



# I-LYA news

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Inter-Lake Yachting Association

## COMMODORE'S REPORT



The boats are almost all out of the water. The cool weather is upon us. Leaves are changing color. Soon we will see flurries in the air. It is time to gather for the Fall Meeting!!

There's a lot of business to take care of on Saturday December 2, but before that, we will gather Friday evening to reminisce and regale the summer's fun we've all had. There will be plenty of hospitality rooms to visit – with I-LYA's room as the anchor. We'll have good music, snacks, and plenty of Tito's and Mount Gay! I encourage everyone to bring a boating friend or two who hasn't been to one of our Spring/Fall meetings. This is how we get more folks involved in the good work of the Association.

Saturday evening is going to be something very special to Patty and me, as we celebrate at the Commodore's Ball. The year closes, the reigns are handed off, and we greet the incoming Commodore with warmth and excitement! Mike and Kathy Powers are going to be wonderful. With the help of the incoming

Vice Commodore Cindy Johnson Mintus and Dennis, along with a yet to be named Rear Commodore, 2018 is in good hands.

Speaking of 2018, it will be the 125<sup>th</sup> year of our beloved Regatta. Much is planned or in planning, and you can be a part of that! Let the incoming Bridge know of your ideas and how you'd like to be a part of 2018. There's always plenty to do – and with lots of hands the lifting is easy! 125 years is nothing short of amazing. Think of any other recreational sporting event and their history, very few can compare to our heritage.

Regarding our heritage, I-LYA has a lot of trophies and other memorabilia that needs all of our help. Tom Thanasiu and his team are doing an amazing job of caring for these items, as a group our Association needs to look long term for upkeep and caring of these amazing artifacts. Most of the in use trophies would benefit from re-plating, and all of them need a more permanent home. We are very lucky that Tom has found a temporary location on the Island to display a fraction of our holdings.

On Thursday October 26, a representative from Marcy Kaptur's office was at Edgewater Yacht Club. Also attending were representatives from Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Coast Guard, Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Greater Cleveland Boating Association, and several clubs and marinas.

Topics on the table were ones that we have all been worried about, the algae bloom, invasive species, break walls, education, personal watercraft, aids to navigation, ethanol, and EPA regulation. The take away was quite pointed, we need to be louder. By that, if you feel the wait at a bridge to be raised is too long, there is a complaint form for that. GCBA is placing that on their web site and we will also. Contact your reps at the State and Federal levels on the issues important to us. The message was these letters and inquires drive policy. It does matter. Another take away, invite State and Federal reps to your club to talk and hear member concerns. This is particularly effective if it is done once or twice a year.

In this edition of *I-LYA News* we have the slate of candidates and their bio's. Please take a look, and get to know who is representing you on the regional level. I encourage everyone, delegates or not, to learn more about what I-LYA does on all levels, not just the regattas. And know that *I-LYA News* is for everyone. The best part of having an electronic newspaper is there's no printing cost! So load up on articles of what's going on in your neck of the woods, or something of benefit to all.

In closing, it has been an honor to serve as your Commodore. There are so many individuals who have helped make this year work for all. I'm confident in the incoming Bridge will make next year a fantastic one – as we celebrate such a great milestone. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Meeting in Westlake!!

## Vice Commodore's Corner...Mike Powers



With the Fall Meeting rapidly approaching, it's time to reflect on the great year we just had and to prepare for the upcoming year. I congratulate Commodore Andy Krotseng and Lady Patty for the great year the I-LYA had under their leadership and wish them the best in the future!

Since the end of the summer regattas, Lady Kathy and I have been in full planning mode with Team 2018. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, we had a Bowling Fundraiser at the Monroe Sports Center. I can't thank enough all those that participated in the event whether by bowling, sponsoring a lane, or in the raffles. I want to especially thank the chair for the event, I-LYA Trustee and Past Associated Yacht Clubs Commodore Rob Wolas, Lady Carol, and Team 2018 for making this a fun and successful event!

