



COMMODORE'S REPORT



Hello from the Bridge! What a crazy, crazy winter/spring we have had. I don't have to tell everyone that these are extremely challenging times.

It was with great disappointment that we had to cancel our Spring Meeting. Pam and I did put on a Facebook live and announced some award winners that evening. Hopefully you were able to join us that evening. It wasn't a spring meeting but we still had fun.

Congratulations to 2019 GCBA Commander Bruce Sattler for being awarded I-LYA Yachtsman of the Year for 2020, I-LYA Rear Commodore Mike Fishbaugh for being awarded the Yacht Racing Union Trophy, Monroe Boat Club Past Commodore Brian Moyer for being awarded Mid-American Boating Skipper of the Year and North Cape's Yacht Club very own Leslie Hill being awarded a 2020 Commodore's award. As I said that night, it is extremely hard to hand out these awards to a select few, everyone in this organization works their tail off. If it wasn't for the dedicated volunteers our organization would not be what it is today. THANK YOU!

As Spring moves forward the other great disappointment was the suspension of 2020 Traveler series through the month June. The Jr. Committee worked hard on planning for a 2020 season. As things were developing the committee had no choice but to suspend Traveler series through June. The Committee will look at what is going on and how our member clubs are dealing with regattas and then make a decision on to either suspend for the remainder of the season or try to have shorten Traveler series.

This led the committee, the bridge and the board of trustees to attempt to figure out if we could still safely hold the Jr. Bay Championship Regatta. After multiple meetings with everyone we came to another very very disappointing decision to suspend the Regatta until 2021. There were two major reasons for the decision. First was housing and how could we house the 135 participants safely. We put 4 participants to a room. It would have been impossible to maintain the social distancing that would need to happen. The other was preparation, with the Traveler Series being suspended and other Jr. Programs being cancelled there was no way the participants would be prepared and ready for a week long, multiple race regatta. Overall the Bridge, Board of Trustees and the Jr. Committee thought it was best to suspend the event until 2020.

Now onto some good news. As the State of Ohio begins to open loosens some restrictions it appears that we will be able to have our Sr. Sail Regatta and Power Boat Regatta along with Jr. Power. I am excited that 2020 will not be a total loss. The committees are hard at work and we are making plans as we move forward. We planning the regattas with flexibility in mind. As we all know these fluid times and things can change day to day. Please register for your respective regatta. We are not taking registration fees at this point. The Committees need to know how many plan on attending so we can be ready. Please register as soon as you can.

As with all of you, Pam and I never in a million years thought we would be in this position. We really appreciate all the support we are getting from our Bridge, our Past Commodores, and our Board of Trustees. I-LYA has some great people working hard through this unprecedented time.

Please keep in mind Safe Boating Week is May 16th-22nd. Keep Safe, Stay Safe and please go out and enjoy your boat and our wonderful great lakes.

Steve H. (the good one) - Commodore

Vice Commodore's Corner...Bob Lang



WOW, interesting last couple of months. This issue of the I-LYA News typically talks about Fall meeting discussions and the plans being made for the Regattas. As many will report in their article, plans for our regattas are proceeding full speed ahead. Our Power and Sail committees are finding ways to meet remotely and getting the job done. It's certainly been a challenge this year, not only was the Fall meeting cancelled but so many of our member clubs have had to cancel their Balls, Receptions, fund raisers and close their doors as we move through the "stay at home" order by both Ohio and Michigan governors. Hopefully as you read this article, the "stay at home" orders are now behind us and we can begin looking to more normal times ahead. Boy, for the last couple of years we've been dealing with high water issues and last year was a real challenge for our regattas, this year it's the Covid-19 virus; What next. I sure hope we have the worst behind us. Okay, enough talk about the virus. Let's talk boating and regattas.

For many, our launch dates have been postponed. I know, I was hoping to launch early this year and looking forward to spending more time out on the water. I think over the next couple of weeks there will be a lot of action at the various marinas and clubs and a frantic push to get our boats ready for the water. As we make our boats ready for the water let's also start thinking about our Regattas. The regattas bring friendly competition with fellow boaters, a chance to win a first-place flag and trophy, and best of all the opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with old friends.

