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From the Bridge

By Fleet Captain Brian Lasher

It While we eagerly await the Clubhouse reopening Memorial Day weekend, we must not forget that this is the Erie Yacht Club. And that means boating. Owners have busily readied their boats for launching, and Dockmaster Mike Argeny and Asst. Dockmaster Danielle Adamowicz and their crew have worked tirelessly to prepare for the summer season.

In addition to launching boats and preparing the dry sail yard, they have conducted maintenance on equipment and property, inspected hauling equipment and chain hoists, replaced waterlines, repaired kegs, and they have begun temporary repairs to the B-Dock sidewalk. They have also hired summer staffing for the fuel dock and security.

There are, of course, some things out of our control; namely, we are all aware of the wretched condition of Ravine Drive.

For the record, it is a public road owned by the Erie Port Authority, not the Yacht Club, and it serves Ferncliff residents and our neighbor to the west, as well. Given the uncertainty over the Kahkwa Bridge project, some delays have been understandable. This being said, we have communicated our concerns to the Port Authority, and we will continue to press them to have this road repaired at the soonest possible date.

May you all have a blessed summer with family and friends, whether on your boat, at the Clubhouse, on one of the new patios, or you are simply choosing to enjoy the view of sunset from the Rickloff Boathouse or the Lighthouse.

Godspeed!

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On the Cover...

The beautiful GJOA takes a leisurely sail at the EYC. Skippered by Dave Forsman. This classic wooden boat has been a labor of love for all that have owned her. Photo taken by the late Ron Forsman.



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The Back & Forth History of GJOA

During Dick's ownership a major change was made, he re-decked her with a layer of plywood covered in Dynel and epoxy, replaced the aging Yanmar motor with a 48volt electric drive system and refastened several of her planks.

Life for this beauty changed again, in 2021 ownership reverted to owner #2. Dave Forsman. We are indeed lucky she will continue to sail Erie waters and adding another dimension for local artists as she swings on her EYC Keg.

Dave Bierig wrote: "GJOA is the design culmination of a series of Francis Herreshoff's double ended racing yachts which included the R boat; Live Yankee; the M Istaliana and the J boat Whirlwind. The R and the M were the fastest boats of their class. The J might have been the fastest in her class in 1930 had she been properly sailed and managed. Our little GJOA at the EYC is an improvement on these earlier racers!! She is a joy to behold and to sail. She is perhaps the most significant boat in our fleet."



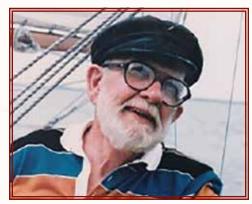
Both the rudder, and propeller & shaft have been painstakingly replaced for increased relative performance.

For those readers interested in an in-depth review of this story which includes pictures drawings and explicit rig modifications it is posted on the EYC website under the "About" tab or at:

https://www.erieyachtclub.org/gjoa



he beautiful cover picture is a wooden Ketch designed by L. Francis Herreshoff and built by Erie boat builder, EYC member Ted Paasch for EYC member Gene Akre. She was commissioned in 1970 and named GJOA. after Gene's grandfather's Norwegian fishing vessel, which was the first boat to sail through the northwest passage.



GJOA's first owner Gene Akre.

Under Gene's ownership she logged hundreds if not thousands of miles and was one of the delights to see gracing the Erie Bay with her beauty. GJOA is now owned by Dave Forsman. (For those reading this, please understand that wooden boat lovers and owners are a "strange lot")

In the late 70's Forsman built a half model (see picture) for Gene and in return Gene gave him the sail plan drawn and signed by L. Francis Herreshoff himself, a real treasure that ordained the Foresman's walls for many years. Additionally, Gene granted Dave the "right of first refusal" when it came time to "slip his anchor" and retire from boating. Gene's health was failing, the "offer" came in 1994, Dave was able to take Gene for his last sail July 4, 1995, he crossed the bar in October.

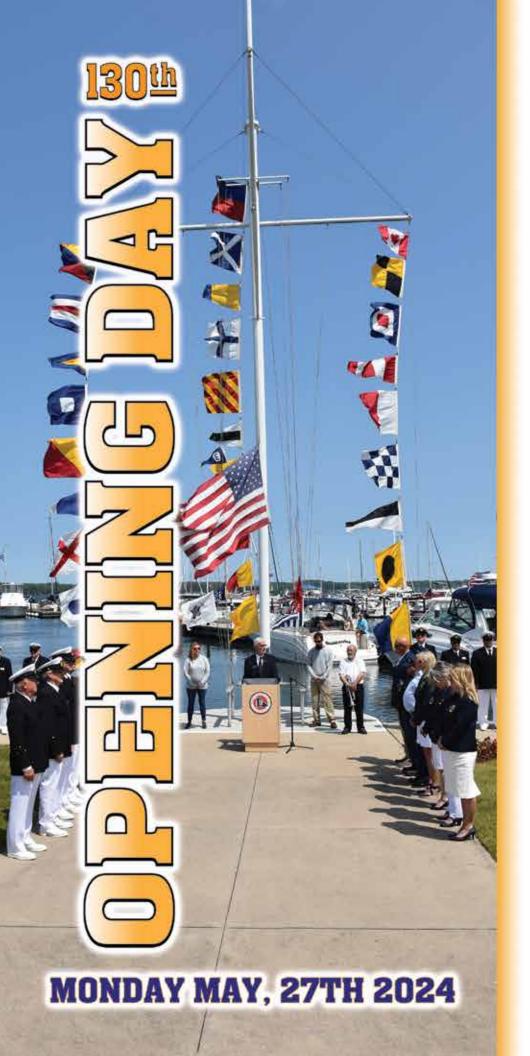
By P/C Gib Loesel & Edited by Dave Forsman

After taking the helm in 1994 Dave said, "Time was not terribly kind to her, Gene's health prevented him from doing much in terms of cosmetic maintenance. Structurally she was fine but needed some TLC. "In the time we had her we chemically stripped the canvas covered decks, stripped the oiled cabin and cockpit to be finished with Cetol, wooded down the spars and brought the varnish back to shinny bright. We also made a few changes to the rig that made her a little easier to sail for pleasure and increased her speed for racing."

In 2005 Dave and Bobbi (1st mate) acquired FINLADIA a 30' trawler so GJOA needed a new home. Boats are a funny commodity; some Skippers cannot get enough of them. Enter owner #3 EYC member John Kuder (who later had a partial ownership in Dave Bierig's Dreamer) stepped up and made "her" part of his fleet moving her to Greenville. Unfortunately. John crossed the bar in 2009. Enter owner #4 wooden boat owner and lover Dick Nagle brought her into his fleet, he and his son Alex are the proud owners of Alianna a wooden designed Herreshoff ketch built by Ted Paasch once again she was back on Erie waters.



