



I-LYA news

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COMMODORE'S REPORT



Activity at our clubs is heating up! Lots of boats going in, and the weather looks to be finally getting warmer. Soon we will be spending all of our spare time on the water! As the Vice Commodore notes in his letter, Safe Boating Week is coming up. Please be mindful that lake temperatures are still only in the mid 50's. Be careful!

NOAA has provided their first Lake Erie Algal Bloom Bulletin for the season. You can check it out at forecast.weather.gov under News Headlines. There is an interesting satellite image that shows a plume of sediment from the Maumee River extending all the way to Sandusky Bay dated May 8, 2017. Thankfully the prediction is lower than what we experienced in 2015.

Also in this edition of *I-LYA News*, is a follow up letter from US Sailing regarding proposed legislation in Maryland and Florida. This reminds us that we need to be vigilant when it comes to well-meaning lawmakers and non-boating individuals trying to regulate boating operations. The article mentions input from many organizations, which include the National Boating Federation, to which I-LYA sends a delegate. Though we applaud the outcome, the letter notes that legislators will be proposing "alternatives" to their bills in the 2018 sessions.

We are happy to announce the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce, of which I-LYA is a member, has a new app to help folks enjoy the Island. I think the neatest part of the app is the "getting around" tool. It shows you where you are and how to get where you want to go! The app is available online by typing in Put-In-Bay in the search field of the app store, or on the front page of i-lya.org.

As usual this issue of *I-LYA News* is packed with information. I'd like to thank Michelle Weisbecker for her hard work in putting this together. If your club has something to share, please get it to Michelle at ilyanewsletter@gmail.com so she can include it!

Patty and I have enjoyed going to many Commodore's Balls this winter and spring! It was good to meet up with so many friends and make many new friends! We try to get to as many as possible – if we don't make yours it is probable we are at another. Life also interjects, and as I write this we are expecting the birth of our first grandchild! Talk about excitement!! Thank you all for your continued support, and we will see you on the water! Commodore Andy Krotseng

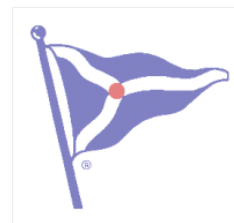
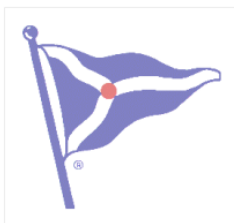
2017 I-LYA Events

Junior Bay Week - July 16-20

Sail Regatta - August 3-6

Powerboat Week - August 9-13

Fall Meeting - December 1-2



Vice Commodore's Corner...Mike Powers



This spring's weather is certainly keeping us guessing with temperatures in the 70's and 80's one week and freeze warnings the next. Still, we're seeing boats make it to their slips as we all prepare for the coming boating season!

Safe Boating Week will be May 20th through May 26th. As you prepare for the coming season, please take the time to review safe boating practices and to carefully inspect your boat. A little time spent wisely now can save much aggravation later! Also, when first going out this season, be on the lookout for the many branches that have been washed into the lake this spring!

Plans for this summer's three I-LYA Regattas are in the final stages as the committees work hard to get everything ready for all of us. At this time, the online registration for the Powerboat and Sail Regattas are up and the Junior Championship Regatta should follow shortly. I encourage everyone to get those registrations in. The earlier the committees know you're coming, the better they can plan!

The I-LYA Bridge, Regatta Chairs, and the Island Liaison Committee will have met with the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce by the time you read this. We focus on what we're planning both this coming year and 2018 as well.

In 2018, the I-LYA will be holding its 125th Regatta! I'm told that our Regattas are the second longest running boating events in the United States! With the help of the Long Range Planning Committee, we have begun planning and will be discussing with members of the Chamber how they can help us celebrate this milestone. If you have any suggestions or ideas, or want to help, please email me at 2018@i-lya.org.

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 around Lake Erie this summer! V/C Mike Powers

Rear Commodore's Corner...Cindy Johnson-Mintus

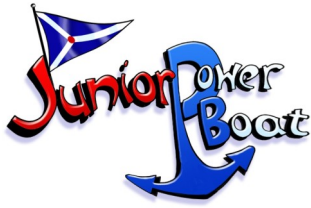


The final planning for the 2017 Regattas was completed at the I-LYA Spring meeting. We truly appreciate all of the work of our volunteers as we would not be a success without your dedication. While much has been planned for this year, we are still looking for volunteers to assist with the various aspects of the Regatta's in the future as well as the spring and fall meetings. If you have a desire to be of service, please contact Mike Powers (2018@i-lya.org) or me (2019@i-ilya.org) and let us know how you would like to help. Another way to serve I-LYA, is to run for office. The nominations committee, is accepting applications for Trustees and Rear-Commodore to be elected this December. Please consider submitting your application to serve the membership in these very important positions. Details are included in this newsletter and on the web site for your consideration.