As we put this virus behind us, let's look to better days ahead and a great Regatta season in July/August. So, Mark your calendars and let's think Boating and Regattas. Okay, that's all for now, hope to see you soon. If you want talk, give me a call (313-938-8414), or send me an email, CaptainBobLang@OutLook.com Even better yet; stop by the old garage and take a look at the latest project. Captain Bob, Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Corner...Michael Fishbaugh



2020 certainly is going to be a year we will all remember. As we are all now all hopefully working on putting our boats in the water and seeing how the summer will unfold, I-LYA has put together some resources for you to see what events are still on or what has been moved or cancelled.

<http://i-lya.org/2020-regatta-event-updates/>

This page has info and links on events within I-LYA and our community. If you have updates to share, please let me know through the links on the page.

There is a great page assembled by the Junior Council on events:
<https://sites.google.com/view/i-lyajuniorsailing/>

Please continue to let us know of updates from your club. I hope to see eve on the water soon.

Rear Commodore Mike Fishbaugh

COVID 19 AND I-LYA SR. SAIL AND POWER REGATTAS

In this unprecedented time and the fears surrounding COVID 19. Please be assured that I-LYA will do everything we can to make sure the 2020 Regattas are as safe as they can be for everyone involved.

As of May 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Ohio, the Village of Put In Bay have opened the island and are allowing visitors to attend. Governor DeWine has also lifted the stay at home order, which allows residents in the State of Ohio to get out and about. Although the State and the Village is moving slowly in allowing more events and more people to assemble, I-LYA believes we will be able to move forward with our 2020 Regattas. The plan moving forward is to make these regattas safe. Here is what the committees are working on:

- * A larger tent to allow more room and social distancing
- * Multiple Hand Sanitizers placed throughout the tent and docks for use.
- * Mask will be made available if you want one and do not have one.
- * Non-latex gloves for volunteers who serve food and beverages
- * One-way entrance and exit into the tent
- * An organize traffic pattern through food and beverage lines
- * Each regatta will have one or more person appointed to ensure these protocols are observed.

Our committees have been working hard on making our 2020 regattas as normal as possible. I-LYA appreciates your cooperation to the changes that we must make to have a successful regatta.

Steve Hyder
2020 Commodore

Bill Pribe
2020 Sr. Sail Committee Chair

Dale Vanderford
2020 Powerboat Chair

Cruising the Great Lakes with COVID-19 and High Water

Before you take your boat out do you check the weather forecast, take a peak at the radar and scan the sky? Sure you do, but how about checking for COVID-9 closings? How about high water closings?

We might long for the days when we only worried that the Put-In-Bay docks and mooring field would be filled before we arrived, but the reality of this summer includes two new unwelcomed visitors. Some marinas, particularly those with fixed docks, are affected by high water and are either periodically or permanently closed. Many marinas have instituted special COVID-19 restrictions for permanent and transient boaters. When you consider taking a summer vacation on the water how can you know what to expect?

Since early May members of the Great Lakes Cruising Club have been collecting and collating up to date information on the status of selected marinas across all five Great Lakes. Pictured on the right is the very first compilation for Ohio's Lake Erie Marinas.

The first piece of data these GLCC volunteers collect answers the essential

answers the essential question "Is this marina open?" From there they ask if the fuel pier is open and if transient boaters are welcomed. Since this special project began these charts have been updated and expanded on a weekly basis.

Hopefully this timely information will be only a temporary supplement to the Great Lakes Cruising Club's outstand *Harbor Reports*. These *Harbor Reports* provide detailed information on over 1,200 harbors and anchorages through out the Great Lakes.

For more information on the Great Lakes Cruising Club, its *Harbor Reports* and special COVID-9 and High Water Project go to glclub.com.

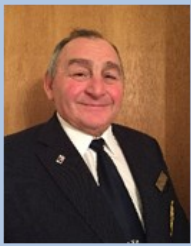


Ohio

The Ohio Stay-Safe-Ohio order replaced the Stay-at-Home order on April 29, 2020. The new order is in effect until May 29, 2020. Social distancing is still required.
Source: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/Directors-Stay-Safe-Ohio-Order.pdf>

