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COMMODORE'S REPORT



Can you feel it? Spring is just around the corner, and we're buzzing with excitement! It's that magical time of year when the world comes alive again, bursting with color and warmth. Get ready to shake off those winter blues because we've got a weekend packed with awesomeness heading your way on April 5th and 6th.

First things first, let's talk about our upcoming planning meetings that weekend. We've got meetings lined up that are sure to spark some creativity and collaboration within the different committees. Whether you're a brainstorming master or just love bouncing ideas around, there's something for everyone. So, gear up to dive into some serious fun on Saturday! The meeting agendas will be released closer to the meetings on the website and on Facebook. If you haven't joined our Facebook group, there are some neat things happening out there that you should check out. The link to the site is: [https://](https://www.facebook.com/ILYAInterLakeYachtingAssociation)

www.facebook.com/ILYAInterLakeYachtingAssociation or just search for I-LYA on Facebook. Our official page is the one with the Red picture of my pin on it if you get more than one.

But wait, there's more! This weekend, we're rolling out the red carpet for not only the I-LYA hospitality room, but some from our partners as well, who are lined up to help us celebrate, and we couldn't be more pumped about it. Big shoutout to all the amazing folks in AYC, GCBA, PIBYC, and EWYC who are pitching in to make this happen. Their hard work and dedication are what make our organization shine, and we're so grateful for each and every one of you.

The hospitality rooms aren't just about good times and great company (although there's plenty of that!). It's a place where friendships are forged, memories are made, and laughter echoes off the walls. I would be remiss if I didn't talk about the dining opportunities that are around the spring meeting weekend. We have a plated banquet and awards ceremony on Saturday night, which promises to be a great time and we have a few surprises and awards lined up to give out! Additionally, Lady Teressa is excited to host her first Ladies luncheon, which will be at noon on Saturday. Make sure you reserve your spots for both of these events at i-lya.org/reserve (Where you can reserve and pay!) or using the form that is in this newsletter and mailing it into Lady Sharon.

I also want to thank everyone who pitched in on the I-LYA hospitality room at the AYC ball a few weeks ago. You really hit it out of the park on this one! We received many compliments on the room and we were very excited to share our 80's theme candy store with the party. There were many people involved, but I especially want to thank the bridge and their ladies, Scott Adams and Michelle Shuler (my hospitality chairs), and Lady Teressa for all the work that she did gathering pictures up of people from the 1980's. Our plan is to display these at the spring meeting for people that were not in attendance. They were really fun to look at and guess who was who in the pictures.

As we gear up for a weekend filled with laughter, love, and lots of good times on April 5th and 6th, let's also take a moment to appreciate the beauty of spring and the awesome people who make our community so special. Here's to making memories that'll last a lifetime!

Vice Commodore's Corner...Scott Kneisel



In mid-January your bridge officers and ladies hosted the I-LYA booth at the Cleveland Boat Show. The show was well attended, despite the Friday snowfall. Of special importance I learned how (or not) to assemble the backdrop (LOL). I caught up with several friends and made many new acquaintances. I especially enjoyed my conversations with Commodores Fishbaugh and Burgoyne; thank you for your insights. We handed out many yearbooks and informed prospective members about the advantages of member clubs. There was a great variety of vendors from boat and engine sales to cleaning products, clothing, engine and fiberglass repair, fishing, etc. Please consider attending in 2025.

I am looking ahead to the Spring Meeting which will be held on April 5th and 6th at the Doubletree in Westlake, OH. As an organization, this is our opportunity to continue to plan for our 2024 regattas and socialize with our many friends. Back by popular demand, we are again hosting the **Vendor Fair**, and are seeking vendors. Thus far I have received confirmations from Customs and Border Protection and Beagle Bay Knot Works. There is no cost for booth space. If you want to participate, please let me know, contact information is below.

Affairs Afloat: Mark your calendars for the 2024 regattas: Junior Bay Week: 7/14/24 - 7/18/24; Power and Junior Power Regattas: 7/24/24 - 7/28/24; and the Sail Regatta: 8/1/24 – 8/4/24. I do know that the Powerboat committee is seeking ideas on how to increase participation in the **on-the-water events**. I am confident that Commodore Vanderford would like to be able present the Commodore's Trophy. Please contact Powerboat committee chairman Kevin Stone or one of the committee members.

Mark your calendar for a Basket Raffle fundraiser at Bay View Yacht Club on Saturday April 20, 2024. Check the I-LYA Facebook page for details.

