



I-LYA news

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Inter-Lake Yachting Association

COMMODORE'S REPORT



Spring is in the air! Well, sort of. This winter certainly has been a wild one or should I say mild one! We've had just enough cold to know it is here, but have been tempted several times to cut away the shrink wrap and do some waxing.

Patty and I have been busy gearing up for this year. We certainly have been traveling quite a bit going to a lot of Commodore's Balls! I really thought after Christmas I might be able to drop a few pounds – right!

The harbinger of spring – the I-LYA Spring meeting is coming March 31st and April 1st. Please come and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow boaters from near and far. We've got a few surprises this year and will be welcoming our newest sponsor...Tito's Vodka! Additionally, Betsy Alison from United States Sailing Association will be speaking to the group.

The dinner on Saturday evening will have the usual recognition of Yachtsman of the Year as well as Commodore's awards. Please join us for a fun evening. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Friday March 31!

Commodore Andy Krotseng

Rear Commodore's Corner.. Cindy Johnson-Mintus



Dennis and I hope that everyone had a great winter and you were able to enjoy what little snow we had! We are looking forward to a warm spring and a wonderful boating season. I would like to thank all of those who supported my election as Rear Commodore. It is an honor to serve an organization with long history which is rich in tradition. I look forward to working with all the member clubs and volunteers who enable the I-LYA to encourage and promote amateur yachting activities throughout the United States and Canada.

This winter has been a very busy time and your Bridge has been working hard to support and advance I-LYA at the Mid-America Boat Show where we sponsored a Booth to provide information to attendees as well as to network with other sponsors. Then it was off to Michigan where we participated in the AYC Change of Watch by hosting a Hospitality Room where we had the chance to get to know many of our members in the Michigan area and to reconnect with those who are already involved in I-LYA. Please join us at the Spring Meeting in Westlake, Ohio where we will be holding our organizational meetings to plan the 2017 Regattas. Once our planning is complete, we will celebrate and relax at the Hospitality rooms and the Spring Banquet. We hope to see you there! R/C Cindy Johnson- Mintus

Vice Commodore's Corner..Mike Powers



Although we've had an extraordinarily mild winter, Lady Kathy and I are delighted to see the warmer weather of spring! We hope everyone had a great winter and are busy getting ready for another great boating season in 2017! With both a sailboat and a powerboat to get ready for the summer, while also looking for a larger powerboat, I know I'll be busy this spring!

I would like to invite everyone to attend this year's I-LYA Spring Meeting on March 31st and April 1st at the Doubletree by Hilton Cleveland-Westlake in Westlake, Ohio. Come and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow boaters, tell tall tales of past boating exploits, and help the Regatta Chairs plan for the coming boating season! Having chaired one of the regattas in the recent past, I know that the chairs will need your ideas and assistance to make our Regattas a great time for all! Remember, these are your regattas – we need both your input and your support to make them a success!

Please remember that the I-LYA News welcomes submissions from member clubs. These can be about your club, a special award the club or an individual there earned, or a special event the club is planning that it would like to invite area clubs to attend. You can send articles to ilyanewsletter@gmail.com. Don't forget to sign up to receive the I-LYA News at www.i-lya.org. See you at the Spring Meeting!

Vice Commodore Mike Powers

RICH MCKEE

POWER BOAT

Save your dates now!!

**I-LYA Powerboat Regatta
at Put-in-Bay.. 08/09/17 – 08/13/17**

Happy Spring! I know boating season is right around the corner and we have been busy starting to plan for the I-LYA Powerboat Regatta for this year. This should be another great year with many different events and I hope that you are all planning to attend.

The Powerboat Regatta Committee will meet at the I-LYA Spring Meeting to finalize their schedule and events for this Regatta. Please feel free to contact any of the committee members or I-LYA Officers if you have any questions or suggestions.

This schedule will remain about the same for this year, and we will be bringing back the Pub Crawl which was a hit from last year. We are also hoping to have a great week of weather. There will also be a special surprise for the Powerboat Regatta that will be announced by Commodore Krotseng at the I-LYA Spring Meeting.

We will be asking for keg sponsorships and also asking for at least a \$50.00 donation from each club to offset the costs for the golf carts that are used during Regatta. A special thanks to West River Yacht and Cruising Club and South Shore Cruising Club for their many years of sponsoring the golf carts that were funded by the respective clubs.

We hope to see you at the Spring Meeting in April, and further information will be distributed after that date. Hope to see you all there!

Rich Mckee-2017 Powerboat Chairman

BOB LANG



Capt. Bob here. The I-LYA Spring meeting, in Westlake, Ohio is just around the corner. We'll have a lot of items on our agenda for discussion so hope to see you there.

