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What a party!

150 bid adieu to Jim Smith









It's hard to see the "golden anchor" but Lake Geneva presented Jim with this award to mark his retirement from the ILYA position of Executive Secretary. Geneva, of course, hopes to see more of him on the waters at home but the ILYA hopes to see him as windward markset boat at its events. Smith was roasted and toasted to a marvelous evening of farewell. Surprise guest, his daughter Morgan Domingue, is featured under the buoy in the forefront.





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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 - Pine 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, M

12-13 X Blue Chip - Cedar, WI 17-21 ILYA Champs - Geneva



Dave Perrigo ably served as our Master of Ceremonies interjecting humor, respect and, most importantly, keeping us in order. His dedication to our pre-event preparation was unparalleled. The perfect man for the job led us through a program of speakers and a pictorial review of the life of Jim Smith.



Friends from his youth, Tom "Bull" Schmidt and Peter Hollister recalled the early years. Seems they were a little confused about who was being honored since they began speaking of John Smith and Pocahontas, then realized Bull was so much older than Jim he hardly knew him.

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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It seems past commodore Bob Sevey still is unsure how "Magic" got elected some 37 years ago but he still has a bedroom and Diet Pepsi



Just when you thought the presenters were going to get serious about his service to the organization, two imposters (Beulah's Francie and Julie Davenport) came to express their affection for the man in his "khaki and white". Singing and dancing to a rendition of Whatta Man, Smith turned out to know how to dance. - Oops, watch out, Jim!





Longtime friend Bob Harring who spent years with "Smythe" finally got some serious words in - interspersed with some tall tales. A truer friend could not be found in Harring's eyes.



Past Commodore Jeff Baker convinced Smith to move out of his comfort zone. Commodore Harvey Mills granted Smith a five-week reprieve, and off Baker and Smith went with Past Commodore Lou Morgan on a cruise with a little alcohol, a lot of sailing, an attempt at skiing and fun for a lifetime. Baker and Smith remain closest of friends evident by Baker's heartfelt words.

And just when Jim thought the party was winding down, Dick Barkow and Todd Haines stepped up to serenade the evening's hero.



Perhaps the words will appear later but a version of "God Bless our Jimmy Smith" and "Glory, Glory Hallelujah, Sailing sure has been good to ya" displayed unknown talent (?). The evening was accompanied by a Lake Country brass ensemble donated by Barkow - Todd Wenzel, Sterling and Brass. This was not just your ordinary affair.





Chip Mann welcomed Jim to ILYA RC work with a quick lesson in the flags. The Bilge Pullers have already presented Jim with the beginnings of a full RC complement of instruments for his future with the Inland.



Finally, Past Commodore Tom Hodgson held the room in appreciative reverence for the work, vision and leadership Jim Smith has brought to the Inland Lake Yachting Association - declaring Jim a best friend.





Present Commodore Steve Schmidt led the audience in a toast to the Jim Smith after reading a letter from Okoboji YC which says it all better than any of us individually could express:

"They say that on the occasion of a retirement of a great man it is customary that a token of appreciation be given. But how do you encapsulate, into a token, the career of a man who has guided the Inland Lakes Yachting Association through the changes and challenges of 37 years with the acuity of a sage and the grace of a gentleman?

Thus with acknowledgment of the inadequacy of a mere token - but with the fullest esteem and respect for Jim Smith upon his retirement - our expression of appreciation and admiration is documented with this special burgee of the Okoboji Yacht Club. Okoboji is most grateful for Jim's abiding support - not only to all the ILYA clubs - but particularly to Okoboji. Jim was always available to our club providing sound advice and counsel based on his long ILYA experience.

This Okoboji Yacht Club burgee is inscribed by four Inland Regatta Champions who since 1960 have proudly advanced the burgee for Okoboji: Mike Flannigan, Jerry Huse, Bob "Boober" Schneider, and Steve Everist. They are joined by the 500 members of the Okoboji Yacht Club in recognizing Jim Smith for his contribution to the ILYA and the sport of sailing. It is fitting that this token is inscribed by winners, for Jim was and is a winner. Finally, this burgee is dusted with the hails and accolades of generations of ILYA sailors and compatriots, "Congratulations, Jim! Godspeed! Well done!"

Gifts were lavished upon Smith with a near complete list included here.

Friends of Pine Lake YC

Friends of LaBelle YC

Friends of Delavan YC

Friends of Cedar Lake, WI

Friends of Lake Geneva YC

Friends of Lake Beulah YC

Friends of Okauchee YC

Friends of Long Lake YC

Friends of Mendota YC

Friends of Clear Lake, IA

Friends of Oshkosh YC

Friends of White Bear YC

Friends of Minnetonka YC

Friends of Cedar Lake, IN

Bill Smith Family

Peter Hollister Family

LaBelle YC

Pewaukee YC

Pine Lake YC

Delavan Lake YC

Oshkosh YC

Okoboji YC

Lake Geneva YC

The ILYA presented Smith with a magnificent glass momento which will be displayed in a later edition of Scowlines, although it is partially visible in the Barkow/Haines photo.