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Peter wrote to the church, "This is now the second letter I am writing to you in which I'm stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder that you should remember." (Peter 3:1,2).

We need to have our minds stirred and we need to remember.

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance. It is a day to honor those who have fallen in defense of our country while serving in the armed forces. This tradition dates to the Civil War when women began decorating the graves of soldiers who had died in that Battle. On May 30th, 1868, the day was designated as Decoration Day, a day for placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers throughout the United States. This day gradually became known as Memorial Day.

At the Erie Yacht Club, it has become the date of our Opening Day Ceremony and Ann, and I would like to invite all members to a Call to Colors at 11:50 hours on Monday, May 27th.

While our Opening Day Ceremony celebrates the start of the boating season it also commemorates those who have fallen in defense of our country and our fellow members who have slipped their anchor this passed year. It is a rite of solemnity and allows observance for those members and their families.

I like to think it also allows us to commemorate those Past Commodores, some of whom are in attendance on this day and others who have gone before us, on whose shoulders this Club has been built. For It is these individuals who led their fellow Erie Yacht Club members in putting forth countless hours of time and energy in building our docks, physical structures, and our time-honored traditions.

This year we will celebrate the completion of a major renovation to our Clubhouse. Many members have taken part in volunteering their time and energy in seeing this task to completion. Some have sat on various Committees that have allowed our membership to continue to enjoy our club during this construction period. Others have taken part physically in lending a hand with packing and moving equipment and furniture throughout the club.

As we go forward from our 130th Opening Day Ceremony this year, I ask that you stir your mind and take pause to remember all the hard work that our past and present fellow members have done to make the Erie Yacht Club the premier Club on Lake Erie. A Club that we should all be very proud of as members!

Sincerely, Michael Squeglia Commodore



Ceremony Photos Courtesy of Mega Media Factory & Tom Madura

GREAT PROGRESS CONTINUES

Phase II of the Clubhouse Renovation is steaming ahead. The plan is still to open by Memorial Day Weekend's annual "Opening Day."

Here is a look at the progress as of April 15th.



 Grill Room - The Grill Room is no longer a mass of metal studs, as you saw in the last issue. Drywall has been installed everywhere, and is being painted and papered. The ceiling grid is in, light fixtures have all been installed, and wall devices are being worked on.
 Base trim is being installed, and carpet is next.

 Bar – The bar has not changed much, but will soon have a handsome new granite top and new edge around the bar.
 Tile in the area is complete.





 Fireplace – The fireplace box has been replaced with a "Vented" system, which will no longer emit overwhelming heat. The stone around the fireplace had to be replaced because it was built on site, and would have cost more to try to rebuild it than to start over.

It will feature granite around the fire box that matchesthe new bar top, and be surrounded by wood wall paneling that matches the east wall above.

• Décor – The burgees will be back, flying proudly around the upper Grill Room. There are also several display areas for our favorite boat models and trophies, including a replica of "Kahili II" that is a whopping 5-feet tall. "Kahili II" was Frank Zurn's legendary racing yacht that won key races throughout the Great Lakes in the 70's.





 Furnishings – The Upper Grill Room will be furnished with our current classic tables, chairs and bar stools, which are being refurbished so they can shine again.

The Lower Grill Room will have tasteful new furniture and booths, including a new booth that stretches across the west wall and seats several tables.



 Patio - This will be poured as soon as we get two days without rain (it's probably already in by the time you read this). Once that is in, work on the patio ceiling can ensue, which includes skylights.
 New furnishings will include two "Soft Seating" areas.
 And you will see a couple of surprise elements embedded in the concrete!
 This new patio is much larger, and promises to be a fantastic spot to hang out.

New Bathrooms are nearly complete, with all tile and most fixtures installed.
 They are modern and classy.









 The new Conference Room is basically complete once carpeting arrives in early May.

We hope you will enjoy the new surroundings more than ever...

It's going to be great!

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The sailboat racing season opens on May 15, but the racing fleet has been busy through the winter. Dedicated members of the EYC Racing Fleet committee have worked to prepare for the 2024 racing season. P/C Dave Heitzenreiter hammered out our always complicated racing schedule.

Alex Miller and Mike Kohler evaluated and repaired our racing marks. Our PROs Barb Weibel and Karen Niemic attended a two-day US Sailing training workshop. Tom Madura secured racing fleet sponsors. Michele Orlando took over as our new Treasurer.



Fleet Captain Brian Lasher is sponsoring a new racing fleet trophy, the "Equalizer."

Other members of the Racing Fleet committee are Past Chairperson Taylor Hoover, Vice Chairperson Jack Jamison, Vice Commodore and Racing Fleet Historian Russ Thompson, Richard Fish, P/C John Orlando, Kailey Orlando, Jo Wilko, AJ Ficcardi, Jackie Exley, P/C Tom Trost, and P/C Matt Niemic. Thanks to all members of the committee who give so generously of their time and expertise.

But it was not all work. A perfectly silly, but oh so fun Trost Cup series got us through the winter. First organized by P/C Tom Trost, for whom the "cup" is named, the "competition" involves two-inch-long plastic boats and a vibrating, sloped peg board. Really. This year's Trost Cup Champions are P/C Vinnie and Mary Lee Cifelli and their "boat" Leevin. P/C John Orlando, Kailey Orlando and AJ Ficcardi managed the races.



For other fun we hosted three well- attended racing fleet parties in February, March, and April.

Any sailboat on Presque Isle Bay is welcome to join the fleet. If you are a sailboat owner at EYC already, come check us out. We race, we party, we race, we party, we race, we party. Not a bad way to spend the summer. See any member of the racing fleet for information or email sdale80@gmail.com for more information.

We are happy to recognize and thank our generous sponsors who make it possible for our racing season to thrive. This year's sponsors are:

- The Erie Yacht Club
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- RCR Yachts
- American Custom Sails
- Schuyler Family
- P/C Peter Lund
- P/C Chris Wolford
- Erie Beer Company

New Year, New Look

The EYCRF has a new look! EYC's own talented Mary Carol Gensheimer designed a new logo and look for the racing fleet. And we put it on a shirt! The six-color design is bold and fun.

Women on the Water (WOW)

The EYCRF announces a new fleet. You've taken a season of adult sailing and are ready for more. Or you've been crewing but want to learn more about being on the helm. Or, you are the spouse/partner of a racer, but don't like being yelled at. We have your next jam: a women's racing fleet where no one yells, everyone gets a turn on the helm, the race courses are short, and the boats are easy to sail J22s.

