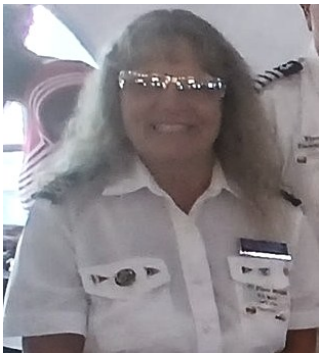


My name is Diane Wright and I am submitting this letter for consideration as a candidate for the position of ILYA Trustee I have been very active at my home Club, Swan Boat Club, where I have served 6 years as Sail Fleet Captain, 12 years as AYC Delegate and 8 years as ILYA Delegate. Other positions I have held at Swan include Vice Commodore twice, Commodore and Secretary.

I have served numerous positions in our area boating organizations including ILYA Sail Fleet Captain for Steve Hyder, Lloyd Bogue, Scott Kniesel and Dean Reamsnyder, AYC Nominating Committee, 2025 ILYA Nominating Committee, and AYC Commodore Stan Ziemkiewicz Ways and Means Committee. Additionally, I served as IOBG District 9 Secretary from 2021-24, President-Elect 2025 and I am currently the 2026 President.

I've been around boating my entire life. My Grandfather was a co-founder of Swan Boat Club, where he was their first Vice Commodore, and my uncle was their first Secretary. Initially, my first boating experiences were all on power boats. I have been married to my husband, Chris, for 28 years and when we got together, he introduced me to sail boating, and I have loved it ever since. While we lived in Painesville, OH, we were members of Fairport Harbor Yacht Club. I also joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Cleveland Flotilla until Sept 2001, after 9-11, when it became a part of Homeland Security. Shortly after that, we moved back to Michigan as permanent residents where we continued our involvement in boating and boat club activities. We do all our sailing on our 31ft Hunter, Hakuna Matata and have earned many AYC Poker Run Flags.

My lifetime career was in the dental profession as a Nationally Certified Dental Assistant before pursuing an advanced dental degree from Case Western Reserve University as an Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary. I passed the Ohio State Dental Board Exam and my career entailed tooth restoration. I also served as Secretary of O.D.E.F.A. for the State of Ohio. During my career, I developed a dental assistant program and taught dental assistant classes to many students until my (medical) retirement in 2015.

As Trustee, I would embrace the opportunity to contribute any knowledge and experience I have learned, toward the future success and growth of this great organization. It would be an honor to be elected as an ILYA Trustee and I thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wright