

Minutes of the December 8, 2012 meeting of
The Inter-Lake Yachting Association
Junior Activities Committee

Called to Order- 1008

Council members present- Alan Gilbertson, Chair; Jane O'Brien, Vice-Chair; Joyce Hubbard, Inland Representative; John Gemperline, Eastern Representative; Chris Frederick, Western Representative.

Club representatives present- Berlin YC, Buckeye Lake YC, Cleveland YC, Eagle Creek SC, Edgewater YC, Erie YC, Ford YC, Grosse Ile YC, Indianapolis SC, Jolly Roger SC, Mentor Harbor YC, North Cape YC, Port Clinton YC, Put-in-Bay YC, Sandusky SC.

A Contact Info sheet was distributed in order to update our Website and improve communication.

Minutes of the March 31, 2012 meeting were approved.

Elections

- John Grierson (CYC) elected as Eastern Representative for 2013-2015.
- Jane O'Brien (PIBYC) elected as Chair for 2013.
- vacant- Vice-Chair

Council Report (Jane O'Brien)

- Recognition of dignitaries – Comm. Mike Morton, PC Dan van Heeckeren. Special thanks to Mike and Sue Austin and Sandusky Sailing Club for hosting a successful Opti Nationals. Check out the latest Opti News for excellent photos by Nate Parsons.
- working on a Jr. Email Newsletter to improve communications with all our participating sailors and families.
- Appropriate stories are needed for the Jr. News on the Website.
- Duane Burgoyne, I-LYA Rear Commodore, reported that the I-LYA Newsletter is more robust and would like Jr. human interest stories for the general I-LYA audience.

Junior Bay Week 2012 (Connie Aguero)- 20 more participants than last year; budget was conservative; raffles and donations added \$5000; Full-rig Laser fleet had three participants and JBW 2012 Chairs recommend keeping the fleet for 2013; many thanks to sponsors, donors, coaches, race committee, judges, launch team, parents and others who make JBW a success; security deposit checks are being released as no damage was reported.

Junior Bay Week 2013 (Tracey Davis)- co-chairs (2014 Chairs) are Mark and Monica Bloomstine.

US Sailing Area E Report (Matt Dubois)

- 2013 Area E Finals will be July 7-9 at Grosse Ile YC. Races will be sailed in Laser Radials, 420s and Thistles.
- National Youth Championships will be held August 5-9 at Houston YC. Laser Performance has ceased supporting the Youth Championship. Therefore the Finals for the Smythe (single-handed) will again be sailed in the Zim Byte CII (http://zimsailing.com/byte_cii). There will be one day available prior to the regatta to practice on the Byte CII.

Long Range Planning (Matt & Sue Dubois)

- seeking input from Committee members. Following ideas are advisory only. It is up to the membership to decide whether or not to implement.

Three areas we looked at

1. Junior Bay Week
 - form advisory committee to assist chairs in running event
 - address the issues of underage drinking - gotten out of hand? Acknowledge that there is a problem - work to address it - legal issues/potential tragedy
2. Traveler Series
 - address the scheduling issues due to more clubs wanting to host than there are regatta dates.
 - suggest formation of a rotation schedule to allow all clubs access to "best" dates

3. Education, coaching and training

- form a plan to increase number of high level coaching clinics, etc i.e. like the NCYC Advanced Race (discussion deferred until after Jim Menzie's talk later in the meeting.)
- There will be a US Sailing Level I class June 6-9 at SSC.
- Should look into bringing in advanced coaches for the entire summer to be shared amongst I-LYA clubs, possibly coach-the-coaches clinics.
- High school sailing should be encouraged for those who can participate.

Training & Education (Jane O'Brien)

- Lynn Ensinger (LSYC) is stepping down as Chair. Hank Reffner (EWYC) was elected as Chair.
- February 23rd there will be a Regional Sailing Program Symposium sponsored by US Sailing, the Yachtsmen's Fund and I-LYA. This event will be FREE and take place in the Columbus area. There will be a round table discussion of interest to learn-to-sail programs as well as race team programs. Details will appear on the US Sailing Website. Suggestions for topics are welcome via email or the Contact Form distributed today (included below.)

