



### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The 1977 Annual Meeting is history now and your new officers and directors are all on Board, except — at this writing — for the Fleet Captain. It is amazing that, with over 340 members voting, one of the offices should end up in a dead-even tie. However, by the time this is published the deadlock will have been broken and you all will know who was the successful candidate. Incidentally, the turnout for this Annual Meeting was by far the largest ever, which certainly indicates the interest you members take in the operation of your Club.

My wife, Betty, and I wish to thank all of you for giving us the opportunity to serve as Commodore and Commodore's Lady for the coming year. It goes without saying that we both will do our best to make this the kind of Club you want.

I was fortunate enough to catch the Martines in a moment of weakness, and Roy and Rosemary have agreed to handle the Entertainment chores for the coming year. Also, Walt and Doris Veihdeffer have undertaken editorship of the *Log*. In addition, I want to thank Bob Dodsworth for once again being our representative to the Inter Lake Yachting Association, Frank Knauer for continuing as Swimming Pool Committee Chairman, Bruce Raimy for heading the Long Range Planning Committee, Sylvia Burdick for being Publicity Chairman, and George Sipple for the combined jobs of Membership Committee and Club Historian. With a crew like this helping, how can I lose!

Also, a large vote of thanks to Bill and Marj Behr, and to Marj's parents, for donating the handsome Christmas Tree

## Annual Meeting — New Officers & Directors Elected

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Erie Yacht Club was held on Friday, November 18th, 1977.

Elected were

Commodore - Richard E. Waller  
 Vice Commodore - Gustave Neuss  
 Rear Commodore - Clemens V. Schwab  
 Directors - John J. Finn and  
 Howard P. Miskill

The position of Fleet Captain resulted in a tie vote, which required a special meeting of the membership on December 11, 1977. Fred H. Reymore was elected to this office as a result of the Balloting.

Additional business conducted at the meeting included the following:

1. Membership Dues:
  - (a) Jr. Member
 

16 - 21	\$ 22.00
22	\$ 50.00
23	\$100.00
24	\$100.00
25	Become regular member
  - (b) Associate Dues
 

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  - (c) Regular Dues
 

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  - (d) All other classes of members
 

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2. Voted to mandate at least two nominees for Position of Fleet Captain and for each vacancy on the Board.
3. Awarded the Thompson Memorial Trophy to George Loesel.
4. Presented information on the possibility of a pool with estimates for \$300,000.00 for a full size pool.
5. Presented estimates for work on Buildings and grounds which could run \$500,000.00 Total.

standing in the dining room, and to all those who came down on a snowy Monday night to decorate the place.

It seems as though all I am doing is thanking people. It must be because everyone has been so generous with their help. See you next issue — in the meantime, Think Spring.

Richard Waller



### VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The mailing of Stall Application forms has been completed. You are reminded of the January 31, 1978 deadline for the return of the completed form to insure consideration of your stall request.

As of this writing, December 11, 1977, plans for dock additions and repair and refurbishing are, to say the least, rather fluid. All work is dependent on the severity of winter damage, and the amount of budgeted monies for docks and dock repair. If the weather to date is indicative of what can be expected for winter, (this is still Fall!) dock repair may be equally as extensive as was experienced last year. Also budget preparation has been delayed pending election of the Fleet Captain. Both of these items will be resolved prior to Christmas.

Current plans for dock improvement, in addition to normal maintenance, include a program for replacement of damaged concrete slab platforms with diamond checkered plate. Additional stalls are proposed along the north bulkhead, west of those erected in 1977, and in an extension to the south of piers M and N. To augment the stalls, moorings in greater number can be provided to the west, through locating and reactivating those lost in past years. Skin diver volunteers are sought for this effort.

Much of what can be accomplished is dependent on the ravages of the elements. With all due respect for our members who are skiers, skaters, ice boaters, snowmobilers or ice fishermen, please join me in a prayer for a mild winter.

Gustave "Gus" Neuss



## 1978 Board Reorganizes



### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Gentlemen:

I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me to the office of Rear Commodore. In doing so, you have indicated a desire for changes that I recognize and will endeavor to initiate. Many of you have offered your services for both active participation and/or advice. This is most gratifying, since it is a strong indication of the members willingness to become involved and you can be sure that I will call on you as the need arises.

