2026 Inter-Lake Yachting Association
Spring Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2026

The Spring Meeting of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association was held on 29, March 2026 and was called to order by Commodore Dean Reamsnyder at 3:30 p.m. An invocation was offered by Fleet Chaplain Commodore Ed Payne (FYC). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Head Fleet Captain Kevin Stone (GLSBC/RVYC). Nate Edmunds (BVYC) called the roll of delegates and I-LYA Past Commodores, indicating 34 club delegates and 13 Past Commodores were present.

Copies of the minutes of the 2025 fall meeting were provided. A correction was made noting Alec Chabalowski ran for trustee as a member of Westshore sailing club not Grosse Ile Yacht Club. Commodore Andy Krotseng made a motion to accept the corrected minutes, second by Rich McKee. Motion carried.

REPORTS – COMMODORE Dean Reamsnyder

Election of Nominating Committee: Commodore Duane Burgoyne, chairman of the nomination committee requested nominations from the floor for the nominating committee. Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus reviewed the rules. The following accepted nominations: Ron Soka (TYC), Commodore Andy Krotseng (EYC), Al Antoine (RVYC), Commodore Dennis Mintus (AYC), Sue Pitock (SSBC), Larry Lynn (DMCYC), Doug Seib (PIBYC), Commodore Steve Harris (BLYC), Dar Burgoyne (NCYC), Joy Moon (SBC). Commodore Duane Burgoyne 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 Dale Vanderford reported the advisory board had a good meeting.

Executive Secretary: Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus reported that dues notices were mailed January 2nd. 87 clubs have paid. Second notices are being mailed. No new membership applications were received.

Treasurer's Report: Commodore Lloyd Bogue reported all accounts have been transferred and reconciled. The budget was presented and approved by the trustees. All expenses have been paid with the exception of the bills from this weekend.

I-LYA Trustees Report: President Commodore Steve Hyder thanked Nate Edmunds for taking over sponsorship..

Delegate Reports:

1. **United States Sailing Association:** Commodore Duane Burgoyne reported

    . I-LYA has been the longest running Regatta in the USA, with this being our 132nd We even ran during the Covid Shutdown and had races and even during WWII.

    . The rules are all governed by U S Sailing

    . He reviewed the programs governed by U S Sailing

    . The St Petersburg trophy was awarded to Edgewater Yacht Club

2. **Yacht Racing Union of the Great Lakes:** Mac race this summer in Chicago

3. **National Boating Federation (NFB):** Delegate Commodore Ed Payne (FYC) reported Commodore Mike Powers was elected president for 2 years. Commodore Ed Payne was elected vice president for 2 years. The group will continue to look into litigation and what congress is doing that affects recreational boating.

4. **Ohio Marine Trades Report:** Commodore Dennis Mintus reported: (Report on file)

    a. OMTA on Boater Education Rule Proposal

    b. OMTA Participates on Outdoor Recreation meeting

    c. Marijuana Law Changes Go Into Effect

    d. Military Discounts at Parks-Passes Senate

    e. Constitutional Amendment Proposal

    f. "Spotter" Bill Introduced

    g. OVI Legislation Passes Ohio Senate

Yachtsman Fund: Commodore Steve Harris reported:

1. Yachtsman Fund met and set the budget for the year. The fund continues to grow and they are able to make the same grants as in the past.
2. Grants were given to Junior Bay, NCYC, PCYC, and Associated Yacht Club's safety program
3. There are still funds available.
4. Eliminated scholarships and reallocated other scholarships, doubling the sportsmanship awards from $300 to $600.
5. All 3 trustees returning, Commodore Steve Harris, Dar Burgoyne, Kate Keene. Dar Burgoyne is the membership secretary, Marcia Ashley is the recording secretary. Vice presidents are Dar Burgoyne, Commodore Steve Harris, and Kate Keene. President is Monica Bloomstine.

Code of Regulations: No Report

Admiralty Committee: No Report

Sponsorship Committee: Nate Edmunds reported he is the new sponsorship chair. The committee also includes Gina Aune and Teressa Vanderford. Our newest sponsor is Surfside. They have committed to being a silver sponsor ($2,500.00).
As a committee they are working on updating and condensing our sponsorship materials. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Nate.

Yearbook Committee: Marilyn Paselsky (PIBYC) reported we will have a book this year. She thanked Rita Robbins for her help.

I-LYA Historian: Chair Vice CommodoreTom Thanasiu reported:

1. There is a large event on Put in Bay this summer , the reenactment of the signing of the declaration of independence. A lot of events will be happening on that weekend. This will be an historical weekend for senior sail.
2. Western Lake Erie Historical Society boxes received are being archived.
3. John Thompson is interested in getting recordings of older members of our clubs.
4. History displayed in I-LYA room.

