



2024 Inter-Lake Yachting Association Spring Meeting Minutes April 6, 2024

The Spring Meeting of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association was held on April 6, 2024, and was called to order by Commodore Dale Vanderford at 15:36. An invocation was offered by Fleet Chaplain Commodore Ed Payne (FYC). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Head Fleet Captain Eric Osborne (EWYC). Registrar Nate Edmunds (BVYC) called the roll of delegates, I-LYA Past Commodores, and I-LYA Officers. 43 club delegates and 15 Past Commodores were present. Commodore Dale Vanderford introduced of guests and Commodores. Commodore Dale Vanderford asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2023 Fall Meeting. Motion made by Commodore Steve Harris, seconded by Commodore Steve Hyder to approve the Fall meeting minutes. Motion passed.

REPORTS – COMMODORE DALE VANDERFORD

Election of Nominating Committee: Commodore Bob Lang (WRYCC) introduced the 2023 Nominating Committee. Nominations were taken for candidates the 2024 Nominating Committee. The following delegates were nominated: Alec Chabalowski (GIYC), Commodore Chris Amlis (SPYC), Rhonda Rich (AYC), Bill Pribe (NCYC), Tony Blank (BVYC), Tim Ames (EMBC), Damien Pflaaghar (IHBC), Sue Pitock (SSBC), Linda Left (CLYC), and Joy Moon (WRYCC). Commodore Bob Lang requested that the delegates complete their ballots and then raise their hand to have them collected. The Nominating Committee retired to count the ballots.

Advisory Committee: Commodore Mike Fishbaugh advised the committee met today. There are several things the Advisory Committee would like to do different and better -- a report will be forthcoming. No further report.

Executive Secretary: Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus (PCYC) reported we have 135 member clubs. No clubs are currently applying for membership. 41 clubs have not yet paid dues.

Treasurer's Report: The address has been changed to the current Treasurer.

I-LYA Trustees Report: President Commodore Steve Hyder (DBBC) reported that the Trustee's received interest from 3 outstanding candidates for the position of Executive Secretary following Commodore Al Ashley's passing. Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus was elected and accepted. This is a big job and there will be a learning curve. President Hyder thanked the Board of Trustees for all of the extra meetings which were held for the election of the Executive Secretary.

Delegate Reports:

1. **United States Sailing Association:** Commodore Duane Burgoyne (NCYC) and Commodore Mike Fishbaugh (SYC) reported that the U.S. Sailing meeting was February 27-March 1 in Savannah, GA. I-LYA was represented. Commodore Burgoyne reported on the sessions. Jamie Jones (HSC) was presented an award for volunteerism.
2. **National Boating Federation (NFB):** Delegate Commodore Mike Powers (MBC) reported Ed Payne (FYC) and himself attended the NFB membership meeting on March 9 by Zoom. Elections were held for the 2024 officers. Commodore Payne remains an officer. Commodore Mike Powers was elected as Vice President. Southern states are dealing with abandoned boats.
3. **Boating Association of Ohio:** Commodore Dennis Mintus (AYC)
 - a. Office of Workplace Development – dedicated program for people working with marine diagnostics.
 - b. Ohio Marine Trades Association – all marine dealers
 - c. eDNR Grants – 3 grants pertain to our clubs. There is money out there. Have your club look for it on ODNR website.

Yachtsmen's Fund: Commodore Steve Harris (BLYC/PIBYC) reported:

1. Increased cost for Junior Sail Program. WE have struggled the last couple of years.
2. Standard grants for Junior Bay. It is very apparent that there is more cost for Junior Bay. The Trustees of the Yachtsmen's fund feel very strongly that they do not want price to go up. Therefore, an additional amount will be given to Junior Bay.
3. Code of Regulations state Trustee for the Yachtsmen's Fund have a 9 year total term. This makes it difficult to fill expired terms. Yachtsmen's Fund is recommending 3 year terms and to approve the reappointment of the terms (Monica Bloomstine (EYC), Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus, and Commodore Mike Powers). Commodore Mike Fishbaugh was appointed to the Yachtsmen's Fund as a Trustee. The Yachtsmen's Membership ratified Board of Yachtsmen's Fund and Officer's for 2024: President Commodore Steve Harris; Vice President Monica Bloomstine, Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus, Matt Dubois; Treasurer Jane O'Brien, and Secretary Marcia Ashley.

Code of Regulations: Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus reported that the Code of Regulations Committee met Friday. They are recommending some changes to the Code. Potential changes and an Amendment will be published on the website and through the newsletter at least 3 weeks in advance of the Fall Meeting. In December, 2022, the Committee drafted guidelines, requirements, and expectations of flag officers to assist the Nominating Committee in carrying out their duty.

