUSTEE REPORT

Ron Soka, President



If you did not attend the I-LYA Spring or Fall Meetings in 2013, you missed out on a well-received revised format that included weather, water, power and sail boating oriented seminars,

vendors and services. The Marketing/Media and Sponsorship Committees have been busy during the past 18 months revising formats and putting together meeting programs to appeal to all areas of boating activity. We have a strong foundation of support to make 2014 a great year, and communication is the key. We are continually open to suggested improvements, so contact Chairmen Bob Sheppard or Mike Fishbaugh with your input. Note that all officers, trustees, and chairmen can be contacted through the I-LYA website (www.i-lya.org).

The Fall Meeting each year signals the end of the current administration's responsibilities, and the election of new officers and trustees. Thanks to Kris and Reni Miller and their support staff for all of their efforts and achievements in 2013, and congratulations to the newly elected Bridge Officers, Commodore Steve Harris, Vice Commodore Duane Burgoyne, and Rear Commodore Chris Amlin. Please welcome newly elected trustees John Bedford and Mike Fishbaugh and re-elected trustee (and newly elected Vice President of Trustees) John Dalessandro to the 2014 Board of Trustees that also includes

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VICE COMMODORE REPORT

Vice Commodore Duane Burgoyne



It's the start of a new year and for Dar and I, it's the start of my Vice Commodore year. When I look back on 2013 and my Rear Commodore year of I-LYA, I can't believe how fast it went and how many new friends we made in this great organization. At the start of our year we vowed we would try to meet as many members as we could and visit as many clubs as we were able to fit into our schedule. We had the opportunity to meet a lot of great people and had the privilege to visit 30 I-LYA clubs in our travels. We certainly are

not finished with our ventures so if you would like us to attend any of your special events let us know so we can add those events to our schedule. You can always send me an e-mail about your event to 2015@i-lya.org. We will do our best to attend.

In 2013, it was my privilege to work with some great people to put the six copies of I-LYA news in your hands. We were pleased to see that you responded to our efforts by increasing our distribution list by over 800%. We hope you have enjoyed these articles as much as we have bringing them to you.

But let us look forward to 2014 and the year ahead. We have boat shows to visit with members, and once again the Spring meeting will be filled with vendors from these shows that fit best with our members' wants and needs for the upcoming boating year. Not only will the Spring meeting have a vendor show but there are already plans being put into place for more information seminars. We hope we will have something of interest for all who attend.

This year I will be starting my third year on the board with our very own Yachtsmen's Fund. What a great privilege it is for me to sit with so many dedicated members as we promote and disperse funds for our young sailors and power boaters alike. These young men and women are the future leaders of our yachting and boating organizations. So please, as you work on your budgets for this year, please consider becoming a dollar-a-member Yachtsman's Fund club in 2014.

As my year starts as Vice Commodore one of my big tasks is to lend guidance to the 40th year of our Power Boat Week. With my good friend and now Rear Commodore Chris Amlin as Chairman of this event I'm sure you will agree with me that it's going to be a great week at the Bay. R/C Amlin's committees have already begun meeting. They have reviewed events of past years and will bring new ideas to make your "Baycation" on the island even more fun this year. New docks, old friends and lasting memories will be in store for Power Boat Week 2014.

For 2015, Dar and I are pleased to announce that the Spring and Fall meetings will return to the French Quarter in Perrysburg, Ohio. The regatta schedules have been set and chairmen are already planning for what I'm sure will be an unforgettable 130th year of I-LYA.

In closing, I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday and are sitting by your fireplaces as I am, dreaming about our return to the Bay and good times yet to be had. See you at the Bay!



REAR COMMODORE REPORT

Rear Commodore Chris Amlin



I hope everyone has survived the Holidays and that all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. With the holidays behind us, it's time to get our planning for the 2014 boating season underway.

I'm still getting my feet wet as your Rear Commodore so my report for January is short and sweet.

I want to take this time to thank all those who have shown their support for me prior to and during the December elections. It is an honor and a privilege to be elected as your I-LYA Rear Commodore and I am looking forward to representing this great organization well into the future. I'd also like to congratulate the new members to the Board of Trustees, Commodore Steve Harris and Vice Commodore Duane Burgoyne, to their new appointments. 2014 is promising to be an exciting year and with the new docks being installed at Put-in-Bay we can be sure to have great Regattas this year. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring meeting, so please make sure the dates are marked on your calendar and plan on attending.