Congratulations to new Executive Secretary, Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus!!

Regards, V/C Scott Kneisel



Rear Commodore's Corner...Dean Reamsnyder



Today as I put this article together, Lady Karla is literally packing suitcases for month long get away. We will be heading to the Florida Keys, followed by the AYC Cruise and after that a coastal condo. We will return just in time for the Spring Meeting at Westlake.

I was fortunate to get a sneak peek at the Sail Chair Bill Pribe's newsletter piece. I encourage everyone to read it closely, as he points out the historical significance of the deep water and long destination sail events on or around Lake Erie in 2024. Many racers who compete are DRYA, www.drya.org, as well as AYC, www.associatedyachtclubs.com. He would like to see an increase in participation for the Sail Week Regatta at the Bay. So, make him proud and I-LYA will love you forever. The same goes for the Junior Sail program. Kellie Shaffner will know doubt tell you it never hurts to have more youth participation. The kids build their skills while having fun at the same time.

I've already started patching and sanding on the Old Sea Ray, and that's because Vice Commodore Scott talked me out of buying a new boat at the Cleveland Boat Show. He said just put a cork in it, stock the beverage bar and everyone will help keep it drained.

Keep it Fun! 2024 Rear Commodore I-LYA, Dean Reamsnyder
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On the business side, for those who submit articles for the newsletter, the deadlines are as follows:

Launch Edition: 04-19-2024

Regatta Edition: 5-31-2024

Results Edition: 08-09-2024

Fall Edition: 10-18-2024

SAVE THE DATES!

2024 Regattas

Jr. Bay Championship Series-July14-18

Power Boat Regatta - July24-28

Sr. Sail Regatta - August 1-4

2024 Meeting Schedule

Spring Meeting - April 5-6

Fall Meeting - December 6-7

The I-LYA Trustees are pleased to announce that we have elected 2019 Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus as our new Executive Secretary. The Trustees evaluated a slate of highly qualified candidates and we are very grateful for their interest and commitment to continue to assist I-LYA in the future. Com. Johnson-Mintus has a long history with I-LYA and has served not only as Commodore but also served two terms on the Board of Trustees. She worked with the previous Executive Secretary, Com. Allen Ashley over the years on the financial side of the organization and she has many years of experience serving as Treasurer of the Administration.

Cindy has recently retired from her position as Partner with the Certified Public Accounting Firm Bober, Markey, Fedorovich in Akron, Ohio. "I am honored to be selected for this position, says Commodore Johnson-Mintus, and I look forward to serving the I-LYA in the role of Executive Secretary. Commodore. Allen Ashley was Executive Secretary for almost 20 years and I will do my best to continue his great leadership!"

You can contact the Executive Secretary at Secretary@I-lya.org.
 Respectfully submitted, Commodore Steven Hyder, President

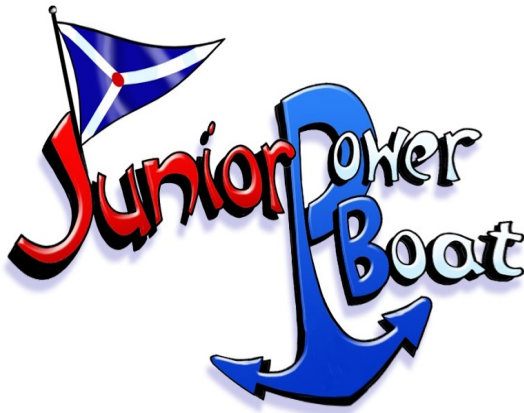
I-LYA Board of Trustees





Bridge ladies in the I-LYA sponsored hospitality room during AYC weekend honoring 2023 Commodore Jay Crum & Lady Denise. The theme was 80's, so I-LYA opted for an 80's candy shop and did a wonderful job representing!





Captain Bob here! At the fall meeting, we discuss updates and ideas aimed at enhancing the overall experience for participants in the Junior Powerboat Regatta. The meeting covered a range of topics. Here are the key highlights that promise to make the 2024 Regatta even more thrilling and engaging.

1. Seminar and On-The-Water Activities Take Center Stage:

One of the significant changes proposed during the meeting is the reorganization of the schedule. The seminar, traditionally held on Friday, is now being considered to be moved to Thursday, with On-The-Water activities following on Friday. This shift aims to create a seamless transition from learning to practical application and provide the committee additional time for grading and evaluation.

