



# I-LYA

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## COMMODORE'S CORNER

Commodore Duane Burgoyne



First of all I would like to express my greatest gratitude to the members of I-LYA for electing me to be your Commodore for the year 2015. As your 122nd Commodore I look back at the men and women who have led this organization and feel humbled by the honor. I also pledge to you that I will do everything within my power and abilities to live up to the standards that have been set by those who have come before us.

I would also like to welcome the newest member of our team, Rear Commodore Andy Krotseng, who was elected at the Fall Meeting. Following me in line will be V/C Chris Amlin and then R/C Andy Krotseng. I look forward to working with both of these men to help steer this organization.

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## VICE COMMODORE'S CORNER

Vice Commodore Chris Amlin



I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and that the New Year found everyone healthy and happy. Hard to believe it's January, and as I write this and look out over the river, I see that there is no ice or snow. I knew we put the boat away too early!!

At the December I-LYA meeting, we celebrated Commodore Steve Harris's year. Steve did a great job in 2014 and will be a hard act to follow in the years to come. Congratulations to our new 2015 Commodore, Duane Burgoyne and Lady Dar; to our newly elected Rear Commodore, Andy Krotseng and Lady Patty; and to the newly elected Trustees, Mike Powers, Rob Wolas and Bruce Sattler. I would also like to congratulate our new Trustee

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## REAR COMMODOR'S CORNER

Rear Commodore Andy Krotseng



I'd like to congratulate the new Bridge Officers and Trustees, and thank those who supported my election to Rear Commodore. It is an honor to serve all of I-LYA.

I am especially excited about the upcoming Cleveland Boat Show, and encourage all to stop out and visit the many booths and brokers. Make sure you mention to ones you recognize from the yearbook that you saw their ad.

Does your club have an upcoming event that you feel others might enjoy? How about writing a short article for the I-LYA News and let others in on your club's winter activities!

Thanks again and see you at the Show!!

## Congratulations to the 2015 Bridge and Trustees

Commodore Duane Burgoyne (North Cape Yacht Club)

Vice Commodore Chris Amlin (Sun Parlour Boat Club)

Rear Commodore Andy Krotseng (Edgewater Yacht Club)

Immediate Past Commodore Steve Harris (Buckeye Lake Yacht Club)

### 2015 Trustees

Bill Pribe (North Cape Yacht Club), President

Mike Fishbaugh (Sandusky Sailing Club/Edgewater Yacht Club), Vice President

John Bedford (Point Yacht Club)

John Dalessandro (Wyandotte Yacht Club)

John Hopper (Sunseekers Boat Club)

Mike Powers (Monroe Boat Club)

Bruce Sattler (South Shore Cruising Club)

P/C John D. Stewart (West River Yacht & Cruising Club)

Rob Wolas (Swan Boat Club)



## TRUSTEE REPORT

Bill Pribe, President



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the President of the I-LYA Trustees, the newly elected trustees and the returning trustees. North Cape Yacht Club is my home club. I have been participating in the I-LYA Senior Sail Regattas and attending the Spring and Winter meetings since the late 80's. Through the years I have sailed in the Senior Sail Regattas in PHRF, MORC and JAM. I have been serving on the Senior Sail Committee since 2010 and on the board of trustees since 2013. I am looking forward to serving as the President of the Trustees in 2015.

Mike Fishbaugh is our Vice President of the Trustees and is in the second year of his term. Mike is the immediate Past Commodore of the Sandusky Sailing Club and the 2015 co-chairman of the Senior Sail Committee. Mike has sailed his Tartan Ten in many Senior Sail Regattas through the years.

Our newly elected trustees are as follows: Bruce Sattler is from South Shore Cruising Club and is the 2015 chairman of the Powerboat Committee; he has participated in many powerboat weeks through the years. Mike Powers is also an immediate Past Commodore hailing from the Monroe Boat Club and is vice chairman of the Powerboat Committee. Rob Wolas is from Swan Boat Club; he has attended powerboat week for many years and is a long time leader in other boating organizations.

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## Vice Commodore's Corner *(continued from page 1)*

President, Bill Pribe and Vice President, Mike Fishbaugh. I know that 2015 will be a great year with these dedicated and hard working folks taking the helm for I-LYA.

I look forward to being I-LYA Vice Commodore this year and will do my best to serve the organization and membership to the highest of standards. This year will be another exciting year at Put-in-Bay and I am looking forward to working with the Regatta Chairpersons. I know these folks will deliver another first class series of Regattas in 2015.

For those of you attending the AYC February Ball Weekend at the Holiday Inn/French Quarter in Perrysburg, please remember that the I-LYA Flag Officers will be hosting a Friday night hospitality room on February 20. Please contact your AYC club delegate for ticket information, then come on down and join Duane, Andy and me for a cocktail or two. And plan on attending the I-LYA Spring Meeting March 27-28, also at the Holiday Inn/French Quarter. Until then, stay warm and safe.

**THANK YOU  
VOLUNTEERS  
FOR MAKING  
THE 2014 I-LYA  
REGATTAS  
SUCCESSFUL**



## Thank You!

2014 was indeed a GREAT year. It took a huge team to make it all possible – the Bridge, Trustees, Regatta Chairs, Tracey and the entire Davis family, numerous friends, mentors, and supporters, so many dedicated volunteers that I couldn't possibly mention you all here, and, of course, those who participated in our events and regattas this past year. You are the ones who made it all possible. For that, I sincerely thank you! I-LYA is strong because of your efforts.

I would like to wish Commodore Duane Burgoyne, Lady Dar, and the entire 2015 I-LYA Team the best wishes in the coming year. I know that with their leadership, I-LYA 2015 will also be "one for the books."

Thanks again for your support and friendship!

P/C Steve Harris, I-LYA 2014



## Commodore's Corner *(continued from page 1)*

We have been given a solid foundation to work from due to the efforts of my dear friend and now Past Commodore Steve Harris. Thank you, Steve, for all of your dedication and time put into this organization. Your time as Commodore is now complete but your efforts in the area of junior boating will be valued this upcoming year.

Our 2015 Trustee team also welcomes some new members. Congratulations go out to newly elected trustees Rob Wolas and Mike Powers, and to Bruce Sattler who was elected after serving a one-year appointment. Bill Pribe will head this team as President, and Mike Fishbaugh will serve as Vice President. I look forward to working with all of our trustees to move this organization forward.