The dates for I-LYA meetings and regattas in 2018 are as follows:

- **Spring Meeting April 6 – 7 French Quarter  
Perrysburg, Ohio**
- **Junior Championship July 15 – 19 Put-in-Bay, Ohio**
- **Sail Regatta August 2 – 5 Put-in-Bay, Ohio**
- **Powerboat Week August 8 – 12 Put-in-Bay, Ohio**
- **Fall Meeting November 30 – December 1 French Quarter  
Perrysburg, Ohio**

Shortly following the holidays will be the Mid-America Boat Show in Cleveland, Ohio. It runs from January 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. While the weather is often frightful, it is also a great place to see the latest in boats and boating gear while seeing friends and hanging out on the new boats. After looking and walking around, please drop by and see us at the I-LYA booth. And, by the way, if you are available to help greet boaters at the booth, please let me know at [2018@i-lya.org](mailto:2018@i-lya.org).

As mentioned above, the Fall Meeting is coming up and will be taking place on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The registration form is available on the I-LYA website. Please plan on attending and help us celebrate a great year with Commodore Andy Krotseng and Lady Patty as they wrap up their year, and with Lady Kathy and I as we begin our year as your Commodore!

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](mailto:ilyanewsletter@gmail.com). Don't forget to sign up to receive the I-LYA News at [www.i-lya.org](http://www.i-lya.org)!

See you at the I-LYA Fall Meeting!

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

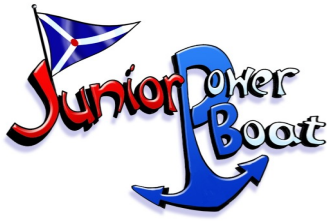


It is time to celebrate another successful year for the I-LYA. Congrats to Commodore Andy Krotseng and Lady Patty! Come join us in Westlake, Ohio to reminisce about all the things you enjoyed at the Regatta's this year, see your boating friends and begin to plan for our 125<sup>th</sup> year in 2018 led by incoming Commodore Mike Powers and Lady Kathy.

Enjoy the festivities at the Fall meeting in December but also come prepared with your ideas to make the coming year even better than before and think about what you can do to volunteer and give back to the organization! Time, Talent and Treasure are all needed to keep I-LYA able to continue to promote boating and present the annual Regattas and related events that we look forward to each year. We are all volunteers and our collective efforts keep the I-LYA running like a well oiled machine – Thank you again to each and every one of you, from Commodore Andy and Lady Patty to the long list of volunteers that take time out of their busy lives year after year. We could not do it without you!

Dennis and I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Meeting!

All the best, Rear Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus



Captain Bob here. The summer is now fading into the sunset and we are now looking at a few months of cold weather and snow. But wait, we have the December I-LYA meeting coming up. We typically don't see a lot of our juniors at this meeting. Maybe this is an opportunity for some of you juniors to come to our junior powerboat meeting and voice your thoughts on how to improve Junior Power. I should note that at the last couple of meetings we have heard from some of the juniors who have moved into senior status.

I'd like to hear from more of you, particularly those who have moved into senior status or are close to moving into senior status. Over the years we have had several juniors who have consistently taken part in the activities offered at the Junior Power regatta. And to those, I would say, come on, take the next step and get involved. You're the next generation to take charge of this program and I would like to hear your thoughts on how to improve our regatta.

At our 2017 Regatta we had 34 juniors registered and 14 took part in the On-The-Water events and competed for Scholarship awards. CONGRATULATIONS to all our top finishers, you all did a great job and you should be proud of your accomplishments.

That's all for now, hope to see you in December. Captain Bob; 313-938-8414 [bob@encoeng.com](mailto:bob@encoeng.com)

## I-LYA POWERBOAT

Another Powerboat Regatta in the books and I would like to take the time to thank everyone that volunteered, participated and had anything to do with this year's event. This is definitely a group effort to put on a Regatta of this size and it took a lot of people to make sure it ran smoothly for the entire week.