Your 2014 I-LYA Team

Commodore: Steve Harris

Vice Commodore: Duane Burgoyne

Rear Commodore: Chris Amlin

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John Rose, P/C John Stewart

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2014 Power Regatta

R/C Chris Amlin, Chairman

Before we know it, the 2014 Power Boat Regatta will be upon us. At this time, I am still looking for a couple of committee chairs. The toughest one to fill is the Chairperson for the fish fry. Wyandotte Yacht Club had done this for many years and last year, Woody at Put-in-Bay Yacht Club helped us out. This event DOES NOT have to be a fish fry!!! If you have an idea to change it up or to continue on with the fish fry, please drop a note or give me a call. We would like to carry on offering this dinner during the regatta but we need your help to pull it off.

As we all know, the docks are being replaced at the Bay. Many folks are asking about the docking configuration and rates. As of today, we are still waiting to resolve the 2014 rates for all the regattas, but as far as the docking configuration, we will only be rafting boats two deep. With the improved power and changes in docking, we are hoping to get the number of boats and people attending up over last year. Remember this is YOUR REGATTA, and that you have a voice. If you should have any comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any members of the Power Boat Committee. Please log on to the I-LYA website at www.i-lya.org for contact information. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Meeting, until then ...stay warm.

I-LYA Spring Meeting Holiday Inn - Westlake April 4-5, 2014

Watch this newsletter and the I-LYA website for registration information. Vendors, seminars, meetings - all of interest to I-LYA members! All members welcome! If your club is a member, so are you! Plan now to attend!

2014 Sail Regatta

Bob Sheppard, Chairman

Calling all sailors! Your sail committee has already been working hard on the 2014 Sail Regatta. Mark your calendars for August 1-3 at Put-in-Bay. The Deepwater feeder races will commence on July 30 from Cleveland and July 31 from Port Clinton, Sandusky, Toledo and Grosse Ile. Again this year, all activities will take place at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club, including the three social events on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. You don't want to miss the annual rum party! Corsair has chosen Bay Week to hold their Nationals adding another level of excitement to this year's event.

Watch this newsletter and the I-LYA web site at www.i-lya.org for event and registration information. We hope to see you at the Bay!

2014 Junior Regatta

Monica Bloomstine, Chairman

The 59th Annual Junior Bay Week will take place July 20-24, 2014. Mark and I are excited and petrified to be chairing this event. We are thrilled to be working with Tim and Jane O'Brien as our Co-Chairs along with Steve Harris as our Commodore. An event of this magnitude takes many volunteers to run smoothly. We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to those who have already volunteered, and encourage and welcome further assistance.

Please feel free to contact me at: mbloomstine@neo.rr.com or 814-881-2546 with any comments or questions. Wishing all a happy and healthy New Year!

I-LYA Monument Restoration Project

R/C Chris Amlin, Chairman



I am very pleased to report that we have reached 50% of our goal of \$20,000.00 for the funds required to restore the I-LYA Memorial Monument at Put-In-Bay. So far our efforts have been focused on our affiliated Clubs, and I-LYA Past Commodores. During the Fall meeting, we announced that letters have now gone out to all our individual members. If you didn't receive a letter and would like to contribute to the restoration effort, please give me a call at 519-978-0607 or by email spbc2005@cogeco.ca and one will be sent to you. We will begin the restoration this Spring and hope that we will have all the funds in place to complete the project before the 2014 Regattas begin.

This monument is the biggest piece of our I-LYA history and any donation and contributions that you can make will be greatly appreciated and valued. My contact information can also be found at www.i-lya.org

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JUNIOR SAILING NEWS

December Sailing in Miami with I-LYA Juniors

Congratulations to Edgewater sailor Ian Moran who finished in second place in the Opti class at the Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta. Don't miss Ian's regatta report below as well as the one written by JJ Miller. Also racing Optis were Cameron and Will Turner from Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club.

Five I-LYA sailors participated in the Laser Radial Fleet. Alec Chicoine from Hoover Sailing Club finished 33rd in the 127 boat fleet, a very strong finish with two OCS in 11 races in a very competitive fleet of international youth sailors. Also making the trip to Miami were Joey Diamond from Hoover Sailing Club, Jayson Miller from Port Clinton Yacht Club, and Cameron Douglas and Kenton Earnhart from Eagle Creek Sailing Club. Alyson and Amy-Katherine Turner from Chautauqua and Samantha Moran and Audrey Reiman of Edgewater Yacht Club competed in the 102 boat 420 fleet finishing 47th and 84th. Ian Smith of Buckeye Lake Yacht Club raced a full rig laser in a 20 boat fleet.