Admiralty Committee: Commodore Steve Hyder - No Report

Sponsorship Committee: Chair Teresa Vanderford (DBBC) reported:

1. Great meeting this weekend!
2. I-LYA received \$1500 in grants from Lake Erie Shores & Islands
3. Vice Commodore Scott Kneisel bought a new inflatable for his boat and spoke to the dealer about being a sponsor. All we need is a business card with contact information and Teresa will contact them.
4. Develop one page description which will provide information on sponsorship levels, yearbooks ads, etc, with a QR Code

Yearbook Committee: Marilyn Paselsky (PIBYC) reported that the 2024 yearbook is in program..

I-LYA Historian: Chair Tom Thanasiu (JRSC) reported Commodore Al Ashley held the Executive Secretary position from 2006-2023. He spoke of the history of the Executive Secretary position.

Perpetual and Memorial Trophies: Chair Tom Thanasiu (JRSC) reported that Commodore Bob Lang made a base for two trophies – Sailor of the Year and the Yacht Racing Trophy.

Island Liaison Committee: Bryan Huntley (SYC) reported:

1. Contract signed last Fall cannot be located. The Trustees have signed another copy.
2. Asked to be left as a 3 person committee (Bryan Huntley, Steve Harris, and Pat McAlwee). However, the Trustees want a Trustee on the Island Liaison Committee. The Committee would like to have the Executive Secretary instead of a Trustee.

AFFAIRS AFLOAT – VICE COMMODORE SCOTT KNEISEL

Powerboat Committee: Chair Kevin Stone (GLSBC) reported:

1. The Powerboat Committee meeting went well. Power Boat Regatta is July 23-28, 2024.
2. Registration will open online on May 6.
3. Increased costs: Dockage will be \$2.25/foot and the Social package will be \$60 for boaters and \$75 for non-boaters.
4. Looking for two Chairmans – one each for the Flying Mile and the Taco Dinner.

Sail Committee: Chairman Bill Pribe (NCYC) reported:

1. Tents have been reserved and will be located on PIBYC's driveway
2. Doug Seib will be Chairman of Racing and Connie Miller will be Chairman of the party.
3. Looking at a shorter course for PERF and JAM to allow more racing.
4. Set a time limit for Deep Water racing
5. Need about 28 daily first awards for Bay Week. Kay Soka is selling 2024 ILYA hats to help raise money for daily first awards.

Mid-American Skipper of the Year – Commodore Duane Burgoyne spoke about the Mid-American Sailor of the Year award. In addition to the I-LYA Skipper of the Year, I-LYA presents the Mid-American Skipper of the Year award. The 2023 Nominees for this award were Todd Sacket (EWYC), Tray Sheehan (EWYC/PIBYC), Matt Shater (NCYC), and Chip Schaffer (EWYC). Rob Mock presented Chip Schaffer and his team the Mid-American Skipper of the Year award.

Sail Yacht Appeals Committee: Nancy Zangerle (EWYC) – No report

Intersectional Racing Committee: Commodore Mike Fishbaugh (SYC) – We will be hosting the I-LYA Championship Series.

Junior Activities Committee: Kellie Schaffer (EWYC) thanked all for supporting the Juniors. Traveler Series starts June 1.

Junior Sail Championship Regatta Committee: Kellie Schaffer (EWYC) reported that Junior Bay week is well underway and will be held July 14-17, 2024. There will be a Zoom meeting soon. EWYC is the Chair and Leatherlips Yacht Club and Sandusky Sail Club are Co-Chairs.

Junior Powerboat Regatta: Commodore Bob Lang (WRYCC) reported that Junior Power runs parallel with Power Regatta and to get the word out to our Juniors!

AFFAIRS ASHORE – REAR COMMODORE DEAN REAMSNYDER

Entertainment Committee: Sharon Kneisel (BVYC) reported: All have paid and we will have a great meal.

Publications Committee: Rear Commodore Dean Reamsnyder (HVYC) thanked Marilyn for her work on the yearbook.

Shore Courtesy Committee: Commodore Bob Lang (WRYCC) reported that the Memorial Parade is ready to go!

Long Range Planning Committee: Kay Soka -reported for Bryan Huntley

1. Committee met today. The Lon's Winery trophy has been misplaced and they are working on locating the trophy.
2. Working on a catalog of the trophies we have.
3. Tom Thanasiu does the Facebook page on the I-LYA history.
4. A recommendation for the Regatta Honorary Chairman was made to Commodore Dale Vanderford of PIB Mayor Judy Berry.
5. Working on an alumni group of former junior sailors.
6. Continuing work with PIBYC of possibility of trophy cases.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Election Results for 2024 Nominating Committee: The following have been elected to the 2024 Nominating Committee:

Rhonda Rich
Bill Pribe
Commodore Chris Amlin
Linda Left
Alec Chabalowski

Motion by Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus, seconded by Bill Pribe, to destroy the ballots. Motion carried. Request was made by Commodore Dale Vanderford that the 2024 Nominating Committee remain after the general membership meeting is concluded.

Motion made to Adjourn: Commodore Dale Vanderford asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus, seconded by Commodore Steve Hyder, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Myers (DBBC)
2024 I-LYA Recording Secretary