



COMMODORE'S REPORT

Our annual Spring Meeting was held April 5th and 6th at the Holiday Inn in Westlake. The week end was filled with opportunities to speak one on one with specialists in the boating community, attend sessions with topics of interest to boaters and be part of the planning for the upcoming Regattas. There was also an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

Thanks go out to AYC, GCBA, EYC, VBC and the crew in the I-LYA room for a great night on Friday. The hospitality rooms were enjoyed by everyone and AYC and the I-LYA crew outdid themselves with the island themed rooms.

The Vendor's Fair was open all week-end and many attendees and delegates took advantage of the opportunity to view new products and ask questions of the providers.

Saturday's meetings and symposium sessions were well attended. US Sailing, The Perry Group and ODNR offered general educational opportunities. More specific topics like Engine Maintenance, Cruising the Great Lakes and Rigging 101 were also available. The Power Boat Committee, Junior Sailing Committee and Sail Committee held their meetings to plan the upcoming regatta.

Many of the Ladies enjoyed the Ladies Luncheon and then took advantage of the shopping in the area. Others rushed to meetings. The General Meeting was held at 3:00 pm and allowed for the sharing of ideas and decisions from the day's meetings. A final plan for the regattas was established and the Nominating Committee was elected. Members include: John D. Stewart, Fred Weiss, Rich McKee Jr., Matt Davis, and John Hopper. If you are interested in serving or have a question please contact one of them.

At the dinner that evening Mike Morton and Steve Hyder were honored as Mid-America's Skipper of the Year in 2011 and 2012 respectively. Mike also received his Commodore's pin and the thanks of the organization for a great year in 2012. Commodore Kris Miller presented the Yachtsman of the Year posthumously to Howard Pinkley of Toledo and the Commodore's Award to Mike Fishbaugh of Sandusky.

The Fall Meeting week-end will be held on December 6th and 7th. Plan now to attend.

JAY ONACILA FROM THE TRUSTEES

It will soon be here. Boating season! Finally I did get around to uncovering my boat today and with some good weather will be splashing down in a couple of weeks. During the past few months, the Trustees met and took care of many items of business especially to approve the 2012 financial report and the 2013 Budget.

It was nice to see everyone at the Spring meeting at the Westlake Holiday Inn just a few short weeks ago. I was proud to present Commodore Mike Morton with his Commodore's Pin for an excellent year in 2012 and his books balanced with perfection. Congratulations Commodore Mike and Lady Bonnie for a job well done.

Many of our Committees met at the Spring meeting and have begun planning for this summer's regattas. This year will be a very busy one for both I-LYA and Put-in-Bay. All summer long there will be some very special events to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie along with the regular schedule of events at the Bay. We have just recently
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CHRIS SHEPPARD, REGISTRAR
SENIOR SAIL REGATTA

As of this writing, there are already 14 registrants for the Senior Sail regatta and 3 for the Deepwater/ Steeplechase feeder races. The Hobie Waves obviously got the word out; one racer is even coming up from Florida! All regatta activities will take place at the Put-In-Bay Yacht Club this year. From race postings and awards, to happy hour, to dinner and drinks or to just hanging out...it's all happening at PIBYC from August 2—4!

On-line registration is open and easy to do. Your registration fee for the regatta includes dockage. Just go to www.i-lya.org and click on "Sail Regatta." Choose "2013 Registration" for the regatta and/or "2013 Deepwater" for the feeder races on Tuesday and Wednesday. Currently, you can only pre-purchase social packages for yourself and your crew/family/friends when you register your boat, but individual social packages will be available soon so check back. Cost is \$35.00 for pre-purchase and can be picked up during check-in at the yacht club. Not only will you save money by pre-purchasing, you will be sure to be part of the fun since there will be a limited number of packages available on-site. Pre-purchasing will also help us make sure there are enough food and beverages for everyone. Packages include food, beverages and musical entertainment for all three nights of the regatta, including the annual Rum Party. There are no other deals this good anywhere on the island!

If you are not living aboard during the regatta, make your lodging reservations early as space on the is-

land fills up quickly. For a listing of hotels, cottages, B&Bs or campsites on the island, go to www.visitputinbay.com and select "Lodging."

