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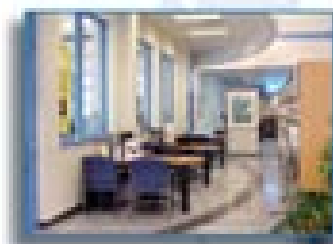


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## *From the Bridge*

Vice Commodore Dave Arthurs



The boating season is rapidly coming to a close and as I do every year at this time I ask "where did the summer go?" As short as it seemed we had a great year in the basin. Our renovations started with M, N and O docks last fall. The finishing touches have been applied and after haul out this fall the hydro aeration system will be completed to protect our investment from ice damage. We then begin the next phase with the replacement of J, K and L docks.

The plans are finalized and the orders have been placed for materials to enable construction to begin by Oct. 1st. I ask for your patience this fall as we relocate boaters from J, K and L

docks that remain in the water beyond Sept. 30th.

As it was with our first phase of construction, volunteer labor will be key to the timely completion of this next phase. I would ask all members to consider giving some time to this project. You will be helping the Club and will meet members that you may not have known previously. No experience is necessary!

Although the Boating season is coming to an end, there are many activities throughout the fall and winter to keep us all entertained. Be sure to check your e-mail and Club fliers.

See you at the Club!



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# Meet Captain White Dove

by Judy Emiling & Norm Wilson



Debbie "White Dove" during the filming of the documentary "Pocahontas".

The Custalow family, Debbie "White Dove" with her father Chief Webster "Little Eagle" and her sister Shirley "Little Dove".



Can you say "Pocahontas of Mattaponi, daughter of Powhatan"? If you don't remember the real story of Pocahontas, Debbie "White Dove" Custalow Porreco can tell you. And for an in-depth study, you can read "THE TRUE STORY OF POCAHONTAS" by her brother, Dr. Linwood "Little Bear" Custalow. He was the first American Indian to become a doctor in the state of Virginia.

Debbie's adolescence mirrors a place in America where tradition, rituals, pride and heritage occurred and parts of our Country's character was wrought, where school, grades 1-12 were in a 2-room schoolhouse on the Mattaponi Indian Reservation. Debbie attended this school until 6th grade, at which time she entered the community school. After receiving her diploma and recognition as an honor student, Debbie matriculated as a business major and graduated from Chowan College in North Carolina.

Following a stint working at Duke Medical Center, Debbie's brother, Dr. Linwood "Little Bear" Custalow, recruited her to manage his furniture store in VA where she developed her





Debbie "White Dove" pictured here with Virginia Gov. George Allen on the steps of the Governor's Mansion while working with a children's charity.

initial interest in interior decorating and design. Eventually, Debbie relocated to Virginia Beach and was employed by a major furniture store until they relocated 5 years later. Simultaneously, she delivered her first born, Joshua.

Later, she was recruited by the director of flight attendants from Piedmont Airlines / US Air, for whom she flew for ten years. It was during this period of employment that her second son, Jason, was born.



Debbie piloting the Porreco motor yacht, *White Eagle*, through the Presque Isle Bay channel after a leisurely day of cruising the beautiful waters of Lake Erie.



We have all heard about Debbie's portrayal of Pocahontas. She is a descendent of Pocahontas who was born in 1595 in the vicinity near Debbie's birthplace on the Mattaponi Reservation.

In her youth, Debbie "White Dove" portrayed Pocahontas in educational seminars organized by her sister Shirley "Little Dove", the historian for the Mattaponi tribe. From there, she represented Pocahontas in documentaries, filmed by Trans Atlantic Film Co. based in England. Her film works include FOLLOW THE RIVER and TECUMSA, produced by Ted Turner.

Debbie also posed for the statue "Indian Princess - Pocahontas" in Gloucester, VA, erected in 1994. It is considered to be the only authentic depiction of Pocahontas as a youth.

Additionally, Debbie "White Dove" and Shirley "Little Dove" collaborated with Disney for

Debbie "White Dove" and fellow actor Richard Cheatham in Williamsburg, VA with archeologist Bill Kelso who discovered the original 1607 Jamestown colony fort.

the animated series POCAHONTAS. Although the portrayal was not historically accurate, it did and does inspire one to explore the story further. By the way, Pocahontas was married to John Rolfe, not John Smith.

Debbie came to Erie, PA nearly 11 years ago; her proudest achievement to date is the recent awarding of a Captain's license and Master's Certificate, fulfilling stringent requirements that included 80 hours of class time, and culminated in 2 comprehensive exams.

The only boating experience that Debbie "White Dove" had was fishing with her Dad. She rowed the boat to put the nets out and retrieve them at the conclusion of their "catch." Because her knowledge of "real" boating was minimal, she was totally exuberant at the prospect of taking the Captain's Course. Debbie discovered that avid boaters filled the classroom and she felt a bit uneasy, but realized she was forging ahead strictly "for the knowledge." Her uneasiness escalated when one class member asked "How is Debbie going to get through