Date Captured	Marina	Phone	Open	Fuel	Pump-Out	Transient Slips
May 1 2020	Battery Park Marina-Sandusky	419-625-6142	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
May 1 2020	Cedar Point Park-Sandusky	419-627-2334	Yes	May 8	May 8	May 8
May 8 2020	Sandusky Harbor Marina	419-627-1291	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
May 13 2020	Skipper Bud's-East Harbor	419-732-2567	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
May 13 2020	Bass Haven-East Harbor	419-734-2544	Yes	Gas*	Yes*	Yes*
May 13 2020	Shrocks	419-798-4635	Yes	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*
May 7 2020	Huron Boat Basin	419-433-4848	Yes	No	No	Yes
May 7 2020	Huron Yacht Club	419-433-3113	No			
May 7 2020	Vermilion Port Authority	440-204-2474	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
May 7 2020	Vermilion Yacht Club	440-967-3255	No		May 15	
May 1 2020	Harrison Marina-Toledo	419-729-1676	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
May 1 2020	Brands Marina-Port Clinton	419-734-4212	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
May 1 2020	Meinice Marina-Cooley Creek	419-836-7774	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
May 2 2020	Geneva State Park Marina	440-466-7565	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
May 7 2020	Middle Bass State Park Marina	419-285-0311	May 15			
May 7 2020	Municipal Marinas-South Bass/PB	419-285-2068	No			
May 7 2020	Boardwalk Marina-Put-In-Bay	419-285-6183	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes
May 7 2020	Seaway Marina-Kelleys Island	419-746-2586	No	Yes		

* Call for appointment or special instructions



Hello everyone...I hope this finds you all safe and healthy. The weather is starting to get nicer now and we will definitely have plenty of water this year!! Hopefully, everyone is getting their boats ready for the summer so you can do some boating.

On behalf of the Board of Directors we are working very hard to make the Sail and Power Regattas work this summer. A lot of thought and discussion has been put into it over the last two months. Things are changing daily, and we will continue to monitor and make changes as needed. As of right now, both Regattas are on and registration is open. You may find the registration on the I-LYA website. The regattas will be put on with all possible social distancing and safety requirements needed as stated by the Governor of the state of Ohio. I-LYA Board of Directors positions will be up for nomination for the December Meeting. If anyone is interested in running for a Board position with I-LYA, please send your information to PC Steve Harris. He is the nominating chairman and will forward your name and information to the nominating committee for review.

In closing, I am asking everyone to please be safe and adhere to the social distancing and proper PPE as needed. I know this is not an easy task by anyone. I-LYA is very concerned about the health and safety of all our club members. I hope to see you all at the Bay in August! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time at 734-673-3087 or jdaless1@hotmail.com.

John Dalessandro, President of the Trustees

JUNIOR BAY WEEK NEWS

After many discussions and meetings with program directors, the I-LYA Junior Council, the I-LYA Flag Officers and the I-LYA Trustees it is with deep regret we announce that the 2020 I-LYA Junior Sailing Championship has been suspended for the 2020 season.

This difficult decision was based with the safety of the participants first and foremost. By suspending the event at this time, this allows individual junior programs to plan and adjust their schedules in what may be an already shortened season.

For those junior sailors that will age out for next year's event, we encourage you to participate in the I-LYA Senior Sail event July 31 – Aug 2. Individual one design classes, including Lasers, 420's and Thistles, will receive their own start pursuant to the I-LYA Sr. Sail notice of race.

Commodore Steve Hyder

2020 I-LYA Commodore

Heidi & Todd Tigges

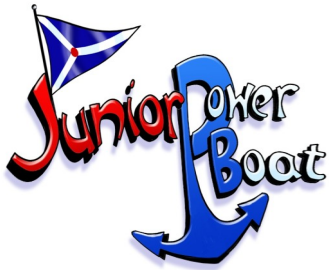
2020 I-LYA Junior Bay Week Chairs

Sail Regatta Notes

As we are all emerging from the past two months of stay home, stay safe we are looking to see what our world is going to be like. That world is changing every day and trying to foresee what Put-in-Bay is going to look like in August is difficult at best. The Sail Committee has continued to plan for Bayweek. We have everything in place to hold the event. We also have several contingency plans depending on what we are allowed to do. With the opening of Put-in-Bay on May 11th that will give us more of an idea of what we can expect going forward. Registration is open. Please register today if you are planning to attend the regatta. Payment is not required until July 6th. This will give the committee an idea of the number and class of boats that are planning on coming. There will be a 127th I-LYA regatta. How it will look remains to be determined.