Orange Bowl Regatta Report

by Ian Moran

I had the honor to represent I-LYA and Edgewater Yacht Club (with extra training at Coral Reef) at the Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta from December 27 to December 30, 2013. We had 240 boats in our Opti fleet. There were 720 boats total from 23 countries with 27 states represented. We were able to get in 11 races in 3 of the 4 regatta days.



Ian Moran poses following awards at the 2013 Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta where he finished second place overall and in his age group. Congratulations Ian!! Follow Ian on his web page: ianmoransailing.com or lansailing.weebly.com

The first day we had 12 to 14 knots with gusts of up to 16 knots with rain. The second day we had 15 to 18 knots with gusts up to 20 knots with a very confused sea and big waves and more rain. The third day the wind was 10 to 14 knots and to complete the day, more rain! The fourth day we never left land due to no wind. I was very glad we got eleven races in during the previous three days.

We enjoyed an ice cream social before the awards. I was able to hang onto my 2nd place overall with three 1st places and three 2nd places with a total of 29 points in 11 races. My highest finish in an international event! I was glad I had the opportunity to participate in the clinic before the regatta. It was helpful.

Orange Bowl Regatta 2013

by Jayson "JJ" Miller



PCYC sailor JJ Miller launches his laser radial in Miami.

I recently had the opportunity to attend my fourth Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta in Miami, Florida from December 27-30. The 2009 through 2011 Orange Bowl Regattas I sailed an Opti. After moving up to the Laser Radial in 2012 I missed that year.

This year I represented the Port Clinton Yacht Club in Ohio, also representing the I-LYA with sailors from clubs in that area. We left for Ft. Lauderdale where we stayed for the trip to Miami each day. The Thursday before the regatta was a practice day. The first day was light to medium winds from 10-12 knots. Day 2 was much heavier with 15-20 knots. Day 3 was back to 10-12 and no wind on the fourth day.

All of the Ohio sailors hung out together trying to get out to the race course which took about an hour. The parents of some of my Ohio friends provided boat support on the course while my grandfather served on the Laser Race Committee. My grandfather was on the race committee calling boats over early. After encouraging me Friday night to be up on the line at the start, he promptly called me over in the first race on Saturday along with 30 others. Oh well!

It was fun to see all my old friends, especially my friends still sailing Optis. I will miss sailing in Miami with them. There is always next year. I wouldn't miss it for anything!



Bright white sails and colorful spinnakers contrast with steely grey skies at this year's Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida.



ECSC sailor Kenton Earnhart relaxes between races at the Orange Bowl Regatta in Miami.

Holiday wishes from Miami and the Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta. Rain didn't dampen the fun.



JUNIOR SAILING NEWS

2014 Advanced Racing Clinic North Cape Yacht Club June 25-28, 2014



North Cape Yacht Club's Advanced Racing Clinic will be held for the sixth year. Come learn from the best coaches and jump start your summer!

Based on the success of the prior five years and using proven techniques from the CISA clinic in southern California, NCYC has created a high end clinic on the Great Lakes. This clinic is held in Laser Full Rig, Laser Radial, Club 420s and Thistles. It is a BRING YOUR OWN BOAT Clinic. We enjoy a reputation for the highest quality coaching, fabulous hospitality, fresh water sailing conditions and remarkable volunteers. Coaches from participants' clubs are encouraged to attend so they can learn from our program and improve the experience for their sailors in the future. Provisions will be made for coach boats.

2014 Program

The four-day program will consist of lectures and on-the-water drills with an emphasis on tactics, strategy and boat-handling. This clinic is focused on what it takes to reach your goals in sailing. Day 4 is Race Day, with clinic participants racing in the I-LYA Travelers Series Regatta.

Our C420 fleet will be introduced to a fast paced college format this year. Brian Clancy has been very successful as a college coach and we have asked him to stress starting, mechanics and tactics this year. This will be fast paced and fun for all. Laser sailors will be introduced to techniques used at the very highest level of national and international competition. Attendees are pre-registered for the I-LYA regatta on Saturday.

