



Inter-Lake Yachting Association

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT



As I write this article on February 21, it is 20 degrees outside, the ground is snow covered, and Lake Erie has 95% ice coverage; spring seems rather distant. However, we are gearing up for the **Spring Meeting** which will be held on April 4 – 5 at the **Wyndham Gardens Westlake**. *Be aware that the hotel is now Wyndham Gardens Westlake, not the Doubletree*, however it is the same physical building located at 1100 Crocker Rd., Westlake, OH. Reservation information is available under the *Meeting Information* pull down on the i-lya.org home page and may also be obtained on the I-LYA Facebook page. The Ladies Luncheon, Dinner reservation, and electronic payment links are in place. The hotel reservation link is in place but beware that the default dates are for check-in on Thursday and check-out on Sunday, so if you are reserving otherwise select your appropriate days. Thank you, Commodore Vanderford, Tony Blank and Social Media Chair Kris Truthan, for getting it posted. The meeting flyer, a *preliminary* weekend schedule, and *preliminary* general membership meeting agenda are included in this newsletter. The Spring Meeting provides us with the opportunity to prepare for our summer regattas and elect the 2025 Nominating committee, among many other things. It is also a time to socialize and network. Please come and enjoy!

Since the Fall Meeting, I have attended a Greater Cleveland Boating Association meeting, an Associated Yacht Clubs meeting and together with Lady Sharon proudly represented I-LYA at seven Commodore's Balls.

Preparations for the 2025 **yearbook** are continuing. Advertising space is available, but time is running short, so if you intend to advertise, please get your ad submitted promptly. The 2025 ad contract is included in this newsletter. Please consider advertising your club, business, Commodore class or otherwise. We do expect to distribute the yearbooks in mid-May. Thank you, Marilyn Paselsky for your continued coaching.

Trustee Rich McKee, your bridge officers and their ladies hosted a booth at the Cleveland Boat Show in January. This was a great time to see old friends, make new ones and do some networking. While there, using a chart of Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair, we created a visual display of the approximate locations of our I-LYA clubs. This will be displayed at the Spring Meeting so please check it out.

I-LYA hosted a hospitality room at the Associated Yacht Club Commodore's Ball on 2/14/25. The theme was the Jimmy Buffett song "A Pirate Looks at 40". The room was well decorated with a pirate theme. Thank you to Hospitality chairs Terry & Debbie Trimmer and our bridge officers and ladies.

Please continue to read the enclosed I-LYA history prepared by Rear Commodore Thanasiu in this edition, as we continue to celebrate our 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Lady Sharon and I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Meeting, please travel safely!

Best regards, Commodore Scott Kneisel

## VICE COMMODORE'S CORNER....DEAN REAMSNYDER



As we scramble to get packed up for a Florida getaway, I realized I haven't completed my article for the Newsletter. It wouldn't make sense to leave without passing along what I've gleaned from the Boat Show. I found out if you hand out candy you can actually get a sailor or even an occasional power boater to stop at the booth and talk boating talk.

I usually try to leave them with saying something like, "will I see you at the Spring Meeting with the Over-the-Top Vendor Fair", or, "will I see you at the Put-In-Bay Regattas this summer? Promise, I will have candy! Or in the case of the sailors, a free beer.

If you're looking for a good time, set your course to Harbor View Yacht Club on April 26<sup>th</sup>. We're having a Fundraiser. Auctions, Raffles, Great Food and Grog. It's all for the cause, I-LYA. Keep it Fun, 2025 Vice Commodore Dean Reamsnyder; deanream@aol.com; 419-376-0536

## REAR COMMODORE'S CORNER....THOMAS THANASIU



Hello again, the Cleveland boat show started slow due to the weather, Thursday and Friday. But Saturday was packed and Sunday busy before the farewell blizzard. I-LYA's booth was next to the I-LYA associate member club North Coast Sailing Singles and what a fun group they were. They are not just sailboats, members also have powerboats. They offer a variety of social events year around and focuses on boating events that promote boating. And you don't need a boat, just be single. I was so close but over qualified as my wife Stephanie reminded me. But did have a friend that I went to school with, Suzanne who was somewhat new to the Cleveland area that I contacted and joined. (ncssmem@gmail.com) This made the show a proven success. A member of a member club. Financial success, we will see. We also shared information on the organization and Regattas at the BAY to member and nonmember clubs. A lot of interest to some nonmember clubs for joining I-LYA.

