

# BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB

## The LOG

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**College Football**  
**Club OPEN for Bowl Games**  
Monday, January 2

**Supper Club**  
Friday, January 6  
Don Beck

**National Championship Game**  
*If the Buckeyes are in, BLYC is OPEN!*  
Monday, January 9  
Kick-off — 8:30 pm  
Bar Only — Potluck Welcome

**Italian Night**  
Friday, January 13  
Dave Bott

**Parrot Head Party**  
Saturday, January 14  
DJ Randy Cobun

**Omelet Bar**  
Sunday, January 15  
9:00 - 1:00

**Speaker Series**  
Thursday, January 19  
*Can We Defeat ISIS?*  
Jerry Besanceney

**Supper Club**  
Friday, January 20  
Rese Jhordan

**Wine Glass Painting Class**  
Sunday, January 22

**Speaker Series**  
Thursday, January 26  
*A Pictorial History of Buckeye Lake*  
J-Me Braig

**Buckeye Lake Winterfest**  
Saturday, January 28  
Open to the Public — 7:00 - 6:00  
Art Show — 10:00 - 4:00  
Eric Solomon - 1:00 - 4:00



COMMODORE  
DAVE LAWRENCE

#### Greetings from the Bridge!

Happy New Year to all members, officers, and past officers! As we look forward to a new year, hope and optimism for the lake, for the Club, and for ourselves and our families should dominate our thinking. ODNr's plans are to close the gates on March 1<sup>st</sup> and allow the water level to rise up to one foot below normal summer pool. Although few things in life are a sure thing, lake-wise, this is some of the best news that I have heard in years! I realize that we need a wet spring in order for the water to rise, so rain dances might be in order this spring. With the lake within a foot of summer pool, we should be afforded the opportunity for boating and renting docks. We will be examining ways we can get the most docks in serviceable order for what is likely to be a big demand. In mid-December, Past Commodore David Luttenberger, Governor Donald Dick and I met with ODNr and representatives from the construction companies to discuss the

plans for the next phase of the dam and how the Club will be impacted. They reaffirmed their commitment to keeping our doors open during this phase. Also, we were assured that we will be allowed to use our docks. It is no secret that dock rentals are the second greatest source of income for the Club — income which we have not had for the past two years. So this is the basis for my optimism — good things are coming our way! Thanks to all of you who have supported the Club during the past two years. You have been instrumental in our Club making it through the difficult times.

Most appreciated!

#### See you at the Club!

Commodore Dave Lawrence



SATURDAY  
JANUARY 14

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## ENTERTAINMENT

- Governor Chuck Gleich

The holiday parties are over and I hope you all enjoyed time with friends and family. As we welcome in the new year, the days are getting longer and there are plenty of activities that await you at the Club. To kick off 2017, we will enjoy the stylings of **Don Beck** for **Supper Club** on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the following week, **Dave Bott** will join us for **Italian Night** on the 13<sup>th</sup>. While it may not look particularly "Caribbean" outside your window right now, BLYC will transform into a tropical paradise on Saturday, January 14 for the annual **Parrot Head Party** with **DJ Randy Cobun**. **Rese Jhordan** returns to BLYC for **Supper Club** on Friday, January 20.

Come one, come all! The annual **BLYC Speakers Series** starts up on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> with Jerry Besanceney — *Can We Defeat ISIS?* The Speakers Series will continue Thursdays through March. The Speakers Series has become a popular feature of winter at the Club the past few years and we've got a great line up for 2017 as well. You will find the complete schedule elsewhere in this issue of the Log.

Don't forget **Sunday Euchre!** This year, we're playing every other Sunday at 1:30 pm. We'll see you on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>!

Don't forget, BLYC offers you a number of opportunities for hosting your parties, events, business meetings, etc. — the Commodores' Lounge, the Fireplace Room, and now the Cupola Lounge and Library/Conference Room upstairs. This is your Club! Let us know how we can meet your needs.

