



Inter-Lake Yachting Association

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# COMMODORE'S REPORT



As the flowers burst into bloom and the waters and weather warm, there's an undeniable buzz of excitement in the air - it's boating season! It's that time of the year when we trade our winter coats for life jackets and prepare to set sail on another unforgettable summer of adventures.

First and foremost, I'd like to extend my thanks to all who attended the I-LYA spring meeting held earlier this month in Westlake. Your presence, enthusiasm, and invaluable contributions made the event a resounding success. It was a great weekend filled with fellowship, camaraderie, and productive planning for the upcoming summer regattas. Congratulations to the very deserving Award winners: John Bedford, winner of Yachtsman of the Year, Mike Powers, recipient of the Yacht Racing Union of the Great Lakes, Chip Schaffner for both Sailor and I-LYA Boat of the Year, and Rich McKee on his 2<sup>nd</sup> win of the Mid-American Boating Skipper of the Year Trophy.

I would also like to express our appreciation for the generosity displayed through the donation of over 25 baskets for our raffle there. Your kindness and support truly exemplify the spirit of our association, and I'm thrilled to see such overwhelming participation from our members. These donations greatly help to defray the costs associated with this event.

As we gear up for the exciting summer ahead, I urge everyone to register early for the summer regattas at Put-In-Bay. Sr. Sail registration is already open, with deepwater registration soon to follow. Power Boat Registration kicks off on May 6th, so mark your calendars and secure your spot for what promises to be an exhilarating season of racing and camaraderie. We have done our best to keep price increases to a minimum, though there are some slight increases in dockage at both sail and power and social packages at power due to increased contractual costs and general increased costs overall.

In light of recent events, I must take a moment to address the tragic accident at the I-LYA member Swan Boat Club in Newport, Michigan. Our hearts go out to the victims and their families during this difficult time. As a community, it's important that we come together to offer our support and assistance. To this end, I'm pleased to announce that a fundraiser will be held on May 19th at Fireman's Park at 9005 Brandon Road in Newport, Michigan to aid the victims that will be open to all clubs and to the public. They have reached out asking for volunteers to work this event from our member clubs to ensure the success of this event, and any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated. A large crowd is expected at this event—larger than what the membership by itself can manage. Please reach out to Rachel Thomas at [Rlthomas25@gmail.com](mailto:Rlthomas25@gmail.com) to volunteer your help. Further details on the event itself can be found on the flyer in this newsletter.

In closing, let's embrace the spirit of unity, compassion, and resilience that defines our association as we embark on another memorable boating season. Together, we'll navigate the waves of challenges, creating cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

Fair winds and smooth Sailing

## Vice Commodore's Corner...Scott Kneisel



Happy Launch Season! The shrink wrap has been removed from *Sharin's Relief* and the annual polishing and waxing routine is in progress, which is great for my personal physique, LOL. Fortunately, *Scotty's Relief* is in the water, so Sharon and I are looking ahead to a few day trips in the coming weeks. As you prepare your vessel for launch, please be safe with the use of ladders, scaffolds, extension cords and power tools.

Many thanks to Commodore Dale, Lady T, and the team for a well planned and executed Spring Meeting. It was educational to attend small portions of the many meetings that we hosted. We have so many tireless volunteers that accomplish so much for the benefit of all who attend the Regattas and the Spring & Fall Meetings. The Vendors Fair included five vendors and Customs and Border Protection. In speaking with the vendors I learned that traffic was light, which may have been due to the many other regional events taking place. Hopefully, the vendors will return for the Fall Meeting, and the traffic will increase. Congratulations to Commodore Mike Powers, Rich McKee, and John Bedford and for earning their respective awards. Well done!

### *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.

Sail Regatta: Attendees, the committee is seeking one 3' x 5' burgee from each attending club. We will fly each burgee on a pole on the north end of "A" Dock; the purpose is to promote your club's attendance and to help communicate to the public that the dock is not available. Chairman Bill Pribe and his committee are working hard to increase attendance at the 2024 Sail Regatta, especially in relation to the 100<sup>th</sup> Mills Race and the 100<sup>th</sup> Bayview Mackinac Race. Please tune in to his articles for more details.