There are so many people to thank that this article would never end but I do want to recognize a few people. First, I would like to thank the Powerboat Committee for all of their hard work this year. It was a pleasure working with this group and know that you have my support for the upcoming year. I want to send a huge THANK YOU to Bob and Bobbie Lang. Each year, you see these two working hard and it is truly appreciated. The Junior Regatta program is one of the best and I know the kids enjoy themselves and it keeps them busy. A BIG thank you to all of the Committee Chairs, a lot of hours are spent volunteering to make sure these events go off as planned. I would like to also recognize Bruce Sattler who was this year's Fleet Captain – this man works non-stop to make sure that everything is running smoothly. Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated.

I want to take the time also to recognize Gary and Debbie Coles who have chaired the Fishing Derby for the last 17 years and have done a fantastic job. They have gone above and beyond by personally donating many of the items they have used through the years. Thank you again for all of your help!

I want to thank Scott and Sharon Kneisel who had the hard job of manning the golf carts throughout the Regatta. With one cart it would have been hard, but they had 2 carts to make sure were running daily to the various events. Thank you also for handling the Putt-Putt Golf, we have no control over the weather, but hopefully next year we will be able to get in a full game.

Thanks to West River Yacht and Cruising Club for taking care of the Beer Tent and the Rum Party. Also, thanks to South Shore Cruising Club for handling the Hot Dog Roast, and Detroit Beach Boat Club for heading the Spaghetti Dinner and the Tito's Party. That was a new event this year, but I think that it was well received and will be returning again next year. Thanks to Al Antoine for another great Steak Roast, I look forward to this event.

I would like to thank everyone for attending and hope that you were able to enjoy yourself. Thank you to the I-LYA Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore for all of their hard work this year. We had a great Regatta, with a lot of people attending, a lot of participation in all of the events planned, a lot of good times and a lot of Beer, Tito's and Mount Gay rum to drink.

Thank you again – and can't wait until next year's Regatta. Rich McKee

## 2018 I-LYA CANDIDATES

### BRIDGE

Commodore Mike Powers (MBC)  
 Vice Commodore Cindy Mintus (PCYC)  
 Rear Commodore Steve Hyder (DBBC)  
 Rear Commodore Rich McKee (SSCC)

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Al Gebhardt (LCYC)  
 Matt Davis (BLYC)  
 Mike Fishbough (SSC)  
 Scott Sander (DBBC)  
 Dawn Schaumburger (WYC)

### TRUSTEES

Lloyd Bogue (AYC)  
 John Dalessandro (WYC)  
 Dale Vanderford (DBBC)  
 Bob Lang (WRYCC)  
 Bruce Sattler (SSCC)  
 Anthony Caruso (GRYC)

## 2018 Candidate Resumes



My name is Steven Hyder. I am interested in seeking the position of Rear Commodore of the Inter-Lakes Yachting Association.

I am currently in my second year (of a three year term) of serving the I-LYA Organization as a Trustee. Prior to my election of Trustee, I served several years on the Yachtsmen's Fund. I became of lifetime member of the Yachtsmen's Fund in 2014. I have also served as Detroit Beach Boart Club (DBBC) Delegate since 2008 until my election in December of 2015 to Trustee. I have attended almost every Fall and Spring meeting since becoming involved with I-LYA. Not only do I currently serve as Trustee, I am also the Chairman of the Admiralty Committee.

In 2010 I was nominated for the Power Boat Committee as Treasurer and then went on to serve as the 2012 Power Boat Committee Chairman for I-LYA Commodore Mike Morton. Over the years I have been extremely active in not only I-LYA, but also my home club of DBBC and the Associated Yacht Clubs.

I started in 2007 as DBBC Entertainment Chairman and continued through the chairs. I was elected the 2010 DBBC Commodore. I have served in many other capacities at DBBC including Secretary, Treasurer, Finance Committee Chairman and By-law Chairman. I also serve as Legal Counsel to DBBC.

