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Sailors just want to have fun



Toledo - Maumee Bay – Dec - Feb



Buckeye Lake - Jan



Cornhole League



And Potluck

EUCHRE



JRSC - Jan - Mar



ISC - Sledding in Jan



SSC - Ice Boats Dec-Feb



GTYC - 2nd Wed of Month



2025 Interlake Nationals

Sandusky Sailing Club
Sandusky OH

July 23-26, 2025



Sandusky Sailing Club (SSC) and Interlake Fleet #1 welcome you to the 2025 Interlake National Championship! The fleet has been hard at work preparing a great event, both on and off the water. Below are some details to help you start planning your trip!

This year, festivities begin early! As a Nationals tune up event, the Sandusky One Design Regatta is being held the weekend prior to Nationals, on July 19-20. This gives racers a chance to practice at the venue prior to the big show. We will be offering pre-Nationals measurement through the weekend, so you can get that completed. You can also leave your boat at SSC for nationals to help make travel just a bit easier. Come early, get measured and some practice laps in, and enjoy a few more days of sailing on the Sandusky Bay!

We will start the Nationals with the Women's and Juniors events on Wednesday afternoon. That evening, Don Huntley and crew will throw a shrimp boil for the opening dinner and the competitor's meeting will follow. Matt Bounds will once again join us as PRO, and will be sure to run a great event for us. Did someone say "MarkSetBot"?

Challenger and Championship racing will be Thursday through Saturday, with onshore activities planned each day. Food trucks will be on site Thursday evening for those who are hungry, and will accompany an R/C boat challenge in the basin. The class banquet and annual meeting will be held at the club Friday night, and a grilled lunch will wrap up the event after Saturday racing.

You may not recognize the club, as a team of members have worked hard through the winter to renovate the facility – it looks great! Don't worry though, the Dairy Bar still exists. SSC offers a large paved drysail area, along with three hoists and a ramp for those who prefer.

With Sandusky being a popular summer travel destination (Cedar Point!), we recommend to plan early for accommodations. There are many hotels and Airbnbs in the area, as well as tent camping available at the club for \$21 per night.

We look forward to seeing you in July! If you have any questions, please contact Regatta Chairman Phil Montgomery at (419) 503-5555 or Pmonty@yahoo.

Registration Site: <https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/JEgIfVcre5/class> (if not live yet, it will be soon)

Sandusky Sailing Club: <https://www.sanduskysailingclub.com/>

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Action from 2021 Nationals at SSC, photo by Erin Caldwell

From the President

By Jim Ward, Interlake #1425



Greetings from the frigid shores of Lake Erie. Thankfully, we all know that spring is just around the corner, and we will soon be able to take the covers off of our boats and get ready for the upcoming season. I just got off of a Nationals planning call, and I'm thrilled to report that this year's nationals is sure to be a great event. We have some great meals planned,

a world-class PRO in Matt Bounds lined up, and the team at SSC is excited for the event. We are also working on a very special guest for the event, whom the fleet will be excited to see. The club recently underwent a renovation and looks great. We look forward to seeing you there!

During a recent board meeting, it was mentioned that the class should have a parts list along with a recommended line diameter and length reference sheet for existing owners. I am proud to say that this is in the works, and we are working to put something together in the not-too-distant future.

One of the items that was discussed is the explosion in High School Sailing participation over the last few years. Hoover has done a fantastic job of getting High School sailors out sailing. Up in Cleveland, we are also experiencing similar success. I have been a volunteer coach at the Foundry here in Cleveland. The Foundry is the old Coast Guard Station in downtown Cleveland. It's an amazing facility and a perfect place for the kids to sail. I just read that SSC has a group of High School kids that are going to start sailing there on weeknights. This is fantastic. This also presents a great opportunity for our class. Please consider offering to take some of these kids racing. It could be a great opportunity to introduce a young sailor to the Interlake.

With that said, I very much look forward to seeing all of you out on the water soon.



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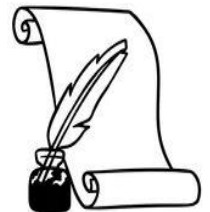
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From the Editor

By Sue Wills, Interlake #1372



Greetings!

Spring is coming. Docks are going in. Regattas are scheduled. Welcome back to the water!!!

As I shake off the cobwebs, I'm being challenged by my new computer. I'm working thru Win11 for the first time and updated versions of Word & Excel. Just another challenge to compiling the newsletter.

One thing that wasn't a challenge this issue was content. Information and stories were passed along which made it easy to fill this issue.

Your ISCA Board has been busy behind the scenes getting ready for the upcoming season. The board

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Intercom Feature



New Rules for 2025-2028



By Clark Chapin, US Sailing National Judge

The Racing Rules of Sailing are revised every four years and go into effect on January 1, following an Olympic year. With the world looking toward the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, 2025 brings with it a new rule book. In the US, the cover is not blue to distinguish it from the previous, 2021-2024 version's red cover.

Each member of US Sailing can download the electronic version for free. Be careful if you download the World Sailing version because it will not contain the all-important US Sailing Prescriptions.

Hardcopy versions are expected to be available in late February or early March.

Printing Hiccups. The rules were initially released last July 1, but almost instantly problems were discovered which were not finally fixed until November at the World Sailing Annual Meeting in Singapore. Some countries, like Great Britain, elected to print on schedule and follow up with errata sheets, but the US elected to postpone printing until the final version was available so the sailors wouldn't have to carry correction sheets around for four years.

