

Word from the Bridge, Commodore Skip Laird

The club is now open for the 2018 season though the weather has been a challenge. We got the club shipshape and ready for a new year with the participation of over 25 members, who gave of their time to make the club a better place for all. Thank you to the members who were able to attend the work day. I hope you had a nice time and enjoyed your day at the club and the wonderful lunch.

Moving forward: Thanks to Merritt Wichner for volunteering to oversee the Social Committee, and keeping up the calendar on our website and Facebook page for the many great events to come. We have a new club Historian as Bob Clover has resigned. Thanks to Bob for his many years of service in this capacity. Thanks to Judy Andrews for



Commodore Skip and Lady Laurie

accepting the position. We are in need of an Assistant House & Grounds Chair who would become the House and Grounds person next year. This is an essential function of the club and if you are interested in the position, please contact me.

I want to thank those that responded to my request for comments on the following topics:

- Wifi- There was not an overwhelming desire from the membership to have this service. So it was tabled for the time being.
- Docks- The board has passed the item to the Long Range Planning Committee to make recommendations on the installation of new lifts:
 - Should there be a standard for all new lifts installed on club docks?
 - O Who should bear the cost of new installations?
 - As of right now the member is responsible for all costs related to the lift and the club becomes the owner of all lift mechanisms installed <u>on</u> the docks.
 - Would ownership of free standing lifts purchased by the member remain the property of the member as they are not attached to the docks?
 - Should members be incentivized to install a lift, i.e. free dockage equal to all or a portion of the cost of lift mechanisms, it would still be the member's responsibility to fund the <u>new</u> lift parts and installation.
 - How will it be decided when an existing lift is no longer serviceable, as maintenance is the sole responsibility of the member user.
- Kayaks A committee was formed to explore the idea of extending the opportunity of letting Social/non-voting Members keep a Kayak on club grounds provided there is space available.
 - o The Committee is Barb Dillon, Cynthia Defibaugh, and Merritt Wichner
 - o It was decided that no action could be taken this season as a vote of the membership is required to allow a non-voting member to have a Kayak on site per club by-laws.
 - Several ideas will be reviewed regarding storage opportunities.
 - The committee's recommendations will be presented at the annual meeting.

Many thanks to those that have volunteered to take an active role in the operation of the club and its activities. Only through the generosity of our time do we make a difference. If you have a desire to participate further, please let me know and we will put your energies to good use. Thanks and I look forward to a great 2018.

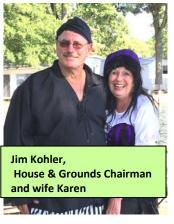
What to look for this month:

May 19 Session 1 Adult sailing class, May 20 Trustees Meeting, May 27 Interlake Streak Dinner And keep an eye on the facebook page as I am planning my first "Cocktails with the Commodore" It will be Moscow Mules of many interesting flavors. These events will come up on short notice and will be informal. I am planning it for after adult sailing on the 19th. More details to come, hope to see you there.

Cheers

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Club Opening, April 21















The ILYC is now open for your enjoyment.

Launch your boat and enjoy the club throughout the entire season.

Many thanks to all who helped and to those who prepared a hearty lunch











From the ILYC Webmaster, Cynthia Defibaugh

New Addition to the Website for Skipper without a Crew

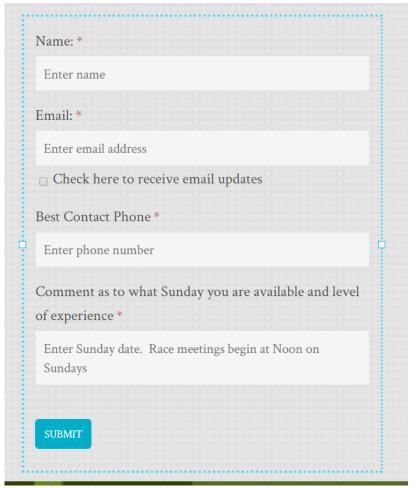
There are times skippers would like to race but find themselves without sufficient crew and must forego racing that Sunday. To remedy that situation, we talked at the last meeting about developing a system in which a list of members and even non-



members interested in crewing could be generated for the benefit of those skippers who find themselves "crewless."