Traveler Series

- Jamie Jones (HSC) is Series Race Officer. Kathy Trask remains as Scorer.
- Marilyn Mackay (NCYC) is stepping down as Chair of the Traveler Series but is willing to assist on the TS committee. Other committee members are: Tim Harrod (Berlin) and Doug Blackburn (SSC).
- 2012 wrap-up was included on a handout (see below.) If your club will have a new Thistle team this year, contact ilya.juniors@gmail.com;
- NoticeOfRace.net- registration is working well (experienced parents/sailors need to help the newbies).
- Major thanks to Clay Mock for putting together the Series Waiver.
- Scoring: Kathy Trask (HSC), TS Scorer, would like feedback about scoring from the committee.
- Ed Theissen suggested "most improved team" instead of a "team trophy" award.
- Georg Rommel (EWYC) suggested changing the age for participants of I-LYA regattas to "13-18 at the time of the regatta" rather than the "turning 13-18 during the calendar year" concept in order to allow more juniors to participate after their senior year of high school. **A formal proposal will be prepared for a vote at the special meeting on Feb. 23 at the symposium in Columbus.**
- Jim Sackett (MHYC) suggested outlawing hooks on 420 harnesses based on recent events. Jim will work with Kevin Kyle (PCYC), Safety Committee Chair, to develop a proposal.

New Business

- Jim Menzies of Traverse Area Community Sailing (<http://www.tacsailing.com/>) spoke to the group about the need to "Train to Compete." Jim touched on: filling the void from high school on, training to compete, getting kids involved early, the cost effectiveness of virtual training, creating a pipeline to the Olympics, the need for more advanced racing clinics, focus on learning.
- All I-LYA Jr. sailors are invited to participate in DRYA events.
- John Gemperline (EWYC) is exploring development of a traveling team.
- 2013 Opti Nationals will be at Grosse Pointe YC.
- Mark Keesey expressed interest in being involved in the Long Range Planning Committee.

Adjourned- 1200

Attached Below:

1. Handout from meeting
2. Attendance Card/Survey

Handout Distributed at December 8, 2012 I-LYA Junior Activities Meeting

Feedback Requested by Kathy Trask, Scorer: What is the main reason/motivation for awarding a Traveler Series Team Trophy? Is our goal to recognize the biggest teams? the best sailors? How does your club/family approach the Traveler Series? You can email your comments/suggestions to ilya.juniors@gmail.com or write them on the pink or white contact card and turn it in at the door.

I-LYA in the USODA NEWS

The latest issue of the USODA OptiNews includes a great article about the Nationals in Sandusky and lots of photos. Editor Betsy Altman notes: “ This issue relies heavily on photography from USODA Nationals held at Sandusky Sailing Club. Nate Parsons shares his enjoyment of the events with us through his photographs, a truly wonderful tapestry of smiling faces in all aspects of regatta mode. He reflects the excellence of event organization and the wonderful hospitality. Thank you, Nate!” And thank you Mike and Sue Austin, Sandusky Sailing Club, and all the volunteers who put on a successful Nationals.

DOLLY WHEEL REPAIR: The most recent OptiNews Equipment Issue also includes an article on repairing seitech dolly wheels. Contact Jane O'Brien (obrjane@gmail.com) for a copy and then use the money you save to join the USODA. They are making an effort to appeal to all levels of opti sailors.

Some Dates: (Series will post ASAP)

Edgewater (CRW) June 19

Opti Nationals – July 6-14 at Grosse Pointe YC

Area E Semis -- July 7-9 at Grosse Ile Yacht Club. Need a minimum of 5 boats in single and double handed fleets and 3 boats in the triple handed by the stated deadline.