Significant Changes. Dave Perry, Chair of the US Sailing Appeals Committee, prepared a summary of the changes, which is at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/the-racing-rules-of-sailing-2025-2028/> but I'll list some of them below, but Dave also publishes a book entitled "Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028" that is available from US Sailing at: <https://ussailing.store/collections/featured>

Definition Continuing Obstruction. The term "continuing obstruction" which is used in rules 18.1(a)(4), 19.1 and 19.2(c) is now defined. When the boat with the shortest hull referred to in the rule using

the term will pass alongside an "obstruction" for at least three of her hull lengths, it is a "continuing obstruction." Boats do not need to be sailing alongside of an "obstruction" for it to be considered a "continuing obstruction;" it is a "continuing obstruction" based on its size relative to the boats that are about to be passing it.

Definition mark-room. The definition has been shortened with no significant change to the game intended. Mark-room now includes room to leave the mark astern. The misleading statement about mark-room including room to tack has been removed.

Definition Obstruction. Now an object, area or line can be designated as an "obstruction" in any "rule," such as the notice or race, sailing instructions, or other documents governing the event. At Indianapolis, for example, a line between the shallow water markers on the west side near the island could be designated as an obstruction so that a leeward boat could not force you into that area. That's all up to ISC, of course.

Rule 14 (Avoiding Contact). Added to rule 14 are the requirements to not cause contact between two other boats, and to not cause contact between a boat and an object that should be avoided (like a race committee vessel). The rule writers want even less contact!

Rule 18.2 (Giving Mark-Room). The rule has been restructured to make it more intuitive and shorter.

New rule 18.2(a) has been separated into two rules based on whether the boats are overlapped or not when the first of them reaches the zone. If the boats are not overlapped, the boat that has not reached the zone yet has to give the other boat mark-room, even if the boat that has not reached the zone is clear ahead of the one who has. Simply put, if the boats are not overlapped, the first of two boats to reach the zone gets mark-room.

Part 5 (Protests, Redress, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals), Sections A and B (rules 60-65) These rules have been completely rearranged and renumbered to provide a better organization of the rules but with no significant changes. This is mostly



Dave Perry, US Sailing Appeals Committee Chair

rules in their hearings and deliberations – everything is still there, but it is not where it used to be.

Rule 60.3 (Delivering a Protest) A protest now need only identify the protestor, the protestee and the incident.

Appendix R (Procedures for Appeals and Requests), rule R3, Fees US Sailing has removed the fee for members to file an appeal to the US Sailing Appeals Committee, and for clubs and other organizations affiliated to US Sailing to request an interpretation of the rules under rule 72 and rule R1.4.

Race Signals, Abandonment Signals The signals for abandonment involving flag N apply to races that are in progress at the time the signal is made

discussed priorities & projects for the upcoming season. See the March 9 board meeting minutes pg 18 for more details.

As always, I welcome any rigging, racing or fleet info for publication or other story ideas. Send them to me at Thwills@earthlink.net – please put INTERCOM in the subject line. You can also text me at 419-528-3226.

Race Rules Book Club

Clark Chapin is inviting you to a session of the Racing Rules Book Club, an interactive way to better understand the Racing Rules of Sailing. It's back for its sixth season. Not a lecture. Please come prepared to participate and offer your opinion. I think you'll find that you understand the concepts of the rules better than you think you do. Thursday evenings 7:30 pm via Zoom. More details on the Interlake Sailing Facebook page or the Portage Yacht Club Sailing Facebook page. Or email Clark at clarkechapin@gmail.com for a link.

Schedule for upcoming Intercom Issues

Issue	Submission Deadline	Target Publish
April	3-22	4-5
June	5-25	6-15
September	8-17	9-5
November	10-25	11-15

2025 Interlake Travelers Series

(italicized events do not count toward the series)

Event	Venue	Date
Midwinters — CANCELED	Davis Island Yacht Club	March 14-16 — CANCELED
Chiefs	Leatherlips YC	May 3-4
Cattail	Jolly Roger YC	May 31
George Fisher Memorial	Hoover SC	June 14-15 (Founders Cup)
Indian Lake Regatta	Indian lake SC	Jul 12
Sandusky One-Design	Sandusky SC	July 19-20
ISCA National Champion**	Sandusky SC	July 23-26
Presidents Cup	American SI	Aug 9
Hot-to-Trot	Portage YC	Aug 16
Great Northern	Grand Traverse SC	August 22-23
<i>Sandusky Fall Regatta</i>	<i>Sandusky SC</i>	<i>Sept 13-14 (Not Travelers Series)</i>
Haphazard	Mohican SC	Sept 20
Poltergeist	Indianapolis SC	October 4-5
Fall Blowout	North Cape YC	Oct 11
Snowball Regatta	Buckeye lake YC	Oct 11
<i>Old Fox Regatta</i>	<i>Alum Creek SA</i>	<i>October 11 (Not Travelers Series)</i>

Events with ** are counted twice for qualification and scoring purposes.
In 2025, this will be the National Championship.

Rebuilding at Indian Lake

By Chip Wood, Interlake 1427



Hard to believe we are on the One Year anniversary.

ILYC rebuilding project continues to move forward. After the cleanup, and debris removal, our attention turned to the design concept and style of the new club house and island restrooms. After much debate, the club membership landed on the clubhouse plan that will be much improved from the old club house yet retain our character. Those images have since been turned into architectural and engineering drawings required for bidding and permitting processes for the new buildings and island electrical service. Grading has been completed to bring the new buildings up to the required elevation with ground breaking planned for April. ILYC is looking forward to our traditional full slate of summer activities in 2025.

In the meantime, a dock crew set out to clear the debris and destroyed Interlake docks.

New posts were driven, frames attached and lifts assembled.

