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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Commodore Duane Burgoyne



The snow is beginning to melt and our thoughts are turning towards this year's boating season. I can't think of a

better way to get the boating season started then by sharing stories with our friends at the I-LYA spring meeting. This is my personal invitation to all of you to join me at The French Quarter in Perrysburg March 27 and 28 for our annual spring meeting. Our crew of volunteers has been working hard to make this a fun event. For details on the weekend of fun look to www.I-LYA.org and Lady Dar's article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thanks in great part to our sponsorship committee, headed up by Bob Sheppard, we will be bringing back the table top vendor fair this year. Bob has lined up vendors who will be able to educate on history and happenings around our lakes as well as show us new and exciting products for our boats.

As far as the summer regattas are going, our Junior Bay Week, Senior Sail, and Powerboat Week committees have been working hard to bring together good regatta formats. For more details on the events make sure to stop by their meetings on March 28.

It has been a pleasure for me to work with our new board of trustees on balancing the budget as we look forward to building a solid foundation for this old and prestigious organization. The efforts of President Bill Pribe and his

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VICE COMMODORE'S CORNER

Vice Commodore Chris Amlin



March is here and soon we will see the end of Old Man Winter. With the change of weather, the daunting task

of getting our boats ready for the 2015 boating season begins. There has been a lot going on behind the scenes as the various committees are hard at work planning for the I-LYA Put-In-Bay Regattas. With the great weather experienced last year and the revamped docks at PIB, I am sure that attendance for 2015 will really increase.

Having chaired the Power Boat Regatta last year, I know the pressure that the committees are under. One of the best ways you can help is by registering early. Most of the registration forms are either out now or will be in the very near future. Once they are released, please don't hesitate; your EARLY REGISTRATION eases a lot of tension for the committee chairs and

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REAR COMMODORE'S CORNER

Rear Commodore Andy Krotseng



I am not a power boater. That doesn't mean I don't enjoy a ride on one now and again, and they are essential to running sailboat races. So that's how I put boat-

ing together. It is about all of us.

One thing that is ruining boating for some of us is called ethanol. It is a gasoline fuel additive that stems back to the days of "can we make fuel from plants" and further. The concept was to reduce our need for foreign oil. Sounds great, but three things happen when you have a large amount of ethanol in your fuel. First, in older engines, it melts parts that are not ethanol resistant (fuel hoses, pump diaphragms, etc.). Second, in fuel systems that aren't completely sealed - again, older engines - ethanol tends to collect moisture from the air. Coupled with a marine environment, you have a water in fuel problem. And finally ethanol can cause fuel injector problems from dissolved varnishes and sludge from the

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I-LYA Spring Meeting

March 27-28

All members welcome! Registration form on page 19.

Holiday Inn/French Quarter

10630 Fremont Pike · Perrysburg, Ohio

Vendor Fair

General Meeting

Ladies' Luncheon

Symposium

Hospitality Suites

Banquet

Come join the fun!

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TRUSTEE REPORT

Bill Pribe, President



Last year's I-LYA Trustee President Ron Soka created the "What can I-LYA do for you?" initiative. During the Spring Meeting I intend to continue that initiative and add "What is I-LYA doing for you?" I-LYA can provide information on how to organize programs at your clubs such as Junior Sailing, Junior Power Boat, Power Boat, Sailboat Cruising and Sailboat Racing.

Here are some of the items I am proposing to the trustees that we work on.

- Compile standard operating procedures for I-LYA. Work with I-LYA Past Commodores and Executive Secretary to capture the procedures, information and local knowledge, then create documents available to member clubs.
- Work with the Sponsorship Committee to locate and secure long term sponsorship of I-LYA. Through the years, we have had sponsors that have supported the Commodore for that year. Those sponsors are very important and we still need them. However, securing more sponsors at a lower dollar amount may be the best course of action. The membership of I-LYA clubs need to support all of the I-LYA sponsors when we have a choice of what products to purchase or where to purchase them.
- Update accounting practices for the individual regattas. Each regatta must be able to provide accurate financial numbers so each committee can evaluate what is working well and what needs improvement.
- Provide I-LYA member clubs with summary financial information at the Spring and Fall meetings.

Nothing changes overnight in an organization this size but small changes and improvements over time will make a difference.

Rear Commodore's Report

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fuel tank.

Most engine manufacturers corrected for these issues years ago, but if your boat is from the early 2000's or before, it is more than likely vulnerable to these issues! Fuel stabilizer will help, and an additive like "Heat" can help with water in fuel issues, but these are masking the real problem.

We don't need ethanol in our fuel. Contact your representatives in Congress and ask them to support H.R. 704 (U.S.-114).

Here are a couple of links to articles about ethanol. One is from Jay Leno that is very straight forward, and the other is a more detailed scientific one from Forbes.

<http://autoweek.com/article/car-life/jay-leno-hates-ethanol> and <http://www.forbes.com/sites/jamesconca/2014/04/20/its-final-corn-ethanol-is-of-no-use/>

On a lighter note, we meet at the end of March to discuss the 2015 boating season and get things going! I can't wait to see everyone at the Perrysburg Holiday Inn - come and enjoy the hospitality rooms!!

Vice Commodore's Report

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really does make planning a lot better.

In February at the AYC Change of Watch, Commodore Duane Burgoyne and I, along with our Ladies Dar and Sharon, hosted the first ever I-LYA Friday night hospitality room. The room was extremely busy and by all accounts was a huge success. A big thank-you to Tipper's Seafood & Steak House and its outstanding team of bartenders. Without Patty, Juan-Sue and Brian (The Tipper's Bartender A-Team) the night would not have been as well received as it was. An additional note of thanks to Tipper's, Holiday Harbor Marina and Mount Gay Rum, for providing us with all the great swag that we were able to give away. I would also like to thank Sun Parlour Boat Club and Wyandotte Yacht Club for loaning us all the equipment we needed to set up the room.

In closing, please plan to attend the spring meeting on March 27th and 28th at the Holiday Inn in Perrysburg, Ohio. There will be a lot to discuss and it's also a great way to start the season off, see old friends and to also make new ones. If you haven't booked your room, please do so as soon as possible.

Please stay safe and I look forward to seeing everyone soon...

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2015 Publication Calendar

Launch Edition

Submissions due 05/01/2015

Regatta Edition

Submissions due 06/29/2015

Results Edition

Submissions due 08/17/2015

Fall Meeting Edition

Submissions due 10/23/2015

Submissions from I-LYA member clubs, as well as photos, are encouraged. Include event announcements, regatta results...anything you feel would be of interest to other I-LYA member clubs. Submit by deadline to news@i-ilya.org. To subscribe, visit www.i-ilya.org and click on "I-LYA News."

