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HAPPY NEW YEAR - and what a change it brings!

ILYA Announces New Executive Director

David Berg (Beulah) has been named the new ILYA Executive Director after 37 years of service by Jim Smith. The transition is proceeding smoothly. Both Jim and Dave will be working in January. Then Jim takes a much-deserved vacation in February for a month without all of us calling or emailing. He will remain "on call" for as long as we need him. The following letter is from Commodore Schmidt:

"Dear ILYA members and friends,

At our Fall meeting in Madison on November 14, 2015 the Board appointed a hiring committee (HC) to look into reviewing potential candidates to replace Jim Smith who retired after 37 years of dedicated service to the ILYA. The committee received numerous applications and endorsements for candidates and was impressed with the interest shown and talents they hold. After an exhaustive review of the information submitted, phone interviews and personal interviews with the top candidates, and HC discussion, the HC came away with unanimous agreement as to our recommendation for the Executive Director role. I am very grateful to the HC and the Board for all their hard work in this process.

The HC presented its candidate to the Board for discussion and approval. The Board overwhelmingly approved, and I'm very pleased to introduce all of you to our new Executive Director, David Berg (Beulah). We all agreed that he would be a great asset to the organization and brings a diverse set of skills that can keep



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Regattas / Calendar

Submit your 2016 dates

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
18-19 Xtreme X - Oshkosh
14-17 MC Invite - Harriet
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

us moving forward. His abilities are clearly in line with addressing all of the duties the position demands. David will start immediately by working closely with Jim Smith to ensure a smooth transition.

All of us were very impressed by the caliber, capabilities and past experience of all the people who applied for the position. All of them were worthy candidates, and this says a lot about our organization. To have so many good candidates to choose from was impressive and humbling and I thank them for their time and interest.

We will publish a short bio on David so you can get to know him better. I encourage all of you to introduce yourselves to him at a future regatta or ILYA event. The best way you can learn more about David and help grow our great organization is to volunteer with your Club and the ILYA. Please join me in welcoming David Berg as ILYA Executive Director.

Happy New Year!
Sincerely,
Steve Schmidt, Commodore

Welcome, Dave Berg



Berg Family

The entire Berg family is posted here so the X boat families, in particular, can relate the Berg name to the "new man on the block". Dave, obvious above, is flanked by Mary (junior in high school, C boat crew), Annie (X crew) and sometimes skipper in brother John's (far right) X. John is a freshman in high school. Wife Marge (second from right) holds it all together for the Skokie, IL and Lake Beulah family.

Dave comes with a vast experience base which will help in his new role and a new role to the ILYA as we transition to an Executive Director. Here are some aspects from his bio:

September

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

October

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

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Throughout his professional career, Dave Berg has cultivated a diverse and unique skill set. At the outset of his career, Dave was fortunate to spend twenty years as a broker and trader in the capital markets of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Following that, Dave founded Lodge One Media Group, a production company dedicated to producing socially responsible media content. Dave has created and produced ambitious and successful programming, including the Emmy Award winning documentary, "Reporting for Service with Bryan Anderson" about a local two-tour Iraq war veteran and triple amputee.

Most recently, Dave has followed in the footsteps of his recently-departed father as a tax preparer and has earned the federal designation of Enrolled Agent in that pursuit.

Dave also serves on the Board of Directors at Regina Dominican High School, acting as Chairman of the Marketing Committee as well as serving on the Capital Campaign Committee. Dave also serves on the Lake Beulah Sailing School Board. In that capacity, he has chaired the LBSS Opti regatta and annually serves as "chef" for the sailing school fundraiser.

Finally, Dave has been fortunate to sail as a C-scow crew on Pistakee Lake, Lake Beulah and at many regattas throughout the ILYA over the course of the past 25 years. He and his wife Margaret and have three children Mary, John and Anne who have been sailing in the Opti, X and C fleets for the last 11 years loving every minute of it.

Dave plans to visit many of you during his first year through regatta service, individual and club visits. The ILYA welcomes Dave and appreciates his excitement in this new role.