2. Streamlined Schedule with Junior Fishing and Geo-Guest on Saturday: To ensure a more efficient flow of events, the organizers are proposing the relocation of Junior Fishing and Geo-Guest to Saturday. This adjustment aims to streamline the schedule, providing participants with a more organized and enjoyable experience.

3. Introduction of 2-Way Radios for Enhanced Communication: In a bid to improve communication and safety during the regatta, we are exploring the introduction of 2-way radios for Junior participants. These radios will be utilized during Geo-Quest and On-The-Water events. Furthermore, they will play a crucial role in teaching VHF radio etiquette during the Thursday seminar.

4. Hands-On Learning Opportunity for New Juniors: A key initiative to attract new participants involves providing hands-on experience with powerboats. We are actively seeking boat owners willing to make their boat available to this endeavor, which will give aspiring juniors insights into handling larger vessels and understanding various mechanical systems on board.

5. Involvement Beyond Eligibility: For those Juniors who have aged out of direct participation, the invitation extends to take the next step by getting involved in judging or grading the junior contestants. Organizers believe that their perspective is crucial to the continuous improvement of the Junior Powerboat Regatta.

6. Call to Action: Captain Bob invites all those interested to attend the Spring meeting in Westlake, Ohio April 5-7, 2024 and share their ideas and thoughts on further enhancing the Junior Powerboat Regatta experience. Participants, boat owners, and enthusiasts are encouraged to contribute their input to shape the future of this exciting program.

For those eager to share their thoughts, Captain Bob can be reached via email at CaptainBobLang@OutLook.com or by phone at 313-938-8414.

Junior Sailing Committee Council Update

THANK YOU for the opportunity to attend the US Sailing NSPS in Savannah, GA earlier this month. The highest attendance in the event's history this year – which meant for a lot of networking, learning and sharing! The I-LYA Junior Sailing Committee and Council is continuing preparations and plans for the 2024 Summer Sailing Season, including the Traveler's Series, US Sailing Courses, and other initiatives, including OPTI Nationals, and Great Lakes Clinics.

If you are a junior sailor or know a junior sailor, get yourself and your boat ready to participate. Our area is one-of-a-kind with the ability for 1,000 junior sailors competing at local events throughout the summer months. The Traveler's Series includes Opti (green), Opti, ILCA/Laser, C420 and Thistle fleets. If you know a junior sailor, get them involved in their local sailing program to get ready for a great summer of fun and competitive sailboat racing in the inland and open waters of I-LYA member clubs.

The I-LYA Junior Sailing website is updated and will continue to be updated with more information available throughout the season. Information about all the junior sailing that I-LYA has to offer can be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/i-lyajuniorsailing/> If you'd like to be part of our eNewsletter, please email ilya.juniors@gmail.com to be added to our mailing list.

The I-LYA Junior Sailing Council as voted in at the Fall Meeting:

Chair (2023-4)	Kellie Schaffner	CYC/EWYC
Vice Chair (2023-4)	Justin Rodriguez	ACSC / PIBYC
Inland Rep	Christie Rodriguez	ACSC / PIBYC
Western Rep	PJ Schaub, Jr.	SSC
Eastern Rep	Jayme Ward	EWYC
I-LYA Coach Rep	Nadia Reynolds	HSC
I-LYA Junior Rep	Samantha York	HSC
I-LYA Junior Rep	Charlie Shade	MHYC
I-LYA Junior Rep	Grant Newbauer	BLYC
I-LYA Junior Rep	Jacob Myers	PIBYC
I-LYA Junior Rep	Bryor Burke	HSC
Immediate Past Chair (2021-2)	CC Wisniewski	PIBYC

If YOU are or someone you know IS an I-LYA Alumnae, we'd love to share your whereabouts and sailing adventures. Please email ilya.juniors@gmail.com and look for us on Facebook and Instagram

Chair (2023) Kellie Schaffner, Chair

SAIL REGATTA

The 2024 sailing season promises to be full of excitement. The 100th Mills Trophy Race is set for June 7-9. More than 80 boats have already registered to participate in the weekend race to Put-in-Bay. The 100th Bayview Mackinac Race July 20 is the world's longest continuously run LONG DISTANCE freshwater race (<https://bycmack.com/>). This year will be the 131st I-LYA Sail Regatta, currently the longest continuously held regatta in the country. Boats who participate in all three races will be recognized by the I-LYA Sail Committee this year with a special award.