COMMODORE'S CORNER

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crew have looked to our history and learned how we have gotten here, and now have put plans together to move us forward. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Trustee breakout session at the Spring meeting.

As I said at the dinner in December, I-LYA is more than three regattas held at the Bay. We are the largest volunteer-run yachting organization in America and with that, our community influence in environment, sailing competition and safe boating is powerful. I can't go without thanking all of those representatives who attend seminars and meetings to represent our some 145 member clubs.

One group putting forth a huge effort is the task force put together by last year's Trustee President Ron Soka to review and suggest clarifications to our somewhat outdated Code of Regulations. This committee is headed by Trustee Vice President Mike Fishbaugh and is made up of representatives from all facets of our organization. In working on this very important document we have been amazed by the similarities to that of US Sailing. We have taken on the motto of "less is more" in our efforts. I look forward to presenting our findings to Commodore Clay Mock and the Code of Regulations committee.

Personally for Lady Dar and me, we have been able to spend this winter attending a large number of club functions throughout what seems like a huge organization when traveling through snow storms. We cannot over-emphasize the appreciation we have for the warm welcomes we receive from those member clubs that invite us to their events. We have filled our schedule with changes of watch, winter meetings and my favorite, junior fund-raising events. I guess you can say this year's Commodore is still a kid at heart when it comes to being around our future yacht club leaders.

In closing, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at this year's spring meeting at the end of the month.



From Lady Dar Burgoyne

Please join the Commodore and me on March 27 and 28 for the annual I-LYA Spring Meeting at the Holiday Inn-French Quarter in Perrysburg, Ohio. On Friday, we will offer hospital-ity rooms beginning at 5:30 pm. Saturday morning meetings will start off at 9:00 am, with the I-LYA general membership meeting being held at 3:00 pm. Ladies, please join me at the Spring luncheon on Saturday. Then everyone is invited to join the I-LYA Bridge for dinner Saturday evening. Please refer to the registration form on page 19 of this newsletter and look for scheduling on the I-LYA website.

On Sunday, March 8, the Commodore and I had the privilege to participate in the "Blessing of the Fleet" service at Mariner's Church in Detroit (The Maritime Sailor's Cathedral). The service included The Holy Communion, The Blessing of the Fleet, a Memorial to Deceased Mariners and the presentation of the Captain Lewis Ludington Awards (presented to licensed Ship Masters). The Commodore presented the I-LYA burgee, along with those presented by other Commodores and Ship Captains, to be placed at the altar to be blessed.

Please save the date of April 25. The Commodore and Lady will host a fundraiser and birthday party for the Commodore at North Cape Yacht Club with the theme of Black & White. Details below and on the I-LYA website.

Commodore
Duane Burgoyne

Black & White

Fundraiser
for the 2015
I-LYA Commodore

7:30pm to 11:00pm

RSVP
Lady Barb Jordan
Bjorsail@aol.com

\$25.00 per
Person

50 / 50
chinese
raffle

Happy
Birthday
Commodore

April 25, 2015
North Cape Yacht Club
DINNER
Blackened Chicken
Fettucini Alfredo -Salad - Dessert



It is with great sadness that we report that Past Commodore John Bureau has sailed his final voyage. John passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 10, in Bonita Springs, Florida, surrounded by family. He was a Past Commodore of The National Rebel Association (1969), Perrysburg Boat Club (1970), Associated Yacht Clubs (1978), and the Inter-Lake Yachting Association (1984). He was also I-LYA's President of Trustees, Junior Sail Chair, Senior Sail Chair, and member and past treasurer of IOBG. John was a fixture on the Board at Perrysburg Boat Club for 30 years as Secretary/Treasurer. He was known as a diligent worker in promoting sail and powerboat activities. He earned recognition from USYRU as a Senior Race Officer. For many years, John could be seen aboard the race committee boat for The Carson Cup, The Trophy Mills Race, and I-LYA and PBC Regattas.

Fundraiser for I-LYA V/C Chris Amlin



Diamond Jack Boat Cruise, Dinner and DJ Friday, May 15th

**\$30.00 per person
INCLUDES**

- Delicious catered dinner on the boat
- River Cruise on the Diamond Jack Boat
- Departs from Bishop Park in Wyandotte at 6pm
 - Cash bar on the boat

Get tickets from WYC AYC R/C John Dalessandro, WYC PC Al Baillargeon, WYC VC Dawn Schaumburger and DBBC VC Scott Sander

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US Sailing Delegate Report

P/C Steve Harris

Greetings I-LYA Sailors! Spring is almost here and I'm sure we're all getting anxious to get out of the winter doldrums and get the boats out on the water again! I would like to make you all aware of some upcoming US Sailing events and resources available to you as we prepare for another great season on Lake Erie and our surrounding inland waters.

2015 US Sailing Championships:

US Youth Match Racing Championships

June 17-21 – Balboa Yacht Club, California

Applications due by April 15

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/usymrc/>

US Singlehanded Sailing Championships – OPEN ENTRY

The 2015 Laser Class US Nationals and US Singlehanded Sailing Championship, Men's and Women's Divisions, will be held July 21-24 at the Brant Beach Yacht Club, New Jersey. The Notice of Race, event registration, and other regatta details can be found at:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/9868>

US Youth Championships

July 6-10 – Roger Williams University, Rhode Island

Application Deadline – March 15

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps/>

US Junior Women's Doublehanded Championships

June 25-30 – Columbia Sailing Club, South Carolina

Registration opens March 3 and is limited to 40 teams

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/jrwomensdoublehanded/>

US Junior Women's Singlehanded Championships

July 14-19 – Rochester Yacht Club, New York

Registration opens March 5 and is limited to 60 boats

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/jrwomenssinglehanded/>

Chubb US Sailing Junior Championships for the Sears, Bemis, & Smythe Trophies

August 2-6 – Wianno Yacht Club, Massachusetts

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/juniorchamps/>

Area E Qualifier for Triplehanded Championship Sears Cup

June 29-30 – Buffalo Canoe Club, New York

OPEN ENTRY – BYOB in Lightnings

Contact Jamie Jones for more information

jjone45@columbus.rr.com

Area E Qualifier for Single & Double handed Championships

July 11-12 – Sodus Bay Junior Sailing Association, New York

OPEN ENTRY – BYOB in Laser Radials and 420s

Contact Jamie Jones for more information

jjone45@columbus.rr.com

US Offshore Championship

September 24-27 – Annapolis Naval Academy

Sailing Squadron, Maryland

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/offshorechamps/>

US Sailing Adult Championships

October 9-12 – Manhattan Yacht Club, New Jersey

Details not available at press time – visit the US Sailing website

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/adultchamps/>

US Match Racing Championships

October 9-12 – Oakcliff Sailing Center, New York

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/matchracing/>

Race & Regatta Management Resources

The US Sailing Race Management Office has made available a wide variety of resources – forms, diagrams, planning sheets, videos, and more - to assist in planning your events – finding race officials, regatta safety, budgeting, securing marine event permits, and much more! Visit <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/regatta-management/> and click on “Popular Downloads” and “Popular Links” to browse through the resources.

