



Inter-Lake Yachting Association



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## COMMODORE'S REPORT



Greetings and Happy Spring! It's time to start thinking of getting ready for boating season and what better way to do that than to attend the I-LYA Spring Meeting! Please join us as we gather at the Doubletree Hotel in Westlake, Ohio on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> to plan the events for all three of our great Summer Regattas. Now is the time to take part in planning and to share your ideas to help make this the best Regatta series ever! We also need your help because the carrying out of all the activities that make our regatta's so great takes a lot of volunteer efforts and your help is much appreciated. We plan to bring back the Vendor Fair this year at the Spring and Fall Meetings, so please visit our vendors as their support is very important to our Regatta's.

The Annual Spring meeting of the Inter-Lake Yachting association is open to all members of our member clubs and you are welcome to participate in our meetings as well as have fun Friday and Saturday evenings at our Hospitality Suites and listen to great music and enjoy the comradery of your fellow boating friends! The Reservation information is included in this newsletter and is posted on the I-LYA website as well. The Meeting Agenda will be posted on the website once all information is finalized.

Dennis and I would like to thank all those that volunteered to assist us at the Greater Cleveland Mid-America Boat show and the AYC Hospitality Suite. The volunteers make I-LYA the great organization it is so thank you for your continued support! Also, a big thanks to the clubs for inviting us to attend their Commodore Ball. We are really enjoying meeting so many new people and telling them about I-LYA and how much fun they will have if they attend our meetings and come to the Bay!

We look forward to seeing everyone on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, stay warm, look for sunshine in everything you do and get those boats ready!

Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus

### 2019 I-LYA Meetings and Regattas

- **Spring Meeting** April 5-6 Doubletree Hotel, Westlake, 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, Westlake, OH.
- **Sail Regatta** August 1 – 4 Put-In-Bay, Ohio

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



Hope everyone is getting ready for some summer time fun. Right around the corner is our spring meeting and I know our bridge, committee chairs and members are getting ready to plan for a great 2019. The most challenging aspects of this awesome organization is met with great volunteers who step up and manage all of our events. I know I can't thank you enough for everything everyone does to must shine.

The Spring Meeting is a great place comradery and socialization. Fun to see our friends that we only get to see at I-LYA events. I hope many of you are able to make it. This spring it is in Westlake, OH on April 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. So come out enjoy a great relaxing Friday night and then roll up your sleeves for the Saturday meetings, which are extremely important as plan for the 2019 regatta season.

Have safe great Spring! Steve Hyder and Lady Pam



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



Well, here we are mid way through winter 2019 and heading for the Spring Meeting. Boy, that was some fun at last month's AYC weekend. Unfortunately, Bobbi and I were unable to attend the Ball but managed to touch base with many of you early on Saturday. Okay moving forward, lets talk about our Spring Meeting; lots of activity and planning has been going on behind the scenes and most of the regatta planning information will be discussed at the various committee meetings on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of April. The Spring meeting provides us the forum to discuss and plan the upcoming regattas. The annual regattas are the highlight of each boating season. Friendly competition with your fellow boaters, a chance to win a first place flag and trophy, and best of all the opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with old buddies. There are plenty of sub-committees that could use some help. The thing about regattas is that, we're always trying to improve and come up with new ideas and contests and social events that will bring us all together. So, if you have some ideas you would like to share, come on down to the Spring Meeting. Please take a look else

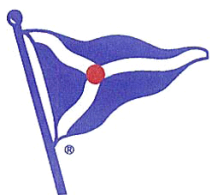
where in this issue for registration information on the Spring Meeting. For those who have not been to a Spring meeting lately, you should stop by and reconnect.

Ya know? We have about 143 clubs in the I-LYA organization and last year we only had 31 clubs represented at the power regatta and even less at the sail regatta. We really need to improve these numbers, so with that in mind I will begin a personal quest to visit as many member clubs as possible during my time on the bridge. My hope is that I can convince some of those who haven't been to our regattas in a while to make plans to attend either the sail or power regatta in the near future. There was a time back in the late 80's early 90's that we had 200 boats in attendance at the regatta. I sure would like to see that again.