Regatta registrations are now on-line and can be found at www.i-lya.org. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the following: I-LYA Junior Championships July 16 -20; Sail Regatta August 3-6; Power Boat Regatta-August 9-13 and Junior Power Regatta-August 9-13

The Regatta edition of the I-LYA Newsletter goes to print on July 1st, please submit your articles to ILYAnewsletter@gmail.com approximately one week in advance to be included in this edition.

Thank you for your support and see you at the Bay! R/C Cindy Johnson-Mintus



Capt. Bob here. The I-LYA Spring meeting, in Westlake, Ohio is behind us. We had a great meeting and plans for the 2017 Junior Powerboat regatta are well under way.

The 2017 Regatta is on track to be bigger and better than last year. Last year we added a Thursday movie night, we're looking for more of our Juniors to take

part, I have not been told what the movie is, but I'm sure it will be great.

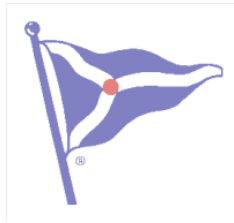
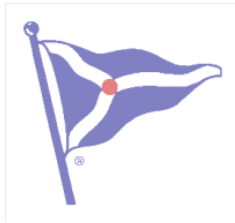
For those who have never attended the Junior Powerboat regatta, your missing out on some great fun and camaraderie. The fun starts on Wednesday the 9th of August and runs concurrent with the Senior Power boat Regatta. There is fun for the entire family, so mark your calendar. This year, we will continue the incentive program to get families and particularly our juniors involved. The power boat committee is offering a \$20.00 rebate per junior that participates in the regatta. That's right a \$20.00 rebate, its hard to believe. Here is how it works. The rebate is available to all Senior Power boat participants who enroll their juniors (ages 12 to 19) into the Junior Power Boat regatta program. \$20.00 will be returned for each junior who participates in ALL of the educational and junior power contests. This means that your junior must take part in (and complete) the following activities; Junior Powerboat seminar, Weather contest, Chart reading and course plotting exercise, On-shore navigation contest, O.T.W. (On-The-Water) Boat handling contest, O.T.W. compass reading, O.T.W. Chicane-boat handling and low speed maneuvering, O.T.W. docking contest. This is a great opportunity to get your juniors involved and WHO knows; maybe they will win it all and come away with a \$300.00 scholarship. Or maybe they will win the Junior Skipper award. No matter what, they will have a great time and learn a little something in the process.

In addition to these award winning activities, we have additional activities for the 12 to 19 group and those pre juniors under 12. Games for those youngsters under 12. Junior Putt-Putt open to all ages, volleyball, Geo-Quest contest, the fishing contest, movie night and the regatta wrap-up with Saturday afternoon AWARDS and Presentations.

Be sure to check the I-LYA web site for registration and schedule information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me; Captain Bob 313-938-8414 or send me an email; bob@encoeng.com

That's all for now; think boating and I'll see you at the Bay in August.

Captain Bob; 313-938-8414 bob@encoeng.com



I-LYA POWERBOAT REGATTA

08/09/17 -08/13/17

The boating season has arrived! I hope that everyone has their boats in the water or will be getting ready to launch soon. The Powerboat Committee has been busy working hard on planning this year's regatta and hope for a great turnout this year. We are bringing back the Pub Crawl again, we had such a great response and everyone had a great time. If everyone didn't have enough to do already this week, we have scheduled a Tito's Vodka Cocktail Party following the Awards Ceremony on Saturday. Tito's is one of our new sponsors this year.

The Registration Form is on-line so I hope everyone will be able to sign up and attend. The Powerboat Schedule should be posted on the website. Please make sure to submit your registration before the deadline. The Docking Committee will use these registrations to plan out the docking assignments.

If your club would be interested in donating \$50.00 towards the golf cart rental this year, it would be appreciated. I-LYA would like to rent three 8 seater carts to shuttle participants to the different locations and Sunday Brunch. Please contact me at the email address below if you are interested in donating.

