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### **TIN MAN REGATTA IS JULY 9 & 10 AT ISLAND BAY YACHT CLUB**

Something special is coming to Island Bay Yacht Club the weekend of July 9 & 10, 2010 as part of the Club's 75th Anniversary festivities. Island Bay will play host to the Tin Man Regatta, a fundraiser supporting Children's Miracle Network at St. John's Children's Hospital.

The Regatta will serve as a celebration on a number of levels. First, its name references the poem written by club member Tom Londrigan Jr. about his son Jack, now 13, who won a life threatening battle against rare and severe infections last summer. Secondly Children's Miracle Network and Walmart have named Jack, who was a patient at St. John's Children's Hospital, as the Champion for the State of Illinois. Over the next year, Jack and his fellow Champions will represent the 17 million children treated at Children's Miracle Network hospitals annually throughout the United States.

The event is a one-day multi-fleet regatta beginning at Noon on July 10<sup>th</sup>. In order to prepare for the event, IBYC will host a Skipper's Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on July 9<sup>th</sup> followed by a "Texas Hold 'em" party at 7:00 p.m. The festivities will continue after the Regatta on Saturday Night with an Awards Dinner and Silent Auction.

Even if you are not a sailor, make plans to celebrate and take part in the Tin Man Regatta, because there will be a "virtual sailor" element where you can compete dockside with your favorite beverage in hand!

To register, review the notice of race or for more information please visit [www.cmnspringfield.org](http://www.cmnspringfield.org) or call the Children's Miracle Network office at 217-544-KIDS(5437).

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