



Inter-Lake Yachting Association

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COMMODORE'S REPORT



I want to thank everybody who attended our Spring Meeting. I know there were concerns regarding Covid, but we all did our part to practice social distancing. All things considered; we had good attendance and productive meetings.

The Spring meeting is that time of the year we acknowledge recipients of various Awards. This year was certainly no exception. Skipper of the Year was awarded to 2020 Power boat chair Dale Vanderford from DBBC. The Yacht Racing Union trophy was awarded top Bill Pribe from NCYC. We had two Commodores awards; Connie Miller from PIBYC and Dawn Lang Shoemaker from WRYCC. The Yachtsman of the Year award was given to Scott Kneisel from BVYC. The recipients of these awards have gone above and beyond to make I-LYA the great organization it is. Thank you to all for your continued hard work and dedication to I-LYA.

Oh, and for those who missed the dinner and Hyder's roast, well you missed a great performance, everyone laughed like crazy and enjoyed "Mr. Grumpy Steve" and his recall of Commodore Hyder's boating shenanigans over the years.

Well, here we are our "Launch Issue" of the I-LYA news, winter behind us and we're all thinking summer and boating. Although, the snow fall in late April didn't help preparations for launching our boats. But as I write this article, the weather is warming and boats are beginning to go in and we're all looking forward to a great Summer and Regatta season in 2021. Speaking of Regatta, our Sail and Power committees are continuing to meet every month to finalize plans for their respective Regattas. I'm pretty sure, you'll find information on these Regattas in the pages to follow.

Well, that's all for now. If you want to talk, give me a call or email me, better yet; stop by the Old Garage and take a look at the latest project. CaptainBobLang@OutLook.com



Vice Commodore's Corner...Michael Fishbaugh



Well spring is certainly here and we are all working on getting our boats in the water and start our boating seasons. As such, it is a great time to make plans for the summer. In this issue of I-LYA News, there is a TON of information on our events this summer! Also, please consider sponsoring a keg for one of our regattas!

New for 2021, I-LYA has finalized our new PHRF & JAM Championship Series to recognize the winning boats within I-LYA. This Championship will be a series score of events throughout the year within I-LYA. To encourage participation at the I-LYA Regatta, it will be a double counter. The NOR is now available for this event!

[2021 I-LYA PHRF & JAM CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES](#)

Rear Commodore's Corner...Lloyd Bogue



Wow, did Mother Nature ever fool us! She gave us one of the warmest Aprils on record and now she dumped 4" to 6" of snow on our boats. Hopefully everyone's boat will come out ok. As all of us are feverishly working to ready our boats for the spring launch season your committee people are continuing their work on planning and organizing for our summer regattas. Please thank them for all that they do, because without **great volunteers** such as these people our events could not happen. Our spring meeting came off without a hitch even after we moved it from Romulus Michigan to the Doubletree in Independence Ohio. Congratulations to Commodore Lang and his band of merry men & women for putting on a fantastic meeting. Also thanks to everyone who attended and for observing the State of

Ohio's regulations for such a gathering. I would like to extend my appreciation to both "AYC" Commodore Brown and Commander Richards of the "GCBA" for their organizations hosting hospitality rooms at the spring meeting. We appreciate your groups continued support. The hotel was very accommodating and our Saturday night dinner was fantastic. The highlight of the evening was the Commodores presentation of his awards. Congratulations to Dale, Connie, Dawn & Bill on receiving these much deserved awards. Commodore Lang also did a great standup comedy act in roasting Past Commodore Hyder, he had us rolling in aisles. He also presented Commodore Hyder and Lady Pam with their I-LYA pins. **Congratulations & thank you** once again to Steve & Pam for all of their leadership during these extreme times in 2020.

I have asked Commodore Payne & Commodore Mintus to submit their articles from their respective groups, National Boating Federation and the Boating Associations of Ohio. Please review these important reports of the issues at hand that affect our boating members. Thanks to both of them for their hard work on these committees. I would like to ask our clubs to include me in your mailing of their newsletters so that perhaps Lady Rhonda & I could enjoy one of your events. Please email me at lloydboque@windstream.net or hard copy me at P.O. Box 681 Geneva, Ohio 44041. Once again you can always contact me by phone at 440-812-4242. Here's to looking forward to another great summer of fun! We hope to see you very soon on the water or at the Bay!