I hope to see everyone there – let's hope for some wonderful weather for the week.

Rich McKee
2017 Powerboat Chairman
Bethelou2@aol.com

JULIE OSBORNE



The planning for this year's Sail Regatta is well underway and we cannot wait for August 3-6, 2017! Our committee has been working hard and we've got some new things to report for on the water as well as the after racing social events.

As you may know, the Notice of Race has been published and is available on the I-LYA website. Registration for the regatta is now open and the link to Yacht Scoring can also be found at www.i-lya.org. On the water chair Doug Seib and PRO's Mike Vining, Barb Schaeffer and Steve Harris are working very diligently so that all sailors can have a fun and challenging few days of racing.

Once the racing is finished for the day, be sure to head to the tent at PIBYC to continue the fun with our evening events. This year we are excited to report that in addition to Saturday's traditional Mount Gay Rum party, we will be having a Tito's Vodka party on Friday night! Prices for food and drink packages have not increased from last year, and this year we're added a separate option for those of you who just want to enjoy a cocktail or two before going into town for your dinner. Details regarding all social packages and pricing are available in the NOR.

Please support the Sail Regatta and our Commodore Andy Krotseng and Lady Patty by sponsoring a keg for this year's beer tent. We are having a friendly contest with our I-LYA power boat fleet to see who can sponsor the most kegs. Come on sailors, let's show them what we can do! Our next Sail Regatta Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23 at Sandusky Sailing Club. Please feel free to join us as we continue to finalize the details for August. Looking forward to seeing all of you August 3-6 at the Bay!!

Association Elections

At the I-LYA Spring Meeting, the General Membership elected the 2017/2018 Nominating Committee. The Committee will take Letters of Nomination for the election of three members for I-LYA Board of Trustees, six are put into nomination. Also Letters of Nomination can be submitted for the position of I-LYA Rear Commodore, there must be at least two nominees. Letters can be submitted to any member of the committee, as soon as possible, because the committee must give their slate of officers to the Executive Secretary, no later than the first of September.

Your 2017 Nominating Committee:

Chairman Commodore Al Gebhardt - hildegardandal@mac.com, 440-740-0139
 Scott Sander, DBBC scottsander76@gmail.com, 734-309-5268
 Matt Davis, BLYC, mtmdavis@gmail.com, 614-260-8287
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By: Allen Ashley - I-LYA Executive Secretary

NORTH COAST WOMEN'S SAILING ASSOCIATION

Is a non-profit organization that teaches women to race sailboats. We are primarily based out of Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland with participation from several neighboring clubs. We race every Tuesday, June through August, and need boat owners and coaches to race with us. Come join us!

You can contact us at vicecommodore@ncwsa.net

I-LYA JUNIOR SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS - Steve Harris

This year's I-LYA Junior Championships are just around the corner! Time to gear up, get on the water, and get ready for another GREAT event at the Bay! Things are coming together nicely, but **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** It takes a lot of people to run an event of this magnitude and we need everybody to pitch in and make it happen. There are plenty of jobs – big and small, some requiring just a few hours some the whole week. We need your help! If you haven't filled out the Volunteer Interest Survey yet, please go to the I-LYA webpage and do so. You'll find it on the "Junior Championships" page under "Junior Sailing" ... or just email me at sgharris2@gmail.com Everyone is welcome! Remember – we are ALL I-LYA and together, we can make this a great regatta.

As mentioned in the last issue, Rob Ruhlman is returning as our overall PRO, Jamie Jones will be back on the Thistle/420 course, and we welcome Geoff Endris from Eagle Creek as our PRO on the Laser course. Betsy Altman will be back as our Chief Judge and Clark Chapin is returning too. We're still finalizing the details on a third judge. Greg & Matt Fisher will be back as our I-LYA Coaches and we're still looking to round out their team with at least one more. I'm pleased to announce that Tyler Parsons has agreed to step up and take on the role of "Volunteer Coordinator" for this year's event and Mic Kaufman will be coordinating the boatyard for us. I'm looking to get as many folks as possible involved – including some of our more recent alumni! They're a great resource for us to tap into to not only run a great regatta this year, but also to prepare for the future. Call, text, email – let me know how you can help!

At the Spring Meeting, we discussed the possibility of having an "evening cruise and dance" on the Miller Ferry one evening. I've met with Miller and we are all excited about this idea. However, if we're going to make this happen, we're going to need to raise some donations to help cover the cost. If you can help out, even just a small amount, please let me know.

