

Commodore's Report

The season is here. Best of all conditions for all boaters. Please be safe.

It is with regret that I announce the retirement of Bill Ambro as the Clubs Secretary - Treasurer. I would rather call it a retirement rather than resignation. As he puts it, he wants a little more freedom to enjoy his bride and boat. Bill has had this job for about 12 years and deserves a rest. For those of you who do not know of his dedication and tenacity just let me tell you from experience that he had done one heck of a good job - good is not enough - it is outstanding. My personal thanks to him for his untiring efforts in this job.



Things must go on and so they do. Coming in to fill the job is another outstanding member who has many of the same qualifications and abilities of Bill Ambro. Let me introduce to you Dave Preston. Dave has been around for some time and had previously had the job for a short period of time. I have no worries that the job will be done correctly. Best wishes Dave.

There isn't too much to report in addition to what your Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and Fleet Captain have put in their reports as they relate to Club activities. Our committees are hard at work, but no reports are available as of this writing.

I am concerned about the continuation of petty thefts that are continuing to occur at the Club. I cannot believe there are members and or guests that would be so immature to do such things. I refer to the disappearance of Christmas tree decorations at the Christmas parties or the disappearance of our ship wheel candle holders at a recent party. NOT to mention the "punk" that did carving on one of our tables in the bar area. Just a warning that if anyone is caught doing these child-like activities, they will be brought to the Board for disciplinary action and are subject to expulsion!

Robert Lasher
Commodore

Vice Commodore Report

Despite the uncooperative weather, the launching schedule is current. The new heavy-duty truck and the new (last year) yard trailer have increased the speed and flexibility of the launching operation.

The painting of the piers and catwalks will continue until all are painted.

For a while it appeared we had new boats coming in at a rate offsetting normal attrition. Within the last few days we have had a few slip request cancellations which will enable us to move a few boats from the kegs. As soon as possible the changes will be posted on the dock chart.

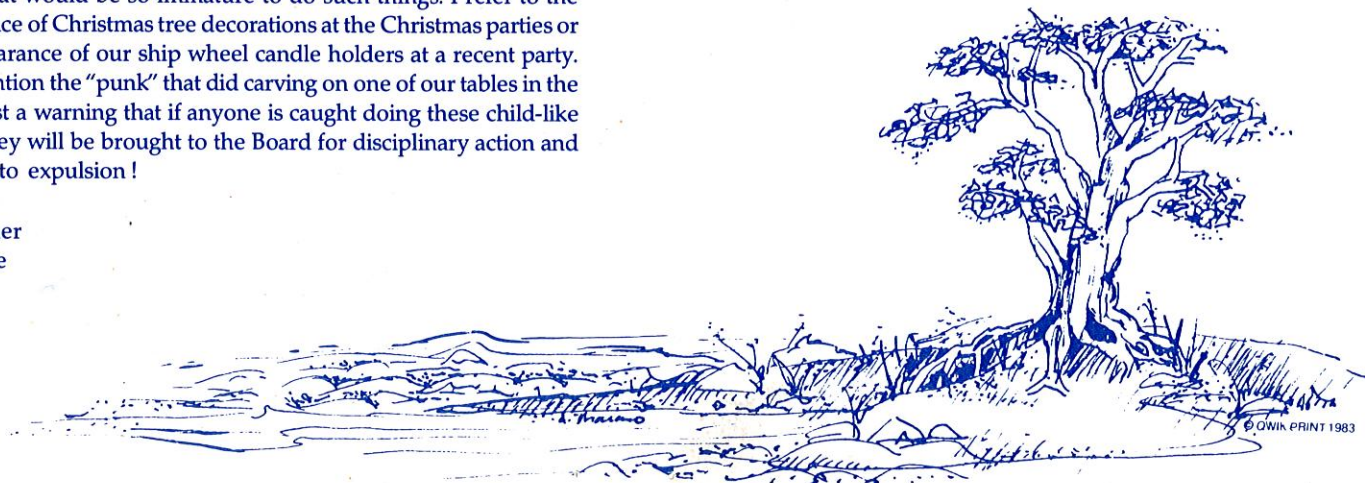
Any boats on I Pier not yet launched will be moved to a storage area.

Masts placed in the rigging area must be kept in the designated area and must not block access to catwalks to the nearby boats.

Temporary use of assigned slips for boats fitting out must have the concurrence of the assignee and the Vice Commodore Dockmaster must be informed. The temporary user must move out as soon as fitting out is completed or at the assigned slip holder's request. Unauthorized use of a slip or a keg is cause for disciplinary action. Slips that are vacant when the assigned user are out will be used by the Club for visitors from other Clubs, a courtesy that we expect when visiting other Clubs.