The Cleveland Boat show was a lot of fun, first time attending for me. Funny thing happened, Saturday night it snowed like the dickens and on the way back to the hotel our shuttle driver got the van stuck. So, John Dalessandro and I had to get out and push, that part was not fun. I know in past years we have also had our booth at the Detroit Boat show, we should try doing that again. I think I'll look into that.

Okay, that's all for now, hope to see you at the Spring Meeting. If you want to talk, give me a call (313-938-8414), send me an email [bob@encoeng.com](mailto:bob@encoeng.com) or if you want to stop by the old garage and take a look at the latest project, that'll work too.

Captain Bob, Rear Commodore



**Inter-Lake Yachting Association**  
**2019 SPRING MEETING & BANQUET**  
**APRIL 5 AND 6, 2019**



**LOCATION: Double Tree By Hilton**  
**1100 Crocker Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145**  
**(440)871-6000 or 800-774-1500**

Please make your room reservation by March 23, 2019. The I-LYA room rate should be requested when making reservations (\$109 standard room per night plus taxes includes two breakfast buffets). Please call the hotel and ask for the in-house reservations to insure you get the I-LYA rate using code ILY. Or you can book online directly at:

[https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/C/CLECRDT-ILY-20190405/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/C/CLECRDT-ILY-20190405/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

Join us Friday Evening for Hospitality Rooms to socialize and network and Saturday for the Organizational Meetings to help plan for a Great 2019! Ladies Luncheon and Spring Banquet Saturday as well as the Spring I-LYA General Membership Meeting. You won't want to miss it!

**Ladies Luncheon Reservation - Saturday, April 6 at 12:00 noon**

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

**Cost (\$20 pp)** Menu: Choice: California Club\_\_\_\_ Ham and Brie Sandwich\_\_\_\_ Veggie Wrap\_\_\_\_  
Served with Pasta Salad and Fruit Cup  
Chocolate Mousse / Mimosa Cocktails / Coffee or Tea

**Spring Banquet and Awards Reservation - Saturday April 6, 2019**

Commodores and Officers: Blues/Grays Cocktails 5:30pm-6:30pm Cash Bar Dinner 7:00 p.m.

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

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice 1: Braised Short Ribs, *caramelized onion, natural pan jus* \_\_\_\_\_  
Choice 2: COQ AU VIN, *red wine braised breast of chicken, mushrooms and shallots* \_\_\_\_\_  
Choice 3: Vegetable Strudel w/ *goat cheese, Filo, tomato compote and balsamic glaze* \_\_\_\_\_

Includes: Garden Salad / Red Skin Mashed Potatoes / Broccoli with Herb Butter / Dinner Roll / New York Style Cheesecake / Coffee or Tea

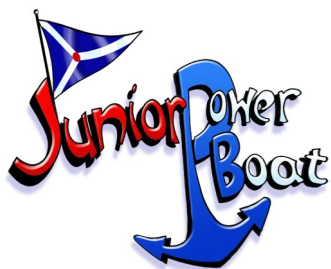
**\*\* Please let Lady Gail know of any food allergies \*\***

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost (\$55pp)**

TOTAL REMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline for Reservations is March 29, 2019

Send to: **Lady Gail McKee, 5584 Skipper Drive, Port Clinton OH 43452 (419)-797-0019**





Captain Bob here. In our last issue of the news, we talked about candidates from Junior power to participate in the Jr. Sail Regatta. So with that in mind, I'd like to hear from some of you as to who would be a good candidate. This is a great opportunity for interaction between Junior Sail and Junior Power. So; let's take a look at some of our Junior Power boaters and submit their names to me at the Spring meeting in April.

At last year's 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.

I'd like to see our program grow to the next level, with that said. I need your help, the help of juniors, the help of I-LYA delegates and the help from anyone interested. Let's invite juniors to the regatta and participate in the events. Don't forget, any Junior that participates in all the activities will receive \$20.00 back at the awards ceremony on Saturday.

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](mailto:bob@encoeng.com)



## Junior Bay Week News

For those of you who don't know us (yet!), we are continuing a family tradition as I-LYA Junior Bay Week Co-Chairs. Our grandfather, John H. Backus (VYC Comm. 1963), chaired Jr. Bay in 1963; our mothers, Susan Backus Starr and Gretchen Backus Loper co-chaired in 2001. We sailed as competitors in Jr. Bay from 1991 -1995 and are now looking forward to the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of our family coming up through the ranks.