Across the aisle was the Highlander Fleet 14 out of Cleveland and hopefully they will bring the Fleet

14's boats or boats from around the country to the Highlander National Championship at Sail Bay Week. Best conversion was with a man about 28 who told me, "doing Jr. Bay Week was some of the best times of his life and the friendships made were forever, then how we told him that when he was young, but just didn't believe it". I was able to wonder about the show due to our team of flag officers and wives, Scott, Sharon, Dean, Karla, Stephanie and Trustee Rich Mckee to check off my boat show list of must do's, Lyman displays, Boardwalk Bisque, Island Entertainers (Traveling Johnsons), Twiggy the Water Skiing Squirrel and exploring and looking at new boats \$\$\$ and appreciating my old boats. Can't forget seeing old friends and meeting new. Some of the new friends, I have been running parallel with for years, Author Bob Adamov and his wife Cathy and "Doc Lyman" Ryan Koroknay. Looking forward for the next crossing of parallels and picking up where we left off.

Back to the island, then off the island to Toledo Ice Yacht Club's Winter Regatta for some iceboating, Commodore's casual reception and "Point Place" boat, sail and yacht club hopping. Not sure about the drinks but the crowd was festive and the food was great, especially the stuffed cabbage at Outtings Boat Club for my first visit. I was given a very fast ride on P/C John Greiner's 15 Meter Iceboat by John's grandson TIYC P/C Brian Goldberg on Saturday. Sunday after a fantastic breakfast at Riverview Yacht Club, John set me loose on his Sweet 16 iceboat and I was able take 5 powerboat members of Sunseekers Boating Club for their 1st iceboat ride.

If you're looking for something to do Friday April 4th and 5th, then you haven't been listening. Come to I-LYA's Spring Meeting weekend in Westlake at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. (Double Tree with a new owner). Watch for I-LYA room rates. This is where fun and business meet. Friday evening the hospitality rooms open and the free fun and food continue till about midnight. Saturday is business with different regatta committee meetings in the morning and afternoon with I-LYA hospitality room open for lunch or if you qualify, Ladies tea followed by the cherry club meeting. After the committee meetings, the Delegate meeting where committee reports are given and elections take place. The evening event in the spring is the Commodore's award dinner, then the wind down back at the hospitality room. Trust me and don't be like the disbelieving Jr at the boat show, you will meet the BEST PEOPLE a have a GREAT TIME.

Rear Commodore & Historian, Tom Thanasiu Jr



## Executive Secretary Report

Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus

### Notice of Spring Meeting

Please be advised that the Inter-Lake Yachting Spring Meeting will be held at the Wyndham Gardens, Westlake on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 1530 hours. All members of an I-LYA member club are welcome to attend the meeting. See the I-LYA website for all information regarding the Spring meeting at <https://i-lya.org/reserve/>. At this meeting we will be electing the 2025 Nominating Committee which is charged with identifying the 2025 Slate of Candidates for Trustees and Bridge Officers who will stand for Election at the Fall Meeting. Please review the December 7, 2024 Code of Regulations Article XI, which is posted on the I-LYA website if you wish to run for the nominating committee.

**2025 Dues Notices** were mailed out to all Member clubs in early January. The Dues notice also includes a form for each club to update any information that is included in the Annual Yearbook. Please be sure to return your dues and your completed Update form to me no later than the end of March to ensure your changes reach us in time to get included in the yearbook. Please include a good club email address and identify your Club Delegate on the update form. If you do not have your dues notice, please see my contact information below. Drop me an email and I can send the information to you electronically. The excel version of the form is included on the Executive Secretary webpage at <https://i-lya.org/contact/executive-secretary/>.