Finally, start making plans for the **Buckeye Lake Winterfest** on January 28<sup>th</sup>! We will open to the public from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm — Art Show from 10:00 to 4:00. Come on out and join in the fun!

Chuck Gleich  
Entertainment

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## DOCKS & RENTALS

- Governor Bill Muryn

### Happy New Year!

December weather has been a roller coaster!

We have a new dock request form available online. You can access it through the BLYC website.

All of the Club's accessible docks, those attached to the island, are spoken for and have extensive waiting lists. The waiting lists are posted on the porch. The other docks the club rents have been disconnected from the mainland as a part of the dam remediation. As such, they are not useable.

The board is still working on a plan to access the docks not attached to Watkins Island. I have no open spaces in area 300 but we do have several in area 200 if you are interested in reserving one.

We have no garages available for rental and 20 open spaces in the Eastport Boatyard.

**I look forward to seeing you at the club.**

Bill Muryn  
Docks & Rentals

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## COMMUNICATIONS & FINANCE

- Governor Mark Pyle

Welcome to 2017 and what we hope will be a year filled with new friendships, great food & entertainment, and fun activities throughout. Oh yes, and lets hope for some extra drops of the wet stuff and that ODNR will keep it in the lake this year — nothing more picturesque than rows of full boat slips at sunrise on a summer day and seeing the colorful reflections across calm water with the Club in the background. We have a lot to look forward to at the Club in the coming months so please check out the *Log* & the weekly e-News, follow us Facebook and Twitter, and scan the kiosks in the Club for upcoming events.

On the finance front, we continue to keep a tight grip on the Club's finances as we are still traversing the waters of this uncertain time. We continue to challenge and limit expenditures to what is necessary, yet at the same time look to the future so that we are prepared when the dam construction is complete. For members who frequent the bar and dining room, it may appear to be the primary source of income. However it has traditionally operated at near break-even. It is the Club dues and dock/boatyard rentals that allow the Club to operate and maintain facilities, and... this reminder should be showing up in your mail soon if it hasn't arrived already. In that light, you will see two changes to the annual dues and dock statements.

First, we have observed an increased number of members charging their annual dues in recent years. The Club is assessed a fee for each charge that a member makes on a credit card and while the fee is approximately three percent, it is still three percent of a large number in total and that charge still reduces the amount of funds available to operate the Club. We appreciate the convenience that credit cards offer and the reward programs that the holders enjoy and will continue to offer that convenient payment option. On the other hand, it is the credit card charges that are impacting the Club revenues and not the many members who continue to pay their dues by check. So in an effort to hold the dues amount to the same as prior years and only impact members causing the Club to incur the fee, you will see a three percent service charge added to any dues, boat dock rental, or private party payments made with a credit card. The service charge does not apply to bar, kitchen, Club events, or showcase purchases at this time.

Second, in a effort to prepare for future capital needs and to secure funds for facility and other capital improvements and avoid significant special member assessments, we have been approved to receive an SBA Economic Disaster Loan of \$200,000 at 2.6% interest payable over 30 years. We expect to receive the money in the coming months. As a condition of receiving this favorable financing, SBA required a \$50 per year increase in the capital improvement fee to be used to cover the mortgage and interest payment. The Trustees and the Board have voted in restrictions that the loan proceeds may only be used for long-lived capital improvement projects and are not to be used for routine operations or maintenance. As a result, the capital improvement fee is being increased to \$175 per year.