Did you read the part about no yelling? WOW will start at the EYC in July, and a WOW trophy is being donated by P/C Gib Loesel. If you are interested or want more information about Women on the Water, please contact Sharon Dale at: sdale80@gmail.com.

WOW is open to both members and non-members of the EYC.



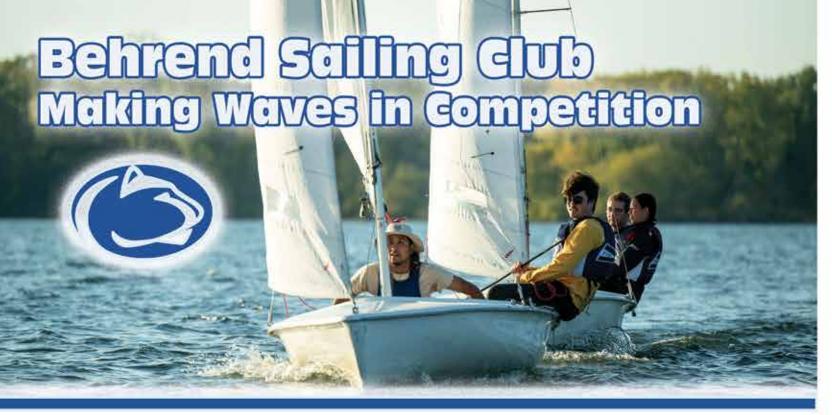
These handsome shirts are available in Quick Dry or Cotton, in a range of sizes from Kids 4-6 through 2XX and a broad range of colors. Get a spiffy shirt and support the racing fleet!



The order form can be found online on the registration page for the racing fleet (you don't need to register to get shirts!

Or here: https://form.jotfor.com/240865727499171 Order forms should be e-mailed to Jack Jamison at: jdj1974cam@live.com.

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Hailey Rupp, a junior dual majoring in Marketing and International Business, grew up in North East, Pennsylvania, where Lake Erie was just a familiar, hometown backdrop. Great Lake, Beautiful sunsets... Yawn... Ho hum...

She may have always felt that way about the lake had she not had the opportunity to see it from another vantage point - the inside of an International 420 Dinghy, a two-person performance racing sailboat - as a member of Penn State Behrend's Sailing Club.

"I gained a whole new perspective on the lake," she said. "And it's nice to enjoy the water that is so nearby." Rupp had never sailed nor spent much time on the lake when she attended a club showcase event at Behrend and met members of the sailing club, including Maryland natives and lifelong sailors Bryce Nill, a Mechanical Engineering major; Chandler DeBarros, a Business Economics major; and Anthony Farrar, an Industrial Engineering major who grew up in nearby Fairview sailing on Lake Erie. Rupp went to a practice to check it out and decided to join the team.

The sailing club, which includes about a dozen members, has a mix wind works, how the sails react," of sailing talent and a boatload of enthusiasm for the sport.

"We start with the basics, how

said Nill, who worked as a youth

sailing instructor in his home waters

of Deep Creek Lake in Maryland. "If I

can teach a six-year-old to sail, I can

teach a college student to sail. The

foundation is simple, but it does get

"Our club members range from highly experienced racers and sailors, like Bryce, Chandler, and Anthony, to novices who are just learning to sail," said Dr. Sharon Dale, professor emerita of art history, who, along with her husband, Alec, coaches the team. "There are two students in every boat, so we pair an experienced sailor with a novice so they can learn the ropes."

And there are plenty of ropes to learn. "Sailing is all about reading the wind, and adjusting the sails, by tightening or easing; turning the boat, by gybing (going with the wind) and tacking (going into the wind); and using the vessel's rigging and the sailors' bodyweight to gain advantage."

fers to the boats' length of 420 centimeters (13 feet, 9 inches). Sailors can, and do, tip over and "roll" their vessels. It's part of the sport, and something the team practices rou-While doing a somersault on a tiny sailboat in Lake Erie might seem the most terrifying aspect of sailing,

The 420 boats the students race are surprisingly small. The name re-

Rupp, and teammate Sara Trunzo, who was also a novice when she joined the team in 2022, say there is something they fear much more: spiders.

"They're awful," Trunzo said with a shiver. "They are all over the sails and ropes. I'd much rather fall in the lake than deal with the spiders. It's just water."

Both Rupp and Trunzo said that sailing wasn't difficult to learn and isn't physically hard to do, though it took some time to learn the lingo and master rigging the boat and turning the sails.

"I liked being able to learn something completely new," said Trunzo, an Accounting major and Brockway. Pennsylvania, native. "And being on the lake is peaceful and it's really beautiful."

The students practice at the Erie Yacht Club using the club's boats, and they receive generous financial support from the Erie Yacht Club Foundation. Funds are used to purchase gear, such as dry suits and Penn State shirts, and to cover travel and race entry expenses.

The investment has paid off: Behrend's sailing club does well in competition, regularly beating clubs from powerhouse institutions, such as the University of Pittsburgh, Penn State, Syracuse University, Rochester Institute of Technology, the U.S. Army West Point Sailing Team, and the University of Toronto.

At the club's home meet - The Battle of Lake Erie - held this fall at the Yacht Club, they took third place. They finished their season strong, winning the Delaware Spring Open by defeating teams from Drexel, Rutgers, Villanova, and the U.S. Military Academy.

"Life doesn't get much better than sailing and winning, and that is what we do," Dale said. "Being on a sailboat with the right wind on a sunny day is magical, and we would love to share that magic with more Behrend students."

Follow the team at; instagram.com/psb sailingclub.

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Heather Cass, Editor Rob Frank, Photographer





by P/C Dave Heitzenrater

The EYC membership has finally been rewarded after patiently awaiting the return of our popular Thursday Night Trivia game. The annual game originally begun in January 2011 was rudely interrupted after 10 continuous years by the prohibition of social events worldwide due to the Covid19 virus. After the 2020 game schedule was shortened, the Trivial Trivia Trophy was awarded to team LAZY JACKS, and a three year hiatus, a new revised game was launched. The great thirst for the game was quickly displayed by the in a single day.

One notable change in the game is the "Quizmaster" questions now include very recent events, events as recent as the prior week's interesting happenings that require players to tune in to the national news to obtain the best score possible. In the 'Last Call for Know-it-Alls' category as an example: What NFL player announced his retirement last week? Bonus; what team did he play for?

An additional update is that the game is now played in our new enlarged and renovated ballroom that includes state of the art sound system and projection screens. The ballroom will further be improved for Trivia 2025 when the temporary bar and seating area is removed subsequent to the clubhouse west side renovation completion.