Jim Smith Divests Himself from ILYA Assets

. . . or Kathy said, "Clean it up, bub!"

The ILYA office continues to remove artifacts in preparation for the next era. Do you have an interest in one or more of the several Uniden TBR 60 "Tackle Box" Radios? This were donated back in the day when VHF was new to Race Committee, and these could be transferred from boat to boat at regattas. We bought them instead of handhelds because we feared the handhelds would not get charged up each night. Plus the Unidens had 25 watt capability. See photo above. Contact Jim Smith before it's too late (ScowSlants@aol.com).



Also, more ILYA Centennial salt and pepper shakers have been discovered hiding in a box. Want a set?

Does anyone still Use Canon ink cartridges BCI 15 and BCI 16? If so, I have some unused that might work for you.

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Pewaukee Wins Regatta of the Year for 50th Blue Chip Event

From Lee Parks, US Sailing

Congratulations!

It is my pleasure to inform you that the 50th E Scow Blue Chip Regatta hosted by Pewaukee Yacht Club has won the US Sailing One-Design Regatta Award for 2015. The award recognizes excellence in development, promotion and management of the year's outstanding regatta at any level.



The award presentation will take place on February 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hilton San Diego Resort (1775 E Mission Bay Dr., San Diego, CA 92109). The awards dinner is being held in conjunction with the Sailing Leadership Forum. Dinner tickets are \$65.

Learn about the Forum: <http://sailingleadership.org>

Purchase dinner tickets: <http://sailingleadership.org/home/evening-events/>

Forum Schedule: <http://sailingleadership.org/forum-schedule/>

US Sailing will create a special award video that will play throughout the Leadership Forum. We would appreciate getting a representative photo of the club and/or racing and some testimonials to include in the video.

Again, congratulations. We hope that you can be in San Diego for the award presentation.

Editors Note: If any of you are considering attending the Forum and still are "on the fence", it is worthwhile to hear what many other clubs think, how they problem solve and innovate. Be sure and attend the award presentation to support Pewaukee.

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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Sailing Schedule Announced for 2016 ILYA Championships at Lake Geneva

Four Fleet Event

Thanks to Vincent Porter for framing a survey immediately following the 2015 event to gather your thoughts while the event was fresh in your mind. Nearly all of you responded fleets together is the most important consideration when developing a regatta schedule. The 2016 regatta leadership has developed a preliminary schedule based on the fleets' input.

Wed, August 17 ---	Registration 10:00 - 7:00
	A scow race #1 5:00
Thu, August 18 ----	C race 1 & 2 9:15
	E race 1 & 2 9:45
	MC race 1 & 2 2:15
	A race 2 & 3 2:45
Fri, August 19 ----	MC race 3 & 4 9:15
	A race 4 & 5 9:45
	C race 3 & 4 2:15
	E race 3 & 4 2:45
Sat, August 20 ---	MC race 5 & 6 9:15
	A race 6 & makeup 9:45
	C race 5 & 6 2:15
	E race 5 & 6 2:45
	Trophy dinner 7:00
A fleet trophies and	C's if 6 races are completed
Sun, August 21	C race makeup 9:15
	E race 7 9:45
	MC race 7 12:00
	Trophies Following racing

You can see the RC, fleets and regatta chairs are becoming more confident in a firmer schedule as we gain experience with the multi-fleet

regatta.

2016 ILYA Championships - Hotel Info Already

Rooms at Abbey now available

Call the Reservation Department (1-800-709-1323 press #2) to reserve rooms under the group "ILYA 2016 - code # 1Øz4zg ". Please be sure to call and reserve rooms before July 20, 2016 as any of the contracted rooms not reserved by this date will no longer be guaranteed or honored at the discounted rate. The discounted rate is only valid for call in reservations and not online reservations as our online reservation system does not have the abilities to accept reservations at a discounted rate for groups.

Dates for your 2016 Regatta

Submit your dates

The C fleet and X fleet have nearly completed the planning for 2016. Submit your dates for inclusion.

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