It won't be too long until the Traveler Series kicks off and I hope to see lots of you at the regattas. As discussed at the Spring Meeting, we're planning to have a Club Liaison meeting at the Sandusky regatta on June 17. Please make plans to attend. We plan to work more through the Liaisons this year than in the past.

Registration should be live by June 1st! See you at the Bay!

Two past I-LYA Junior Sailors travel across the US -with Lasers in tow...

By Dave Chapman – Commodore, Cheshire Cove Sailing Club

CCSC's youngest members, Tony Prenger and Gus Workman, are taking all of their experience from being Junior Sailors and Eagle Scouts and putting it to good use! On May 5th, they packed up the Jeep, put their Lasers on the trailer, and headed west to San Francisco – with planned stops along the way at some great sailing venues. First stop- Chicago Yacht Club and Lake Michigan!

Tony and Gus set up a GoFundMe page and are blogging about their adventures as they go. As Tony said, "Every sailor has a story, or so it seems. Almost every sailor I talk to has a repertoire of exciting tales of nights on stormy seas or harrowing epics of saving lost puppies in ten-foot chop. I don't own any stories like these, but I think it's about time in my young life that I start searching them out." Tony and Gus are both 19-year-old freshmen at The Ohio State University who both love sailing and photography. Sailing at some of the greatest and



most beautiful places in the United States is a dream they both share and want to complete before "life gets in the way". In addition to Chicago, their journey will take them to Madison SD, Yellowstone WY, Salt Lake City UT and Lake Tahoe CA before ending up in San Francisco. What a great trip!

To follow along and read about their adventures, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/sail-to-san-fran>. From starting out as very young sailors and racers at LYC and then moving on to race with the BLYC team until last year, these guys are a perfect example of how getting kids into sailing at an early age creates lifelong sailors. Have fun guys and let us know how the "puppy rescue" went!



MEMBER NEWS...



It's HERE! The 2017 Junior Sailing Regatta Season that is...

By Dave Chapman - Inland Lake Rep Junior Sailing Council

So what a crazy winter we had.... Spring in the Winter, Winter in the Spring – let's just hope we have Summer in the Summer! It's time to get those junior boats out of storage, unpack the sails, motivate the kids on your teams and SAIL!

The first of our Traveler Series Regattas is just a few weeks away from now on June 3rd, and again this year, it is being held at Alum Creek Lake just north of Columbus, Ohio. Thank you Alum Creek Sailing Association for stepping up and helping out again to support junior sailing in I-LYA. This is the third year in a row for our opening regatta to be there and it's always been a great regatta with a large turnout. This is an easy lake to get to from anywhere – right down Route 23, I-71 or over on I-70. Even if your team is just getting started for the season, why not just make this your first “team practice”? It truly is a great regatta and a large, fun lake to sail on!

The NOR is already posted at NoticeOfRace.net Make sure you get registered early too – there is a new “late registration” penalty this year on ALL Traveler Series regattas. PLUS – as an added bonus, if your club is also hosting a regatta this year, come to this regatta to learn about scoring your regatta from the Series Chief Scorer – Kathy Trask from Hoover Sailing Club. She and her team will be scoring both courses “live” on the water, so your coaches and parents will be able to see race results on NoticeOfRace.net as soon as each race finishes. How cool is that? Thanks Kathy!

And speaking of Hoover Sailing Club, the last regatta of this series and presentation of year end awards is at an inland lake too - and it should be GREAT sailing on Hoover Reservoir – especially being that it's in August this year. Make sure to mark your calendar for the season finale on August 12th at HSC. Hoover is also hosting the Area E Championship Qualifier for US Junior Championships. Bemis and Smythe on July 6-7 and Sears (in provided Flying Scots) July 8th. As always, it will be a busy year at Hoover again. So get out your Optis, your Lasers, C420s and yes even your Thistles and get your team racing on your I-LYA inland lakes this summer! See you on the water!

Dear Government Relations and RSA Committee members,

Hope you are well and preparing for another excellent summer of sailing! Reaching out today with a brief update on our government relations activities on behalf of US Sailing. Specifically, the work we have been doing to protect sailors in the states of Maryland and Florida.