Most junior sailors are just beginning to forge friendships that are sure to last a lifetime, as they have for ourselves and our families. We had family to follow in the racing world, but still didn't comprehend how much more the Great Lakes could offer. One of our goals for this year's event is to show the competitors the vast opportunities surrounding the sailing community and how they can stay involved after junior racing.

Throughout the week of the junior regatta, we are excited to host round table discussions about professional sailing, ice boating, recreational sailing, powerboating, jobs in the maritime industry and adventures throughout the world.

Plans for the 64<sup>th</sup> I-LYA Junior Regatta are well underway-- it takes a village to pull off this incredible event! The support we have received from the I-LYA Bridge, the Yachtsman's Fund and past volunteers is invaluable. Please reach out to us if you are interested in joining this village to help the tradition forge ahead.

Junior Bay will be hosted July 14-18, a week earlier than in past years; parents and volunteers, please keep that in mind when reserving your housing and dockage. The racing schedule will follow last year's format, including arrival on Sunday afternoon, a fleet split and departure late afternoon on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to meeting you at the I-LYA Spring Meeting,

Kate Keane and Liz Barker; [k8keane@gmail.com](mailto:k8keane@gmail.com); [barkerlakes@me.com](mailto:barkerlakes@me.com) If you think your own experience and knowledge in the boating world would be interesting to the kids, please get involved! Parents and volunteers, please keep in mind when reserving your housing and docks, the week is July 14-18, a week earlier than in past years. Along the way, through decades of I-LYA sailing, we have made life-long friends along the way and still remain close to many friends and families from decades of I-LYA sailing.



# Sail Regatta Notes

Bay Week is just 5 months away. The Sail Committee has been busy throughout the winter looking at ways to continue to make improvements for this year. The Notice of Race has been released and Registration is open on the I-LYA website and Yacht Scoring. Now is also the time to make lodging reservations as the rooms at the Bay will be filling up soon. As you register, you will notice there has been an increase in the registration fees and a \$5.00 increase in the Social Package. This is the first increase in rates in at least four years. Our expenses for the docks have gone up significantly this year and we have to increase the registration fees accordingly. The Sail Regatta works on a budget that plans on a break even basis at the end of the regatta. Last year we ended the regatta with a loss. The Sail Committee is doing everything we can to keep within our budget and provide a top notch regatta experience for the competitors.

Supporting the Regatta with a Keg Sponsorship or sponsoring a set of class flags goes a long way to keeping the cost of the regatta reasonable. Sail Committee is always looking for people to help out. Sail Committee meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month 7:00 PM at Sandusky Yacht Club. If you wish to join us for dinner before the meeting be there at 6:00 PM. See you at the Bay.

2019 I-LYA Sail Chairman

## *A Note from your 2019 Powerboat Regatta Chairman*

The winter continues to make planning for boating tough, but it's time to make plans to come to the 2019 ILYA Power Regatta. We are planning now for a great week at Put-In-Bay. This year's Regatta is August 7 – August 10. We will have a Power Regatta Meeting at the Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 6th in Westlake. The meeting runs about an hour and we will be putting together much of the planning for this year. Everyone is welcome to attend and your input is greatly appreciated. We don't foresee any major changes this year, but we are always looking to improve. We will get registration information out soon. Hope to see you at the Spring Meeting and at PIB in August.

P/C Brian Moyer - 2019 Powerboat Chair

### Publication Deadlines

	<u>Deadline for articles</u>	<u>Draft to the Bridge</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
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



## TOLEDO YACHT CLUB 2019 INVITATIONAL MILLS TROPHY RACE

Wednesday, June 5.....2018 Awards Banquet

Thursday, June 6.....TYC Mills Party

**Friday, June 7.....Mills Trophy Race**

Saturday, June 8, Put-in-Bay Post Race Party

Sunday, June 9.....PIB Flag Awards

The Mills Trophy Race was initiated in 1907 at the Toledo Yacht Club and has been held nearly every year since that time. The Friday night race starts at the Toledo Harbor Light and ends at Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island. The Mills has long been recognized as a premier yacht racing event on Lake Erie, and is certainly one of the oldest as we celebrate the 112th anniversary of the first race. To all interested Mills Trophy racers – Registration for the 2019 Mills Trophy Race will again be on-line at [Yacht Scoring](#). The Sailing Instructions when posted on Yacht Scoring will have the final course diagrams and descriptions. There is a two tier entry fee schedule based on boat size and entry date (including paid registration).

