



COMMODORE'S REPORT



Greetings,

As I write this article on April 24th, the weather truly feels like Spring. I am excited about the coming boating season, but first I must perform the annual waxing ritual on *Sharin's Relief*, ugh!

Many thanks to those who attended the Spring Meeting in Westlake. The meetings were well attended; I am confident that the regatta planning was productive. There are several pages of regatta details included in this newsletter. Thank you to Associated Yacht Clubs, Greater Cleveland Boating Association, Put-in-Bay Yacht Club and Edgewater Yacht Club for hosting hospitality rooms on Friday night, and to our three IOBG districts for the pizza. And especially thank you to the I-LYA Hospitality crew for a well-stocked I-LYA

hospitality room. Many thanks to all who supported the basket raffle as this helps to financially support the weekend events. I offer a special thank you to the Yachtsmen's Fund for the grant that supports our Junior Bay Regatta!

I presented four awards on Saturday night. Congratulations to our award winners: Commodore Duane Burgoyne for the Yacht Racing Union of the Great Lakes Trophy, Bill Pribe for the Yachtsman of the Year, Kevin Stone for the Mid-America Boating Skipper of the Year, and Trey Sheehan for the Sailor of the Year. Please read the summaries of the individual's accomplishments in the annual yearbook when it is distributed within the next month.

During the General Meeting the 2025 Nominating Committee was elected. Those elected were Commodore Duane Burgoyne, North Cape YC; Commodore Mike Fishbaugh, SSC; Rich McKee Jr., CWHYC; Pam Myers, DBBC. And Diane Wright, Swan BC. I appointed Commodore Burgoyne to be the chairman. Please read the enclosed article from the committee.

Club Delegates take note: During the general meeting, I reminded the delegates to ensure they communicate to their clubs' members the wealth of information provided during the Spring Meeting. A suggestion was made to utilize i-lya.org to help distribute the information. In response, Secretary Connie Miller prepared draft meeting minutes, which will be posted soon. We will also post reports that are provided before and/or after the Spring and Fall Meetings. Thank you!

As we continue to celebrate our 140th anniversary, please read within this newsletter the continuation of the 1908 history provided by Rear Commodore Thanasiu, portions of which are in each of the previous two newsletters. I also encourage you to visit the Inter-Lake Yachting Association History Facebook page for occasional history updates.

Please be safe as you prepare your boats for launch.

Regards, Commodore Scott Kneisel

VICE COMMODORE'S CORNER....DEAN REAMSNYDER



I must say the Spring Meeting was a huge success. The Vendor Fair was a hit again this year and the couple that did the rope tying had me in knots.

Looking ahead, we are still in need for someone to head up the Flying Mile and Chicane competitions during the Power Regatta. Be a sport and become an instant hero. Just put your helping hand up.

I want to thank all those that came out to Harbor View Yacht Club in support of my recent I-LYA Fundraiser. The food was better than any Iron Chefs. The silent auction and basket raffle brought us one step closer to our goal.

I hope to splash the boat before all of the Memorial Day activities. All I have to do is replace a tranny, swap out two carburetors, change plugs, paint the bottom, wax top and sides, replace search light, etc., etc. You know if I leave it on the hard, I won't have to launch, but I might need a ride.

Keep it Fun!

2025 Vice Commodore I-LYA Dean Reamsnyder

REAR COMMODORE'S CORNER....THOMAS THANASIU



Hello again, hope everyone had a Happy Easter. Thank you to everyone that came to Westlake for the Spring Meetings and Awards Dinner. Thank You Associated Yacht Clubs, Greater Cleveland Boating Association, Edgewater Yacht Club and Put in Bay Yacht Club for your support to Inter-Lake Yachting Association, with the hospitality rooms Friday Night. Friday's great food, beverages and personalities reminds me boating season is close.

We will be launching the boats and at Put in Bay together soon, working and playing side by side for another historic regatta. I-LYA was established 1885 and continuous since its reorganization in 1894. We have the record for longest continuous regatta in the country and the only thing that has been around longer than I-LYA in the Village of Put in Bay is the Park Hotel, the Round House Bar, and DeRiveria Park with the Put In Bay Yacht Club close behind. If you haven't made plans to be at the Bay for one of the Regattas, get started. If you plan on going to Put In Bay only once this year, go with your I-LYA friends.

