Dear Members of the I-LYA Nominating Committee,

I am writing to formally express my interest in serving on the Board of Trustees of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association.

I have been an active member of North Cape Yacht Club for many years and have had the privilege of serving the club in a variety of leadership positions. I served as Commodore of North Cape Yacht Club in 2024, and I have also served on the Board of Trustees and in numerous committee chair positions. These experiences have given me a broad understanding of yacht club governance, member relations, racing, junior sailing, and the importance of volunteer leadership to the success of our clubs and the I-LYA organization.

My commitment to sailing and yacht club leadership also extends beyond North Cape. I am a past Commodore of Jolly Roger Sailing Club, having served as Commodore in 2004. I was also honored to receive the Associated Yacht Clubs Sportsman of the Year Award. These experiences have allowed me to develop relationships and perspectives across the boating community and have reinforced my belief in the importance of cooperation among our member clubs.

I am particularly interested in continuing to support the future of sailing through junior programs. I have been appointed to serve as the Junior Bayweek Championship Chairperson for 2027, an opportunity I am very excited about. I believe developing young sailors and creating meaningful opportunities for them to compete, learn, and become involved in our yacht clubs is one of the most important investments we can make in the future of I-LYA.

I am seeking a position on the I-LYA Board of Trustees because I believe my experience as a Commodore, trustee, committee chairperson, and active sailor would allow me to make a meaningful contribution to the organization. I understand the responsibilities that come with volunteer leadership and would approach the position with a willingness to listen, collaborate, and work on behalf of all I-LYA member clubs.

If selected to serve, I would bring a practical, member-focused perspective to the Board. I believe I-LYA is strongest when its members work together, when we encourage participation at all levels of boating, and when we preserve the traditions of our organization while also finding ways to attract new boaters and families.

I respectfully ask to be considered for a position on the I-LYA Board of Trustees. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve I-LYA and contribute to its continued success.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matt Kern