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And while many of us don't like the winter cold, this year's ice made completing the dock work much easier.



Snowy Owl Indian Lake



Visitor from the North. Photograph by Jacob Shie 11-28-2024. Owls were also seen near Marblehead lighthouse & other areas around Lake Erie. Source Jacob's post on Ohio Wild Owls fb page.



2024 Travelers Series

By Steve Aspery, Interlake #1435

What a great year! In 2024, we had 10 boats qualify with at least 5 scores, and 6 more that only needed one more event to qualify. This was a very strong turnout, well done all!

The Travelers Series counts your 5 best regatta scores (Nationals counts twice) to determine a Travelers Series Winner each year. You can get all the rules and details on the website at

<https://interlakesailing.org/traveler-series-scores/>

My teammates and I had the good fortune to win this year. The biggest secret to success? You have to show up! We had more scores than anyone else. Attend more events and you drop your worst scores. If Bryan Parker or Bill O'Donnel had gone to just one more event this year, they may well have won the series.

My favorite event in 2024? I enjoy them all, but it was the Poltergeist in Indianapolis where I finished 2nd. We had great conditions, a fun group of sailors, and Bill O'Donnel and I traded races all weekend. It came down to who won the last race (Well done Bill!). Great racing and a fun weekend. But I do enjoy them all because you get to sail new places, see other clubs, and visit with new and old friends.

Add a regatta or two to your 2025. Make a plan to go someplace you haven't been before. Embrace the adventure of traveling and getting outside your comfort zone. Visit some old and new friends!

I'll be looking for you at the next event. Perhaps we can share a beer and a steak, seafood boil, grilled chicken, chili, smoked pork chop, or whatever other delicacy is the dinner specialty of the club. Let's go!

Nominating Committee – The Board determined there was no need for a committee as all officers have agreed to serve for another year. Class members will vote on the slate at Annual Meeting during Nationals at SSC.

The Slate of Officers for 2026

Jim Ward – President,

Tim Cullenen – Vice President,

Steve Aspery Secretary-Treasurer



2024 Traveler Series Results

Rank	Hull #	Skipper	Home Club	Eligible for Trv. Series	# Races Sailed	Total Points	Adj. Score (5 lowest)	Mid winters	Chiefs	Cattail	G Fisher	Great North - Cancel'd	Indian Lake - Cancel'd	Nat'l's #2	ASI Pres Cup	Hot-to-Trot	SSC Design One	Hap hazard	Poltergeist	Fall Blowout	Snowball-Cancel'd
1	1435	Aspery, Steve	HSC	Yes	8	29	9	1	4	1	4			8				1		2	
2	1382	Presley, Mark	HSC	Yes	6	35	25			10	9			5			4	2			
3	1372	Wills, Tom	MSC	Yes	6	53	31		22						3	5	8	10	5		
4	1370	Clark, Jeff	HSC	Yes	6	60	42	3	9	4	8			18							
5	1332	Bradley, Bob	NCYC	Yes	5	43	43			6				16				4		1	
6	1254	Fees, Tom	HSC	Yes	6	60	45	2	15	8	11			12							
7	1109	Schmitt, Nicholas	HSC	Yes	5	47	47		18		15				1		5	8			
8	1360	Bacharowski, Don	HSC	Yes	6	79	55		12		13			24			3	3			
9	1433	Sanderson, William	MSC	Yes	6	82	57	5	14		6			25				7			
10	1317	Chapin, Clark	PYC	Yes	5	61	61		10					22		3			4		
11	923	Parker, Bryan	LSC	No	4	7	107		1		2			2							
12	1341	O'Donnell, Bill	PYC	No	4	8	108			3						2			1	2	
13	1298	Tyndall, Jeff	HSC	No	4	57	157		24		5			14							
14	1327	Cadman, Larry	SSC	No	4	71	171							30			7			4	
15	1289	Heiden, Nick	HSC	No	4	72	172				19			22			9				
16	1427	Wood, Charles	ILYC	No	4	87	187		17		12			29							
17	1174	Fisher, Stuart	HSC	No	3	3	203				1			1							
18	1276	Jones, Jamie	HSC	No	3	14	214		8					3							
19	1320	Jones, Jeff	HSC	No	3	18	218		6					6							
20	1411	Boissoneault, Hank	SSC	No	3	20	220		2					9							
21	952	Ireland, Nate	HSC	No	3	25	225		5					10							
22	1081	Blazer, Wesley	SSC	No	3	27	227			5				11							
23	1293	Savage, AJ	LYC	No	3	41	241		7					17							
23	1390	Petersen, Will	SSC	No	3	41	241							20			1				
25	1261	Marino, Anthony	Alum	No	3	54	254				16			19							
26	1405	Campbell, Jacob	ILYC	No	3	56	256				20			18							
26	1417	Moore, Bruce	GTVC	No	3	56	256	4						26							
28	1401	Amilton, Richard	ISC	No	3	58	258				18			20							
29	1375	Vasulka, Charles	HSC	No	3	64	264				10			27							
30	359	Cullenen, Tim	HSC	No	3	70	270				14			28							
31	1316	Fitz Gibbon, Stewart	MSC	No	3	71	271							31							
32	1324	Solman, Scott	HSC	No	3	81	281				17			32							
33	908	Mariott, Tom	JRSC	No	2	5	305			2										3	
34	1418	Vanderhorst, Siperd-Jan	SSC	No	2	8	308							4							
34	Club-Owned	Durbin, Samuel	ASI	No	2	8	308								2	6					
36	1425	Ward, Jim	SSC	No	2	14	314							7							
36	1376	Bradley, Jim	JRSC	No	2	14	314			9										5	
38	1338	Montgomery, Philip	SSC	No	2	26	326							13							
39	1442	Sagan, Bob	GTVC	No	2	30	330							15							
40	1109.1	Harris, Katherine	HSC	No	2	34	334							17							
40	1280	Graham, Scott	LYC	No	2	34	334		13		21										
42	1397	Morgan, Thane	ISC	No	2	38	338							19							
43	1415	Alvarez, David	HSC	No	2	42	342							21							
43	1331	Grant, Iain	HSC	No	2	42	342							21							
45	1355	Regan, Bill	GTVC	No	2	46	346							23							

