

## **COMMODORE'S REPORT**



It seems we just left the Fall Meeting and yet here we are at the beginning of the New Year! Past Commodore Dennis and I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season. Now it is time to start planning for the 2019 Regatta's and we will get started by hosting a booth at the 2019 Mid-America Boat Show at the I-X Center in Cleveland, Ohio January 17th to 21<sup>st</sup>. Many of you have already volunteered to work the booth at the show and I thank you for that. We do have some open spots so if you can help, drop me an email and I will get you on the list. Please stop by the show to say Hello and update us as to what is going on at your club this winter. We are all anxious to get thru the winter and welcome Spring, so we can start working on getting our boats in the water.

But in the meantime, some important I-LYA Updates for you: First I would like to acknowledge Commodore

Mike Powers and Lady Kathy for a wonderful 2018 year as I-LYA Commodore. Mike led the organization in fine fashion for the 2018 year and it is my pleasure to follow in his footsteps. 2019 promises to be a fun and exciting year and I am honored to serve as your Commodore.

Second, I would like to congratulate those recently elected to serve the I-LYA: <u>Flag Officers</u> Vice Commodore Steve Hyder & Rear Commodore Bob Lang; <u>Trustees</u>; Bruce Sattler, Arne Hanson, Dale Vanderford & John Bedford

These four gentlemen join Mike Fishbaugh, Scott Kneisel, Connie Miller, Lloyd Bogue and John Dalessandro on our Board of Trustees. Congratulations to John Dalessandro and Mike Fishbaugh who were re-elected to serve as President and Vice-President during 2019. I look forward to working with them this year.

The 2019 Jr. Sail Regatta chairs are Liz Barker & Kate Keane from Vermillion Boat Club. They are the 3rd generation of their family to run this great event. The returning Sail Regatta Chairman for 2019 is Bill Pribe from North Cape Yacht Club who will be assisted by Doug Seib and Connie Miller and the Powerboat Regatta Chairman is Brian Moyer from Monroe Boat Club. In 2019, the I-LYA Spring and Fall meetings will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Westlake, Ohio. All I-LYA club members are encouraged to attend the meetings to help in the planning of this year's Regattas. You might mark your calendar for 2019 with the following important I -LYA dates: Spring Meeting, April 5-6 at the Doubletree Hotel, Westlake, OH.; Jr. Sail Regatta, July 14-18; Sr. Sail Regatta, Aug. 1-4; Powerboat Regatta, August 7-11; and Fall Meeting, December 6-8 at the Doubletree Hotel, Westlake, OH.

Our first meeting of the year to plan the Sail Regatta will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Sandusky Yacht Club. Please contact Bill Pribe or check the website for more information as we are planning to also host a call-in number for that meeting. It takes a village to run a Regatta, so please think about how you can help and contact us to volunteer!

Please remember that the I-LYA News welcomes submissions from member clubs. These can be about your club, a special award the club or an individual there earned, or a special event the club is planning that it would like to invite area clubs to attend. You can send articles to <u>ilyanewsletter@gmail.com</u>. Don't forget to sign up to receive the I-LYA News at <u>www.i-lya.org</u>! Our Association's strength comes from the many, many volunteers who make it great. It truly is a team effort and I thank you for your continued support! See you at the Boat Show!

More information can be found on the website at www. I-LYA.org and feel free to email me anytime at <u>2019@I-LYA.org</u> or call at 330-328-5470.



### Vice Commodore's Corner...Steven Hyder



Happy Near Year from the Mid-Ship! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Happy New Year! First Congratulations to our Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus and Past Commodore Dennis, Rear Commodore Captain Bob Lang and Lady Bobbi, along with our newly elected Trustees and President, John Dalessandro.

Pam and I are looking forward to another great year with ILYA. Last year I was in the learning mode and now we are ready to start making plans for 2020. We appreciate all the help and excitement that this organization will bring.

2019 is shaping up to be another great year. I know our Commodore is hard at work planning all the events she has upcoming and Pam and I are here to assist in any way we can. First off is the boat show. This is always a very challenging time to find all the help needed to put together a great show. Pam and I will be there as much as we can. With work load and my upcoming knee surgery, it may be a little tougher this

year for us.

Then of course the Spring Meeting, where we will be making plans for the 2019 Summer Regattas!! All the committees are hard at work (already) making plans for fun times in the Sun.

I hope Commodore Powers and Lady Kathy left us some nice weather from last year to take full advantage of!