Perpetual and Memorial Trophies: Chair Vice Commodore Tom Thanasiu (JRSC)

1. The Olympic medal trophy will be taken to Sandusky Sail Club.

Island Liaison Committee: Commodore Steve Hyder reported:

1. The committee will meet with the village in May to secure pricing for the next 3 years. Pricing will remain the same as the 2025 rates this year.

AFFAIRS AFLOAT – VICE COMMODORE Tom Thanasiu

Powerboat Committee: Chair Nate Edmunds (BVYC) reported:

1. The committee had a productive meeting and regatta planning is off to a good start.
2. Registration for the power regatta will be available Monday March 30th. There are no changes in rates.
3. The committee is working on a text message platform to have real time communication for participants.

Sail Committee: Chairman Bob Shepperd reported:

1. The committee had a good meeting, reviewing surveys and discussing long term planning.
2. It was also noted that there are no price increases this year and everything is available on line.
3. Dave Monk reported: Senior sail has a new program. They are creating a rendezvous for boaters that want to come but do not race. Their dockage will get them a wristband so they can participate in all activities. They are going to have activities for the non sailors including a museum visit, trip to the winery, and a scavenger hunt. They are hoping for 15-20 boats. Nate Edmunds is helping them with a sign-up similar to the one used for power.

Sail Yacht Appeals Committee: Commodore Duane Burgoyne reported Nancy Zangerle is contacting Bob to discuss senior sail and Jessica to discuss Junior sail.

Intersectional Racing Committee: Commodore Duane Burgoyne (NCYC) – No report

Junior Activities Committee: Alec Chabalowski reported : The committee met Wednesday night to accommodate parents on spring break. Questions were answered. The Junior travel series is all set.

Junior Sail Championship Regatta Committee: Bill Pribe reported: They had 2 zoom meetings. Plans are in process to get the junior sail regatta going.

Junior Powerboat Regatta: Chair Commodore Bob Lang (WRYCC) reported:
There was a meeting in the morning that was not well attended. Bob is looking for more people to step up as this is his last year as chair.

AFFAIRS ASHORE – REAR COMMODORE Eric Osborne

Entertainment Committee: Michelle Weisbecker is the chair and was still decorating for the dinner.

Publications Committee: Rear Commodore Eric Osborne reported we are switching the 6 issue newsletter to a monthly update/email blast. Commodore Mike Fishbaugh and Rear Commodore Eric Osborne will be meeting this week to do some tweaking and adding some new members to the committee.

Shore Courtesy Committee: Commodore Bob Lang reported: that he has already reserved the Bag Piper Band for the parade in July 2026. Transportation is secured.

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

1. Trophy cases are being stored by Commodore Mike Fishbaugh until they can find a new home. They are working on a new trophy list
2. The Facebook page has 668 followers
3. The honorary chair this year is Mio Hristovski.
4. They are working on a junior alumni group.
5. Vice Commodore Tom Thanasiu has been taking care of the commodore's monument

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Vice Commodore Tom Thanasiu reported there will be discounted hotel rates at the Buckeye Hotel for all regattas. The weekday rates are $149, + tax, weekend rates $289. + tax. Deadline for reservations is 4-15-2026.

2. Chris Aune reported that a new Naval ship will be commissioned in Cleveland. The LCS3 ship will leave Wisconsin 5-7 and sail into Vermilion 5-8. The ship will get to the Cleveland harbor 5-9. There will be a commissioning ceremony 5-9 and 5-10 along with many other activities. They are looking for volunteers and monetary donations. Vice Commodore om Thanasiu will attend carrying an I-LYA flag.

3. Bob Blaney reported there is a new manager at Putin Bay Yacht Club.

4. Vice Commodore Tom Thanasiu gave an update on B dock. There is a new section as far out as the finger dock.

Announcements

Commodore Dean Reamsnyder thanked the nominating committee and announced the new nominating committee: Commodore Andy Krotseng (EYC), Al Antoine (RVYC), Sue Pitock (SSBC), Commodore Steve Harris (BLYC), Joy Moon (SBC)

Motion made to destroy the ballots was made by Vice Commodore Tom Thanasiu and 2nd by Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus (PCYC)

Motion made to Adjourn: Commodore Steve Hyder made a motion to adjourn, second by Stan Ziemkiewicz.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm.
Respectfully submitted:
Rhonda Rich (AYC)
I-LYA 2026 Secretary