Rear Commodore & Historian Tom Thanasiu Jr

REGATTA SHIRTS

Pre-sale orders for Regatta shirts will open in June.

Watch pibyc.org and the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club Facebook page for the announcement when the store opens.

The pre-order window will close at midnight on Sunday, June 22, 2025.

Please note that shipping is NOT available. Pickup can be made at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club ONLY.

Shirts will be available for pickup starting July 8th in time for the Junior Bayweek Regatta.



Executive Secretary Report

Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus

The members held their Spring Meeting on Saturday April 5th at the Wyndham Gardens in Westlake, Ohio. Thank you to all delegates and club members who took the time to attend and participate in the meeting. The Minutes from the meeting are now posted on the I-LYA website for your review and sharing with your club. We also encourage you to share the newsletter with your club members so they are aware of all upcoming events.

Thank you to all the member clubs who timely submitted their dues payments and club update forms which were due March 30th. If you have not submitted your club update form, please complete on the website on the front page or at <https://i-lya.org/contact/executive-secretary/> and email to me as soon as possible as the yearbook is going to publication soon. Also, please remit your dues as they are now past due. If you are not sure if you have paid or if you have misplaced your invoice, please contact me at 330-328-5470 or email at cjohnson@bmfcpa.com.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

At the I-LYA Spring Meeting the Nominating Committee was elected. The members are:

Commodore Duane Burgoyne, NCYC Committee Chair
cell: 419-280-6102 or email duaneburgoyne@yahoo.com

Commodore Mike Fishbaugh, SSC
022@i-lya.org

Trustee Rich McKee, CWHYC
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Delegate Pam Myers
pamelas1960@yahoo.com

Delegate Diane Wright, SBC
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The Nominating Committee is actively soliciting letters of interest from qualified candidates for the offices of Trustee and Rear Commodore. Please contact any member of the committee with any questions or submit your letter of interest and the position you are applying for along with a brief bio documenting your qualifications and current and past Club and I-LYA related activities and contributions.

Interviews will be conducted where necessary to assess candidate potential and qualifications. Please consult the I-LYA Code of Regulations which is posted on the I-LYA website at www.I-LYA.org.

Please submit your letter for consideration as soon as possible but no later than Memorial Day, May 26th.

Thank you for your participation and support of I-LYA, we could not carry out our mission without you!



Junior Sailing Committee

Spring Is Here – The Junior Sailing Season Begins!

Warmer weather, longer days, and more sunshine, can only mean one thing...the I-LYA Junior Sailing Season is about to begin. Later this month, the I-LYA Traveler Series will kick off at Buckeye Lake, followed by the next regatta at Hoover Sailing Club the following weekend. Teams are starting to meet, organize, and prepare their equipment for what promises to be another great season on the water.

Last month, the Junior Sailing Council held its annual spring meeting, where several updates were shared and a few important decisions were made. Below is a summary of key highlights:

**** Traveler Series Schedule Now Available;** The full Traveler Series schedule is posted on the I-LYA Junior Sailing website. You will find the complete calendar along with registration links for each event, including connections to regional and national regattas. Please be sure to use the 2025 calendar, as the previous version has been deactivated.

**** Parents - Traveler Series Registration Required;** If your sailor plans to participate in any Traveler Series events, they must complete the no cost series registration first. This helps with liability coverage and links their scores across events. If your sailor does not yet have a sail number, you can leave that field blank and update it later when registering for individual regattas.

**** New Standard for Regatta Fees;** To streamline the process, regatta fees have been standardized as follows: \$30 if registered by 12 noon seven days before the event; \$40 if registered between the early deadline and 12 noon two days before the event; \$60 for late registration after 12 noon two days before the event

Optimist Green Fleet sailors are not subject to late fees, though early online registration is strongly encouraged to help clubs plan accordingly.

**** Online Payment Option in Progress;** We are working on offering online payment for regatta fees. Until that is finalized, please come prepared with cash or a check in case online payment is not available.

