

I-LYA Junior Council Fall Meeting Minutes December 2019

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Old Business

- Spring 2019 meeting minutes need approval, Tyler Parsons makes the motion, CC Wisniewski seconds, voice vote called and the ayes have it. Motion Carries minutes approved.

Jr. Bay 2019 Recap and Changes for 2020

- I-LYA Jr. Championships 2019 was widely viewed as extremely successful with little to no hiccups with the regatta. Chairs Kate Keane and Liz Barker (VBC) were unable to attend the fall meeting, but their praises were sung by the vast majority of those present.
- Todd and Heidi Tigges (PIBYC), the 2020 chairs, were present at the meeting and also agreed that 2019 was a success and would continue to utilize many of the changes made by the last two sets of Jr. ChampsChairs.
- JBW 2020 will be formatted similarly to 2019 as far as times and events. The Code of Conduct Committee will also be returning, with Todd noting that guilt by association will be considered grounds for violation under the updated Code of Conduct. Steve Harris will return as overall PRO and the fleet split after two days of racing will also continue. Qualifying to Jr. Bay will remain up to the coaches and clubs to send their best and most ready. More volunteers are needed to serve as mark boats for 2020.

- Changes from 2019 will include an increase in Jr. Bay fees, exact numbers to be announced later, due to an expected decrease in fundraising returns. PHASTAR, the safety vessel with the diver and medic, will not be returning due to the cost of their services. However if enough fundraising is achieved or the cost is passed on to participants, then a return of PHASTAR could be possible.
- A discussion began as to whether or not PHASTAR is needed in the future or was needed last year. Several coaches and parents noted that PHASTAR's presence was nice, but that at times it was overkill and prevented coaches from providing the help sailors actually needed at times. Todd and Heidi asked for possible alternatives, Mic Kaufman(SSC) suggested having a safety boat on each course that was a medical boat with a parent who is/was a paramedic on board. It was also suggested that coaches safety kits should be inspected and that the proper equipment should be available for purchase at Jr. Bay.
- This year following the icebreaker, a Jr. Bay reunion will be held at PIBYC, all former participants are welcomed to attend.

New Reps and Chairs for the Jr. Council

- Kathy Allyn(MHYC) remains the Chair of the Jr. Council and CC Wisniewski(PIBYC) was elected to become the new Vice Chair, a position Vacated by Linda Sprenger.
- Tina Petrigan(VBC) elected as Eastern Rep, Lease(SSC) Shock elected as Western Rep, Kari Friedaur nominated for Inland Rep but there was no quorum of inland representatives.

- Addendum: a later vote - by email - had a quorum in favor of approving Kari Friedauer as the Inland Representative.

Safety and Education

- A new Safety Chair is needed with Leslie Hill vacating the position after years of service to the I-LYA Jr. Council. No volunteers or nominations were made.
- Safety was discussed extensively with the main focus being on helmets, although it was also noted that regattas should attempt to have a club member that is a doctor present for all regattas. The helmet discussion raged on once again with individuals arguing for a myriad of viewpoints. Tyler Parsons(PIBYC) started the discussion by pointing out that we can no longer hide behind the fact that U.S. Sailing won't take a firm stance on the issue. He also notes that long term effects from multiple concussions can cripple someone's ability to be a functioning member of society, and that its time to take a stand and require helmets after the wind exceeds 10 knots. A few parents suggested just encouraging the status quo and having sailors opt-in to wearing helmets. Delaney Imbler(MHYC) brought up that most places that require helmets only do based on experience level and that maybe the I-LYA should require helmets based on that. Kathy Allyn brought up the idea of creating a no helmet waiver, essentially requiring helmets but allowing individuals to opt-out if they don't want to wear a helmet and absolving the I-LYA or regatta host of that sailor's head injury liability. No decisions were made and the discussion was tabled.