Time to train your race committee team? – The US Sailing Race Management Committee has made available “Race Committee 101” – a 90-minute presentation, viewable by US Sailing members, to introduce volunteers to the sport of sailing and the basics of working on race committee. Check it out:

<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/race-official-publications/race-committee-101/>

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Want to be trained, certified (or re-certified) as a Race Officer? – Detroit and Edgewater Yacht Clubs have already hosted seminars this winter, but it's not too late! Here are two more upcoming US Sailing seminars in our Area. You can find more information and register at <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/become-a-race-official/>

One-Day Race Management Seminar
March 28– Muskegon Yacht Club, Michigan

One-Day Race Management Seminar
April 25 – Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, Ohio

If you have questions or want more information on becoming a US Sailing Certified Race Official, please contact our Area E Race Officer, Steve Harris, at sgharris2@gmail.com or our Regional Administrative Judge, "Doc" Sullivan, at rsul-liv1@rochester.rr.com.



ARE YOU A MEMBER?

PHRF-LE
PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET - LAKE ERIE

PHRF-LE
Judy Kellner, Secretary

PHRF-LE will again be represented at the I-LYA Spring meeting. The committee has reduced the new application fee to \$25 in order to encourage participation at member clubs. Boats that held a valid certificate in 2012 and earlier will be able to join for \$25. Renewal fees have been raised to \$35 if renewed before May 1. We have not had a dues increase since 2007. Further details can be found in the annual letter that was emailed with renewal notices on March 1.

Class rules remain unchanged for 2015.



Middle Bass Island Yacht Club to Host Post-Regatta Afterglows

Kaye Soka, I-LYA Delegate

MBIYC will once again host an Afterglow following both the Senior Sail and Power Boat Regattas. We welcome all regatta participants to Middle Bass on Sundays, August 2 and 9 respectively. Overnight dockage will be available at the club on those nights at reduced MBIYC member rates. Relax at the dock or on our lake-view deck, or take a swim at the beach. Visit JF Walleye's for their I-LYA specials, or prepare your own meal in our well-equipped cooking pavilion. MBIYC will provide a complimentary breakfast on Monday morning.

Watch for further information, including how to make a reservation, in the next issue of I-LYA News.



US Sailing Adult Championship October 9-12

Steve Harris, Area E Race Officer

Stay tuned! The official NOR is coming soon, but let your Regional Sailing Association (RSA) sailors know...

The 2015 U.S. Sailing Adult Championship for the Clifford D. Mallory Trophy will be hosted by Manhattan Yacht Club in Jersey City, NJ, October 9-12 and will be sailed in J/24s. All US Sailing RSAs are encouraged to select one team for consideration. Teams must be made up of sailors from the RSAs they are representing and must be members of sailing organizations that are members of that RSA. All must be current members of US Sailing. The RSAs will select the team they submit. These determinations can include qualification or resume submissions to the RSA representative of US Sailing. Resumes for the finals for the U.S. Sailing Adult Championship must be submitted directly to US Sailing. Only one resume per RSA may be submitted.

Resumes are due no later than August 15. Invited sailors will be notified on or before September 1. Resumes will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- 40% - Sailor Criteria – In how many major events have they competed in the past three years including number of races in these events and number of attendants
- 20% - Qualified through a regatta at the RSA level
- 20% - Class Criteria – Size, diversity, depth and activity of class they consistently sail nationally
- 10% - Sailors under 30 years of age make up 25% of the team
- 10% - Female sailors make up at least 25% of the team
- Bonus: Additional 10% if a female is at helm

If you have questions or want more information contact your Area E Race Officer, Steve Harris, at sgharris2@gmail.com.

Senior Sail Regatta

Mike Fishbaugh & Bob Sheppard, Co-Chairs



Plans have begun for the 2015 “Once in a Blue Moon” Senior Sail Regatta. In celebration of the blue moon, which will occur on July 31, we will be serving Blue Moon beer, along with our other beverages. It’s still not too late for your club, golf foursome or boat crew to sponsor kegs for the event, allowing us to keep our prices low. We will again offer food, beverages and music for the same price as last year, \$40 in advance or \$50 at the Bay. And yes, that price includes all three nights of the regatta.

Some of our race committee team is in place, but we still have several open slots for crew if you’re interested in participating. This is a great opportunity for sailors who are not racing, non-boaters or power boaters who want to find out what all the hullabaloo is about.

Yacht Scoring, our web-based registration, notification and results website, will be sponsored once again by a very generous donation from the Revenue Group. NORs will be available as soon as the web page goes live. Once again, you will be able to purchase your registration, dockage and social packages through PayPal. We have secured an independent scorer who will be off-site, so we should

be able to post results more quickly and accurately without the distractions of the yacht club activities.

The Waves are coming back to the Bay this year, and we’re hearing rumors of a stronger Interlake fleet. Other beach cat fleets have asked for information, so hopefully that fleet will grow as well. Lake Erie Multihulls will also hold their Championship at our event; these boats are great fun to watch speeding around the course. These fleets will compliment our already strong PHRF and JAM competitors, and growing Cruising class.

Come to the Senior Sail meeting at the I-LYA Spring Meeting where we will have more in-depth details, along with the announcement of a new contest. For more information, to volunteer, or to sponsor beer kegs, contact Mike Fishbaugh at mfishbaugh@pathmaker.net or Bob Sheppard at sailing1@columbus.rr.com. We hope to see you there and at the Bay!



2015 I-LYA Powerboat Regatta

Family Baycation
August 5 - 9, 2015



This year's I-LYA Powerboat Regatta will be Wednesday, August 5th through noon Sunday, August 9th. Once again, we'll have four full days of boating contests and fun ashore at Put-in-Bay! Skippers can compete for flags and bragging rights in docking, chicane, flying mile, and predicted log contests.

On shore activities offer fun for all. There will be volleyball, golf, softball, hot dog roast, putt-putt golf, steak roast, and a rum party! You can compete in the inflatable dinghy races, cardboard boat races, and weather predicting. Once again, flags will be awarded in these categories. Our ladies can attend a Ladies Luncheon.

