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WELCOME

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year and welcome to the first issue of the new and improved I-LYA News! 2012 is going to be an exciting year with many things to look forward to. We plan to work on improving many different areas including: events, communication, sponsorship, etc. This newsletter is our first step in enhancing coverage of communication across all of I-LYA! If your club is interested in submitting an article for all of I-LYA to see, please submit it to news@i-lya.org by the 20th of each month!

SPONSORSHIP

BOAT U.S. SPONSORS I-LYA REGATTAS

Boat U.S. jumps aboard as sponsor for I-LYA Regattas! A warm welcome to Boat U.S. and thank you for your sponsorship in 2012. Please visit their website available via I-LYA's mainpage at www.i-lya.org for more information on what they offer to all boaters! *See page 3.*

JUNIOR BAY WEEK 2012

The 57th Annual I-LYA Jr. Bay Week Regatta will be held July 15- 20th at Put in Bay! Regatta Chairs Connie Aguero and Mike Dills (Edgewater YC) are busy planning for the event. Fun & Learning is what Jr. Bay is all about. We'll have 4 days of great racing, top notch coaches and lots of fun on-shore activities. Racing will be conducted in Lasers, Laser Radials, 420s and Thistles and is open to young sailors age 13-18 from all I-LYA Member Clubs. We anticipate having approximately 150 competitors! There are many opportunities to warm up and get ready for Jr. Bay Week by participating in the the I-LYA Travelers Series Regattas which start the first week of June.

Keep up to date on all of the I-LYA Jr. Activities though the i-lya.org website or join the I-LYA Juniors email group by contacting Inter-LakeJuniorSailing@yahoo.com For more information about Jr. Bay Week or to Volunteer or Get Involved, please contact Connie Aguero at connieaguero@sbcglobal.net or Mike Dills at mdills@lakeboats.com

TRUSTEES REPORT

FULL SPEED AHEAD FOR 2012 *Jay Onacila, Board of Trustees President*

With our Fall Meeting behind us, I-LYA has much to look forward to in 2012. We have newly elected Bridge Officers Commodore Mike Morton, Vice Commodore Kris Miller, and Rear Commodore Steve Harris. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Commodore Mike Morton who recently had heart surgery in January. He is resting at home and doing well. Also, we welcome newly elected members to the Board of Trustees Chris Amlin, John Rose, Ron Soka, and Bob Lang who was appointed to fill the remaining term left vacated by Steve Harris.

At the Fall Meeting, many of our committees met and are working hard to put together successful programs for 2012. Our regatta chairpersons are Sail Mike Fishbaugh, Junior Sail Connie Aquero and Mike Dills, and Power Steve Hyder. Our Regatta dates have been finalized with some changes in the dates from previous years most notably for the Power Regatta. Please check the I-LYA website for more information and to contact all of our Chairpersons. Remember that our Spring Meeting will be March 30- April 1st at the French Quarter Holiday Inn near Toledo, Ohio. Please try to attend as much of the planning will be made at the meetings on that weekend.

We will have the I-LYA booth at both the Cleveland and Detroit Boat shows. Plan to stop by the booth for possible updates and information. Congratulations to Commodore Fred Schroeder, Lady Char, and all of the Committees for a very successful year in 2011. Best wishes to Commodore Fred who had heart surgery last month is doing very well and resting at home.

COMMITTEE REPORT

ISLAND LIASION COMMITTEE

The Island Liaison Committee, which consists of myself, Past Commodore Allen Ashley and Pat McIlwee, has been very busy working for I-LYA. Our primary focus is on relations with folks on the Island of South Bass. We work with the Village of Put-in-Bay, the staff, mayor, dock master etc., with all things related to the docks for both the Power and Sail Regatta's. We work with the members of the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club, or PIBYC as many of you know it, on topics that relate to the use of the club for I-LYA Regatta events. PIBYC is a member of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association. We also work with the PIB Chamber of Commerce and any other person or group that relates to I-LYA.

In the summer of 2011, our committee worked with select members of PIBYC to re-negotiate the contract that we abide by to hold all three of the I-LYA regatta's at their club. This includes the popular Junior Regatta held in July, the Power Regatta held in late July, and the Senior Sail Regatta held in early August. Between us, we successfully re-negotiated and completed a new 3 years agreement. Included in this contract, was to recognize PIBYC as a sponsor of our events. Welcome aboard.

In October of 2011, we met with Mayor Judy Berry, Dock master Bob Cook and Chamber of Commerce President Ty Winchester, and a few other representatives from the Island. Our meeting was very productive but dates became an issue. The net result was moving the dates around to accommodate the needs of the Juniors, while allowing Power to hold their regatta on a weekend and the Sail Regatta on the traditional first week in August date. We are going to work with the Chamber and Village to attempt to lock down dates for the next 3-5 years to eliminate this problem in the future.

