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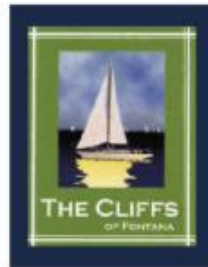
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Jim Smith's Resignation Letter



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Dear ILYA Executive Committee:

It was hard for me to imagine that the time would ever come for me to tender my resignation from the ILYA, but as I begin my 37th year as Executive Secretary, I realize that the time has indeed arrived.

I have been blessed in all those years to have the complete support of great people on the ILYA Board, and the membership in general, and always enjoyed working with them to achieve the goals of the ILYA.

There is no single reason that I can cite making this the right time for my exit, but rather a variety of reasons that add up to making this the right move for me and for the ILYA.

While I am announcing my resignation to you at this time, I will stay on until the end of the year and into January if the Board deems it appropriate. During that time I would be happy to meet to discuss options for finding a replacement employee or employees, training same, and suggesting some possible restructuring of duties and operations. And I will always be around for some free advice after that.

The ILYA has been a dominating factor in the life of my family, and I cannot be more appreciative of the many years of pleasure and sustenance it has provided to us. My thanks to you and all the previous directors who have afforded me this lifelong opportunity.

Sincerely,

James A. Smith
Executive Secretary

Stephen Schmidt, Commodore of the ILYA, has accepted the resignation of Jim Smith with trepidation for the organization, sincere appreciation to Smith for his years of service and optimism as the Executive Committee will chart a new course to replace the face of the ILYA. There can simply be no replacement for the knowledge, stability and work ethic of Smith. Hence, the Executive Committee will endeavor, with Smith's able assistance, to proceed down a new path.

Please join us in congratulating Smith as he moves into a new phase of grandparenting, race committee volunteering and enjoying our strong tradition of scow sailing. May he stand beside us more in the future rather than working so diligently and silently for us. He has been simply the most dedicated proponent of scow sailing. He has made our style of life possible by managing this grand sport. Thank you, Jim.

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Regattas / Calendar

July

6-8 Kaszube Cup - South Shore YC
6-9 [GLSS Dinghyfest - Geneva](#)
9-12 ILYA E Invitational - Minnetonka
9-12 ILYA MC Invitational - Nagawicka
10-12 ILYA I-20 Invitational - Green Lake
13-14 [Xtreme Regatta](#) - Oshkosh
15-16 ILYA Women's/Girls Clinic - Beulah
17-19 ILYA C Invite - Beulah
20 No Tears East - Delavan
21-25 ILYA X Championships - Pewaukee
26-28 ILYA Opti Championships - Beulah

August

1-2 Interlake Regatta - Minnetonka
5-8 WMYA Champs - Torch
6-8 [ECESA Championships - Chautauqua, NY](#)
6-9 ILYA Championships I-20 - Mendota
7-8 X Blue Chip - Cedar, WI
7-9 WYA C - Okauchee
8-9 WI MC Champs - Delavan
19-23 ILYA Championships A, E, C, MC, Melges 17 - Geneva

September

5-6 USODA Midwest Championships, Minnetonka, MN
11-13 I-20 Nationals, Fond du Lac
12-13 Maxinkuckee C/MC
19-20 Fenton Fall C
19-20 C Blue Chip - Okauchee
24-27 50th E Blue Chip - Pewaukee
26-27 Nan Norris Beulah C Challenge

ILYA Championships - Aug 19-23

The championship regatta is here before you know it. It takes an army of volunteers to man all the posts. We need crane operators, tractor and golf cart drivers, traffic control, Cantina servers and grillers for the children and volunteers, land and water shuttle drivers. All the tasks are an opportunity to visit with your sailing friends. No experience is necessary for most of the jobs. Knowledge of sailing is not a prerequisite. So bring your neighbor, your relative, your spouse. Offer to work the opposite shift from your sailing time. Free food provided and an identifying hat.



[Click here to volunteer](#) for any day, any shift. This regatta is a partnership between the ILYA and Geneva. Be a partner and bring a partner. It will be fun.

GLSS Preliminary Report

Near completion

Fifty-seven X boaters descended on the Buddy Melges Sailing Center with workmen placing the final touches to spruce up the facility. New sod in place gives us a preview of the majesty of the building. In a word, it is magnificent! T Freytag, Mike Keefe and the leadership of the LGYC (Terry Blanchard, current commodore) are examples of persistence, tenacity and part-brilliance/part-elbow grease as they have led their club through this monumental task. We will all benefit from this gem for scow sailing as it becomes a training center for the Midwest, regatta host for our many events and spectacular home for Inland history, thanks to the ILYA Bilge Pullers.

As for sailing, never has the editor seen a fleet like this. In a late morning heavy, sudden squall catching the fleet unaware (never trust the weather report sites), parents, RC, sailors and OUR STRONG STRONG SAILING INSTRUCTION CADRE calmly, hastily brought in a drenched fleet safely and efficiently. It was a learning experience for all and an example of teamwork to watch over a youth fleet.

Next, circles, circles, circles. Our youth, by and large, know the value, understand the responsibility owned by a self-policing sport. While there may be many from yesterday, the editor wants to single out B-217 and P-11 who quickly, calmly and responsibly executed turns and sailed brilliantly after. Our youth set a high example. Thank you.

Results in next edition - Three races sailed with I-25 Chapman Petersen and Thomas Whowell taking two bullets and B-6 John Barr and Sydney Probst taking the last gun of the day.

26-27 Lotawana C Fall

October

3-4 Polar Bear C/MC - Davenport, IA

10-11 C Worlds - Delavan

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