Bay Week 2013 is shaping up to be another great weekend on the water! Register now so you don't miss out on the fun! Please direct any questions to Chris Sheppard, Sail Registrar, at sailing1@columbus.rr.com. We'll see you on the water!!!

BOB LANG

POWER REGATTA

Captain Bob here. As Powerboat Regatta Chairman, I wanted to bring everyone up to date on the activities we have in store for you this year. Boating competitions and camaraderie - that's what it's



all about. There's something for everyone. The fun begins on Wednesday, August 7, with boating competitions including the Flying Mile, docking contest and Chicane. These are all contests that every boater can enter and require skill and a keen understanding of your boat. Contest rules are available online at <http://i-lya.org>. The thing about contests is the more you enter the

better your chances are to win. Winning means a prestigious flag and bragging rights for a year. The flag-raising ceremony Wednesday afternoon marks the official start of the Regatta.



For those of you who don't bring your boat, NOT to worry, we have something for you too. What about the weather contest? Everyone enters the weather contest. It's easy; all you need to do is predict the weather for Friday afternoon. You can consult with friends, books, the barometer, local weather man whatever source is available to you. For those of you who are sports-minded, we have a lot of activities for you: softball, volleyball (East versus West clubs), miniature golf, and a 9-hole golf tournament. We have Juniors (12 to 18) and youngsters under 12 covered as well: kids games, miniature golf, a fishing tournament, all of which come with some great prizes. For our Juniors, ages 12 to 18 we have five on-water competitions that allow each junior to operate an inflatable (adult supervision is provided). These are all great contests that get our juniors involved in power boating. The top three finishers are awarded scholarship monetary awards totaling \$700.00. (continued)

Continued, Power Regatta:

Be sure to check out the Junior Power article in this newsletter. We have some new on-water contests and a new "Junior Skipper Award" and Trophy. I wish I was a little younger, I'd sign up to compete, sounds like great fun.

I almost forgot; we have an inflatable race. This is always a fun event and very competitive between rival clubs, and always a big crowd pleaser. The rules have changed over the years to make this event not only about speed but also skill in boat handling and maneuvering. Another big crowd-pleasing event is the cardboard boat race. This is a relatively new competition and one that always brings a big crowd to the PIBYC docks. Don't forget, this year's theme is the Battle of Lake Erie bicentennial.

For the serious competitor, there is the Commodore's Trophy. Competitors looking to take top honors will want to look into the rules for this very prestigious award. Competitors are required to compete in four competitions including the predicted log & navigation contest, docking, chicane and the weather contest.

I didn't talk too much about food and drink, but for those who bring an appetite and a thirst for cold beer-----we have that too. The best thing about the Regatta is camaraderie and good friends. I hope to see you at this year's Regatta, August 7 - 11 (Wednesday thru Sunday) at Put-in-Bay.

BOB SHEPPARD SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

While your sponsorship committee has had some success in bringing new and continuing sponsors to the table, we need your help.

Is your club a regatta sponsor? The Junior, Power and Sail Regatta Committees are working hard to keep regatta entry fees low to attract more participants. I-LYA has 147 member clubs. If each club sponsored a beer keg, beverages, or a set of flags, that would go a long way to helping us do just that! So talk to your club and ask them to consider sponsoring the I-LYA regattas. They are, after all, your regattas.

If you own a company or know someone who does, and think they might be interested in helping to sponsor an event reaching several hundred boating folks, please let us know and/or give us their contact information. There are several sponsorship levels, each with its own set of advertising opportunities, from your name on a banner, to ads in our newsletter and yearbook, all the way up to \$25,000 for regatta naming rights!

Continued, From the Trustees:finalized our Contract with the Island thanks to the Liaison committee and Chairman Bryan Huntley which means game on. Let the Regattas begin!