I'm always interested in putting together a summer program. If your club, school or other group wants to help organize a safe boating class for juniors ages 12 to 18, please contact me. Each junior entered into the program will achieve a "Michigan DNR Safe boating certificate". The best part of this program is; "On-The-Water" activity. 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.

Anyone interested in taking part in these summer activities or helping out with the inflatables, please contact me.

Bring your ideas to the Spring meeting. Hope to see all of you at the Bay in August. Don't forget; Junior Powerboat Regatta runs concurrent with the Senior Powerboat Regatta August 9th thru August 13th. Don't forget to mark your calendars.

That's all for now. Captain Bob
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JULIE OSBORNE



Plan to join us for a spectacular Sail Regatta August 3-6, 2017! There are a few new faces as well as many you'll recognize in the organization of this wonderful event. We've heard your feedback and suggestions, so my co-chair Connie Miller and I are looking forward to sharing with all of you. We have been working all winter to make this the best Sail Regatta yet! Our next Sail Regatta planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 29th. Please join us to hear what's new.

Our on the water chair Doug Seib has been working hard with his current PRO's Mike Vining and Steve Harris to ensure the racing is up to snuff for all competitors. Both Mike Fishbaugh and Bob Sheppard have also helped coordinate organization efforts. Thanks to all of these great sailors as well as our Commodore Andy and Lady Patty for all of their hard work to date!

Immediately on the heels of our March 29 meeting will be I-LYA's Spring Meeting. We will have a more formal introduction to the plans for this year's Sail Regatta at that time.

Sailing season will be here before you know it and we are all looking forward to sharing our plans for what will be a fantastic few days of sailing and socializing at the Bay!

Sr. Sail Co-Chair Julie Osborne

BOB SHEPPARD SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Your sponsorship committee met in January. The committee is made up of boaters from both the sailing and boating worlds, and everyone brought lots of positive energy. The entire I-LYA bridge also attended, along with several trustees and past commodores.

We are working hard to recruit all levels of sponsorship for the I-LYA, from individuals sponsoring beverages and flags for the regattas, to title sponsors offering thousands of dollars. We are not only trying to ensure that we meet our contractual obligations to our existing sponsors, but are also beating the bushes looking for other sponsorship opportunities. If you know of someone or an organization that might be interested in sponsoring I-LYA or any of the events, or if you have ideas for potential sponsors, please let me know at sailing1@columbus.rr.com so we can contact them.

We have moved the meeting back to Friday, March 31 at 6:30 pm at Commodore Andy Krotseng's Spring Meeting at the Doubletree Hilton in Westlake. If you are interested in joining the I-LYA sponsorship committee, please let me know and plan to attend.

I-LYA Spring Meeting

March 31 - April 1

Doubletree by Hilton
Cleveland-Westlake

Steve Harris...

I-LYA Junior Championships

Greetings all! I hope that everyone has had a productive off-season and is getting ready for another great year of Junior Sailing in I-LYA... I know that I am! We've been hard at work preparing for the upcoming **I-LYA Junior Championships** Regatta to be held again at Put-in-Bay the week of July 16-20 this summer.

Through our negotiations with the hotel, conference center, and our other partners on the island, I am pleased to announce that we will once again house the participants at the Grand Islander Hotel and will have use of the Conference Center for both the Icebreaker and Awards Banquet. As we all know, there are some concerns from last year, and these are being addressed. This year, we plan to better utilize the Club Liaisons to help ensure that things run well and hopefully minimize some of the off-water issues we've encountered in the past. I will be sending a message to the Club program chairs via email in the near future with more information soon and hope to have finalized details available at the Spring Meeting in Westlake.

I am pleased to announce that Rob Ruhlman will be returning as our overall PRO for the event and Jamie Jones has once again agreed to be the PRO on the Thistle/420 course. Rob & Abby have been involved with this event for many years, chaired it in 2004, and have remained a part of the on-water team ever since. Jamie, too, is a "fixture" at the regatta having served as either a Race Officer or Judge for several years. Great to have you back guys! We're still working to put the rest of the team together, but work is progressing. If you have suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As we assemble the rest of the team, I am confident that we will, once again, have great racing – competitive and fair! As always, we need volunteers to help on Race Committee, as Mark Boats, etc. If you are able to assist, please reach out to Rob, Jamie, or myself. Speaking of volunteers, as you all know, this event requires a large number to make it happen. I've often joked that there are more volunteers than competitors! But, it's not just "bodies" that we need – we need your thoughts, ideas, and experience too! As I said at the Fall I-LYA Meeting, this is not a regatta that "I-LYA" provides to our Clubs – our Clubs are I-LYA. It is something we do together! I encourage all Clubs to volunteer to help out with the regatta. Together, we can tap all of our strengths and make this event even better. This is not "my" regatta (as Chair) or "Andy's" regatta (as Commodore) – This is OUR regatta. The more we share responsibility, we better WE will be! I have posted a "Volunteer Interest Sign Up" on the I-LYA Junior Championships page of the website. Please share this with your parents and volunteers in your Club programs, give it some thought, and see where you might be able to join in the team and help out. We have a great group of Past Chairs who can help provide you guidance as needed. See you on the water! Steve Harris,

