



COMMODORE'S CORNER

Commodore Kris Miller



I-LYA Commodore Kris and Lady Reni Miller

As always this has been a busy time. The boat is finally in the water. Last weekend we joined the Greater Cleveland Boating Association's rendezvous in the Huron Basin. It was a great weekend with lots of opportunities to reconnect. Unfortunately, we were not able to be part of AYC's first poker run but we are planning to do so in the near future.

The yearbook distribution is finally complete. Many thanks go out to the clubs who had representatives pick up their books at the Opening of the Port in Toledo, The Memorial Service at the Cod in Cleveland and the Opening in the Island on Grosse Isle. Almost half of the clubs were able to receive their books this way. Special thanks to Chris Amlin, Jack Attkisson, Warren Dempster, Steve Harris and Bob Sheppard who helped deliver or mail the rest.

Now we are involved in the final preparations for the summer regattas. We have been working

closely with the event chairmen and there are some great plans being made. Junior Sail Regatta will begin on Sunday, July 21st and run through Thursday, July 25th. Senior Sail Regatta begins with the deepwater races to the island arriving on Thursday, August 1st and ends with final awards on Sunday, August 4th. Although the Senior Power and Junior Power Regattas don't start until Wednesday, August 7th, many boaters are coming in on Monday and making a full week of it. If you haven't made arrangements to be part of one of these fun-filled weeks there may still be room. Go to the www.i-lya.org to register. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget that 2013 is the bicentennial celebration of the Battle of Lake Erie. There are many activities planned for numerous ports around the Great Lakes. See the article in this newsletter and check the I-LYA website for more information.

If you would like to learn more about match racing, NorthU has made Dave Perry's "Welcome to Match Racing" DVD available free of charge for a limited time. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. See related article by VC Steve Harris beginning on page 2.

POWER REGATTA

Bob Lang, Chairman

Capt. Bob here! Well, here we are, just a month away from our annual Power Regatta. We have some great things lined up for this year's regatta. There is something for everyone: boating contests, sports ashore, social gatherings and plenty of ice cold beer. One of the things I like best about the regatta is getting together with old friends.

We have a new updated Predicted log and navigation contest. You can do the predicted log part of the contest with your inflatable and the navigation contest will take you on a road trip around South Bass Island. Should be a lot of fun. The cardboard boat race is always a big crowd pleaser, so don't miss it. We're hoping to use



the "Battle of Lake Erie" as a theme for this event. It's not always about the boat, don't forget to dress for the part.

We've never had a big turn out for the Whale Class boats, so lets see if we can get some six-man cardboard boats.

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SENIOR SAIL REGATTA

Mike Fishbaugh, Chairman

The finishing details are being put in place for the 2013 I-LYA Senior Sail Regatta and the Deepwater Feeder Races for 2013. Please join us at Put-in-Bay August 2-4, 2013 for the I-LYA Senior Sail Regatta! Again this year, we have put together a great schedule of racing and events.

Race with us to the Bay on Wednesday, July 31 from Cleveland and on Thursday, August 1 from Grosse Isle, Port Clinton, Sandusky and Toledo. We have arranged early dockage for the Cleveland Deepwater racers;

check the on-line Deepwater registration for information on securing dockage for Wednesday night.

The Sandusky Steeplechase, also on Thursday, August 1, is for all centerboard and beachcats wishing to sail to South Bass Island. It's a great race format from Sandusky Sailing Club to Put-in-Bay.

On Thursday night, join us at Put-in-Bay Yacht Club for the first night of our three-day social package. Again in 2013, tickets for all three nights are only \$35 when pur-



chased before the event online. Go to www.yachtscoring.com. Select 2013 I-LYA Bayweek Regatta, then Purchase Tickets and Other Items. Even if you don't plan on racing, come over to the island and join us for a fun weekend with three great parties including food, beverages and live music.

Continuing our solid race management, we will again have four racing areas: Centerboard and Beachcat, JAM & PHRF, One Design Keelboat and Casual Cruising. Join in on three great days of racing August 2-4 on one of these four professionally-run courses. All courses are being run by US Sailing Certified Race Officers.

As you plan the remainder of your summer, please include us in those plans! Registration is available online at <http://www.i-lya.org> under the Sail Regatta tab. Registration is separate for the Deepwaters and the Regatta, so please remember to register for both events.