Sandusky Sailing Club Wins US Sailing One Design Club Award



Bristol, R.I. (February 9, 2025) — US Sailing is pleased to announce the winners of the 2024 One Design Awards, Adaptive Awards, and Training Awards, which were revealed at an award ceremony during the Sailing Leadership Forum in Coronado, California. These prestigious awards honor the individuals, teams, and organizations making outstanding contributions to the sport of sailing through leadership, innovation, and dedication to growth and accessibility.

One Design Awards

The One Design Awards celebrate excellence in one-design sailing, recognizing achievements across service, class management, event management, and creativity. This year's honoree is:

- **One Design Club Award:** Sandusky Sailing Club

This award is given in recognition of administrative excellence, fleet growth, creative programming, regatta support, and member contribution to one design sailing.

It is awarded to the Yacht Club that has shown great success throughout its entire organization. The winning club has thoughtful administrative excellence, proven fleet growth, creative programming, focused regatta support and significant member contributions towards one design sailing.

Congratulations to the Sandusky Sailing Club!



*Awards presented at Sailing Leadership Forum in CA
Commodore, John Giordano (2nd from the left) accepted the One Design Club Award for SSC*



Tentative Schedule for 2025 Nationals event at SSC

Schedule:

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Date	Time	Event
July 19-20, 2025	All day	Sandusky One Design Regatta
Tuesday July 22, 2025	1600-1900 hrs	Check in and Measurement
Wednesday July 23, 2025	0900-1800 hrs	Check in and Measurement
	1100 hrs	Competitors Meeting - Juniors & Women divisions
	1230 hrs	First Warning Signal- Juniors & Women divisions
	1900 hrs	Welcome Dinner – Shrimp/Chicken Boil
		Competitors Meeting for Championship & Challengers divisions
Thursday July 24, 2025	1000 hrs	First Warning Signal - Championship & Challengers divisions
	1800 hrs	Food Trucks and activities at SSC
Friday July 25, 2025	1000 hrs	First Warning Signal - Championship & Challengers divisions
	1800 hrs	Banquet Dinner and Annual Class Meeting
Saturday July 26, 2025	1000 hrs	First Warning Signal - Championship & Challengers divisions
	1500 hrs	No warning signals after this time
		Awards and lunch ASAP after racing

*All times are subject to change, please see NOR at the event registration website



Leatherlips Yacht Club Green Initiative

By Mike Mirarchi, Interlake #1209

In the United States we go through about 50 billion plastic water bottles in a year. That's billion – with a "B." And that's only water. Add to that soda bottles and sports drink bottles and the number is much higher. For perspective, just one billion plastic bottles would nearly fill Ohio Stadium.

Almost all that plastic waste ends up in landfills. As sailors, we also know that a lot of it finds its way to our rivers, lakes and oceans. We all take water out on the race course with us, but we can do it more responsibly by not using throw away bottles.

At this year's Chief's Regatta, Interlake Fleet 23 is taking a step to do just that. We will not be providing bottled water at this year's regatta. Instead we will provide each boat with reusable water bottles at registration. These can be refilled at the water fountains and at the ice machine.

The LYC Board of Governors has decided to back this effort and is purchasing reusable bottles for use by other fleets as well as our Learn to Sail classes. Thanks for helping us do a little something for our environment.

Hoover Sailing Club

By Nick Schmitt, Interlake #1109

This year's Interlake Fleet 24 awards and annual meeting was held January 26 at Buns in Delaware. It was an opportunity for the fleet to support Handsome Rob and his wife Angle Kerr as the new owners of the Delaware staple. We had 25 fleet members meet in the cold winter weather enjoying buffet style food and drinks from the bar in the enclosed heated patio.

Don Bacharoski the Interlake Fleet 24 scorekeeper and this year's fleet racing winner found a new love of crafting and prepared monogrammed dry bags with the year's accomplishments for each sailor displayed on the bag. He also prepared specific complimentary coffee mugs displaying pictures of each sailor on water this year.



Nick presents Fleet Champ trophy to Don



Portage Yacht Club

By Marc Glechert

PYC racing sailors gathered on Saturday Nov 9, to celebrate the season and to award prizes for the year's racing. Club awards given to Interlake sailors: Exemplary Crew Award -- Bill O'Donnel; Most Improved Sailor -- Marc Glechert.

A special award was given to Clark Chapin (elected by past commodores of the club). The Thomas Lott Award: In recognition and gratitude for outstanding contributions to Huron Portage Yacht Club and yacht racing, and for inspiration to others to follow this course.

Clark and others organized a 2 session in-person review of Racing rules, which was both a primer and had updates to the rules changes.

Clark will also be hosting his annual PYC Racing Rules Book Club via Zoom, open to anyone! This starts on 3/27 at 7pm. Email Clark at clarkechapin@gmail.com for the link.



