



Inter-Lake Yachting Association

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COMMODORE'S REPORT



WOW! Here we are 2021, a new year and as I write this article, good news on the horizon. A vaccine for Covid-19 has been approved and let's hope distribution is quick and easy so we can get back to normal. I want to thank last year's Commodore Steve Hyder and his Lady Pam for the leadership he provided this organization during a year of uncertainty and disappointment, quite honestly, I don't know of anyone else in the organization who could have done a better job. Thank you Steve.

We're not out of the woods yet, but we're awfully close, so stay safe, wear a mask and get the vaccine as soon as possible, let's get this behind us. Okay, enough of that, let's look ahead and see what's in store for us on the 2021 calendar. Many of you typically volunteer to man our Boat Show booth, however, the Cleveland show as well as the Detroit show were both cancelled. I had high hopes of I-LYA involvement in both shows this year, oh well, we'll work on it next year.

Before I get into the calendar, I want to congratulate our newly elected I-LYA Bridge officers; Vice Commodore Mike Fishbaugh and his Lady Kara along with Rear Commodore Lloyd Bogue and his Lady Rhonda. Also, congratulations to newly elected Trustees; Al Antoine, John Dalessandro and Rich McKee who will join current serving trustees; Connie Miller, Arne Hansen, Scott Kneisel, Dale Vanderford and Bruce Sattler. John Dalessandro will serve once again as President of the Trustees and Vice President will be Connie Miller. Congratulations to all, I'm looking forward to working with you in '21.

Unfortunately, we were unable to have our Fall meeting, but the committees were able to meet via "zoom" and we are well on our way to organizing our Regattas for '21. The Junior Bay and Senior Sail Regattas are a bit of a mystery to me since I'm really a powerboat guy, but we have some great talent heading these regattas and already engaged in planning, so I'm not really worried. We'll get it done, and we're going to have a GREAT time in '21. With that said, I want to be sure everyone has their calendars marked with these IMPORTANT DATES: Spring Meeting; March 26-28 at the Sheraton in Romulus MI; Jr Sail Regatta July 18-22; Sr. Sail Regatta July 30 – August 1; Sr & Jr Powerboat Regatta August 4-8; and the Fall Meeting December 3-5 at the Sheraton in Romulus, MI. Please mark your calendars, Bobbi and I are looking forward to seeing you.

With a new year comes new appointments and I think I have all my appointments in line and squared away, I hope I didn't forget something. Before I close, I want to thank all those who made it possible for me to move into this position as Commodore of I-LYA. It is something I have looked forward to for quite some time. A special thanks to my BEST GIRL and partner of 54 years Bobbi; she will keep me on the straight and narrow. The two of us are looking forward to a GREAT year in '21. It is truly an honor to be at the helm of I-LYA. I will do my very best to achieve the goals and carry on the rich history of this organization. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

Captain Bob



Vice Commodore's Corner...Michael Fishbaugh



Happy New Year! As we start 2021, I am looking forward to serving as Vice Commodore of I-LYA and working with a great team, Commodore Bob and Rear Commodore Lloyd. Congratulations to all who were elected and all the volunteers who continue to help and make I-LYA a great organization. As 2021 begins to unfold, I will be working on building my team for 2022 and getting everything lined up. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to me..

Typically, this issue is our Boat Show Issue, where we are all looking for a break from winter and looking at boats inside. We would all be typically working the I-LYA Booth and seeing many friends. Not surprisingly, our regional shows have been cancelled in person this year. The Cleveland Boat Show, however, is still a go this year, with a mix of online content and features at many dealers. So take a look at <http://www.clevelandboatshow.com>, register and check out the online content and visit a local dealer. Here's hoping we can all visit boat shows again in person in 2022.