I-LYA 128TH ADULT & JUNIOR POWER BOAT REGATTA PUT-IN-BAY, OHIO AUGUST 4-8, 2021

Come join all the fun! Bring the whole family!!

Kids are welcome and encouraged to join in!

All I-LYA Boaters are invited to join for some fun at the bay!

Dock at A&C Dock for only a \$2.05 ft.

Social Packages for adults on boats that are docked with I-LYA are \$50 per person, Those without boats are \$60 per person. Social Packages include all dinner meals Spaghetti, Steak or Chicken, Hot Dog Roast, and a dinner to be determined.

It also includes activities listed below for 4 days.

ADULT ACTIVITES

Power Boat Water Contests - Corn Hole Contest - Co-ed Volleyball & Softball

Putt Putt Golf - Golf Tournament*

Pub Crawl* - Mt. Gay Rum Party / Karaoke Party—Inflatable Boat Races

Beer Trailer—Ladies Tea*

Kayak Races & Tug of War on the water—Award Ceremony

KIDS 5-11 yrs. (Free)

Fishing Contest - Geo Quest - Putt Putt Golf

Movie Night

*Small fee may apply

Steak, Chicken. and Dinner meals are NOT included for kids or Jr's but may be purchased for a small fee.

JR. POWER 12-18yrs. (\$10)

SAFE Boating Seminar & Navigation Contest - Scholarship Opportunities

Fishing Contest & Geo Quest - Putt Putt Golf & Movie Night

Co-ed Softball, Volley Ball & Corn Hole - Kayak Races - Award Ceremony

2021 I-LYA – POWER BOAT SCHEDULE

ALL EVENT ATTENDEES MUST COMPLY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING & MASKS REQUIREMENTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF OHIO GUIDELINES. HAND SANITIZER STATIONS WILL BE PLACED THROUGHOUT THE EVENT AREAS

TUESDAY AUGUST 3, 2021

4:00PM- 7:00PM	Registration	PIBYC
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Spaghetti Dinner	PIBYC
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Power Boat Committee Meeting	PIBYC

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4, 2021

11:00am – 2:30pm	Registration	PIBYC
10:00am - 2:00pm	Power Boat Docking Contest	KEYS ON WATER
11:00am - 1:30pm	Power Boat Contest – Chicane / Flying Mile	ON WATER
12:00pm	Power Boat Regatta Begins – Docking Available	
1:00pm - 3:00pm	<u>JUNIOR</u> Putt-Putt Golf (all ages)	PERRY'S CAVE
3:00pm	Commodore's Welcome & Flag Raising Ceremony <i>*Summer Whites</i>	DERIVERA PARK
3:30pm	Commodore's Reception <i>*Summer Whites</i>	@KEYS
4:00pm - 8:00pm	Beer Trailer Open	PIBYC
4:30pm– 8:00 pm	Dinner –(RESERVATION REQUIRED)	PIBYC
6:30pm	Pub Crawl (EAT EARLY)	PIBYC

THURSDAY AUGUST 5, 2021

8:30am - 10:00am	Commodore's Coffee	"A" Dock
9:00am - 10:30am	<u>JUNIOR</u> Fishing Contest (all ages)	"A" Dock
10:00am– 12:00pm	Power Boat Contest – Docking / Chicane / Flying Mile	ON WATER
11:00am - 1:00pm	<u>JUNIOR</u> Geo-Quest Contest (all ages – meet by I-LYA trailer)	DERIVERA PARK
11:00am - 2:30pm	Predicted Log / Navigation Contest ** (Skippers meeting 9:00am at Memorial)**	ON WATER
2:30pm	Adult Inflatable Boat Races	PIBYC
4:00pm -9:30pm	Beer Trailer Open	PIBYC
4:00pm	Men's & Ladies Volleyball Games (15 years & older)	PIBYC
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Hot Dog Cookout	PIBYC
5:00pm	Weather Forecast Submission Deadline	PIBYC
5:00pm – 7:30pm	Cornhole Games (15years & older)	PIBYC
7:30pm - 9:30pm	<u>JUNIOR</u> Movies	PIBYC
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Mount Gay Rum Party	PIBYC