As you are planning out your sailing schedule for the upcoming season, there have been some changes that you need to know about. North Cape Yacht Club is moving the George O'Connell Fall Bay back to the original place in the calendar, the weekend after Port Clinton Yacht Club's Snow Flurries. PCYC Snow Flurries will be September 28 & 29 and NCYC Fall Bay will be October 5 & 6. Hopefully we will see more boats from the Cleveland area attend these regattas as there were conflicts with races scheduled in Cleveland for the past few years.

The NOR for Bayweek and the Deepwater races July 31, August 1-4, are being finalized so be sure to mark your calendar and make your room reservations. If you're interested in sponsoring kegs or flags, or would like a one page event flyer to share with please visit our website at <https://i-lya.org/events-activities/sail-regatta/>.

Please join us at the spring meeting April 5 & 6 to help support Lake Erie sailing.



POWERBOAT REGATTA

The powerboat chair and committee are diligently working on plans for the 2024 I-LYA Regatta that will be held at Put-In-Bay from July 23 through July 28th. The I-LYA spring meeting is April 5th to April 7th in Westlake, OH. During the spring meeting, we will start the kickoff of the I-LYA powerboat regatta planning. There are still a few committee chair positions open that need to be filled, so if you are interested in helping, please see Kevin Stone or one of the other powerboat committee members.

Looking forward to having a great and fun-filled powerboat regatta for our I-LYA Commodore Dale Vanderford and Lady Teresa. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Kevin Stone, kevinstoneglslbc@gmail.com or call 734-502-1535. Hope to see you all at the I-LYA spring meeting!



I-LYA Spring Meeting

VENDOR FAIR

April 5 & 6

**Doubletree Hotel
Westlake, Ohio**

Free Booth!

**Vendors
Needed!**

**Contact: V/C Scott Kneisel
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**Inter-Lake Yachting Association
2024 SPRING MEETING**



**April 5-6th, 2024
DoubleTree by Hilton
1100 Crocker Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145
440-871-6000 or 800-774-1500**

Please make your room reservation by March 6th, 2024

The I-LYA room rate should be requested when making reservations.
(\$109 Standard room per night plus taxes and includes two breakfast buffets)
Please call the Hotel and ask for in house reservations to get the I-LYA rate using group code: **908**
Or you can book online directly at: <https://bit.ly/ILYA2024>

*Join us Friday evening in our Hospitality Rooms to socialize and network
and Saturday for the Organizational Meetings to help us plan 2024*

****Ladies Luncheon ****

Saturday April 6, 2024 @ 12:00 noon

Name(s): _____ Club: _____ # Attending: _____
Cost: (\$25pp) - Turkey Club or Chicken Caesar wrap with potato soup, Rolls & Butter, Coffee Tea, Mimosas.

****Spring Dinner & Awards****

Saturday April 6, 2024

Cocktails (Cash Bar) 6:00 pm ---- Dinner 7:00 pm ---- **Cost: (\$65 pp)**
Mixed green salad, Plated duo Entrée Featuring a 6oz Sirloin steak and Paillard Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,
Vegetable, and Assorted Breads,
Dessert & Beverages
Dinner Attire: Blues and Greys

Name(s): _____
Club: _____ # Attending: _____

****reservations required****

RESERVE and PAY ONLINE@ <http://www.i-lya.org/reserve>

****Deadline for Dinner and Luncheon Reservations** is March 22, 2024. Please Make Checks Out To: I-LYA 2024**

Send to Lady Sharon Kneisel 2264 104th St., Toledo, Ohio 43611
Phone 419-367-6503 (For Questions)

Edgewater Yacht Club is excited to host a US Sailing Sanctioned International Offshore Safety at Sea Course with Hands-on Training the weekend of April 27 & 28, 2024.

Training will include safety and seamanship suitable for inshore and offshore racing and cruising sailors as well as power boaters. This course complies with ISAF Guidelines as well as World Sailing Offshore Personal Survival Course guidelines and includes a certificate.

Learn more and register at: <https://edgewateryachtclub.theclubspot.com/event/5lfUvgW1vJ>



Cruising the Great Lakes with Confidence



Have you ever been out on the water and seen this distinctive blue burgee? If you have, you've seen the flag of the Great Lakes Cruising Club. You can find GLCC members all over our Great Lakes as our home ports stretch from Duluth to Montreal, from Chicago to Buffalo and from Toledo to Toronto. One thing we all have in common is our love of cruising. Some members are partial to Lake Huron's North Channel, some love the wilderness of Lake Superior's North Shore while others just enjoy searching for one more special harbor in their home lake.