The past two weeks have been an education. Various approaches to the Galley problems have been discussed with members and outside sources. With the aid of the Officers, Directors, and the House Committee, we should begin to see changes in the menu and food, that I hope will reflect the standards we all want and expect.

In addition, an analysis of the bar operation indicated a decline in the net profit, in spite of an increase in sales. This was undoubtedly due to the increase in wages, liquor, beer and supply items in the past year. Therefore some selected increases in bar prices have been put into effect, which will hopefully rectify this problem.

Clemens V. Schwab



### HANGING OF THE GREENS

On Monday evening, December 7th, the Board of Directors gathered to give the Clubhouse the festive look of Christmas. Skippers and first mates really "did themselves up proud" - they did a GREAT job. Doc and Dee Bressler graciously offered their assistance, as well as Hank Lorence who surprised everyone with his versatility with the paint brush. The Greg Weislogels and Pat Sheerans also showed up and gave a helping hand. Many many thanks to you all . . .

Following the election of new officers and directors, the Board held it's organization Meeting on November 21, 1977. Highlights from this meeting; Commodore Waller - reported the following committee chairman appointments:

Auxiliary Fleet Captain  
William Bloomstine  
Representative to the  
Inter Lake Yachting Association  
Robert Dodsworth  
Swimming Pool Committee  
Frank Knauer  
Entertainment Chairman  
Roy Martine  
Long Range Planning  
Bruce Raimy  
Membership Committee  
George Sipple  
Log Editor  
Walter Veihdeffer  
Small Boat Fleet Captain  
Not Determined as yet

Vice Commodore Neuss

Reported Planning to analyze the basin layout and prepare recommendations for new stalls, should the Club decide to build any this year.

Rear Commodore Schwab

Reported beginning a study of the operation of the Bar and galley in order to make specific recommendations at a later date.

Repairs to the Club owned Flagship will be the responsibility of the new Fleet Captain.

Membership Actions - elected to special membership - Mrs. Jack Raimy.

Honorary Regular Membership

Charles P. O'Dea

Ken M. Eckerd

Honorary Associate Membership

Louis J. Tullio, Mayor, City of Erie

Sam Gemelli - Chief of Police, Erie

George Hamburger, Fire Chief, Erie

Russell Robison, County Executive

Lt. Martin D. Mariut, USNRTC, Erie

D. Hendrick, CO, USCG, Erie, PA

M. Wargo, Admin. Presque Isle Park

David Strong, Lt. Commander

### ATTENTION

In an attempt to keep you more fully informed, NEW PUBLICATION DATES for the Log are now scheduled for the fifteenth of February, April, June, August, October, December. Copy should be mailed on or before the twenty-first of the month preceding publication date.

Thank you



### FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

As the newly elected Fleet Captain, I am to give a report to the Log. However, as I was elected at a special meeting held on December 11 and have been on the job for only one day, I have little to report.

I would like to thank the Yacht Club crew who worked so hard and did a wonderful job in keeping the road and grounds open so we could hold the Special Meeting. A special thanks to the 120 or so members who braved the snow and cold to come down to vote.

Dr. Lasher and I had agreed before the counting of the ballots that we would help each other and work with the winner. I want to thank him. This is the kind of spirit we need from all members. Let's all get behind Commodore Waller and work for the good of the Erie Yacht Club.

Fred H. Reymore

### ENGINE MAINTENANCE COURSE

Erie Power Squadron Engine Maintenance Course will be conducted by Ralph Heard at his Presque Isle Sport Shop, 3214 West Lake Road, starting Tuesday, January 3, 1978. Call 833-5312 for further details.