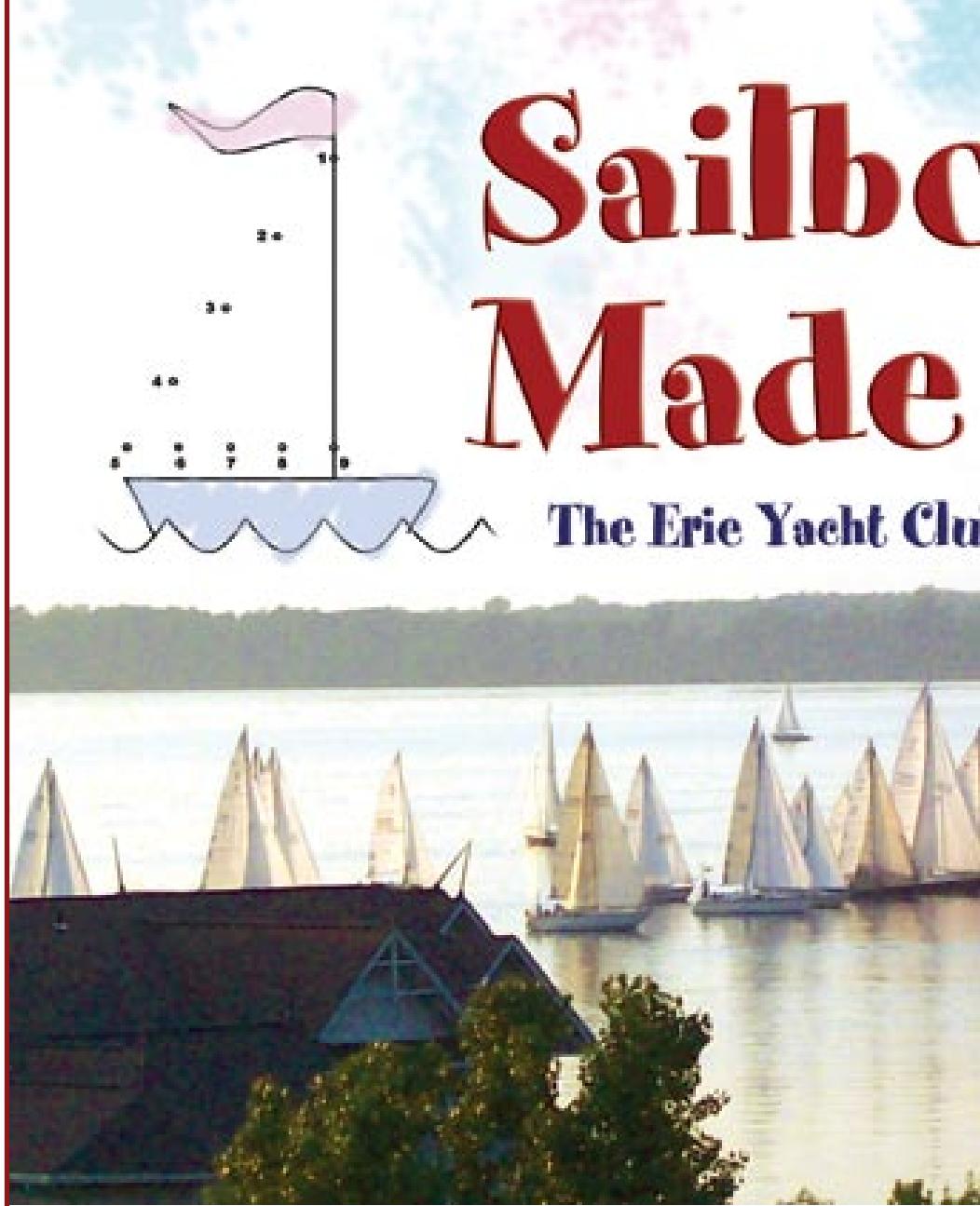
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**O**ur Family Jib & Mainsail Division has been very successful because it provides for an inexpensive and very easy means for anyone to get started racing. The Family Jam Division is divided into four classes with new entries being placed in a class of peers based on experience of the owner and crew and the speed potential of the entered boat. The boat with crew is positioned in a class where they generally have a chance in placing high in the results column and the position is adjusted if we have guessed wrong or a boat is somehow dominating a class. This subjective boat placement translates into more racing success and more enjoyment on the water by all of the competitors. This is a departure from the hard line rating brake in class division as seen with standard racing fleets throughout the world wide racing community.

All Family JAM boats are assigned free of charge a handicap based on a standard sister ship's spinnaker PHRF-Lake Erie rating. Rating certificates are not required, however are encouraged by the fact that those boats with a current certificate will see a slight improvement in their time allowance.

Cheap ! First time racers new to racing and the EYCRF are enticed by a very minimal \$25 entry fee for their initial racing season that includes 23 races and many parties and events for the 2007 season. The hope is that each new entry and crew will get hooked and return to race season after season.

One of twelve EYCRF's "End of a Series" crew parties on the deck with great food, great beer and great fun all "made easy" with great sailboat racing.



Easy ! The Wednesday evening races start and finish 100 yards from our Club entrance off our own lighthouse and pavilion. The beautiful newly roofed lighthouse deck is not only convenient for the race committee and interested spectators but also offers a prime site for photographers capturing the start and finish. The Lighthouse deck and the Club House deck also offer great venues for the many free post race parties and awards presentations held by the fleet.

Bonus ! ALL racers who do not place in the top three positions in a race score a bonus in that those three boats who do place first, second or third in class lose nine, six and three seconds respectively in their time adjustment. This adjustment is cumulative for the entire season so more racers in an individual class have an increasing chance of success in their group as the season advances. This dynamic cumulative penalty for the winners is unique to our own Racing Fleet and is another departure from the normal world of sailboat racing.

The Family Jam races are designed to be

Truly the greatest fringe benefit of sailboat racing is





# Boat Racing Easy!

## Boat Racing Fleet



by David Heitzenrater

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short, sweet and easy so to allow the exciting experience of the start and fun of the race and then to return to terra firma to discuss the on-the-water battle and to socialize with the other owners and crew. This co-mingling of experienced and the not so experienced sailor allows ample post race coaching and constructive criticism hopefully for future performance improvements of the entire fleet.

The fleet is fortunate to have numerous and generous sponsors who help keep the entry fees very reasonable and allow for the many activities held by the fleet. We thank each and every one of them.

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Various marine related EYCRF activities continue throughout the year and culminate with the November awards banquet party dance bash. December brings the planning of the forthcoming season of races and activities that begin in January.

The Racing Fleet continues to draw many boats and crew to both the on the water and land activities with the big positive being everyone is having a lot of fun. How can anyone racing get upset about the race results when you know the winner is going to be zonked by nine seconds? We have all carefully scrutinized this bold handicap system but despite our concerns it remains very successful with 69 member boats last season. There is an average of five or six crew on each boat, therefore, the smiles are many and large because the comfort-to-grief ratio remains heavy on the comfortable fun side.

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Two of our more officious EYCRF Race Committee aficionados, Pat Gourley and Howard Miskill, Race Officer, in their "Prettiest Leg Contest". Everyone agreed Howard won but Pat said Howard cheated!