Since the Spring Meeting, Sharon and I had the privilege of representing I-LYA at the Seaway Boat Club Commodore's Ball. We are looking ahead to Harbor View Yacht Club Commodore's Ball, the Opening of the Port events in Toledo and the USS Cod ceremony in Cleveland. Two weeks later, we will attend the Opening of the Island Ceremony on Grosse Ile. **Thank you** to all who attended and supported our Basket Raffle fundraiser at Bay View Yacht Club on April 20<sup>th</sup>!

Respectfully, Vice Commodore Scott Kneisel



## Rear Commodore's Corner...Dean Reamsnyder



I've stopped for a few minutes to sit down, catch my breath and admire my work. It took me four days, but I got my dock poles free of zebra mussels and old paint. They are now in place with a brilliant coat of white paint and a bright red topper. From our party deck, they never looked so good, but as I spin around, "thar" she is, the boat, with the winter cover still in place. I realize, I'm just now getting started.

Speaking of spring meetings, wasn't this the best of all times? What an inspiration to get us in the mood to hit the water, head for the Bay, for some great competition and fellowship. I-LYA has been blessed over the years with outstanding leadership and many volunteers. Commodore Dale Vanderford was all smiles as he gave recognition and the highest awards to those who we all find so deserving. Commodore Mike Powers, Rich McKee and John Bedford. The pinning of Commodore Lloyd was so fitting of a man whose leadership example may never be matched.

Somebody better keep calling me to make sure the Yacht-a, Yacht-a, Yacht-a is ready and in the water for Memorial Day and the Opening of the Port. It's best I put the golf clubs away and the gardening tools down, it seems the sea is calling me.

Keep it Fun, 2024 Rear Commodore I-LYA; Dean Reamsnyder

deanream@aol.com; 419-376-0536

### Reminder for 2026 ...

The spring meeting is March 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>  
Watch for the yearbook, coming soon.

### 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  
Fall Meeting - December 6-7

# SAIL REGATTA

I'm sure everyone is hard at work getting their boats ready for the season. Launch dates are coming up soon. Once the boat is in the water and the mast is again in the vertical position don't forget to get your reservations for your crew accommodations and get your boat registered for Bayweek and the Deepwater Race in your area. Registration is open for both and we have several boats registered already. We are trying a Double handed class again this year. We realized that getting crew for some boats was an issue so we decided to add this class. We are looking forward to having more boats this year than we had last year. The entry fee has increased slightly as the dock expense has increased. The parties and beer tent will be the same as last year. Mount Gay Rum Party on Friday evening and Tito's Vodka Party on Saturday evening and beer for the three evenings. These parties are included for you and your crew with your registration. You will receive wristbands at registration. If you need more wristbands for support people they will be available at packet pickup. So get with your crew and get Bayweek on your schedule.

You have a unique opportunity to race in the Tri 100 year races this year and the time to register is now. There are well over 130 boats registered for the 100th Mills Trophy Race coming up on June 7th and over 300 boats registered for the 100th Bayview to Mackinac race on July 20th. Of course this is the 131st I-LYA Bayweek. On the east end of Lake Erie registration is open for the Lake Erie InterClub Cruise June 22 - June 26. This is the link <https://www.erieinterclub.com/> If you haven't sent in your renewal for your PHRF or OCR certificates, this is a reminder to do so. Get those boats ready to go for a very busy sailing season.



100% WILL GO TO THE VICTIMS OF THE SWAN BOAT CLUB ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED ON 04/20/2024

# Spaghetti Dinner Victim Relief Fundraiser

Hosted by Swan Boat Club Auxiliary

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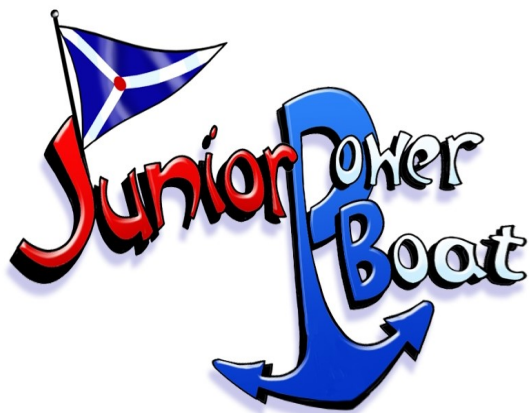


Salad, vegetable and roll included

**\$20**

Kids portion \$10

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ALONG WITH FOOD GIFT CARDS OR  
GROCERY GIFT CARDS FOR THE VICTIMS,  
WE ALSO HAVE VENMO AND ZELLE FOR  
DONATIONS**



Captain Bob here! The I-LYA Spring meeting, in Westlake, Ohio is behind us. We had a great meeting and plans for the 2024 Junior Powerboat regatta are well under way.

**SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Please make note that the schedule for the Seminar and On-The-Water activities have changed. The Safe Boating Seminar will be on Thursday 9 to 12 noon and the On-The-water contests will be moved to Friday 9 to 12 noon. The Junior Fishing Contest and Geo-Quest will be moved to Saturday. We also will be providing hands-on training radio protocols for the proper use of the marine VHF radio. It will be fun.

For those who have never attended the Junior Powerboat regatta, you're missing out on some great fun and camaraderie. The fun starts on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of July and runs concurrently with the Senior Power boat Regatta. There is fun for the entire family, so mark your calendar. Junior Powerboat activities: Safe Boating seminar, Weather contest, Chart reading and course-plotting exercise, On-shore navigation contest, O.T.W. (On-The-Water) Boat handling contest, O.T.W. compass reading, O.T.W. Chicane-boat handling and low speed maneuvering, O.T.W. docking contest. This is a great opportunity to get your juniors involved and who knows; maybe they will win it all and come away with a \$300.00 scholarship. Oh, by the way; there is a first, second and third Over-All winner; all of which are awarded monetary scholarships. Or maybe they will win the Junior Skipper award. No matter what, they will have a great time and learn a little something in the process.

In addition to these award-winning activities, we have additional activities for the 12 to 19 group and those pre juniors under 12. Junior Putt-Putt, Geo-Quest contest, fishing contest, movie night and the regatta wrap-up with Saturday afternoon AWARDS and Presentations.

Be sure to check the I-LYA web site for registration and schedule information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me; Captain Bob 313-938-8414 or send me an email; Captain-BobLang@OutLook.com

That's all for now; think boating and I'll see you at the Bay in July.

Captain Bob; 313-938-8414



## ***2024 Junior Sailing Committee Council Update***

The 2024 I-LYA Junior Sailing Committee and Council’s plans are in place and ready for the upcoming summer sailing season with regard to the 8-regatta Traveler’s Series, multiple local US Sailing Level 1 Courses, and other initiatives, such as Junior Championships at PIBYC, Opti Championships at Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club, Opti Nationals at Sandusky Sailing Club, and C420 Great Lakes events.

Our area is one-of-a-kind with the ability for over 1,000 junior sailors competing at local events throughout the summer months. The Traveler’s Series includes Opti (green), Opti, ILCA/Laser 4.7 and Radial, 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 as 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](mailto:ilya.juniors@gmail.com) to be added to our mailing list.

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

<b>Chair (2023-2024)</b>	Kellie Schaffner	CYC/EWYC
<b>Vice Chair (2023-2024)</b>	Justin Rodriguez	ACSC / PIBYC
Inland Rep	Christie Rodriguez	ACSC / PIBYC
Western Rep	PJ Schaub	SSC
Eastern Rep	Jayme Ward	EWYC
I-LYA Coach Rep	Nadia Reynolds	(OSU) HSC
I-LYA Junior Rep	Samantha York	HSC
I-LYA Junior Rep	Graham Newbauer	HSC
I-LYA Junior Rep	Jacob Myers	PIBYC
I-LYA Junior Rep	Bryor Burke	BLYC
I-LYA Junior Rep	Charlie Shade	MHYC
<b>Immediate Past Chair (2021-22)</b>	CC Wisniewski	PIBYC



# POWERBOAT REGATTA

The spring powerboat meeting was held on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and we had a great turnout -standing room only. The committee went over the plans for the 2024 Powerboat Regatta and there are a few changes we would like to notify you about. Due to the increase in the cost of everything, our new contract with the village and PIBYC both have cost increases for the upcoming regatta. Docking will be \$2.25 per foot and the social package for boaters will be \$60.00 and for non-boaters \$75.00.

