

### **COMMODORE'S REPORT**



Lady Pam and I are honored to serve this fine organization as your Commodore for 2020. Thank you for all the support and well wishes that have been sent our way.

As we move into 2020, we have the opportunity to once again have a booth at the Cleveland Boat Show at the IX Center. I look forward to seeing everyone there. We also need a lot of help staffing the show. Please contact me and sign up for a shift or two. The show will run from Jan 16th - Jan. 20th. A big thank you to Bruce Sattler and Lloyd Bogue for handling the set up for this year's show.

As we wrapped up 2019 and looking forward to 2020, there are few people that I would like to acknowledge and congratulate. First, our 2019 Commodore Cindy Johnson Mintus and PC Mintus did a great job on leading our organization is 2019. It was a pleasure serving as Vice Commodore last year under her leadership. Thank you for all the help and advice you provided to me as I move into 2020.

Congratulations to our Vice Commodore Bob Lang and Lady Bobbie. I look forward to working with you throughout 2020 and beyond. Of course the 2020 Bridge would not be complete without our new Rear Commodore Mike Fishbaugh and Lady Kara. I know you will do a great job!

Congratulations to our new trustees that were elected at the December meeting. Bill Pribe, Connie Miller and Scott Kneisel. Thank you for volunteering your time and energy to lead this organization. Volunteers make us what we are. Thank you.

Congratulations to John Delessandro for being elected President of the Board of Trustees and for serving for another year. I am looking forwarding to working with the everyone on the board of trustees for a successful year!

As some of you know, 2020 will bring some changes in where we hold our spring and fall meetings. Due to the French Quarter in Perrysburg being closed down, we had no choice but to look for a new location. We have settled on a hotel near Detroit Metro Airport. The Sheraton hotel located on Merriman Road right off of I94. The room rate will be \$114.00 per night and breakfast is included. Our Spring meeting will be April 3rd - April 5th, 2020. The hotel has already established a link for you to reserve your room. Below is the web address to reserve your room.

https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1576595790707&key=GRP&app=resvlink

Please keep in mind that the many volunteers and their dedication make this organization. They are the foundation that allows this organization to be the best it can be. Thank you to all of you for what you do.

Commodore Steve Hyder



### Vice Commodore's Corner...Bob Lang



Happy New Year! Here we go; Vice Commodore of I-LYA, boy oh boy what an honor. It seems like just yesterday I was the Rear Commodore and then there was a Regatta, a Fall meeting and like magic here we are, Vice Commodore. Thanks go out to our 2019 Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus for successfully navigating us through four great Regattas. Congratulations to our new 2020 Commodore Steve Hyder and his Lady Pam Myers; Congratulations to Rear Commodore Mike Fishbaugh and his Lady Kara; and Congratulations to our newly elected Trustees Scott Kneisel, Connie Miller, Bill Pribe and Trustees President John Dalessandro. Things are shaping up to be a great year and I'm

looking forward to working with everyone.

Wait, I almost forgot. Captain Bob was MC at Commodore Cindy's Ball, I heard he did a fantastic roast of Commodore Cindy, complete with dress-up hats. But wait; he'll be back in 2020 to roast Commodore Hyder.

On a serious note; the committees for 2020 are for the most part, all in place and planning has already started. The Powerboat committee will be meeting in January just prior to the Cleveland Boat show and the Sail committee will be meeting in Sandusky to start their planning for 2020. Each of these committees spends countless hours behind the scenes planning and praying for good weather and a great turnout. If you have some ideas to make the Regattas bigger and better, please contact one of the committee chairs or better yet mark your calendar for the Spring Meeting in April and share your ideas.

Anyways, that's all I have for now. Thanks again for all your support and congratulations to the new 2020 bridge. Captain Bob Lang, Vice Commodore CaptainBobLang@Outlook.com

### Rear Commodore's Corner...Michael Fishbaugh



Happy New Year! I would like to thank everyone for their support for me as Rear Commodore of I-LYA. I am looking forward to working more for this great organization in the years to come. Congratulations to our newly elected Trustees, Vice Commodore and Commodore Steve Hyder.

As we are now in the midst of winter despite the warm weather, it is a good time to think about safety on the water as we all start to make our plans for 2020. US Sailing now offers an online Safety at Sea course. This online course is an alternative/ equivalent to the In-Person US Sailing Sanctioned Offshore Safety at Sea course, which shares best practices with both aspiring and experienced offshore sailors. US Sailing is

here to help you learn how to cope with whatever challenge the sea throws your way. For \$85 it is a great one-time course to take this winter.

For more information visit: <u>https://www.boaterexam.com/sailing/safetyatsea/</u>.

Also while you are online, there are many other resources for additional training. Both the Ohio and Michigan Boat Safety Exams can be found online:

Michigan: <u>https://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/</u>; Ohio: <u>https://www.boatus.org/ohio/</u>

We hope to see everyone at the Cleveland Boat Show. Happy New Year!