This year will be the 60th running of Junior Bay Week and will be co-chaired by Jane O'Brien with her always calming husband Tim from Put-in-Bay Yacht Club, and Dave Chapman from Leatherlips Yacht Club. This year we look to continue to promote the highest level of racing, with safety and fun always at the forefront. We have challenged our neighbor to the north, DRYA, to become a bigger part of the I-LYA Bay Week and Traveler Series. We look forward to building better young citizens through sport and friendly competition. With the help of Commodore Steve Harris, we will, for the first time, offer opportunities for young power boaters to be part of this year's Junior Bay Week.

Returning as co-chairs for the 122nd sail regatta will be P/C Mike Fishbaugh from Sandusky Sailing Club and P/C Bob Sheppard from Alum Creek Sailing Association. We also welcome new vice chair R/C Andy Krotseng. We take pride in the fact that we are the third oldest annual regatta in the United States. The committee that was restarted by Bob Sheppard five years ago has shown great progress and continues to strive to become the best regatta on the Great Lakes. In 2015 we still hold to our three main goals for this event: to provide a friendly and safe event; to provide a top-notch professionally-run racing program; and to give to all competitors and guests cost effective on-shore parties. With these goals in mind, I believe these guys will once again deliver us a wonderful regatta.

In 2015 we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Power

Boat Week. This event started at Presque Isle near Erie, PA, and at that time was known as the I-LYA Power Boat Rendezvous. In 1984 the event was moved to South Bass Island and is now known as Power Boat Week. This year's event team will be headed up by Bruce Sattler. After great promotion and coordination by last year's team headed by Vice Commodore Amlin, Power Boat Week has tipped the scales of supply and demand. I would like to announce that anyone who docked with us at the 2014 Power Boat Week will be guaranteed dockage in 2015 if they register before May 31st. As we move Bay Week to a more family-friendly event it also gives me great pride to announce Josh Kneisel from BYC as our first junior delegate to the power boat committee.

What's happening with I-LYA over the next few months? Our first event will be the Progressive Mid-America Boat Show held at the I-X Center near Cleveland, Ohio, January 15-19. Lady Dar and I will be at the I-LYA booth most of the weekend and are looking forward to seeing all of our members who stop by to talk about the upcoming year.

Next month the I-LYA Commodores will be hosting a hospitality room on Friday night at the annual AYC Commodore's weekend. If you are attending this event, stop by the I-LYA room on Friday, February 20th and enjoy some Bay Week hospitality. We would like to thank Mount Gay Rum for their on-going support at this event.

The I-LYA Spring Meeting will be held March 27-28; please note this event is returning to the Holiday Inn/French Quarter in Perrysburg. Look to the next I-LYA news for more details.

For Lady Dar and me, the next few months will be filled with visits to our member clubs and many Commodores' Balls. We always enjoy visiting with and learning about our clubs and their members, and attending events that we might be able to support. If you have a special event at your club that you would like us to attend, please do not hesitate to let us know so we can get it onto our calendar.

In closing, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and, like us, are waiting and planning for a safe and fun boating year in 2015.

## Trustee Report *(continued from page 2)*

Our Trustees in the second year of their terms are: John Bedford is from Point Yacht Club and is our official I-LYA photographer; John has also attended many powerboat weeks. PC John D. Stewart is from West River Yacht and Cruising Club and was I-LYA Commodore in 2010; he has a great working knowledge of the I-LYA organization.

Along with me, the following are in the third year of their terms: John Dalessandro is from the Wyandotte Yacht

Club; he has been a Fleet Captain in the past and has attended numerous powerboat weeks. John Hopper is from Sunseekers Boat Club and has been a Regatta Fleet Captain for several years; he has also participated in powerboat week for many years.

As you can see we have a Board of Trustees that is very active in and dedicated to the success of I-LYA. We are looking forward to a great year for I-LYA.

## US Sailing Delegate Report

*P/C Steve Harris, I-LYA Delegate*

It was my pleasure to represent I-LYA at the US Sailing Annual National Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 23-25. Also in attendance from I-LYA member clubs were Ed Theisen (DYC), Matt Bounds (NCYC), Dave Rosekrans (CLSA) and Board Members; President Tom Hubbell (HSC), Vice-President Bruce Burton (BYC), and Secretary Patty Lawrence (CLSA). It is an exciting time for sailing in the United States. With increased exposure on the sport coming off the dramatic USA America's Cup win in 2013, US Sailing is placing a strong emphasis on growing sailing, not just sailboat racing. Plans are underway to launch a national media campaign to increase awareness and, hopefully, participation in sailing across the nation. US Sailing is also encouraging all member clubs to participate in this year's Summer SAILstice celebration. SAILstice is a worldwide celebration of sailing which occurs annually on the weekend closest to the summer solstice. This year's celebration will be the weekend of June 20-21. I encourage all I-LYA member clubs with sailing programs to plan an event, hold an open house and participate this year. Let's show the world that sailing is alive and strong in our region. More information can be



found online at [www.summersailstice.com](http://www.summersailstice.com) or feel free to contact me at [2014@i-lya.org](mailto:2014@i-lya.org)

My primary function as your delegate is with the Regional Sailing Associations Committee (RSAC), the representative body of US Sailing. As we continue through the implementation of the reorganization US Sailing undertook in 2012, the RSAC is working hard to improve communication both down to the local level and up from it. US Sailing has a wealth of resources available to sailors and clubs at the local level, but hasn't always done a good job of making local sailors and clubs aware of how much US Sailing has to offer. Likewise, many have felt that there's a disconnect between local sailing organizations and the national organization. It is the job of the RSAC to carry your concerns, thoughts, and ideas to the national body. Please let me know if you have ideas on how US Sailing can improve. I am happy to communicate that information for you. I also have always found both the staff and board members of US Sailing to be very friendly and approachable. Reach out to them – they really do want to hear from YOU! Contact information is available at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org).

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## Report of the Long Range Planning Committee

*Bryan Huntley, Co-Chair*

The long range planning committee met in conjunction with the I-LYA Fall Meeting on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Westlake. In attendance were co-chairs Phoebe Borman (PIBYC) and Bryan Huntley (SSC/SYC), committee members John Popovich (SSCC) and Tom Thanasiu (PIBYC/JRSC), and I-LYA Vice Commodore Duane Burgoyne and Rear Commodore Chris Amlin.