Rear Commodore's Corner...Lloyd Bogue



Happy New Year to everyone! We are sure glad to be rid of 2020 and we are looking forward to a much better 2021. What an honor it is for me to be elected as your new Rear Commodore. Lady Rhonda and I will give this fine organization our normal 110% effort in all of our duties. I would like to thank everyone for their support and best wishes we have received through texts, phone calls and on Facebook since our election. I am looking forward to working with Commodore Lang and Vice Commodore Fishbaugh and the rest of our volunteers in the coming year. Spending the last 3 years on the trustees has taught me a lot about the inner workings of our organization with the help and the leadership from John Delassandro. Thanks John and the rest of the trustees for making this a great experience for me. Also, congrats on your re-election as our trustees president. I can't forget to congratulate

Connie Miller as our new VP too! I would also like to thank John Bedford for his tenure on the trustees and welcome our new trustees Rich McKee & Al Antoine. I would like to congratulate now Past Commodore Steve Hyder and Lady Pam on their year. They endured through a very difficult experience and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts for their leadership and guidance during these difficult days! Thank you for keeping our ship afloat.

Speaking of keeping things afloat, we would like to express our sincere sympathy to all of our boating friends who lost their boats in the Toledo Beach Marina fire in the early morning hours of December 5th. We are glad that only material things were lost and that no individuals were lost in this blaze. Kudos to the Fire departments from the surrounding area for doing a spectacular job in extinguishing the blaze, but also in saving many more boats that could have been destroyed.

Our thanks go out to PC Steve Harris and trustee Connie Miller for all of their hard work in getting us set up for voting, etc. for the fall meeting. It was a lot of work for both of them! It looks like our days of "Zoom" meetings are here to stay, at least for the near future. With the pandemic still raging out of control in our states of Michigan & Ohio it is the safest option for all. Many of our committees are staying safe and are using this format to do their committee work. Thank goodness they have this option. As Commodore Lang continues to plan for our Spring Meeting March 25,26,& 27,of 2021 we continue to look over our shoulder at this pandemic that is breathing down our necks. So as of this writing we are not sure how this meeting will unfold. So stay tuned in to the I-LYA news for any updates. My phone is always on, so if you have concerns don't hesitate to call me at 440-812-4242.

Powerboat Regatta

The PB committee is looking forward to this year's regatta. After last year's pandemic nixed our fun at the Bay, we are looking ahead to a fantastic time in 2021. Work has already begun with our entire chairperson spots filled for the year. Yea! I would like to thank last year's chairman Dale Vanderford for all of his hard work planning and preparing and not knowing until right up to the end that the event would be cancelled. I would like also like to congratulate Dale on being selected as this year's "Skipper of the Year" Thanks again Dale!

As the pandemic continues to wreak havoc with our in person meetings we are in hopes that our spring meeting will come off without a hitch. I would like to congratulate & welcome our new PB committee treasurer Grant Rabideau of Catawba West Harbor Yacht Club. Welcome aboard Grant! It may be necessary for us to do another zoom committee meeting between now and the spring meeting, so standby and watch for an email. Watch for the I-LYA News for the details of the March 26-28th meeting. Also get those vacation dates submitted to your boss to join us at the Bay on **August 4-8th** for this year's fun and frolic!

Be safe—Be smart!! Lloyd Bogue—Powerboat Chair

Junior Bay Week Championship

I am looking forward to being chairperson for Junior Bay Week in 2021. We had a successful turn out for the fall meeting via ZOOM and plans are underway for what I hope will be a return to normal this year.

We will have our fun, amazing and competitive regatta Sunday, July 18th to Thursday July 22nd. Parents, please keep in mind when reserving your housing and docks that the racing schedule will follow 2019's format with racing concluding on Thursday the 22nd and competitors checking out early Thursday morning.

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 full days of sailing at the Bay. Stay tuned for more information, including online registration!

Mike FitzGibbon (Ilyajrchamps@gmail.com)

Sail Regatta

Planning for the 2021 I-LYA Bayweek started back in October. Last year's regatta wasn't exactly what we planned for but we did get a regatta in. Connie Miller, Doug Seib and myself will be heading up the regatta again this year. We have learned quite a bit from all the planning last year and will put that knowledge to good use this year, concentrating more of our efforts towards the "On the Water" part of the regatta and giving the sailors more free time when onshore. More details in the spring.

Doug Seib has been working with the Hobie Waves and they will hold their 2021 Hobie Waves National Championship in conjunction with this year's Bayweek. Returning this year for Lake Erie is the PHRF Lake Erie Championship Series that Bayweek will be a big part of. The intersectional racing committee will be discussing an overall PHRF championship and other racing topics for I-LYA will meet at the Sail Committee Meeting.