Please note that the I-LYA Trustees are inviting Delegates to our Spring Meeting held at the Wyndham Gardens, Westlake on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. Please join us if you are available.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at 330-328-5470 or email at [cjohnson@bmfcpa.com](mailto:cjohnson@bmfcpa.com). Thank you for your participation and support of I-LYA, we could not carry out our mission without you!

## *Junior Sailing Committee*

The I-LYA Junior Council is working hard on preparing for the 2025 Sailing Season. The Traveler's Series dates and locations are set. Port Clinton Yacht Club will be hosting the I-LYA Opti Championship and is working hard on putting on a great event. Sandusky Sailing Club and Leatherlips Yacht Club have the preparations for the 2025 I-LYA Junior Championship Regatta under control. I-LYA has a great team of volunteers working together to put on an excellent regatta season.

The website is being updated with this year's information so please check it out. We will be updating the website as new information becomes available. We look forward to seeing you on the water this summer. We're looking forward to sunny skies and good wind.

Alec Chabalowski  
2025-26 Junior Sailing Committee Chair



# Powerboat Regatta

The Power Boat Committee is at work planning for this year's event which is also I-LYA's 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

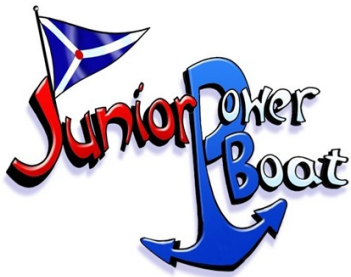
I would like to welcome our new Power Boat Treasurer Joy Moon, who is the Commodore of West River Yacht & Cruising Club. We are excited about having Joy on the committee which consist of myself, Vice Chairman, Nate Edmunds, and Secretary John Brock.

We will be meeting in the next few weeks to try to finalize the schedule to have everything ready for the Spring Meeting on Saturday April 5, 2025, at the Wyndham Gardens Westlake Hotel.

Commodore Scott Kneisel along with Captain Bob Lang, Chuck Brock and the entire Regatta team have been working on updating the Rule Book for this year. Some changes are being made with a lot of consideration and input to make for a successful competition. These changes will be ready for the spring meeting.

The dates for this year's Power Boat Regatta are Wednesday July 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to mark your calendar for this year's events. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Meeting.

Christopher Aune, Powerboat Chairman



Captain Bob here! Hope to see everyone at the spring meeting in Westlake Ohio. Let's look for new and exciting competitions at the Junior Powerboat Regatta.

That's all for now, send me your ideas and thoughts.

Captain Bob; 313-938-8414; [CaptainBobLang@OutLook.com](mailto:CaptainBobLang@OutLook.com)

# SAIL REGATTA

The Sail Committee meets monthly to work on planning the 2025 sail events. The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday February 27 via Zoom. The January meeting contained lively discussions about potential changes to the regatta. Chief among these suggestions were:

- Adjusting the course layouts and start times to allow for more racing.
- Adding an additional Cruising class.
- Updates to the NOR and registration processes.
- Methods to promote Bayweek and increase participation including the creation of a new shorter promotional video.

The committee also discussed upcoming events, and preparations for the spring meeting during which we will recognize the 2024 Sailor of the Year. Please consider joining us at our zoom meetings to further these discussions on February 27 and March 27 or in person at the I-LYA spring meeting April 4-5. Please note that there has been a **TIME CHANGE for the Sail Meeting** – it will be held in the morning on Saturday April 5. Please look for the agenda for specific times and locations.

Don't forget to submit your regatta photos for our 2024 collection. Even if you don't win, it helps us collect photos for the yearbook, website and social media, and other promotions. We look forward to your input to make 2025 a great racing season and to offer our competitors a successful Bayweek.

Bill Pribe, Sail Committee Chair



## Yachtsmen's Fund

**Looks like we are in for 6 more weeks of winter!** The good news is that many of our ice boating enthusiasts have had the time of their lives on the frozen lakes! We also hope our snowbird friends are enjoying a cool drink near a body of *liquid water*.