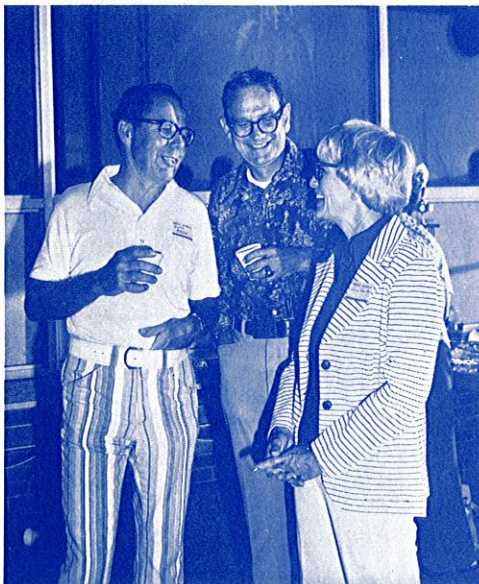
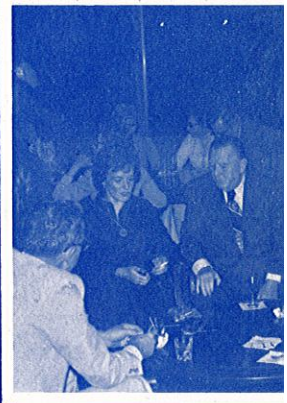
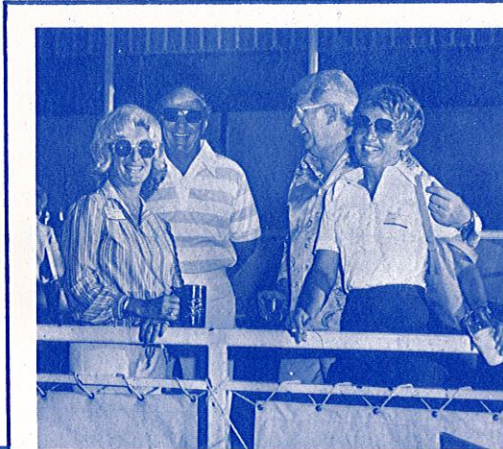
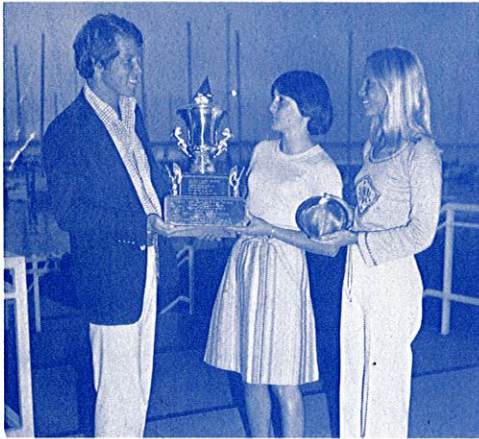
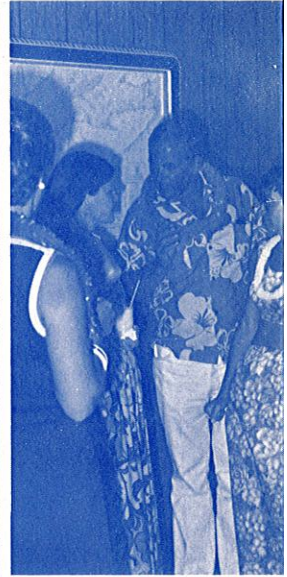
### ON THE ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

Our Entertainment Chairmen, Roy and Rosemary Martine, are busy arranging the various parties for 1978; we plan to mail a schedule to everyone, listing the firm party dates. It will be arriving soon, so keep it handy so you'll know the scoop!!! The Committee is also planning mini-parties for the winter months - five have been arranged, the first of which is Tuesday, January 24, 1978 - watch for more announcements on these. Remember, if you want to help out with the social side of EYC, give them a call (456-1868) - it's a great way to get acquainted.