This 96<sup>th</sup> running (the 100th Mills Race is in sight) is a credit to all of the participants, sponsors, and committee volunteers that have supported the Mills Trophy Race over the years. Please include the Mills Trophy Race on your racing or cruising schedule and join us at the historic Toledo Yacht Club (formed in 1865, 11th oldest in the US and 3rd oldest on the Great Lakes) as we continue this Great Lakes Legacy.





## A MESSAGE FROM THE YACHTSMEN'S FUND PRESIDENT...

Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early spring. I for one would like to hang my dry sail bag on that optimistic prediction!

**Annual Report:** The Yachtsmen's Fund first annual report is now available for viewing on our website at [www.yachtsmensfund.org](http://www.yachtsmensfund.org). It is a comprehensive look at our finances and investments, along with how monies were gifted in grant and scholarship form last year. While there, be sure to sign up to receive our newsletter.

**Annual Appeal and Centennial Campaign:** The yearly Dollar- per- Member Club mailing has been sent to each club. We are grateful for each and every Club membership and donation which allows us to continue to gift money to worthwhile sailing and boating endeavors. Our Centennial Campaign is well underway and will continue until the end of this year. We hope you will consider a donation to this or join the ranks by becoming a Life Member or annual member of the Yachtsmen's Fund.

**Grant Requests:** If you are planning on making a request from the Fund for our consideration at the Spring meeting, please forward to our Grant chairperson, Steve Harris, prior to the meeting.

Respectfully Yours, Monica D. Bloomstine

### Winter Sailing is a Win Win:

#### I-LYA Sailors Use Yachtsmen's Fund Challenge Grants to Stay Sharp

Jensen Beach, Florida –

The 2019 C420 Midwinters took place at the US Sailing Center Martin County (USSCMC) near Jensen Beach Florida, February 16-18. In early December 2018, the USSCMC also hosted US Sailing Junior Olympics for C420 teams. Both regattas were well-run, attracted top sailors and should be on the radar of all I-LYA C420 racers looking for wintertime warm weather sailing. Former Leatherlips sailor Ryan Clarke is the Sailing Director at USSCMC and he is happy to help in advance or when you get to sunny Florida. Ryan coordinates 100 volunteers for an event like Midwinters, stands ready for breakdowns, and lends a hand when needed.

The 103-boat fleet at the 2019 Club 420 Midwinters was made up of high school and college-aged sailors of not more than 22 years of age. The February event boasted 80 degree temperatures in warm water and a range of 6-18 knots of breeze over the three day regatta. The first two days were a qualifying round, where the fleet was divided into two and seeded by a formula. The final day was a medal round with 52 boats in a gold fleet and 51 boats sailing in silver.

Playing the shifts was key throughout Midwinters, in chop and wind similar to Lake Erie and our inland lakes. Day one brought shifty and puffy conditions throughout the racing, while the second day of the qualifying round started light but built for the final two races. The third day of medal racing started off light, but the filling sea breeze made for an exciting end to the event. I-LYA junior sailors Grace Squires and Michaela O'Donnell placed second in the silver fleet and brought home a trophy. It takes a village: and David Hein, now attending Jacksonville University, was on-hand for a practice the day before racing and coached the Ohio girls during the very competitive regatta.

The USSCMC has a great line-up of PROs keeping racing strong and fair. Launching from sandy beaches on the beautiful grounds of the USSCMC should be in the plans of your next va-gatta (VAcation- ReGATTA)!

Continued...