Members are advised to review the rules governing co-owners of boats.

Donald Sheeran
Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report



Installation of the water softener was certainly a wise decision. Spotted silverware and glasses are now a thing of the past. This item has been a constant problem and we are all very happy to have it resolved.

Irvin Construction has been awarded the job of erecting a storage room below the present utility room. This area in the basement will not interfere with mast and other storage and will give us much needed space.

A plate warmer, food warmer and a new Roto toaster and bun warmer have been ordered for the kitchen. One unit has already arrived. The remaining should be here any day. In addition, a storage refrigerator for the liquor room was authorized by the board and is also on order. With the anticipation of a new wine list, it will give us an area to chill, plus a space to keep pop and beer to supplement the back bar coolers. The latter in many cases have proven to be inadequate.

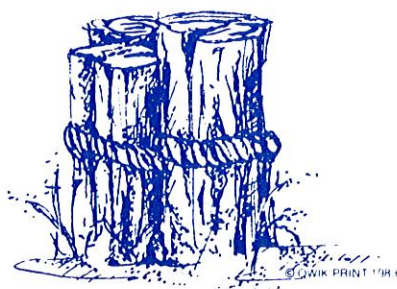
Jim Owen has followed through on the installation of the fire alarm boxes. Many thanks to Jack Tate who furnished the pipe, to Alan Bauman who donated the equipment to dig the trench and the cold patch to finish the job. Also to Chief Rinn and Deputy Chief Jim Breon of the Erie Fire Dept. for their cooperation. The boxes, in case you are not familiar, are located on the last utility pole on the main dock nearest the gas dock and the other at the Southeast corner of the clubhouse facing East. Another box that has been there for years, but many are not aware of, is located along the fence just outside the exit gate.

We have started our collection of club burgees for the bar area. Again, if you have any that we do not have at present, we would appreciate their donation or just to even lend them to us. It gives us a little Yacht Club atmosphere.

Copies of the revised constitution are available at the office. Please ask for yours when you are in the Club. This saves us the expense of a mailing.

Finally, on behalf of the club members, I would like to express our appreciation to the individual who did the "art work" on one of our new tables. I might remind you that such conduct could result in suspension or dismissal of a member. Any defacing of club property is unbecoming a member or his guests. The people you bring onto the property are your responsibility and their misconduct could also result in action against the member.

Rear Commodore
Bill Behr



Fleet Captains Report

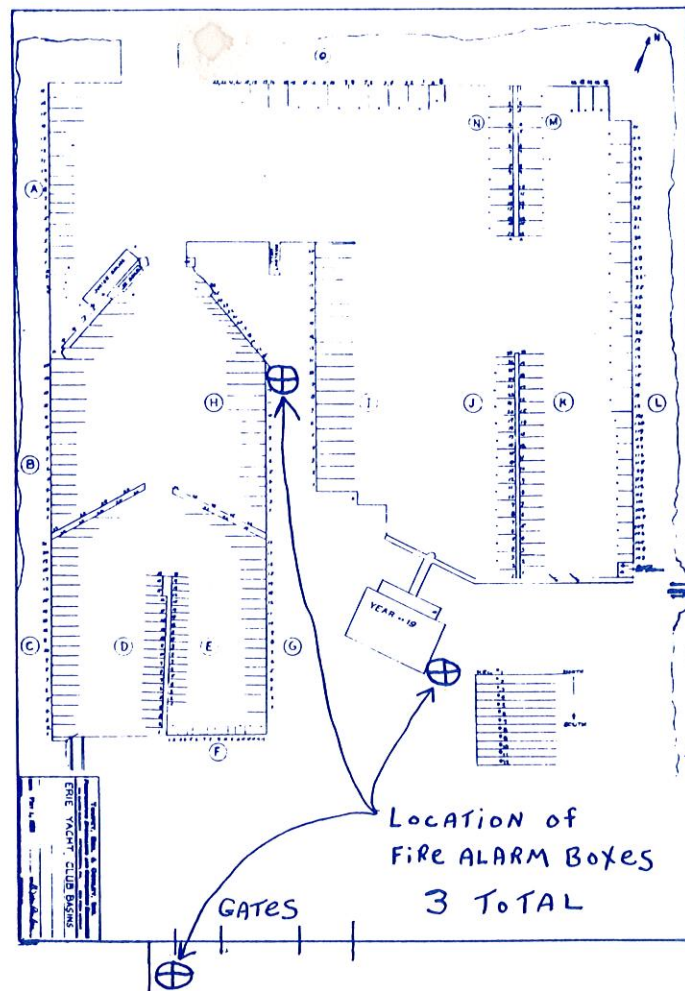
The Grounds Committee has been hard at work since the first of the year and their results are starting to bear fruit. Most of the major projects relating to the grounds have either been completed or are in progress.