Our Junior Powerboat Regatta, which runs concurrent with the Senior Powerboat Regatta, is structured with activities for all kids and juniors alike, through the age of 18. The junior program provides organized activities including fishing, sports, putt-putt, boater safety review, cardboard boat races and on-the-water contests using motorized inflatables with adult crew on-board. Come and join the fun, meet old friends and make new.

Awards will be presented to the clubs for best total participation as well as an award for greatest volunteerism in helping support this year's regatta.

You will have four days of reserved dockage at lower rates than normal Put-in-Bay rates. Conditions permitting, no raft will have more than two boats.

A request for assistance is being made of all skippers. Once you have secured your boat upon arrival, please remain on the dock and aid in securing a few additional boats before leaving to register for the Regatta. We are also responsible for maintaining our own security – so let's pitch in and all take a turn! Please see the DockMaster for the sign-up sheet. Your help and cooperation will aid in making this another fun time at the Bay! Thanks!!

Questions? Please feel free to contact any of the 2015 Powerboat Committee:

Bruce Sattler, South Shore Cruising Club, Chairman (440) 289-5298
Mike Powers, Monroe Boat Club (734) 546-2382
Rich McKee, South Shore Cruising Club (440) 731-3060
Larry Inguagiato, Monroe Boat Club (419) 819-0484

We're looking forward to seeing YOU at the Bay!



Senior Power Boat Regatta
Bruce Sattler, Chairman

Plans for the 2015 Powerboat Regatta have begun to take shape. At the Powerboat meeting during the I-LYA Spring Meeting, we will discuss and review the contests and events. All event chairs need to attend so we can put the final touches on the Regatta schedule. Registration forms will be available at this time also.

The I-LYA Spring Meeting will be held March 27-28 at the Holiday Inn/French Quarter in Perrysburg, Ohio. A registration form is available at www.i-lya.org and elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope you can attend!

TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE COME BEFORE US

JUNIOR POWERBOAT I-LYA SUMMER PROGRAM

OPEN TO ALL JUNIORS ages 12 – 19

State boater safety certificate awarded to all participants.

ON-THE-WATER trials and competitions, using motorized inflatables.



**Registration June 16, 2015
(4-6:00pm)
Water's Edge Marina, Grosse Ile**

Cost \$10.00 per junior

Program Schedule

June 18th (2-3:00pm) Late Registration
June 18th (3-5:00pm) Boater Safety
June 23rd (3-5:00pm) Boater Safety
June 25th (3-6:00pm) On The Water
June 30th (3-5:00pm) Boater Safety
July 2nd (3-6:00pm) On The Water
July 7th (3-5:00pm) Boater Safety
July 9th (3- 6:00pm) On The Water
July 14th (3-5:00pm) Boater Safety
July 16th (3-6:00pm) On The Water Review

July 19th (1-6:00pm)
Final Competition/ Awards/ Cook-Out

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS &
MEET NEW ONES!**



Have some fun with friends and learn boat handling skills and boater safety.

Please contact me and get your Junior Powerboater signed up today!

P/C Bob Lang (Captain Bob) 313-938-8414 or bob@encoeng.com

Junior Power Report

Bob Lang, Chairman

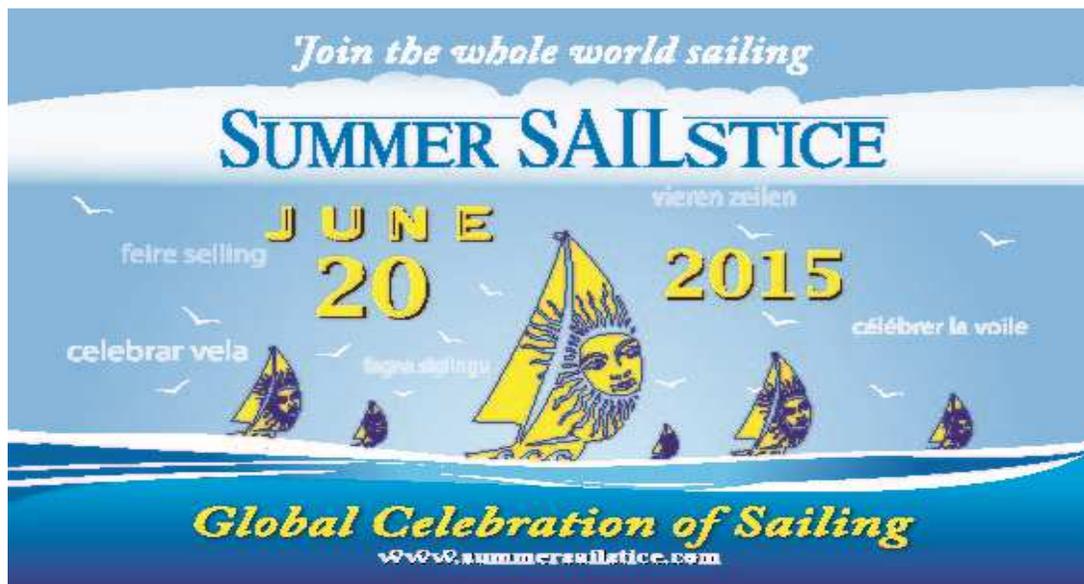


Cap't Bob here. The I-LYA Spring Meeting, in Perrysburg, Ohio is just around the corner. We'll have a lot of items on our agenda for discussion, hope to see you there.

A quick update on our Junior Powerboat 2015 summer program. As we discussed at the Fall Meeting, we will be starting a Junior power boat program at the "Club" level and have started discussions with some of the "Downriver Detroit" area boat clubs (see flyer, left). We hope to have those facilities locked in for June and July Junior activities. This program will be run from June 16th to July 16th with final competitions, awards and cook-out on Sunday the 19th of July. We will be meeting twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday, from 3 to 5 PM. Each junior entered in the program will receive a "Michigan DNR Safe Boating" certificate. The best part of this program will be the hands-on "On-The-Water" activities. Each junior will be given the opportunity to operate a motorized inflatable. At the completion of the program, juniors will compete in On-The-Water competitions. Awards will be given to the winners of each event followed by a cook-out. Anyone interested in taking part in these summer activities or helping out with the inflatables, please contact me. I'll have more to report after the Spring meeting.

Hope to see all of you at the Bay in August. Don't forget the Junior Powerboat Regatta runs concurrent with the Senior Powerboat Regatta August 5th thru August 9th. Don't forget to mark your calendars.

That's all for now. For more information, contact me at 313-938-8414 or bob@encoeng.com.



