

Community Swim/Sail Program Wraps Up for Season

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The Put-in-Bay Community Swim Sail Program held their end of the year Awards Night on Friday, July 16th at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club. Swimmers, sailors, friends and families gathered to celebrate a safe, successful season. Each participant was recognized and presented with a t-shirt featuring the program's logo compliments of Sarah and Trey Sheehan.

The evening included the presentation of several PIBYC perpetual sailing trophies. Logan Barnhill received the Helen B. Davis Award for the Most Helpful Sailor. The Gardner Trophy recognizing overall excellence, sportsmanship, and improvement was presented by Pat Skinner of Ballast Island to Kate Gregory. The Cheryl Cody Award for the Most Improved Advanced Sailor was awarded to Colleen Mooney. Riley Drake was recognized as the Most Improved Beginner and Chad Hughes received the Most Improved Intermediate Award.

Nineteen of the forty Learn to Sail participants traveled off the island this summer at least once to participate in local junior regattas. In early July, 17 sailors and 14 boats traveled to Port Clinton for a three day US Sailing Junior Olympic event. Over 200 junior sailors from as far away as Chicago gathered at Port Clinton Yacht for clinics and racing. Congratulations to Tim O'Brien and Kate Gregory of PIBYC who finished third in the CFJ fleet.

On Friday, July 23rd, Put-in-Bay hosted sailors for the 2004 I-LYA Optimist Championship and the 12th annual Backus Cup. Colleen O'Brien finished in first place in the Blue Fleet for 11 and 12 year olds. Gage Auger was a very close second. In the Red Fleet for 13-15 year olds, Kevin Schnieders was second and Adam Bianchi was third. Also sailing for Put-in-Bay were Wyatt Auger, Maddie Barnhill, Johnny Martens, and Alyssa Trebilcock. The Backus Cup competition is an all girl Laser event. Colleen Mooney, Kate O'Brien, and Kate Gregory sailed for Put-in-Bay and finished 9th, 10th, and 11th, respectively.

Seven sailors were chosen to represent the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club at the 2004 I-LYA Junior Put-in-Bay Regatta. Logan Barnhill finished 9th out of 23 boats in the Laser Commodore Division. Ryan Schnieders also raced a laser and finished 20th. Maggie Junkin sailed in the Laser Radial fleet and finished 10th. Two teams raced Club Flying Juniors. Tim O'Brien and crew, Kate Gregory, sailed to a 6th in the CFJ Gold fleet. Colleen Mooney and crew, Kate O'Brien, finished 6th in the CFJ Silver fleet. Congratulations to all the Put-in-Bay junior sailors who raced this season and special thanks to the island businesses and families who supported them throughout the summer.