# Magical Escapade

by Roberta Rey & Kevin Beck,

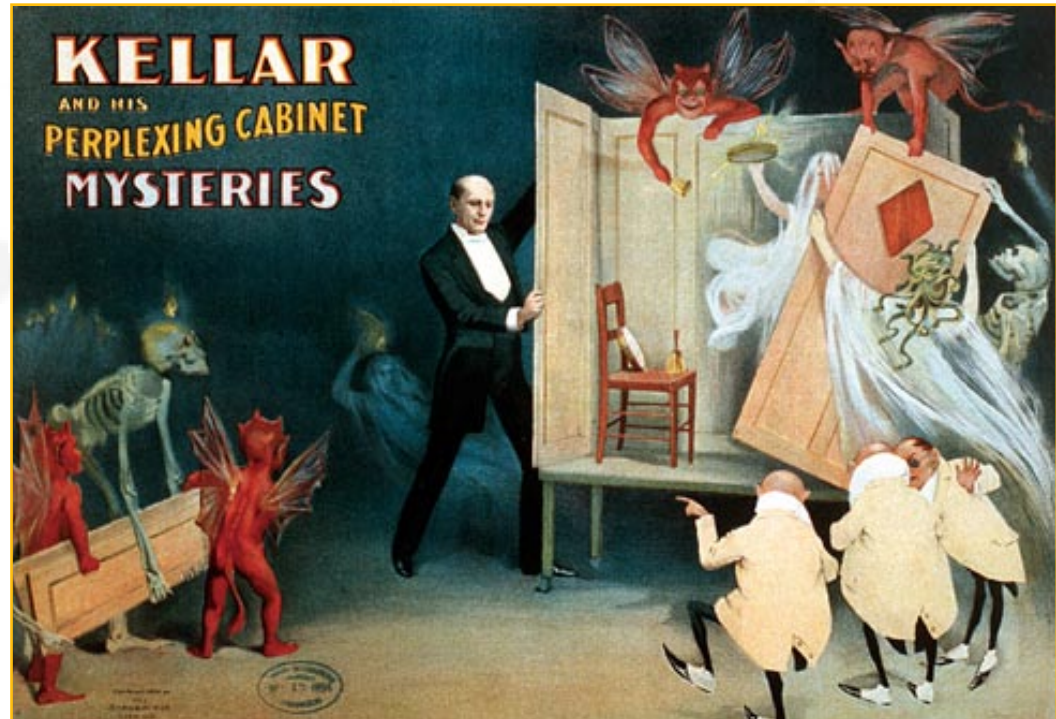
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ESCAPADE, according to the ABC Wide World of Sports television show, was a 70-foot sailing yacht chartered by an Erie Yacht Club Past Commodore Bob Way and his wife Peggy with a crew of “fresh water sailors”, including step-daughter Roberta, who, among other adventures, broke the standing 20-year time record for a race from Miami, Florida to Lacaya, Grand Bahamas in the Caribbean.



*ESCAPADE*, the 70 foot sailing charter EYC P/C Bob Way and wife Peggy chartered to race in the SORC ... Southern Offshore Racing Circuit.

ESCAPADE, according to Mr. Webster's book, is an escape from restraint or confinement. For 25 years Roberta Rey, daughter of Peg Way and Doug Yetman, performed this and other illusions nightly in the magical USO/Las Vegas style show “World of Illusion”, entertaining both the armed forces and civilians in over 50 countries and all 50 states. Roberta continued her magic career as part of a magical revue at the Fantasy Springs Casino in Palm Springs, California where she also ran a suc-



An early poster of the magician who started it all Harry Kellar. Always billed simply as “Kellar” is responsible for turning magic into the big stage attraction that sweep the world. Kellar has been internationally recognized ever since as the 1st Great American Magician.

cessful Magic Shoppe in a building she shared with Bob Way's Bicycle Shop. Now there was a man who always wanted to know “How did they do that, Roberta?”

ESCAPADE according to magical historians and others “in-the-know” was an international magic show featuring Carl R. “Carlton” Beck. Carlton's dynamic and powerful performances of large scale illusions and exotic wild animals wowed audiences from Las Vegas to the Sultans of Southeast Asia.

Now we have another ESCAPADE coming to make its home right here in Erie, The International Magic Hall of Fame and Museum. Enter international illusionist Carlton Beck with a dream to provide a place to preserve, protect, educate and most importantly offer live entertainment in the timeless art of magic. “With all the incredible assets in the area and being the birthplace of Harry Kellar, Erie is simply the most logical location for The International

Magic Hall of Fame & Museum to be located in,” smiles Beck. Carlton believes that magic should surprise, amaze and mystify, but above all, it must entertain. “The presentation is every bit as important as are the illusions.” Carlton says. He has been promoting his magic for many years by escaping from straight jackets while suspended over alligators, sunk deep in rivers and lakes in a steel box that's locked and chained, also handcuffed and placed in a box while suspended over 100 feet above the ground. All of which made believers out of the onlookers as he escaped during an accidental moment in which the box somehow dislodged from the Crane hoisting it and dropped to the ground. As a hush fell over the audience an ambulance immediately rushed to the scene with the driver quickly stepping out and waving to an amazed audience ... because it was none other than Carlton!

But why here in Erie, PA? Why build this





While on tour for the Department of Defense ,Roberta Rey looks back from the jump seat of a Chinook Helicopter somewhere over South Korea.

grand edifice in Erie? First of all, this town has always been “a little Eerie”. Erie does have a secret but we will break the “magic code of silence” and reveal the truth to our LOG readers. The secret is that one Mr. Harry Kellar, a native of Erie and whose descendents still live here, is internationally known as the 1st Great American Magician. In fact Erich Weiss, better known as Harry Houdini, took the first name Harry out of respect for his mentor Harry Kellar.

In the early part of the 1900's, a few performers were recognized by just a single name Houdini, Thurston, and Kellar as is the way we refer today to Cher, Prince and Madonna. Kellar so defined the smooth, warm yet all powerful image of a magician that author Frank Baum based his Wizard of Oz character on having Kellar in mind and even payed Harry for the tribute. Kellar wore the mantle of “Greatest American Magician”, an honor granted to magicians by magicians. This mantle has since past down twice now resting on the shoulders of Master Magician Lance Burton.

Everybody loves magic. In fact for those seriously addicted there are two major international magic organizations. The Society of American Magicians (SAM) is the oldest and most prestigious. Harry Kellar was the first president of SAM and his long time friend and student Harry Houdini was the second. The other organization is the International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM). Roberta Rey is Past President of local ring 291 in Palms Springs, California. Together, just these two organizations, number over 50,000 members worldwide with their web sites translated into nine languages. The organizations represent amateur, professional, design and manufacturers, magic dealers, book authors and magic collectors. Some collectors have paid as much as \$10,000 for original magic posters.

Literally millions of people from around the globe will make a pilgrimage to the Magic Hall

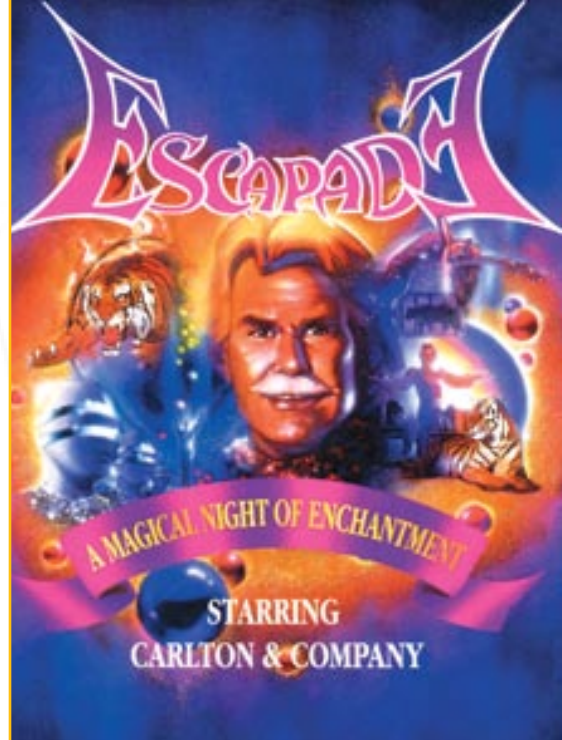
of Fame. The idea of being able to take a walk around an illusion set-up like sawing a woman in half or stretching her beautiful form into a goddess only to see her float away while being entertained by a fantastic magic show is all the incentive visitors needed.