In December the trustees approved a 4.5% spending rate for donations in 2025. We have money to award, so get your grant requests in early — especially before the Spring meeting. All grant request forms are available on our website at [www.yachtsmensfund.org](http://www.yachtsmensfund.org). Ongoing grants such as Training and Travel Grants can be submitted as needed. “Other” Grants (event support, for example) need to be submitted in advance of our Spring meeting, preferably by March 15.

We were pleased to be able to award a grant to attend the US Sailing Leadership Forum this winter to Kathy Allyn. We all know how valuable the information is at that event and are pleased that I-LYA was represented there.

The Yachtsmen's Fund is putting together a video presentation to spread the word on all the good work that we do. If interested in having a trustee come to your club to speak, please reach out to us.

**Stay warm!**

Steve Harris

President, Inter-Lake Yachtsmen's Fund





**Inter-Lake Yachting Association  
2025 SPRING MEETING**

**April 4 - 5, 2025  
Wyndham Gardens Westlake  
1100 Crocker Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145  
440-871-6000**

**Please make your room reservation by March 19, 2025**

The I-LYA room rate should be requested when making reservations.  
\$112 Standard room per night plus taxes and includes two breakfast buffets  
Book online directly at [bit.ly/ilyaspring2025](http://bit.ly/ilyaspring2025)

Or call the Hotel and ask for in-house reservations to get the I-LYA rate using group code: 040325INT

*Join us Friday evening in our Hospitality Rooms to socialize and network  
and Saturday for the Organizational Meetings to help us plan the 2025 Regattas*

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**\*\*Ladies Luncheon\*\***

**Saturday April 5, 2025, at 12:00 Noon**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Price: \$26 pp** – Menu: Half Salad, Cup of Soup, Half Club Wrap, Strawberry Short Cake & Mimosas  
(Vegetable Wrap available on request)

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

**Saturday April 5, 2025**

Cocktails (Cash Bar) 6:00 pm --- Dinner 7:00 pm --- **Price: \$65 pp**

Menu: House Salad, Beef Tenderloin, Chicken on a Bed of Rice, Green Beans, Chef's Dessert & Coffee  
(Vegetarian Option Available on Request)

**Dinner Attire: Blues and Greys**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Reservations Required\*\***

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**\*\*Deadline for Dinner and Luncheon Reservations\*\* is Friday, 3/28/25**

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**Send to Lady Teresa Vanderford 3112 6<sup>th</sup> St., Monroe, MI 48162**

**Phone 419-367-4171 (For Questions)**



## Inter-Lake Yachting Association

### 2025 Spring Meeting Schedule April 4 - 5, 2025

#### Friday April 4, 2025

0600 – 1045	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Sanctuary Restaurant</b>
1100 – 1445	Yachtsmen's Fund Trustee's Meeting	TBD
1400 - 1500	Code of Regulations Meeting	TBD
1500 – 1700	Board of Trustees	TBD
1730 – 1830	Sponsorship Meeting	TBD
1730 – 2030	General Registration <i>Registrar Nate Edmunds, BVYC</i>	Atrium Foyer
1600 – 2000	Trade Show / Vendor Fair	Atrium Foyer
1730 – 2400	I-LYA Hospitality Room AYC Hospitality Room GCBA Hospitality Room PIBYC Yacht Club	Club Room Conf.Room Level 3rd FL Conf.Room Level 3rd FL Conf.Room Level 3rd FL