Also New for 2024... Trivia Sponsors!

Special thanks to our generous trivia sponsors whose donations made a huge difference in the new EYC trivia era allowing the awarding of genuine prizes, actual tangible usable prizes. Many of these include EYC merchandise items displayed and sold in our own Ships Store. Other prizes include: Tote Bags constructed from recycled sails by American Custom Sails, 50th Anniversary Matted Photo Prints, EYC Wooden Cutting Boards Handmade by P/C Matt Niemic, gas cards and EYC dinner gift certificates among many others great prizes.

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2024 Trivia Night Winners for the 6th Time - The Dover Stairmasters.

As noted, we have had several new changes, however a remaining constant from previous years is the periods of complete silence during questioning followed by the loud laughter and cackling as the correct answers were declared. Our quizzical, quizzing, quizmaster P/C Gerry Urbaniak did a masterful job controlling the game. His comments and banter kept the room engaged and entertained throughout the ten week session.

Many of the teams are very serious when in competition mode however many are just as fun loving as shown by the construction of amusing, elaborate three-dimensional team avatars marking their table.

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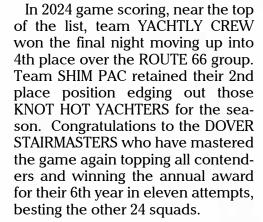
Trivia Night Returns

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During early staff planning sessions to return the game led by Vice Commodore, Russ Thompson, a decision was made to produce and dedicate the season trivia award in honor of the EYC trivia originator, Sarah Franke. On the final night of the 2024 games, after the final scores were tabulated, Commodore Mike Squeglia presented the new annual Trivia Award to a quiet and respectful room with a heartwarming tribute to my Sarah. Written by P/C Matt Niemic, the presentation was very emotional for me.

On the final evening, the club's ballroom seemed to be especially loud and animated as Commodore Mike Squeglia did a wonderful job serving as our "Celebrity" quizmaster. Many attendees commented that they won't know what to do on future Thursdays with no trivia.

Our three month trivia season seemed to have flown bye and has come to its conclusion for the year. Our excellent professional staff and large group of loyal volunteers embraced, organized and operated the return of the game. In addition, the EYC Auxiliary benefitted from the operation of a 50/50 raffle each evening collecting sufficient funds for the purchase numerous propane fire pits to be placed in our new, highly anticipated outside patio.



Just an F.Y.I. - team scores are available on the EYC website under the House Menu.

We are all looking forward to our oncoming season of trivial questions regarding details, considerations and bits of useless information of little importance when we return in 2025 with full use of the entire ballroom when our clubhouse renovations are completed.

What food never spoils?





The Sarah Franke Memorial Trophy

Ladies & Gentlemen,

We gather here tonight to celebrate the spirit of Camaraderie, the pursuit of knowledge, and the joy of friendly competition. The Sarah Franke Memorial Trophy stands as a testament to the remarkable woman it honors—a beacon of laughter, wit, and passion for trivia.

Sarah Franke, beloved wife of Past Commodore Dave Heitzenrater, left an indelible mark on our club. Her infectious enthusiasm and zest for life were contagious, drawing us together in moments of merriment and shared curiosity. Sarah's laughter echoed across these walls, and her love for trivia ignited a tradition that continues to thrive.

It was Sarah who, one fateful evening, proposed the idea of Trivia Night at The Eric Yacht Club. With a twinkle in her eye and a mischievous grin, she rallied fellow members to Join her quest for obscure facts, brain-teasers, and friendly banter. And so under the stariit skies and gentie lapping of the waves, our Trivia Night was born- a tradition that has become woven into the fabric of our Club.

The Sarah Franke Memorial Trophy symbolizes more than mere victory, it embodies the very essence of Sarah's spirit. Each year, it will find its way into the hands of the triumphant team-the champions who have outwitted their peers, navigated the labyrinth of questions, and reveled in the thrill of discovery. As they hoist this trophy aloft, they honor not only their own achievement but also the memory of a remarkable woman who made laughter and learning inseparable.

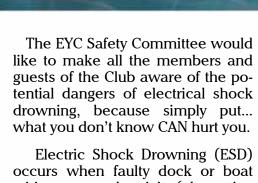
This trophy shall reside in our hallowed trophy case, nestled among other cherished mementos of our club's history. Its polished surface will reflect the faces of future winners, their names etched alongside Sarah's. And as the years pass, we shall recount her story- the story of a woman who believed that knowledge was best savored with friends, a woman who turned mere facts into shared adventures.

So, let us raise our glasses to Sarah Franke- the trivia enthusiast, laughter curator, and heart of our club. May this trophy forever remind us that joy and friendship are the truest treasure we sail for. To the winning team, may you carry this legacy forward with pride, and may Sarah's spirit continue to guide us through every question, every answer, and every delightful twist of fate.

Fair winds and clever minds!







Avoid Electrical Shock Drowning

Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) occurs when faulty dock or boat wiring causes electricity (alternating current or "AC" power) to enter fresh water and pass through a swimmer. The swimmer does not need to be touching the bottom or a boat or dock structure, and even minute amounts of electricity can be incapacitating. The risk of ESD is greatest in fresh or brackish waters. In saltwater, an electrical current takes the path of least resistance, bypassing swimmers.

Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) Defined:

Docks and boats can carry sources of electricity. Faulty wiring or the use of damaged electrical cords, and other devices not approved as "shore or marine rated" can cause the surrounding water to become energized from electricity leakage.

When the human body makes contact with the energized water it becomes the conductor of electricity and can cause complete loss of muscle control, ventricular fibrillation, and electrical shock death.

Electrical Safety Checklist:

Please review the following electrical safety checklist to ensure the safety of yourself, your guests and other Club members:

- Don't allow anyone to swim near the docks.
- Avoid entering the water when boarding, launching or loading your jet ski or boat.
- Do not dangle your feet over the edge of a paddleboard, kayak, jet ski or small boat while in the basin waters.
- If you are in the water and feel a tingle, the water may be electrified. Get out as soon as possible avoiding the use of metal objects such as ladders. Notify the Dockmaster immediately, as this tingle is a sign that power to the facility should be turned off until a proper inspection has been completed.
- Use "UL Marine Listed" ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) when using electricity near water. These will decrease the chances of shock or electrocution.
- Only use shore or marine power cords, plugs, receptacles and extension cords that have been tested by Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or ETL SEMKO (ETL). These are specifically designed to keep you safe when using them near water.

• Never use cords that are frayed or damaged or that have had the prongs removed or altered. Damaged cords exposed to the water could result in electric shock drowning or other electrically related injuries.

