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Letter to Membership

from Dave Berg

Dear ILYA Members,

I am honored and humbled to accept the mantle of the ILYA Executive Director position. I know that I have to fill the shoes of a legend and I hope to be worthy of the task. I really appreciate the confidence that the board has placed in me and I hope to successfully build upon the decades of leadership that Jim has provided as well as the sailing tradition, competition and camaraderie that the ILYA has fostered over the past 118 years.

My first experience as a sailor was 34 years ago in a C-scow on Lake Beulah. At that moment, I not only had no appreciation for the fact that "hiking" had multiple meanings, but also no clue as to the undeniably meaningful role the sailing would come to play in my family's future. In 1991 I became a full time crew on Pistakee Lake and finished out the decade back on Lake Beulah. I have many vivid and enjoyable memories of sailing in C-Scow regattas as well as spectating at Opti and X-boat regattas throughout the ILYA, from Maxincuckee to Mendota to Long Lake to Clear Lake to Gull Lake and back home to Beulah over the years. My wife Margie and I watched as our children met and bonded with other youngsters who would become their lifelong friends in the Corinthian competition of sailing cultivated by the ILYA.

This past summer it really hit home for me during the X-Inland at Pewaukee. A.J. Schweda and Andy Burdick moved the gathering of 3



[Join Here](#)

Regattas / Calendar

Submit your 2016 dates

February

12- US Sailing Judges Seminar
- Pewaukee Harken

March

12 ILYA Board of Directors
Meeting - Minneapolis
13 - US Sailing Judges
Seminar - Wayzata YC

April

23-24 No Frills C - Missouri YC
30 - 5/1 Springfield C

May

7-8 Icebreaker C - Cedar IN
Mother's Day C - Spring Lake,
MI
14-15 Cedar Spring C/MC -
Cedar, WI
21-22 LaBelle Tuneup
21-22 Geneva Spring E

June

4-5 MIR C Delavan
10-12 C Nationals - Monona
21-22 TRAP X - Plne
27 LBSS Opti - Lake Beulah

July

5-6 Quad X - Nagawicka
11-12 GLSS X
13 - GLSS Opti
15 - TRAC Opti - Cedar
18-19 Xtreme X - Oshkosh
14-17 MC Invite - Harriet

generations of sailors to appreciate the fact that the ILYA is about sailing at its core; but also about character, sportsmanship, friendship and family. This spirit of the ILYA transcends age, gender and locality in a manner that is truly remarkable and I'm proud to be part of it.

I am so excited to embark upon this journey. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, comments, advice etc. I look forward to meeting you and hearing from you.

Dave

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Jim will be helping with the transition until February 1 when he hopes to be in warm FL visiting his daughter, son-in-law and grandson. The ILYA phone will be active during the transition, as well as his email address.

Chicago - Here We All Come!!!



PROGRESSIVE

**CHICAGO Boat, RV
& Strictly Sail Show™**

January 14-18 --- Monday OPEN!!! McCormick Place

It's here again. Join Melges/North Sails - Zenda, Gage, Gordy's, Stelluca and Harken and most of all --- SEE YOUR FRIENDS!! Whether college-aged or retiring sailor, there is plenty to see and plenty to learn. The educational offerings are plentiful. There is Celebrate Sailing with Gary Jobson, Matchracing 101 with Dawn Riley, Downwind Sailing with Mike Considine and How to Watch the Chicago's America's Cup Experience. [Click here for tickets](#) -- DISCOUNT DEADLINE IS JANUARY 13.

21-24 C Invite - TBD
 23-24 WYA X - Beulah
 27-30 ILYA X Champs - Okoboji
 31- 8/2 Opti Champs - Clear

August

4 Pram Power - North Lake
 5-7 WYA C Pewaukee
 10-13 WMYA - Spring Lake, MI
 12-13 X Blue Chip - Cedar, WI
 17-21 ILYA Champs - Geneva

September

10-11 Maxinkuckee Fall
 Big Waters C- South Shore
 George Dorn MC - Beulah
 17-18 C Blue Chip - Okauchee
 22-25 E Blue Chip - Pewaukee
 24-25 Lotawana C
 Beulah C Challenge

October

1-2 Polar Bear - Davenport, IA
 8-9 C Worlds - Delavan

Limited complimentary tickets available from Gage, contact Courtney for yours today! courtney.blackwell@gagemarine.com

[Donate to ILYA or Support your Olympic Contenders](#)



Stelluca has a double booth which means great bags, sailcloth wallets, perfect gifts for the spouse when you buy a new sailboat from Melges or motorboat from Gordy's or Gage. "Always thinking of you, dear!" The bags are especially colorful and artsy this year.

Harken and Melges are always located in the center and are the showcase display areas. Agree to meet your friends at these locations.

For a full view of the Strictly Sail experience, [click here](#). See the complete list of exhibitors and educational speakers here. Apologies to those we might have overlooked when quickly viewing the lengthy list of exhibitors.

Join the ILYA
[Register for Dues](#)

Food is available at the show and also at businesses located at Navy Pier.

Bruce Martinson to Teach US Sailing Judges Course Again in East and West

Feb 13 and March 12

**Become a US Sailing Certified Judge!
OR just help out!**

Judges are responsible for conducting protest and redress hearings when competitors believe there has been a breach of the rules. Judges also conduct arbitration hearings, enforce Rule 42 (Propulsion) on the water at fleet racing events and consult with organizers and race officers ahead of events to review race documents and procedures.

Judges improve the quality, consistency, and fairness of racing through proper administration of the Racing Rules of Sailing.



What is the Club Judge Seminar?