For now, I have set up a form under the "Racing" tab, so that anyone wishing to be considered as crew may submit their name, level of sailing experience, and the dates they would be available for the benefit of crewless skippers. Skippers can then contact the potential crew member and make their own arrangements and discuss the details. Merritt Wichner is working with me on a way to incorporate this into Facebook for "real time" postings.

If the idea works well enough and the skippers like it, I will be making a "Crew" tab on the website to make it more noticable for the general public to use. This could generate more interest in sailing from the public and potential members who wish to race. For now, we can try it among the membership and see how it works. The list of potential crew members who sign up can be shared on the clubhouse bulletin board. If you like this, please let me know. If you see a way to improve it or



tweak it in some way, let me know that too. Your input is important. You can contact me by email at cynthia.defibaugh@gmail.com or call/text me at (937) 539-3442.

When you submit something for the website, please be specific in the details. Don't think everyone understands everything about the club. With new members just learning the ins-and-outs, it can be misleading when the information is vague. It is easy to do when you've been a long-time member. Please send information via email in the body of the email or as an MS Word document attachment so I can just "cut and paste" for easy transfer to the site. If you need a form placed on the website, you can send it in Word or .pdf format. Send pictures as a .jpg attachment, please. If you are not sure what all the formats mean, you can always send me an email at cynthia.defibaugh@gmail.com (also where you send your submission) or text/call me at (937) 539-3442. Together we can keep this a great website.

Dock Master Dan Graf, dcgraf@bright.net

Dock Assignment Requests

The following members have contacted me requesting a new dock assignment: Matt Cline, Geoff Rigney, Eric Jensen, Merritt Wichner, Tim Fate, Andrew Tudor, and Larry Corson. All requests must be sent to me by May 12 after which assignments will be made on a seniority basis. Remember the dock you are leaving must be in satisfactory condition prior to receiving a new assignment.

Dock Boards

A supply of dock boards has been delivered to the club and is located by the dumpster. Boards are available for members use to replace deteriorating boards. Nails are available in the locker room. If you wish to replace all dock boards on your pier, contact me and I will have a sufficient



Yarns editor, Dan Graf and wife, Marlene

supply delivered. Sometimes just turning the boards over will work. Traditionally a member is responsible for maintaining the pier on the starboard side of the boat.

Dock Repairs

Repairs to cradles, lift mechanisms, cables and dock boards are the responsibility of individual members. Please keep your dock in good operational and safe condition for all. If you have any questions, feel welcome to contact me.

Greetings from the Race Chairman, Pat Tynan

One design racing begins Sunday May 20. Have your boat in and ready to go. Skippers meeting at 12:30. Half-hour gun at 1:00. Complete race duty schedule can be found at the end of this newsletter for you to print. Here's some of the highlights.

May 20 - July 22 Windward Series July 29 - September 29 Leeward Series

I-20 Regatta and PRF racing June 24

Apple Pie Poker Run July 1

July 7-8 Interlake & Lightning Regatta

July 8 PRF racing

Sept 2 Stouder Thompson Handicap Race

Sept 14-16 I-20 National Regatta





Race Chairman, Pat Tynan, and wife, Jenny, Club Secretary

See you at the Lake Pat Tynan tynan1385@gmail.com questions, feel free to ask me.