**** Safety Plan in Development;** Kathy Allyn from MHYC is leading the creation of a unified safety plan for all ILYA Junior Sailing Regattas. This plan will include clear communication procedures for returning to shore as well as enhanced on water safety guidelines.

**** Focus on Rule Consistency;** Consistent rule enforcement will be emphasized throughout the season. One new recommendation is to hold a coach meeting before each competitors meeting to help ensure alignment. Please encourage your sailor to visit US Sailing and review the updated Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025 through 2028.

**** Support from the Yachtsman's Fund;** We are grateful to the Yachtsman's Fund for increasing its contribution to Junior Bay Week to 19,000 dollars this year. This support helps keep registration fees steady and makes it possible for more sailors to attend. Thank you to the Fund and its generous supporters for their continued commitment to junior sailing.

**** I-LYA Junior Championship Awards;** We are pleased to announce, starting this year, all classes of boats racing at the I-LYA Junior Championship will be recognized with an award. This includes all ILCA 4, ILCA 6, 420, and Thistle.

**** Code of Conduct Review;** A team of Junior Council Representatives is currently reviewing the code of conduct to ensure it aligns with US Sailing and Safe Sport standards. More information will be shared as that process continues.

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Junior Sailing Committee Continued

**** US Sailing Level One Courses Available;** Several Level One certification courses are now posted on the US Sailing site. These tend to fill quickly, and many already have waitlists. A big thank you to CC Wisniewski, for helping to coordinate an additional course in our area to support junior counselor certification and training.

**** Clubs Seeking Coaches and Counselors;** Many clubs are still looking for additional support for their learn to sail programs and race teams. If you or someone you know is interested in a coaching opportunity this summer, please contact ilya.juniors@gmail.com. We are doing our best to match clubs with available instructors.

Looking Ahead..

The season is about to launch, and the energy is already building. With your continued support, the I-LYA Junior Sailing program remains a strong and welcoming community for youth sailors across the region. Thank you for all you do, and we look forward to another unforgettable summer on the water.

Fair winds, Jill Treece (Vice Chair)

SAIL REGATTA

With springtime comes the splashing of boats and planning the events for the summer. We hope that the 2025 I-LYA Bayweek is on your schedule! Many thanks to the folks who have shared opinions and suggestions about how to improve the regatta. Number one is more racing - so we are adjusting the daily schedule to get a little more time on the water. We will be starting the racing half an hour earlier and moving the shore activities back a bit to allow more time on the water. Times will be in the yearbook and in the sailing instructions.

We also are looking at how everyone can feel welcome in the Cruising Class - even if you have a grill on the rail and full size appliances below, wouldn't it be fun to cruise around the islands every morning while making breakfast? And how much fun it will be to join your fellow sailors on shore for socializing, ladies tea, men's smoker, and everything the island has to offer.

This year we are also thrilled to host the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) District 18 Championships with competitors from PA, IN, KY, and OH. Registration for the 2025 Regatta is online at Yacht Scoring. The rates have remained unchanged, and early bird registration ends July 7th but don't delay - make your arrangements and line up your crew soon. You can help us spread the word at your Club by sharing the Promotional Flyer found website.

The Sail Committee will meet in person on May 22, 2025 at Sandusky Yacht Club. The meeting will start at 7:00 and conclude at 9:00. If you wish to join us for dinner prior to the meeting we gather at 6:00.

We are always looking for support, both financially and to make the event run smoothly. Please consider sponsoring a keg or a set of flags, or volunteering in the beer tent for an hour or two, we also are looking for donations for skipper's bags or daily first prizes. Sponsorships can be purchased through Yacht Scoring - there is a public purchase option available. If you are interested in helping in other ways reach out to Connie at CSMPIBYC@gmail.com

Please consider joining us at our May meeting and supporting the event in whatever manner you can.

Bill Pribe, 2025 I-LYA Sail Chairman; 2025 AYC Sail Fleet Captain; Past Commodore NCYC 2010



I-LYA Sailing

I-LYA 2025 PHRF Championship series features Eastern and Western divisions. **FIVE (5)** qualifying races are necessary and the **132nd Bayweek Regatta** is a **DOUBLE COUNTER** in both divisions.