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Spring Midwest Regional Sailing Programs Symposium March 22nd at Leatherlips Yacht Club

Mark Your Calendar for the Spring Midwest Regional Sailing Programs Symposium to be held at Leatherlips Yacht Club in Columbus on Saturday, March 22, 2014. We all benefit when we get together and share our experiences. Yacht clubs, community



programs, state and local governments, scouting programs, etc., all provide access to sailing. Don't miss this chance to sit down together. Details to follow. Thank you Leatherlips Yacht Club for hosting this event!

Fall Midwest Regional Sailing Programs Symposium Wrap Up

Erie Yacht Club hosted the US Sailing Fall Midwest Regional Sailing Programs Symposium (RSPS) on a beautiful, sunny day in November. Former I-LYA Junior Sailor Caitlin Niemic moderated the discussion. Caitlin is now the US Sailing Training Coordinator. An exciting mix of participants guaranteed a dynamic discussion. Sailing programs with club, community, and government roots were represented.

Two gentlemen from the Bayfront Marine Center started the day by sharing details about how they use science and sailing to connect with at-risk students in Erie. From there the discussion took off and included Science in Sailing, Turning Sailors into Contributors & Volunteers, and Connecting All Audiences. Lunch was provided by the Erie Yacht Club compliments of Zim Sailing. Bob and Nate from Zim also set up a Hartley 10



Bob Adams from Zim Sailing in Rhode Island readies a Hartley 10 and a Hartley 12 for sailing at the Fall Midwest RSPS held at Erie Yacht Club in November.

and a Hartley 12 for all to see and some Erie sailors took advantage of the opportunity for some mid-November sailing on these training/recreational boats.

US Sailing President Tom Hubbell attended and, together with Caitlin, provided first-hand feedback on how US Sailing wants to partner with each of us to grow our sport. If you were not able to attend go to www.i-lya.org and click on Junior Sailing to access Caitlin's notes. You can also check out Tom Hubbell's blog post for ideas to re-energize your program: <http://ussailing.blogspot.com/2013/11/reflections-from-president.html>

Thank you Erie Yacht Club for hosting and sharing your beautiful, warm, and welcoming club!

JUNIOR SAILING NEWS

2014 Advanced Racing Clinic *(continued from page 6)*

The schedule is tight. The most important thing to remember is that when you get to NCYC, there will be NO reason to leave. Showers, food, spare parts, etc., will be here. Even local participants will be required to stay on site for the full day. Our coaches want your undivided attention. Shore-side activities are planned for each evening. Participants may be housed at North Cape members' homes, may camp on our grounds or may arrange their own accommodations at local hotels.

For more information go to our website: <http://www.ncyc.net/ARC>; send an email to advancedraceclinic@ncyc.net; or call (734)660-6425.

EAGLE CREEK SAILING CLUB TO HOST 2014 JUNIOR OLYMPIC REGATTA JUNE 13, 14, 15, 2014



June 13 is check-in and includes a FREE coaching day with Tyler Andrews and Kelli Harrod. Tyler is a past two-time winner of Junior Bay Week, and Kelli is a women's national veteran. They will be on-site all three days, both on and off the water.

Each club will march under its club flag colors. Two team members will be chosen to carry the torch. Please send your club burgee with your team to march under and trade with other clubs.

ECSC's Junior sailing team is ready to do broadsides with other clubs, so send your teams to Indianapolis and let's have some fun!! For more information go to www.ecsail.org or check us out on Facebook.

MBIYC TO HOST POST-REGATTA AFTERGLOW

Commodore Tony Dolejs



Looking for a way to extend your "island time" when attending I-LYA Bay Week? Cast your lines from Put-in-Bay and head for Middle Bass Island for a relaxing and fun overnight stay at Middle Bass Island Yacht Club for both the Senior Sail and Power Boat Regattas.

MBIYC welcomes all regatta participants to come to Middle Bass on Sundays, August 3rd and 10th respectively. Overnight dockage will be available at the club on Sunday at reduced MBIYC rates. Relax at the dock or on our lake-view deck, take a swim at the beach and visit JF Walleye's for their I-LYA specials.

Watch for further information, including how to make a reservation, in future issues of I-LYA News.

TRUSTEE REPORT *(continued from page 1)*

John Hopper, Bill Pribe, John Rose, and I-LYA P/C John Stewart. At the Spring Meeting, the Board will appoint and announce a trustee to replace Chris Amlin as he assumes his Rear Commodore duties.