The International Magic Hall of Fame & Museum has been “wholeheartedly” endorsed by both Erie County Executive Mark DiVecchio and Erie Mayor Joe Sinnot. Lance Burton stated “Carlton Beck has been my good friend for 24 years. He is recognized by his peers as one of the great stage illusionists of our time. His latest project, The International Magic Hall of Fame & Museum, is an exciting development. I believe it will be the crowning achievement in his long and illustrious career. I feel confident it will be something all magicians around the world will welcome with pride.”

Co-author Roberta Rey made the return move from Palm Spring to Erie. She was excited to see the progressive changes here in stating, “The Warner Theatre Restoration, the Sea Wolves, a city alive with dining, festivals and musical events, our new convention center along with the international appeal of the casino, great shopping centers and seven miles of beautiful sandy beaches make Erie the absolute perfect location for the Magic Hall of Fame complex”. She continued, “I heard about this project, sought out Carlton and asked him how can I help?”

While 3 term president of IBM Ring 291, co-author Roberta Rey was chair of a committee that honored Karrell Fox, magician and mentor to many magicians like Siegfried and Roy and Lance Burton. Rey awarded him a bronze star on the Palm Springs “Walk of Fame”.

The best magic is not made for TV; it is performed right before your very eyes! Unlike the Baseball or NFL Halls of Fame and even the



ESCAPADE POSTER to promote Carlton's show featuring unusual artistry, amazing illusions, exotic cats and beautiful women.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Erie's Magic Hall of Fame will feature daily live entertainment. The Magic Hall of Fame Museum will feature a vast array of extraordinarily exquisite exhibits from all over the world as well. For instance, Mr. Ken Klosterman of Loveland, Ohio and founder of the Klosterman Bakery organization, holds one of the largest private collections of magical history in the world and plans to donate to the museum.

Magical performances are most common-

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Carlton and four cast members in South Africa. “Where does a tiger sit? Any where he wants!”



# Arctic Terns...

## “Winging It Worldwide”



by P/C John Ashby

Years ago, during our high water era, I was at the Club on the east side of the north wall when I noticed what I thought was a new type of seagull since it was hanging around the other gulls. Luckily I had one of my 35mm cameras with me and a telephoto lens so I was able to capture two photos used in this article.

I never really thought about those photos until a few weeks ago when I was going through some of my old photographs for another potential LOG article. With a little time and research I was able to find out that the bird I photographed, some 20 or 30 years ago, was in fact an Arctic Tern. So I said to myself, “hey self” write an article about these unique little world travelers thinking you LOG readers might be interested in a few facts about this rather remarkable bird.

The Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) is a seabird of the tern family Sternidae. This bird has a circumpolar distribution, breeding co-

lonially in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of Europe, Asia, and North America. The species is strongly migratory, seeing two summers each year as it migrates from its northern breeding grounds to the oceans around Antarctica and back each year. This is the longest regular migration by any known animal.



Arctic Terns are medium-sized birds, with a length of 33-39 centimeters (13-15 in) and a wingspan of 76-85 cm (26-30 in). They are mainly grey and white plumaged, with a red beak (as long as the head, straight, with pronounced gonys) and feet, white forehead, a black-nape and crown (streaked white), and white cheeks. The upper wing is gray with a white leading edge, and the collar is completely white, as is the rump. The deeply forked tail is whitish, with grey outer webs.

The Arctic Tern is K-selected, caring for and aggressively defending a small number of young. Parents feed them fish for a considerable time, and help them fly south to winter.

Arctic Terns are long-lived birds, with many reaching twenty years of age. They eat mainly fish and small marine invertebrates. The species is abundant, with an estimated one million individuals. While the trend in the number of individuals in the species as a whole is not

known, exploitation in the past has reduced this bird's numbers in the southern reaches of its range.

The Arctic Tern has a worldwide, circumpolar breeding distribution which is continuous; there are no recognized subspecies. It can be found in coastal regions in cooler temperate parts of North America and Eurasia during the northern summer. While wintering during the southern summer, it can be found at sea, reaching the southern edge of the Antarctic ice. The area of the range of the species is approximately ten million square kilometers.



Famous for its migration, the Arctic Tern flies from its Arctic breeding grounds to the Antarctic and back again each year. This 12,000-mile journey ensures that this bird sees two summers per year and more daylight than any other creature on the planet. The average Arctic Tern in its life will travel a distance equal to going to the moon and back. One example of this bird's remarkable long-distance flying abilities involves an Arctic Tern tagged as an unfledged chick on the Farne Islands, Northumberland, UK in summer 1982, which reached Melbourne, Australia in October 1982, a sea journey of over 14,000 miles in just three months. Another example is that of a chick tagged in Labrador in July 1928 and found in South Africa four months later. Since Arctic Terns usually migrate far offshore they are rarely seen from land outside the breeding season. So the photographs that I shot off the north wall (upper left & lower right) are something of a rarity for this area of the world.

Arctic Terns mate for life, unlike modern man, and in most cases, return to the same colony each year. Breeding begins around the third or fourth year. Courtship is elaborate, especially in birds nesting for the first time, now that is more like modern man. Courtship begins with a so-called "high flight", where a female will chase the male to a high altitude and then slowly descend. This display is followed by "fish flights", where the male will offer fish to the female. Courtship on the ground involves strutting with a raised tail and lowered wings, after which both birds will usually fly around and circle each other. Both sexes agree on a site for a nest, and both will defend the site. During this time, the male continues to feed the female, then the mating begins shortly thereafter ... sound familiar? Breeding

takes place in colonies on coasts, islands and occasionally inland on tundra near water. It lays from one to three eggs per clutch, most often two.



The diet of the Arctic Tern varies depending on location and time, but is usually carnivorous eating small fish or marine crustaceans. Fish species comprise the most important part of their diet yet sometimes, these birds also eat mollusks, marine worms or berries, and on their northern breeding grounds, insects.

Like all *Sterna* terns, the Arctic Tern feeds by plunge-diving for fish, usually from the sea, though occasionally also fishing in coastal freshwater lagoons. It often dives from a "stepped-hover", in which it slowly flies into the wind at such a speed that it is stationary relative to the water. It will then dive and catch its prey, which it detects by sight. Arctic Terns sometimes dip down to the surface of the water to catch prey close to the surface. They may also chase insects in the air when breeding. It is also thought that Arctic Terns may, in



spite of their small size, occasionally engage in "kleptoparasitism" by swooping at birds so as to startle them into releasing their catches.

