

COMMODORE'S REPORT



Well it certainly is starting to feel like winter here in the northern hemisphere, with temperatures dropping and ice beginning to form on the Great Lakes. First, some important I-LYA updates. I would like to acknowledge Commodore Bob Lang and Lady Bobby for a successful 2021. Bob's leadership in 2021 saw four successful regattas along with a Spring and Fall Meeting. It is my pleasure to be following in his footsteps. We are certainly planning for 2022 to be a successful year, and I am honored to serve as I-LYA Commodore.

I would like to congratulate the newly elected officers and new board members of I-LYA: Vice Commodore Lloyd Bogue and Rear Commodore Dale Vanderford. New Trustees: Commodore Steve Hyder, Eric Osborne, and Tom Thanasiu. I look forward to working with the I-LYA Bridge and the I-LYA Board under the direction of President John Dalessandro and Vice-President Connie Miller.

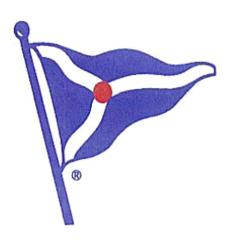
As most know, the Cleveland Boat Show has been moved from January to Thursday, March 17, 2022 – Sunday, March 20, 2022. As in prior years, -LYA will have a booth at the show. If you are interested in helping at the I-LYA Booth, please reach out to me.

We have a great team assembled for 2022 and I want to thank all of those who will make the year a great success. Chairing our Junior Sail Regatta is Kathy Allyn from MHYC. The returning Sail Regatta chair is Bill Pribe from NCYC who is assisted by Doug Seib and Connie Miller. Our Power Regatta is chaired by Tony Blank from BVYC. I am looking forward to working with this great team, and the countless volunteers that make our organization such a great success.

Please mark your calendars for the Spring Meeting, which will be in Westlake, OH on April 1 & 2, 2022. More details and registration information will be out shortly.

Please remember that I-LYA News welcome submissions from our member clubs. The article can be about your club, a special award or upcoming special event that you want to invite other clubs to attend. Articles can be sent to ilyanewsletter@gmail.com.

Here's to a great 2022!





Vice Commodore's Corner...Lloyd Bogue



We hope this latest edition of the I-LYA news finds everyone healthy and ready for 2022. With the recent up-tick in the covid cases around our area we had some concerns that our December meeting may cause some problems, but to my knowledge we had no cases. **Yea!** Rhonda & I would like to thank Commodore Lang & Lady Bobbi for a **fantastic year** and we appreciated their mentorship. I would also like to congratulate them on receiving the "Howard Pinkney" Award from the "Associated Yacht Clubs" at the November 23rd meeting at the Jolly Roger Sailing Club. It was an honor for us to witness this presentation first hand.

I would like to also congratulate & thank our two support groups the "Greater Cleveland Boating Association" & the "Associated Yacht Clubs" for their continued support to our organization. Their involvement only makes all of our organizations better. Thank you Commodore Brown & Commander Richards. I would also like to thank the IOBG districts 7, 9 & 25 for their continued support as well!

The Cleveland Boat Show is back in 2022 at the IX center in Cleveland, Ohio from January 13-17. **Hold the presses!** Due to concerns about the new strain of covid the 2022 boat show has been rescheduled to March 17th-20th. It is still my understanding that a \$2 discount tickets will be available at the Boat Show website when you enter the" ILYA" in the promo code. So take advantage of this discount when purchasing your tickets.

I would like to congratulate our new Rear Commodore Dale Vanderford from Detroit Beach Boat Club on his election to the bridge. **Welcome Aboard!** Others elected at our meeting were Commodore Steve Hyder, Eric Osborne, and Tom Thanasiu for the trustee positions. Let's all thank our retiring trustees: Commodore Arne Hanson, Bruce Sattler & Dale Vanderford, for their service! Well Done!

Rhonda & I look forward to serving with Commodore Fishbaugh for the 2022 year and know our committees are already working very hard to put together another great regatta season. So mark your calendars for these dates and plan on joining in on the FUN.