### Top 5 Gold Fleet

Boyd Bragg/ Ryan Wahba (Christchurch)  
Colleen O'Brien/ Michaela O'Brien (Bay Head YC)  
Jordan Bruce/ Andrea Reifkohl (CCS/AYC)  
Rayne Duff/ Savannah Young (St. Thomas YC) (top junior)  
Luke Arnone/ Nathan Smith (CCS/CYC)

### Top 5 Silver Fleet

Thomas Erisman/Griffin Pollis (Encinal YC)  
Grace Squires/Michaela O'Donnell (Hoover SC)  
Nat Edmonds/Isaiah Farr (Wianno YC)  
Lily Flack/Braedon Hansen (Mudratz)  
Daniel Erisman/Devon Kurisu (Encinal YC)



**US Sailing Center Martin County in Jensen Beach, Florida**



**Grace Squires and Michaela O'Donnell first around the windward mark in the silver fleet.**

### I-LYA Sailors at Orange Bowl

Orange Bowl was Sara and Annie Schumann's first C420 regatta and Annie's first regatta overall. Sara, who has been actively racing optis for years with the assistance of Yachtsmen's Fund Challenge Team Grants has experience in many national and international events. The weather and ocean sailing in Florida did not disappoint. It was blowing 25 the first two days which was exciting for a feather-weight team! The wind died down to 8-15 knots the last two days and the girls went 2, 1, 2, 7 and 3 to close out racing. They finished mid-fleet and 5th overall in the Silver Fleet. Proof that opti racing paid off for Sara and Annie, who focuses on lacrosse and field hockey, is a strong athlete who put her casual sailing background to good use. These twins from Cowan Lake Sailing Association are 10<sup>th</sup> graders at Indian Hills High School. We look forward to seeing them at some Traveler Series events this summer.



**Sisters, Sara and Annie Schumann, navigate big wind and salty water at Orange Bowl in Miami in December**

### Orange Bowl Challenge:

Vermillion sailor, AJ Kozaritz, attended Orange Bowl a few years ago, but wasn't happy with his performance. He asked to go back this Christmas and despite big winds, AJ started and finished every race with a best finish of 6<sup>th</sup> in the Laser Full fleet.

AJ requested and received a Yachtsmen's Fund Challenge Team Grant to help offset his travel expenses.







# Happy New Year! and Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!



*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](http://www.yachtsmensfund.org) where you can view our 2018 year-in-review slide show, past I-LYA Spotlight articles, and online giving options.*

## ***In 2018...***

*Memorial Donations were received in Memory of:*

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*Scholarships totalling \$2,900 were redeemed by students attending the following schools:*

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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...***

*Watch for an easy to access Annual Report and a new email newsletter.*

*Join now to be a part of our Centennial Celebration...*

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## ***Cruise the Great Lakes With Confidence...Cruise with the Great Lakes Cruising Club.***

If you cruise the Great Lakes, you may see a distinctive burgee with five interconnected chain links that form a complete circle. It identifies the boats' owners as members of the Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC). They proudly fly those burgees from the bow staffs of their power cruisers and from the spreaders of their sailboats.

GLCC members take their boats far and wide on North America's five Great Lakes and their tributaries. You can find them on the water from Duluth to Quebec, from Chicago to Buffalo, and from Toledo to Toronto. Some members are partial to the legendary North Channel, others prefer cruising the secluded wilderness of Lake Superior's North Shore, while many others just love to search for one more special harbor on their home lake.



The GLCC has more than 2,500 members and since 1934 GLCC those members have explored all of the lakes and their connecting tributaries. GLCC members count over 400 harbors as their home ports. Members keep an eye out for the distinctive GLCC burgee and offer a warm welcome whenever a visiting member comes into their harbor.



The GLCC was originally founded to share cruising information with its members. This sharing is still the club's core purpose and is largely accomplished through the club's *Log Book and Harbor Reports*. The *Harbor Reports* contain decades of detailed observations by members, who have personally visited the areas, anchorages, harbors or waterways described in the individual reports. The *Harbor Reports* — there are over 1,200 separate reports — are available through the GLCC's web site. Each harbor report is viewable, printable, and downloadable.

Unlike commercial products, GLCC *Harbor Reports* are constantly updated. They are maintained by members on the club's website, and all GLCC members are encouraged to contribute to these reports with their own real time observations. By making the *Harbor Reports* open to all members the GLCC is able to keep the reports accurate and up-to-date. GLCC members have been helping each other cruise the Great Lakes for 85 years. Being a GLCC member allows you to benefit from a large and diverse membership in both the U.S. and Canada. The collective experiences of the members of the GLCC on our vast inland seas also provide great material for boating discussions and storytelling. Many of these are shared at the club's rendezvous, rallies, cruises, dinners and other social events.



To learn more about the Great Lakes Cruising Club visit their website at [www.glcclub.com](http://www.glcclub.com).





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