Your EYC Safety Committee

- Keep shore power cords out of the water, and not subject to any physical damage.
- Notify the Dockmaster of any electrical safety hazard so that it can be fixed immediately.

What to do if you witness an electrical shock drowning?

If you see someone in the water you suspect is the victim of electrical distress, do not enter the water or use a metal boat pole to help the person. Instead throw a life ring to the victim, activate an emergency alarm box or call 911, and turn off the main breaker in the electrical panel for the docks in the area of the emergency. Never enter the water - as you could become a victim yourself.

Learn More:

Contact the Electrical Safety Foundation International (EFSI) at: ESFi.org.





PA WATERWAYS

RULES & REGULATIONS UPDATE: 2024













The 2024 Erie Boating Season is approaching with much anticipation after a very mild winter. I know we all are wishing for a sunny, warm and enjoyable boating season but it's Erie, so we'll have to wait and I know my hope for this summer is that we all get to enjoy a warm and dry summer. This will allow all of us to partake in what Erie, Presque Isle Bay and Lake Erie has to offer.

I write this article every year to highlight recent changes in law or regulation to get the word out. I also highlight general areas that the PA Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) oversee and some problems that the PFBC encounters. This gives boat operators and owners an awareness of any recent changes. Below I would like to take the time and review some laws and regulations that seem to be less known by operators. I feel it's important to get the word out so boaters are aware of any changes or just some laws or regulations that they may not know. The laws and regulations below are reminders because it is better to remind people so they enjoy their time on the water and avoid interactions with law enforcement.

The hottest regulations off the presses this year have to deal with Aquatic Invasive Species. Boats that are trailered must remove the drain plug and drain any water from the bilge and live wells must be drained see what Mother Nature has in store. of water. Any vegetation or mud must be removed from the trailer or boat. This must all be done before leaving any access parking lot.

> Boat registration renewals can be done online at huntfishpa.gov if you have not done so yet. Print off a copy of the receipt and carry that with you to show proof of registration renewal. Any questions there is a help line to assist you and that phone number is 800-838-4431. Boat Registration renewals now run on the calendar year but again this is for renewals not current registrations. If you renew your boats registration in 2024 it will now expire on December 31st instead of March 31st 2025. This has been confusing for years when people looked at the registration decal and see a big 24 they would think its good for the entire year. Actually registrations expired on March 31st but moving forward it will expire on December 31st.

Fishing licenses can be purchased at many locations and you'll walk out with a green colored fishing license. Fishing licenses can also be purchased on our website via huntfishpa.gov. Save the license PDF to your phone and an electronic version of your fishing license is legal. If you still prefer to have a paper copy just print one out and carry it with you. Fishing licenses no longer have to be displayed and you can have a digital fishing licenses on your phone. Licenses and permits can also be purchased for 3, 5, and 10 years. This would save you transaction and issuing agent fees each year after your initial purchase and any license fee increase.

An area of focus is Documented Vessels and the PFBC is trying to get boats into compliance both state and federally. Many boats here locally are Federally Documented and only display the colored PFBC validation decals because registration numbers cannot be assigned. By federal and state law validation decals must be displayed on both sides on the hull anywhere from the mid-way point forward up towards the bow itself.

Decals are being observed on sailboat masts, fly bridges, salon windows, plastic placards affixed to bow rails, bow pulpits and even on anchors. These locations would all be considered a violation of the law. During enforcement actions with these vessels other problems are coming to light. If your vessel is truly and correctly documented the decal that you receive from the PFBC will not have a PA number at the bottom of the decal.

If you receive decals with a registration number then the PFBC doesn't know your vessel is documented and has it registered as a regular vessel. Another situation we're seeing are owners of Documented Vessels possessing a PA Title. When boats are documented federally a state title cannot be obtained and if one is already in your possession it must be forfeited back to the state. If you have any of these situations occurring please contact the PFBC's Boat Registration Bureau at 866-262-8734 (M-F, 8-4) and they'll figure things out for you.

 The US Coast Guard amended the CFR dealing with fire extinguishers on vessels and the new changes went into effect 4/22. Vessels meeting requirements to need fire extinguishers must have and meet the following. Any vessel 2017 or newer must have extinguishers with the new wording i.e 5-B:C or 10-B:C. The older wording would have been B-I or B-II.

Vessels built prior to 2017 can still have fire extinguishers with the older wording and be legal. All fire extinguishers now have an expiration date of 12 years after it was manufactured. The date will either be on the label or stamped on the bottom of the extinguisher itself. If it's stamped with a 10 then it was manufactured in 2010. If you carry fire extinguishers that are inspected yearly and have an affixed inspection tag then as long as they pass and are tagged their legal. The USGC has informational pages and a great Q&A page on their website. The other legal requirements still apply as far as how many, being mounted etc.

- Engine cut-off switches is a newer law that took effect on 4/1/2021. Any boat less than 26 feet that has engine thrust of 115 lbs. which is more or less a 3 hp. motor and built after 1/1/2020. If you fall into this category the engine cut-off switch must be used. The catch in this law is that if your boat has a cutoff switch installed it must be used even if built before 2020. The USCG has a Q&A section covering this law and the what if's. Goggle it and just like above reference pages can be found.
- Guidelines for reporting boat accidents: Any accident that results in a death or disappearance the PFBC must be notified immediately and followed by a written boating accident report within 48 hours. If an accident results in an injury that requires treatment beyond 1st Aid, a written boating accident report must be submitted within 48 hours. If an accident results in damage to the vessel or other property exceeding \$2.000 or if there is a complete loss of the vessel, a written boating accident report must be submitted within 10 days.

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This may sound confusing so let me explain it further. The boating accident report is a form that the boat operator and owner complete on their own and is confidential and forwarded directly to the PFBC and used for statistic etc. Depending on the type accident when it occurs the PFBC and Station Erie will respond to assist with the situation. The PFBC will then conduct an investigation because most incidents will result in more than \$2,000 in damage. The easiest way to call for help is to contact 911 and they'll dispatch all the local responders to help.

• Bow Riding - No person is allowed on the bow of a boat regardless of size while the boat is being operated above Slow No Wake Speed. If a boat has a specifically designed seat on the bow for passengers then these boats are exempt from this regulation. An example of this would be some models of Marinette. Some Marinette's have a built in bench seat on the forward cabin deck. Sun cushions on the bow do not fit the seating requirements so passengers cannot sit on them while above slow no wake speed. Bow riding is still being observed which will result in a law enforcement stop.