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2021 POWER BOAT SCHEDULE

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FRIDAY AUGUST 6, 2021

9:00am - 10:00am	Golf Tournament (Registration & Start)	**PRIZES**
	GOLF COURSE	
9:00am - 12:00pm	<u>JUNIOR</u> Powerboat Safe Boating Seminar (ages 12 – 18)	PIBYC
12:00pm - 3:00pm	Ladies Luncheon (Reservations Required)	PIBYC
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Smoker	
	PIBYC Pavilion	
2:00pm- 4:00pm	Kayak Races/Tug of War (15 & OLDER)	PIBYC
4:00pm – 5:00pm	<u>JUNIOR</u> Kayak Races (12-18)	PIBYC
5:00pm –8:00pm	Beer Trailer Open	PIBYC
6:00pm –8:00pm	Steak & Chicken Roast (Reservation Required)	
	PIBYC	
8:30pm	Putt-Putt Golf (Adults 18 +)	Perry's Cave

SATURDAY AUGUST 7, 2021

9:00am	<u>JUNIOR</u> Navigation Contest (ages 12 – 18)	OAK POINT
11:30am- 2:30pm	Softball Game (15 years & older)	BASEBALL FIELD
3:00pm - 4:00pm	IOBG Cocktail Party (Members & Officers) <i>*Summer Whites</i>	PIBYC
3:00pm - 9:00pm	Beer Trailer Open	PIBYC
5:00pm	Power Boat Awards Presentations	PIBYC
7:00pm – 9:00 pm	Party (KARAOKE NIGHT @ THE BAY)	PIBYC

SUNDAY AUGUST 8, 2021

11:00am	Power Boat Regatta Ends	
	<i>BOATS MUST CLEAR A -DOCK BY 3:00PM/ C-DOCK BY NOON OR PAY FOR EXTENDED DOCKAGE</i>	
11:00am	Commodore's Brunch <i>(By Invitation Only)</i>	TBD
3:00pm	Parade Assembly for Memorial Ceremony	PIBYC
3:30pm	Memorial Ceremony @ I-LYA Memorial <i>*Summer Whites</i>	DERIVERA
	PARK	

**** Summer Whites Include Long Pants & Covers****
(The basic Summer White uniform is white shirt, white long pants, white belt, white socks, white shoes, and white officer cap/cover)

The 2021 I-LYA Powerboat Committee and the Shuttle Transportation Chairperson Ms. Sharon Kneisel is asking for your assistance in donating to our transportation costs. All I-LYA affiliated clubs and individuals are welcome to participate. We are asking each club or individual that has participated in the past to consider donating \$80 towards this cost for 2021. If your club is not in the position to contribute at this level the committee will gladly accept any contribution they are willing to make. We transport a large number of your club members whether it's to A or C dock, the PIB Yacht Club, the Putt-Putt Golf Course , and of course to other I-LYA events. Many people are unable to walk long distances and this valuable service provides an efficient way to move our participants to the numerous events & activities.

Our Sponsors will be acknowledged on a banner at the event. Please make checks out to---- I-LYA 2021- and mail them to the powerboat Treasurer Grant Rabideau along with this form.

Name of Sponsor: _____

I-LYA 2021

Club Affiliation: _____

Grant Rabideau

Phone: _____

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Sylvania, Ohio 43560

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Lloyd Bogue, AYC lloydbogue@windstream.net 440-812-4242

Commodore Lang and the 2021 Powerboat Regatta Committee

Appreciates your Support !





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!

You can reach Grant at 419-360-1988

Number of kegs: _____ @ \$100.00 = _____

Sponsor set of Flags: _____ @ \$175.00 = _____

Commitment made by: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Commitment on behalf of: _____

(as it will appear on the banner)

Please make checks payable to: I-LYA 2021

Mail to: I-LYA 2021 - Grant Rabideau
5210 Kilburn
Sylvania, Oh 43560

**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.

Powerboat Regatta

First of all I want to say how excited I was to see so many people attend the spring powerboat committee meeting held on March 27th. It also tells me that people are ready to get going on the Summer of 2021! The powerboat committee had to elect a new treasurer at our meeting do to the resignation of Vice Chair Jon Langley. Kevin Stone of GLSBC was elected and will be a fantastic addition to the committee, Welcome aboard Kevin! Also thanks to Jon for serving our committee for the past 2 years and good luck at your new job. I would also like to thank Tony Blank (BVYC) & Grant Rabideau (CWHYC) for moving up in the chairs and for assisting me with putting on this event. Others that stepped up at our meeting were Scott & Josh Kniesel. They will be taking over the duties of the Jr. Powerboat events from longtime chairman Commodore Lang. Thanks guys for helping out with this very worthwhile program. So plan on registering your sons, daughters, and or your grandchildren for this program as these two will be planning plenty of wonderful events for them. Speaking of new people Jay & Denise Crum of MRYC will be taking over the Jr Movie night too!