2025 Bayweek NOTICE OF RACE on **Yacht Scoring**. **Register by July 7** for reduced registration fees.



For more information visit: **i-lya.org**

I-LYA Bayweek Regatta August 1-3

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

Professionally Run Race Courses:

PHRF Fleet Race around the islands with windward/leeward races if time/conditions allow.

Single and **Double-hand Fleets** one to two around-the-island races per day.

JAM Fleet One to two island races per day as conditions allow. **Cruising Fleet** One island race per day.

Hobie Wave/Portsmouth Dinghy Fleets
Multiple windward/leeward or triangle windward/leeward races each day.

Race to PIB

Deepwater Racing from Cleveland (7/30) & Toledo (7/31) or the **Steeplechase Race** (8/1) from Sandusky Bay!

On Shore

Socialize at PIBYC with **FREE BEER*** during Daily Awards, a Friday night **Mount Gay Rum Party** and a Saturday **Tito's Party!**

Ladies Tea Saturday afternoon.
Register online at i-lya.org or at PIBYC.

Each skipper will receive an allotment of competitor/crew wristbands with their boat registration to participate in nightly socializing. Additional wristbands available for purchase at a nominal fee.

* Free Beer with wristband, rum and vodka parties included.



Powerboat Regatta

Now that the Spring Meeting has concluded, all our planning efforts are on the way for this year's Power Boat Regatta taking place July 22 through July 27 at Put-In-Bay. You can get all the information at www.i-lya.org.

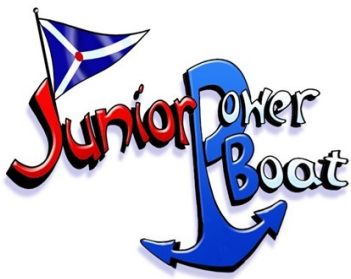
This past winter Bob Lang along with Chuck Brock and their committees have been updating the rule book with changes that should help those that partake in the many activities and streamline the scoring not only on the water, but on land as well. I am still looking for someone to step up and chair the Flying Mile on Tuesday and Wednesday. The on-water boating competitions are a vital part of the Regatta, testing your knowledge and expertise on handling your vessel.

I have started to contact those clubs that will chair the dinners, beer wagon, Mount Gay Rum party, Tito's Vodka party, the adult and kid games, fishing tournament and movie night. Thanks to all of those clubs and people that year after year step up to chair these events. Our members willingness to patriciate and donate a little bit of their time makes this week-long event happen.

Registration for the 51st Power Boat Regatta will start on May 5th and end on July 6th. Once registration is completed, confirmations and docking assignments will be sent out to you by email. In the event you need to cancel your registration the last day for a refund is July 13th.

Looking forward to sunny days on the island with good friends!

"The lake is calling and I must go!" Christopher Aune, Powerboat Chairman



Captain Bob here The I-LYA Spring meeting, in Westlake, Ohio is behind us. We had a great meeting and plans for the 2025 Junior Powerboat regatta are well under way. 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 23rd 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. Oh, by the way; there is a first, second and third Over-All winner; all of which are awarded monetary scholarships. 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. 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 at 313-938-8414 or send me an email; CaptainBobLang@OutLook.com

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



**Join the Ultimate Powerboat Regatta: Four days of Thrills, Waves
and Camaraderie with I-LYA!
JULY 23rd to JULY 27th
Mark your calendar today!!**

Get ready for an unforgettable experience at the most spectacular POWERBOAT REGATTA of the year! The Inter-Lake Yachting Association (I-LYA) is bringing together over 140 boat clubs for its annual REGATTA filled with On-the-Water excitement, Sports-Ashore and Social activities. Whether you're a seasoned boater or a novice looking to dive into the world of powerboating, this event promises something for everyone.

Why Attend the I-LYA Regatta?