- Paddle Boards have been classified as a watercraft. Since paddle boards are a watercraft any person on a paddle board must have onboard a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and sound producing device. We've observed the fanny pack type inflatable to be very popular for this activity and you can attach a whistle right to the strap that goes around your waist.
- Operating at Safe Speed & Keeping a Proper Lookout When operating after sunset or in general boat operators are required to keep a lookout for any object like buoys, unlit boats, logs etc., and be able to stop or change course in time to avoid collisions. If this means operating at a slow speed because you have restricted visibility then that's what you need to do. State law requires a boat operator to operate their boat at a speed in which they can see objects and take corrective action to avoid a collision.
- Cold Weather PFD Wear From November 1st thru April 30th all boaters regardless of age must wear an approved USCG Personal Flotation Device (PFD) on any boat less than 16 Feet and all canoes and kayaks.

- Inflatable PFD's are not approved to be worn by persons under the age 16 and also not approved for use under the temperature of 32 degrees. You can find these listed on the manufactures label on the PFD.
- Mandatory Safe Boating Certification: Anybody born on or after 1/1/1982 and who operates a motorboat 26 horsepower or greater must obtain a Safe Boating Certification. Anybody who operates a Personal Watercraft (JetSki, SeaDoo etc.) regardless of age must possess a Safe Boating Certification. Safe Boating Courses can be found on the PFBC's website at: fishandboat.com.
- Personal Watercraft (PWC) towing restrictions have changed and the prior regulation only allowed one (1) person to be towed by the PWC. The regulation has been changed to allow for the capacity of the PWC because some have a capacity of four (4) or five (5) people. You still must have an operator and observer on the PWC but if its capacity is 5 then you can pull 3 people on a tube.
- Duck Layout Boats: A PFD must be in the layout boat and if it's during 11/1 4/30 that PFD must be worn.

• Senior Lifetime Fishing Licenses: Since 2015 seniors that purchase their Lifetime Fishing Licenses and wish to fish for trout must purchase a Trout Permit yearly. Seniors can purchase Trout Stamps for up to 10 year's out. Senior Lifetime Licenses purchased prior to 2015 are grandfathered in and as long as they purchased the Trout Permit prior to 2015.

Please visit the PFBC's website at: fishandboat.com to find any additional information and a complete list of law and regulations. You can also down load the PFBC APP (FishBoatPA) for information. The regional office in Meadville can be contacted at 814-337-0444 and any and all questions can be answered or your questions will be forwarded to me and I'll contact you with answers.

The PFBC and I would like to take this time to wish everybody an enjoyable, fun and safe 2024 boating season.







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In the last Log I outlined my need for funding to complete my EYC documentary, "On Whose Shoulders We Stand", to be premiered in 2025 as part of the Clubs 130th Anniversary. The \$40,000 budget for the 1-hour film I am producing would be considered more than modest by Professional Television standards, but with the Club membership's help, I know I can raise the funds needed. I have been producing quality television programming, on very modest budgets my entire career.

WOLN-TV will air the Broadcast Premiere of On Whose Shoulders We Stand in 2025 after the Large Screen Premiere for the Club membership. WQLN-TV, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has agreed to work with me applying for grants that may be available in the future. If I do receive a grant, it would be many months before I would receive the funds. I need funding now to at least pay my video editor. There is no cost for using my editing suite.

The first donation received of \$5700 from Frontier Construction will allow me to upgrade my computers and to purchase 20TB drives, (4k Video files are huge), for storage of the documentary media.

I have been viewing and organizing the numerous hours of video I have recorded over the years for the last three months, and have arranged to hire my favorite video editor to edit "On Whose Shoulders We Stand". I need my editor now to put together the Movie Trailer for the documentary. The Trailer is needed as a marketing tool for when I apply for grants and any other fundraising efforts beyond our membership.

I shot footage of the 1st restoration of our 3rd clubhouse in 1993. this will be part of the documentary. I have been shooting footage of the 2nd restoration of our 3rd Club House from its beginning, and will continue to do so until its completion. I plan on editing the images of the many phases of this construction of the 2nd restoration into an exciting montage of the very beginning of this construction, to the opening of the new Club House, after its completion this year. This will be the Grand Finale of the documentary.

Boating was the first passionate interest of the leaders that formed our Club. Camaraderie was their second interest. The film will end with images of the Club House in 2025 with its members enjoying the new Grill Room and covered Patio, its members enjoying their boats on the Bay and Lake, its members on their boats rafting together in the Marina, sail boats racing, sun setting, etcetera.

I have created five different levels of giving for the funding of the documentary by the membership. This should allow for the widest range of the membership to be able to donate. Anyone can donate to the "Erie Yacht Club Documentary Film Fund" by going to the Club's website at erievachtclub.org and go to the "About" tab and click on "EYC Documentary", where one can choose at what level of giving you would like to donate. You can use either a credit card, or check.

I am not only making this documentary for the Erie Yacht Club membership and the people of Erie City and Erie County. I am making this for anyone in the U.S. or Canada and beyond, via WQLN-TV and the internet. Of the many people who will watch this film, some will be "club" members of some sort. All these viewers who like a real, and unique story will think, "wow, who are these Erie Yacht Club people? That Club really has their s..t together!"

I am not making any money on this project. I am asking my friends and associates to give me money for this film, which I am uncomfortable doing. I am giving all my effort into this documentary because the Erie Yacht Club story is unique and fascinating.

It is a story of accomplishments and the people who made it happen. It is a story of near disaster, glorious good luck, and just plain hard work of volunteer members... over 130 years!

Please help me tell the EYC story in a way that will make you proud to be a member, and being a part of the continuing history of our Club.

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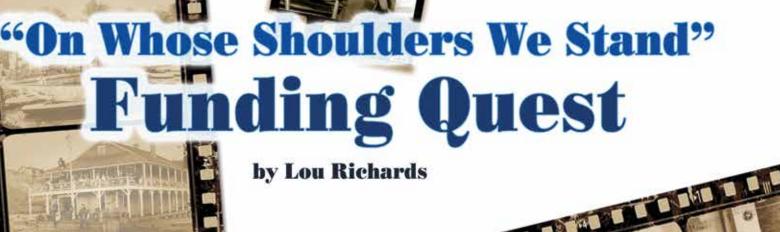
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Over 20 years ago, the late P/C John Murosky started the EYC Thursday Night Sunset Happy Hours. This weekly summer event had humble beginnings, with a small Tiki bar and music provided by a DJ. Over the years it grew into a can't-miss event with live bands, a full outdoor bar, and changing drink and food specials each week.