We also negotiated discounted dockage rates for both Power and Sail Regatta's. I-LYA is one of "The Bay's" Biggest and Oldest Customers. We certainly appreciate their recognition of the traditions that have been built over the last 100 plus years.

Our feeling is that ultimately we have established great relations and an open line of communication with the Bay that will serve everyone well into the future!

See you at the Bay!

Bryan Huntley
Chairman



WHAT'S THAT DATE AGAIN? 2012 Calendar

The official I-LYA 2012 calendar of events has been released. News and information about each event can be found in the monthly I-LYA News or online at www.I-LYA.org. We hope you can join us at all of our events throughout this year!

Spring Meeting

March 30-31

Holiday Inn - French Quarter
Perrysburg, Ohio

Powerboat Early Dockage

July 18-19

Put-In-Bay, Ohio

Junior Bay Week

July 15-19

Put-In-Bay, Ohio

Powerboat Regatta

July 20-23

Put-In-Bay, Ohio

Commodore's Brunch

July 22

The Anchorage, Put-In-Bay, Ohio

Deepwaters

August 1-2

Sail Regatta

August 3-5

Put-In-Bay, Ohio

Fall Meeting

December 7-8

Holiday Inn - French Quarter
Perrysburg, Ohio

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WHY DO I NEED A CAPTAIN'S LICENSE?

Many people ask, "Why do I need a Captain's License?" Really, you don't unless you plan to take passengers for hire. But the advanced skipper education is very valuable, and often the license is proof of your expertise.

How do you get your Captain's license? Not that hard, but a bit of pre-qualification first. The USCG requires you to have 360 days of boating experience on any size of boat, and that boat can be anyone's, so time on your friends boats counts too. You don't need to be at the helm, just crew. Verification of this time is not that hard and you don't need to submit a logbook for this level of license. Some military time on the water counts too.

Then you have two choices. 1) You can go to a USCG Regional Exam Center (Toledo, OH, is most likely the closest) and test your knowledge on charting, deck and safety practices, the 38 rules of the road for boaters, and general navigation knowledge like markers, horn signals, and night light/day shapes. Yes you can study, but the pass rates for the exams are difficult, and most need help.

The test takes about 4-5 hours. You can test three times.

Or 2) Take a USCG Approved Class. The class consists of the items mentioned above, but in a classroom setting. The class is 56 hours long and often presents more information that is not tested. Some schools rely on memorization of questions and answers while other rely on making you a better skipper, and with that knowledge, you can pass the test. They are also approved to give the test. Most schools have a high rate of students that pass their test.

Ok, now you have the course under your helm and passed the test or have tested at the REC. You'll need a drug test by a USCG approved lab, and a physical on the USCG form, a CPR/First Aid course or certification is required. Then a background check by Homeland Security as well.

Then, you need to fill out the National Maritime Center application for the appropriate license (OUPV 6 Pack, Master, Inland or Near Coastal if you have blue water time, tonnage, and any endorsements like Towing Assistance or Sail

Endorsement). This is sent to the NMC for approval and in about 3 weeks you'll have your license. It's then, and only then can you charge for boating service like a delivery captain, fishing charter, towing assistance, or take passengers on sunset cruises. Even the water taxi drivers at PIB are licensed, most likely Limited Masters.

Some schools "teach and test" and leave you to find the sources of the other requirements, while other offer a turnkey approach to the entire project. But regardless whether you follow through to get your license, you'll gain a lot of knowledge to ensure your comfort level of boating, especially in water that you are not familiar.

For credit...Captain Getter offers many classes on the inland rivers, east coast and Great lakes. Check his web at www.TrueCourses.com for class schedule and locations or contact him at: CaptainGetter@TrueCourses.com





MILLS 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

2012 INVITATIONAL MILLS TROPHY RACE

Toledo Yacht Club is proud to host the 89th running of the Invitational Mills Trophy Race, scheduled for the second weekend after Memorial Day, with 16 class starts on Friday afternoon, June 8th.

The Mills Race was initiated in 1907 at the Toledo Yacht Club and has been held nearly every year since that time. The Friday night race, featuring over 150 boats on three courses, starts at the Toledo Harbor Light and ends at Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island. The Mills has long been recognized as one

of the premier yacht racing events on Lake Erie, and is certainly one of the oldest.