Since relations with the Island of South Bass and the Village of Put-in-Bay are going quite well, topics of conversation went in different directions which was welcomed. We began our meeting discussing the need for continued efforts in marketing for I-LYA and with that, to remind everyone involved of the leadership role I-LYA plays in local, regional and national boating activities.

Education and safety were also big topics of discussion. We came to the conclusion that I-LYA should strive to continue to lead in educating our youth, as well as our membership, about all things boating related.

I-LYA is active on many boating-related committees such as BAO (Boating Association of Ohio), PAC (Political Action Committee) and NFB (National Federation of Boating) to name a few, and should continue to be. Ohio Senate Bill 490 was discussed; our committee believes I-LYA should take a role in attempting to defeat this bill as it has consequences to the health of our waterways.

The rest of our meeting was devoted to the history of I-LYA and the hardware that goes with it. I-LYA Historian Tom Thanasiu reported he has been digging into our rich history and is going to begin cataloging our collection of trophies spread around the region. When the Great Lakes Historical Museum closed in Vermilion and moved to Toledo, so did many trophies believed to be the property of I-LYA. There is also a collection of trophies at the Bay that needs to be identified and properly taken care of. It was recommended that I-LYA present a proposal to the Niagara Center of Put-in-Bay to build a trophy case to house many of these trophies there. It was also moved that Tom discuss I-LYA ownership of these awards with I-LYA legal counsel, Clay Mock, as he locates and catalogs these treasures.

We moved to adjourn and will meet again at the I-LYA Spring Meeting in March for updates on all activities.

## US Sailing Delegate Report *(continued from page 4)*

One significant item discussed at this year's conference was the development of on-water standards to identify the skills needed for all aspects of boating – sail, power, and human-powered. This effort is part of the US Coast Guard's vision of a National System of Standards for Recreational Boating that will organize both classroom and on-water standards for boater education. Due in large part to the demonstrated success of US Sailing on-water training programs, the United States Coast Guard has given US Sailing a grant to lead the development of these standards. Work is just beginning, but skill sets have already been identified in each of these three disciplines and will be refined over the coming year. Once completed, these standards will be made freely available and recognized (not mandated) by the USCG for voluntary incorporation in beginner level recreational boating training programs.

The National Sailing Programs Symposium (NSPS) will be held later this month in New Orleans. NSPS is the premier event for sailing education in the United States. It is the only conference of its kind that brings together program directors, instructors, volunteers, parents and industry representatives to share and learn best practices with one another about running, maintaining and improving sailing programs.

The goal is to have participants coming out of the symposium with ideas to apply to their sailing programs to make them better and help them grow. For more information, please visit [www.nsps.ussailing.org](http://www.nsps.ussailing.org).

Work continues on refining training and re-certification programs for Race Officers. Look for more information in the coming months. If you are interested in becoming certified (or re-certified) as a Race Officer or Judge, please visit [www.ussailing.org/race-officials/](http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/).

In addition to our President, Vice-President, and Secretary, several other I-LYA members have new roles with US Sailing in the coming year. Matt Dubois (GIYC) will be the new National Chair for the US Sailing Junior Championships Committee. Jamie Jones (HSC) will be replacing him as the Area E Representative to that committee. Ed Theisen (DYC) will continue as the Area E Coordinator, Bob Sheppard (ASCA) will continue as our area representative to the Adult Championships Committee and I will be the new Area Race Officer.

If you have any questions about the resources and opportunities US Sailing has to offer, please do not hesitate to contact me at [2014@i-lya.org](mailto:2014@i-lya.org).



## Inter-Lake Yachtsmen's Fund Report

*Matt DuBois, I-LYF Trustee*

### Yachtsmen's Fund Announces Merit Scholarship

The Inter-Lake Yachtsmen's Fund announced at its fall 2014 meeting that it is establishing a series of merit scholarships for post secondary education costs to be awarded to junior members of qualifying I-LYA clubs, starting in spring of 2015. The scholarships, which will range from \$200-\$500, will be awarded to the children of members of I-LYA participating clubs who are currently part of the Yachtsmen's Fund's "Dollar per Member" program, and

will be awarded based on academics, leadership, community involvement, and participation in club or boating activities.

Applications will be available after February 15<sup>th</sup>, with a submission deadline of March 15<sup>th</sup>. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the 2015 I-LYA Annual Meeting in Perrysburg, Ohio. For more information, please contact I-LYF Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Dr. Matt Dubois, at [msdubois@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msdubois@sbcglobal.net).

### Yachtsmen's Fund to Award Special Lapel Recognition Pins to Life Members

I-LYA Yachtsmen and women who have made the commitment to boating by becoming Life Members of the Inter-Lake Yachtsmen's Fund are being recognized and thanked by the I-LYF by being presented with a special lapel pin that they may wear proudly. Many of these special pins were distributed at the annual I-LYA Fall Meeting in Westlake, Ohio this last December.

If you have contributed to the Yachtsmen's Fund by becoming a Life Member and would like to receive your pin, please contact I-LYF Trustee, Dr. Matt Dubois at [msdubois@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msdubois@sbcglobal.net).



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## Safety at Sea Seminar February 28, 2015 · Port Clinton Yacht Club Port Clinton, Ohio

### Why take a US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar?

Ever wonder what you would do if someone fell overboard from your boat? Do you have a plan to deal with heavy weather if you can't reach a safe harbor? Interested in selecting the right emergency communications equipment or storm sails, but you're not sure what to buy? If so, a US Sailing Certified Safety at Sea (SAS) Seminar is for you.

### Safety at Sea Seminar facts:

- Moderated and taught by experienced, lifelong sailors who include some of the top names in sailing and safety.
- Designed for sailors of all types and levels - cruisers and racers, novices and experts.
- Appropriate for a wide range of boats - small, big, sail, power - that are sailed anywhere - near shore and offshore.
- Curriculum is certified by US Sailing, with special attention to the host organization's sailing area.
- More than 1,000 sailors attend safety seminars around North America every year; many bring their families and crews.
- The certifications are good for five years.