Happy New Year to everyone! I hope everyone had a nice Christmas. For those of you who were at the ILYA Fall meeting, I hope you had good time. I would like to thank Past Commodore Cindy Johnson Mintus for a great successful year. I would like to welcome and congratulate the incoming Commodore Steve Hyder, Vice Commodore Bob Lang and our new Rear Commodore Mike Fishbaugh. It will be an honor to work with these gentlemen. I would like to congratulate Scott Kneisel, Connie Miller, and Bill Pribe as they return back to the Board of Trustees. Congratulations also to the new Vice President of the trustees, Lloyd Bogue. I would also like to welcome aboard, Teressa Vanderford as the Chairman of the Sponsorship Committee.

The Cleveland Boat show is coming up January 16-20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please support this if you can. We are working on the contracts with the Island for our dockage for ILYA Put in Bay Power and Sail weeks. We also received a three-year contract with the Put in Bay Yacht Club for all three regattas. I would like to thank Brian Huntley, PC Pat McIlwee, and PC Alan Ashley for working on the committee and negotiating with the city and Put in Bay.

In closing, if anyone has any questions or comments, please let me know. I am available by email <u>jdaless1@hotmail.com</u> or phone 734-673-3087. I hope everyone stays warm and spring comes quickly!

PC John Dalessandro, President of the Trustees

### **POWERBOAT REGATTA 2019**



Our friend Al Chapman took a boat load of pictures during the 2019 Powerboat Regatta. If you want to reminisce about last year's regatta and get ready for the 2020 Regatta, you'll want to take a look at this Dropbox link. It takes a couple of minutes to load but you will not be disappointed. Enjoy the pictures.

LINK:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/omh9vvl5enf4xqc/AADEf2CFyPUoRfxmsqmGW0Gda?dl=0

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### JUNIOR BAY WEEK CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

We are looking forward to being chairpersons for the 65<sup>th</sup> Junior Bay Week here in 2020. We had a successful turn out for the fall meeting and plans are already underway for what we hope to be an amazing event. This is a special regatta and there truly is no event like it in the United States.

Parents, please keep in mind when reserving your housing and docks, the week is July 19-23<sup>rd</sup>. The racing schedule will follow last year's format with racing concluding on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and competitors checking out early Thursday morning.

For those of you that are past I-LYA Jr. Bay Alumni, we will also be celebrating the 65<sup>th</sup> year of JBW with a Reunion Celebration on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Tracey and Matt Davis have been busy organizing this celebratory event, so mark your calendar to stick around on Sunday for a gathering of former JBW Alums and volunteers.

Competitors, if you are planning to sail Jr. Bay Week, get prepared for the Travelers Series. Sail in several events and participate in any clinics you can so you are ready for 4 full days of sailing at the Bay. Stay tuned for more information, including online registration!

Todd and Heidi Tigges ( ttigges@uhy-us.com & heiditigges@wlcsd.org)

### 2019 Powerboat Committee

Happy New Year! I am excited to get started on the Powerboat Regatta planning with the committee as soon as possible. Teressa and I are honored to serve as the Chair of the Powerboat committee this year and look forward to the adventure. If you have any ideas for how things could work better or any ideas for new and different events, then please reach out and let me know and I will put it in front of the committee.

To get started, we are having an organizational meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hampton Inn-Cleveland Airport in Brooklyn, OH at 9:00am for the committee, bridge, the dockmaster and the registrar. From there, we should have a great foundation for the Spring meeting in April. Powerboat Chair - Dale Vanderford

### Sail Regatta Notes

The I-LYA Sail Regatta Committee works year-round to try to make improvements in the regatta events. Following the winter meeting, a survey was sent to past participants to identify the goals of our sailors and more than 160 people responded with suggestions and comments.

We will continue to offer a course for any boat and any sailor – from world Champion Hobie Wave racers to casual cruisers. We will have three separate courses and will race multiple races Friday, Saturday and Sunday as time and conditions permit.

- \* PHRF course racing featuring around the island races and windward / leeward races.
- \* JAM / Cruising course featuring around the island races.
- \* Centerboard course which for 2020 will include any centerboard boat with a Portsmouth rating.

Round out the event by joining the Mount Gay Rum party on Friday night and the Tito's Vodka party on Saturday. Lodging on the island fills up fast, so now is the time to make your reservation at Put-in-Bay.

The Committee looks forward to putting together a great event in 2020 and we look forward to seeing you there.

Bill Pribe, Sail Chair

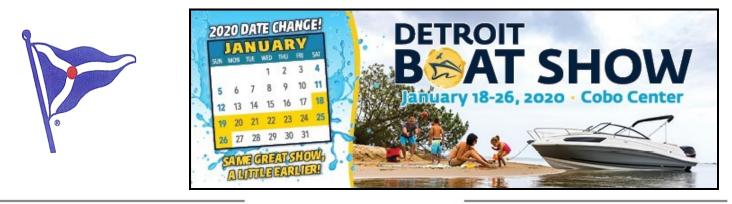
Captain Bob here. I hope you all had a great Holiday, but now it's time to start planning for the 2020 boating season and our Regattas. At the December meeting there was a great deal of discussion on how to generate more interest in our Junior Powerboat Regatta. One of the ideas was to have a poster and pamphlets available for distribution at the upcoming Cleveland Boat Show. The Posters and Pamphlets would provide some very basic information and a lot of great pictures of all the fun activities. Improving the regatta is always on my mind and last year's Regatta brought a new Man Overboard contest along with recovery training by Phastar, a safety group out of Cleveland. There is still a lot of room for improvement. The

biggest challenge is getting new Juniors involved in the Junior Powerboat Regatta. The regatta has grown over the past several years, but this last year had disappointing attendance. Let's see if we can motivate more juniors to participate in 2020 and beyond. I will have posters available to post in your club house, please contact me and I'll get one over to you. In fact, somewhere in this issue of the news, we'll post a picture of the new poster.