As many of you know, in late March, I had the opportunity to testify on behalf of US Sailing in opposition of *Maryland Senate Bill 1147-State Boat Act*. This bill would have prevented sailors from hiking, sitting on the rail, changing sails on the bow, etc. As a result of our testimony, coupled with the tremendous outreach from US Sailing's membership, SB 1147 stalled in the Maryland Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. When the Maryland General Assembly session ended on April 10, the legislation was nullified.

Similarly, in Florida, legislation that would have required boaters to have an adult chaperone on board until 16 years of age has been tabled. Due to our efforts, combined with overwhelming public support in opposition of *Florida Senate Bill 1242-Salt Water Boat Act*, the bill will expire tomorrow when the 2017 Florida legislation session adjourns for the season.

We understand that Maryland Senator James Mathias and Florida Senator Gary Farmer's offices will both be pursuing alternatives to their respective bills for the 2018 legislative session. The US Sailing's Government Relations Committee will continue to actively engage with both Senator's offices and plan to offer legislative input this summer that protects and serves the interest of the US Sailing membership. We will keep you updated on our progress in these states, as well as, any new developments on boating legislation that might impact sailors nationwide.

On behalf of US Sailing, thank you again for your support. Please feel free to contact me with any input, questions or concerns you may have on our government relations activities.

James P. Moulton—Vice President, Government Relations, US Sailing

I - LYA Adult & Jr. Power Regatta

Put - In - Bay, OH

August 9-13, 2017

Come join all the fun! Bring the whole family!!
Kids are welcome and encouraged to join in!

All I-LYA Boaters are invited to join for some fun at the bay!

Dock at A&C Dock for only a \$1.70 ft.

Social Packages for adults on boats that are docked with I-LYA are \$40 per person. Those without boats are \$60 per person. Social Packages include all dinner meals (Spaghetti, Steak or Chicken, Hot Dog Roast and Tippers Buffet)

It also includes activities listed below for 4 days.

ADULT ACTIVITES

Power Boat Water Contests

Baseball

Volleyball

Putt Putt Golf*

Golf Tournament*

Pub Crawl*

Tito's Vodka and Mt. Gay Rum Party

Inflatable Boat Races

Beer Trailer

Ladies Tea*

Cardboard Boat Races*

Award Ceremony

KIDS 5-11 yrs. (Free)

Fishing Contest

Geo Quest & Games

Putt Putt Golf

Movie Night

JR. POWER 12-18yrs. (\$10)

SAFE Boating Seminar &

Navigation Contest

Scholarship Opportunities

Fishing Contest & Geo Quest

Putt Putt Golf & Movie Night

Baseball & Volley Ball

Cardboard Boat Races*

Award Ceremony

*Small fee may apply

Steak, Chicken, and Tippers Dinner meals are NOT included for kids or Jr's but may be purchased for a small fee.

Go to the I-LYA Website for On Line Register by July 5th.
For more information or questions call the Power Boat Registrar,
Dawn Schaumburger at 734-558-6129 or email dschaums22@aol.com



Powerboat Regatta August 9 – 13, 2017

KEG SPONSORSHIP

The Inter-Lake Yachting Association's Powerboat Regatta will be held at Put-in-Bay, Ohio on South Bass Island in Lake Erie. You, your boating club, or your company all have the opportunity to be recognized at this premier event by sponsoring us. Sponsors will be acknowledged with a banner at the event!

Number of Kegs: _____ @ \$95.00 = _____

Commitment made by: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Commitment on behalf of: _____

(as it will appear on the banner)

Please make checks payable to: I-LYA 2017
and mail to: 22616 Peachtree Lane
Rocky River, Ohio 44116-2050

***Commodore Andy Krotseng and the 2017 Powerboat Regatta Committee
thank you for your support of the 2017 I-LYA Powerboat Regatta!***

Keg Sponsorships may be used to cover the cost of beer kegs as well as other social event expenses, including other beverages.



Sail Regatta August 4 – 6, 2017

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Boaters sound the alarm on E15 today – Norm Schultz Blog

Boaters need to take time today to let U.S. Senators know that adding more ethanol (E15) to America’s gas supply is insupportable for the 12 million boats and millions of other off-road engines in use today.

What’s triggered the need for this aggressive move right now? Bluntly, it’s to head off a backroom deal by pro-corn Senators that would overturn methane emissions regulations in exchange for the ability to push more E15 into our gas pumps nationwide. We know there is no doubt E15 is destructive to our boat engines. We also must recognize that an estimated 97 percent of boat owners fill up at gas stations, not at gas docks offering ethanol-free fuel. And, we know more E15 in the marketplace will lead to (1) more misfueling and (2) the production and availability of ethanol-free gas will be greatly reduced or could disappear altogether.