I served as the 2015 AYC Commodore whereas under the leadership of the board and myself we were able to end the year successfully on budget. We also were able to expand the membership of AYC by adding to our membership Lakefront Yacht Club. As Past AYC Commodore I have the opportunity to represent the AYC Organization at all the different club functions, ILYA functions, and IOBG functions.

Of course doing everything we do, we cannot do it alone. I have the most dedicated partner, friend, and first mate by my side. Lady Pam has been with me every step of the way through my responsibilities with ILYA, AYC and IOBG. Pam has also served on the board of Cooley Canal Yacht Club, the current and past chair of their regatta book and an AYC Delegate for CCYC. At the same time, her and I also work hard together serving as chairman of 2017 AYC Ways and Means Committee. Lady Pam and I enjoy boating of all kinds and support boating on the Great Lakes. I even had the opportunity to participate in two sail boat races – the first one in 2015 at North Cape Yacht Club with Lady Pam. The other was the 2016 Mills Race.

Now that I have given Pam her year off, I am eagerly anticipating serving as the 2018 Rear Commodore. I look forward to not only continuing to build upon the foundation on which our past leaders have built, but also moving the organization in the right direction of growth and prosperity.

I appreciate the opportunity to present myself to the delegates and Past Commodores of this great organization and look forward to the challenges ahead. My contact information is [hyders@hyderlawfirm.net](mailto:hyders@hyderlawfirm.net) or by phone at 734-474-1195.

Steven M. Hyder, Candidate for Rear Commodore

## 2018 Candidate Resumes Continued



My name is John Dalessandro. I am the AYC Commodore and I am looking for your support in the upcoming election is December. I would like to serve as a Trustee for the Inter Lake Yachting Association for the next three years. I feel my qualifications make me the right person for the position as stated below.

### Wyandotte Yacht Club

I have been boater for the past 25 years and a member of Wyandotte Yacht Club for the past 17 years. During that time I have held various positions including Fleet Captain in 2005 and 2006, Rear Commodore in 2007, Vice Commodore in 2008, and Commodore in 2009. I served on the WYC Board of Directors from 2003 to 2013.

Inter- Lake Yachting Association- I was on the Board of Trustees for six years beginning in 2010. I served my last year as the President of the Board of Trustees. In the past I also served as the Power Chairman and was nominated and received the award of Mid-American Skipper of the Year in 2009 and the Commodore's Award in 2009 and 2012. In addition, I have been a Head Fleet Captain and a Fleet Captain for summer Regattas for ten years.

### Associated Yacht Clubs

I have been involved in the AYC for the past 15 years, most recently as the Commodore for 2017. I went up the ranks starting as Sergeant at Arms in 2014, Rear Commodore in 2015 and Vice Commodore in 2016. In 2011, I served as the AYC Fleet Captain for Past Commodore Dave Drummond. For seven years, I had been the Head Delegate for Wyandotte Yacht Club. I also served on the By-law committee for one year.

### Ford Motor Company

I have worked for Ford Motor Co. for the past 40 years and I have held a management position there for 31 years. I retired two years ago.

I believe my personal and professional skills make me highly qualified to serve as the Trustee for Inter- Lake Yachting Association. I have the full support of Wyandotte Yacht Club's flag officers, the Board of Directors and its members. My significant other, WYC Past Commodore Dawn Schaumburger, and our families are also in total support.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Dalessandro

AYC Commodore

P/C Wyandotte Yacht Club



# Fall Meeting

DECEMBER 1ST & 2ND

2017



**INTER-LAKE YACHTING ASSOCIATION  
2017 FALL MEETING AND COMMODORE'S BALL  
DECEMBER 1 AND 2, 2017**

**LOCATION: DoubleTree by Hilton  
1100 Crocker Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145 (440) 871-6000**

Please make your room reservation by November 18, 2017. The I-LYA room rate should be requested when making reservations (\$109 standard room per night plus taxes includes two breakfast buffets). Please call the hotel and ask for the in-house reservations to insure you get the I-LYA rate using code IYC. Or you can book online directly at:

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/C/CLECRDT-IYC-20171130/index.jhtml>

Additionally, you may call Tracey Helmick directly at 440-617-2367 to reserve rooms.