Mark Pyle  
Communications

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## SPEAKER SERIES

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### 2017

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### **Can We Defeat ISIS?**

Jerry Besanceney

Mershon Center for International Security

Thursday, January 19

### **A Pictorial History of Buckeye Lake**

J-Me Braig

Buckeye Lake Area Historical Society

Thursday, January 26

### **Coming Back from Setback**

*The story of going from being on top to getting wounded and my crew helping me get back up and become an asset to my country*

Jimmy Hatch

Retired Navy Seal K9 Handler

Founder, Spikes K9 Fund

Thursday, February 2

### **Secrets to Fishing Buckeye Lake**

Doug Stewart

Thursday, February 16

### **The Sam Sheppard Murder Mystery**

LuAnn Cooperider

Thursday, February 23

### **Personal & Cyber Security**

Bridgette Charles

Ohio State Highway Patrol, Retired

Thursday, March 2

### **Diet & Nutrition**

*A History from 1900 - present*

Dr. Robert Masone

Thursday, March 16

### **BLYC Through the Years**

*How a maverick group of "Stump Skippers" helped to transform an old canal reservoir into a "real lake" and 100+ years of excellence that followed*

Steve Harris

BLYC Historian

Thursday, March 23

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## MEMBERSHIP

- Governor Mark Hedman

Please join me in welcoming our newest members of BLYC:

**Thomas & Mary Ann Hill**

**Stephen & Kelly Hennosy**

We also welcome our members rejoining:

**Dewey Horn**

**Charles Horn**

### **Welcome Aboard!**

We look forward to seeing you at the Club!

I encourage you to ask a prospective member (friend, relative, or neighbor) to visit the Club. I would be more than happy to show them around and answer any questions they might have — let me know how I can help us grow our membership in 2017.

### **Happy New Year!**

Mark Hedman  
Membership

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## GOOD NEIGHBOR

- P/C Joe Campbell

The BLYC Good Neighbor Committee held the annual Christmas party for Buckeye Lake area children on the 18<sup>th</sup> Of December. Thanks to the generosity of our members we had our most successful year ever. We were able to invite and shop for 68 area children. We spent \$100 per child and split the cost between clothing and Christmas gifts. Each gift was wrapped and delivered to the Yacht Club prior to the party.

From your donations, we were able to provide Santa Claus and party favors for each child. The Pizza Cottage provided lunch and Ann Levacy baked up a huge cookie for each child in attendance. Many of the gifts went home to be put under the family tree this year. For many of these families, your gifts will be the only ones under the tree this year.

We were also able to provide gift cards for an additional 45 area students. Mark Severance worked with the principals and selected the students in need. We have come a long way since we tried to buy clothes and gifts for \$50 using a sign up sheet in the bar! Prices keep going up and the need for help in the community always remains. Thanks to each and everyone of our members for making all of this possible.

A special thank you to the Good Neighbor Committee and their families. Commodores Campbell, Miller, Ryan, and Governor Pyle wish all of you a Merry Christmas!

Joe

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IN MEMORIAM

FRED BAIR

1936 - 2016

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## BAR & KITCHEN

- Vice Commodore Rose McEntire

### Happy New Year!

What a fun December we had at the Club! The parties, the food, the drinks, and the excellent company were just awesome! Thanks to everyone for coming out, enjoying, and supporting your Club!

We have two months to brave the cold before we start to see glimmering signs of spring! To get us through January and February, Chef Josh will continue to have warm, seasonal specials and Larry will keep the Club looking and feeling warm and inviting! Paul and the bartenders will continue to come up with a weekly drink special, and the entire wait staff will continue to make your every visit exceptional!

The drink special is fun and it really is quite a production — we research and select the drink of the week, make it, then we have a photo shoot — followed by a sample tasting! Shoo! — the work of the bar and kitchen Commodore is grueling at times!

Speaker series will be starting January 19<sup>th</sup>. Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon we will have a painting class — we will be painting the wine glass that is in the show case — more details will follow for that fun event. Ryan is hosting Euchre every other Sunday. There is so much going on! You won't want to miss a thing!