### Moderator, Brian Adams:

Brian is a highly experienced sailor, having sailed on the Great Lakes for 30 years. Sailing has been a large part of Brian's life and has been a great influence. Sailing has taught him how to safely deal with a constantly changing environment and how to achieve the best from the experiences and individuals involved. Brian's sailing experience includes 18 Queens Cup races, 9 Chicago-Mac races, and hundreds of races around the Great Lakes in the summer and Florida in the winter. He has 20,000+ delivery and cruising miles on the Great Lakes, East Coast, Florida and Caribbean. Brian is a US Coast Guard Captains Masters License Certified instructor and was the communicator on board *Sociable* during the 2011 Wingnuts rescue. He is a US Sailing Safety at Sea Moderator and Committee member.

### Guest Speakers:

- Al DeClerk - Heavy Air and Emergency Sailing
- Dr. Jen Casey - Medical Emergencies at Sea

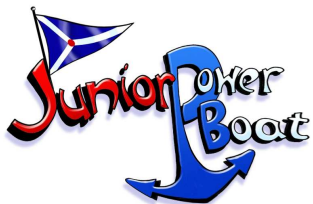
8:00 a.m. at the Port Clinton Yacht Club, 127 Brooklyn Avenue, Port Clinton, OH 41210. Cost \$135.00 per person (includes lunch). To register contact Cliff Ruckstuhl: [cliffuckstuhl@att.net](mailto:cliffuckstuhl@att.net) or mail the form below to: Port Clinton Yacht Club, c/o Cliff Ruckstuhl, P.O. Box 127, Port Clinton, OH 43452

**RSVP by February 21, 2015**

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## Junior Power Regatta Report

Bob Lang, Chairman



Cap't Bob here. The I-LYA Fall Meeting in Westlake, Ohio is over and my thanks go to all who attended. We had some good discussions at our Junior Power meeting and I want to pass that information on to all those interested in the Junior Program. First, I want to cover a couple of things regarding the regatta. As you know, the scholarship winners, in addition to a monetary award, also have their names engraved on a permanent Junior Powerboat trophy. The permanent trophy is not always available to view and show off to our friends and family. In 2015, we will begin providing each of our scholarship winners a trophy they can take home. These future

awards as well as our Junior Skipper award will be awarded at the I-LYA Spring Meetings. Additionally, starting in 2015, as chairman I'll make sure I'm available at each of the Junior events. For all you PARENTS, the new regatta format is such that all juniors under the age of 19 are automatically a part of the "Junior Powerboat Regatta." So please get your kids involved.

Past Commodore Steve Harris and our Junior Power committee will be working on a program that will take two of our Junior Power boaters and provide them with the opportunity to participate as a "mark boat crew member" with the junior sailors during Junior Bay Week. We'll have more details available after the Spring Meeting. This sounds like a great opportunity for our juniors to put some of their power boating skills to practical use. I for one am looking forward to the success of this program.

2015 I-LYA Commodore Duane Burgoyne has introduced a new delegate position. We will now have a Junior Power Delegate. I'm pleased to announce and congratulate Josh Kneisel of BYC on his appointment as 2015 Junior Powerboat Delegate.

For the past several years, we have been trying to get our Junior Power program going at the club level. This year, we're going to make sure we get something going. I announced at the I-LYA Fall Meeting that I would be getting together with some of the folks at FYC and other Downriver boat clubs to help get the word out. We will be putting on a boater safety class for any of our juniors who have not yet received their boaters' certificates. In addition and for sure MORE FUN, we will be having ON-THE-WATER trials and competitions. The plan for 2015 is to start this five-week program around mid June and end mid to late July with club competitions and an award ceremony prior to the I-LYA Power and Junior Powerboat regatta at Put-In-Bay, Ohio, August 5-9, 2015. We will be working with the community and will open our enrollment to all juniors between the ages of 12 and 19. We will also need club volunteers who would be willing to donate their time or the use of their inflatables. Please contact me if you're interested or have a junior that wants to participate in the trials and competition.

That's all for now. For more information, please feel free to contact me at 313-938-8414 or [bob@encoeng.com](mailto:bob@encoeng.com).

## Once in a Blue Moon Sail Regatta

Mike Fishbaugh & Bob Sheppard, Co-Chairs

Mark your calendars for July 30-August 2 at Put-in-Bay and help celebrate the blue moon scheduled to occur at 10:43 pm on Friday, July 31. The Deepwater races will commence on July 29 from Cleveland, and July 30 from Port Clinton, Sandusky, Toledo and Grosse Ile. Again this year, all activities will take place at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club, including the three social events on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Registration is open and the NORs are posted; go to [www.i-lya.org](http://www.i-lya.org) and click on Sail Regatta. For all of you who plan to stay on shore rather than on boats, this is the time to begin working on your reservations as there are more options available this early in the year. Many thanks to the I-LYA liaison team who have our dockage and dates already set.



The Senior Sail committee has met several times since August and Mike and I would like to welcome new members to our team: R/C Andy Krotseng who will be our vice chair, Michelle Glanville who will be taking over the scoring duties, and Connie Miller as social event coordinator. We still have plenty of space for those of you who'd like to be on our team. You are invited to attend our next committee meeting on Wednesday, January 14 at 7:00 pm at the Sandusky Yacht Club. Come early to join us for dinner!

We'd like the participation of more one-design fleets than in past years, so if you are part of a fleet and would like to work with us, please let one of us know. Mike: [mfishbaugh@pathmaker.net](mailto:mfishbaugh@pathmaker.net) or Bob: [sailing1@columbus.rr.com](mailto:sailing1@columbus.rr.com). We hope to see you at the Bay!



## 2015 Powerboat Regatta

*Bruce Sattler, Chairman*

The 2015 Powerboat Committee met in December at the I-LYA Fall Meeting in Westlake, Ohio. After thanking V/C Chris Amlin for a job well done as chair of the 2014 Regatta, we welcomed Larry Inguagiato (MBC) to the 2015 Committee, joining Mike Powers (MBC), Rich McKee, Jr. (SSCC), and me (SSCC). We will be hard at work to make the 2015 Powerboat Regatta a fun, safe and financially successful regatta, or as Commodore Burgoyne has coined it, a "BAYCATION."

We hope to continue the well-received social package again and the docking fees will stay the same as last year. With the new A and C docks in, and the improved water and electric/hydro power that we enjoyed last year, we hope to increase attendance and participation. The Predicted Log event is being revamped (see article below)



which will hopefully encourage more to compete in 2015.