The US Sailing Club Judge Seminar is a one-day educational course intended to provide sailors and racers an opportunity to obtain practical knowledge and skills required to serve on a Protest Committee at their local sailing club or local regatta venue.

The Club Judge Seminar is NOT intended to serve as a rules seminar or symposium.

Rather, a person would attend the seminar with a goal to:

- (1) become a new judge for their local club and able to serve on a protest committee;
- (2) for existing members of a protest (or race) committee, sharpen their judging and procedural skills; and
- (3) lay the groundwork to (potentially) pursue their US Sailing judging certification.

Learn more at: <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/judges/judges-program/>

**February 13 at the Harken Factory
March 12 at the Wayzata Yacht Club**

2016 CISA Advanced Racing Clinic

Deadline for application - Feb 1 FIRM

2016 CISA Advanced Racing Clinic - Longest Standing Junior Clinic in the USA. Legendary. Salty. Fun

April 2-5, 2016

CLINIC INFORMATION:WHAT

Since 1978 the CISA clinic has been teaching the nation's best sailors how to do it better. Focused on the Olympic track, the CISA training has fostered sailors to win over dozens of olympic medals, countless world and continental titles, and to promote the Corinthian spirit. The clinic has a long tradition of great coaches and legendary sailing. The venue at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club is perfect for classroom setting with ocean access. Conditions can be anywhere from idyllic fair weather sailing to big-breeze with ocean swell. Attendees of this clinic will leave with a full notebook, tired bodies, and big smiles.

WHEN

April 2-5, 2016

WHERE

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

FLEETS

This clinic is held in Laser Radials & Laser Standard, International 420's, Club 420's, and 29ers. It is a BRING YOUR OWN BOAT Clinic, although limited charter boats are available for most classes.

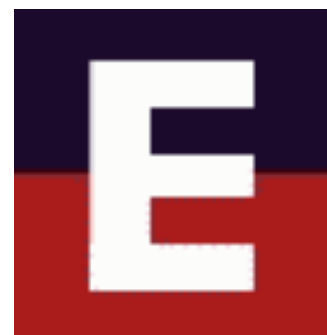
[For more info.](#)

Who's Going to be Hot in 2016?

The National Rankings were really close last year. Here are the top 25.

Don't see your name, Take a look at the entire rankings. The link includes all the details for each regatta.

Rank	Sail#	Skipper	Points
1	I-1	Harry Melges IV	244
2	I-2	Vincent Porter	238
3	I-9	Peter Strothman	237
4	M- 87	Derek Packard	227
5	MA-11	Peter Hurley	211
6	T-17	Chad Hillyer	209
7	I-7	T Freytag	207
8	W-160	Charlie Igo	203
9	W- 25	Lee Alnes	203
10	I-49	Brian Porter	201
11	M- 9	Thomas Burton	200



12	M- 10	David Strothman	190
13	V-37	August Barkow	188
14	H-7	Lon Schoor	187
15	CR-66	Rob Terry	184
16	T-73	Jeff Bonanni	183
17	WH-77	Tom Munroe	175
18	BH-22	Bobby Koar	168
19	I-17	Aandrew Fox	163
20	T-76	Kyle Rogachenko	163
21	M- 3	Chris Jewett	161
22	W-41	Wheeler Morris	161
23	H-13	Patrick Heaney	160
24	CH-6	Rick Turner	159
25	M- 42	Sam Rogers	156

Then there are those that just can't seem to get enough of a good thing - check out the [Road Warrior Rankings](#) for last year. Again, the link includes all the details for each regatta. I'll admit that 2015 might have been a bit much even for me - but I have already marked my calendar and am looking forward to attending these four fun events: Wawasee Spring regatta, the ILYA Invite on my home lake (Mendota), the new WMYA Invite at Charlevoix, and of course the National Champs at Minnetonka. [note to the H-7 Crew - better mark your calendars too.]

Here are the top 25 Road Warriors for 2015:

Rank	Sail#	Skipper	Points
1	H-7	Lon Schoor	311
2	I-1	Harry Melges IV	287
3	I-2	Vincent Porter	285
4	I-9	Peter Strothman	285
5	M- 87	Derek Packard	275
6	T-17	Chad Hillyer	253
7	I-7	T Freytag	253
8	W-160	Charlie Igo	251
9	WH-77	Tom Munroe	249
10	I-49	Brian Porter	242
11	W- 25	Lee Alnes	240
12	I-17	Andrew Fox	225
13	CR-66	Rob Terry	223
14	MA-11	Peter Hurley	211
15	T-73	Jeff Bonanni	209
16	H-88	Phil Zalog	208
17	T-76	Kyle Rogachenko	205
18	H-13	Patrick Heaney	205

19	M- 9	Thomas Burton	200
20	BH-22	Bobby Koar	191
21	M- 10	David Strothman	190
22	V-37	August Barkow	188
23	LA-99	Dave Magno	174
24	M- 3	Chris Jewett	161
25	W-41	Wheeler Morris	161

Closeout

Jim has more!

More ILYA office closeouts:
ILYA Blazer patches, embroidered (sewn on type)



Join and Support US Sailing

As we approach the holidays, I invite you to join your fellow US Sailing members in making a gift that will strengthen the future of sailing.



The giving season reminds us that the future is in the hands of the young. If sailing is to thrive - they must thrive. Our 2015 Annual Appeal initiative, [Catch a Lift](#), will invest your gift in Youth Sailing Programs that provide mentoring and skill building programs at every skill level. These programs build confident lifetime sailors whose love for sailing is carried into the future and will sustain our sport.

Please join the [community of supporters](#) and pledge to provide our young sailors the tools they need to thrive!

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