Junior Bay Week – July 21 – 24

Thistle Nationals Aug. 3-9 Sandusky

US Sailing One Design Sailing Symposium

January 11-13, 2013 at Cleveland Yachting Club

US SAILING's One-Design Symposium is the premier event for one-design sailing in the country. You can link to the details from the I-LYA website. There is a reduced fee for those who register before 12/31 so check it out now.

I-LYA REGIONAL SAILING PROGRAMS SYMPOSIUM

February 23, 2013 -- Columbus, Ohio

Sponsored by: I-LYA, Yachtsmen's Fund, and USSAILING

I-LYA will host a US Sailing Regional Sailing Programs Symposium (RSPS) on Saturday, February 23, 2013 in Columbus, venue TBA. The RSPS provides an opportunity for organizations like ours to share ideas and concerns about sailing education and programming specific to our region. All are welcome and there is no cost to participate. The event is set in a roundtable format and US Sailing will provide the moderator. We'd love to have every club attend.

Race Officer Training March 2, 2013 from 9-5 at BLYC This course will be taught by Steve Harris and Traveler Series Race Officer Jamie Jones. If you want to get better at running races, plan on attending. Details to follow.

TRAVELER SERIES

Series Race Officer Jamie Jones welcomes volunteers to train on the job with him when Hoover hosts their TS regatta in June.

2012 Traveler Series Wrap Up by Fleet

THISTLES: While at least one boat attended 5 of the 9 regattas, three or more boats were at only three events: EWYC, PCYC, and VBC. We do not have to be a one fleet fits all operation. Therefore, we will be reaching out to our thistle clubs for help in creating a meaningful thistle series. We have the Szambecki Award and owe as much to the Szambeci family and the memory of their son. If your club will have a new thistle team, be sure to let us know so you are included in the conversation.

OPTI GREEN: 54 Opti Green sailors participated in at least one regatta this year.

RADIALS: 50% of the Radials (26 of 52) participated in only one or two events. The 13 boats (25%) which participated in 5 or more events represented nine different clubs.

OPTIS: 45% of the Optis (21 of 46) participated in only one or two events. The 15 Optis (32%) that participated in 5 or more events represented four clubs. 12 of those 15 were from EWYC and SSC.

C420s: 56% of the C420s (35 of 62) participated in only one or two events. The 10 C420s (16%) which participated in 5 or more events represented three clubs.

**Check the News Tab on the Junior Sailing page at I-LYA.org for up to date information.
Club and Committee contact info is on the website, too.**

ATTENDANCE/ CONTACT CARD (distributed at 12/8/12 Jr. Meeting)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Club: _____

Email: _____

We'd like to do a Junior Sailing email newsletter. Please opt in by checking the line below:

_____ Yes, I want to receive the Junior Sailing Email Newsletter

_____ Yes, I'd like to help I-LYA Juniors with the email news. Please contact me.

REGIONAL SAILING PROGRAMS SYMPOSIUM

Please help set the agenda for February's Regional Sailing Programs Symposium by indicating what topics are of most interest to you.

	Community Sailing Centers: What, Why, How?		Opti racing: how do you get your beginners to the front of the fleet?
	Fleet Management: how to turn your fleet over every 5 years. Or, how do I grow the fleet without breaking the bank?		Opti Team Racing: Where do we begin?
	instructors/coaches—training and management		Travel Teams & Junior Sailing
	Grow your program		teen and adult programs - implementation and management
	Curriculum development		Publicity/ advertising/websites
	Insurance/Risk Management		Developing a policy/procedure manual
	interaction with yacht club at large		parent involvement issues
	501c3 tax-exempt organizations		Fundraising, Partnerships & Sponsors
	New program development		Safety Issues
	US Sailing REACH program (STEM education through sailing)		College and HS Sailing: How does my club get involved?
	Adding Powerboat Instruction to your program		
Other:			