This year, with the much-anticipated completion of the clubhouse renovation looming, the Sunset Happy Hours will return with new and exciting changes! The biggest change of course will be the new patio. With seating for about 140 people, the patio will provide a great place to enjoy all the fun things we've come to expect from the Sunset Happy Hours! And don't worry - the patio will still feature a full-service outdoor bar for all your libation needs, including the usual tropical-themed drink specials every week! Mojitos or Watermelon Margaritas, anyone?

As with all new things, expect some growing pains as we adapt to the new patio configuration – final seating arrangements and picnic table availability haven't been finalized yet. But you can be sure the EYC management and staff will do their usual great job of accommodating the crowds! The live bands will be set up on the lawn but there will still be room for dancing and lawn seating for those that want to bring their own chairs.





Speaking of bands, check out some of the great entertainment that will be playing - a few exciting new bands and some returning favorites! Brown Dog, Jesse James Weston, The Jays, American Pie, Carnivel Brothers, the RiffRiders, and Rock Avenue are just some of the great bands you can expect to see.

Food is also a big part of the Sunset Happy Hours! The full dinner menu will be available indoors, but for those wishing to dine outdoors there will be an appetizer menu plus a different delicious outdoor buffet each week.

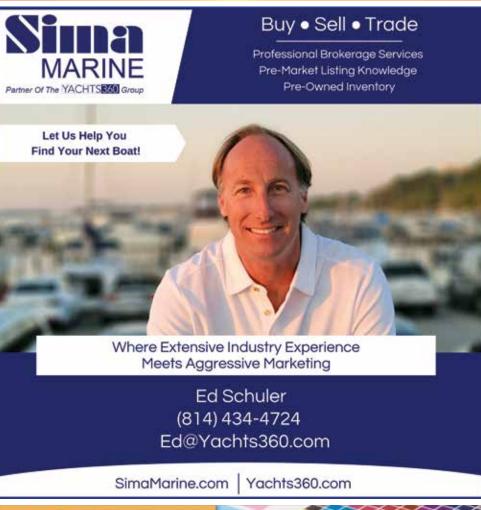
There may even be some appearances by the Chef or Kitchen Staff doing some outdoor grilling! Definitely plan on bringing your appetite.



So, for that unbeatable "summertime" vibe, don't miss the "new and improved" EYC Sunset Happy Hours - the fun begins on June 13th and continues every Thursday through September 5th.

As always, details on each week's food and drink specials will be available in the EYC e-mail newsletter as well as on the EYC website. Come and see the new patio, and keep coming back for the food, the drinks, the view, the dancing, or just to hang out with all your EYC friends. You'll have a good time for sure, and you may even get to see one of those spectacular Erie sunsets!









What's the Good Word?

By Kathy Dundon

Soon we will celebrate opening day together and the start of a new season. Hopefully soon we will also be done with the construction crews, and we can enjoy are newly renovated clubhouse. While we are patiently waiting for the season to begin, here are more amazing quotes, and also a few "farewell to construction" one's for you to enjoy.

Dreams are worth every moment we spend on them.

Usually, we see what we want to not what is actually before our eyes

The present crisis is always the worst crisis.

- Elaine M. Prevallet

A person that never climbs will never fall.

- William Shakespeare

It is not the beauty of a building you should look at: it's the construction of the foundation that will stand the test of time.

- David Allen Coe

Don't write a check with your mouth that your ass can't cash.

What we have once enjoyed we can never lose.

- Helen Keller

The risk of loving are worth taking, even the risk of loss.

Sorry for the inconvenience. If Rome was built in a day we would have used the same contractor.

Life isn't like a box of chocolates. It's more like a jar of jalapenos.

- Larry the cable guy

To judge a man by his weakest link or deed is like judging the power of the ocean by one wave.

- Elvis Preslev

It's better to walk alone, than with a crowd going in the wrong direction.

- Jennifer Grant

Lost time is never found again.

If we shouldn't eat at night. Why is there a light in the fridge?

The construction companies have to have a job site for their equipment.

Negativity only has the power to hold vou back.

A faithful friend is the medicine of

- The Apocrypha

- Robert Frost Spirituality is that place where the utterly intimate and the vastly

keep saying it.

stones.

- Rick Fields

I close my drapes so my neighbors

Setbacks are just dress rehearsals

To succeed in life, you need three

To keep a lamp burning we have to

Work starts here January 5th for 147

Be reverent before the dawning day.

Do not think of what will be in a

things: A wishbone, a backbone,

can't see me minding my own

business.

for success.

- Dorthy Dundon

and a funny bone.

keep putting oil in it.

years - delays possible.

year, or in ten years.

Think of today.

- Rolland Rolland

- Mother Teresa

infinite meet.

You can use an eraser on the drafting table ore a sledge hammer on the construction site.

The man who removed mountains began by carrying away small

Half the world is composed of people who have something to say

have nothing to say and

and can't and the other half who

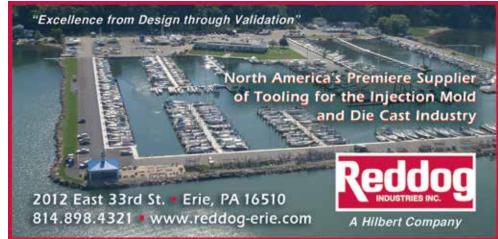
- Frank Lloyd Wright

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

So, I hope you enjoyed these GOOD WORDS! Don't forget to send your favorite quotes and words-of wisdom to: kvdundon@gmail.com for me to maybe include in future EYC LOG articles.

Now for one closing thought: Laugh more worry less!







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Several months ago before the club renovation started. I was in the Grill Room gazing up (like sail trimming) looking at and studying all of our wonderful burgees, well that got me to thinking (again) what are we/ they going to do with them, we have so many, where did they come from and what club do they represent!! Definitely part of our history!

Let's start with: A yacht club burgee is a flag that distinguishes a recreational boating organization, such as a yacht or sailing club. Burgees are usually triangular in shape and flown from the masthead, halyard, or backstay of a sailboat. They often feature the club's logo, emblem, or colors, which helps distinguish one boat or group from another.

Our founders Commodore Bliss and friends certainly came up with a unique idea/design, triangular in shape a Keystone locking in Pennsylvania as our location and a big E for Ere. Seems like it touched all of the basis. There have been a few alterations but only to help celebrate important club events. Like the 100th year celebration. (See photo below)



Only changed for celebration.

A Homemade Lightning Class 24's Burgee.

I don't know who should get the

At one point, I believe it was Toni Sample who made a pencil sketch of each along with it origin, it use to live at the bar but like a lot of other Priceless "things" it "sunk" a long time ago.

Over the years collecting burgees has become a tradition for EYC, many of us have brought them back from ports visited both by sea and land and visiting yachtsman who just want to be a part of our wonderful collection. Put one in your sea bag, they are fun to trade while visiting!