Another view of the planned Patrick S. Parker Community Sailing Center at East 55th Street Marina in Cleveland. Cleveland Metroparks

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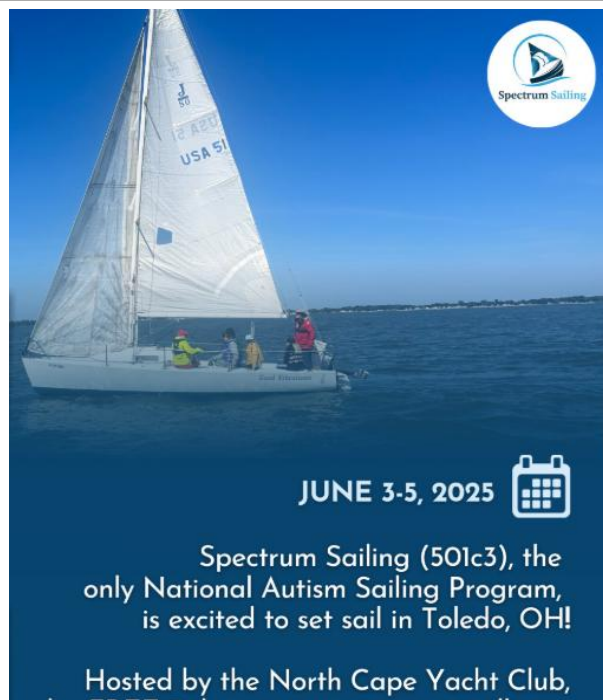
Bill O'Donnel, winner of Exemplary Crew Award with skippers Brian Hawkins and Brook Smith
photo by Suzy Hawkins



Marc Glechert, Most Improved Sailor
photo by Suzy Hawkins



Clark Chapin, Thomas Lott Award
photo by Suzy Hawkins



JUNE 3-5, 2025

Spectrum Sailing (501c3), the only National Autism Sailing Program, is excited to set sail in Toledo, OH!

Hosted by the North Cape Yacht Club,

North Cape Yacht Club

From NCYC fb page & NCYC website

Learn to sail program will be busy this season. Class sessions available for most everyone. The calendar includes:

- Sail camps – 5 sessions – ages 8+; June, July & Aug
- Adult Learn to Sail – 3 sessions; June & July
- Junior Learn to Sail – Jr Race Team sailing on the I-LYA Traveler Series; taking our sailing skills to the next level through exploring the world of racing
- National Autism Sailing Program – 1 session for autistic kids ages 10-17; June

Off season:

NCYC members in sw Florida enjoying the warmth and sunshine in March, gathered for the annual NCYC Winter Rendezvous at Laishley's Crab House on the shore of the Peace River in Punta Gorda. A great time was had by all. Our thanks to Lady Kris McCullough for organizing this special event.

Jolly Roger Sailing Club

Supports Junior Sailor

From: Jolly Roger Sailing Club fb page & The Skulldugger articles

JRSC members support junior racer, Josh Shiffler who plans to race his laser sailboat this summer against his peers in the I-LYA traveler series and Junior Bay Week.

A fundraising spaghetti dinner was held to help Josh with racing expenses. Josh gave a presentation on his goals for the summer to a full house at Jolly Roger SC. He had a great turnout for his fundraiser for his traveler series & many people stepped up to help. Prior to the fundraiser he'd written an article for the club newsletter explaining his goals & desires.



Josh Shiffler

AN INVITATION TO SAIL

By Bill O'Donnel PYC

From The Mainsheet, Newsletter of PYC, Feb 2025

It was a casual offer from my neighbor "Would you like to go sailing on my dad's boat?" that got me started. The next day, having never sailed, I found myself on a 40' yacht at the start line of a race. The sailing was fun, the racing was addictive. Thus, began a two-year wonderful adventure of racing, meeting new people, reading books, and asking questions. And then the owner sold the boat.

This bit of bad news became my good fortune. For the past 25+ years I have been racing small boats at Portage Yacht Club. Several times a week I get a mini-vacation. On Thursday evenings I am not a teacher...not a husband...not a dad. All my problems melt away as I focus on the race. Afterwards, I usually enjoy dinner with friends as the sun sets on the lake. This "therapy" is repeated all summer long.

Our Race Committee is planning our summer calendar right now. Of course, this involves racing...join us! But we understand that novices often need that first nudge. We are dedicated to a weekend or two per month where you can find out if any level of sailing (spectating, first sail, rules of sailing, racing) appeals to you like it did with me. I have been rewarded greatly for simply saying "yes" to an offer to sail. I sincerely invite you to learn more about our sailing program.

Editor's note: Ask a friend or acquaintance to join you on the water, it may bring a new sailor to our sport.

Winter cruisers

Top: US Coast Guard Station New Orleans fb pg 1-21-25
New crew member SN Frosty made a guest appearance during the historic snowfall.

Bottom: Interlake Steam Ship Company fb pg 1-19-24. Snowy Owl cruising on Lake Superior. Photo by Rick Germain.

Winter Cruisers



Cleveland Metroparks, partners announce world-class community sailing center to open in 2026

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Cleveland has one of the world's largest freshwater resources. A new project spearheaded by [Cleveland Metroparks](#) in concert with regional partners stands to put the community on that water.

The world-class community sailing center will provide “unprecedented public access and sailing opportunities to the region through the major support of project partners, including the Parker Hannifin Corp. and Madeleine S. Parker, the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Supporting Foundation and The [Cleveland Foundry](#),” according to today's news release.

“When I was recruited to Cleveland 14 years ago, one of the main priorities was to revitalize, reinvigorate and reestablish local control of the lakefront parks,” Cleveland Metroparks CEO Brian Zimmerman said in an exclusive interview with [cleveland.com](#) on the eve of the announcement.

“We've done that. We have talked internally for a good bit of time about the notion of a community sailing center,” he added.