While feeding, skuas, gulls, and other tern species will often harass other birds and steal their food. They often form mixed colonies with other terns, such as Common and Sandwich Terns.

Arctic Terns are a truly unique bird species. So next time you catch a glimpse of one, just stop and think that you are looking at the most well traveled animal species on earth, second only to man.





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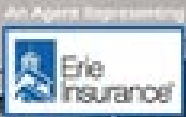


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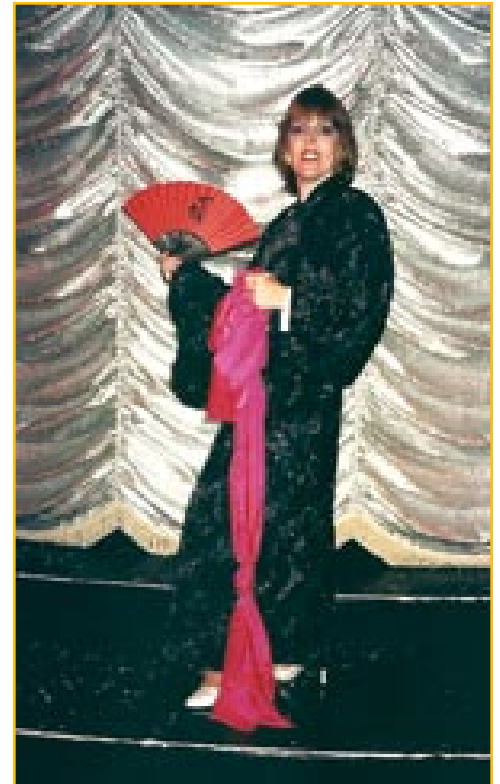
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## Escapade

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ly divided into three categories, "Close-up" which involves cards, coins, cups and balls, "Cabaret" which is normally found in intimate night club settings, featuring dramatic mentalist or comedy magic with volunteer audience participation and "Grand Illusion" which includes awesome sawings, floating, flying, and vanishings usually preformed on a large stage with full show lights and musical accompaniment.

The Erie Museum will feature a one-of-a-kind unique restaurant presenting "Close up" magic performed table-side daily for a personal and intimate dining experience.



Appearing at the Fantasy Springs Casino, Palm Springs CA. "Roberta Rey strutting her stuff".

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A Séance Parlor for groups will entertain, surprise and delight. There will be no "devil worship" involved here but we can guarantee you "a devilish good time".

The Grand Illusion Theatre, a 500 seat facility and the heart of the Museum, will feature full blown Las Vegas styled entertainment. Famous world renown magicians, guest performers, professional dancers and variety acts will be the venue.

Linking the past to the present to the future is the School of Conjuring taught by Carlton and Kevin Beck. Kevin, along with touring the world with his father, is also a producer and director, most recently working on the productions of Rush Hour 2 and Oceans Eleven.



The first young adult graduation class at the School of Conjuring. So come on in and sign up for magic classes and remember "magic is age friendly".



Roberta Rey honoring her good friend Karrell Fox with a life achievement award.

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## *2008 Slip Applications*

It's hard to believe that we're already thinking about the 2008 boating season before we've even put the 2007 season behind us, but it's true.

In the last week of September, the Club will mail out the 2008 application forms to the membership. Please take the time to read the cover letter for any special announcements. Then you should review the application form and make all corrections directly on the form, sign and return it to the Club by the November 1st deadline. The 2008 Dock Committee will have their first meeting in November to assign all slips that are open as the result of non-returned slip applications.

## *Basin Renovation Plans Continue*

As the summer moves along, work's been going on behind the scenes to prepare for the next phase of the project. This fall, the plan is to remove all the docks on J, K & L dock with demolition to be completed in October/November. Construction and installation of the new docks will take place throughout the winter and next spring. While the docks are being constructed, work on repairing the wall will also take place.

Those member slip holders of J, K and L docks who are still in their slips towards the end of September will be asked to relocate to other slips within the basin so work can move forward while we have good weather. As last year, the last day for fall haul-outs will be the first Sunday of November which is November 4th. The committee wishes to thank all members for their continued cooperation during this period of construction and would like to remind everyone that plans are reviewed for as little disruption as possible.

## *Fall Haul-Outs Final Day*

Make your plans to prepare your boat for winter storage by scheduling your haul-out date before the final day which is scheduled to be Sunday November 4th. Appointments for haul-outs can be made with the Club office by stopping by or calling 453-4931.

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This is a story about a knockdown on a heavy downwind Colburn to Buffalo (downtown) leg of the 2004 InterClub Cruise.

The vessel: *Eyerly*, a 1982 Beneteau First 42. Conditions: Downwind, heavy seas and chute up with a starboard pole which is alternately skimming the waters on starboard with the boom prevented to port and tipping the waves to port. We would have preferred that the thing was down but it was up and we were hoping for the best. We had survived a few roundups (which were really common that day in the fleet) and were at least ahead of the boats which we could and should be ahead of.

Onboard were my son, Will Dunn, at the helm (very experienced), Jeremy Lincoln on foredeck (very experienced), my son, Tommy Dunn, on the Spinnaker sheet (years of experience at that post), Will's wife (a lovely girl from Fort Worth, Texas – need I say more?), and poor Tim McNair. Tim had left his car in Buffalo earlier in the week and was simply looking for a ride from Colburn to Buffalo inasmuch as his vessel had headed back to Erie on this ominous day. He had never sailed with us before. Little did Tim know what lay ahead.



The author enjoying the festivities on the EYC lawn at a recent MS Regatta..

At this point, I must tell you that I have always tried to reassure those who fear that a sailboat might tip over. You know the type that gets white knuckles, turns green and who knows what else at the moment when a sailboat heels even a little bit. I always have prided myself in



my reassurance to these unseasoned mariners that sailboats with a keel simply don't tip over. The more they heel, the more leverage that lead keel has. The more they heel, the less leverage those sails have as the wind blows over the top of them. Then you have those sheets you can release and that helm that can take you into the wind which can be very noisy but leave you less in harms way. Invariably I have ended these reassurances with a statement to the effect that "oh sure, it is possible to tip a sailboat over but you'd have to be an idiot to do it".

Meanwhile, back to the story at hand where there were in fact white knuckles, green faces and ominous feelings on board (including those of yours truly). Others were getting their chutes down and a boat nearby suffered a Kevlar main blowout but *Eyerly* trucked on until, well, until an as yet undiagnosed combination of putting the starboard pole well into the water and most likely one of the ten footers coming from the port quarter forced *Eyerly* not only to have its chute under water to starboard but also into a involuntary jibe. The problem was severely complicated by the fact that the boom was prevented to port and someone had put the preventer on upside down so that it could not be eased. Normally the jam cleat which would have released the preventer is on the boom end of the preventer and you



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# HAVE TO BE AN IDIOT!"