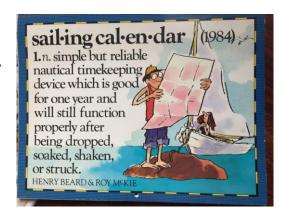
Importants Dates: Mark you calendars

May 19 Session 1 Adult sailing class

May 19 "Cocktails with the Commodore"

May 20 Trustees Meeting

May 27 Interlake Streak Dinner



Interlake Steak Dinner



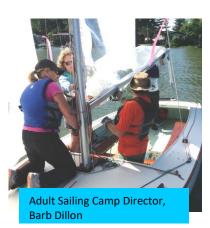
Memorial Day Weekend Sunday, May 27th 6:00 PM

The Interlake Fleet invites you to join in the first club dinner of the season! Dinner includes steak, boiled potatoes, salad, breadsticks & dessert. Enjoy a great dinner and catch up with your fellow sailors after a long winter!

Note: Complete 2018 Club Calendar and Race Duty Schedule are at end of this newsletter for you to print

Adult Sailing School 2018 Barb Dillon May 19, June 2, June 9 and June 30

The adult sailing program at ILYC is geared toward those who are new to sailing or want to improve their basic skills. The first session is held in the classroom where the sailing basics are covered through demonstration, video and discussion. The next 3 sessions are all about hands on experience. You will be paired with a skilled, experienced skipper who will provide on the water support & instruction. We use a



variety of sailboats belonging to members of the club. This allows students to experience different types of sailboats from one-design racing boats to cruising type sailboats.

- May 19th, June 2nd, 9th & 30th
- Saturday's 9:00 12:00
- Class size limited to 12
- Cost \$80 for members & \$120 for non-members
- Registration form can be printed from ILYC website under sailing instruction tab.
- Questions please email Barb Dillon <u>b3dillon@gmail.com</u>

Junior Sailing Camp Update, Jonathan Eckels

Once again, registration for the Junior Sailing Camp has reached the limit of 20 by late March. This has become a very popular program. Keep that in mind next year if someone you know wants to participate.



Jr. Sailing Camp Co-Director, Jonathan Eckels and wife. Jane

ILYC Membership from Barb Dillon at b3dillon@gmail.com

If you were a new member in 2017, please send the editor a photo of you, your family, and boat. Maybe all three in one pix. Feel welome to include a little article introducing yourself and family to the club membership. Tell something about how you became involved with sailing. Be sure to read the article from Geoff Rigney about his experiences. Submissions will be included in June Yachting Yarns. Deadline is May 15.



Membership Chairman, Barb Dillon and daughter Lauren

Interlake Boat For Sale & Membership Promotion

The Interlake Fleet has purchased its second Interlake to sell to a new member. The fleet was successful with this promotion last year in growing the fleet. Gwen and Brian Murray purchased Interlake 1285 and joined the club through the purchase/membership program that the Interlake Fleet has developed. The Murray's are looking forward to their second season at ILYC

This year's boat is in good condition and has just arrived at the club. In a few weeks it will be set up and ready for a new owner and club member. Take a look at it. It is sitting in front of the clubhouse. It is fully rigged with jib furler, flotation tanks, full cover and trailer.



Club Promotion Around The Lake

Pick up a copy of this year's Indian Lake Visitors Guide. The guide was produced by the Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce. Some copies are available in the clubhouse. Share with your friends. Put framed copies in your den.



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Please feel welcome to share your sailing stories for the next Yachting Yarns. Send your article and photos to Dan Graf. Deadlines are the 15th of the month.