We will be having a new event this year. Thanks to Tom Thanasiu for stepping up and chairing the Kayak Races & tug of war. These events have replaced the cardboard boat races that were eliminated a few years ago and will be held on Friday 8/6 @ 2:30pm. Tom is designing a great course that will surely entail a lot of laughter and great fun. So plan on enjoying this event along with the many others planned for the week at the Bay.

As always we have asked the clubs that are coming to the Bay to bring one of their clubs burgees so we can proudly display it at the end of "A" dock for everyone to see. This just enhances our presence at the Bay and on the docks. So don't forget to bring it! Lady Dawn tell us that registration should be open around May 1st New to this year's registration will also be the online keg, golf cart, & flag donation forms to make this process a little easier for you to donate. We **thank you** in advance for your contributions. With this help we will be able to meet our expenses. So watch for the I-LYA news for complete details and register early!

Whew, so much to say and so little space. We have something for everyone, whether you are a golfer, softball player, cornhole expert, navigation specialist, or a junior meteorologist we have it at the I-LYA **summer camp for adults** and kids alike. So come join in on the fun **August 4th -8th!**

WITH SO MUCH FUN, HOW CAN ANYONE NOT WANT TO JOIN US AT THE BAY FOR THIS YEARS POWERBOAT REGATTA



East against West in the 2020 Corn Hole Tournament.

West Team: Dave Patlin (BVYC), V/C LANG (WRYCC), Trustee Bogue (AYC), Dean Reamsnyder (stand-in for East Team HVYC)



Greetings. We have positive signs of life returning to near-normal with the Spring Meeting being held and well attended. Looking ahead to summer, the **Junior Power Regatta** is being planned. This regatta runs concurrently with the Powerboat Regatta held at Put-in-Bay on August 4 – 8, 2021. We are seeking curious boaters 12 - 18 years of age to participate.

The program consists of a safe boating seminar and use of a GPS; on-the-water events include compass reading and boat handling using inflatable boats under direct adult supervision. Results are scored with the opportunity to win a scholarship.

Unfortunately, attendance at this regatta has been declining in recent years. We are seeking a **minimum of 10 eligible juniors** to proceed with the event this year. So, if interested please register! If you or your club need more information, please contact me as I can send a flyer. Additional information will be available at i-lya.org and in the upcoming 2021 I-LYA yearbook.

Scott Kneisel, 734-516-0257 - scott.kneisel@bex.net

Junior Bay Week Championship

Hi Everyone. It is almost time for sailing season! The Juniors kick off the road to Bay Week on Saturday, June 5 at Buckeye Lake Yacht Club. I, for one, am excited to see the kids back on the water and competing in the great sport of sailing after a missed year in 2020.

As a reminder, the I-LYA Junior Sailing Championships at PIBYC will be Sunday, July 18 – Thursday, July 22. We arrive on the Island after noon on Sunday and leave the Island after awards on Thursday. Sailing is M-T-W and Thursday Morning. I am pleased to report that the 2019 Race committee f Overall PRO Steve Harris, Thistle/420 PRO Jamie Jones, and Laser PRO Geoff Endris will be returning. Also, Chief Judge Carol Robinson returns along with judges Rob Rowlands and Rob Overton.

Also, we will be bringing back the Code of Conduct Committee to ensure that infractions of the signed COC are dealt with in a uniform manner to determine the impact of the infraction on the junior sailor(s) eligibility to continue at the event.

Lastly, we are very cognizant of the pandemic and the unknowables of the recovery. We are planning for a full regatta with the standard format in terms of racing, competitor lodging, and on shore activities. However, we will be prepared for Covid-specific protocols in line with local and state mandates as they exist at the time of the event.

Make plans now for attending. And we are still looking for the support of volunteers and donors who can reach me at 440-336-1641 or ilyajrchamps@gmail.com.



Inter-Lake Yachting Association

**2021 Sail Regatta Sponsorship
July 29 to August 1 at Put-in-Bay**

The I-LYA Sail Regatta is a top-tier regatta with U.S. Sailing Certified Race Officers on three courses: one-design; PHRF; and JAM/Cruising. Three days of racing and nightly Awards provide an opportunity for sailors from all around Lake Erie to gather, compete, and socialize.