Over the years we have had several juniors who have consistently taken part in the activities offered at the Junior Power regatta and many of you now find yourself nearing the end of your eligibility to participate in the Junior Powerboat Regatta. For those Juniors who have aged out, I invite you to take the next step and get involved by helping out at the regatta, judging, or grading our junior contestants. You all are the next generation to take charge of this program and I would like to get you involved and hear your thoughts on how to improve our regatta.

That's all for now. Send me your ideas and thoughts on how to improve and increase our numbers. Captain Bob; 313-938-8414 CaptainBobLang@OutLook.com





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### Inter-Lake Yachting Association Junior Powerboat Regatta

An Educational program for Juniors interested in Powerboats. Juniors 12 through 18 are eligible to participate. The program is to be initiated at the Club level with ongoing class studies, organized practical training and competitive events. All Juniors are invited to participate at the annual I-LYA Regatta to compete and match their Powerboat skills with other Juniors. Competitions include both academic and hands on.

Only those Juniors who are members of boat Clubs affiliated with I-LYA will be eligible to receive Scholarship Awards. **Scholarships** are based on the results from two days of competitions at the annual I-LYA Regatta. General Knowledge and Seamanship, Charting and Course Plotting, GPS Navigation Competition, Weather contest On-The-Water Contests (Using Motorized Inflatables) "Course A" Boat Handling "Course B" Compass Reading Docking Chicane Man Overboard

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### LAKE ERIE FOUNDATION COMPLIMENTS GOVERNOR DEWINE ON ROLLOUT OF "H2OHIO"

Lake Erie Foundation thanks Governor DeWine and his administration for the significant time and effort that went into developing the initial steps of the "H2Ohio" plan. LEF also appreciates the efforts of the Ohio legislature for allocating \$172 million in funds, and the many collaborative partners who helped build the plan.

The Governor unveiled the plan's details on November 14 along the shores of Lake Erie in Toledo stating "my H2Ohio plan is a dedicated, holistic water quality strategy with long-lasting solutions to address the causes of Ohio's water problems, not just the symptoms."

Since the beginning of the DeWine administration, LEF has been a resource to him and his team on issues related to protecting the lake. Many of the H2Ohio plan components are activities that LEF has been advocating for since the organization was first formed, primarily reducing phosphorus runoff and preventing algal blooms through increased implementation of agricultural best practices. The plan provides economic incentives to farmers who develop a nutrient management plan that includes a combination of these best practices.

Other plan goals include creation of wetlands, improving wastewater infrastructure; replacing failing home septic systems; and preventing lead contamination in high-risk daycare centers and schools.

While all of these methods of addressing Lake Erie's challenges have the potential to provide positive benefit, LEF does have concern that according to details now available, many of the recommended actions are voluntary in nature. And while there are dollars available to offset the cost to those who choose to "do the right thing", to a certain extent this voluntary approach has been unsuccessful in the past. Furthermore, these financial incentives are being made available even to farms that have already incorporated best management practices into their operations, as opposed to directing the dollars to farms with fields in the greatest need.

Jim Stouffer, President of the LEF Board of Directors, commented, "we compliment Governor DeWine for taking on this challenge and are encouraged by the goals he and his team have set forth. Our hope is that our friends in the agricultural community will fully engage with this plan; this will in turn benefit their operations and our Great Lake Erie".





### Yachtsmen's Fund Update

### A Letter from Our President

It was nice to see everyone at the Fall meeting. We hope you were able to stop by the dessert table for a treat or two. We were fortunate to have every trustee in attendance on Friday, so we took advantage of the situation and took a trustee photo. You may see the photo pop up in future publications.

We covered much ground at our meeting from grants, JBW, to donations. The Yachtsmen's Fund has been the recipient of many memorial donations this year and that is bittersweet for the Fund. We are saddened by the loss of members of our sailing community, but promise to keep our mission of giving back to honor their memory.

All of the trustees and I wish you good health and a prosperous new year. Cheers!

Monica Bloomstine - President Yachtsmen's Fund

## In 2019, The Inter-Lake Yachtsmen's Fund received over \$3,200 in Memorial Donations.

Memorial donations are invested to provide ongoing, annual support to events that educate, challenge, and inspire the next generation of sailors and boaters. A fitting and lasting tribute to those we have lost.

### **THANK YOU DONORS!**

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