We'll see you at the Bay!

JUNIOR SAIL REGATTA

Matt & Tracey Davis, Chairmen

The 58th Annual Junior Sail Regatta is just around the corner, July 21-25. We will have close to 200 sailors between the ages of 13 and 18 representing 23 Yacht Clubs. The event kicks off on Sunday, July 21 at 6:00 pm with our Ice Breakers where each team introduces themselves in a fun and creative way. Racing on three separate courses begins bright and early Monday morning, July 22 and runs through Thursday, July 25. On Thursday evening at 6:30 we will hold our Awards Banquet.

Many surprises are planned, so if you are in the area for a day or can stay for the week, we would love to see you at the Bay!

YRUGL MATCH RACING

Vice Commodore Steve Harris

I-LYA Delegate to YRUGL

The Yacht Racing Union of the Great Lakes (YRUGL) was formed in 1896 between the Lake Yacht Racing Association (LYRA) on Lake Ontario, the Lake Michigan Yachting Association (now the Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation or LMSRF) and the Inter-Lake Yachting Association (I-LYA) on Lake Erie. The primary purpose was "to promote yacht racing on the Great Lakes." In later years, the Detroit Regional Yacht Racing Association (DRYA), Lake Superior Yachting Association (LSYA), and Lake Huron Yachting Association (LHYA) were added.

Over the years, I-LYA has had a significant influence in YRUGL. Two of the men most influential in starting the Union were Commodores George Gardner and Ernest Radder of Cleveland Yachting Club. Commodore Gardner was the first Commodore of both CYC and I-LYA. Commodore Radder was a driving force behind, and often credited with, the founding of the North American Yacht Racing Union, now known as US Sailing. Perhaps most significant however, was the establishment of YRUGL's premier trophy by Commodore S.O. Richardson of Toledo Yacht Club who also served I-LYA as Commodore in both 1897 and 1909. A match racing championship, the Richardson Trophy was established in 1912. Over the years, it has been sailed in both "P" and "R" class yachts and a wider variety of one-designs from Sonars to J/24s to Tartan 10s. I-LYA sailors have won the Trophy ten of the 72 times it has been contested, including a 1998 win by I-LYA Past Commodore Heidi Baccus-Riddle.

Match racing is quickly becoming a popular discipline in the sport

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BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE BICENTENNIAL

Peter Huston, The Perry Group

The Battle of Lake Erie between the United States and Great Britain was a pivotal event in the War of 1812.

In March of 1813, Oliver Hazard Perry was sent by President James Madison to Erie, Pennsylvania, to begin construction of a fleet of ships to take on the British Royal Navy who controlled all of Lake Erie. The Americans built several ships including two brigs (sail powered battleships), the Lawrence and the Niagara.

Later that summer Perry sailed his fleet to Put-in-Bay to prepare for battle. The US ships set up a blockade that forced the British fleet to attack. On September 10, 1813 the Battle of Lake Erie, sometimes called the Battle of Put-in-Bay, was fought 8-9 miles north and west of Put-in-Bay. Nine vessels of the United States Navy defeated



and captured six vessels of Great Britain's Royal Navy. The US controlled Lake Erie for the rest of the war, which allowed them to recover Fort Detroit and win the Battle of the Thames, thereby breaking the Indian confederation of Tecumseh. It was one of the biggest naval battles of the War of 1812.

The celebration is a season-long event with the main events occurring August 28-September 10. The main location for the summer events is the National Park Service site located in Put-in-Bay, Ohio known as Perry's Victory And International Peace Memorial. A full list of event dates, times and locations, including the tall ship reenactment, can be found at www.battleoflakeerie-bicentennial.com.

POWER REGATTA (cont'd from page 1)



Don't forget about those boating contests: the Flying mile, Chicane and Docking contests. Everyone needs to enter the weather contest and earn those participation points for your club. Talk to your fellow club members and get them involved.

There is something for everyone at the Regatta. Make it a family affair, a club event or just a long weekend get-away. Check out the I-LYA web site at www.i-lya.org for more information on events and contest rules.

We have flags, prizes and trophies for winning competitors. This year the Junior Power Regatta has been organized as a stand-alone regatta that runs concurrent with the Senior Powerboat Regatta. There will be separate prizes and trophies and new contests for the Juniors. Read about it elsewhere in this issue.