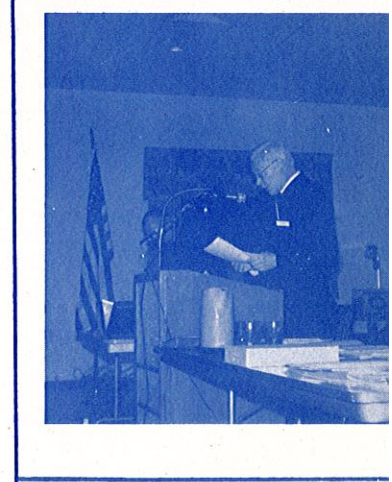




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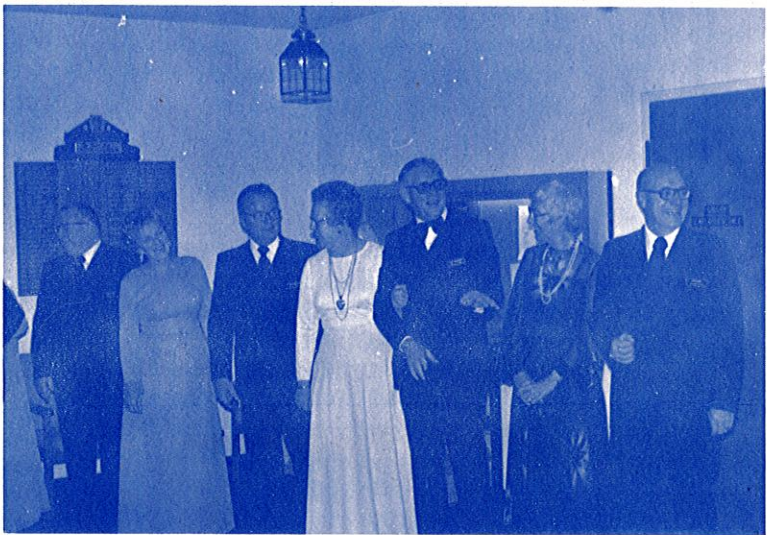
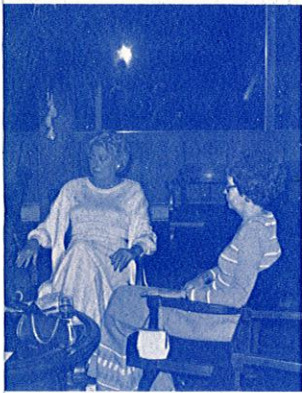
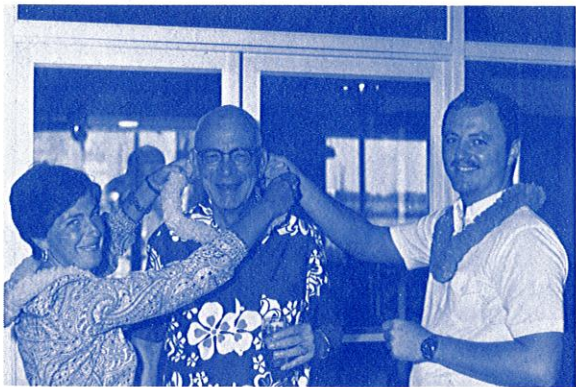




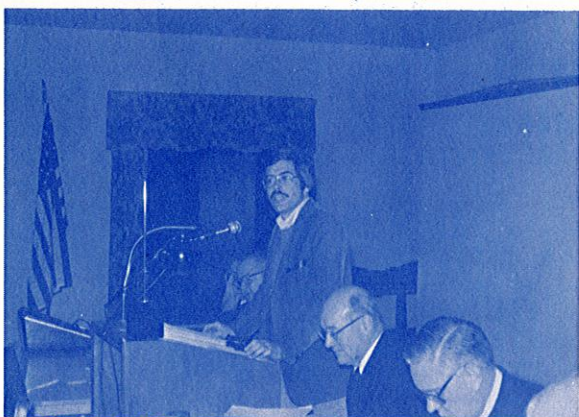
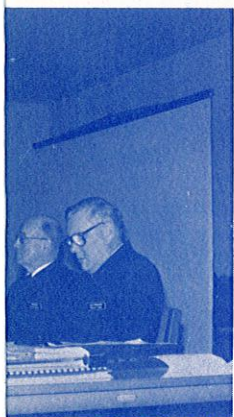
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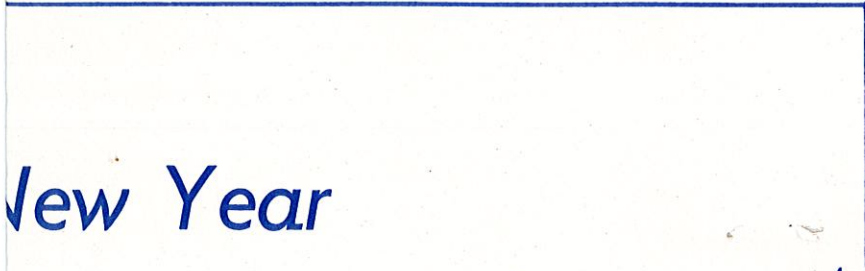
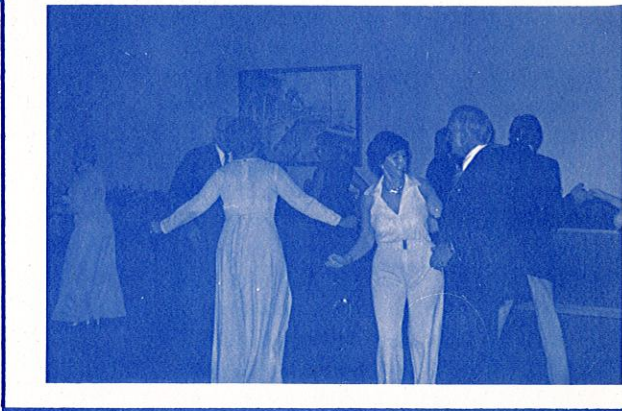
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THE ANNUAL MEETING