You, your boat, your sailing club, your company, your poker buddies, your golf foursome... all have an opportunity to be **recognized at the 2021 Sail Regatta** by sponsoring a keg, flags, or the event overall. Sponsors are crucial to the success of the event and will be acknowledged with a banner at the event daily awards ceremony and on the *I-LYA Bay Week* Facebook page.

To sponsor a keg or set of flags please complete your Event Purchase on Yacht Scoring OR complete and submit this form. Visit <https://i-lya.org/sponsorship/> for more information on other sponsorship opportunities.

Sponsorship Opportunity	Cost	Quantity	Total Amount
Keg of Beer	\$95.00		
Set of Flags	\$175.00		

Name:

_____ *as it will appear on banner*

Contact:

Email:

Make checks payable to I-LYA 2021 and mail to 28 Edgewater Square, Lakewood OH 44107.

Commodore Bob Lang and the 2021 Sail Regatta Committee thank you for your support!

Please contact Regatta Chair Bill Pribe at wpribe@gmail.com with other questions.

I-LYA 2021 SAIL REGATTA ***JULY 30 TO AUGUST 1***

The Sail Regatta Committee hopes that you're planning to join us for the 128th Bay Week Regatta at Put-in-Bay. Registration is open on Yachtscoring and we hope you've added us to your summer calendar. Bay Week shouldn't be missed for those of you competing for the **I-LYA 2021 PHRF Championship Series**.

If you'd like to get warmed up, consider **Deepwater Racing** to the island departing from Cleveland and Toledo or the **Steeplechase** race from Sandusky Bay! NOR will be posted by mid-May and these also count for the I-LYA PHRF Championships Series.

Once you get to the Bay, the Committee plans to offer four separate racecourses:

1. **PHRF** boats will be racing around the islands with possible Windward /Leeward races if time and conditions allow. The 2021 I-LYA Bay Week Regatta is also a double-counter towards the 2020 I-LYA PHRF Championship Series.
2. **JAM** fleet will do at least one island race per day with the possibility of a second race if time and conditions allow. **Cruising** fleet will do only one island race per day.
3. **Hobie Formula Wave National Championship** fleet will do multiple Triangle Windward Leeward races each day.
4. **Portsmouth** boats will do multiple Windward Leeward and possible Triangle Windward Leeward races each day.

We are pleased to have **Professional Race Officers** C Steve Harris, BLYC/ PIBYC; Geoff Endris ECSC; and **Judges** Ed Theisen, DYC; and Bobby Bennett, EYC to help us provide a quality competitive event.

The **2021 Bay Week NOR** is on Yacht Scoring. <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14390>. We regret that registration fees this year increased slightly due to changes in Village dockage rates, so we have made changes to activities ashore to control costs.

This year we are eliminating the paid party and nightly dinner. Instead we will have **FREE BEER** each evening during the Daily Awards and we are hopeful that **Mount Gay** will help support a rum party! PIBYC will be open and offer food for purchase each evening.

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

But, there really is no such thing as **Free Beer**. We cannot underestimate the value of sponsorship of the event. Please consider **sponsoring** a keg, a set of flags, or the event overall. You can even make your purchase online at Yachtscoring.com. Be sure to include how you want to be recognized – by your name, your boat, or even your business.

Help is always wanted! From pouring beer to serving on the race committee to sharing your boat for on the water race management or photos we are always looking for assistance. Let us know if you'd like to help or join the 2021 Regatta Committee. We look forward to seeing you this summer! Bill Pribe, Sail Regatta Chair



Inter-Lake Yachting
Association

Diamond Queen Dinner Cruise

A Fundraiser in support of

2021 I-LYA Commodore Bob Lang & Lady Bobbi



Event Date: May 14th, 2021

Departure Time: 7:00pm sharp (board 6:45pm)

Departure Point: Bishop Park, Wyandotte, Michigan

Cruise Duration: 3 Hours

Cost: \$35.00 per person

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



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Dawn Shoemaker
@Dawn-Shoemaker-3



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Purchase tickets cash, check (I-LYA
2021), PayPal or Venmo

Boating Associations of Ohio Report

ORC Proposed Amendments and Additions

Amendment to 1547.59 – changes the threshold for filing a collision report with ODNR from \$500 in damages to \$1,000 in damages.