One of the classier burgees, this from Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

But what to do with them once the renovations started? There are approximately 225 burgees in our collection. Fortunately, General Manager Bedner was thinking ahead, (you can imagine they may have come down a little dusty) each has been repaired where needed and all of them have been properly cleaned. History committee members MC Gensheimer and Ann Mitruka have photographed and cataloged the collection.



Mystery Solved care of V/C Russ Thompson this Burgee is from the "Red Eye" Club.

In addition, with the help of our delightful office staff they have identified approximately 98% the clubs they represent, an awesome pain staking job. For example, several of them had "parts" that looked along the line of royalty, our good Port Dover friend P/C Hadley Jackson jumped aboard and was able to I.D. those which had English connection such as The Royal Canadian Yacht Club, the Royal Australian Yacht Club and The Royal Hong Kong YC. (See photos) Thanks Hadley!! There are a few they are still having trouble with however modern technology also helped, Vice Commodore Russ Thompson published the Red Eve (see photo above) on Facebook and bingo the mystery was solved. The current renovation plan is to use some of these beauties to add color to the new beautiful club: the remainder will be hanging as they were pre-renovation in the grill room.

While flogging my way around the web I discovered the International Burgee Registry

https://www.burgees.com/ burgeeframe.htm

it is loaded with information about yacht club histories and burgee information. Of interest: the first vacht club in this country was established in 1838 the Narragansett YC in Rhode Island, our club was the 142nd club in the USA and while it will disappoint many of our members EYC is not the oldest YC on Lake Erie, it is in fact follows. Buffalo 1860. Cleveland 1878: Put-in-Bay 1886, Sandusky 1894 and EYC 1895.

There are also plans to publish the pictures for those who "just like" that sort of thing. The history committee would like to know who each contributor was and any little story that might go along with it. Send me the details please gibloesel@gmail. com. Thanks!

If These Docks Could Talk, They Would Say: "Burgees are tradition of the yachting world that help ID clubs and tell their stories, EYC's accomplished that for sure! Hats off to our founders."



credit for sending them aloft in the Grill Room, but it certainly turned out to be a good idea. I do remember when my sister - in law Louise Loesel (former Lighting Class Secretary) reached in her sea bag and coming up with EYC's Lightning Class 24's burgee) (see photo above) many long years ago. Trying to keep track of them has always been a challenge.





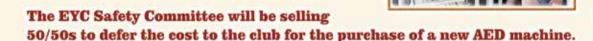


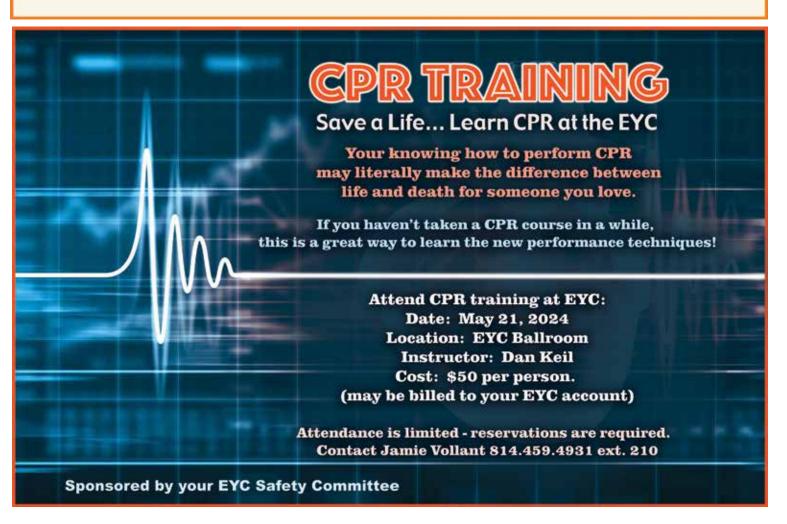
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May Calendar of Club Events

- 5th Ala Carte Brunch 11am 2pm
- 8th Burger & Brew Nite 5pm 9pm Any Burger with Fries and any Pint of Draft Beer for only \$17.00 (full menu also available)
- 12th Mothers' Day Brunch •11am 2pm Made to Order Omelets, Quiche Prime Rib, Berry Blintzes Salad Bar Stuffed Chicken, Cod Almondine and so much more! Entertainment by Jesse James Weston Reservations Required ext. 201
- 15th Burger & Brew Nite 5pm 9pm
- 19th Ala Carte Brunch 11am 2pm
- 22nd Burger & Brew Nite 5pm 9pm
- 26th Ala Carte Brunch 11am 2pm
- 27th EYC 130th Opening Day Ceremony Call to Colors 1150 at Flag Mast Picnic Buffet including: Grilled Chicken, Pulled Pork, Smiths Hot Dogs & More! • \$25 per person Games & Beer Sampling after the Ceremony with Opening Day Cups complimentary to the first 200 participants
- 29th Burger & Brew Nite 5pm 9pm

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June Calendar of Club Events

- 2nd Ala Carte Brunch 11am 2pm
- 9th Ala Carte Brunch 11am 2pm
- 13th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
 Dining Service 5pm Live Music 6pm
 Music by Brown Dog
 Appetizer Buffet & Drink Specials
 Limited outdoor menu with entree
 menu only available indoors
 Seating is limited, BYO lawn chairs.
 Happy Hours are NOT open to the
 public and are for EYC members and
 their invited guests only... All invited
 guests must depart with the EYC member.
- 16th Special Father's Day Brunch Buffet
 11am 2pm Dad gets to choose
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 Entertainment by Joe Hosey
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 No Ala Carte Brunch Menu, Buffet Only
 Club Open for Dinner
- 20th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
 Dining Service 5pm Live Music 6pm
 Music by Jesse James Weston
 Appetizer Buffet & Drink Specials
- 23rd Ala Carte Brunch 11am 2pm
- 27th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour Dining Service 5pm • Live Music 6pm Music by the Riffriders Appetizer Buffet & Drink Specials
- 28th Summer Party on the Patio 5pm - 9pm • Summertime Drinks Music by Nat & the Mad Hatters Summertime Buffet & Drinks Check the Club website for more details

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Before May 28th Grill Room Closed Mondays & Tuesdays

Monday: 11am-8pm

Tuesday: 11am-9pm Wednesday - Saturday: 11am - 10pm

Sunday: 11am - 8pm

Bar Open Later on All Days Grill Room is Open

Club Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9am - 4:30pm

Mother's Day Brunch Buffet At The EYC



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Monday May 27th

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Sunday, June 16th • 11am - 2pm

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