All together, when we sail locally and celebrate globally, we'll have a great time while showcasing the very best of sailing

JUNIOR SAILING NEWS

My Summer Opti Racing

Story by and photos courtesy of Grace Squires

This is about where I sail and how I came to enjoy one of the best summers ever. My name is Grace Squires and I am 12 years old (I was 11 most of the summer). I live in Columbus, Ohio, which is in the middle of Ohio in the Midwest, so most people do not think that it is a great place to learn to sail or race sailboats. However, it is, and here is why. We live near several reservoirs, and one of them is called Hoover Reservoir and is a good place to sail because the horsepower for powerboats is limited. In 1962, a group of sailors



formed Hoover Sailing Club for racing and promoting sailing. Since then, the club has grown and hosts literally hundreds of new sailors every summer in the learn-to-sail program run by Jamie Jones, and supports a junior race team coached by Brett Freeman, who is a great coach! There are lots of fleets of

small racing boats and very good sailors at Hoover who want us kids to do well. I learned to sail at Hoover and got good enough to join the Junior Race Team. We have a great team and I sail my Opti and my brother sails a Laser. My brother, Ryan, was the area champion in his Laser this summer, and says sailing Optis helped him understand wind and tactics.

Our area junior sailing is organized by the Inter-Lake Yachting Association or I-LYA in US Sailing's Area E. It has been hosting sail races for adults and kids a long time. For juniors, there is a series of races called the Traveler Series which is nine one-day regattas (on Saturdays) from May to August in different locations including inland clubs, like my club, Hoover, and all over Lake Erie. Some Opti sailors that compete in I-LYA regattas are skilled like Ian Moran and Lars and Neils Kristenson. This year after coaching from Brett and a lot of practice, I placed third overall in the Traveler Series! This was a big deal to me because I sailed well against Ian and Lars. We are all very friendly and it is fun on and off the water. The I-LYA also hosts one of the longest running junior sailing events called Junior Bay Week where Thistles, 420s and Lasers gather at Put-in-Bay, a really cool island in the western part of Lake Erie.

One of the other things I did this summer was race my Opti with LOOT, the Lake Ontario Optimist Team. Even though I sail mostly on Lake Erie, LOOT has team members from all over the US, Canada and even Bermuda. Our coach is from Uruguay and you may know him, Roberto Fabini. Roberto is the best! The team travels the country, mostly in the team van and trailer which Roberto drives hauling all our boats and equipment. Parents are chaperones at each of our events and even though they work hard organizing



and feeding us, they seemed to have just as much fun. LOOT is a wonderful experience for competitive and skilled Opti sailors. We found out about LOOT because a few Opti veterans from my club recommended LOOT to us. My older brother was on the team the year before I was. Once I became eager to learn more, my parents and I decided LOOT was a good option for me. So in June, I left home for six weeks to sail around the country.

LOOT was enjoyable for many reasons. One is that I learned so much from Roberto. We trained every day with just a few days off. Roberto does many useful and fun drills. One of my favorites is a team racing drill. Roberto also would set up a course and we would sail around it. If he saw someone doing something wrong, he would follow them around to correct their mistakes. Roberto would record us sailing and show us the videos during debriefs to see what we were doing wrong. I became a better sailor because of LOOT.

I met many new people through LOOT. I knew some of the LOOT sailors but I got to know them better this summer. This year, the team was eight boys and four girls ages 11-15. I met people at regattas; the more regattas you go to the more people you meet! I have fun talking with friends from Florida and all over, even some from outside the US.

One of the last reasons I enjoyed LOOT was because of how much fun it was. What sailor wouldn't want to sail

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My Summer Opti Racing

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every day for the whole summer and improve? On the off days we did adventures like at Lake Chautauqua, NY where we started our summer of training. We went tubing on powerboats and enjoyed the beautiful and historic Chautauqua area. When we went to Nationals in California, we had fun on the beach in LA. I made many awesome memories like when we sailed a beautiful Swan sailboat named King Daddy in Rhode Island, hosted by cool LOOT parents, on a day off from Opti New Englands. LOOT is really like a family. I had so much fun! I am planning to do the same thing again next summer. I'm so excited!

"My Summer Opti Racing" by Hoover Sailing Club sailor Grace Squires first appeared in the 2014 Sailor's Stories issue of the USODA OptiNews and is reprinted here with permission. The OptiNews is published five times a year and is mailed to USODA members. Articles are geared to sailors and parents of all levels. Since membership in USODA is required to participate at the USODA Opti Great Lakes to be held in July in Sandusky, why not join now so you and your sailor can enjoy this valuable publication. Skipper membership starts at \$39 a year. Instructor/Coach membership is \$25. Or, opt for the \$49 sustaining membership when your kids are grown, but you are still passionate about growing our sport and introducing kids to racing. Go to USODA.org.



2015 I-LYA Calendar

May 30	#1 Buckeye Lake YC
June 6	#2 Hoover SC
June 13	#3 Berlin YC
June 17	#4 Edgewater YC
June 20	#5 North Cape YC
June 26-28	Junior Olympic Festival w/ Skillbuilder Clinic at Mentor Harbor YC
June 28-30	Sears Area E Qualifier Buffalo Canoe Club (Lightnings)
July 11-12	Smythe/Bemis Area E Qualifier Sodus Bay
July 11-12	USODA Great Lakes at Sandusky SC
July 17	#6 PCYC/VBC at Port Clinton YC
July 19-23	Junior Bay Week at Put-in-Bay
Aug 1 ??	Possible Junior Event
Aug 8	Erie YC Final Regatta & Traveler Series Awards

Ohio High School Sailing

We are thrilled at the interest and activity already forming around High School Sailing. It is so exciting to see teams forming already even though we aren't requiring official Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association (MISSA) membership this year!

As this is our first year with HS Sailing in Ohio, we all want to make sure we are setting a proper precedent for our junior sailors - and parents.

Meeting on April 11 at Hoover

If you plan to participate in the regattas this fall, please send someone from your high school team, your Club (or even invite your AD from your high school) to come to the **April 11 meeting at Hoover Sailing Club** which will be held following the OSU regatta. Come and watch the college racers and we will meet after at approximately 4:00 PM.

Summer Junior Sailing vs. High School Sailing

We have a major mindset shift that we all need to make when we approach "high school sailing" so that we are all heading in the same direction. The big difference between summer and high school sailing is the **emphasis on TEAM vs. Individual**. In the summer, we emphasize individual kids/pairings first, with Clubs second. Your Club race team travels together, but your team's own sailors actually compete against each other; awards go the individual sailor or skipper/crew who performed best, on their own, during the regatta, regardless of how well the other kids from their Club fared.