Our next Zoom Sail Committee will be on Thursday January 28th. If you are interested in joining the Sail Committee please email me and we will send you a link to the meeting. wpribe@gmail.com. Stay safe and hope for an early spring.



Inter-Lake Yachting
Association

SAVE THE DATE

Diamond Jack Dinner Cruise

A Fundraiser in support of

2021 I-LYA Commodore Bob Lang & Lady Bobbi



Event Date: May 14th, 2021

Departure Time: 7:00pm (approximately)

Departure Point: Bishop Park, Wyandotte, Michigan

Cruise Duration: 3 Hours

Cost: TBD

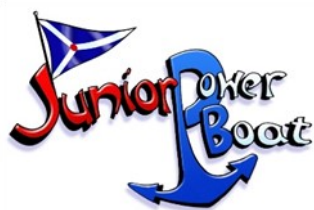
Dinner, Cash Bar, Music, 50/50 & Basket Raffles

Yachtsmen's Fund

Happy New Year from the trustees of the Yachtsmen's Fund. We wish all a healthy and prosperous year, sprinkled in with sailing, powerboating and educational opportunities.

At this point we do not know what this year will look like for boating opportunities, but trust that we are here to support and promote events and grants both on and off the water.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us individually or on our website : www.yachtsmensfund.org. Cheers to hopefully seeing each other in person in 2021.



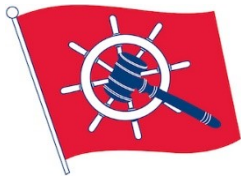
Captain Bob here. I hope you all had a great Holiday, but now it's time to start planning for the 2021 boating season and our Regattas. Unfortunately, we were unable to have a December meeting so let's stay home and stay safe for now. We are planning to have a Spring meeting the last weekend in March (March 26-28, 2021) at the Sheraton in Romulus Michigan. So, mark your calendars. There has been a great deal of discussion on how to generate more interest in our Junior

Powerboat Regatta. One of the ideas from last year was to have a poster and pamphlets available for distribution at the Cleveland Boat Show. Unfortunately, no boat shows in 2021. These posters and pamphlets were made up and are available to clubs, in fact they were distributed to several clubs early last year. The posters provide some very basic information and a lot of great pictures of all the fun activities. There is still a lot of room for improvement. The biggest challenge is getting new Juniors involved in the Junior Powerboat Regatta. The regatta has grown over the past several years, but 2019 (our last regatta) had disappointing attendance and the fact that we had to cancel 2020 Regatta didn't help much. Let's see if we can motivate more juniors to participate in 2021 and beyond. In fact, if you want me to put on a presentation at your club, I would be happy to do so. Just give me a call.

Over the years we have had several juniors who have consistently taken part in the activities offered at the Junior Power regatta and many of you now find yourself nearing the end of your eligibility to participate in the Junior Powerboat Regatta. For those Juniors who have aged out, I invite you to take the next step and get involved by helping out at the regatta, judging, or grading our junior contestants. You all are the next generation to take charge of this program and I would like to get you involved and hear your thoughts on how to improve our regatta.

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

Captain Bob; 313-938-8414; CaptainBobLang@OutLook.com



International Order of the Blue Gavel

The Association of Past Commodores

My name is Kathryn McCarthy, and I was honored to be sworn in as the 2021 President of IOBG-D7. We held our Change of Watch Ceremony back in October at my home club, River's Edge Yacht Club in Fairport Harbor. I am pleased to have a great team of officers working with me.

Mark Cain – AKMYC – President Elect

John Sukis – EWYC – Treasurer

Joe Toth – REYC – First Vice President

Warren Dempster – WCYC – Secretary

Ron White – CLYC – District Director

All our area Vice Presidents

I would like to first congratulate I-LYA Commodore Bob Lang, Vice President Mike Fishbaugh, and Rear Commodore Lloyd Bogue and the remaining I-LYA Officers who were sworn in for 2021. I wish you all the best and hope you have a successful year. IOBG is an International Organization of Past Commodores. We are governed by Local Chapters, Regional Districts, and an International Board of Directors (each District is represented on the board). District 7 encompasses the area East of the Sandusky Bay to Erie, PA.