There are still a few openings for committee chairs that have been vacated after many years of fine service. We need someone to run the Docking Contest, Sports Ashore West, Junior Putt-Putt and the Hot Dog Roast. If you or your club would like to take on any of these events, please contact me or any Powerboat Committee member.

The dates for the regatta are Wednesday, August 5th through Saturday, August 9th. Please remember this is YOUR regatta. If you have any comments or concerns, please contact any member of the Powerboat Committee or contact me at 440-289-5298 or [pierpressure@live.com](mailto:pierpressure@live.com).

The I-LYA Spring Meeting will be held at the French Quarter in Perrysburg, Ohio, March 27-28. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

## Proposed Predicted Log for 2015

*Bill Stewart, Chairman*

Interest in participation in the Predicted Log Contest at the Bay Regatta has disappeared the last several years. The major reason I was given by previous year contestants was the difficulty in getting away from the four-deep rafts, and the amount of fuel required. An attempt to overcome these problems by running a very simplified, no-calculation contest using inflatables was not a success.

The predicted log contest is one of the requirements for the Commander's Cup Award. I feel it is important to keep this tradition alive at the Bay, so I have proposed some alternatives.

My proposal to the Power Boat Committee that seemed to have the most support for 2015 was to return to one predicted log of 12-15 nm. I would propose that the contestants be allowed to use GPS or chart plotters to run the contest. This is almost the same as a no-calculation contest, since the participants would not need to know the boat's speed in advance. They would need to choose a speed that they feel is comfortable for the weather conditions to make their predictions, but then

use that SOG to run the contest.

GPS with the cross track error turned off has been allowed in predicted log contests on the west coast. This is because participants must still calculate the tidal current, and obtaining the currents with the cross track error is very easy. This process has attracted several new predicted log participants in the San Diego, Los Angeles and Seattle areas. The United States Power Squadrons® now teach Piloting and Advanced Piloting based on the use of GPS. We all use GPS or chart plotters to navigate, and paper charts have been eliminated by NOAA.

Even with all the above, a contestant would still need to be able to handle the boat in a consistent manner, know how to accurately follow a course, and be able to run at a constant speed. With the improved docking situation and the shortened contest length, I am hoping for at least three contestants, and a winner of the Commander's Cup at the Bay in 2015.

For more information, please contact Bill Stewart at [jwstew4@att.net](mailto:jwstew4@att.net).

## I-LYA Sponsorship

*Bob Sheppard, Chairman*

The I-LYA sponsorship committee, made up of boaters from both the power and sailing worlds, is working hard to recruit all levels of sponsorship for the I-LYA, from individuals sponsoring beer kegs and flags, to title sponsors pledging thousands of dollars. We are not only trying to ensure that we meet our contractual obligations to our existing sponsors, but are also looking for additional sponsorship opportunities.

If you know of someone or an organization that might be interested in sponsoring the I-LYA or any of its events, or if you have ideas of potential sponsors we may contact, please let me know. You can email me at [sailing1@columbus.rr.com](mailto:sailing1@columbus.rr.com). You can also join us at the Progressive Mid-America Boat Show at the Cleveland I-X center, booth 791, January 15-19, to discuss sponsorship and marketing possibilities.

## JUNIOR SAILING NEWS

### 2015 Save the Dates

Watch for updates at [www.i-lya.org](http://www.i-lya.org) and click on Junior Sailing

#### **Spring I-LYA Junior Meeting**

Sandusky Sailing Club  
Saturday, February 7  
10:00 AM-3:00 PM (with socializing after)  
Program Management and 2015 Planning

#### **Area E Qualifier for Smythe/Bemis**

Sodus Bay Yacht Club  
Optional Clinic: July 9-10  
Racing: July 11-12

#### **2015 Spring Great Lakes Regional Symposium**

Rochester Yacht Club  
Saturday, February 28  
10:00AM-4:00PM

#### **2015 USODA Great Lakes Championship**

Optimist Dinghies  
Sandusky Sailing Club  
July 10-12

#### **US Sailing Junior Olympic Festival**

C420s/Lasers/Optis  
Mentor Harbor Yachting Club  
June 26-28

#### **60th Annual I-LYA Junior Bay Week**

Put-in-Bay, Ohio  
July 19-23

#### **Area E Qualifier for Sears Cup (3 man boat)**

Lightnings  
Buffalo Canoe Club  
June 28-30



United States  
Optimist Dinghy Association

The Sandusky Sailing Club is proud to announce that it has been selected to host the 2015 USODA Great Lakes Opti event. This two-day regatta usually draws more than 50 boats and will allow us once again to showcase our wonderful venue for small one-design racing. As you can imagine, we need volunteers to make this event a success, so please let us know if you would be willing to lend a hand. We will need help with the galley, launch and recovery, registration, safety boats, parking, etc.

Dates are July 10, 11 and 12 and we will start having organizing meetings very soon. Please contact Pete Grant at: [pgrant@bex.net](mailto:pgrant@bex.net) or Surge Vanderhorst at [sjvanderhorst@gmail.com](mailto:sjvanderhorst@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer!

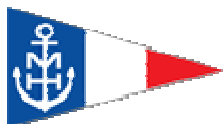
#### **Save the Date!**

**What:** Junior Bay Week 2015  
The 60th Annual Regatta  
**When:** July 19-23, 2015  
**Where:** Put-in-Bay, Ohio  
**Why:** Sailing, sun, fun, friends, and more!  
**RSVP:** July 2015

**Hope to see you there!**

**Event Chairs:** Tim & Jane O'Brien  
Dave Chapman

## JUNIOR SAILING NEWS



### **MHYC to Host Junior Olympic Festival with Master-Level Coaching**

*Submitted by Kathy Allyn*

We are thrilled to announce that US Sailing has chosen our area as only one of three in the country to host a Skill Builder Sailing Clinic designed for junior sailors AND coaches! Mentor Harbor Yachting Club is hosting this expanded version of the US Sailing Junior Olympics Festival from Friday June 26 to Sunday June 28.

MHYC lobbied US Sailing for help with coach training within I-LYA and US Sailing responded with this extraordinary opportunity for our local coaches as well as our junior sailors. Please plan to send your teams to this event. Following the festival, US Sailing will assess our area's needs and put us on the priority list for follow-up Level 2, 3, and 4 training.