This isn't just any boating event; it's a celebration of speed, boat handling skill, camaraderie and community. Here's why you don't want to miss it:

Diverse and Dynamic Competitions: Witness thrilling races as powerboats of all kinds compete in a series of exhilarating events. Feel the adrenaline rush as boats maneuver across the water in pursuit of a First Place WIN and recognition at the Awards Ceremony.

Exciting On-the-Water Activities: Participate in docking and chicane contests, flying mile speed contest, predicted log and weather contests, as well as inflatable and kayak races. For junior powerboat enthusiasts, we offer activities that mimic those for the adults, ensuring fun for all ages.

Vibrant Social Scene: Evenings are just as eventful with a lineup of social activities designed to foster connections and fun. Enjoy parties, live music, and networking opportunities with fellow boating enthusiasts.

Family-Friendly Activities: Bring the whole family along! We offer a range of sports-ashore activities, making sure there's something for everyone. It's a real family affair where both kids and adults can enjoy and engage in various events.

Event Highlights:

Opening Ceremony: Wednesdays Opening Ceremony with Bridge Officers and visiting dignitaries starts off the event followed by a Commodores Reception.

Races and Competitions: Cheer on your favorite captain or club as they compete in various On-the-Water and Sports-Ashore events. Witness high-octane action with highly motivated competitors.

Socials and Dinners: Relax and mingle with fellow attendees at our various social events. Share stories, make new friends, and indulge in delicious food and beverage.

Awards Presentation: Celebrate the achievements of participants at our Awards Ceremony. Trophies, prizes, and accolades will be handed out to the top performers.

Closing Ceremony: Conclude the week with a memorable closing ceremony, featuring a parade of officers, bagpipers and a heartfelt memorial ceremony. Reflect on the amazing experiences, honor those who have made significant contributions, and bid farewell until next year's regatta.

How to Participate:

Joining the regatta is easy! As a member of a participating Club simply visit our website at [<https://i-lya.org/>] to register and secure your spot. Detailed schedules, rules, and additional information are available online. Don't miss out on the chance to be part of this epic event. Mark your calendars and prepare for a week of unparalleled excitement, camaraderie, and boating excellence at the I-LYA POWERBOAT Regatta. See you on the water!

I-LYA JUNIOR POWERBOAT REGATTA

Put-In-Bay, Ohio

July 23-27th, 2025



COME JOIN ALL THE FUN!

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.

Acquire safe boating knowledge, participate in friendly On-the-Water competitions & foster lasting friendships.

SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD COMPETITIONS

All on the water events use motorized inflatables

- General knowledge & seamanship
- Charting & course plotting
- 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.

**\$10
PER JUNIOR**

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Juniors who belong to a boat club associated with I-LYA will qualify for scholarship awards. These scholarships will be determined by the outcomes of two days of competitions held during the annual I-LYA Regatta.



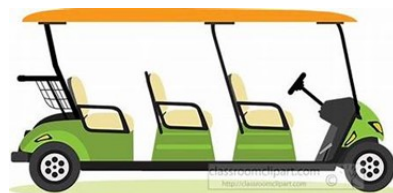


POWER BOAT REGATTA SHUTTLE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The I-LYA Powerboat Committee and Shuttle Transportation Chairman are inviting the I-LYA affiliated clubs and individuals that have participated in past Powerboat Regattas. We are asking you or your club to consider donating money towards our Golf Cart Shuttle Transportation for the upcoming 2025 Powerboat Regatta. We are asking each club (or interested individuals) that participate in the Regatta if they would consider donating \$80.00 towards this fund so that we can continue to provide transportation to the many events. If your club is not in a position to contribute at this level, the committee will gladly accept contributions in any amount. We transport a large number of your club members whether it's to A or C Dock, the PIB Yacht Club, the Putt-Putt Golf Course, I-LYA events, etc. We have many members that are unable to walk long distances and this valuable service provides an efficient way so that our participants can go to the numerous activities, some of which are quite a distance from where their boats are docked. We ask for your contribution in donating; information is listed below on where you can forward your donation.

Checks should be made payable to "I-LYA 2025". If you can donate, please send your check to Joy Moon, Powerboat Treasurer. Joy's mailing address is 13331 Trenton Road, Southgate, MI 48195.