BY JOHN DUNN



into the sky doing a another perfect "figure eight".

pull the preventer sheet upward to release the jam cleat. This time the jam cleat was on the rail and you had to pull its sheet downward to ease but it could not be done because downward was into the deck and there simply was no room to ease it.

The result was a situation which certainly *Eyerly* had never been in. We had the approximate 20 knots of wind coming onto the port side of our main but it was prevented to the port rail which by itself had the starboard rail about four feet under. This does not take into consideration the fact that our Spinnaker pole to starboard was about six feet under water. Tommy on the starboard rail with the Spinnaker sheet had water above his waist and as he looked at me as I clung to a starboard secondary winch running the guy with water up to my neck, I simply said, "whatever you do, don't let go of the sheet" because that was the only thing keeping him on board. Jeremy was calmly trying to release the preventer (and he knew enough to ease if he could release it) but it would not budge. My daughter-in-law and Tim McNair did not panic and were testing their Topsiders on what were normally vertical surfaces. At this moment, Dave Haller and his Beneteau 37.7 (whom we had been very proud to have been leading on this leg) sailed by and he and my son, William, exchanged an old familiar line of Dave's: "Are we having fun yet?".

Well, amazingly enough, we were having fun. It was a beautiful day. *Eyerly* was in a very strange predicament but the water was not quite flowing through the companion way to the below decks nor was it flowing in an open port in the starboard side of the cockpit (we had at least a couple inches to spare). and Lake Erie was warm. *Eyerly* was totally stopped. We were basically "hove to". Nobody panicked and there we were. The boat was on her side and yours truly after his many pronouncements about heeling boats felt like nothing other than ... you guessed it ... an idiot!



This is *Eyerly* in a calmer more resplendent pose while being in concert with the days more resplendent wind conditions.

I had found a way to tip a keel sailboat over.

We managed to get the chute down (I should say on board) from the water to the deck. This relieved whatever it was contributing to our dilemma. However, the main alone, jibed as it was and pinned into the wind, still had *Eyerly* more on her side than her bottom. We finally were successful in releasing the preventer about one inch at a time (remember it needed to be eased anyway). We eventually eased it sufficiently to get on our bottom and hoist ... well ... a headsail for a more conservative finish of our ride to Buffalo.

I since have re-rigged my preventer so it cannot be deployed "upside down" and am proud to report that *Eyerly* has been sailing on her bottom ever since. Tim McNair still speaks to me and I no longer use that "you'd have to be an idiot" line in explaining why keel boats don't tip over.



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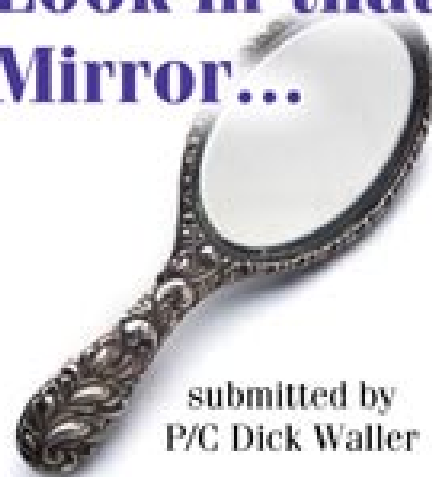
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## Take a Good Look in that Mirror...



submitted by  
P/C Dick Waller

I have been guilty of looking at others my own age and thinking "I surely don't look that old". So if you have done the same thing you may relate to this story:

While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed the dentist's certificate on the wall which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school class some fifty years before. Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face obviously was too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local high school.

"Yes," he replied.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1951."

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He looked at me closely and then asked, "What did you teach?"

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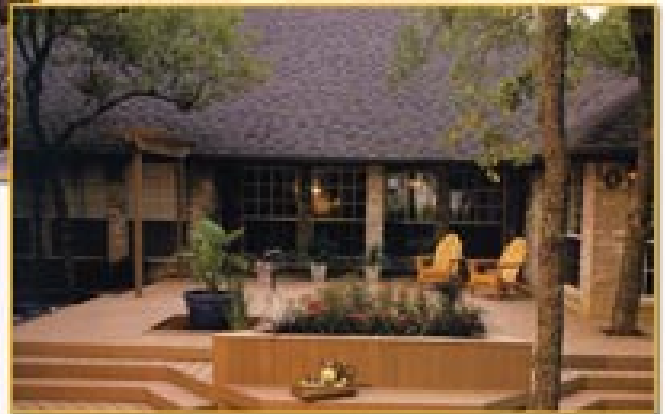


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What is this place we've come to with black beach rocks and animals that time forgot? How long ago was it that we left the shores of home, bound for great adventures?

I look at a sunning marine iguana. He licks his nose and ignores me peacefully. The kids back in Chicago would love this guy. I take a picture and move on. No time to waste. There's swimming with sharks later.

How can we inspire our students to look at the world in a different way? A giant tortoise opens one eye to look at me. For him the world does not change. After 200 birthday parties, he's seen it all.

Whiz and I walk over the lava tunnels towards our teammates. Ashley is video taping a penguin. Brian is swimming with sea lions in the cold Galapagos water.

How can I capture this magic for our students? It saturates our senses but it won't fit on a web page. The answer comes to me in a question from a student named Makala. His email reads: "Is it uncomfortable to go to the bathroom on the boat?"

I smile and relax. I wouldn't have understood either when I was 9.

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Galapagos marine iguanas black coats blend into their surroundings and as food becomes scarce they shrink in size ... bones and all.



Galapagos is a magically intriguing place wherever you look as you share in nature's spectacles.



The author in search of underwater treasures



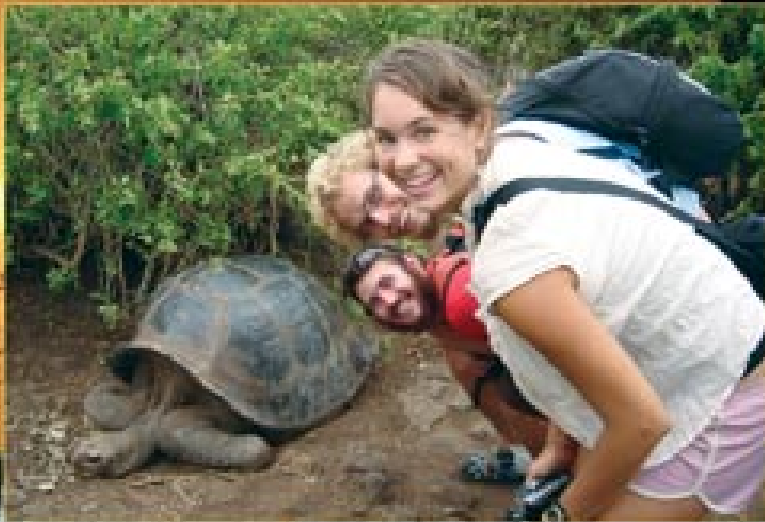
Brian found these playful sea lions while getting a dose of the cool Galapagos water.