Dan Graf dcgraf@bright.net

A great article submitted by new club member, Geoff Rigney

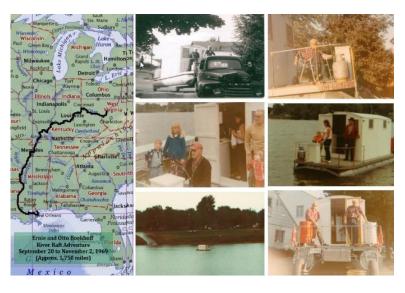
A Second Wind for Second Wind

Geoff Rigney

"Dreams never become a reality unless one plans for them" – Robin Lee Rose

A simple quote from a stranger was all the catalyst I needed to jump in with both feet and drag my wife Tracey along. I'm fortunate she's such a good sport and usually supportive of my many wild hairs. The quote wasn't even spoken directly to me. It was made to my daughter Anna, a server at Benny's Pizza in in Marysville, OH. Don and Robin just happened to come in and sit in Anna's section on her first day on the job. They struck up a fun conversation with her, which led to Robin giving Anna a copy of their book Living Aboard the Robin Lee, an extensive journal of their experience taking a three-year sabbatical cruising the ICW, Bahamas, Great Lakes, Mississippi and Tennessee Rivers, a.k.a. "The Great Loop Adventure" in the late nineteen eighties. Anna was excited to show me the 451-page book and tell me about the interesting people she had met. It's not every day you meet people who not only dreamed a great adventure, but planned it and did it too!





The book sat on Anna's night stand for a month before I borrowed it to have a look. Their story reminded me of a trip my grandfather and great uncle had taken from Pomeroy, Ohio to the Gulf of Mexico in a homebuilt raft (shanty boat) in 1969 when they were both nearly seventy years old. I like to think I inherited a bit of that adventurer gene. I've always had a passion for motorcycles, boats and planes. I've enjoyed them all at one time or another and I guess the sailboat flame was just ripe for the stoking.

Tracey grew up spending summers in the Chain of Lakes region near North Webster, IN (Kosciusko County), power boating and waterskiing. I joined her family for those wonderful summers as we raised our kids making memories on Lake Webster. The funny thing is we passed Indian Lake every year for over twenty years on those trips to Northern Indiana.

We grew very accustom to power boats, pontoons and jet skis because that's what everyone had,

but the grace and beauty of a sailboat has always been alluring to me and something I wanted to try "someday". Back in the seventies and eighties there were several ferro cement boats under construction around the area. I met one builder of such a boat who lived in Delaware, OH back in the mid-eighties and spent several evenings visiting with him about his project and plans to live aboard and sail throughout retirement. I think he and his wife made it to the ocean, but I lost track of him and don't know the whereabouts of the boat. I



would like to find out where he went, but unfortunately, I don't even remember his name.

All it took to get my juices flowing was a few chapters in Don's and Robin's book and I decided it is time to learn to sail. I heard they had a place at Indian Lake where we had just recently started boating again, so I reached out to meet these two people who had the guts to chuck it all for three years to live their dream. As soon as I emailed Robin, she emailed me back, and Tracey and I were at a Thursday night potluck at the ILYC the next week. A couple weeks later I had a 1986 Macgregor M25 in my backyard to get ready for the 2018 season. I found it on Facebook Marketplace located in Indiana near Cincinnati. Her current name is "Second Wind", but I think a renaming ceremony is in order to make her our own as we introduce her to her new home at the ILYC.



The boat is in pretty good shape for its age, but there were a few things to do to get her up to snuff. The genoa needed a repair and good cleaning. We wanted to go through the interior to change and improve a few things. Other than that, and a little polishing, she should be ready to go.

We've enjoyed meeting and visiting with the people we've met so far at the ILYC. Everyone has been so welcoming and ready to help and guide a are sure looking forward to the summer and giving our new boat a try. Was it just a coincidence Don and Robin wanted a pizza one afternoon? I think not! It's what brought me a "Second Wind" and the prospect of new friends. Cheers!



2018 Officers & Committee Chairs

These are important volunteers who help make our club a great place for members, families, and guests. Please help out when asked. Contact them with your thoughts, questions and suggestions AND volunteer to help whenever possible.

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Indian Lake Yacht Club 2018 Race Duty Schedule

Race Duty is assigned to Active (Voting) Members.

Past Active and Associate Members are and encouraged welcome to participate.