Thanks for your consideration. Powerboat Regatta Chairperson: Chris Aune CRYC, 440.669.5599 cgaune12@gmail.com or Shuttle Transportation Chairperson: Paula Antoine, RVYC 419.392.6067 paulaantoine@protonmail.com.



2025 Power Regatta July 22nd - 27th

Sponsor Sign-Up for Keg/Golf Cart

Number of Kegs: _____ @ \$100.00 = \$ _____

Golf Cart: _____ @ \$ 80.00 = \$ _____

TOTALS: \$ _____

Person or Club sponsoring: _____

Please make checks payable to: I-LYA 2025

Mail to: Joy Moon, Powerboat Treasurer
13331 Trenton Road
Southgate, MI 48195

**Commodore Scott Kneisel and the 2025
Power Regatta Committee thank you
for your support of the 2025 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 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!



Yachtsmen's Fund

The Yachtsmen's Fund had a productive meeting in Westlake. Following a decade of service to the Fund, Trustee and Treasurer Jane O'Brien chose not to continue on the board. Through the years, Jane has not only served to keep the rest of us on track, but she has also modernized the operations of the Fund, bringing us into the digital age. All of us — Trustees, members, and grant recipients alike — have known her to be the “face of the Fund” and are eternally grateful for her hard works.

At the meeting, we welcomed our new Treasurer, CC Wisniewski. Most of us in the boating community know CC (many of us may know her as “CC Skoch”). She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position, having been involved with sailing and boating in the region, literally, her entire life. Welcome Aboard CC!

At the YF Members Meeting on Saturday, the members of the Fund confirmed the Nomination Committee's proposed slate for the upcoming 3-year term. Trustees Matt Dubois and Mike Fishbaugh will continue for another term and we welcome our newest Trustee, Jayme Ward to the board. Jayme also has a long history in sailing and boating activities and, as the parent of a current junior sailor, brings a new, fresh perspective to the Fund as well. Welcome Jayme!

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 I-LYA Optimist Championships in Port Clinton and the Lake Erie Invitational Offshore Regatta at North Cape this fall. Perhaps most significantly, we updated and re-adopted our perpetual grants policy. We will now award scholarships to *all one-design classes racing at Junior Bay Week in addition to our Sportsmanship and Junior Navigation grants. Training Grants, Travel Grants, and the Wyandotte Grant (for powerboating safety and education) are now perpetual grants as well and will be made available on an annual basis.*

If you would like to support our good work, please consider becoming a life member of the Fund. Your one-time donation of \$500 (or \$100/year over 5 years) will be invested so that your donation can continue to Educate, Challenge, and Inspire the next generation of sailors and boaters in perpetuity!

Another way that you can support the fund is for your club to participate in our Dollar per Member program. These annual donations help to fund our day to day business expenses so that member donations and our investment income can help us to fund worthy programs for our youth and amateur sailors and boaters. Look for our mailing in your Club's mailbox soon — or visit us online at yachtsmensfund.org to join today!

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

If you have any questions about the Fund, or desire further information, please contact me at harris@yachtsmensfund.org at your convenience.

Steve Harris - President, Yachtsmen's Fund





*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

T. Y. C., Brownie, T. Y. C., and Jester, S. Y. C., in order. In the 30-footers, Undine, a Put in Bay Y. C. double cat boat, beat the Commodore Gardner by a narrow margin and Mr. Radder protested her measurement. Undine was awarded the prize. Lucy, C. Y. C.; Wah-Wah-Tay-Sec, E. Y. C., and Sirocco, W. E. Y. C., were a half hour behind.



FRANK R. FREY
Sec'y-Treas. I-L. Y. A. 1895-'96



O. K. SCHIMANSKY
Sec'y-Treas. I-L. Y. A. 1897

There were two days of racing for the larger classes, 40, 46 and 55-footers. S. O. Richardson's new sloop, Puritana, of Toledo, had two easy wins and took the champion flag in the 40-foot class. Josephine, C. Y. C., was second each day. Scud, O. Y. C., and Albatross, E. Y. C., also ran. Sultana, of Toledo, made it two straight in the 46-foot class, beating City of the Straits and Sur-



prise, both of Detroit. Neva, of Cleveland, had only one competitor in the 55-foot class and took two races. Avocot, also of Cleveland, was second.