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Rear Commodore's Corner...Dale Vanderford



Happy New Year! I would like to thank everyone for their support in electing me as Rear Commodore of I-LYA. I am looking forward to working hard for this great organization as we progress through the chairs. I would like to offer my congratulations to our newly elected Trustees, Vice Commodore Lloyd Bogue, and Commodore Mike Fishbaugh.

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Spending last year as Treasurer for Past Commodore Lang and the last 3 years as a member of the board of trustees has taught me a lot about our organization. I would like to convey my appreciation for the assistance of Past Commodore Lang and President Dalessandro over the past few years for their leadership and guidance as I have learned and grown in the organization.

It was announced earlier that the Cleveland boat show has been moved out to March this year as the ongoing pandemic continues to throw us curve balls that we need to adjust to. I keep hoping the latest issue that arises is the last of it, but it seems to be unending. We will continue to monitor the situation and will make decisions as needed when conditions warrant. I hope all of you reading this stay safe and well as we make it through the next wave.

Teressa and I are excited to serve the organization over the next few years and will do everything possible to grow and increase participation in all our events and meetings. It is our pleasure to be serving in this capacity and please do not hesitate to reach out if we can do anything for you. My phone is always on, and my number is 734-323-8131.





Well, here we go a new year for Junior Powerboat. I want to thank Scott and Josh Kneisel for handling Junior Powerboat in 2021. It appears they did an awesome job, thanks guys. I sat in on the Junior Powerboat meeting in December and my takeaway on the meeting was that we need to get more involvement at the club level. The suggestion was made to utilize the Junior Sailing program as a stepping stone.

So, with that, the first thing that comes to my mind is to offer a boater safety program to interested juniors that at the end of the program they receive their

boaters safety certificate. After that, as a junior powerboater, they could take part in the various junior sailing regattas serving as safety and/or mark boats. This would bring both power and sail juniors together. Anyways, something to think about and we should explore this at the Spring Meeting.

Not much more to report on, so with that; I'll see you all this spring. Captain Bob



POWERBOAT REGATTA

The Power Boat committee is looking forward to this year's regatta. Work has already begun with our entire chairperson spots filled for the year. I would like to thank last year's chairman Lloyd Bogue for all of his hard work planning and preparing. I would like also like to congratulate Lloyd on being selected as this year's "Skipper of the Year".

I would like to congratulate & welcome our new PB committee treasurer CHRIS AUNE of Chagrin River Yacht Club. Welcome aboard Chris! Watch for the I-LYA News for the details of the April 1st & 2nd spring meeting.

Also a reminder to all planning on attending the power regatta at that bay in 2022, the dates for this year will be July $27^{th} - 31^{st}$. Be sure to get those vacation

dates submitted to your boss to join us at the for this year's fun.

Lastly I would like to take a minute to thank everyone who took the survey that was sent out for the 2021 regatta. This will help the committee make future events even better!

Tony Blank - Powerboat Chair

CALLING ALL AYC AND I-LYA SNOWBIRDS IN FLORIDA... Save the date!

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 @ 1:00 PM.

AYC & I-LYA P/C Doug Hogan and Lady Pearl have arranged our Annual Luncheon at the Tice and The Shores Moose Lodge 1297 in Fort Meyers. If you have your club burgee, bring it and we will fly it that afternoon. If you plan on attending, please call/text me @ 313 682 4113 with your name and the number of people attending so that I may provide a count to the Lodge Please share my post with people you know who are in Florida. Hope to see all of the AYC and I-LYA Snowbirds!

P/C Vivian Gebstadt.

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The Sail Committee is already hard at work planning for 2022. Bayweek will be August 5,6 &7 in 2022. We are planning to continue the changes that were implemented to the social part of the regatta last year. So, the setup at Put in Bay Yacht Club will be the same with the tent being attached to the yacht club and the food and drinks available for purchase through the yacht club.