Chair-/2017 I-LYA Junior Championships





**Inter-Lake Yachting Association
2017 Spring Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order – Commodore Andy Krotseng

Invocation	Fleet Chaplain Joel Kay, EWYC
Pledge of Allegiance	Head Fleet Captain Matt Davis, BLYC
Roll call of Delegates & I-LYA Commodores	Registrar Dawn Schaumburger, WYC
Introduction of Distinguished Guests	Commodore Andy Krotseng, EWYC
Minutes of 2016 Fall Meeting	Secretary Roger Newberry, EWYC

Reports – Commodore Andy Krotseng

Election of Nominating Committee	Commodore Andy Krotseng, EWYC
Advisory Committee	Commodore Duane Burgoyne, NCYC
Executive Secretary's Report	Commodore Allen Ashley, DBBC
Treasurer's Report	Georg Romell, EWYC
I-LYA Trustee's Report	Commodore Arne Hansen, JRSC
Delegates Reports	
United States Sailing Association	Bob Sheppard ACSA, CCSC, SSC
Yacht Racing Union of the Great Lakes	Matt Dubois, GIYC
National Boating Federation	Commodore Ed Payne, FYC
Boating Associations of Ohio	Commodore Dennis Mintus, AYC
Michigan Boating Industries Association	Nicki Polan, MBIA Executive Director
Yachtsmen's Fund	Commodore Clay Mock, EWYC
Code of Regulations Committee	Rear Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus, PCYC
Admiralty Committee	Steve Hyder, DBBC
Sponsorship Committee	Bob Sheppard, ACSA, CCSC, SSC
Yearbook Committee	Marilyn Paselsky, PIBYC
I-LYA Historian	Tom Thaniasiu, JRSC
Perpetual & Memorial Trophies	Tom Thaniasiu, JRSC
Island Liaison Committee	Bryan Huntley, SSC, SYC

Affairs Afloat – Vice Commodore Mike Powers

Powerboat Committee	Rich McKee Jr., SSCC
Sail Committee	Julie Osborne, EWYC
	Connie Miller, PIBYC
Sail Yacht Appeals Committee	Commodore Dan vanHeeckeren, EWYC
Intersectional Racing Committee	Mike Fishbaugh, SSC
Junior Activities Committee	Brett Freeman, HSC
Junior Sail Championship Regatta	Commodore Steve Harris, BLYC
Junior Power Boat Committee	Bob Lang, WWYCC

Affairs Ashore – Rear Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus

Entertainment Committee	Lady Gail McKee, SSCC
Publications	Mike Fishbaugh, SSC
Shore Courtesy Committee	Commodore Mike Morton, WYC
Sports Ashore	Rich McKee Jr., SSCC
Long Range Planning	Bryan Huntley, SSC, SYC

Old Business – Commodore Andy Krotseng

From the Floor

New Business – Commodore Andy Krotseng

Teller's Report/ Election Results	Executive Secretary Commodore Allen Ashley, DBBC
Motion to Destroy the Ballots	
From the Floor	
Announcements	

Adjournment



Dear Inter-Lake Yachting Association,

Thank you for generously allowing us to host a hospitality suite for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Leukemia Cup Regatta.

Please come visit us at the ILYA Spring Meeting at the Westlake DoubleTree on Friday the 31st of March!

We are excited to gear up for this year's event, which will take place on July 20-23, 2017 at the Cleveland Yachting Club. We had great success last year raising over \$147,000 and saw the event grow not only in fundraising but participant numbers. Part of that success is in thanks to your members who have supported the event since its inception.

We hope many of you will join us again this year for our Regatta weekend at the Cleveland Yachting Club, which includes:

An Evening in Red auction benefit on Thursday, July 20
Fleet Races and an 80s themed Rock the Dock party on Friday, July 21
Sailing Races and a Blender Party on Saturday, July 22
Sailing Races and our Awards Ceremony on Sunday, July 23

Your donation is helping us grow our mission by allowing us to market our organization. Due to these efforts, we are witnessing more and more patients surviving blood cancers.

Thanks to donations of all sizes, we are finding breakthrough discoveries in the world of blood cancers. We are testing new therapy combinations and funding collaborative efforts among scientists to repurpose already-approved drugs to treat people with blood cancers.

Please stop by hospitality room A at the DoubleTree for more information, registration, tickets to the events, and a few cocktails!

Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you and your members on the 31st and this summer!