In closing, congratulations Commodore Powers and Lady Kathy on a very successful ILYA YEAR!! The information you shared was invaluable and your leadership was impeccable. As always if you need anything just call! Steve and Lady Pam 2019 Vice Commodore

### Rear Commodore's Corner...Bob Lang



WOW; Rear Commodore of I-LYA. I've thought about this for some time and now its finally a reality. Its just starting to sink in and for me, well this is a big deal. I want to thank all of you for your support and best wishes. From the bottom of my heart, I will do my very best to uphold the ideals, goals and traditions of I-LYA. I'm looking forward to working with Cindy and Steve to make 2019 a grand year for our commodore and I-LYA.

I don't have a lot to report on for this article, but as we move through the year I'm sure I'll have a lot more to say. Before I forget, I heard that the master of ceremonies at PC/ Mike Powers Ball was magnificent. To bad for those of you who missed out, I heard it was over the top and out of the park. Singing, dancing girls, jokes and just a great roast of then Commodore Mike Powers; but wait; I hear he is the MC for Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus. I can't wait to hear what he has in store for us next December.

Well that's all I have for now, except one last note; I've got to thank my beautiful wife Bobbi for her support and we both want to wish everyone a Very Happy New Year. We're both excited to be a part of this fine organization and look forward to seeing and talking with all of you as we move though this next year and beyond. If you need to get in touch with me, don't hesitate to call my cell 313-938-8414 or send me an email <u>bob@encoeng.com</u> See you at the Cleveland Boat Show and thanks again for all your support. Captain Bob - Rear Commodore

The dates for I-LYA meetings and regattas in 2019 are as follows:			
Spring Meeting April 5-6 Doubletree Hotel, Westlake, OH.	OH. • Powerboat Week August 7 – 11 Put-In-Bay, Ohio		
• Junior Championship July 14 – 18 Put-In-Bay, Ohio	• Fall Meeting December 6-8 Doubletree Hotel,		
• Sail Regatta August 1 – 4 Put-In-Bay, Ohio	Westlake, OH.		



Captain Bob here. Not much to report on from the Fall meeting. Thanks went out to all those who helped at the Regatta. One important item we discussed was the interaction between the Junior Power and Junior Sail regattas. In that regard, we're looking at ways to improve the interaction between these two regattas. The first order of business would be to look for candidates from the Junior Power regatta interested in attending 2019 Junior Sail Regatta. So; lets take a look at some our Junior Power boaters and submit their names to me before the Spring meeting in April.

As I mentioned in the last article, the hand held GPS's used at last years regatta were a great success. We not only used them during the On-The-Water contests but also during the Geo-Guest

contest which is open to all juniors attending the regatta. At our 2018 Regatta we had a total of 26 juniors registered and 14 took part in the On-The-Water events and competed for Scholarship awards. CONGRATULATIONS to all our top finishers, you all did a great job and you should be proud of your accomplishments.

Over the years we have had several juniors who have consistently taken part in the activities offered at the Junior Power regatta. And for those who have aged out of the Junior Powerboat program, I would say, come on, take the next step and get involved. You're the next generation to take charge of this program and I would like to hear your thoughts on how to improve our regatta. It's not only about improving the regatta, but more importantly, how to get more juniors involved.

That's all for now, send me your ideas and thoughts on how to improve and increase our numbers.

Captain Bob; 313-938-8414 bob@encoeng.com





We are looking forward to being chairpersons for 2019 Junior Bay Week. We have already started planning what we hope to be an amazing event. This is a special regatta and there truly is no event like it in the United States. We are excited to announce a more comprehensive safety plan, both on and off the water showing our commitment to our junior sailors. Get ready for fun competition and some great off the water events in 2019!

Parents, please keep in mind when reserving your housing and docks, the week is July 14-18, a week earlier than in past years. The racing schedule will fol-

low last year's format, including a fleet split and concluding on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Competitors, if you are planning to sail Jr. Bay Week, get prepared for the Travelers Series. Sail in several events and participate in any clinics you can so you are ready for 4 days of sailing at the Bay. Stay tuned for more information, including new online registration!

Kate Keane and Liz Barker ( <u>k8keane@gmail.com</u> & <u>barkerlakes@me.com</u>)



The Holidays are over. It is January and time to start thinking about the 126th I-LYA Bayweek Regatta at Put in Bay, August 2, 3 & 4, 2019. As the Sail Committee Chair this year, the goal is to build on the improvements that were made for last year's regatta. Doug Seib will again be the Race Chair, Connie Miller will again be the Sail Party Chair and John Dalessandro be Dock Master. Having consistency year to year for the regatta is one of our goals. Having Doug, Connie and John on board goes a long way toward that goal. We have the same PRO's this year. Mike Vining back for this year on the PHRF course, Commodore Steve Harris is back on the One Design Centerboard course and we will again have Geoff Endris for the JAM and Cruising class on the Island Course. I-LYA has Mount Gay Rum and Tito's Vodka back as sponsors this year, so plan on a Mount Gay Rum Party Night and a Tito's Vodka Party night again this year.