US Sailing is sending master-level coaches for each of our fleets (c420, Laser, Opti) as well as an overall head coach. Sailors will be introduced to clinic topics and shown how to practice and critique their progress. Local coaches will get new information on each topic and learn how to present it. The local coaches also will learn how to run water drills well, and will spend quality time with lead coaches for questions and feedback.

MHYC is working to fundraise to keep the costs down - we anticipate the three-day clinic and regatta, including food, shouldn't cost more than \$125 per sailor and even less for coaches! Housing options are going to be available as well for those who need it.

Following the Junior Olympics the lead coach and class coaches will email more information and resources for local coaches. These resources will include both class specific materials and coach continuing education opportunities. The goal is to keep the local coaches plugged into continuing education to build their coaching abilities. Please plan now to have your coaches and sailors participate!

### **JO Clinic Curriculum – 3-Day Summary**

**Clinic topics:** Boat Handling, Speed & Boat Setup, Starting, Regatta Prep & Review

#### **Day 1**

- Coaches Meeting: Get all coaches to meet face to face; schedule updates
- Lead/Fleet/Local coaches walk through the fleets introducing themselves, helping with rigging, answering questions
- Competitors Meeting: Introduce all the coaches and meeting places
- On land clinic (by class)
- On the water clinic: Practice skills in racing situations
- Lunch: Interaction between sailors and coaches, and Lead/Fleet/Local coaches
- Racing in the afternoon (2 races max.)
- Debrief for sailors
- Debrief for coaches

#### **Day 2**

- Quick coaches meeting for daily updates
- Pre-race weather briefing
- Racing: All day on-water coaching by all coaches
- Lunch: Interaction between coaches and sailors
- Debrief for sailors
- Debrief for coaches

#### **Day 3**

- Quick coaches meeting for daily updates
- Pre-race weather briefing
- Racing: All day on-water coaching by all coaches
- Post-race: Lead and Fleet coaches debrief with local coaches



## JUNIOR SAILING NEWS



### ORANGE BOWL REGATTA 2014

*Submitted by Jim Miller, Port Clinton Yacht Club*

We had a great group of our I-LYA kids attend the Orange Bowl Regatta in Biscayne Bay sailing out of Coral Reef Yacht Club. Thanks to the help of Carol Ewing, a long time friend, we were able to stage all our kids together. I again served on the Laser course starting line with over 170 boats!

Day 1 was very light and although we sent all the kids out--no racing! Day 2 wasn't much better but we were able to get in two races at 5-6 knots before the heat set in and we cancelled for the day. Day 3 started off great and with 6-7 knot winds to start, we quickly got in two good races. We did get in two more races but with marginal winds. It was just enough to get in one throw-out. Running the course under "I" Flag, there were many boats over early including in one race with a major wind shift halfway through the start; that race was postponed and re-started after shifting the line. Day 4 looked bad from the start so no one went out and the day was cancelled!

All in all the regatta was light on racing but high on fun and camaraderie. All the kids got to hang together and had a great time. A big thanks to all the parents who made the effort to attend and assist with getting the kids to and from the race course. With a two-hour run to the course in light air, it was a chore!

I know our kids had a great experience and look forward to Spring on the Lake.



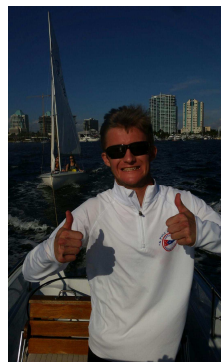
*Winning the race to the ramp!*



*Grace Squires (HSC) and Sara Schumann (Cowan), rocking their LOOT (Lake Ontario Opti Team) shirts, gather with teammates and their coach for a debrief.*



*Waiting for wind! Grace & Sara hang out with teammates from Bermuda, Canada, the UK and the USA.*



*SJRT Coach Sam Patterson gives a "thumbs up" to late December sailing.*



*Jack Vanderhorst and Alex Schock, both of SSC, take a lunch break on the Opti course where they competed in a fleet of 220 boats.*



*Sandusky blue looks good in Florida! Pictured Back Row (L-R): Dylan Winkel, Montana Coulter, Coach Sam Patterson, Eli Zettler, Oliver Burger, Nathaniel Zettler, and Aydan Coulter. Front Row: Jack Vanderhorst and Alex Schock.*



*Sandusky Junior Race Team traveled with two 420s to Miami. Also participating were Sam Rush and Madeline Lark of NCYC.*



*Pictured are seven of the eight I-LYA laser sailors who made the trip to Miami. (L-R) Aydan Coulter and Nathaniel Zettler (SSC), Adam Myers and Griffin Sheehan (PIBYC), Cameron Douglas (ECSC), Ryan Squires (HSC), and JJ Miller (PCYC).*



*Luke Schumann of Cowan Lake readies his laser for a practice sail.*



*We'll just let these smiles say it all!!*

*Photos compliments of the Zettlers, Burgers, Vanderhorsts, Schumanns, and Squires*

## MEMBER CLUB NEWS



### Great Lakes Cruising Club

*Rich Barzyk, Commodore*

The Great Lakes Cruising Club, a member of I-LYA, will be at booth #418 at the Progressive Mid-America Boat Show at the I-X Center in Cleveland January 15-19. We invite you stop by and see our presentations on exploring Lake Erie, or sit in on a seminar geared to introduce new boaters to the information they need for a safe and enjoyable trip on Lake Erie.

Our most popular member benefit is access to our Harbor Reports, cruising guides of over 1,800 Great Lakes harbors and anchorages. These reports are updated by our Port Captains; members are also encouraged to post observations to the harbor reports. They are updated daily, if necessary, so they are always current and are available as a hard copy or on-line by using a laptop, iPad or Smart phone. Members also contribute news and photos to the GLCC web site and participate in our often spirited discussions about cruising destinations and other topics of interest.

Our Port Captains are GLCC members from nearly 200 Great Lakes ports and anchorages who also provide help and information when you visit their areas, from something simple such as restaurant or sight-seeing recommendations to something far more serious, such as how to get medical help. Our information is always current and accurate because we hold our sources accountable.

For more information on the Great Lakes Cruising Club, to see a sample Harbor Report, or to explore membership, go to our website at <http://www.glccclub.com>.