Although as of this printing, the deadline for registration has passed, don't worry about that. Call or email me at 313-938-8414 or bob@encoeng.com if you're interested in attending the Regatta. As long as we have dock space available, we'll get you assigned a dock.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Regatta!

JUNIOR POWER

Bob Lang, Power Chairman

Capt' Bob here. The Junior Power Regatta is just a month away. Hope all you juniors are registered and ready for this year's Regatta. Don't forget, each junior must be registered using the Junior Regatta registration form. Although Junior Power runs concurrently with Senior Power, this year we have structured it as a stand-alone regatta with new contests, Besides 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies, monetary scholarship awards are still given to juniors with the highest overall score for all competitions. A new Junior Skipper Award and Trophy will be given to the junior having the highest combined score for all on-the-water contests

and the weather contest.

There is a lot more to the Junior Regatta than boating events. We have volleyball, miniature golf, weather contests, fishing derby and a cardboard boat race. The cardboard boat race is always a big crowd pleaser.

The shore-based navigation contest will take you around South Bass Island on your bike. New on-the-water contests include a Chicane and docking contest that mirrors the seniors' contest.

Although the registration deadline has passed, don't worry. Contact me at bob@encoeng.com or 313-938-8414 and we'll get you registered. Don't forget to nag your parents about coming to the regatta, this is going to be a great Junior Regatta.

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I-LYA JUNIOR SAILING NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO HSC'S JAMIE JONES

Jane O'Brien, I-LYA Junior Newsletter Chair

Jamie Jones of Hoover Sailing Club is now a member of US Sailing's Community Sailing Committee. Jamie is the program director at HSC's Sailing School where close to 400 youth and adults participate in learn-to-sail classes each summer. Last February, at the Midwest Regional Sailing Program Symposium sponsored by I-LYA and the Yachtsman's Fund, Jamie's commitment to community sailing was apparent to US Sailing moderator Stu Gilfillen and all those present. The program at Hoover gets kids and adults on the water and also encourages participation in their club fleet racing programs. In addition to serving as program director at HSC, Jamie is a US Sailing Regional Race Officer and Judge. He has served as the Chief Judge at Junior Bay for several years and, this year, will be the PRO for the Thistle course at Junior Bay. He is also the PRO for the I-LYA Junior Traveler Series.

The Community Sailing Committee helps shape community sailing nationwide and has been integral to the recent growth in community sailing initiatives. Jamie will be working with people nationally who have been involved in creating successful programs throughout the country. In addition, the Committee has been instrumental in launching initiatives like the Modular Program Planner, Community Sailing Sanctioning Plan, and the Regional Sailing Program Symposiums. I-LYA will surely benefit from Jamie's involvement as we all work to improve our programs and grow the sport of sailing.



L-R: Carter Pugh, Tyler King, Ericson Booker, and Zoly Urge

On a sunny morning in April four current and former PIBYC sailors helped Allen and Marcia Ashley and Jane and Tim O'Brien relocate I-LYA trophies from the Historical Society to their new home at T&J Smokehouse. Special thanks to Carter Pugh, Tyler King, Ericson Booker and Zoly Urge. As a token of appreciation, the I-LYA Trustees gifted \$100 to the PIBYC junior sail program.



L-R: Abie Griggs, Lars Kristensen, Ian Moran, and Ryan Squires

Four I-LYA sailors participated in this year's USODA Team trials in Pewaukee Lake, Wisconsin in May. Ian Moran finished 29th qualifying for the US National Team and also well enough to represent the United States at the North Americans to be held in Bermuda this year. Congratulations boys and thanks for representing the I-LYA!

YRUGL MATCH RACING

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of sailing, although the Great Lakes, and Lake Erie in particular, have lagged behind the rest of the country. Match racing is very different than the "fleet racing" we see at most of our regattas: two competitors race head-to-head, involving much different tactics and skill sets. The best known and oldest match race is, without question, the America's Cup. The Richardson Trophy is likely the second oldest match racing trophy.

In recent years, I-LYA's participation in the Richardson Cup has waned. We are trying to bolster interest and bring the best match racers from I-LYA to compete again for the Trophy in 2013. As we are just getting started on this revitalization, this year's I-LYA representative will likely be chosen by resume. We hope to return to a sail-off format in the future. More information will be forthcoming via I-LYA News and on the I-LYA website.