At the General meeting on Saturday afternoon, the election of the Nominating Committee was held. The Committee is as follows Chairman Commodore John Stewart WRYCC, Commodore Fred Weiss WYC, Rich McKee Jr. SSCC, Matt Davis BLYC, and John Hopper SSBC. If anyone has any interest in running for position on Board of Trustees or on the Bridge for 2014, You must submit a letter of consideration to the members of this Committee by no later than the First week of August. Their contact information can be found in the I-LYA yearbook. Have a great summer an a safe boating season!

SYMPOSIUM SURVEY



If you attended the Spring Meeting, please take time to complete the survey with this news so we can continue to improve our vendor's fair and symposium topics.



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BOB LANG

JUNIOR POWER

The Junior Powerboat Program is expanding for 2013 and taking on a whole new face. The number of Juniors enrolled in this program has increased over the past few years. In an effort to give the Junior program a real SHOT-IN-THE-ARM, Commodore Kris Miller has asked the Junior Power committee chairs to develop an all inclusive Junior Power Regatta that will run concurrent with the Senior Power boat Regatta. Juniors will now be required to register for entry into the various boating and sports ashore events. In years past they have entered these events as part of the Senior Power Regatta. Events such as Weather forecasting, Golf, Junior Volleyball, Fishing Derby and the Cardboard Boat race were all events of Senior Power. These events will now have a specific division for our Juniors 12 to 18.

The 2013 schedule for the Junior Powerboat Regatta is on the I-LYA web-site. There will be some exciting new challenges for our Juniors. There will be additional On-The-Water contests including "Chicane" and "Docking" contests that will mirror the senior contests. In addition to scholarship awards for the best overall performance in all events, a Junior Skipper Award and Trophy will be given to the Junior with the highest scores for "On-The-Water" events. Please be sure to look for specific information on the I-LYA web-site in the weeks to come - <http://www.i-lya.org/>

For me, I'm really pumped up and ready. This new format for a (4) day Junior Powerboat Regatta is

FANTASTIC. I see some real growth in attendance this year. For those Juniors interested in obtaining your "state boating certificate" you should come to an informational seminar to be held at FYC (Ford Yacht Club) on Grosse Ile, Michigan on the 23rd of May. The seminar will be geared toward promoting the Junior Powerboat Program and provide additional information about the program. In addition, the seminar will provide valuable safety information on various emergency situations. It will be a fun night for all. Mark your calendars and look for more information in upcoming club news-letters or call me Capt' Bob 313-938-8414 cell.

AVOIDING HYPOTHERMIA

A sunny spring day and the lure of fish can mask a potential danger. A boating mishap or an error of judgment might place you in the cold lake and the danger of hypothermia.

HYPOTHERMIA is a condition where the body is below normal temperature. This can result from exposure to air or water, but amazingly the body cools down 25 times faster in cold water than in air.

A person can quickly experience the symptoms of hypothermia - shivering, a pale face, low pulse, slurred speech, confusion, exhaustion and finally, unconsciousness. As

the chart shows, a dangerous situation can develop rapidly.

What can you do to stay safe: Keep your boat and safety equipment in top shape. Wear your PFD - it helps to conserve energy and allows you to assume the fetal position to conserve heat loss from vital areas. Carry a cell phone on you in a sealed water proof bag. Have the phone in an open position so you can listen, talk and operate it easily to call for help. Use caution. Lower boat speeds and be careful retrieving fish.

Treatment of HYPOTHERMIA is to gradually raise the body temperature with blankets or sleeping bag. Do not massage victim's arms or legs or give the victim alcohol, tea or coffee. Any of these measures will move more blood away from the body core.

Finally, children and older people are most susceptible to hypothermia...

DON'T FIGHT MOTHER NATURE... GIVE FATHER TIME A CHANCE.

Hypothermia Chart		
If the Water Temp. (F) is:	Exhaustion or Unconsciousness	Expected Time of Survival is:
32.5	Under 15 min.	Under 15 - 45 min.
32.5 - 40	15 - 30 min.	30 - 90 min
40 - 50	30 - 60 min.	1 - 3 hours
50 - 60	1 - 2 hours	1 - 6 hours
60 - 70	2 - 7 hours	2 - 40 hours
70 - 80	3 - 12 hours	3 - Indefinite
Over 80	Indefinite	Indefinite