High School Sailing emphasizes the team. For example, Burgee High School (BHS) has four kids on its team. At a HS Sailing Regatta, BHS draws straws and receives a boat to use, "FJ1," during the regatta. Just like collegiate racing, two of the BHS sailors will race as Team A; and after two races, those kids will rotate out of the boat, swap places with Team B (the other two kids from BHS), and Team B races two times on FJ1, then rotate the boat back to Team A, and so on. The combined scores for the day are tallied to represent how well the team did. At the awards ceremony, all of the kids who sailed for BHS will go up to the award podium. There is no mention of who is on Team A or Team B - the team represents BHS.

Using HS Sailing as a Marketing Tool for your Club and Junior Sailing

If we do this right, all of our summer programs will grow exponentially over the next 5-10 years because the new kids who try it in the fall will want to get better, and the only way to get a lot of experience, every day, is in our summer programs.

But that means you need to be including beginning sailors on your high school sailing team! They may not have to travel, but they should definitely be invited to practice. For example, instead of putting your four best sailors on two boats, practice with four boats. Any junior sailor who goes to your high school, regardless of Club affiliation, should receive automatic eligibility. Each of those experienced kids should be challenged to invite a friend to join them. Remember, your kids and their Twitter and Instagram accounts are your best marketing tool! Here's an opportunity to host a clinic at your Club this summer or in August for kids who are interested in learning the sport.

Indeed, while HS Sailing can be considered a "shoulder season," and it will be competitive sailing, this is a huge growth opportunity for junior sailing. It's the first chance our experienced junior sailors can introduce sailing as a "sport" to

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their classmates - they can finally get recognition as being athletes from their peers. We have heard our kids lament about being picked on for being a "sailor" instead of a football or volleyball player - but it's only because kids don't know how athletic this sport is. HS Sailing gives the junior sailors a chance to invite their friends into the fold, and get them hooked on a new non-contact sport.

Talking to Your High School about a Sailing Team

As you talk with your high schools, who thus far are receptive, be sure to emphasize the Club/Activity aspect. We have learned the precedents are gymnastics, equestrian, and ice skating programs. Your high school doesn't have to pay any money out or hire a coach. Parents will "pay to play" to the Clubs who will provide the boats, coaching and insurance coverage. All you need to request is use of the school's name.

Once you have approval, you can sign up your high school team with MISSA (www.missa.hssailing.org) which costs \$170. Remember, this is NOT required for Fall 2015 sailing in the Ohio-based regattas - if your summer race team just wants to come and race as a Club race team in Ohio this fall, that is fine with us, no need to pay the \$170 this year. If you want to go to an official MISSA regatta up in Detroit or elsewhere, then you should join MISSA. Hope to see at the meeting in April!

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Junior Bay Week 2015

Jane O'Brien, Chair

Last year, Monica described Junior Bay Week as a well-oiled machine. Flip the switch to on! It's time for the 60th Annual I-LYA Junior Championship! We'll be using the Junior Bay Week page in the Junior Sailing section at www.i-lya.org to communicate with all our clubs and sailing families. The NOR will post first and other registration details will follow. Registration remains team/club driven so always look to your race team coordinator for guidance. If you have additional questions or concerns or are interested in helping out, please contact Chairs Jane & Tim O'Brien (obrjane@gmail.com) or co-chair Dave Chapman (ilya.juniorsailing@yahoo.com).

One new project for 2015 is to focus on sustainability and the adoption of more Clean Regatta Best Practices as outlined by Sailors for the Sea. We already do so much, but we can do more. If any of you are interested, check out the Sailors for the Seas website at <http://sailorsforthesea.org/> and let us know if you'd like to be part of this. Sailors, parents and coaches are welcome. This could make a great school project. We want to encourage our sailors to make healthy, safe choices as they navigate the island, so let's start by setting a good example. Watch the website for details. Think Spring!

MHYC Hosts Junior Olympics Skill Builder Clinic June 26-28



Mentor Harbor Yachting Club has been chosen by US Sailing as one of only two Junior Olympic skill-builder clinic sites in the country. This exciting event will be held June 26-28 at MHYC, 5330 Coranada Dr. in Mentor, Ohio.

John Pearce from George Washington University has been assigned as the event's head coach. Each fleet will also have a college-level coach assigned. These coaches will work with both the sailors AND the club coaches all three days. Fleets included are 420, Laser Radial, Opti RWB and Opti Green.

Friday is a day-long clinic on land and water for junior sailors and their coaches; Saturday and Sunday are coached regattas. We will have activities all weekend long. It should be a great event for both seasoned and new junior sailors in all fleets. MHYC is working on sponsorships to keep the cost low, at around \$100/sailor including food for the three days of the clinic. MHYC is also lining up housing - tents can be pitched in our neighbors' yards, rooms are being blocked at a local hotel, and dorm rooms are available at a local school.

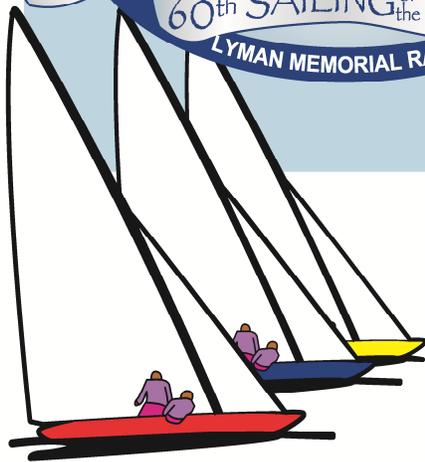
Please plan to bring your coaches and sailors to participate!



The Sandusky Sailing Club invites all Opti sailors to the 2015 USODA Opti Great Lakes Regatta on the weekend of July 11-12. Whether you're riding the rails at Cedar

Point with discount tickets or riding the rail of your Opti on Sandusky Bay, you are sure to have a great time. Please join us for a great weekend of racing as well as our home style dinner on Saturday night. Summer will be here before you know it so don't delay. Log on to www.USODA.org or www.sanduskysailingclub.com and make your travel plans now! Oh, yeah, and don't forget your folks!!

TWO GREAT REGATTAS
One Fabulous Sailing Event!