I have been appointed by the Board of Trustees as I-LYA's delegate to YRUGL on an interim basis in an effort to get I-LYA more involved. As I am not a match racer, nor do I have much experience in this discipline, I am looking for match racers and match race enthusiasts to assist in this effort. If you have ideas, suggestions, and are willing to help, please contact me at sgharis2@gmail.com.

In addition to the Richardson Trophy, YRUGL also sponsors the Barthel Trophy which is awarded to the overall points winner of three major distance races in the Great Lakes; the Bayview-Mackinac Race, the Chicago-Mackinac Race, and the Trans-Superior Race. For more information on YRUGL and these trophies, please visit www.yrugl.org.

US Sailing/US Powerboating/I-LYA Partnership

Rear Commodore Duane Burgoyne

In mid January of 2013, representatives of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association (I-LYA) met with US Sailing representatives Jack Giehart, Executive Director and Tom Hubbell, President, to form an alliance between these powerful organizations. This partnership combines the 70,000 members of I-LYA with the 42,000 members of US Sailing to become a source of information, event coordination and safe boat training for the Great Lakes area. This agreement became a great fit for both partners because of US Sailing's recent announcement of its new organization, US Powerboating.

US Sailing and the I-LYA have enjoyed a strong relationship for many years. Based on a foundation of mutual respect and cooperation, US Sailing and I-LYA have worked together to develop strong junior sailing programs, as well as supporting the Senior sailing programs throughout I-LYA, its affiliated races and its premier event, the I-LYA Bay Week Regatta. US Sailing has also been an important partner in ongoing safety programs such as the Safety at Sea training sessions. After we visited with representatives from US Sailing/US Powerboating at our 2013 Spring Meeting, we are pleased to be affiliated with an organization that values boater safety as highly as we do.

US Powerboating is a subsidiary of US Sailing and is dedicated to providing safe powerboat training and instruction. Whether a new boater or a seasoned veteran, US Powerboating offers the nation's premier on-the-water training programs for boater operators of all skill levels. Whether a new boater or a seasoned veteran, US Powerboating courses provide invaluable skills and opportunities.

With the number of recreational boating accidents at an unacceptable high, US Powerboating is dedicated to providing the best education to the public. New programs, race committees and yacht clubs are just a few of the markets that our training programs appeal to. By enrolling in the Safe Powerboat Handling courses, students are taught a wide range of skills and knowledge such as docking, safe operation, navigation, emergency procedures and more. The *Safe Powerboat Handling* course is a two-day, hands-on, on-the-water course developed to serve US Sailing/US Powerboating constituents who use powerboats for their boating activities, but lack adequate boat handling skills. It has developed into a course for people who want to learn how to safely operate a powerboat or improve their on-the-water boat handling skills. The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) has approved the course and an increasing number of states have recognized it as exceeding their boating education requirements.

For the past several years, US Sailing/US Powerboating has received a generous grant from the United States Coast Guard to establish certified Powerboat Training Centers across the country. These Training Centers are eligible to apply for equipment and scholarship funding (instructor certification and books) for US Powerboating *Safe Powerboat Handling* training courses. Some of the benefits of becoming a US Sailing/US Powerboating recognized Powerboat Training Center are increased revenue for your organization, safety for members, and safety training for sailing instructors and race committees.

The first step to becoming a certified Training Center is to host a *Powerboat Instructor* course at your home club or community sailing center where you will train individuals to teach *Safe Powerboat Handling* courses, the backbone of the US Powerboating curriculum. From there, you should have plenty of local instructors and be able to increase the number of students receiving safe boating education. The US Powerboating *Powerboat Instructor* course in an intense three-day course on how to teach powerboat handling skills to beginners and safety and rescue boat handling skills to more experienced boaters. This course has applications to all levels of powerboat training where advanced Powerboating skills are required.

US Sailing/US Powerboating is committed to providing top-notch, on-the-water education. If you would like to learn more about hosting a *Powerboat Instructor* course, a *Safe Powerboat Handling* course or would like to apply to become a recognized Powerboat Training Center, please contact Jonathan Meyers, US Powerboating Powerboat Training Manager at 401-683-0800 x 646 or by email at JonathanMeyers@ussailing.org. The I-LYA is very excited about our partnership with US Sailing/US Powerboating and look forward to this relationship better serving our power and sailing enjoyment.