Smith was visibly moved by the evening, expressed his gratitude for the years to develop such friendships as he served an organization he loved.

Goodbye, Jim Smith, to an honest, hardworking, fine, fine gentle man we all had the honor to know and love.

ILYA Posts Job Description for Executive Secretary

Resumes Now Accepted

Effective immediately we are accepting resumes for those candidates interested in the position of the ILYA Executive Director. We are looking for an experienced, take charge professional with the ability to manage administration and logistics in support of a three pronged position comprised of: Executive Secretary Duties (Day to day business operations and support of Board), Regatta and Fleet Coordination, and Strategic Promotions Coordination.

The perfect candidate is one who rather than filling a "one-fits-all" job description brings a unique skill set which will protect the history of the organization while keeping it fluid and moving it forward. We're looking for a self-starter who will meet the needs of this organization through strong organizational and multi-tiered communication skills. Experience with the organization and knowledge of sailing is not mandatory but is preferred. Salary will be commensurate with experience and skill set.

Resumes should be sent to Beth Wyman at eawyman55@gmail.com

Executive Director of the Inland Lakes Yachting Association The Inland Lakes Yachting Association formed in 1897, when representatives from 10 Upper Midwest sailing clubs met at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, during an interlake-challenge regatta. The purpose of the meeting was made clear in a resolution passed that afternoon: "to encourage and promote yachting and interlake racing on the inland lakes of the Middle West under uniform rules of measurement, classification, racing and sailing". That purpose is still the same today. Tradition is the key of the ILYA whether it be in the families that have sailed for generations, the local club races or annual championship regattas that have been held since the ILYA origin. The organization has mirrored the changing times but never lost sight of the camaraderie which make the organization so unique.

Today the ILYA serves over fifty member clubs and nine one-design fleets. The mission is the same today as it was in 1897, to encourage, develop, promote and foster amateur one-design yachting and yacht racing on the inland lakes of the Middle West of the United States; to conduct yacht races and regattas; to establish and enforce rules and regulations for the government of races and for the construction, design and rigging of sailing yachts, while supporting our member clubs through education and knowledge.

Position: Executive Director

Qualifications: Experienced, take charge professional with ability to manage administration and logistics in support of a three pronged position comprised of: Executive Secretary Duties (Day to day business operations and support of Board), Regatta and Fleet Coordination, and Strategic Promotions Coordination

Must be able to anticipate project needs, discern work priorities, meet deadlines with little supervision, and be willing to work an average of 40 hours per week with more required hours during the summer months.

The Executive Director should have a love for sailing, be an enthusiastic professional who is able to promote the organization through various channels and who is able to develop a conduit of communication between Sailing Fleets, Member Clubs, Member Sailors, Regatta Sponsors and the Board of Directors.

Executive Secretary:

- Coordinates various office support service. Duties may include fielding telephone call and e-mails, maintaining organization records.
- Provides financial information to Board by performing general accounting tasks. Duties may include disbursements, expense vouchers, receipts, account payable and account receivable. Enters data into computer system using QuickBooks or similar program. Uses this information to provide support documentation for the organization.
- Provide the critical role of Secretary for the organization by fostering communication and diligence through proper management and utilization of important records such as meeting minutes and organization's bylaws.
- Communicates and engages with Club Delegate to ensure club involvement.
- Performs administrative tasks related to membership. Duties may include payment processing, coordinating of membership renewals and producing membership reports.

Regatta and Fleet Coordinator:

- Advise, administer and follow up on regatta planning tasks from host clubs and regatta chair people.
- Receive and publicize, through various promotion opportunities, all regatta information for the current season regattas.
- Coordinate, update and make accurate the regatta participation list in Event Managing Software (currently using Regatta Network).
- Manage, at different responsibility levels, the ILYA Championship regatta dependent on the venue and location.

Strategic Promotions Coordinator:

- Promote the club through innovative and creative media content across social media platforms.
- Manage Organization Publications
- Use a measureable strategic approach for promotion to include a daily/weekly/yearly plan for all forms of media
- Coordinate with fleet captains to ensure consistency among fleets.

Qualifications:

- Excellent communication skill, including writing and social media experience
- Ability to manage multiple projects and work assignments
- Excellent interpersonal skills both in person and by phone/e-mail with high professionalism
- Ability to accomplish projects with little supervision
- Fantastic customer service ethic with little supervision
- Proficient at using Office computer programs, Accounting Software, Social Media and Website Modifications

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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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