- It was also noted that a better job needs be done of enforcing the rules regarding coaches wearing their life jackets and two coaches/individuals per safety boat.
- In the education area our region requires hosts for level one and level three small boat instructor courses. Kathy presented the findings of the survey regarding what programs do regarding their camps length and setups. All but one program requires level one certification for their instructors with nine of those fifteen programs fully reimbursing the cost of the program. In all of I-LYA 145 instructors are currently on a program's payroll with total staff size ranging from 2-25. Camp length varied between programs, anywhere from 2 weeks to 12 weeks, daily length was mostly full day programs with two being half day and two more offering both options. Kathy Allyn discussed the piloting of the Skill Up app at MHYC and Mic Kaufman discussed SJRT's use of REACH education both noting the individual success of each for their respective programs.
- This year's schedule is pretty much set with the highlights being Area E's Bemis and Smythe 6/19-6/20 at Sandusky Sailing Club and Sears on 7/11 at Edgewater Yacht Club. Junior Olympics Sailing Festival will once again be a skill builder clinic at MHYC 7/11-12. I-LYA Jr. Champs will begin on 7/20 at PIBYC. Thistle Great Lakes will be at North Cape on July 25/26th. Thistle Nationals will begin on 8/1 at Cleveland Yachting Club.
- All additional regattas are noted at the following link:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/13nRwXQrBwmO5VkMjanx-wPVR0aD4rB7GuzvgsICSXMo>

Jr. Rep Panel

- A panel consisting of our Jr. Reps Ellen Petrigian, Rob Mansuetto, Barrett Hall, Andrew Gallagher, Alex Schock moved to the front of the room and took a variety of questions from the members of the meeting. Their feedback to questions regarding on water coaching and feedback was highlighted by coaches utilizing technology and taking good videos along with taking more in depth notes. They felt that this was especially important when it is windy and they can't always hear the direct feedback of their coach. They were also asked what would make regattas more enjoyable; From a racing aspect the majority of the panel preferred long races, but wanted race management to do a shorter race or two first especially in light air, that way racing could occur more easily despite adverse conditions. They also wanted to see better race management efficiency, especially when multiple fleets are on the same course. They suggested that as soon as a fleet completely finishes the next starting sequence should be immediately started if possible. This keeps the regatta moving and gets that fleet out of the way of the next one.
- Questions were also asked about team building and travel, all five agreed that trailer as a team was the best option if possible and that spending time outside of sailing with teammates is important. Rob Mansuetto(CYC) talked about how CYC does a team dinner every Thursday night and that this really helps bring everybody together and helps finalize the plan for the upcoming regattas. He also talked about how everybody crowding together in CYC's "ridiculous van" brings the team together on their trips with riding in the van being earned by seniority.

- All of the panel members are not only racers but Jr. instructors as well and discussed how this can cut into their ability to practice, but all found ways to work around it by either trading off shifts or clubs rearranging practices to accommodate them.
- Thank you to the panel members for an insightful session. We will continue to tap into the junior council's expertise and insight at future meetings.

High School Sailing Update

- High School Sailing continues to grow in our area with 33 teams currently in Ohio and we are poised for the biggest spring to date as noted by Kathy Allyn. Hoover hosts the State Championship regatta on 4/11, Hoover is also hosting the MISSA East Baker/Mallory Pre-qualifier regatta 4/17-19. The Foundry is hosting the MISSA Mallory Regatta on 4/25-26 and the ISSA Mallory Championship Regatta (HS Fleet Racing Nationals) May 8-10.

New Business

- Grace Quasebarth(EWYC) presented the addition of the Laser 4.7 to the Travelers Series. She passionately discussed its advantages for smaller individuals over the Laser Radial(4.7) and that adding it would be beneficial to growing advanced sailing among young women and anyone too small to hold down the larger rigs. Several other individuals noted that there would be sailors at their clubs who would benefit greatly from the 4.7. Tyler Parsons makes a motion to officially add the 4.7 as a fleet for Traveler Series, Mic Kaufman seconds, a voice vote is called and the ayes have it. Motion carries

and the Laser 4.7 is added to I-LYA Jr. Regattas. Discussion will continue at the April meeting regarding logistics and addition to the overall Traveler Series.

- CC Wisniewski moves to adjourn, Jeff Mackey seconds, no opposition assumed motion carries.