Sports ashore East and West are working to have a full week of activities such as volleyball, baseball, Putt-Putt, corn hole, steak & chicken dinner, and the ever-popular Tito's & Mount gay rum parties. We are still looking for a few volunteers. We need someone to run the flying mile and to chair the Taco dinner on Wednesday. This would be a great event for your club to host to get participation points. Please touch base with me or one of the powerboat chairpersons if you are interested in volunteering for one of these activities.

The 2024 Powerboat Regatta is from July 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> and registration for the Powerboat Regatta will open on May 6<sup>th</sup>. We will soon post the full schedule of activities times and dates. The web site can be found here: <https://i-lya.org>. The Powerboat committee would like to say thank you to all the members who volunteer and participate, without you and your help there would be no Regattas. Thank you again!

Powerboat Chair, Kevin Stone; [Kevinstoneglbc@gmail.com](mailto:Kevinstoneglbc@gmail.com); 734-502-1535

## ***THIS JUST IN.....***

To make it easier to participate in the on-the-water contests and to help increase regatta participation, the Powerboat committee has planned for the **Docking Contest**, **Chicane**, and **Flying Mile** to be performed from 12:00 – 2:00 PM on Tuesday, 7/23/24; which will allow participation before docking for the Regatta. This window of time is **in addition** to the typical Wednesday and Thursday scheduled times.

## **I - LYA 131<sup>st</sup> Adult & Jr. Power Boat Regatta Put - In - Bay, OH July 24-28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Come join all the fun! Bring the whole family!!  
Kids are welcome and encouraged to join in!**

All I-LYA Boaters are invited to join for some fun at the bay!

Dock at A&C Dock for only \$2.25 ft.

Social Packages for adults on boats that are docked with I-LYA are \$60 per person, Those without boats are \$75 per person. Social Packages include all dinner meals Spaghetti, Steak or Chicken, Hot Dog Roast, and a Taco dinner.

It also includes activities listed below for 4 days.

### **ADULT ACTIVITES**

Power Boat Water Contests  
Corn Hole Contest  
Co-ed Volleyball & Softball  
Putt Putt Golf\*  
Golf Tournament\*  
Pub Crawl\*

Mt. Gay Rum Party / Tito's Party  
Inflatable Boat Races  
Beer Trailer  
Ladies Tea\*

Kayak Races & Tug a War on the water  
Award Ceremony

### **KIDS 5-11 yrs. (Free)**

Fishing Contest  
Geo Quest  
Putt Putt Golf  
Movie Night

### **JR. POWER 12-18yrs. (\$10)**

SAFE Boating Seminar &  
Navigation Contest  
Scholarship Opportunities  
Fishing Contest & Geo Quest  
Putt Putt Golf & Movie Night  
Co-ed Softball, Volley Ball & Corn Hole  
Kayak Races & Tug a War on the water  
Award Ceremony

\*Small fee may apply

Steak, Chicken, and Dinner meals are NOT included for kids or Jr's but may be purchased for a small fee.

**Go to the I-LYA Website for On Line Register May 6<sup>th</sup>- July 7<sup>th</sup>.  
For more information or questions call the Power Boat Registrar,  
Dawn Schaumburger at 734-558-6129 or email [dschaums22@aol.com](mailto:dschaums22@aol.com)**





# I-LYA Sail Regatta Sponsorship Form

The I-LYA Sail Regatta is a top-tier regatta with U.S. Sailing Certified Race Officers on three courses: Portsmouth Dinghy; PHRF; and JAM/Cruising. Three days of racing, Daily Awards, and complimentary social packages provide an opportunity for sailors from all around Lake Erie to **gather, compete, and socialize.**



For more information visit: [i-lya.org](http://i-lya.org)

## I-LYA Bayweek Regatta August 1-4

At Put-in-Bay Yacht Club, Put-in-Bay, Ohio

You, your boat, your sailing club, your company, your poker buddies, your golf foursome... all have an opportunity to be recognized at the 2024 Sail Regatta by sponsoring a keg, flags, or the event overall. **Sponsors are crucial to the success of the event** and will be acknowledged with a banner at the event daily awards ceremony and on the I-LYA Bayweek Facebook page.