“The proof of concept has been with our partners at The Foundry, who are working very hard to create programmatic elements from a capacity standpoint. Our outdoor experiences group would put classes on and they would sell out within minutes,” Zimmerman said.

The Foundry, a community rowing and sailing center in The Flats, serves as equal parts state-of-the-art training facility and “special haven” for kids in Cleveland. Located at 1831 Columbus Road, the [facility was once a lumber yard and a furnace company](#). St. Mary's, the first Catholic church in the Flats, sat on the site for more than 60 years in the 19th century.

Deciding that rowing, sailing and watersports were lacking in the region, Mike and Gina Trebilcock came up with a \$15 million investment. The founder and chairman of MCPc data-protection company and Foundry executive director, respectively, are dyed-in-the-wool Clevelanders. Three of their children row; one coaches at The Foundry.

Their vision has become a huge success story, inching The Foundry toward a 10th anniversary.

Cleveland Metroparks expects to open its new community sailing center along Lake Erie in 2026.

“There is a great demand for people to get access to the water and at the same time there is a barrier to getting onto the water,” Zimmerman said. “Our goal is really to put – and keep – the word ‘community’ in this concept of being able to get people on the water.”

Renderings created in-house by a Cleveland Metroparks employee show that two new buildings will make up the sailing center. Plans account for “multi-purpose learning

spaces, indoor and outdoor community areas, concessions and dining, a rooftop deck, overlook tower, and a boathouse that will serve as the sailing hub.”

The new sailing center will be fully accessible, from adaptive equipment to wheelchair-accessible facilities, going beyond ADA compliance and incorporating universal design.

The state-of-the-art facility “will be a beacon for inclusivity, equity and access along our lakefront, and build on our ongoing collective efforts to serve East Side communities, including the CHEERS project, Mandel Community Trail and enhancements to Gordon Park South.”

It's expected that the sailing center will serve as a year-round community anchor and lakefront destination for sporting and community events, education, retail, marina operations, recreation and dining.

The facility will offer public programs to bring the benefits of sailing to those who historically have faced economic barriers to participate in sailing and perhaps other watersport activities.

Jenny Parmentier, chairman of the board and CEO of Parker Hannifin Corp., said the center “will allow residents of our hometown to access new recreational opportunities, build skills and connect with our region's lakefront,” adding that the investment is about “strengthening our community through participation in the sport of sailing.”

The sailing center also will connect the city of Cleveland's harbor to the city's cultural hub of University Circle through its location along the Mandel Community Trail, which is commencing construction along North Marginal Road from East Ninth to East 55th streets.

Despite being situated along a major river and one of the Great Lakes, many Cleveland residents have never experienced direct water-based recreation because of physical, economic and social barriers.

The news release notes that over 90% of Lake Erie's shoreline within Cuyahoga County is “privately owned with no public access.” That's about to change.

“Together, we are breaking down barriers to enhance the quality of life for our region, particularly in our neighborhoods closest to the lakefront who have been historically disconnected,” said Jehuda Reinharz, president and CEO of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation, a partner in the Cleveland Metroparks plan.

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2025 Chief's Regatta

May 3 & 4



LEATHERLIPS YACHT CLUB
Shownee Hills, OH

Saturday, May 3

Registration: 10:00-12:00 (\$25)

First race: 13:00

Sailors hour and Steak dinner to follow racing

Sunday, May 4

First race warning signal at 09:55

No warning signals after 11:30

For more information contact Mike Mirarchi at mamirarchi@hotmail.com

ISCA Help Wanted...

- **Historian**
- **Marketing Committee**
- **Webmaster**

Contact a board member for more information or to volunteer.

See Class Officers listing on page 19.

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The sailing center will host year-round sailing STEM programming for schools and community partnership organizations under operation of The Cleveland Foundry – including “Youth Learn-to-Sail,” “Youth Learn-to-Race,” “Interscholastic Racing,” “Family Sailing Basics” and more.

The Foundry will offer Ohio boating safety and education classes and water safety certifications classes to the community, providing a pathway for new learning opportunities that aim to break down socio-economic barriers while improving public access to the sport and the lakefront.

The Foundry's Gina Trebilcock said that projects like the sailing center – when utilized in concert with Metroparks, Foundry and other resources – open the region's residents to a “wider world.”

She sees successes because of the sailing center building exponentially – on an individual level for participants in the programs, but also for the community at large and the city, which will become a regional draw for those looking to engage in nautical education.

The center was inspired in part by Patrick Parker, former chairman and CEO of Parker Hannifin, who was an avid sailor and Cleveland philanthropist. Sailing, innovation and philanthropy moved his wife Madeleine Parker to give the lead gift in his name.

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2025 Cattail Regatta

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Jolly Roger Sailing Club
5961 Edgewater Drive, Toledo, Ohio



The 2025 JRSC Cattail Regatta will be raced on a windward / leeward course on Maumee Bay (Alternative racing on the Ottawa River should weather conditions warrant).

- Registration Fee: \$30 per boat
- Bottled water and snack bags available free of charge
- Post-race cook out: \$15 per person (**advance RSVP by email is required**; please specify Steak or Chicken).
- Overnight camping for traveling crews is available beginning Friday night at no additional charge.

Saturday, May 31st

- 0800 – 1030: Registration, Rigging, and Launching.
- 1030: Skipper's Meeting (mandatory).
- 1155: 1200: First Warning Signal. Start of First Class, Race 1. Races 2-3-4 to Follow. (No starts after 1600.)
- 1700: Awards and Dinner.

For further information about the regatta, please contact Phil Fry at 419-283-1340 or e-mail philfry@juno.com or visit our website www.jollyrogersailingclub.com.