**The Race FINISHES at
MIDDLE BASS ISLAND**

- *Overnight accommodations at Middle Bass Island available*
- *After race events and awards at JF Walleye's - adjacent to marina*
- *Starts for PHRF, T-10, Multihull, JAM and Cruising Fleets*

**Friday, June 26, 2015
Islands Race/Stein Hospice Cup Party
and Stein Hospice Benefit Dinner**

- ◆ Bar opens at 5:30pm.
- ◆ Rib Roast open 6:30-9:00pm
Enjoy awesome BBQ Ribs
Adults \$20 Children \$15
(the dinner is a benefit for Stein Hospice
with \$10 of the meal price tax deductible)
- ◆ Live entertainment

Saturday, June 27, 2015

- ◆ Continental breakfast at SSC 7:00-9:00am
- ◆ Islands Race first start 10:00am off Cedar Point Pierhead
- ◆ Stein Hospice Memorial 5K Run at Sandusky Bay Pavilion
Registration at 7:30 • Run begins at 8:30am
- ◆ After race food & refreshments at JF Walleye's on Middle Bass
- ◆ Awards ceremony after the race at JF Walleye's
(late date - Sunday 10am)

**Three unique courses through the scenic
Lake Erie Islands, all finishing off
Middle Bass Island Marina**

- ◆ PHRF, T-10, and Multihull: Long course 32nm
(PHRF, T-10, and Multihull: Short course 28nm)
- ◆ JAM & Cruising Fleet sail a 23nm course
- ◆ Or sail directly to MBI and join the fun
- ◆ Shorten course provisions with on-the-course,
mobile Race Committee
- ◆ Register online at www.sanduskysailingclub.com
- ◆ Register/Check-in at the Sandusky Sailing Club
from 6:00-10:00pm on Friday, June 26
- ◆ Registration: \$90 (\$80 if paid by June 22)
(cruising class ratings can be assigned)
Entry includes one Friday night dinner ticket
Receive a \$5 discount for having a USSA membership
\$15 of your entry fee goes to Stein Hospice
- ◆ FREE dockage/rafting for participants at SSC
before and after, based on availability
- ◆ Saturday dockage at MBI State Park Marina
(Registration fee does not include dockage at MBI)

The annual Harbor Bay YC "Race in the Bay"
Go to www.harborbayyachtclub.org for details





The Invitational Mills Trophy Race

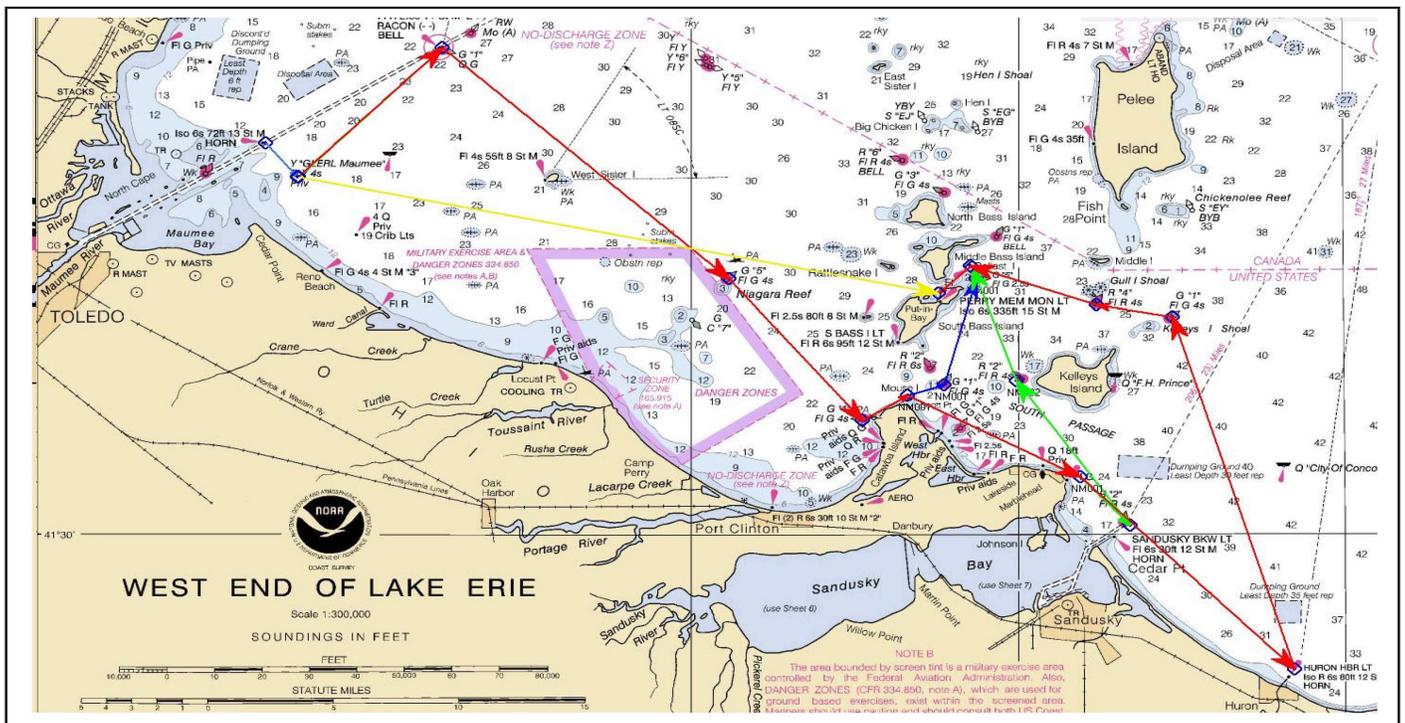
June 5-6, 2015

Organized under the Authority of

The Mills Trophy Race Committee, Toledo Yacht Club, and Storm Trysail Club
Toledo, Ohio, USA

To all interested Mills Trophy racers – By the time you read this, the registration for the 2015 Mills Trophy Race will be open on [Yacht Scoring](#). Please note that all the Mills Race Courses have all been modified slightly to 1) include a known 1st mark (G"1" QG); 2) remove the Bicentennial "Gate" east of West Sister; and 3) replace the turning mark near CIC with a strobe lighted tetrahedron. After leaving Mouse Island to starboard, the balance of the Mills Trophy Course and the Governor's Trophy Course remain basically the same as last year; see Mills (red) and Governor's (green) on chart below. After leaving Mouse Island to starboard, the President's Trophy Course (blue) will leave the Scotts Point Shoal Light (G"1" Fl G4s) to port then to Ballast Island to port and the Finish. As always, the Sailing Instructions when posted on Yacht Scoring will finalize the course descriptions.

Please plan to join us for the 92nd running of the Mills Trophy Race and be part of Toledo Yacht Club's 150th Anniversary Celebration.



MEMBER CLUB NEWS



Lakefront Yacht Club's "Night at the Races"

Commodore Steve Banashak

You are cordially invited to the third annual Lakefront Yacht Club's "Night at the Races" on Saturday, May 23. This is a fun-filled evening with boating friends and will help you beat those winter blues.