**Be safe, stay warm and I will see you at the Club!**

Rose McEntire  
Bar & Kitchen

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## JUNIOR TRAINING

- Rear Commodore Michael McVey

Well, another year on Buckeye Lake has come and gone. I don't know about you, but I have great hopes for BLYC in 2017. About the time you receive this version of *The Log*, we will be kicking off the **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of BLYC Junior Sailing & Training** — please see Steve's "Looking Aft" article in this issue for the first of several historical vignettes on the amazing history of this valuable program.

In January, we have two days of events for the Juniors:

**January 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 Juniors Planning meeting** — 6:00-9:00 pm

**January 15<sup>th</sup> Racing Rules Session** — 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Make plans now to join us on February 18<sup>th</sup> for our Annual "Italiano Night" Fundraiser.

**Hope to see you there!**

"Mac" McVey  
Junior Training



Do you receive  
our weekly e-mail  
newsletter?

**Sign up online at [www.buckeyelakeyc.com](http://www.buckeyelakeyc.com)**

Click on "Our Club" and then "e-News" to sign up

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## BLYC AUXILIARY

The BLYC Auxiliary had their annual Christmas Party on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Close to 30 people attended the meeting and enjoyed a wonderful meal specially prepared by Chef Josh and entertainment by the Lakeside Trio and Girlfriends in Therapy.

The annual Children's Christmas Party was a huge success under the organized leadership of Julie Bruckelmeyer, Santa and all of her elves. So many people were involved in cookie baking, decorating, games, ornament making, etc. We are so thankful for all of you who participated to make this a special time. It was a great event and the families really enjoyed it.

Auxiliary members have been busy fundraising by selling raffle tickets for the Ohio State basket, the Holiday Basket, and the BLYC Membership Dues raffle.

The most recent contribution to the club's enhancement has been the Auxiliary's purchase of the new carpet that was installed in the entry way, stairs, and the Cupola Lounge upstairs. Thank you to all of those that were involved in the selection of the new carpet.

If you have not renewed your membership and paid your dues (or if you want to join) it's still not too late. Please pick up a membership form the next time you are at the club.

Our next meeting will not be until April. Watch your email and check the website and log for details.

**Wishing you a very Happy New Year!**

Jeff, Susan, Gail, & Julie  
Your 2016-17 Auxiliary Board

**Italian Night**  
**Friday, January 13**

Traditional & Vegetable  
Lasagna  
Baked Ziti  
Italian Herb Chicken  
Roasted Potatoes  
Zucchini Medley  
Mini Salad Bar  
Limon Chello Cake

**\$23**

**Dave Bott on Piano - 7:00-10:00**







# LOOKING AFT...

- P/C Steve Harris, BLYC Historian

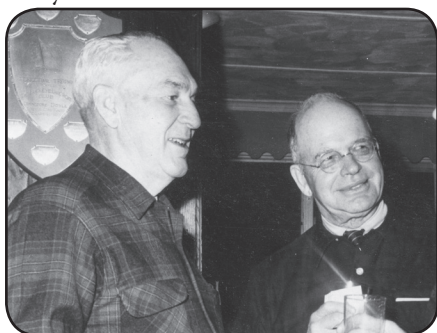
## 100 Years of Junior Sailing

Over the past couple of years, I have written a bit about Frank H. Miller. Although never an officer at BLYC, he did go on to become Commodore of Put-in-Bay Yacht Club in 1952 and of I-LYA in 1964. This "missing Commodore" however, is not necessarily the interesting part of the Frank Miller story.

The July, 1981 issue of the *Log* celebrated BLYC's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Among other features, the issue included the recollections of BLYC Past Commodores on their years at the Club, and those of Frank Miller, as he had been a member for many years. From his recollection...

*"1912/13 Harry Freeman, 5th Commodore as I recall was the first member interested in Junior Sailing. In 1916 he invested in some Dinghies but there was no one to sail them. So Max Slaughter and I became the first Junior members in 1917 after using my father's membership since 1914."*

So there you have it! 100 years ago, BLYC had our first Junior Sailors. In those days, BLYC was still very much a "man's club" and Juniors were certainly limited to the sons of members. However, as the years went on and the Club became more family oriented, sons and daughters participated in the program — learning to sail and racing at Buckeye Lake on the weekends.