Bill Pribe - Sail Chairman

Captain Bob here. Looks like Spring is on the way and Covid-19 is leaving. It's been a difficult Spring with the cancelation of our Spring meeting. Oh well, let's move on and start planning for the Regatta in August. Don't forget to mark your calendars for August 5-9. A month or so ago, we put together some Posters and Pamphlets about our Junior powerboat regatta. Please contact me if you don't have this information already posted in your club house. I want to make these available to all clubs.



The **BIG NEWS** in this article is that we need your help to get our Juniors involved. So please, if you have some families in your club with Juniors, please invite them to participate in the Regatta. I would be glad to come and make a presentation at your next membership meeting, just give me call.

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 at the regatta, judging, or grading our junior contestants. You 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

POWERBOAT REGATTA 2020

The Power Boat committee has been hard at work planning for our upcoming regatta. As of this writing, we are relatively confident that we will be able to safely hold the event and are moving actively putting the pieces together. As mentioned in our letter in this newsletter, we are looking at all aspects of the Power event, determining if the individual activities can be safely held as they have in the past, if modifications are needed to safely hold the activity, or if we need to cancel the activity. So far, all activities are still on—some with slight modifications in order to maintain proper distances. On others, we are watching to see what the recommendations are for August and modifying them as we get closer if needed. Registration has been open for a few weeks now and it is encouraging to see how many people are registering now so that we have a good idea of what kind of attendance we will have. If you are able, we encourage you to register! If we have to cancel due to any Covid or other restrictions, we will offer refunds to all who have paid already—so it minimizes your risk. We are very excited to put on this year's regatta for you. It's going to be a lot of fun and we hope to see you there!

Dale Vanderford

Register for the 2020 I-LYA Regatta!

visit www.i-lya.org

Yachtsmen's Fund

Gearing Up for Summer!
www.yachtsmensfund.org



We hope this finds everyone safe and healthy, and that our paths will cross at some boating events this summer, even if it is 6 feet apart.

The Yachtsmen's Fund was able to hold a video conference on Friday April 3, 2020. The same day that we would have met for the Spring meeting. It was so nice to see familiar faces and hear familiar voices.

Much was accomplished during this meeting. We have a new president of the fund. Steve Harris accepted the position of president and Monica Bloomstine will take on his role as vice president.

Our nominating committee presented Mike Power to fill Clay Mock's term which runs until 2024, and he has accepted.

We were able to speak with the I-LYA Commodore, Steve Hyder as well as the JBW chairs Todd and Heidi Tigges. Much of this upcoming boating season is out of our hands, but we are committed to continuing our mission to challenge, support and educate sailing and boating endeavors.

Stay safe!

COLD WATER IMMERSION



Cold water immersion is almost always the result of a capsized or swamping of, or fall overboard from, a boat under 26 feet.

IT INCLUDES, OVER TIME, THREE DISTINCT PHASES:

In each phase, without a life jacket, a person faces a much higher risk of drowning.



Cold shock response
(gasping, hyperventilation)



Cold Incapacitation
(swim failure, loss of function)



Immersion hypothermia (eventually
resulting in loss of useful
consciousness)

WITH THAT IN MIND...WHEN BOATING IN COLD WATER:

1 Always wear a life jacket when in an open boat or on deck, **ESPECIALLY** if operating solo.

2 At least the operator, and **ESPECIALLY** solo operators, should carry emergency communication devices (e.g. hand held VHF radio, cell phone in waterproof bag) and signaling devices (emergency locator beacon and visual distress signals) **ON THEIR PERSON**.

3 Make sure the boat has a re-boarding device (such as a swim step, ladder or foot sling) that can be used by a person overboard.

4 Solo operators should **ALWAYS** attach an engine cut - off device when underway.

5 Cold water boaters should consider carrying a small inflatable dingy or life raft, and immersion (survival) suits.

6 File (and stick to) a float plan.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Inter-Lake Yachtsmen's Fund Offers Health & Safety Grants in Response to COVID-19

In addition to our traditional grants given for education and training, the Inter-Lake Yachtsmen's Fund will be providing special **Health & Safety Grants** this season to sailing & boating programs in response to the COVID-19 epidemic. This is a difficult time and the challenges to our local sailing and boating programs are many. Those programs that are able to operate this summer will be facing additional costs for materials (PPE, sanitizer, etc.) to comply with government orders in regards to social distancing and safety.