#### Saturday, April 5, 2025

0700 – 0945	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Sanctuary Restaurant</b>
0830 – 1430	Trade Show / Vendor Fair	Atrium Foyer
0900 – 1000	Junior Power Meeting	TBD
0900 – 1200	Junior Sailing-Traveler Series-Safety, Regatta	TBD
1000 – 1100	Power Boat Regatta Meeting	TBD
1100 – 1200	Long Range Planning	TBD
1200 – 1300	IOBG: D7-9-25	TBD
1100 - 1500	General Registration <i>Registrar Nate Edmunds, BVYC</i>	Atrium Foyer
1130 – 1330	I-LYA Hospitality Room	Club Room
1300 – 2200	<b>Hotel Bar Opens for Food and Drink Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary Lounge</b>
1200 – 1400	Advisory Board Meeting	TBD
1200 – 1330	Ladies Luncheon	TBD
1300 – 1500	Sail Committee - Regatta, PHRF & Intersectional	TBD
1430 - 1500	Yachtsmen's Fund Members Meeting	TBD
1530 - 1700	I-LYA General Meeting	Canterbury/Dover Room
1800 – 1900	Cocktails	Bassett/ Bradley Room
1900 – 2100	Awards Banquet	Bassett/ Bradley Room
2100 – 2400	I-LYA Hospitality Room	Club Room

#### Sunday, April 6, 2025

0800 – 1000	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Sanctuary Restaurant</b>
1100	Checkout	

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE!  
SEE YOU AT THE REGATTAS!**



## Inter-Lake Yachting Association 2025 Spring Meeting Agenda

### Call to Order – Commodore Scott Kneisel

Invocation	Fleet Chaplain Ed Payne, FYC
Pledge of Allegiance	Head Fleet Captain Kevin Stone, EWYC
Roll call of Delegates & I-LYA Commodores	Registrar Nate Edmunds, BVYC
Ballots to be distributed	
Introduction of Distinguished Guests	Commodore Scott Kneisel, BVYC
Minutes of 2024 Fall Meeting	Secretary Connie Miller, PIBYC

### Reports – Commodore Scott Kneisel

Election of Nominating Committee	Linda Leff, CLYC
Advisory Committee	Commodore Lloyd Bogue, AYC
Executive Secretary's Report	Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus, PCYC
Treasurer's Report	Jennifer Convery, SeBC
I-LYA Trustee's Report	Pres. Steve Hyder, DBBC
Delegates Reports	
United States Sailing Association	Com. Burgoyne, NCYC/Com. Fishbaugh, SSC
National Boating Federation	Commodore Mike Powers, MBC
Boating Associations of Ohio	Commodore Dennis Mintus, AYC
Yachtsmen's Fund	Commodore Steve Harris, BLYC
Code of Regulations Committee	Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus, PCYC
Admiralty Committee	Commodore Steve Hyder, DBBC
Sponsorship Committee	Teressa Vanderford, DBBC
Yearbook Committee	Marilyn Paselsky, PIBYC
I-LYA Historian	Tom Thanasiu, JRSC
Perpetual & Memorial Trophies	Tom Thanasiu, JRSC
Island Liaison Committee	Bryan Huntley, SYC

### Affairs Afloat – Vice Commodore Dean Reamsnyder

Powerboat Committee	Chris Aune, CRYC
Sail Committee	Bill Pribe, NCYC
Sail Yacht Appeals Committee	Nancy Zangerle, EWYC
Intersectional Racing Committee	Commodore Duane Burgoyne, NCYC
Junior Activities Committee	Alec Chabalowski, GIYC
Junior Sail Championship Regatta	Tim Willford, SSC/Shawnette Becker, LYC
Junior Power Boat Committee	Commodore Bob Lang, WRYCC

### Affairs Ashore – Rear Commodore Tom Thanasiu, Jr.

Entertainment Committee	Sharon Amlin, SPBC
Publications	Tom Thanasiu Jr., JRSC
Shore Courtesy Committee	Commodore Bob Lang, WRYCC
Long Range Planning	Bryan Huntley, SYC

### Old Business – Commodore Scott Kneisel

From the Floor

### New Business – Commodore Scott Kneisel

From the Floor

Announcements

Adjournment





2025

I-LYA

SPRING  
*Meeting*

Vendor Show

**April 4th & 5th**

*Wyndham Gardens-Westlake, Ohio*

*Free booth &  
vendors needed!*

**Contact Dean Reamsnyder**

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419-376-0536



# Inter-Lake Yachting Association

Organized January 17, 1885 — Reorganized March 19, 1894 — Incorporated March 16, 1963