Everyone seems pleased with the new lighthouse; however, this was not due to any one person's efforts. Below, to date, are the people who lent their ideas, time, talents, and efforts to make this project a reality: Chet Church, Jess Murdock, Dick Waller, Bill Corson, Clarence Skinner, Doug Pomorski, Al Wodzianski, Gordy Way, Dick Sarver, Dave Burdick, Jack Tate, Perky Pundt, Heinrich Feigle, John Doyle Sr., Jim Gorski, Hal Bush, Clem Chesko, and finally the Officers and Directors for their permission to go ahead with the project.

Thanks go to the Ladies' Auxiliary for their contribution to the beautification of the grounds. Their patience with me and cooperation have been appreciated and made my job much easier.

The new roof for the canoe house and a coat of paint will be effected after the launch season. One last project the Board approved is a structure at the gas dock as a convenience item for ice and snacks. Any input or ideas from any of you will be, as always, welcomed.

James L. Owen
Fleet Captain





The wife of one of our members had a coat stolen from the cloak room in the Club on February 25th. The member and his wife are extremely irritated by this action and have directed a well spoken letter to the Board of Directors expressing their feelings.

The Board reviewed this letter at the regular March meeting, concluding the following: A member, (or one of whose family), caught stealing on Club property will be expelled. The Club will encourage and participate in, if necessary, any legal action taken by the victim against the thief. Thieves are forewarned that the authority of the Board to take such drastic action is far more encompassing and assured than that of government enforcement officials who are often frustrated by the "reasonable doubt" plea of defendants attorneys. As stated in the member's letter to the Board "the Erie Yacht Club is not a smoke filled dive" and most certainly this Board intends to make sure it does not become such. Punishment for misconduct will be quick and severe.

A member may not evade the misconduct of his guest, while on Club property as the Club rules clearly require that each member is responsible for his guest and shall be with him or her while the guest is on the property.

The Board fervently hopes that no misconduct situation shall arise which would force them to take action but this Board shall resolutely do so if necessary.

Board of Directors
Erie Yacht Club



– New Rules of the Road –

A major change has occurred (March 1, 1983 on the Lakes) in the laws regarding the operation of boats. These changes involve sound signals, right of way between vessels and lighting requirements. Even for those of you who had been well versed in the intricacies of the previous rules, it will become necessary for you to re-orient yourselves to a new nomenclature and some decidedly new rules.

First, the four sets of Rules (International, Inland, Great Lakes and Western Rivers) have been reduced to two, International and Inland, with further progress toward a single Rule scheduled for June 1, 1983. The present Rule, International and Inland are published in a single booklet identified as COMDTINST M16672.2 available from the Supt. of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 for \$6.50. I sent for mine on February 18th, receiving a notice on March 31st that the Supt. was waiting for a new printing. I'm still waiting as of April 25th. However Tom Collman got his copy at the U.S. Government office in downtown Cleveland.

Secondly, the measuring methods have changed. We use meters instead of feet with the following dividing lengths:

- Vessels less than 7 meters (23. feet)
- Vessels less than 12 meters (39.4 feet)
- Vessels less than 20 meters (65. feet)

Also, such terminology as two points abaft the beam will be abandoned in favor of a definition in degrees, i.e. a light showing from two points abaft the beam on each side now becomes a light showing 25 degrees.

In future sections of this report I will attempt to describe the new rules with report to "Lights", "Sound Signals" and "Right of Way" as they apply to small boats, presuming I get my official copy of the Rules. While there are more changes than will be covered in these reports, many are not applicable to the kinds of boats we sail and will be included only if pertinent to your needs.

G. William Ambro



– Racing –

The fun and excitement of sailboat racing begins again as MORC Station 31 opens its twelfth racing season on May 18th.

This year's racing schedule includes five lake races, the Wednesday night series, and two long distance races. An Erie-Dunkirk race will replace the traditional Erie-Ashtabula race; the annual Erie-Dover race provides the other long distance event. The Firecracker and Michelob Cup regattas in July highlight the season, each providing two days of exciting competition. This year, an added attraction is the MORC International Regatta in August. Station 31 plans to be well represented in this competition, which will be held in Toronto.

Of course, all this sailing can be strenuous. To help cope with the rigors of racing, the Fleet also sponsors several post race parties.