Registration will occur on the day of the event. We strongly suggest that you email us in advance if you plan to attend, so that we may have ample food on hand for all participants. Those dining with us after Saturday racing will need to specify steak or chicken for each attendee. Non-racers are welcome to join us for dinner.

Regatta T-shirts are available for \$20 each. However, you must email us with your size and number of shirts prior to the event. They can be paid for at registration.



Interlake Sailing Class Association

Board of Directors Meeting January 22, 2025

Video Conference @ 7:00pm

Minutes



President Jim Ward presided, and Sec-Treas Steve Aspery took minutes. The following members were present:

X Jim Ward, President	X Tim Cullenen, V President	X Steve Aspery, Sec-Treas	X Bryan Parker, Chief Measurer
X Kate Harris, VP-Southern Ohio	X Clark Chapin, VP-Michigan	X Sue Wills, Intercom Editor	X Joe Novak, VP-Indiana & East Coast
X Bridget Ireland, Past President	Mike McClinchie, VP-Marketing	Dan Olson, VP-Northern Ohio	X: Present

- 1) **Secretary/Treasurer Report** - The current bank balance stands at \$9,277.63.
- 2) **Intercom Report** - No report
- 3) **Chief Measurer Report** - No current issues. Builders committee is currently working on a group order for rudders.
- 4) **Marketing Report** - no report
- 5) **National Race Committee** - Sandusky is proposing modification of the current number of awards. The Board requested a formal proposal to consider, which Sandusky will provide.
- 6) **Regional VP's** - preparations are being made for the upcoming Fleet Captain's meeting on February 8. Regional VPs will assist in outreach and identification of current fleet captains.

- 7) **Old Business** - none

8) New Business

- a) Plans were discussed for the February 8 meeting of the Board and Fleet Captains.
- b) The next meeting of the Board of Directors was scheduled for February 8, 2025 in Sandusky.

- 9) **Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Aspery

ISCA Secretary-Treasurer

George Fisher Memorial Regatta

June 14-15, 2025

Hoover Sailing Club, 4250 Smothers Rd, Westerville, OH 43081

Saturday 10 am – noon

Noon

12:45

6 pm

Sunday

8 am

9 am

Noon (approx)

Registration (bring your own lunch)

Skippers' Meeting

First race

Dinner

Free continental breakfast

First race

Lunch and awards

Questions? Need Housing? Babysitting?

Housing and babysitting only available if requested in advance. **On-site camping available.**

Contact Fleet Captain Nick Schmitt – nschmitt.16@gmail.com - 330-604-9093

Fleets are competing for the Founders Cup – come & join the fun!



Interlake Sailing Class Association

Board of Directors Meeting February 8, 2025

Video Conference @ 11:00 am

Minutes



President Jim Ward presided, and Sec-Treas Steve Aspery recorded the minutes. The following members were present:

X Jim Ward, President	X Tim Cullenen, Vice Pres	X Steve Aspery, Sec-Treas	X Bryan Parker, Chief Measurer
X Kate Harris, VP-S Ohio	X Clark Chapin, VP- Michigan	X Sue Wills, Intercom Ed	Joe Novak, VP-Indiana & East Coast
Bridget Ireland, Past Pres	X Mike McClinchie, VP-Mktg	Dan Olson, VP-N Ohio	X: Present

- Secretary/Treasurer Report** - The current bank balance stands at \$10,331.16. Memberships are rolling in as it is renewal time. Preliminary budget was reviewed, a detailed budget will be distributed to the Board for a mail vote.
- Intercom Report** – Next issue deadline is March 15.
- Chief Measurer Report** - No current issues. The builders' committee is currently working on a group order for rudders.
- Marketing Report** – we have identified some issues with classified ads on the new website, working to resolve. We need a new webmaster, looking for a volunteer.
- National Race Committee** - Sandusky is proposing modification of the current number of awards. The Board requested a formal proposal to consider, which Sandusky will provide.
- Regional VP's** – Clark Chapin will again be hosting a Rules Book Club.
 - There was a motion to accept the 2025 Travelers Series schedule and NOR as presented.** The Sandusky Fall Regatta and Alum Creek regatta will

be listed on the calendar but will not count toward the series.

7. Old Business – none

8. New Business

- There was discussion of electronic starting systems, no action taken
- The Board agreed to populate a shared document with possible projects or issues and to review this at our March 9 meeting to determine the most critical and to select which would be our projects for 2025.

- The next meeting of the Board of Directors was scheduled for 7 PM March 9, 2025 on Teams.

10. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 1 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Aspery

ISCA Secretary-Treasurer



Interlake Sailing Class Association

Board of Directors Meeting March 9, 2025

Video Conference @ 7:00 pm

Minutes



President Jim Ward presided, and Sec-Treas Steve Aspery recorded the minutes. The following members were present:

X Jim Ward, President	X Tim Cullenen, Vice President	X Steve Aspery, Sec-Treasurer	Bryan Parker, Chief Measurer
X Kate Harris, VP-Southern Ohio	X Clark Chapin, VP-Michigan	X Sue Wills, Intercom Editor	X Joe Novak, VP-Indiana & East Coast
X Bridget Ireland, Past President	X Mike McClinchie, VP-Marketing	Dan Olson, VP-Northern Ohio	X: Present

- 1) **Secretary/Treasurer Report** - Minutes from the January 22 and February 8 meetings were approved.
- 2) **Intercom Report** – Next issue deadline is March 22.
- 3) **Nominating Committee** – The Board determined there was no need for a committee as all officers have agreed to serve for another year. The slate of Jim Ward – President, Tim Cullenen – Vice President, and Steve Aspery Secretary-Treasurer will be presented to the membership.
- 4) **Old Business** – Discussion of priorities and projects for 2025. The Board selected the following as projects and established committees to work on each:
 - a) **Parts List and sources on website** – Steve Aspery and Bryan Parker
 - b) **Marketing, an effort to energize our social media and other marketing** – Mike McClinchie, Kate Harris, Sue Wills
 - c) **Update electronics policy** – Measurement Committee
- 5) **New Business** - The next meeting of the Board of Directors was scheduled for 7 PM April 29, 2025 on Teams.
- 6) **Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Aspery

ISCA Secretary-Treasurer

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“He would be happy to have his name on this sailing center,” she said in the statement.