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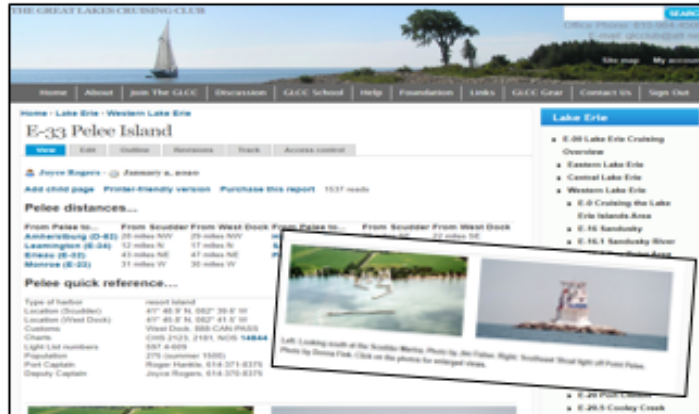
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## The GLCC Harbor Reports: A Cruiser's Best Friend

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The GLCC publishes over 1,200 *Harbor Reports*. They cover big cities, small harbors, islands and anchorages all the way from Montreal to Duluth. In Lake Erie alone there are 66 separate *Harbor Reports*.

These *Harbor Reports* are online, downloadable and interactive



which makes them an invaluable cruising resource. Many GLCC members have their *Harbor Reports loaded* on a portable electronic device and use them to guide their boats safely into new harbors. Written by club members who are "locals" or frequent visitors, the *Harbor Reports* give you reliable and accurate information you can trust.

In addition to guiding you safely into a new port, the GLCC's *Harbor Reports* also let you know what to expect once you're in and tied up. These reports

have it all ---where to find fuel, marine services, local restaurants, nearby attractions, special events and more. The *Harbor Reports* also contain many charts and pictures like this bird's eye view of Erie PA and this street scene from Geneva-On-The-Lake. Planning a summer's cruise has never been easier if you have the GLCC's *Harbor Reports* at your side.



To learn more about the Great Lakes Cruising Club and its *Harbor Reports*, check out their website at [glccclub.com](http://glccclub.com).



*The History of the  
Inter-Lake Yachting Association  
1884 - 1908*

*By*

*Robert E. Power*

*AUTHOR'S NOTE—No one who has not attempted to go back a few years into yachting history, can realize how incomplete are the early records and insufficient the data offered the writer for reference. With the administration changing from place to place each year, many valuable papers have been lost and those that exist with the present Secretary are in a chaotic state of confusion. I know that many important facts have been omitted in this story and that errors will probably be apparent to the well informed reader. It would appear to be an absolute necessity for the Association to catalog and file the records still remaining and either appoint a historian or furnish the Secretary with means to preserve documentary evidence of the future.*

*A continuation from last edition*

O. Y. C.; Rear Commodore, H. C. Kendall, West End Y. C.; Secretary-Treasurer, E. W. Radder, Cleveland Y. C. Although the official records are not in existence, tradition says that the following clubs were charter members in 1894: Cleveland Y. C., Toledo Y. C., Ohio Y. C. of Toledo, Buffalo Y. C., Sandusky Y. C., Citizens' Y. Association of Detroit; West End Y. C. of Detroit, Put in Bay Y. C., Erie Y. C.

The first annual regatta was held at Put in Bay August 8, 9 and 10, 1894. The big feature was the contest for the *World cup*, a \$200 trophy, put up by the Cleveland newspaper of that name. It was a handicap race for classes C, D and E, and had fifteen starters. The winner was Chinook, of the Sandusky Y. C.; Brownie, the wonderful little Toledo 18-footer, was second; Marie M, of Sandusky, third; Commodore Gardner, of Cleveland, fourth; Whim, of Cleveland, fifth; Huntress, of Detroit; Lotus, of Toledo; Grayling, of Cleveland; Henriette, of Detroit; Alert, of Cleveland, all well-known craft, finished in order.