TWO ACTIONS TODAY, PLEASE... 1. Click on this link: [tell Congress or go to this site: \(https://www.votervoicenet.com/Campaigns/52152/Respond\)](https://www.votervoicenet.com/Campaigns/52152/Respond) and let your Senators know that the nation’s 12 million boating families, and the industry, cannot stand for more E15 and want the **broken** Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) fixed now. 2. Ask your clubs and boating friends to “take 5” today and do the same: [tell Congress](#) **ARE WE RIGHT?**

Damage to millions of small engines notwithstanding, are we right in calling on Congress to take action on a broken RFS? Absolutely. When the RFS was created in 2007, there were several assumptions that have proven dead wrong.

First, a report published in 1999 by the Clinton administration entitled “Biofuels: A Solution to Climate Change” was cited as a major reason for the RFS. But it was wrong. Scientists know now that machines running on ethanol emit vast amounts of acetaldehyde that reacts with sunlight to form ozone. End product - smog. It will nearly double greenhouse emissions. Second, it was claimed the RFS would make America less dependent on foreign oil. We are less dependent today. But ethanol is not the reason. More fuel efficient cars use less gas and fracking and increased domestic oil production are making us far less dependent.

Bottom line: The demand by Congress 10 years ago to put ethanol in gasoline, while well intentioned, created a huge new industry and profit center for corn ethanol producers. And they are anxious to cash in more. If increased ethanol in gas is allowed to expand beyond its current level, it will be on the backs of boaters and millions of small engine owners. With no environmental benefit, and no national security benefit, it’s a no brainer that Congress must act to revise the RFS.

Monroe Boat Club Hosts Clean Marina Seminar

Major stake-holders in the Bolles Harbor Waterway in SE Michigan attended a seminar hosted by Monroe Boat Club on Thursday May 4th to discuss the Michigan Clean Marina Program.

Ms. Liz Szlaga, Michigan Boating Industries Association Administrator and Mr. Brian Kelley, Michigan Clean Marina Specialist and Consultant addressed marina operators from Trout’s Yacht Basin, OPM Club, Monroe Boat Club, Detroit Beach Boat Club and the Inter-Lake Yachting Association during an hour long presentation.



The Michigan Clean Marina Program is a cooperative effort of the Michigan Boating Industries Association, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Michigan Sea Grant College Program (Michigan State University and the University of Michigan). The program promotes environmentally sound marina and boating practices to reduce pollution, enhance fish and wildlife habitat and protect Great Lakes water quality. It is open to all public and private marinas in Michigan.

Recognizing that a sound environment is critical to their businesses, those in attendance will investigate ways to maintain and improve their boating experience by reducing or eliminating releases of harmful substances and phasing out practices that can damage aquatic environments. These marinas are home to over 700 local boating families who dock, launch, store and maintain recreational boats in the area; reducing pollution and protecting wildlife habitats is a benefit to everyone in the community.



While several I-LYA clubs participate in the Ohio Clean Marina program, there is not a single Michigan Clean Marina boat or yacht club in Lake Erie. Participating in the Michigan Clean Water Program includes training, an operations evaluation checklist and a site visit. Certified marinas strive for continuous improvement in daily environmental stewardship practices.

North Cape Yacht Club is pleased to announce its schedule for this summer's Adult Learn to Sail Program. This program, first initiated by I-LYA trustee and AYC delegate, Bill Pribe, seven years ago, is open to adults 18 years or older wishing to learn the basics of sailing.

Thus far 105 students have taken the ALTS classes since the program's inception in 2010. Each session consists of four evening class periods. Participants are briefly prepped ashore for the evening's lesson, and then the majority of the lesson takes place on the water. Participants learn sailing theory, terminology, boat handling, vessel rigging, safety procedures and more. Boats in the 26' range are used for the class, and there is one boat with two instructors for every 3-4 students, which allows for plenty of hands-on experience.

One of our 2015 participants remarked: "Fabulous experience! I loved it all and will be back for next session. The instructors are super great, informative and enthusiastic!" An ALTS student from 2016 added: "Everyone is passionate and friendly about sailing."

