



2011 NOTICE TO PARENTS

56th Annual I-LYA Junior Bay Week at Put-in-Bay 2011

Welcome to the 56th annual I-LYA Junior Bay Week Regatta. We are glad that your children are planning on participating in this unique event. Even though this regatta is run by a large group of volunteers, please be aware that your help is needed and appreciated. There is no way we can race, feed, house and entertain approximately 170 competitors without considerable parental involvement. Specifically, responsible adults, 25 years and over who are not the team coaches, are needed in sufficient numbers from each team to serve as Team Liaisons (TL), Parents of the Day(POD), and chaperones to cover the assigned *Firewatches* at the Grand Islander Hotel. You are welcome to come for the week or just for a day. The following “jobs” need to be filled:

TEAM LIAISON (TL): The TL, who is at least 25 years of age and not the team coach, serves for the entire regatta as the liaison between the team and the Junior Bay Week Chairs. The TL is responsible for insuring that his/her club POD is available and should know how to access them. Should the POD be unavailable for any reason, the TL will either assume those duties or delegate them to another person, and will inform the Regatta Chairpersons of the change.

- **PARENT OF THE DAY (POD):** The POD, who is at least 25 years of age and not the team coach, will be available from 0700 to 2300 on their assigned day. The POD takes care of any issues not related to racing (i.e. change of clothes, sickness, drying of clothes, any competitor coming off the water during a race, bad weather cancellations and on shore activities) **If racing is cancelled for the day before assigned firewatches begin, it is the responsibility of each team’s POD to take responsibility for their team.** The POD will also be responsible for signing the club’s team in at the hotel by 2230(2300 on Thursday) on their assigned day.
- **FIREWATCH:** Firewatch shifts (each three hours long) are scheduled daily from 1530 until 0630 am the following morning. Each club should provide a minimum of two (2) responsible adults per assigned Firewatch shift. (Specific “2011 Firewatch Guidelines” are available online and at the Hotel.) The Firewatch Schedule for the Grand Islander Hotel will be posted online after July 6, 2011.

PARENT/CHAPERONE EVENTS:

- **SUNDAY:** A mandatory meeting for all parent chaperones, team liaisons, and safety boat operators will be held at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club at 1300 pm to review rules and guidelines and answer any questions parents may have. All parents are welcome to attend, but one parent (the team liaison) from each team **MUST** be present at this meeting. Adults are invited to the **Ice Breaker Dinner** at the Niagara Conference Center. Dinner tickets should be purchased at registration. Plan on arriving after dinner is served if you prefer to only see the skits. A parent gathering will be held at Hooligan’s after the group picture.
- **MONDAY:** At 6:30pm, I-LYA Commodore Fred Schroeder will host a reception for parents, chaperones, and committees at the west shore home of Dwight and Pam Tigges. Directions will be posted at PIBYC. All parents and chaperones are welcome.
- **WEDNESDAY:** Wednesday night is Team Night Out. No dinner for the sailors will be served at PIBYC. Some clubs plan elaborate picnics and potlucks. Some sailors simply go to a restaurant.
- **THURSDAY:** A limited number of dinner tickets for the **Awards Banquet** will be available for purchase at the Regatta Desk at PIBYC. If you do not choose to purchase a dinner ticket, plan on arriving after dinner is served (around 1930) to enjoy the Awards. Following the Awards, parents, chaperones, and committees are invited back to PIBYC for music with Alex Bevan.
- **FRIDAY:** All sailors and their belongings need to be out of the hotel rooms by 0830. Rooms must be checked by the regatta committee before sailors leave.

Please read all of these documents carefully, especially the Chaperone section of the General Information sheet. We hope you can visit the island and be a part of this wonderful I-LYA tradition and encourage you to work closely with your club’s race team coordinator to make sure your team meets and exceeds its responsibilities.