This year the Mills activities begin on Wed. June 6th, with an Awards Banquet to honor last year's winners, and present them with one of over 50 trophies that date back to the early 1900's. Each titled trophy has the name of all the previous winners, boat names, and yacht clubs and many represent decades of local corporate support. With trophies dedicated from Merrill B. Mills, President Taft, Ohio Governor Harmon, and national and international industry legends, there is not a more impressive or historic collection of silver in the country.

Thursday night, June 7th, is the famous Toledo Yacht Club Mills Party. 2,000+ people visit the historic Toledo Yacht Club (formed in 1865, 11th oldest in the US and 3rd oldest on the Great Lakes) for an evening of boat and people watching, dining, dancing, and revelry. Friday night, June 8th, is the 89th running of the Mills Trophy Race, with the boats arriving at South Bass Island Saturday morning. The

TYC Cruising Entries arrive early on Friday and prepare the island for the arrival of the racers. The party continues at The Bay with a hospitality pavilion from 12-6 pm featuring food, beverages, and music. Approximately 1,000 Mills Race participants and sponsors attend this private party.

The Mills Race program book is published each year and provides the highest level of quality information for our racers, partners, sponsors, and advertisers. This unique program receives wide circulation throughout the boating community from Port Huron, MI to Erie, PA. The book is truly a one-of-a-kind, sprinkled with racing information, Mills history, schedules, and advertising. It is read cover-to-cover and treasured by participants as a souvenir.

Make your plans to join us for the 105th Mills Race Anniversary. The Invitational Mills Trophy Race, truly a unique and historic event.

2012 Mills Trophy Race Committee

CLUB NOTICES

CLEVELAND RACE WEEK 2012

Cleveland Race Week, hosted and sponsored by Edgewater Yacht Club, Cleveland, Ohio will be June 16th through the 24th, 2012. The Notice of Race, Registration, Event schedule are available at <http://www.ewyc.net/CRW2012>

ADVANCED RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

U.S. Sailing and Edgewater Yacht Club, will be hosting an Advanced Race Management Seminar Saturday February 18 and Sunday February 19th at Edgewater Yacht Club, Cleveland, Ohio.

This two day seminar, the only one scheduled in the mid-west, is for experienced race officers who would like to refresh and increase their knowledge of such topics as: organizing an event, writing the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, RC equipment, race committee preparations, setting the starting line, setting the course, starting, finishing and scoring. The seminar will include discussions of the changes in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 that affect race management.

The principal instructor for the seminar is Hank Stuart. Hank is a U.S. Sailing National Race Officer, ISAF International Race Officer and the US SAILING Race Administration Committee Chairman.

Seating is limited. Full details can be found at <http://www.ewyc.net/2012RM/index.html>. For additional information contact Mike Dills at mdills@lakeboats.com.

RACING

STRONG 2011 I-LYA JUNIOR PRESENCE AT AREA E FINALS & CHUBB U.S. JUNIOR SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Edgewater Yacht Club's Mike Gemperline, Emily Schneider, and Mike Trebilcock all traveled to Toms River, New Jersey in August to represent the I-LYA in US SAILING's 2011 Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championship for the Bemis and Smythe Trophies.



In the 420 class, the team of Gemperline and Schneider finished 17th with four top ten finishes. In the laser radial class, Mike Trebilcock finished 16th against 20 of the top junior radial sailors in the country. All three sailors were coached this summer by Nick Turney with additional coaching provided by John Gemperline (420) and John Shockey(laser.) The three qualified for nationals based on their strong finishes at the Area E finals which were held July 26-27th at Youngstown Yacht Club in New York.

In Area E, the top two finishers in the laser radial and 420 classes and the top finisher in the three man

boat qualify to move on to the national championships. In the laser radial class, four of the top five finishers were I-LYA sailors with Trebilcock qualifying for the finals with a first place. In the 420 class, I-LYA took three of the top five finishes with Gemperline/Schneider finishing second. Hats off also to the MHYC team of Corrine Sackett, Lindsey Pinkerton, and Allie Rhoten who took on the challenge of qualifying in a J22.

Competition between I-LYA clubs has been strong this year and thirty four of our I-LYA junior sailors took advantage of the open semis format to participate at the Area E finals. Twenty four of the thirty three participating boats were sailed by I-LYA juniors



(Seated R to L) Edgewater sailors Mike Trebilcock, Emily Schneider, and Mike Gemperline posing with fellow competitors at the US SAILING Chubb US Junior Sailing Championships in Toms River, New Jersey in August.

representing Erie, Edgewater, Eagle Creek, Hoover, Put-in-Bay, North Cape, Mentor Harbor, and Berlin. Many were there with the direct financial support of the Yachtsmans Fund based on their finishes a week earlier at Junior Bay Week. All proudly represent the future of I-LYA.



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