Amendment to 1531.35 – Wildlife Boater Angler fund – deletes provision that not more than \$500,000 of the annual expenditure from the fund may be used to pay for equipment and personnel cost.

Budget line items of interest:

7086 725414 Waterways Improvement	\$6,193,671	\$6,193,671
7086 739401 Watercraft Operations	\$34,527,175	\$34,007,086
GRF 725505 Healthy Lake Erie Program	\$900,000	\$900,000
GRF 730321 Parks and Recreation	\$39,829,739	\$39,829,739
5120 725605 State Parks Operations	\$35,412,070	\$35,412,070
5140 725606 Lake Erie Shoreline	\$2,446,910	\$2,446,910
5TD0 725514 Park Maintenance	\$1,481,150	\$1,481,150
6H20 725681 H2Ohio	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
5P20 725634 Wildlife Boater Angler Administration	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000

Transportation Budget

The Transportation budget process is well underway. The bill is House Bill 74. 2 years ago, the transportation drew many headlines for the debate regarding the gas tax increase. The Governor did not ask for gas tax increase this time around. However, he did propose a revenue enhancement by way of some fee increases. The Governor also included an enhanced distracted driving proposal that would have made it a primary offense and increased penalties.

The bill proposed to increase the annual Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) additional registration fee as follows:

- From \$11 to \$21 for passenger vehicles, noncommercial vehicles, and nonapportioned commercial buses, trailers, and semitrailers;
- From \$30 to \$40 for nonapportioned commercial cars.

Members of the House Finance Committee objected to the fee increases. When the substitute version of the bill was accepted, both the fee increases and the distracted drive proposal were removed. The House went on to pass the bill by a vote of 87-8. The bill is now being considered in the Ohio Senate. The Senate substitute bill also left out the Governor's fee increases and distracted driving proposal. The Transportation budget must be finalized by the end of March.

Trailer Legislation

2 bills have been introduced regarding trailers.

House Bill 96, sponsored by Representative Derek Merrin, would allow for noncommercial trailers to be permanently registered. The fee for this permanent registration would be:

- Eight times the annual registration tax for a noncommercial trailer (which is determined by the weight of the trailer);
- Eight times the annual \$11 Bureau of Motor Vehicles fee;
- Eight times the amount of any local motor vehicle taxes (if applicable); and
- The \$5 deputy registrar/BMV service fee.

House Bill 97, sponsored by Representatives Jon Cross and Phil Plummer, would replace the annual \$25 registration tax for commercial trailers and semitrailers with a one-time \$50 registration tax.

HB 96 and HB 97 are both pending in the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee.

Reintroduction of Use Tax Legislation

Unfortunately, HB 419, LEMTA supported legislation regarding the applicability of the use tax on out-of-state customers, was not passed before the end of the last General Assembly. We did get very close when the provisions of HB 419 were amended into another bill. However, that also failed to cross the finishline during the lame duck session. Representative DJ Swearingen is expected to reintroduce the legislation in 2021.

Abandoned Boat Change Updates

ODNR is working to approve an updated affidavit to reflect the new abandoned boat process for those vessels under \$10,000. However, if you would like to utilize this new process, you can initiate the new steps to take. You can request the title search through ODNR, send any notice to the owner/lienholders, and do your appraisal. ODNR should have that new affidavit approved by the Director soon for you to take to the title office. ODNR has indicated that the new affidavit will basically be a check list directly from the legislation to make sure all of these conditions apply:

- The vessel has been left without permission and without a valid storage or repair agreement for 20 days;
- The property owner has sent proper notice to the vessel owner and any lienholders. The notice must be sent by certified mail;
- The vessel continues to remain unclaimed for an additional ten days after notice was received; and
- The property owner executes an affidavit with the clerk of courts affirming the proper requirements have been met to take title.

Dennis Mintus

2001 I-LYA Commodore

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National Boating Federation President's Report

This has been a trying year for ALL, not just for National Boating Federation! But we have faced one of the most prolific viral pandemics of our time, and will soon find it behind us, hopefully. Though too many have been affected, and, indeed, many have expired due to the virus, we have too many to thank to even begin an individual list. However, as a whole, our medical community, and all its various descriptive terms are THE real heroes, so they must be at the top of the list for gratitude.