I-LYA dates for 2014 are as follows:

- Spring Meeting - April 4-5, Holiday Inn Westlake
- Junior Bay Week - July 20-24
- Senior Sail Deepwaters - July 30-31
- Senior Sail Regatta - August 1-3
- Powerboat Bay Week - August 6-10
- Fall Meeting - December 5-6, Holiday Inn Westlake

There will be a new look at the Put-in-Bay Docks (A & C) this year, with substantial upgrades to docks and services being completed this spring. The reconfiguration and utility upgrades should make our docking arrangements for all regatta participants more safe, convenient, and enjoyable.

Finally, we plan to have booths at the Cleveland, Detroit, and Cedar Point Boat Shows. Please check the I-LYA website (www.i-lya.org) for other details. Contact Jane O'Brien at obrjane@gmail.com (Cleveland) or Bill Stewart at jwstew4@att.net (Detroit) to schedule booth time and visit the Boat Show in your area.

Thanks to all for your continuing support. There is a lot of energy and enthusiasm being generated to build sponsorship and participation in the 121st Annual Regatta. Please plan to be an active part of it.



SANDUSKY SAILING CLUB AWARDED NATIONAL TROPHY

Kathy VanderHorst

The US Sailing Association has awarded the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Trophy for excellence in race management to the Sandusky Sailing Club (SSC) for its exceptional organization of the 2013 Thistle Class National Championship.

The club was asked to host the nationals after Hurricane Sandy severely damaged the original host club. SSC rallied under short notice to host 123 Thistles during the six-day event in August which was comprised of Junior's, Women's, and National Championship divisions. The Thistle is a high-performance one-design racing sailboat that is generally sailed with a three person crew.

"This is an exceptional honor for our Club, in particular because it is based on ballots submitted by regatta competitors. We had tremendous support from our club membership - it was truly a team effort," said SSC Commodore Sjoerd-Jan VanderHorst. "We have always believed that SSC has among the best racing and race committee on Lake Erie, and now the regatta competitors have voted that we have among the best in the country."

Competitors were enthusiastic in their praise of SSC's race management. From race committee work to on-shore support, and club facilities to social events, SSC was commended for its overall professionalism and first-class standing as a national championship host. The race management team also proved to be adequately responsive to challenging wind conditions and stringent class rules. The race committee, led by Principal Race Officer Jim Tichenor, ran a total of 14 races over the course of the regatta. Other key organizers were regatta chairman and

2013 SSC Commodore Sjoerd-Jan VanderHorst, SSC Race Committee chairman Jim Keane, and protest committee chairman George Griswold.

In accepting the award in Captiva, Fla. on October 18, Jim Keane and Kathy Keane VanderHorst, co-chairperson of the Thistle Regatta,



Kathy Keane VanderHorst & Jim Keane accept St. Petersburg Yacht Club Trophy

credited the over 100 volunteers who worked to make the on- and off-the-water events a success. Through cooperation with the City of Sandusky and local businesses, over 360 visitors enjoyed Sandusky and its attractions for the week.

Emblematic of excellence in race management, the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Trophy was awarded originally by St. Petersburg Yacht Club in the late 1960s to recognize the club which ran the best regatta. The trophy was retired for several years and was donated to US Sailing in 1977. The winner is selected on the basis of race management superiority and evaluation by participating skippers.

In addition to hosting Thistle Nationals and its annual local and re-

gional racing schedule, SSC has also recently hosted the 2013 Interlake Sailing Class National Championship and the 2012 United States Optimist Dinghy Association National Championship (sailed by competitors age 7-15).

About Sandusky Sailing Club

Sandusky Sailing Club was founded in 1932 with the mission to promote and encourage sailing and seamanship, and a sportsmanlike attitude toward racing and competition. SSC is host to national and local regattas and races and has many active racing members that represent the club on a local and national level. SSC is located on Sandusky Bay at 742 East Water St. in Sandusky. For more information please visit www.sanduskysailingclub.org.

About US Sailing

The United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), the national governing body for sailing, provides leadership, integrity, and growth for the sport in the United States. Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, US Sailing is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. US Sailing offers training and education programs for instructors and race officials, supports a wide range of sailing organizations and communities, issues offshore rating certificates, and provides administration and oversight of competitive sailing across the country. For more information, please visit www.ussailing.org.

About the Thistle Class Association

The Thistle Class Association is recognized as one of the largest and best one-design classes in the country. Thistle fleets are located throughout the US. For more information, please visit www.thistleclass.com.