The evening will begin with dinner at 5:00 pm at no charge. Beer, wine and mixers will be available. Post time is 7:30 pm; racing runs until 10:30 pm. You may "purchase" a horse for \$5.00 and cheer it to victory. Bets are limited to \$2.00 per horse, but you may bet on as many horses as you want. There are also a Daily Double and a Trifecta. There is no charge for this event (except to purchase a horse and bet on races, both of which are optional), but you need to register in advance by calling Lakefront Marina at 419-734-5576.

Please come by, see what our club and facilities can offer and have some fun. Meet the LYC Bridge: Commodore Steve & Lady Joanie Banashak, Vice Commodore Dave & Lady Linda Ogram, and Rear Commodore Jim & Lady Fran Cox. We are conveniently located at 1805 W. Lakeshore Drive in Port Clinton, one mile west of the Jet Express. You can also visit us at www.lakefrontyachtclub.com to see all we have to offer. Hope to see you there!



North U 2015 Seminars

You may be fast, but to win you need...
TACTICS

Improving your tactical skills will take you from being fast enough to win to being a winner. In one winter day, North U Tactics Seminars will teach you how. Our seminar leaders are champion sailors who use a unique case study method to teach tactical skills you can apply on the race course. PLUS, every attendee will also receive a Tactics Seminar disc or flash drive. Call us or visit our website to register for a seminar near you! Call 1-800-347-2457 or visit www.NorthU.com

Invest one spring day... win all summer long! North U.

Hosted by: **Port Clinton Yacht Club**

127 Brooklyn Avenue
Port Clinton, OH 43452

Saturday, March 21, 2015

Check-in: 8:30AM, Seminar: 9:00AM - 4:30PM

Skipper: \$115

Additional Crew: \$85

Junior Sailors & Students: \$50

Lunch: \$10 per person



Instructor:
Todd Berman



Host Club & US Sailing Member discounts available.

North U Tactics disc or flash drive included.



Alum Creek Sailing Association
(N 40 11.911, W 82 58.436)

Ice Breaker Regatta
April 25

May Cup Regatta
May 16-17
Jonathan Histed, PRO
Party Saturday Night!

Alum Creek Lake in Lewis Center, Ohio

Contact Vice Commodore Chad Clark at vicecommodore@alumcreeksailing.com to register, receive racing documents, or for more information.

Discount to skippers from I-LYA member clubs!
www.alumcreeksailing.com

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One Day Race Management Seminar

Saturday, April 25th

BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB
Buckeye Lake, Ohio

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Instructors: Steve Harris & Jamie Jones

Race Officers

Race Officers are in charge of racing on the water. Their duties include: ensuring the safety of competitors and members of the race committee, choosing courses to give competitors the best possible races, starting the fleet, adjusting the course in response to changing conditions, finishing the fleet, and scoring the event – US Sailing Race Management Seminars provide you with the training and education necessary to run safe, efficient, quality events. The program has three levels: Club, Regional and National Race Officer.



Seminar Fee: **\$ 60**

To register: www.ussailing.org/race-officials/become-a-race-official/race-officer-seminar-calendar/
Questions: Please contact raceadmin@ussailing.org or 401-683-0800

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Hoover Highlights

Submitted by Kathy Bachman, Publicity

Docks-in March 28 ... Boats on the Water March 29!

Hoover Reservoir may still be frozen, but sailors at Hoover Sailing Club can't wait for the big thaw and the start of our 2015 sailing season. Docks-in is scheduled for Saturday, March 28. This all-hands-on-board event includes members from all seven fleets – 505, Flying Scot, Highlander, Interlake, MC Scow, Thistle and Windmill – as well as volunteers from our collegiate sailing teams at the Ohio State University and Denison University. Let the sailing begin!

Hoover Sailing Club Open House

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, May 23 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Our Open House provides a wonderful opportunity for the public to learn more about HSC's activities through direct interaction with our members. Visitors experience sailing on Hoover Reservoir while learning about our sail instruction classes, various levels of membership, different fleet boats, one-design racing and the sailing community in central Ohio.



HSC Open House 2014. Photos by Stokes McIntyre (left and center) and Lisa Kreischer (right).

Upcoming Regattas at Hoover

In addition to our club races on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings, HSC has a very busy regatta schedule this season. The following is our regatta schedule for April and May 2015.

Dates	Regatta	Host Fleet
April 11 - 12	OSU Intersectional	OSU Sailing Team
May 2 - 3	MC Scow Regatta	MC Scow Fleet 54
May 9	Thistle Regatta	Thistle Fleet 126
May 16 - 17	Flying Scot Buckeye Regatta	Flying Scot Fleet 37
May 24 - 25	Memorial Day Club Races	All Fleets
May 30-31	Windmill Midwesterns	Windmill Fleet 60

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**INTER-LAKE YACHTING ASSOCIATION
SPRING MEETING INVITATION
MARCH 27 - 28**



Holiday Inn-French Quarter 10630 Fremont Pike, Perrysburg OH 43551 419-874-3111

Please make your room reservation by March 10, 2015. The I-LYA room rate should be requested when making reservations (\$95 per night includes taxes/2-night stay includes breakfast on Saturday). Please call the hotel and ask for in-house reservations to insure you get the I-LYA rate or book online using the Group Code IYA.

Join us Friday Night for Hospitality Rooms to socialize and network, and Saturday for the meetings to help plan for the 2015 Regatta!

Ladies Luncheon Reservation Saturday, March 28 Luncheon Menu		
Name (s): _____		Lunch size Chef Salad
Club: _____	12:00 pm	Loaded Baked Potato Soup
Phone: _____		Peppermint Ice Cream
# Attending: _____	Total Cost (\$19 pp) _____	

SPRING BANQUET AND AWARDS

Cocktails 5:30pm-6:30pm Cash Bar Dinner 6:45pm
Commodores & Officers (Blues/Grays) Gentlemen (Coat & Tie) Ladies (After Five)

Banquet Dinner Reservation Saturday, March 28 Dinner Menu		
Name(s): _____	Choice 1	Pepper Steak/w Peppercorn Cream Sauce
Club: _____	Choice 2	Cornbread Stuffed Chicken Breast w/Bourbon Cream Sauce & Caramelized Shallots
Dinner Choice: _____		Oven Roasted Red Skins & Broccoli
Phone: _____	Includes	Vanilla Ice Cream w/Raspberry Sauce
# Attending: _____	Total Cost (\$50pp) _____	

TOTAL REMITTED: _____ **Deadline for Reservations is March 19, 2015**

Mail to: Lady Gail McKee · 5584 Skipper Drive · Port Clinton OH 43452
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