Comparing the above entries with the number of boats known to have been racing in the various clubs, it is evident that the new rules were not exactly popular. There was time allowance in each class and each race was practically a free-for-all within certain measurement limits.

Puritana was the notable new entry in 1895. She was launched that spring at Racine, Wis., for S. O. Richardson, Jr., of Toledo, and carried a sloop rig of generous proportions. Sultana had the crack crew with Rol Potter at the stick and "Kid" Wilds on the headsails. They made things hum all along the circuit that year.

The queen of the I-L. Y. A. fleet in 1895 was the schooner Priscilla, owned by Geo. H. Worthington and Dr. E. E. Beeman, of Cleveland. She did not race because there was nothing in her class. However, she had shown her mettle at Milwaukee, July 4th, by sailing the Lake Michigan fleet hull down and making a spectacle of the Chicago schooner Idler. This Lake Michigan visit is noted especially because it brought a return visit in 1896 on the part of the big Chicago boats, who came around to Lake Erie to honor the new Commodore and his handsome craft.

Out of the wreck of the Michigan Y. C. came a new member to the Association in 1896, the Detroit Y. C., making ten clubs in membership when the season opened.

1896

OFFICERS

Commodore	GEORGE H. WORTHINGTON..	Cleveland Y. C.
Vice-Commodore	C. J. LICHTENBERG.....	Detroit Y. C.
Rear-Commodore	HENRY TRACY.....	Toledo Y. C.
Secretary-Treasurer	FRANK R. FREY.....	Toledo Y. C.



E have just shown why Commodore Geo. H. Worthington, of the Cleveland Y. C., was the logical successor to the highest office in the Inter-Lake Association, and it is almost superfluous to say that he gave the sport on Lake Erie more prestige among yachtsmen on the neighboring

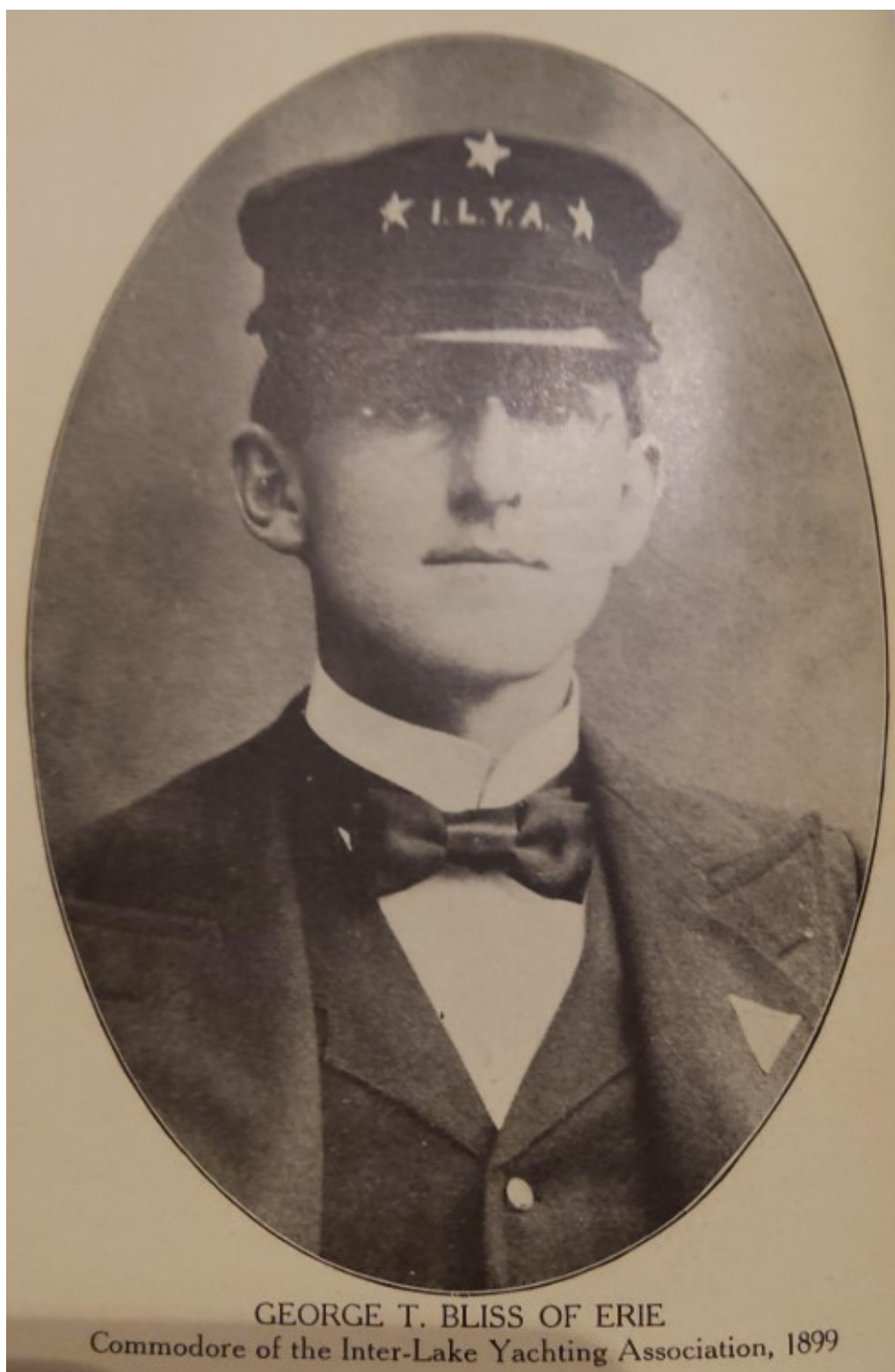
seven classes, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 46 and 55-foot class. All boats rating above and below the limits were in the 55 and 20-foot class respectively.