Caitlin MacBride
Campaign Specialist

Bill Bolas
LCR Co-Chair

Chip Schaffner
LCR Co-Chair

Rob Ralston
LCR Co-Chair

Please contact Caitlin.MacBride@lls.org or 216.264.5736 with any questions or to register.

Dear US Sailing Members,

Over the past several days we have received numerous communications from our members and other sailors concerned about potential legislation in Maryland and Florida that would impact sailing and boating in those states. Thank you for sharing your concerns and perspective on these developments.

In Maryland, bills have been introduced in the state senate and house that would prohibit operation of a vessel while a person aboard is riding on, or suspended from, the bow, gunwale or transom of the vessel. HB 1609 and SB 1147 were introduced by Republican Delegate Mary Ann Carozza (R-38C- Ocean City) in the Maryland House of Delegates on February 23, 2017, and by Democratic Senator James Mathias (D-38) in the Maryland Senate on February 24, 2017. These bills were cross-filed, with Delegate Carozza filing first, followed by Senator Mathias. This legislation would have a negative impact on sailing and US Sailing is strongly opposed to any legislation that would limit sailors' abilities to operate boats in a manner consistent with normal operational methods and practices for any type of sailboats, from sailboards and kites to dinghies, keelboats and multihulls, inshore and offshore.

In Florida, bills have also been introduced in the state house and senate to limit the rights of minors to operate small powerboats (10 hp or greater) and sailboats (10' or longer) in salt water without direct supervision of an adult over the age of 21. Florida SB 1262 and Florida HB 1227 – *Boating in Salt Water* were proposed by Senator Gary Farmer (D-34 – Broward County shoreline – Fort Lauderdale area) on Monday, February 27, 2017, and Representative Kristin Jacobs (D-96 – Broward County – Coconut Creek) on Friday, May 3, 2017. These bills were cross-filed with Senator Farmer filing first, followed by Representative Jacobs. In the state of Florida, there already exists education and certification requirements for youth boaters and boaters in training. This proposed legislation could have damaging effects on youth sailing in one of the most impactful states to the sport of sailing in the US. We all understand and accept, like many youth sports and activities, that safety is an important consideration, and the well-being of our young sailors is of utmost concern for US Sailing and all involved in youth sailing programs. That is why as a community and official Olympic sport we are all committed to and provide the highest standards in training and safety. However, US Sailing is strongly opposed to any legislation that would restrict the rights of sailors of any age from participation in the sport by mandating over reaching supervision, when in reality US Sailing provides effective safety and education to all of our sailing youth.

We understand and respect the goals of our government leaders to encourage and promote boating safety. With this, we believe both of these proposed pieces of legislation in both of their states' respective houses have been drafted by well-intended state elected officials without complete information on their implications, as well as the true factors that provide for a safer boating environment: education, practice, mentoring and experience. These ideas are what truly develop competency and safe boating practices. Sailing has the strongest safety track record in the boating community, and we take pride that our sailors take this into account. With this, the US Coast Guard has relied on the sailing community and has designated US Sailing to lead the development of on-water boating education standards because of its first class education, safety standards and protocols, all of which which have been practiced for 50 plus years.

US Sailing's Government Relations Committee, whose members have extensive experience and contacts at the federal and state levels, has been in contact with leaders in both Maryland and Florida to express our objections to the pending bills as is, and offer assistance to accomplish the goals of the state leaders through alternative approaches. We are also in contact with fellow boating organizations that have a presence in Maryland and Florida to coordinate messages and pressure on state officials to amend these pieces of legislation to exclude sailing. ... *Continued*

We will continue to work through our channels to amend these bills and protect the rights of our members, sailors and boaters across the country. US Sailing's Government Relations Committee, whose members have extensive experience and contacts at the federal and state levels, has been in contact with leaders in both Maryland and Florida to express our objections to the pending bills as is, and offer assistance to accomplish the goals of the state leaders through alternative approaches. We are also in contact with fellow boating organizations that have a presence in Maryland and Florida to coordinate messages and pressure on state officials to amend these pieces of legislation to exclude sailing. We will continue to work through our channels to amend these bills and protect the rights of our members, sailors and boaters across the country.

For our members in Maryland and Florida, we encourage you to contact the state representatives and senators proposing these bills to voice your concern on the detrimental impact these bills will have on the sailing and boating communities and industry in these states.

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We will keep you updated on developments in both Maryland and Florida. Our goals remain to ensure that these bills do not pass in their current forms, and the safety concerns and objectives presented are addressed through other, non-regulatory means.

Thank you again for your communications, concerns and encouragement.

Sincerely, Bruce Burton, President of US Sailing

Jack Gierhart, Chief Executive Officer of US Sailing



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This is a map of the proposed location for the wind turbines in Lake Erie.

The site is approximately seven miles offshore.

There will be a minimum clearance from the water to the blades of 95 feet.

The target date for completion is Fall 2018