Application can be made through the Yachtsmen's Fund website,
www.yachtsmensfund.org

Questions? Contact President Steve Harris, sgharris2@gmail.com, or Grants Committee Chair, Matt Dubois, msdubois@sbcglobal.net

As always, the Fund is continuing its efforts to Educate, Challenge, and Inspire the next generation of sailors and boaters - a focus on safety is important to that goal. To learn more about and support the Fund, please visit our website.



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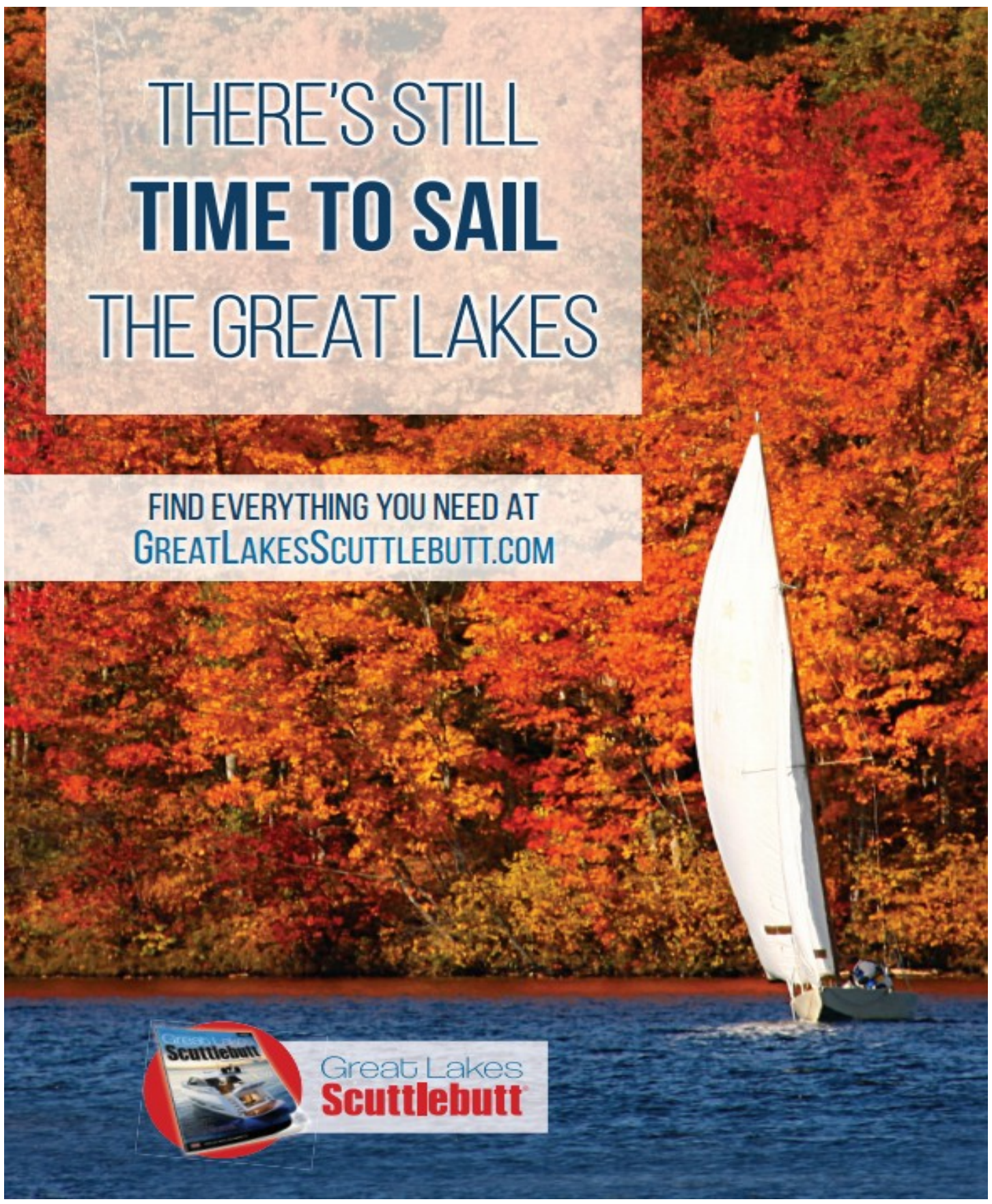
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