Dinah, of Hamilton, Ont., won the race in class B, beating Sultana, of Toledo; City of the Straits, of Detroit; Surprise, of Detroit, and Scorpion, of Toledo. The Cleveland cutter Neva, owned by Percy W. Rice, was disabled. Class C race on August 10 went to Shamrock, of Detroit, the same black centerboard sloop that has been owned at Cleveland for so many years. She won \$40 first prize. Scud, Enright, Alborak, Lulu B and Grayling also started. The free-for-all race went to Cynthia, of Sandusky, together with \$50 in gold. Sultana, Enright, and Neva finished in order.

In that first year there was a race for naphtha launches, the entries being Restless and Sweetheart, both 6-horsepower outfits. Restless won on time allowance, being four feet shorter o. a. length.

As the measurement rules were succeeded the following year by the well known Seawanhaka formula, let us record the original set simply to show under what provisions the old boats were built and raced. The following extract is taken from a regatta announcement at Toledo in 1894:

Measurement—The gross measurement of boats shall be determined by adding together the length of the water-line, the great

est breadth of beam and the depth of hold from the under side of the deck to the top side of the planking, at or as near the mast as possible.

Class A—All boats measuring 35 feet or over, on the water-line.

Class B—All boats measuring 30 feet or over, and under 35 feet on the water-line.

Class C—All boats measuring 25 feet or over, and under 30 feet on the water-line.

Class D—All boats measuring 20 feet or over, and under 25 feet on the water-line.

Class E—All boats measuring less than 20 feet on the water-line.

Time Allowance—Two seconds for each foot difference in actual gross measurement, will be allowed for each mile in the course. But in computing the time allowance for schooners four-fifths, and for yawls seven-eighths of the water-line shall be taken in place of full water-line.

Another feature since done away with, was the firing of a starting and a handicap gun with five minutes intervening. The boats were timed as they actually crossed the starting line any time during that period; if they failed to get away before the second gun their start was taken on the gun and they lost the time they were late in crossing. This custom held during 1895 and 1896, but was abolished by the 1897 administration.

The new boat of the year was the steel cutter, Sultana, built at Wyandot for Commodore E. D. Potter, Jr., of the Toledo Y. C. She was some boat in those days and is still in active service. For a dozen years she raced at Put in Bay and won more than her share of prizes. Her chief purpose in her maiden year was to defeat the crack Cleveland cutter Neva, which she did to the great joy of the Toledo contingent.

**T**HE Seawanhaka rule  $\frac{L W L + \sqrt{S A}}{2}$  came into use in 1895, having been rather hastily adopted at a summer meeting the year before. It meant an entirely new order of things and the reclassification of the boats caused considerable discussion in the clubs. The rule provided for



JOHN E. GUNCKEL OF TOLEDO  
Commodore of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association, 1895



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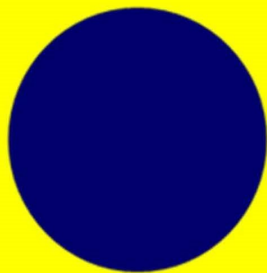
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7/26 ~ Downriver Race

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# I-LYA JUNIOR POWERBOAT REGATTA

Put-In-Bay, Ohio

July 23-27th, 2025



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A fun and educational program designed for youth aged 12 to 18 years. All junior participants are encouraged to take part in the annual I-LYA regatta, where they can showcase and enhance their powerboat skills in competition with their peers.

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- GPS Navigation competition
- VHF Radio etiquette
- On-The-Water Contests Include:
  - Boat Handling "Course A"
  - Compass Reading "Course B"
  - Docking
  - Chicane
  - Weather Predicting

Must participate in all the events listed above to be eligible for the scholarship award.

### MORE FUN TO BE HAD!

- Fishing contest & Geo quest
- Putt-Putt golf & movie night
- Co-ed softball & volley ball
- Corn hole
- Kayak races & tug o war
- Award ceremony
- Hot dog roast
- Taco dinner

Steak & Chicken dinner is not included in junior package, but can be purchased for a small fee.

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### WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

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