The mission of the International Order of Blue Gavel is to recognize Past Commodores of the international yachting community and to unite them in order to promote the highest ideals of yachting and preserve its customs and traditions through social, educational and humanitarian programs. We are proven leaders and innovative problem solvers. Membership is by invitation. As members, we associate with past commodores for worthwhile yachting activities worldwide; help preserve yachting traditions, custom, ethics and etiquette; encourage, promote and develop knowledgeable yachting persons; and enjoy expanded reciprocal privileges with yacht clubs worldwide.

We meet locally, nationally and internationally in the true spirit of camaraderie as Past Commodores, share information related to recreational boating for our areas, officiate at special functions and ceremonies, recognize outstanding service to recreational yachting, and support the activities of local yacht clubs.

Spouses of the IOBG members can belong to the IOBG Auxiliary, which works to support the IOBG in its endeavors, has its own Officers, Insignia and Bylaws, works to promote camaraderie at all levels, raises funds for the Humanitarian Foundation and other charities, and is an integral part of the success of the IOBG Chapters and Districts.

With that being said, we interface with I-LYA, AYC, and the Greater Cleveland Boating Association. All these organizations have a common goal of promoting good yachtsmanship. District 7 has been in the lead for the highest membership attained for the last several years and it is my goal to maintain that record. I encourage any past commodores in our District to join our membership. As a past commodore, you have earned that privilege.

With the pandemic of 2020, all these organizations have had to cancel most of their activities and had to get very creative with trying to conduct their normal order of operations via zoom meetings, etc. We are being hopeful that some form of normalcy can return in 2021.

The IOBGA is planning their annual Nautica Brunch Cruise on April 25th. They have the full boat reserved exclusively for their guests. Tickets are \$33.00 each and include a fabulous brunch and a three-hour cruise. Of course, everything will be subject to the State of Ohio mandates regarding Covid 19 at the time of the event. Fingers crossed!

In closing, I look forward to the opportunity of meeting many of you in the coming year. I wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, Holiday Season and Happy New Year. Respectfully submitted, Kathryn McCarthy -IOBG-D7 President



Inter-Lake Yachting Association

2021 Powerboat Regatta, Put-in-Bay, August 4th – 8th

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

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**Commodore Bob Lang and the 2021 Powerboat Regatta Committee
Thank you for your support of the 2021 I-LYA Powerboat Regatta!**

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



The Greater Cleveland Boating Association is a non-profit Ohio Chartered organization consisting of representatives from 39 boating and yachting clubs located on the south shore of Lake Erie in Ashtabula, Lake, Cuyahoga, Lorain, Erie Sandusky, and Ottawa counties. GCBA was founded in 1946 and celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. Delegates from member clubs attend monthly meetings at the various clubs.

GCBA is dedicated to the advancement of aquatic recreation in all forms. GCBA represents approximately 6000 club affiliated boat owners and family members. GCBA strives to be the eyes, ears and voice of this ever-growing group of people engaged in aquatic activities. GCBA has an active Political Action/ Advocacy team that works closely with other organizations with similar goals. In the past GCBA has advocated for its constituents' interests at the local, state and national levels.

GCBA is an active partner and supporter of ILYA. GCBA supports ILYA in participation at ILYA meetings and by hosting hospitality rooms at those events. A large number of GCBA members attend the annual ILYA Powerboat Regatta at Put-in Bay. Annually the GCBA contingent looks forward to the friendly competition by participating in the Sports Ashore program. This program helps connect GCBA with Associated Yacht Clubs, an organization representing clubs from the west end of Lake Erie. You will find many current and past officers of GCBA have or are serving as leaders in ILYA. GCBA greatly values its partnership with ILYA.

GCBA holds 3 large social events each year. A Bowling Tournament and dinner is held during January and February, a Summer Rendezvous takes place in June at the Huron Boat Basin, and the annual Commodore's Ball is held in November. More information about GCBA can be found at our website www.gcba.us

Respectfully submitted,

David Richards, 2021 Commander, GCBA



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