# ...The Adventure Continues

# Galapagos Islands

by Aaron Lasher



To the Giant land tortoise we are just specks in time and were island residents when Charles Darwin arrived here on the HMS *Beagle*.



Most penguins live in the northern hemisphere but here this small variety of the bird species makes an exception and thrives.



Here the author enjoys the timeliness of dramatic scenery and epic landscapes of this volcanic island.

## Captain White Dove

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this course when she has never boated?" The instructor informed them that "she will probably be my best student because I don't have to retrain her." Debbie shared additional emo-

"The Donald" is pictured here with Debbie "White Dove" while she and her husband member Lou Porreco were at the Mara Lago Club in the Florida. Mar Largo is Trump's home and private club on Palm Beach Island.



A family shot with Debbie two sons Josh and Jason along with her cousin entertainer/singer Wayne Newton.

tions with us, saying that "although the course was very difficult and there were times when I thought I wasn't sure if I even wanted a boat anymore, I was determined to take the exams and pass. Thank God I did!"

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Debbie is now qualified to operate their new-

ly built yacht, "White Eagle", the American Indian name of their son Jason. The yacht's tender, "Little Eagle," is named after Debbie's deceased father, who was the Chief of the Mataponi Reservation where Debbie was raised.

We applaud you Debbie ... you are quite the accomplished LADY.



## "We got It All" NFL Ticket & Monday Night Football

by Mickey McMahon

That's right! It's time for NFL Football again at the Erie Yacht Club and we've got them both, "Monday Night Football" and the NFL Ticket the entire season. We have four TV's so you won't miss a moment of the action.

The regular season starts on Thursday, September 6th with New Orleans at Indianapolis. The first game on Monday Night is September 10th with a Doubleheader starting at 7:00 pm featuring Baltimore at Cincinnati and then at 10:15 Arizona takes on San Francisco. The nor-

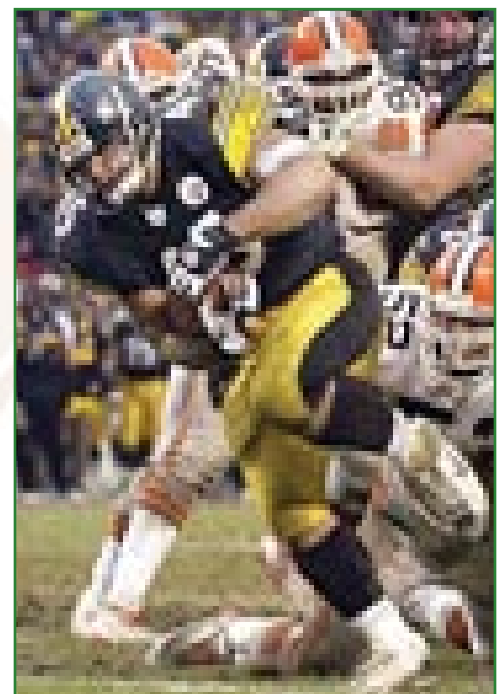
mal schedule begins on Sunday, September 9th so be here ... you'll love it!

As most of you hard core football fans already know, the NFL has made it mandatory for our local television stations to carry all Buffalo "away" games due to the established NFL contract guidelines. Therefore, since we have the DIRECTV Ticket and 4 televisions, it does not matter if you are a Pittsburgh, Cleveland or Buffalo fan "we got you covered".

We are doing it again for Monday Night Football fans as we will be featuring our all-you-can-eat "Tailgate Buffet". The menu again this year features Pizza, Hot Dogs and Wings all for just \$2.00 per person. NO take out orders of this Special Monday Night Football "Tailgate Buffet" feast please. Remember to call early because the order will be called in at 8:30 pm.

Also on every NFL Sunday afternoon starting September 9th the Club will again be offering our "Game Day Special" buffet.

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# Choose One ... “Freeze Tag” or “Fishing”?

by Captain Dennis Daniels

The great thing about boating is its flexibility. It's not like other hobbies, such as bird watching, tiddly winks, or freeze tag. It's much more versatile. Some boaters prefer to spend their time moored to the dock; others don scuba gear and plunge into Lake Erie's icy depths searching for lost artifacts of the past. Still others use their boat to fish.

Despite moving up to larger boats and a cruising-and-loafing-around style of boating, I yearn for the days of rolling around Lake Erie in quest of the mighty walleye and small mouth bass. To satisfy this occasional thirst, I once bought a second boat that enabled me to fill this desire.

I really can't call myself a true fisherman though. After all, I don't have thousands of dollars tied up in gear or mounted fish heads hanging in my living room. I

don't even subscribe to any of the trendy fishing magazines. Yet I do enjoy rolling around Lake Erie fishing. The problem is some of the friends I go fishing with are true worm-in-the-shoe fishermen.

If you have never taken a true fisherman out you should be prepared. First of all, they're a messy lot. It's not a good day unless they spill the box of worms in your cockpit at least three times. By the end of the day your boat looks like a sand trap at your favorite country club.

Another problem is they insist on bringing too much gear aboard. After all, do you really need three poles? One pole is usually large enough to catch sailfish off the Florida coast; while the other is so light a rock bass bends it into a swizzle stick.

Tackle boxes are also a problem. Mine is the size of a lunch box and has sufficed for years. My friends bring boxes so large we need to use the marina's travel lift to get them in and out of the boat.

When we finally do get underway, the problems are just beginning. True fishermen begin to argue. Mostly they argue on where to fish.

When you do finally select a spot and the fish don't bite, the arguments begin again.

Then there is the problem of what to do with the lowly Lake Erie sheepshead. Actually a fresh water drum, it is probably Lake Erie's most populous fish. Most fishermen aren't content with just catching

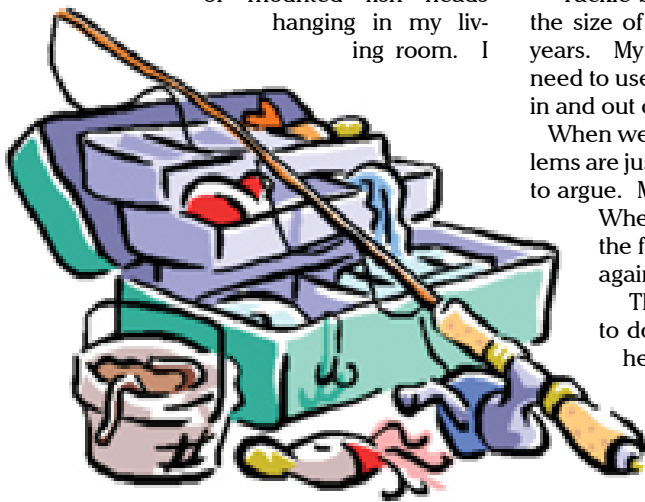
and releasing them; they typically try to bribe them. They hold them up, stroke them gently behind the gills, and say, "Look, go and tell your friends, Billy Bass and Wally Walleye, that we have some nice treats for them, and I will give you half of my bologna sandwich." Well, either sheepshead are forgetful, or not very reliable, because they never live up to their part of the bargain.