To **be an event sponsor** you may add to your regatta registration through Yachtscore; complete an event purchase from the committee; or **complete and submit this form.**

Sponsorship Opportunity	Cost	Quantity	Total
Keg of Beer	\$95.00		
Set of Flags	\$175.00		

Banner Listing: \_\_\_\_\_  
e.g. Captain Jack Sparrow, the Black Pearl

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **I-LYA 2024** and mail to:  
Karyn Selle 4056 E. Stein Rd., Lasalle, MI 48145

Visit [i-lya.org/sponsorship/](http://i-lya.org/sponsorship/) for more information on other sponsorship opportunities.

**Commodore Dale Vanderford and the 2024 Regatta Committee thank you for your support!**

Please contact Regatta Chair Bill Pribe at: [wpribe@gmail.com](mailto:wpribe@gmail.com) with other questions.



**Inter-Lake Yachting Association**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Power Regatta**  
**2024 Power Regatta July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**SPONSOR SIGN-UP FOR Keg/Golf Cart**

The Inter-Lake Yachting Association's Power Regatta will be held at Put in Bay, Ohio on South Bass Island on Lake Erie. You, your boating club, or your company all have the opportunity to be recognized at this premier event by sponsoring us. Keg Sponsors will be acknowledged with a banner at the event! Golf Carts cover transportation to ALL I-LYA events!

<b>Number of Kegs:</b>	_____	@ \$100.00 =	\$ _____
<b>Golf Cart:</b>	_____	@ \$ 80.00 =	\$ _____
		<b>TOTALS:</b>	\$ <span style="background-color: #cccccc; display: inline-block; width: 50px; height: 15px;"></span>

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Name of Person or Club sponsoring: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please make checks payable to I-LYA 2024***

Mail to: John Brock, Powerboat Treasurer  
 1576 Plantation Drive  
 Hudson, Ohio 44236

**Commodore Dale Vanderford and the 2024 Power Regatta Committee  
 thank you for your support of the 2024 I-LYA Power Regatta.**

Keg sponsorship may be used to cover the cost of beer kegs as well as other social event expenses, including other beverages.

The Yachtsmen's Fund had a productive meeting in Westlake! All trustees were in attendance including virtual attendees. We welcomed Marcia Ashley as our executive secretary and made it official at the end of the meeting. Our newest trustee, Mike Fishbaugh was in attendance and signed up for committees without too much protest!

The trustees approved a change in term length which will hopefully help with recruiting new trustees in the future. The current term was 9 years and a new term of 3 years was approved. We were happy to consider several grant requests including the Junior Bay Week request for assistance with housing, coaching and scholarships. Our contribution will enable the committee to not raise the entry fee for junior sailors this year. We are also providing support this summer for the Optimist National Championships in Sandusky, the Lake Erie Invitational Offshore Regatta at North Cape this fall, and a grant to the Backus team who will represent the Great Lakes at New York Yacht Club's Invitational Women's Championship Regatta in June. It's a busy summer for Lake Erie sailing!

We still have training grant money available! — please apply online at [yachtsmensfund.org](http://yachtsmensfund.org) if you are taking a course and your club is not reimbursing you.

If you would like to support our good work, please consider becoming a life member of the Fund.

The Dollar per Member mailings are forthcoming, right after the eclipse!

Hope to see many of you this summer as the boating season commences!

Steve Harris

President, Yachtsmen's Fund







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[theamya.org/AdiLYA.asp](http://theamya.org/AdiLYA.asp)  
or scan the QR Code

# There's a New Kind of Boat in Town!

Some of the best racers in the country are sailing model yachts. The 2023 US Sailing Championship of Champions raced in radio-controlled sailboats. *What's Up?*

- Racing these “toy” boats has a lot to offer, not least of which is a **big boat-load of FUN!**
- Imagine standing on the dock right next to your arch-rival as they tack away into a header—**what a trash-talk opportunity!**
- **No towing, no calling around for crew**, no capsizing, and almost no wasted set-up time.
- Ever wanted to skipper a 12 Meter? Several model yacht classes are scaled versions of the 12M. There are **over 30 model yacht classes sanctioned by the American Model Yachting Assn.**
- Looking for a boat to build from scratch, one that comes ready to race out of the box, or for one that looks just like the Laser you loved to sail? **There is one that fits your needs.**
- **Tune up your strategies and tactics off-season**, with 10 races with starts, roundings, gates, finishes, shifts... all in one morning at your local club.

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