Having Doug, Connie, John, Mike, Steve, Geoff and myself as chairs and PRO's for the 126th Regatta is the base and a start. We can not put this regatta on by ourselves. We have had many people that have helped I-LYA over the years at the Regatta and looking forward to working together with them again this year but that is not enough. If we are going to continue to improve and grow the I-LYA Bayweek Regatta we need to grow the number of support people that make the regatta the great event that it has been for 126 years. We need people to help out in every aspect of the regatta starting now with the planning and ending with successful 126th I-LYA Bayweek Regatta.

There will be a Sail Regatta planning meeting every month. We will have our first meeting at the Sandusky Yacht Club on January 30, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Please come and join the group. For more information contact Bill Pribe, Doug Seib or Connie Miller at <u>sailregatta@i-lya.org</u>.

### Notes from your 2019 Powerboat Regatta Chairman

Plans are underway for the 2019 ILYA Powerboat Regatta to be held August 7-10 2019. We will be holding our first meeting soon. The location and time to be determined. We are excited to see so many of last year's event chairs stepping up to help make this once again a fabulous success!! If you are available to help out at the Cleveland Boat Show, Commodore Cindy Mintus is looking for your assistance!

At this point, we do not have much to report. As plans come together we will get that information out to you. Thank you for the trust you've placed in me. As your 2019 Power Chairman, I promise to work hard making our event a smashing success! Please feel free to contact me with your ideas and suggestions.

2019 Powerboat Chair Brian Moyer & Lady Lori Monroe Boat Club Cell 734-777-6093 email brian@moyerwelding.com

Deadline for articles	3	Draft to the Bridge	Publication Date
Boat Show Issue	12/21/18	12/31/18	1/4/19
Spring Meeting	2/18/19	2/22/19	3/1/19
Launch	4/30/19	5/6/19	5/11/19
Regattas	6/11/19	6/18/19	6/25/19
Results Issue	8/22/19	8/30/19	9/10/19
Fall Meeting	10/21/19	10/25/19	10/30/19
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# Yachtsmen's Fund History Highlight #2

To highlight the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Inter-Lake Yachtsman's Fund, we continue with our series this month, highlighting interesting people and events that have been a prominent part of ILYA throughout the years. This month, we recognize and honor Mr. Clay Mock, prominent Cleveland area attorney and former ILYA Commodore, who served as President of the Yachtsman's Fund from the 1970's until he stepped down from that role last year.

Clay took over the reigns of the Fund in the mid-1970's, at a time when the Fund was in disarray; the endowment was shrinking, donations were down, and the mission of the Fund was unclear. Under Clay's astute leadership, the ILYF regained its footing, and once again rose to prominence and a place of importance in the ILYA arena.

His knowledge of finance and shrewd investment decisions allowed the Fund to more than triple its endowment during his tenure as President, and protected Fund assets from catastrophic losses during the recessions of 1987 and 2008. He also served as a mentor to countless ILYF Trustees throughout the years, giving guidance and advice to keep the fund moving in the right direction, and reminding Fund members when needed as to the mission of the Fund.

His Fund report was always a highlight of the general membership meeting, both spring and fall, where he would regale the membership with his entertaining stories in addition to his report of fund progress and activity.

In addition to his leadership with the Fund, Clay was a prominent sailor in the Cleveland area, served as both a race officer and judge at regional and national events, and would always look forward to his annual trek to the Colorado ski slopes immediately following the ILYA fall meeting.

We in ILYA salute you, Mr. Clay Mock, and thank you for your service. The Yachtsman's Fund would not play the prominent role it does today with out your guidance and leadership throughout the years.



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As we celebrate the holidays and begin a New Year, The Yachtsmen's Fund is thankful for our members and supporters, both new and old. We kicked off our Centennial Campaign at the fall meeting and the only thing sweeter than the desserts was the opportunity to connect with so many wonderful people. If you missed our Hospitality Room, be sure to check out our website at www.yachtsmensfund.org where you can view our 2018 year-inreview slide show, past I-LYA Spotlight articles, and online giving options.

#### In 2018...

Memorial Donations were received in Memory of: Denny Dieball • Sue Harris • Leo Durocher • Bill Wells • Mary Wells Scholarships totalling \$2,900 were redeemed by students attending the following schools: Temple University • Eastern Michigan University • Salve Regina University of Akron • University of Findley • Arizona State University

#### Grants totalling \$24,896 were awarded...

to organizations and individuals to support travel, training, coaching, and the hosting of and participation at various national level events and the I-LYA Junior Power and Sail Regattas.

#### In 2019...

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