Join us Friday Night for the Hospitality Rooms to socialize and network and Saturday for the meetings to wrap up the 2017 Regattas and plan for a great 2018!!

**Ladies Luncheon Reservation - Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 12:00 noon**

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending: \_\_\_\_

**Cost (\$20 pp) Menu: Turkey Club Wrap / Pasta Salad/ Chicken Noodle Soup  
Chocolate Cake / Mimosa Cocktails / Coffee or Tea**

**Commodore's Ball and Awards Reservation - Saturday December 2, 2017**

**Cocktails 5:30pm-6:30pm Cash Bar Dinner 7:00pm**

**Attire: Black Tie Preferred**

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice 1: Braised Short Ribs \_\_\_\_\_ Choice 2: Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_

Choice 3: Baked White Fish with Citrus Bruere Blanc \_\_\_\_\_

**Includes: Garden Salad / Roasted Fingerling Potatoes / Sautéed Squash and Zucchini /  
Dinner Roll / White Chocolate Raspberry Cake / Coffee or Tea**

**\*\* Please let Lady Gail know of any food allergies \*\***

**# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost (\$55pp)**

**TOTAL REMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline for Reservations is November 24, 2017**

**Send to: Lady Gail McKee, 5584 Skipper Drive, Port Clinton OH 43452 (419)-797-0019**



**Inter-Lake Yachting Association  
2017 Fall General 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 2018 Officers	Commodore Andy Krotseng, EWYC
<b>Special Presentation</b> - Lake Erie Foundation	Matt Fisher/Jim Stouffer
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	Monica Bloomstine, EYC
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	Nancy Zangerle, 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**



**Inter-Lake Yachting Association**  
**2017 PRELIMINARY Fall Meeting Schedule**  
**December 1-2, 2017**

**Friday, December 1, 2017**

0845 – 1045	<b>Breakfast</b>	Atrium
1000 – 1445	Yachtsmen's Fund Trustee's Meeting <i>Chairman Monica Bloomstine, EYC</i>	Canterbury Room
1500 – 1700	Board of Trustees <i>President Arne Hansen, JRSC</i>	Canterbury Room
1900 – 2030	General Registration <i>Registrar Dawn Schaumburger, WYC</i>	Atrium Foyer
1800 – 1900	Sponsorship Committee	Canterbury Room
1730 – 2400	I-LYA Hospitality Room	Game Room/Atrium
	Leukemia Cup Hospitality Room	Conference Room A
	GCBA Hospitality Room	Conference Room B
	PIB Chamber of Commerce Hospitality Room	Conference Room C
	AYC Hospitality Room	Conference Room D

**Saturday, December 2, 2017**

0745 – 0945	<b>Breakfast</b>	Atrium
0900 – 1200	Coffee and Bloody Mary Bar	Game Room
0900 – 1000	Power Boat Regatta Meeting	AV Ampitheater
0900 – 1000	Sail Regatta Meeting	Bassett Room
1000 – 1100	Junior Power Meeting	AV Ampitheater
1000 – 1100	Junior Sail Championship at Put-in-Bay	Canterbury Room
1100 – 1200	Traveler Series Meeting	Canterbury Room
1100 – 1200	US Sailing Updates	Dover Room
1100 – 1500	General Registration <i>Registrar Dawn Schaumburger, WYC</i>	Atrium Foyer
1200 – 1300	Junior Safety Meeting	Conference Room AB
1200 – 1400	Advisory Board Meeting	Canterbury Room
1200 – 1330	Ladies Luncheon	Bassett Room
1200 – 1430	I-LYA Hospitality Room	Game Room
1230 – 1330	Long Range Planning	AV Ampitheater
1300 – 1330	Intersectional Racing Meeting	Conference Room AB
1400 – 1500	Meet the Candidates / Board of Trustees Update	Conference Room CD
1400 – 1500	Yachtsmen's Fund Members Meeting	Director's Room
1500 – 1630	I-LYA General Meeting	Dover/Canturbury Room
1730 – 1845	Cocktails (Cash Bar)	Bassett / Bradley Rooms
1900 – 2200	Dinner	Bassett / Bradley Rooms
2200 – 2400	I-LYA Hospitality Room	Game Room