Max Slaughter & Frank Miller c. 1965

The first organized "BLYC Race Team" wouldn't come about until the 1950's. It was then that the North American Yacht Racing Union (now US Sailing) began inviting teams from around the country to compete for the Sears Cup — which had long been a coveted junior championship in the northeast. I-LYA was allowed to send one team and, of course, not to be outdone by our northern, "big lake" neighbors, BLYC sent a team to compete for the honor of representing I-LYA. Our team, consisting of skipper Jerry Cooper along with crew

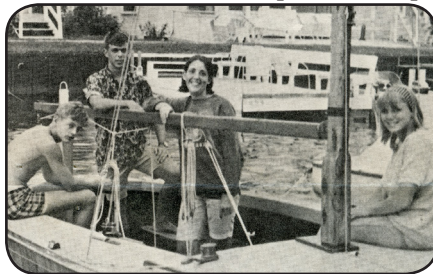
Jeff Dum, Jim Dressel, and alternate Don Wilson traveled to Sandusky along with Junior Training Governor Cliff Dum to compete for the right to sail in these new National Championships. Averaging in age at about 12-years old, they were 4-5 years younger than their competitors. They didn't win, but they learned a lot. Having tasted competition at this high level, BLYC Juniors were determined to be successful.



1956 BLYC Junior Team  
Ed Ballenger, Jim Dressel, Jeff Dum  
Tommy Davis, Cliff Dum

1955 was the "coming of age" season for BLYC Juniors. Our team again traveled north to compete and... tied. They didn't get to go on and compete at the National level, but they were determined to return the following year and win... which they did! In 1956, the BLYC Team of skipper Jim Dressel and crew Ed Ballenger, Jeff Dum, and Tommy Davis competed at the first ever I-LYA Junior Bay Week. They won that regatta and the Wakefield Trophy and earned the right to compete for the Sears Cup Junior National Championship — the first ever team from an inland lake to do so!

In the years that followed, BLYC would be well represented in the Junior Sailing world. BLYC Juniors would bring home many trophies both for their on-water performance and for their sportsmanship.



1967 BLYC Junior Team  
Tom Reynolds, Bill Reynolds, Lydia Titus, Mary Downey

Many world-class sailors got their start as BLYC Juniors — Greg Fisher with 20+ National & North American Championships and winner of the 2008 J/22 Worlds — Matt Fisher, winner of several Championships in the Lightning & Interlake Classes, the

2009 Lightning Worlds, and the gold medal in the 1991 Pan-Am Games — Mike Hein, who crewed on *America*<sup>3</sup> which successfully defended the America's Cup in 1992 — and many, many more.

BLYC's greatest success, however, without doubt came in the 1977 season. That year, BLYC swept both Junior Bay Week and the Area E qualifiers for the National Junior Championships — Lon Moyer (Smythe - singlehanded), Mike Hein & Steve Beeson (Bemis - doublehanded), and Willy Petersilge, Dan Roshon, & Dan Dressel (Sears - triplehanded). The triplehanded team of Petersilge, Dressel, and Roshon would go on to win the Sears Cup — the first I-LYA Club in decades and the first ever inland lake team to bring home the trophy!



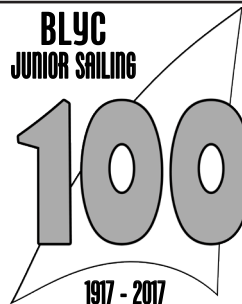
1977 BLYC Junior Team  
Dan Roshon, Willy Petersilge, Dan Dressel  
Steve Beeson, Mike Hein, Lon Moyer

Through the past century, participation and accomplishments have ebbed and flowed, but Junior Sailing remains a vital part of BLYC. Many of our juniors have gone on to serve in leadership roles in the Club, and in the sport of sailing, and remain active to this day.

