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A Note from the Commodore

Greetings ILYA Family,

In Fall of 2019, with your input, the ILYA Board of Directors approved a Strategic Plan for the organization. Never has there been a time in recent history where these guidelines have made such a difference in decision making. It has been almost 8 weeks since our lives were turned upside down. Our planning process for 2020 looks quite different than in the past. However, because of our objectives listed below we believe the Executive Committee, Fleet Captains, Committee Chairs along with the members, and board members have worked very diligently to provide our members with the very best in all the areas below.

Here are some Strategic Plan Updates for the past eight weeks:

Objective 1: Provide High Quality Regattas to Members

We have continued to look at best and worst-case scenarios for the regatta season. Our most recent meeting was this week. Our consensus going forward is that we are in a "wait and see" mode. There is a tremendous amount of optimism that there will be sailing this summer. There are certainly aspects which may look different, such as the social events or number of RC boats, but we all agreed that if we can get on the water in an organized manner, we would be happy. That, of course, is with the agreement of the host club. As much as we want the season to begin, we will certainly adhere to state rules and guidelines. It becomes a complicated process since our host lakes tend to be scattered throughout a few states with varying impacts from the virus.

Objective 2: Strengthen ILYA Promotion and Communication

We believe we had a plan to communicate to you in a rational, non-crisis manner which allowed all of us not to overreact in the initial states of this pandemic. Communication will

continue to be consistent and respectful of your in-box. On a positive note, you may have seen the new ILYA logo which retains our legacy look but with a cleaner, modern feel. During this time, it has been rolled out to our social media, website and more. Our Scowlines publication continues to reach members and enthusiasts with the latest updates.

Objective 3: Increase Value to Members and Clubs

Throughout the past eight weeks we have been a resource for clubs and members. Many of our club leaders have reached out to executive committee members to find out what other clubs are doing. We intend to have a Zoom meeting for club commodore's and delegates in the near future. This will allow all clubs to share their best practices (sailing school, lake racing, club management, race committee) during an unprecedented time. The Youth Development Committee has initiated a forum for club sailing school representatives to ask questions and get suggestions.

The Rules Committee has also put into place a standard NOR and SI format for all ILYA regattas. They have also added a fill-in template which can be used at the club level for local NOR and SI development. You can find it by fleet at <https://ilya.org/racing/race-documents.html> Pick your fleet and go down to Steps to create a Supplement. Also, please notice, on the right you can sign up for fleet updates.

Objective 4: Maximize Sailor's Performance through Education

Kudos to the Promotions Committee, with support from SailZing and a grant from the ILYA Foundation, who have put into place a webinar series featuring some of the ILYA's top sailors. The series has started with Steph Roble and Maggie Shea who will be representing the U.S.A. and the ILYA in the 2021 Tokyo Olympics. The webinars cover a plethora of race tactics and strategies. They are interactive and participants can ask questions and be involved in conversational polls. Go to <https://ilya.org> to see upcoming events. To watch a previous webinar to go <https://ilya.org> or <https://sailzing.com/> . We are honored to promote some of our home-grown rock stars.

Objective 5: Ensure Financial Stability of the ILYA

Just like every other organization it will be a challenging year for the ILYA. More than ever your club and individual membership dollars are important to the overall health of the organization. We have reached out to the Bilge Pullers, one of our strongest supporters, with a program to increase ILYA membership by showing the value of being a member. Behind the scenes, the Finance Committee has initiated a financial audit and is going through account classification to ensure best practices.

If you know me, you are probably surprised at the length of this letter. I tend to like communications which are to the point. However, there is so much work being done for our sailors that I wanted you to understand the scope of what has been undertaken. I hope you find timely, pertinent, and helpful updates in this letter. Thank you to everyone that has been part of the past eight weeks. Your volunteer hours, passion and commitment have not gone unnoticed. Thank you also to Dave Berg, your executive director. His tireless commitment to this organization has kept us organized in a very tempestuous time.

Bottom line, we as a Board are committed to "Wait and See." We will do our best to get you on the water this summer, in some manner, where and when possible. Please monitor our updates.

Forever Optimistic,
Beth Wyman eawyman55@gmail.com
ILYA Commodore



2020 Calendar

April

Springfield C -- CANCELLED

August

2 - 4 ILYA Opti Champs : Beulah

May

2 - 3 Cedar, IN Icebreaker C Regatta -

CANCELLED

9 - 10 Cedar, WI C/MC Regatta

CANCELLED

16 - 17 Lake Geneva Spring E and GLSS

Spring X Clinic **CANCELLED**

16 - 17 Lac LaBelle Tuneup - C, MC and X

- Oconomowoc **CANCELLED**

29-31 Orlando Webb MC: Lake Lotawana,

MO - **CANCELLED**

June

13 - 14 MIR C : Delavan

19 AJH (Cedar, Oshkosh, Mendota) X
regatta - Cedar, WI

18 - 19 Quint : LaBelle

18 - 20 MC Masters : Clear **POSTPONED
TO 9/17**

19 - 21 C Nationals : Muskegon -

POSTPONED

23 - 24 TRAP X : Pine

25 - 26 Lake Country X : Nagawicka

26 - 28 A Nationals : Green **CANCELLED**

26-28 - JO's Lake Forest; Clinic is 26th

26 - 28 WI MC Champs - LaBelle

29 LBSS Opti : Beulah

30 - 1 Quad Lakes : Nagawicka

July

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6 - 7 GLSS Dinghyfest X : Geneva

8 - 9 GLSS Dinghyfest Opti : Geneva

10 - 12 GLSS Dinghyfest & Melges 14
Nationals : Geneva

10 - 12 ILYA E Invite : White Bear

10 - 12 ILYA MC Invite : Okauchee

13 - 14 X Treme : Oshkosh

17 TRAC Opti: Cedar

18 - 19 ILYA C Invite : Pewaukee

25 - 26 WYA X : Pewaukee

27 No Tears Opti : North Lake

29 - Aug 1 ILYA X Champs : Geneva

7 - 8 X Blue Chip : Cedar

7 - 9 C WYA : Delavan

9 - 11 Opti Blue Chip : LaBelle

12 - 14 ILYA Champs - A & MC : Okoboji

15 ILYA Champs Layday - Bilge Pullers

15 Annual Meeting : Okoboji

16 - 18 ILYA Champs C and E : Okoboji

19 - 22 MC Nationals : Geneva

September

12 - 13 Dorn MC : Beulah

12 - 13 Maxinkuckee C and MC

17 MC Masters - Clear

19 - 20 C Blue Chip : Okauchee

Lake Fenton Michigan Fall Regatta

25 - 27 E Blue Chip : Pewaukee

25 - 27 USODA Midwest Opti : Geneva

26 - 27 Nan Norris C Challenge : Beulah

26 - 27 Lotawana Fall C

October

3-4 Polar Bear C and MC - Davenport

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and create excitement amongst
your fleet, register now and invite
your fellow sailors.

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