*Save the date!*  
**Cleveland Race Week**  
**June 13-21, 2015**



### EYC Land Yacht Heads to the Cleveland Boat Show!!

Edgewater Yacht Club is planning a bus trip to the show for its members! The bus leaves the club at 1 PM Saturday, January 17 and returns at 5 PM that evening, followed by cocktails at the bar. The cost is \$9.50 and includes entry to the show. The bus ride is free if you wear EYC logo clothing!!

Let's support the I-LYA at the Boat Show! Coordinate a bus trip from YOUR club, and be sure to stop by the I-LYA booth (#791) to meet your 2015 bridge and show your support!

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**Learn how to Move Ahead  
in the PHRF Fleet!**

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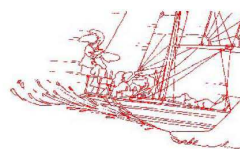
**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015**

9:00 AM-4:30 PM

**HOSTED BY:**

**Port Clinton Yacht Club**

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800-347-2457



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*You can spend a lifetime learning to be a better sailor... We're here to accelerate the process!*



## MEMBER CLUB NEWS

### Monroe Boat Club Celebrates 70 Years!

David Ryan, Commodore

The Monroe Boat Club is a non profit members-operated club with direct access to Lake Erie, conveniently located ½ mile off I-75 in Monroe, Michigan. The club was established in 1945 as a result of the merger between Monroe Yacht Club and Bolles Harbor Boat Club. This year marks the club's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Founded with a directive for the "promotion, protection and encouragement of boating for pleasure and sport," Monroe Boat Club has adopted a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo embracing these principles over a background of calm Lake Erie water.

MBC is proud to be involved in boating throughout our community and within the I-LYA. At the Fall Meeting, MBC's Mike Powers was honored to be elected as Trustee, and our Larry Inguagiato was elected Treasurer of the Power Boat Committee. Larry also sits on the I-LYA Nominating Committee.

MBC will host several major sail races including the Invitational Race for the Sisters on July 18, the Monroe Ladies Race on August 9, and August 15 is the MBC Solo Challenge. All I-LYA members are invited to the amazing Regatta Weekend July 24-26.

In June 2015 MBC's *Club and Community Events Committee* will be hosting a two-day Environmental Career Symposium in conjunction with the Monroe County Community College. Due to the efforts of the club's Charlotte Neuhauser, MBC was awarded two grants from the Monroe County Environmental Fund and the Monroe County Community Foundation for a total of \$4,500. The Career Days will develop citizen stewards for the Lake Erie Watershed through hands-on experiences and instill interest in careers related to these experiences.

The weekend will provide the students with an awareness of various types of professions and careers related to environmental issues and other careers enabling boat ownership covered during two days of discussions with present-

ers, boat captains, and a tour of Monroe County Community College's Career Technology Center, its environmental labs and career materials.

Students will be informed of methods for protecting their natural surroundings in such a way that excite and challenge them to be stewards of their environment. They will conduct research by collecting water samples from the drains, streams, the River Raisin and Lake Erie; measure and compare the quality of the water; and discuss solutions to water quality issues. The three major "Watershed Moments" that will be emphasized throughout the program are: (1) Take care of the ecosystems that supply us; (2) Share it because it belongs to everyone; and (3) Learn to live within our water means.

For 70 years, Monroe Boat Club has been a desirable destination for boating enthusiasts traveling by land or lake. Not just a warm-weather facility, today's Monroe Boat Club is open 12 months a year. Every day of the week, the club opens at noon to serve lunch at very attractive prices and remains open until the late evening. Amenities include a lounge with food service, a newly enhanced waterfront, boat storage facilities, a BBQ Pavilion and much more. Activities include Lake Erie cruises, fishing, sailing events, and club-funded children's learn-to-boat courses. MBC welcomes prospective members to visit any time.

Just 35 miles from Ann Arbor and 11 miles from Toledo, the Monroe Boat Club is located at 7932 Bolles Harbor Dr (N. Harbor Rd). Take Interstate 75 to exit 11, then follow LaPlaisance Rd. east until the road curves the right. Continue straight then turn left onto Lake St., the first road on the left.

If you have any questions you can find us on FaceBook where an officer will respond, our website at <http://www.monroeboatclub.org/> or call the Club House at (734) 243-8935. Hope to see you soon!





## MEMBER CLUB NEWS

### Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association

#### DRYA Winter Sailing Seminars Open to I-LYA Members

*Mickey Bennett, Commodore*

I-LYA Commodore Duane Burgoyne has expressed keen interest in the DRYA Winter Sailing Seminar Series and asked me to write a few words about it. Each annual series consists of twelve Wednesday night events held at various member clubs and there is no fee to attend. The events run from January through March and in 2015 will include a race committee session at Bayview YC in February (see below) and a racing rules session at North Cape YC in March. All seminars begin at 7:00 PM and run until approximately 9:00 PM. Presentations are given by professionals and experts in the field and have included: circumnavigation [Tania Aebi gave an incredible talk and slide show]; celestial and electronic navigation techniques; weather; CPR & First Aid; Mackinac Racing; cruising topics; rules – tactics – sail trim; boat maintenance; and, on literally every other skill it takes to go sailing and boating in fun and safe fashion.

DRYA wishes to invite all I-LYA members to these free seminars. We welcome everyone and hope you can make at least one or two. Many club restaurants will be open or there will be dining nearby. You can access the descriptors and full schedule at our web site; go to [www.drya.org](http://www.drya.org) and click on Winter Sailing Seminars. The descriptors will give topic, location, and if bar/dining is available at the club. Hope to see you there.

### DRYA Presents: Race Committee 101

OPEN TO EVERYONE—NO CHARGE—Come discover the fun of being on the race committee  
Another way to enjoy the water and great camaraderie

Saturday, Feb. 7th —1 to 3 PM at Bayview YC



#### Please Join Us—Friends & Family Welcome Too

Come and enjoy an afternoon introduction to Race Committee. Presenters will be certified Principal Race Officers and experienced market boat operators. There is NO FEE to attend. Just come as you are for a great afternoon.

RC 101 will be an entertaining way of describing what a Race Committee actually does. How you will work as a team to run fair races and have a great time doing it.

