



56th Annual I-LYA Junior Bay Week at Put-in-Bay



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Dear Club Junior Chairs,

We are excited that summer is on its way and we are gearing up for the 56th Annual Junior Bay Week Regatta at Put-in-Bay to be held July 17 -22, 2011. We are pleased to again invite your club's junior team to participate in this exciting event. Junior Bay Week is a unique regatta. Each year, approximately 175 sailors gather at Put-in-Bay for fun, camaraderie, education, and, of course, racing for the I-LYA Junior Championship. We hope that you and your club's junior team will join us.

There are some important changes for the 2011 ILYA Junior Bay Week regatta that you need to be aware of:

- US Sailing has declared that all area semi-finals are now open regattas and any eligible juniors may attend. For this reason, Junior Bay Week is no longer a qualifying event for the US Sailing Area E semi-finals. It has been re-designated The I-LYA Junior Championship.
- The top boats in each fleet, however, will continue to have their Area E semi-final fees paid for by I-LYA.
- The single-handed championship, the Smythe Trophy, will be sailed in Laser Radials.
- Competitors will make their own lunches in the morning before they launch, allowing competitors more choice in what they will be able to eat for lunch each day.
- Water will be the only on water beverage provided to competitors this year

Details of all these changes are contained in your registration and regatta materials. Following April's I-LYA Spring Meeting, all team registration information will be posted on the I-LYA Juniors website at www.i-lya.org. Please check the site frequently as more information will be posted throughout the spring and summer. After it is posted, please review and share this information with your team, coaches, parents, and other support personnel. Plan ahead for registration by gathering a Xerox copy of a birth certificate and proof of US Sailing membership from each of your interested racers. Keep in mind that a flag officer signature on the registration form is needed as proof of ILYA membership. **Team registrations with payment will be due July 2, 2011.**

A copy of the NOR and a draft copy of the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ILYA Juniors website for you to read following the ILYA spring meeting. We encourage everyone to read the NOR and SIs carefully.

If you have any questions, or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us, via phone or email. We look forward to talking with you.

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