New Year







## PAST (Bob) and PRESENT (Walt)

It has just been one year for me as editor of the *Log*. Time passes rather rapidly and it certainly doesn't seem that long. It takes almost that long to learn the job. As I pass the responsibilities to Walt Veihdeffer, I wish him all the success and fun I experienced.

My gratitude to Bill Behr and Sylvia Burdick for the pictures, to George Sipple for the ancient editions of the *Log*; to the Officers, Dave Schuler, Doc Bressler, Dick Waller and Dave Preston for their informative reports and Bill Ambro for the official office reports and accolades.

I plea for more members of the Club to support the *Log* and provide an abundance of material.

It has been a pleasure to do this work. Thanks again to all who helped make the job easier.

Robert L. Lasher

As your new "*Log*" editor for 1978, I can only express the hope that we will be able to bring you the news as well as Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lasher did in 1977. Bob and Dee were kind enough to get us started in the right direction. I use the term "we" to acknowledge the help of my wife and my office staff. They will be doing much of the work and their help will be invaluable to me.

I always remember when Doris and I first joined the Erie Yacht Club in 1969 that there was a noticeable effort on the part of the members and staff to introduce themselves to us and make us feel welcome. We shall endeavor to maintain this theme in our forthcoming issues of the *Log*. We will re-introduce and update the entire Club staff through pictures and writeups in the months to come. We encourage you to keep these past issues of the *Log* to better help you remember, on a first-name basis, the staff and friends (old and new) whose faces will be peering at you through our pages.

We encourage letters to the Editor. Although signed letters are preferred, unsigned letters will receive equal attention where possible.

That's all for now, except to extend our best wishes to you all for a Very Happy New Year.

Walt Veihdeffer

## NEWS AND VIEWS

### LADIES' AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, December 7th, forty-five EYC ladies and guests braved slippery roads and snowy weather to gather for our Christmas luncheon. Following a delicious luncheon, a brief business meeting was held. Betty Waller introduced Vice Commodore's lady Marge Neuss and Rear Commodore's lady Elaine Schwab, as well as her other Committee appointments. Michael Tkach, a graduate student at Gannon College, and Joan Williams, guitarist, presented a delightful Christmas program.

Our next luncheon will be February 7th - so plan to join us - guests are welcome. EYC member Al Margetta will be narrating a slide presentation of his and Marian's recent trip to Egypt.

### NEWS FLASH !!! NEW GIFT SHOP ITEM MAKES TERRIFIC GIFT !!!

Hooded, front zippered, EYC emblem, navy blue "sweat shirts". Just received. At press time all sizes were in stock: Childrens, in sizes S, M, and L - priced at \$10.50. Adults in sizes S, M, L, and X-L are priced at \$11.50. 50% polyester - 50% cotton - minimal shrinkage. See Marj Behr, Dorothy Knauer, Ellie Matts, Barbara - in the office, or Betty Waller.

### MARRIAGES

Recent marriages within the Club membership:

John Hargarther and Mary Dunlavy, also Paul Momeyer and Gloria Roach.

Congratulations !!!

### SICK BAY ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

John Wolford and Dolly Swanson are both recuperating from recent surgery ... Ken Claunch was also hospitalized, however is "up and at 'em" once more...

Our gardener, Jean Weinheimer, is scheduled for foot surgery in early January - we hope it is a success this time, Jean.

### HARSH WINDS

Winter winds can be harsh on our boats and the tarps that cover them. It's been suggested that each boat owner place his name and phone number clearly on the cradle or on the boat itself. Thoughtful members who see a tarp flying free might be glad to give you a helpful call so that you can remedy the problem.

### SYMPATHY

Our sympathies to Dave and Marnie Preston - Dave's mother passed away recently - she was a lovely woman and we looked forward to visiting with her at Christmas time.