The GLCC was founded in 1934 and today has over 2,500 US and Canadian members. The GLCC's original purpose was to gather and share cruising information about the lakes. Today that sharing is still the club's core purpose. What is different about then and now is how that information is shared. Today, cruising information is shared through the club's online *Harbor Reports*. The club maintains over 1,100 individual reports on ports, small harbors and anchorage all over the Great Lakes. For GLCC the members cruising information is always at their finger tips.



In addition to the Harbor Reports the GLCC maintains a network of Port Captains. These Port Captains take responsibility for the upkeep of their home port's *Harbor Report* and serve as a contact person for members out cruising the lakes. From basic information like "Where's the best place to eat?" to serious questions like "Who's a reliable engine mechanic?", the GLCC Port Captains are ready to help.

On top of all that GLCC members like to gather, enjoy each others company and just have fun. Every year the club sponsors a large club wide rendezvous and multiple rallies in each of the separate lakes. In Lake Erie the club puts on two rallies, a picnic and a dinner.

To learn more about the Great Lakes Cruising Club, their *Harbor Reports* and about the club's outstanding online GLCC School go to www.glccclub.com.

Ford Yacht Club Life Jacket Loaner Station

In the fall of 2023, I applied to the I-LYA Yachtsmen Fund for a Grant to build several Life Jacket Loaner Stations for our club. Shortly, I was notified that we were approved for \$1500!! There are several other grants available from different boating associations, but they all require the public to be able to come into your club and use them. We are a private club, so this was not possible for us to apply for.

Our Life Jacket Loaner Station is to be used by our members and their guests for FREE! The goal of our program is to increase the use of life jackets and educate the importance of wearing a properly fitting life jacket. Our club requires all kids under 12 years old to wear a life jacket if they are within 10 ft of the harbor or shoreline at the club. We also have a new pool at our club. We have had many requests for life jackets and now they are available for adults, children, and infants to use as they need.

We constructed our first Life Jacket Station this fall. We were able to do this with the many volunteers that helped build it. Wood and supplies were purchased from local stores. Life Jackets were researched for the best quality, performance, and prices and then purchased. We were also given some monetary and life jacket donations from members. Each sign on the Station explains how to wear a properly fitting life jacket and rules for borrowing the jacket for the day or weekend. We are using a careful inspection list each week to make sure the jackets are always in the best shape with no tears, rips, buckles, or zipper issues.

Our plan is to construct 2-3 more stations throughout the club next spring. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We were able to make one station for under \$850.

I would like to thank the I-LYA Yachtsmen Fund for their generous donation to such a great cause.

Now, no one at FYC or their guests will be without a jacket when they want to go out on the boat or swim at the beach or pool! I encourage your club to apply for the Grant if there is a need!! We all know the number one reason people drown is because they did not have a life jacket on, let's help to prevent that!

Dawn Schaumburger

Life Jacket Loaner Station
Chairperson FYC

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We have almost made it to Spring. We will be working on our boats before we know it! Looking forward to attending the spring meeting and seeing our friends and colleagues.

We cannot emphasize this enough...We have grant money for training and travel earmarked for this year. Training grants can apply to adults and youth. If you are signing up for level 1,2,or 3 instructor training and your own Club does not reimburse you, please visit our website and apply for a training grant.

Anyone taking race management courses, please also apply for a grant. We need more race management personnel and want to help you out! We have committed to supporting both the Junior Power and Junior Sail regattas and look forward to hearing the Chairs' proposals at the Spring meeting.

We are sad to hold our first meeting in as long as we can remember without our trusty executive secretary Al Ashley. This will be a big adjustment for all. See you in April!



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3 Year I-LYA BayWeek Regatta Dates

2024 - Approved
Junior Sail BayWeek
July 14 – July 18

Powerboat BayWeek
July 24 – July 28

Senior Sail BayWeek
July 31 – August 4

2025 - Approved
Junior Sail BayWeek
July 13 – July 17

Powerboat BayWeek
July 23 – July 27

Senior Sail BayWeek
July 30 – August 3

2026 - Proposed
Junior Sail BayWeek
July 12 – July 16

Powerboat BayWeek
July 22 – July 26

Senior Sail BayWeek
July 29 – August 2



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