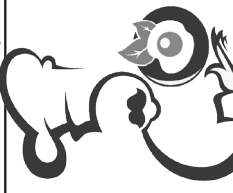
In the coming months, we will continue to celebrate this rich history.



2002 BLYC Junior Team  
Winners of the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club Trophy  
for Team Sportsmanship - Junior Bay Week



# JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  Club Closed	2  Clubhouse OPEN for Bowl Games Opening at Noon	3  Club Closed	4  	5  	6  Supper Club Don Beck 7:00 - 10:00	7  
8  Euchre 1:30 pm  Dining 9:00-7:00	9  College Football National Championship If the Buckeyes are in, BLYC is OPEN! Bar Only - Potluck welcome! Kick-Off at 8:30 pm	10  Club Closed	11  BLYC Book Club 6:30 pm	12  Board Meeting	13  Italian Night Dave Bott 7:00 - 10:00	14  Junior Sailing Planning Meeting 4:00 - 6:00 Parrot Head Party DJ Randy Cobun 7:00 - 11:00  Dining 11:00-9:00
15  Racing Rules Session 1:00 - 4:00  Dining 9:00-7:00	16  Club Closed	17  Club Closed	18  	19  Speaker Series Can We Defeat ISIS? Jerry Besanceney 7:00 pm	20  Supper Club Rese Jhordan 7:00 - 10:00	21  
22  Omelette Station 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Euchre 1:30 pm Wine Glass Painting Class Time TBD  Dining 9:00-7:00	23  Club Closed	24  Club Closed	25  	26  Speaker Series A Pictorial History of Buckeye Lake J-Mc Braig 7:00 pm	27  	28  Buckeye Lake Winterfest Open to the Public 7:00 am - 6:00 pm Art Show 10:00 - 4:00 Eric Solomon 1:00 - 4:00 Member Dining 6:00-9:00
29  Dining 9:00-7:00	30  Club Closed	31  Club Closed				
BREAKFAST SERVED EVERY SUNDAY 9:00 - 12:00						



# Buckeye Lake Winterfest 2017



Saturday, January 28

## BLYC OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

7:00 am — 6:00 pm

### Art Show

10:00 am — 4:00 pm

Bloody Marys - Screwdrivers - Food Specials

## STANDING COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS

Secretary/Treasurer  
Fleet Captain - Sail  
Fleet Captain - Power  
Fleet Surgeon  
Fleet Chaplain  
I-LYA Delegate  
Alternate  
Parliamentarian  
Historian  
Finance Committee

Governor Mark Pyle  
Commodore Don Harris  
Commodore Joe Campbell  
Doctor John Vangilder, MD  
Father G. Michael Gribble  
Matt Davis  
Commodore Don Harris  
Rufus Hurst  
Commodore Steve Harris  
Governor Mark Pyle, Chair  
Governor Donald Dick  
Commodore Dave Lawrence  
Commodore David Luttenberger  
Rear Commodore Michael McVey

Insurance Committee  
Commodores Assoc.  
Blue Gavel  
Classic Boat Regatta  
Snowball Regatta  
Annual Golf Outing  
Bob Dye Memorial Poker Run  
Commodores' Steak Nite  
Good Neighbor Committee  
Classic Car Show  
Howard & Rosa Clark  
Scholarship Fund

TBD  
Commodore Steve Harris  
Tony Durieux  
Commodore Chuck Wadley  
Commodore Steve Harris  
Larry Enmen  
TBD  
Commodore Greg Miller  
Commodore Joe Campbell  
Mike Fornataro  
Commodore Greg Miller  
Evan Miller

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

**President Jeff Hamilton**  
**Vice President Susan Hite**  
**Secretary Julie Whetstone**  
**Treasurer Gail Beck**

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