Construction on the \$15 million sailing center is expected to be completed in 2026. Funds for the project are coming from leadership gifts, private funders and state and local grants.

Lake access is something that a lot of other larger cities do quite well – namely Toronto, Milwaukee and Chicago. Zimmerman agreed in his interview with cleveland.com that those locations factored into the inspiration behind this project.

“Having come to and from Milwaukee, having spent time in Chicago and Baltimore and other [waterfront] areas, this was something [Cleveland has] been lacking amenities in, at least my mind, for what we needed to look like,” said Zimmerman.

Citing upgrades along Lake Erie from Huntington Beach to Edgewater and its new beach house, to the Wendy Park

Bridge, Whiskey Island trail connector and more, he said the East 55th Street corridor is the next logical step.

“We’ve worked at this in earnest the last five years, traveling to different parts of the country to see what I would say are the highest and best sailing centers in the country, taking their best secrets and bringing them to Cleveland,” Zimmerman said.

He said it will be an ongoing process with a lot of moving parts, construction costs and unique challenges.

“[W]e are looking at breaking ground in different phases for this project. It is very complex because we are currently running marina operations out of a location and a restaurant out of the other and there’s a lot of work that we need to do. We also have winter in Cleveland to work around,” Zimmerman said.

“We look forward to the Patrick S. Parker Community Sailing Center coming online for Clevelanders in 2026.”

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Classified Ads: More info & photos on website

Interlake 1335 with Trailer; White hull and white deck w integral cockpit seats, cut-down centerboard trunk, stainless steel centerboard, and factory flotation. Customflex built in 1995. The boat has had three owners; original owner won the Interlake Nat'l's with it. The boat is in good/refurbished condition and comes with Snug Harbor hinged trailer with spare tire/rim. Sails include North crosscut main & jib; Quantum spinnaker; Quantum Sails main & jib; Plus older North 3 piece set. All sails were reconditioned by North Sails in 2021 and are in good to fair condition. A custom full coverage road towing cover and full-length Sailor Tailor dock cover are included. The boat has been stored inside under cover year-round since purchased in 2020; & stored inside by prior owner. Many updates done 2020-2023. Located in Tecumseh, Michigan (southwest of Ann Arbor). Motivated seller \$6,000 complete as is or make offer. Contact Brian Bird by email at bbird579@gmail.com or call/text 734.646.6959. Will send video/ photos on request.

Interlake 1012 – This boat has had only three owners. The original owner purchased the boat new in 1974 and then left it to his son. They sailed it about one week a year in northern Michigan and stored it indoors for the remainder of the time. I purchased the boat in 2021 and have sailed it 4 times.

The boat, trailer and sails (jib and main) are original and in very good condition. There are a few minor scratches on the hull at the center of the boat and the trailer needs to be painted but is in perfectly serviceable condition. Call 419-654-0142 or email ebeale@duketarchitects.com with any offers or questions. Asking \$3500.00. The boat and I are in Maumee, Ohio.

Parts and Equipment new & used.

Used stainless steel mainsheet bracket with Harken base \$85; New mainsheet bracket \$35; New jib tack bracket \$25; New Vang wire at base of mast (old school) \$20; Used stainless centerboard \$300.

Can reproduce standing rig and running rig wires with your sample. Other Interlake and generic parts available as well like; blocks, cleats, line, etc. Rick Lyons – PYC 734-426-4155

ULLMAN Sails: Jib, Main, Spinnaker. Used one (1) day: \$1100
Jim von Tesmar, 440-983-7344, jvont15@hotmail.com

Have items to sell? List them in the Classified Ads on the new class website... Interlakesailing.org



Cleveland Metroparks expects to open its new community sailing center along Lake Erie in 2026. Cleveland Metroparks

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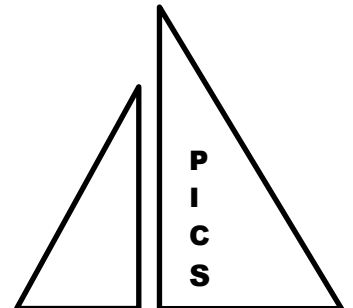
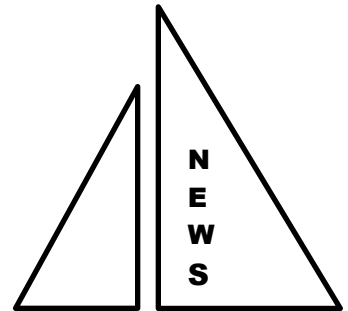


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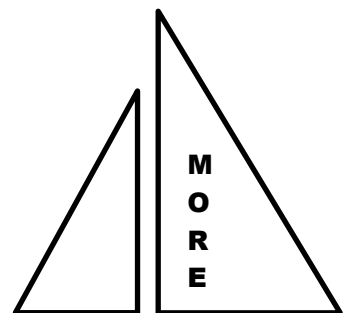
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