The dates for this year's sessions are: Session 1 June 13, 15, 20, 22; Session 2 July 11, 13, 18, 20

Session 3 August 1, 3, 8, 10

Heidi Schultz, coordinator of the NCYC Adult Learn to Sail Program, recently stated: "When you join us for lessons you'll discover that our sailing program is a unique combination of classroom instruction, on-the-water practice, and social activities. Come and enjoy the thrills, exhilaration, enjoyment, and satisfaction of learning to sail. **Once a Sailor, Always a Sailor!**"

North Cape YC is located at 11850 Toledo Beach Road in LaSalle, Michigan (Exit 9 off I-75)

Classes fill up quickly! For additional information please contact Heidi Schultz at northcapesailschool@bex.net or 734-430-0930.

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North Cape Yacht Club

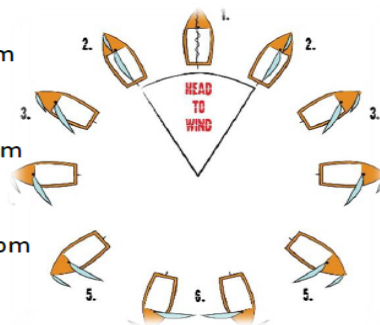
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Outgoing Yachtsmen’s Fund president Clay Mock opens a thank-you gift as incoming president Monica Bloomstine looks on.

Commodore Mock, who remains a Fund trustee, served as president for 15 years.

The Yachtsmen’s Fund Thanks Commodore Clay Mock

At the Spring I-LYA Meeting, Commodore Clay Mock stepped down as president of the Yachtsmen’s Fund after 15 years at the helm. He has served on the board for over 30 years and will continue as a trustee. His tenure began in 1985 which is also the year the IRS granted the Yachtsmen’s Fund its current 501(c)3 status and the Fund embraced its ongoing mission to support boating education and training opportunities in the I-LYA area. Commodore Mock’s dedication to the establishment and growing of the endowment has brought us to where we are today. Each year, grants in support of junior sailing and junior power boating are made with proceeds from the invested endowment, donations from “Dollar Per Member Clubs” and private donations. Life Memberships, memorial donations, and gifts greater than \$250 are used to grow the endowment to ensure that the Yachtsmen’s Fund continues in perpetuity.

Your support is needed. Rest assured that the current board, under President Monica Bloomstine, will continue to invest the Fund assets wisely while also investing in the future of our sport by providing support for both sailors and power boaters. Membership opportunities are outlined on the website at I-LYA.org. We hope to have an online giving option up and running soon.

Yachtsmen’s Fund Welcomes New Life Members

Life Membership in the Yachtsmen’s Fund helps us grow the endowment. Life Membership is \$500. A Future Life Membership (\$100 a year for five years) is also a popular giving option. The following supporters joined the Fund as Life Members during the past year. All Life Members are recognized in the I-LYA Yearbook. Please consider sharing our mission by becoming a Life Member, but also rest assured that any donation is appreciated and will be put to good use.

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LOCAL SAILOR SHINES



After a year of travel in 2016, sailing with both LOOT and Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club, Sara Schumann from Cowan Lake Sailing Club represented the USODA in Palamos, Spain in February of 2017.

Sara is pictured here competing at the 2016 Canadian Nationals.

Sara Schumann is 13 years old and a member of the United States Development Team (USDT). Her home club is the Cowan Lake Sailing Association in Wilmington, Ohio. In the winter, she sails with the Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club and in the summer travels with the Lake Ontario Optimist Team (LOOT). Below are a few highlights from her 2016-2017 sailing accomplishments.

Sara qualified to represent the US in the XXXI Trofeo Marco Rizotti Regatta held in Venice, Italy in May after winning the US Midwinter Team Race Championships in Gulf Port, Mississippi sailing with the Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club. Interestingly, Sara was also invited to represent Canada at the event as well since she won the Canadian Team Race National Championships with three Canadian female skippers at Canadian Nationals in Toronto. She also finished 4th at Canadian Nationals overall in fleet racing and was the 2nd overall female skipper.

Life jackets save lives, but not enough Ohio boaters wear them. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Parks and Watercraft set out to create an impactful message featuring real Ohio water adventurers and influencers. The new #WearItLiveItOhio campaign will be launched on several ODNR social media channels this summer.

The truth is, most folks don't like to wear life jackets. Research shows that most Ohio boaters and recreational water adventurers choose not to wear life jackets. Ohio law doesn't require it (except for children under 10 on boats less than 18 feet in length and on personal watercraft, such as Jet Skis), so why bother? And, as we so often hear, they're hot and uncomfortable.