**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

0800 – 1000	<b>Breakfast</b>	Atrium
<b>1100</b>	Checkout	





The Yachtsmen's Fund will celebrate its 100th Anniversary of incorporation in 2019. The Trustees are working on collecting the history of the Fund and planning events to mark this momentous event. If you have a memory or artifact that would contribute to this collaboration, please reach out to a Trustee.

The Fund is moving into the digital age and will soon be able to offer an online giving option. Please consider a Life Membership to the Yachtsmen's Fund and change the life of a Jr. Sailor or Powerboater.

Wishing you smooth sailing! Monica Bloomstine - President, Yachtsmens' Fund

## I-LYA Spotlight - Sponsored by The Yachtsmen's Fund

The Yachtsmen's Fund has been supporting sailing and boating in I-LYA for almost 100 years. Let's celebrate our successes. To share your story in the "I-LYA Spotlight" or suggest a topic just send an email to Jane O'Brien at [yachtsmens-fund@gmail.com](mailto:yachtsmens-fund@gmail.com).

### From I-LYA to the Puget Sound

Eight or so years ago, Chloe Beck (Port Clinton Yacht Club) and Colleen O'Brien (Put-in-Bay Yacht Club) were racing full rig lasers in the I-LYA Traveler Series and at Junior Bay Week. Now they are working side-by-side for Salish Sea Expeditions on the Puget Sound aboard the 60' sailing/research vessel *Carlyn*. According to their website, "Salish Sea Expeditions inspires youth to connect with the marine environment through boat-based scientific inquiry and hands-on learning, instilling curiosity, confidence, and critical thinking." Chloe and Colleen are well-prepared to carry out the mission.

Chloe Beck is currently serving as the Logistics Coordinator/Deckhand for the *Carlyn*. She is a graduate of Miami University with degrees in Zoology and International Studies. During college, Chloe studied abroad and backpacked in Patagonia, Chile and did ecological research in Patagonia National Park. After graduation, Chloe moved to Seattle with an AmeriCorps position as Conservation Science Coordinator at Seattle Audubon Society, followed by a summer in the Great Basin of Utah and Idaho doing plant and avian research.

Colleen O'Brien is putting her BS degrees in Marine Science and Biochemistry from Eckerd College to good use as a Marine Science Educator aboard the *Carlyn*. During college, Colleen spent a summer as an AmeriCorps Intern at Put-in-Bay and spent a few weeks on the *Niagara*. Following graduation, she travelled to Indonesia to study mangroves and then worked throughout the southwest as an AmeriCorps intern. In 2016 she worked as an Educator Deckhand aboard the Schooner *Adventuress* in Seattle before heading cross country to sign on with the World Ocean School. Aboard the *Roseway*, she travelled with a group of high school students from New England to the Caribbean with a stop in Havana, Cuba. After leaving the *Roseway*, Colleen returned to Seattle and spent the summer in the San Juan Islands.

Clearly, racing optis, lasers, and 420s instilled in both Chloe and Colleen a love for the water, nature, and adventure. Your support of the Yachtsmen's Fund allows us to continue to sponsor youth sailing and boating opportunities for the next generation of environmental educators and even people who just like to play around in boats.



**Chloe Beck (bottom row) and Colleen O'Brien (far right) used to compete against each other in Lasers at JBW, but now work together on the Salish Sea near Seattle. They are pictured with the fall crew of the Carlyn.**

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