The most important thing that you need to do now is get your lodging accommodations reserved for Bayweek. There were several boats that were not able to come last year because they could not get lodging for their crew. If you are looking to camp or bring an RV, then this is some important information. The South Bass Island State Park offers campsites with and without electricity as well as trailer and RV hookups. Reservations open six months in advance, which will be early February for our regatta. Visit their website at <u>https://reserveohio.com/OhioCampWeb/</u> for more information.

We are looking at ways to increase participation. In the PHRF, JAM and Cruising Fleets, there have been several owners that have purchased different boats in the past couple of years. At North Cape Yacht Club, my home club, we have had two J-92, two J-105, one J-109, one J120 and two Beneteau 36.7 added to our fleet recently. I am sure the other clubs with racing fleets have seen different boats added to their fleets. What better way of seeing how you stack up with the other boats like yours than to come to Bayweek. There is always good competition throughout the fleets.

We are also looking at increasing our participation in the centerboard fleet for racing dinghies. We have coordinated with the I-LYA Junior Traveler Series so that there will not be a conflict with Bayweek this year. We would like to see some of the coaches and sailors from the Junior Traveler Series participate at Bayweek. More to come in the months ahead.



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Yachtsmen's Fund

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It was great seeing everyone at the Fall Meeting this past month and finally being able to meet in person again. As reported in the last issue, 2021 was a great year for the Fund. Our investments are doing well and we were able to again support our youth sailing and boating programs in I-LYA as well as help many youth and amateur sailors to represent I-LYA and our area at top-level championship events throughout the USA. This is all thanks to your generous donations to the Fund.

Some 2022 Membership & Donation highlights:

We have officially welcomed five new Life Members to the Fund in 2021

We currently have 7 active **Future Life Members** who have pledged to pay \$100 a year for five years. Most opt to set up an automatic renewal through PayPal as this is an easy way to give.

Annual membership renewals have been mailed, but anyone can give by going to our website: yachtsmensfund.org where you can donate online or print a form and mail a check

2021 Memorial Donations have been received in memory of the following:

- Leslie Hill
- Jay Hawkins
- Sandy Hanna
- Lady Gail McKee
- Commodore Fred Schroeder *
- Lady Donna Payne *

* Life members of the Fund



As reported in the last newsletter, with the closing of Wyandotte Yacht Club this fall, the club elected to donate the remaining club monies to the Yachtsmen's Fund to help continue our goal to educate, challenge and inspire the next generation of boaters. When the final accounting was complete, Wyandotte Yacht Club presented the Fund with a check for \$16,380.89 at the Fall Meeting. The Fund Trustees voted to earmark these funds to provide for a new annual grant - The Wyandotte Yacht Club Grant - which will be made available to clubs and programs who are looking to run events promoting powerboat training, education, and safety. Details are still being finalized. Look for grant applications on our website, <u>www.yachtsmensfund.org</u>, in the next couple of months. And, again, **THANK YOU** to the members of WYC for your generosity.

Is your Club a Dollar-per-Member Club?

As we enter a new year, we encourage you to support the Fund with \$1 for each member of your Club or boating organization. Beginning this year, each Dollar-per-Member Club and each annual and life member will receive their own Yachtsmen's Fund sticker so you can publicly show your support. Clubs can post it on their clubhouse door alongside their other affiliations - I'm putting mine on my boat - Commodore Ashley is putting his on his golf cart! Show your support of the Fund and help share the word about our goal to *Educate, Challenge, and Inspire the next generation! If you need your member sticker, please contact Jane O'Brien at treasurer@yachtsmensfund.org or myself at har-ris@yachtsmensfund.org.*

Look for our Annual Report coming out in early March! If you aren't on our mailing list, please sign up at the website to receive the Annual Report and periodic updates and highlights about events and boaters that the Fund is supporting.

Hope to see you at the Boat Show in Cleveland! Steve Harris, President Inter-Lake Yachtsmen's Fund

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