It's not too late to take part in this year's sailing fun. If the urge to compete strikes you, either as a crew member or as skipper of your own 20-30 foot sailboat, there's a place for you in MORC. There are several classes of competition, so even the novice racer can enjoy the racing. For information on membership and schedules, contact a MORC officer.

E.Y.C. Madcaps



Sign up here for your "New Man" hair piece.



"OK fun's over. Put your jewelry and money in this bag!"



"And then there's the one about the lady who went to the hardware store to buy a hinge and . . ."



"This man will fix anyone's toilet for \$9.95!"



"Seems like we've aged waiting for this party to end."

E.Y.C. Auxiliary

How can I ever thank everyone enough for making our Erie Yacht Club Auxiliary Spring Luncheon such a success? there are a few names I would like to mention – to give credit where credit is due:

First of all, to Betty Waller who handled the reservations and her co-chairman Dorothy DeMarco. Ellie Matts, our treasurer, who somehow manages to always keep our accounts straight. Virginia Sheeran, Patty Owen and Honey Sheran, who not only did the decorations, but then sold the plants we used. Marge Behr made all the arrangements for the delightful style show done by "My Friend's Place." Betty Carter and Jean Tooze were in charge of chances and Marty Rudolph did the beautiful poster that was displayed in the foyer. Claire Swahn obtained some lovely door prizes and Sylvia Burdich handled the publicity. Helen Fuhrman managed to get us lots of delicious cookies made by the ladies of the Auxiliary. Also serving on the committee, and helping in any capacity that was requested of them were Dee Bressler, Marge Neuss, Marilyn Amthor and Mildred Ambro. A special thank you to Jane Scott and the staff, who did a simply superb job. It was a wonderful day – made that way by all who helped so willingly.

I wanted to mention too, that if anyone is interested in joining the Garden Club, please call Ellie Matts (833-5809). These women meet on the third Wednesday of each month around 11:00 A.M., weed and work in the yard then stay and have lunch. In June, July and August they come down a couple a times a month to weed and trim. All are welcome.

Have a great Opening Day and I'll see you at the E.Y.C.

Dee Lasher

Spring Luncheon



Dee Lasher, Jean Tooze, Betty Carter and Betty Waller



Some of our ladies in attendance.



With nicer weather coming on, we have an obligation to each other at E.Y.C. From what I can gather, people who are not members here, come and use our facilities and fish, and help themselves unchecked. Our security system can not possibly keep track of all the members and their guests and friends who enter E.Y.C. grounds. It would help if we all would keep an eye open for a person who looks unfamiliar or suspicious. Not to be biligerant and the like, but, if you suspect something, introduce yourself and ask politely if they are members and if they are and you don't know them, what a nice way to meet people ! If they are not members try and get a name and find out what they are up to. These are just some suggestions that may help us police our own ranks. People who are not members should be in the company of a member when they are on E.Y.C. property. Visitors are not permitted to come and go at E.Y.C. without permission. They are trespassing. Don't wait until theft or vandalism strikes you. Help us help each other.

Greg Weislogel
Editor

Sunday, July 3, 1983

THE ERIE YACHT CLUB

Will present another of its popular events.

***NEW ORLEANS STYLE
CHAMPAGNE JAZZ BRUNCH***

In addition to our popular group we will feature
one of Canada's top jazz Clarinetists

"GENTLEMAN JIM" BUCKMAN

This is a Holiday weekend
so early reservations are requested.

See you there !

50's Party



"Hey!, Everyone went home an hour ago!"



"James Dean eat your heart out!"

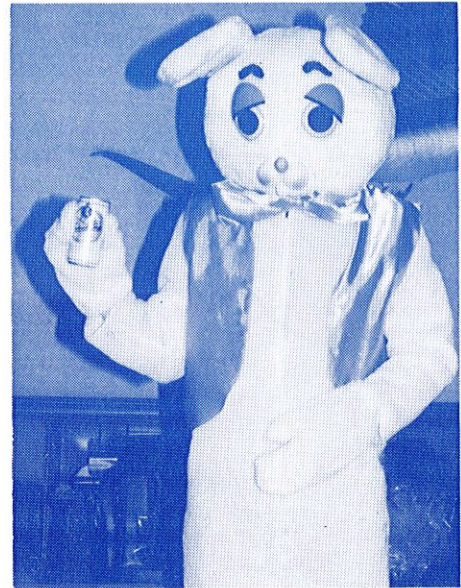


"Do you want to play doctor?"



"This sweater fit better in the 50's"

Easter Party "83"



Bunny's Get Thirsty Too!



"Quiet Kids, Bunny has a headache"



"The Big Egg Hunt"



"A good time had by all!"



"Thanks To Messenkopf the Magnificent."

HAPPY HOURS:
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