### SPECIAL ACCOLADE

A hearty thanks to Dockmaster Martin Pomorski - on the Saturday night of the big storm Marty remained at the Club all night plowing, to assure access to the Clubhouse for the following day's election of Fleet Captain.

### PINOCHLE CLUB

Byron Cooley's Pinochle Club meets on Wednesday evenings. Presently we have 25 members. Don't stay away because you can't make it every Wednesday.

### "ONE MAN'S OPINION"

Boating getting expensive? Do you want to sail or power? What? You want to do both! How are you going to do that and have the crew or justify the expense? Problems, problems. I believe a reasonable answer to the whole question follows:

First ... buy an E-22, a 30' Etchells, in partnership with one other person. This keeps the boat active, helps the crew problem and reduces the cost of maintenance upkeep, insurance, etc. \$10,000. reduced to \$5,000! And for Erie sailing, you'll have as fine a sail boat as is on the bay. Now once the fleet takes shape, and say 10 partnerships become a reality, 20 owners will be involved. Get 10 of the 20 owners to each fork up \$10,000. and buy a Grand Banks 42, again in partnership. Bring the boat to Erie each summer, on its way to the North Channel from which it heads south down the Mississippi to say ... Commodore Schuler's Point Clear area, near the Gulf of Mexico; on its way to Florida or the Bahamas. Then spring comes and Hilton Head becomes a perfect stop on the way north to Long Island Sound. When was the last time (or was it the first time) an EYC boat went around Nova Scotia to the St. Lawrence, Quebec, Montreal? It is possible, you know. Or settle for the beautiful trip through the Erie Canal. But in any event, we'll eventually get 'er back to Erie. But in the meantime members of the EYC could have cruising like they've never had before and in a boat designed to go long distances. Cost of both boats ... \$15,000/share, far less than one medium sized IOR, which often doesn't sail as well as my E-22, nor cruise really comfortably for weeks on end. A pipe dream? A fantasy? perhaps ... but not necessarily so .....(If you'd like to be a part of either concept, let me hear from you)

P.C. Bill Walker



## CALENDAR

### Food Service

Monday closed  
 Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday -  
 Friday - Saturday  
 Lunch 11:30 - 2:00 P.M.  
 Dinner 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
 Sunday  
 Brunch 11:30 - 2:00 P.M.  
 Sandwiches available in the Bar until  
 3:00 P.M.  
 Dinner 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

### DECEMBER

31 EYC New Year's Eve Party

### JANUARY

1 New Years all member reception  
 (members only)  
 16 EYC Board Meeting  
 19 U. S. Power Squadron Dinner  
 22 C.G. Auxiliary Board  
 28 EYC Champagne Dinner Dance

### FEBRUARY

17 EYC Ground Hog Day  
 18 U.S.P.S. Founders Day Party  
 20 EYC Board Meeting

## 1978 ERIE YACHT CLUB DIRECTORY OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

COMMODORE - Richard Waller (Supervision all areas) . . . . . 455-4332 or 456-4287  
 VICE COMMODORE - Gustave Neuss (Dock assignment, Maint.) . . . . . 833-7500  
 REAR COMMODORE - Clemens Schwab (House, Bar, Galley) . . . . . 833-1116  
 FLEET CAPTAIN - Fred H. Reymore (Roads, Grounds, Security) . . . . . 866-0377  
 SEC'Y - TREAS. - G. William Ambro (Records, Finance) . . . . . 455-8501

Directors	Harold Bush	Jack Finn
	Richard Gorney	Frank Knauer
	Howard Miskill	Dick Raimy
		John V. Schultz

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

MEMBERSHIP - George Sipple . . . . . 455-1674 & 833-4022  
 ENTERTAINMENT - Roy Martine . . . . . 456-1868  
 HISTORIAN - George Sipple . . . . . 455-1674 & 833-4022  
 AUXILIARY FLEET CAPTAIN - William Bloomstine . . . . . 864-1732  
 LONG RANGE PLANNING - Bruce Raimy . . . . . 833-4977  
 SMALL BOAT FLEET CAPTAIN - Not Determined as yet  
 REPRESENTATIVE TO I.L.Y.A. - Robert Dodsworth . . . . . 455-1551  
 SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE - Frank Knauer . . . . . 899-3822

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