The second acknowledgement is to our “necessary workers”, such as our farmers, truckers, food processors, food purveyors, grocery store workers, community food distributors, and so many more who have been relegated to sub-standard recognitions in the past. No more!

These workers, and many more, in conjunction with our medical community are the real reason we are in such high level of survival for what could have been an even more devastating loss of life than that that we have experienced. And those losses are too huge as they are!

I have several close friends who have lost family members, and many who have had the disease and survived, although not all are without long term ailments due to the virus.

Though we are National Boating Federation, we are also Americans, and are Americans FIRST! No American can say this loss of life; this loss of health, this loss of human interaction, loss of work, education and educational opportunities, recreational activities, and even familial interactions is good. We Americans tolerated these losses for the betterment of all, being told this would lead to “beating the virus”, and, by and large, we have seemingly accomplished that. Though we would like to be further into a recovery, the inoculations now appear to have us in good position to finally beat this virus.

Our boating community has suffered as well, over the past year, in that many couldn't get to our boats, some can't go anywhere if we do get to them because of isolation regulations. Others couldn't even launch. In the greater scheme of the medical trials many experienced, and, indeed, are experiencing, these may seem trivial, but they aren't to boaters!

National Boating Federation hasn't had many items to address this past year because the focus has all been on COVID-19, but as that focus is relieved, it is expected our impact will be needed once again. With that in mind, we need to engage all our Regular Members to also re-engage with their constituents and with us. There is nothing like TEAM effort to get something done, and, to address inequities, we must have that effort in force. We can't engage in efforts for boaters unless requested by a Regular Member organization, so we need your involvement in order to help you.

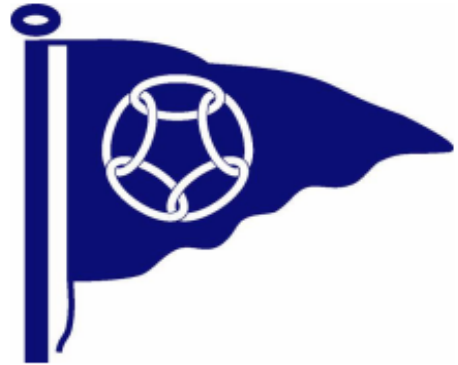
Please reach out to others in your area to join our organization, as we need members so we can remain the viable, respected, and energized organization you want us to be.

In closing, I implore all to observe the most rigorous health regulations so as to keep yourself safe, keep your family safe, and continue to move our great nation, and our avocation back to full operational status.

Be safe, healthy, and happy! Ed Payne - President, National Boating Federation

Looking Forward to an Almost Normal Summer

As we head into the summer of 2021, there is hope that it will turn out much, much better than the summer of 2020. Vaccinations are up, restrictions are lighter, water levels are down, regattas are scheduled and cruising is back. Just like all of us who love boating, we at the Great Lakes Cruising Club, an ILYA affiliate, are excited for summer and once again stretching our sea legs on our great Great Lakes.



With the borders closed for the foreseeable future, an invaluable tool for planning and actually taking a Great Lakes cruise are the *GLCC Harbor Reports*. Available to GLCC members, these *Harbor Reports* detail big cities, small towns, out of the way ports and anchorages all across our Great Lakes. *Harbor Reports* are the core of the GLCC and there are over 1,200 individual reports.

The GLCC was founded in 1934 and their *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* are available through the GLCC's website. Each harbor report is viewable, printable and downloadable.

Unlike commercial products, *GLCC Harbor Reports* are constantly updated. The *Harbor Reports* 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.

If you are thinking of stretching your Great Lakes cruising legs this summer be sure to check out the *GLCC Harbor Reports* before you go. You can do this by looking at the GLCC's website at www.glccclub.com. Many parts of the website are accessible to non-members and opening this link is a good way to get a feel for the wealth of knowledge you can gain from one of our *Harbor Reports*.

Inter-Lake Yachting Association Junior Powerboat Regatta

An Educational program for Juniors interested in Powerboats. Juniors 12 through 18 are eligible to participate. The program is to be initiated at the Club level with ongoing class studies, organized practical training and competitive events. All Juniors are invited to participate at the annual I-LYA Regatta to compete and match their Powerboat skills with other Juniors. Competitions include both academic and hands on.



Only those Juniors who are members of boat Clubs affiliated with I-LYA will be eligible to receive Scholarship Awards. **Scholarships** are based on the results from two days of competitions at the annual I-LYA Regatta.