Date	Race	Committee Boat	Race Tender
Sat. Apr. 21, 2018	Skipper's Meeting	Principal Race Offical	Mark Setting and Safety

	Sun. May 20, 2018	Windward 1 & 2	Pete Breidenbach	Kurt Andrews
	Sun. May 27, 2018	Windward 3 & 4	Joe Ewing	Jeff Patten
	Sun. June 03, 2018	Windward 5 & 6	Bill Albers	Barb Dillon
ES	Sun. June 10, 2018	Windward 7 & 8	Chip Wood	Kevin Wade
D SERIES	Sun. June 17, 2018	Windward 9 & 10	Dan Graf	Allen Shields
WINDWARD	Sun. June 24, 2018	I-20 Regatta (June 23 &24) - Cruiser PHRF Race		HRF Race
M	Sun. July 01, 2018	Indian Lak	e Yacht Club - APPLE PIE PC	OKER RUN
	Sun. July 08, 2018	Lightning / Interlake Stump Buster Regatta (July 07 & 08) - Cruiser PHRF Race		
	Sun. July 15, 2018	Windward 11 & 12	Bill Monsma	Andrew Tudor
	Sun. July 22, 2018	Windward Make Up	TBD	TBD

	Sun. July 29, 2018	Leeward 1 & 2	Pat Tynan	Ashley Breidenbach
	Sun. Aug. 05, 2018	Leeward 3 & 4	Jon Eckels	Tim Fate
ES	Sun. Aug. 12, 2018	Leeward 5 & 6	James Laird IV	Larry Corson
SERIES	Sun. Aug. 19, 2018	Leeward 7 & 8	Mark Buchheit	Matt Cline
LEEWARD	Sun. Aug. 26, 2018	Leeward 9 & 10	Kay Goetz	Brook Patten
LE	Sun. Sep. 02, 2018	Indian Lake Yacht Club - STOUDER THOMPSON REGATTA		
	Sun. Sep. 09, 2018	Leeward 11 & 12	James Kohler	Doug Chamberlain
	Sun. Sep. 16, 2018	I-20 National Regatta (Sept. 14 ~ 16)		

If you are unable to attend your assigned date, please find a replacement and notify Pat Tynan (937-935-1839)

Note: Race duty will also be needed for Club Regattas and Holiday Races. Please support these events.

Skippers meeting at 12:30. Half-hour gun at 1:00

2018 ILYC Calendar

MARCH	1		Membership Fees Due Date
	24	1:00 PM	Trustees Meeting
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APRIL	21	9:00 AM	Club Opening & Lunch
		12:30 PM	Annual Skippers'Meeting
		1:00 PM	Trustees Meeting
MAY	19	9-12:00	Adult Sailing Instruction - Session #1
	20	10:00 AM	Trustees Meeting
	27	6:00 PM	Interlake Steak Dinner
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JUNE	2	9:00-12:00	Adult Sailing Instruction - Session #2
	9	9:00-12:00	Adult Sailing Instruction - Session #3
	13-16	9:00-4:00	Junior Sailing Camp
	10	10:00 AM	Trustees Meeting
	23		Summer Solstice Raft Out - Cook Out
	23-24		I-20 Regatta
	30	9:00-12:00	Adult Sailing Instruction - Session #4
JULY	1	1:00 PM	Apple Pie/Poker Run Fun Sail
	1	6:00 PM	Scow-Lightning Dinner
	7	approx 10 pm	Fire Works
	7-8		Interlake Regatta
	15	10:00 AM	Trustees Meeting
AUGUST	18	6:00 PM	Cruiser Low Country Seafood Boil Dinner
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SEPTEMBER	2	1:00 PM	Stouder Thompson Race
	2	3:00 PM	Swim Around the Island
	2	6:00 PM	Highlander Chicken Dinner
	14-16		I-20 National Regatta
	22		International Pirates Day Sail to Dinner
	30	2:00 PM	General Membership Meeting
OCTOBER	27	9:00 AM	Club Closing & Lunch
NOVEMBER	tbd		Commodores' Ball & Trustee's Meeting

IMPORTANT EVENTS AROUND THE LAKE

