**Race for Hope**

*Robert Thompson, Chairman*

This year’s Race for Hope was held June 22 at North Cape Yacht Club (NCYC), and is the eighth year that NCYC and the American Cancer Society have partnered to raise money for cancer research. The event’s honorary chairpersons were Ron and Patti Schebil who have been active members of NCYC for many years. As cancer survivors, Ron and Patti gave their all in gathering participants and auction items. Everyone involved had an awesome time with the race, meal and music.

NCYC members Duane Burgoyne, John Greiner, Holly Miller and Bob Thompson along with Commodore Doug Jordan, Vice Commodore Rich Cherry and Rear Commodore Russ Atkinson sought participation from boaters and sponsors. The lead sponsor was Parker Steel secured by Vicky Kretz. Other sponsors were Binkelman, Toledo Beach Marina, SABCO, Sun Federal Credit Union, Carpets by Otto, Tuffy, Wexler & White CPA, Toledo Jet Center, Reynolds Road Animal Hospital, Toledo Window and Door, Melchior Building, Merrill Lynch, Arakyta, DECO Tool, John Deere, Promedica, Milan PT, Biz Tech, BP, Evergreen Homes, Lays Transmission and North Cape Yacht Club.

The cooks, led by Tom Henkel and Tim Manton, put on another excellent steak and barbeque dinner with all the extras. Tim’s crew worked hard to insure dinner went off without a hitch. Everyone enjoyed the extra touches of sweetness from the best cupcakes ever provided by Michelle and the Eischen family.

The day concluded with the awards; Orange Crate, owned by Jim and Chris Davis, won the overall award. Following the awards ceremony, “Hot Rod” Rodney Parker and the Liberty Beach Band cranked out country tunes and turned NCYC redneck for the night. The Chicago raffle went to the crew of Baci, or whoever will claim to be crew.

The entire event raised $23,200 — an all time record! — that all goes to research and patient services in the local community. Collectively the American Cancer Society of Ohio has raised over $17 million this year to battle this dreaded disease; for the first time, we are seeing a decline in cancer incidents in Ohio. A huge thank you goes out to our sponsors and everyone who supported the day. Every dollar raised helps “Finish the Fight” and helps us celebrate more birthdays, since the American Cancer Society is the office sponsor of Birthdays!

**NOTE:** North Cape Yacht Club is one of I-LYA's premiere sail-oriented Club. Among so many other items, they are very proud to be the home Club of Anna Tunnicliffe, Olympic Gold Medalist in Sailing Competitions.