#### Who is RC 101 designed for:

- Those wishing to get out on the water on a wide variety of boats
- Those looking for a terrific way to meet new friends
- Those seeking a way to get involved in the sailing community

Please RSVP to: [mickeybennett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mickeybennett@sbcglobal.net)

For questions contact: Mickey Bennett 248-613-3121

Or, Alan Minsterman 734-673-7863

#### Presented by DRYA

Location: Bayview YC

Date: Saturday, Feb 7th

Time: 1—3 PM

Presentation of slide show along with equipment on site to go over everything a race committee does.

Complimentary snacks & soft drinks. BYC bar/restaurant will be open for lunch & dinner. Credit cards accepted.

Location of Bayview YC:  
100 Clairpointe  
Detroit, MI 48215  
313-822-1853



## Help Save a Child's Life – Become a Life Jacket Loaner Site

*Deadline to Apply is March 1st*

ANNAPOLIS, Md., December 8, 2014 – Waterfront businesses, local organizations or government agencies can help themselves, and at the same time, also possibly help save a child's life. All they have to do is join the nation's largest Kids' Life Jacket Loaner Program offered by the non-profit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water ([www.BoatUS.org/life-jacket-loaner](http://www.BoatUS.org/life-jacket-loaner)). By becoming one of the Foundation's new no-cost loaner site locations available for 2015, a local business or group can have positive interaction with the boating public when a jacket is needed for the day or weekend. However, loaner site applications will only be accepted until March 1, 2015.

There is no cost to set up a loaner site and it's easy to do. "We are looking for hands-on sites that will sign out the life jackets to boaters to help us track their usage," said BoatUS Foundation Outreach Manager Alanna Keating. "This will help us make sure there are jackets always on hand." Since the program began in 1997, the Foundation has learned that staffed sites have a higher rate of return for borrowed life jackets, which provide a better community service and continuing opportu-

nities to discuss proper fit. Today, the Foundation supports over 550 sites nationwide that can be found at [BoatUS.org/life-jacket-loaner/usamap.asp](http://BoatUS.org/life-jacket-loaner/usamap.asp).

"We look to build an ongoing relationship with our sites and periodically ask them to check in with us to tell us how it's going," added Keating. "For borrowers, there is no cost. We know kids grow fast, and sometimes boaters need a correctly-sized jacket for a younger guest."

Three children's lives have been saved by wearing a borrowed BoatUS Foundation loaner life jacket and it has likely helped many others -- each year, jackets are loaned out over 140,000 times. "So, in addition to doing good work for the community, this gives groups or businesses that manage loaner sites a little additional foot traffic," said Keating.

The most qualified applicants, based on geographical needs as well as their ability to manage the program, will be selected and notified in spring 2015. They will receive a "life jacket loaner kit" of 12 life jackets in various sizes from infant to adult, a protective container to keep them clean and dry, loaner program signage to display, promotional materials and easy-to-use sign-out sheets to track usage.



*The BoatUS Foundation Kids' Life Jacket Loaner Program loans out over 140,000 each year nationwide at no cost to borrowers or loaner sites. (credit: Tom Lenweaver)*

*The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is a national leader promoting safe, clean and responsible boating. Funded primarily by donations from the over half-million members of Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), it provides innovative educational outreach directly to boaters and anglers with the aim of reducing accidents and fatalities, increasing stewardship of America's waterways and keeping boating safe for all. A range of boating safety courses – including 33 free state courses – can be found at [BoatUS.org/courses](http://BoatUS.org/courses). Boat Owners Association of The U.S. Public Affairs, 880 S Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304 United States*



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## Life Jacket Type Code Labels Go Away: Step Toward Eliminating Confusion and Introduction of New Designs

ANNAPOLIS, MD. September 30, 2014 -- In a move that's expected to benefit recreational boaters, on Oct. 22 the US Coast Guard will drop the current life jacket type code scheme -- Type I, II, III, IV and V -- that has been used for years to label and differentiate the types of life jackets and their specific use. Chris Edmonston, President of BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Chairman of the National Safe Boating Council, said, "The boating safety community believes this move by the Coast Guard will help lead the way toward more comfortable and innovative life jacket designs, help boaters stay on the right side of the law, lower costs, and save lives."

Explains Edmonston, "The positive news is that we will no longer see a Type I, II, III, IV or V label on a new life jacket label after Oct. 22. However, manufacturers will continue to use Type I-V coding until newer labels are designed and approved, and new standards are adopted. This type coding was unique to the United States, tended to confuse boaters, limited choice and increased the cost of life jackets." Removing type coding is the first step in a multi-year process, which includes designing new labels and developing new, 'harmonized' standards. Once that is accomplished, manufacturers will then be able to get jackets approved under the new stan-

dards, eventually simplifying life jacket requirements for recreational boaters. It's at that point that we'll see life jackets without the current type coding on their labels.

"This move is expected to lead to the introduction of new life jacket designs, especially those made in other countries as US standards will be more 'harmonized,' initially Canada and eventually the European Union," said Edmonston. "Along with a wider



Current life jackets that have Type I-V coding on their labels will be legal to sell and wear for the useful life of the jacket.

variety, aligning our standards with those of our neighbor to the north and across the Atlantic will help reduce prices as manufacturers won't have to make products unique to the US market."

However, Edmonston cautions boaters must still abide by the current standards when using older life jackets marked with the Type I-V labeling, as they will remain legal for use. "We must continue to have a properly fit-

ted life jacket for all aboard, and as always, you'll need to follow the label's instructions regardless of when it was made. Simply put, if you follow the label, you're following the law." A full list of current life jacket types and descriptions can be found at [www.BoatUS.org/life-jackets](http://www.BoatUS.org/life-jackets), and any update on new life jacket types and styles will be posted here when available. Our friends in the life jacket manufacturing community further advise that 2017 is likely the earliest they could potentially see any new life jacket standards on production lines.

In an additional effort to help change the mindset of what a life jacket must look like, The BoatUS Foundation, the Personal Flotation Device Manufacturers Association (PFDMA) and the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), recently kicked off an "Innovations in Life Jacket Design Competition" to seek out the newest technologies and design ideas. Running through April 15, 2015, the contest seeks entries from groups or individuals, including collegiate design programs, armchair inventors or even boat and fishing clubs. Entries may be as simple as hand-drawn theoretical designs to working prototypes and will be judged based on four criteria: wearability, reliability, cost and innovation. For more information, go to [www.BoatUS.org/design](http://www.BoatUS.org/design).

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