The 1895 regatta was held at Put in Bay the week of August 6th, under the direction of the following officers: Commodore John E. Gunckel, of the Ohio Y. C., Toledo; Vice-Commodore Harry C. Kendall, of the West End Y. C., Detroit, captain-owner of Shamrock; Rear-Commodore J. J. Gill, of S. Y. C.; Secretary-Treasurer Frank R. Frey, of the Toledo Y. C., who had successfully sailed the sloop Brownie in 1894, and was this year on board the new sloop Elfin. He had even then made a reputation as an expert skipper and a keen racing man in his club, and was Toledo's representative in the councils of the I.-L. Y. A. That was fourteen years ago, and he is still on the job in the same quiet, efficient manner.

Arlington U. Betts, of the Ohio Y. C., of Detroit, was fleet captain, and an able assistant for Commodore Gunckel. He brought out a new 38-foot launch, built for him by the Craigs and equipped with a Daimler motor. It was considered a matter of great note in those days that she was equipped with a mechanism for reversing the propeller.

In 1894, as in previous years, all the yachts sailed a 21-mile triangle, which took the contestants far from the starting line and made it a dull affair for the spectators. The 1895 committee changed this practice and laid out a triangular course $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the leg to be sailed twice around. The starting line lay between Middle Bass and Gibraltar with the first leg N. N. W., the second S. W. $\frac{3}{4}$ S. and the leg home E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S.; these courses are exactly the same today, although the boats now sail but once around a shorter triangle.

The race on Tuesday, August 6th, was for 25-footers, 30-footers and a special class of single and double cats and for'n'afters. All were started in the afternoon and the contestants got a regular island squall, which did no damage except to disable the naphtha launches which did not finish. Clytie, T. Y. C., won in the special class, beating Bonita, C. Y. C., and Alene, T. Y. C. Marie M., of Sandusky, made a runaway match of the 25-foot race with Elfin,



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Commodore of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association, 1899

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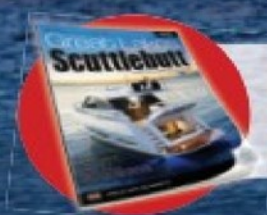
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