The new campaign aims to strike closest to home, within the boater's inner circle of family and friends – those who carry the most influence. The basic social media messaging campaign emphasizes the reality that life jackets aren't optional. In pre-campaign focus groups, the campaign featuring photography of Ohioans on Ohio's waterways seems to resonate well with the intended audience.

In addition to promoted Facebook posts and other digital advertising throughout the boating season, we'll also be hosting some Facebook-only contests over the July 4 and Labor Day weekends. Look for the hashtag ...#WearItLiveItOhio this boating season. To learn more about life jackets, visit: <http://watercraft.ohiodnr.gov/lifejackets>.

2016 Chubb National Summary.. By Ryan Squires

I was able to make some of my best sailing memories during a successful 2016 sailing season. This was a culmination of hard work on my part and support from my parents, Hoover Sailing Club, I-LYA, and the Yachtsmen's Fund.

The 2016 U.S. Sailing Area E qualifier was a great regatta hosted by North Cape Yacht Club. Everybody loves their beach, friendly club and experienced race committee. A clinic before the regatta helped improve my sailing with some very high-end coaches. For younger sailors, I cannot emphasize enough how important good coaching is. The more you can expose yourself to really good sailors and their advice, in addition to tiller time, the more you will improve. The Area E qualifier itself had some stiff competition, which made for a very exciting couple of days. I sailed the single-hand in a Laser Radial and was honored to take first and represent the I-LYA at the U.S. Sailing Chubb Junior Championships held at the beautiful Mission Bay Yacht Club in San Diego, California.

2016 brought the second time I sailed Chubbs. While I had a pretty good idea of what to expect, the best of the best were at this competition. With only 20 sailors, the competitors were very close in experience and ability and the tensions were high as everyone was fighting for a top national ranking. Ocean sailing through kelp beds is completely different than sailing in the Midwest! Although everyone took the racing very seriously, on shore everyone was very friendly and we were collaborating racing strategies. In the end, I ranked 12th but was very pleased with some top races that I will forever remember. For anyone who really wants to advance their sailing, I would definitely recommend trying to qualify for Chubb Junior Champs. At Chubbs, they sail single-hand (generally in a Laser or Bite), double hand (usually in a C420) and triple-hand (in various local boats, depending on where the event is). Chubbs was an extremely fun regatta and I learned more there than at any other event I have ever sailed.

I want to encourage all I-LYA junior sailors to look beyond our local regattas and make a goal of sailing at regional regattas and qualifiers. Those "big fleet" events test your talents in different ways, expose you to other better racers and push you to do better. U.S. Sailing Junior Olympic regattas can expose you to great coaches, and sometimes, bigger fleets. Go to the U.S. Sailing website to check out where there are Junior Olympic regattas. Who knows, besides the one in Mentor in June, there might be one in New York or Michigan near where your family vacation is planned. The travelling and new venues itself can be really fun, but you have to plan ahead with your parents and Club to make it happen. Also, look where your fleet is hosting regional events like Great Lakes regattas. For the Opti, Great Lakes is at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club nearby in Michigan in the end of June. Go to the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA) website for more information. The Thistle Great Lakes is at Edgewater Yacht Club that same weekend, go to the Thistle Class website for that one.

Clinics are another great way to expose yourself to great coaching. The C420 class has Midwest and East Coast clinics that you have to apply for, and I know Ian Moran really liked the C420 clinic he did in Chicago. Hoover is hosting an Optimist Race Clinic at the beginning of the season featuring instruction by my sister Grace Squires, winner of the 2016 Traveler Series Opti Fleet. There, kids will learn how to race rig an Opti, roll tack properly and practice starts over the course of one week. See the Hoover Sailing Club website for more information on that. If you can't make it to a clinic, ask the best Opti, C420 or Thistle sailors at your club to spend some time with you on the water. They have worked hard to be good and it is not surprising that they love to talk about it.

Of course, I could not have had a great 2016 season culminating at Chubbs, without the help and support of my family. Working during school breaks for sail funding is important. Even more important is giving back to your local clubs by teaching sailing and coaching. Sailing is an expensive sport, but with the help of the I-LYA Yachtsmen's Fund I was able to sail on a national level and better my racing skills in ways I will always appreciate.



Hoover Sailor Ryan Squires, poses outside the Mission Bay Yacht Club in San Diego. He competed at the Chubb Nationals in a radial in 2016 after qualifying to represent Area E by finishing first place at the Area E Championship at NCYC last July.

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