General Knowledge and Seamanship, Charting and Course Plotting, GPS Navigation Competition, Weather contest
On-The-Water Contests (Using Motorized Inflatables)
 "Course A" Boat Handling
 "Course B" Compass Reading
 Docking
 Chicane
 Man Overboard

Yachtsmen's Fund Update

The Yachtsmen's Fund trustees held a hybrid spring meeting. It was exciting to consider grants and scholarships for an active boating season. We were happy to hear the budget proposal from the JBW chair and hear that the regatta will take place this summer. This was the last meeting for trustee John Popovich as he chose not to renew his term. We thank John for his years of service on the Board.

Please visit our website at www.yachtsmensfund.org if you wish to request a grant, donate or begin a life membership. Looking forward to this summer and seeing many of you in person! Wishing you fair winds and following seas,

Steve Harris, President YF

Training Grants Available in 2021

The Yachtsmen's Fund is committed to improving boating and sailing instruction and competition in the Lake Erie region by supporting instructor and race management training for those who plan to give back to the sport at the local level. We have created Training Grants to help offset the costs of such training. Complete details and online application are available on our website: <http://yachtsmensfund.org/yachtsmens-fund-training-grant/>

Challenge Team Grants Available for Those Who Travel to Compete

Award amounts are based on distance travelled. Any juniors travelling to compete this year to events like the Ida Lewis and Leiter Cup Clinics in Michigan or 420 North Americans should apply early for a Challenge Team Grant. We want to support those who represent I-LYA. Apply today: [Challenge Team \(Travel\) Grant](#).

Memorial Donations

The Yachtsmen's Fund recently received donations in memory of Leslie Hill. Leslie was extremely active in I-LYA junior sailing and will be missed.

2021 Membership Drive

When you donate to The Yachtsmen's Fund, you become a partner in our mission to educate, challenge, and inspire the next generation of boaters and sailors. Let's make 2021 a year to remember for all the right reasons. Two ways to give:

[Donate online today](#) using Paypal or your credit card.

Prefer to send a check? No need to print a form, just include a note and a phone number so we know how to record your donation and mail to:

The Yachtsmen's Fund
433 N Broad St.
Lancaster, OH 43130



YACHTSMEN'S FUND MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Life Members: Hank and Jan Wasilausky



Hank and Jan Wasilausky are retired and reside in Oregon, Ohio. They have four children and when they became empty nesters, decided to take up sailing. In 1998 they purchased their first sailboat, a 31-foot Cal sloop. Hank had been involved in boating since he was three years old, helping his dad launch a home-built craft on a small lake in Connecticut. Through the years he took boating safety classes through the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Power Squadron.

During the Viet Nam War, Hank joined the Navy. Always giving a little extra, he also trained and became an EOD-Diving officer. While on orders to an ammunition ship, he earned his qualifications as OOD and stood underway watches off the coast of Viet Nam for nearly a year. After separation from the Navy, he and his family vacationed on the Connecticut shore of Long Island

Sound swimming, boating, and sailing with his parents and brother's family. After moving to Ohio, he joined the Ohio Naval Militia for a few years.

Jan, born in Toledo, grew up and resided in Lambertville, Michigan. Having no prior boating experience, Hank urged Jan to take a Coast Guard Auxiliary BS&S course. Together they joined the Auxiliary, each holding various flotilla offices and actively involved in teaching boating safety to the public. Their classes involved students from 9 to 90 years old. As a team they participated in other Auxiliary activities including patrols on the vessels of other members, and under orders with their own sailing vessel and crew on Lake Erie along the shores of Davis Besse, Fermi, during tall ship events in Toledo, and the reenactment of the Battle of Lake Erie in 2013.

Both Jan and Hank are active members of Jolly Roger Sailing Club, serving in numerous capacities for over 22 years. Hank was Commodore in 2016 and 2017, and Jan is on her way to become Commodore for 2022. As Vice, she is overseeing Jolly's 75th Anniversary celebration this year. Club history will be made when she becomes the first female Commodore of JRSC.

By becoming Life Members of the I-LYA Yachtsmen's Fund, Hank and Jan hope to broaden support for the boating community. The Yachtsmen's Fund certainly welcomes their support, their commitment to boating education, and their leadership at Jolly Roger Sailing Club.



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