You can have fun with sheepshead though. One time I took a customer from Dallas out fishing. We had been out only a few minutes when he began to squeal like a kid with a new bicycle. "Look at the pole bend, it must be a big one," he yelled, momentarily forgetting his seasickness. I suspected he had caught a sheepshead, but I stayed mum. Well, this guy hauled this big sheepshead into the boat, turned to me and said, "I told you it was big. Now don't tell me what it is 'cause I know it's a bass, a silver bass." I started to correct him, but why ruin his day. "You're right," I lied, "it is a bass."

Well if you think my friend was happy, you should have seen the fish. He was grinning from gill to gill. Here was this fish that knew he wasn't exactly a prized species being called a bass. It made his day.

The biggest problem with true fishermen though is listening to their ridiculous fishing stories. I am sure you have all heard them. For that reason I could never be a true fisherman. I just can't bring myself to tell a fishing tale.

Oh well, anyone for freeze tag?






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So join these members and become one of the less than 10,000 people that have obtained the Master Captain's level license throughout the entire nation. Of these over 2,000 are SeaTech graduates.

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We are planning to begin the course on Saturday and Sunday the weekend of October 6th and 7th, then on consecutive Monday evenings through the end of November. The Coast Guard approved SeaTech exam will also be held at the EYC in early December, prior to the holidays.

This special EYC course offers you an excellent opportunity to become a USCG licensed Master Captain while you'll learn more about boating than you ever thought possible. Learn more by contacting our EYC graduates, Captains Ed Schuler, John Schuler, Fritz Curtze or myself today. Don't miss out on this terrific opportunity.

Monday night classes will run from 6:30 un-

til approximately 10 PM. The cost for the Six Pack level license is \$695, with the full Master License being normally \$895 but this EYC Special offers it for only \$795. These prices include all materials used in the courses.

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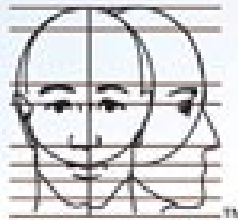
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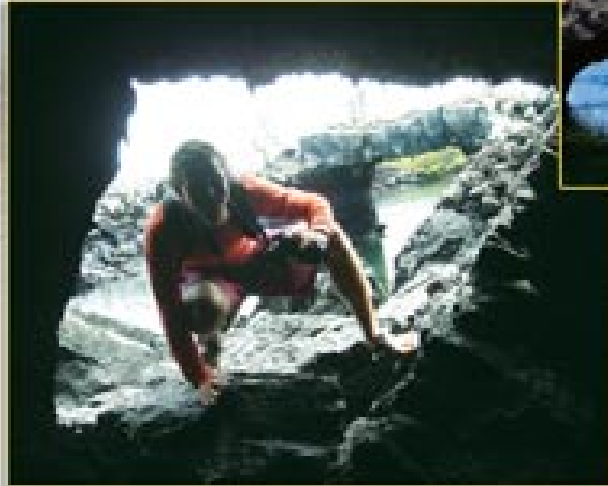
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# Galapagos Islands

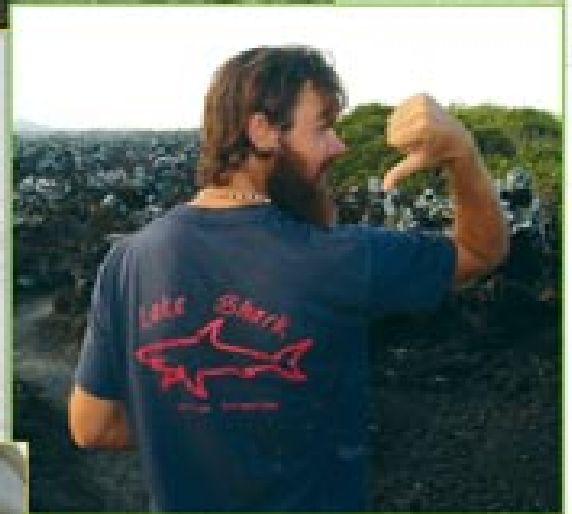
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Exploring lava caves carved out by centuries of erosion and by the smell of it this one was inhabited by sea lions.



Traveling across striking lava tunnels, observing sea turtles and other wildlife, that call these structures home.



The author proudly sports his EYC Lake Shark t-shirt before jumping in and swimming with these beautiful creatures.



During this time of year, some mornings were mired by pea-soup fog with the surf breaking only 150 feet away.



Ashley video taping our approach to the magnificent rock formations where we were headed to carefully swim with the white-tipped sharks.



Prickly Pear trees at sunset ... they cannot decide if they are trees or cactus.



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## Membership Rewards Program

At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors, a discussion took place as to the best approach to "get the word out" within the community about our great facility here at the Erie Yacht Club. After much discussion, the Board decided that the best approach would be for those of us who are already members to spread the word on the advantages of being members of one of the finest yacht clubs in the entire country.

With this in mind, the Board has instituted a "Member Rewards Program" that awards financial credits for those members who recruit or sponsor a new Associate member during the months of July 1st to October 31, 2007.

The program works as follows:

The Club's application process requires the signature of two Regular members as sponsors. When you sponsor an applicant seeking membership as an Associate member, you will receive a \$500.00 credit on your monthly statement. This credit can be applied to any charges you designate. You can use it for slip fees, winter storage, dues, fuel or food and beverage charges. Bridge and Board members are excluded from this program.

The applicant must submit the application before the October 31, 2007 deadline to qualify. The program is only valid for those seeking Associate or Regular membership. This program does not apply to those applying for Junior or Junior Family membership.

Those of you who sponsor a new member are also permitted to transfer your \$500.00 credit to the account of the new member if you choose. To initiate the transfer, just notify the Club office at the time the applicant is elected.

Should you require the proper forms to start the application process or have any questions concerning the Membership Rewards Program please contact the Club office.

Thank you in advance for your participation and for continuing to make the Erie Yacht Club "the place to be" on Lake Erie.



# Racing Made Easy!

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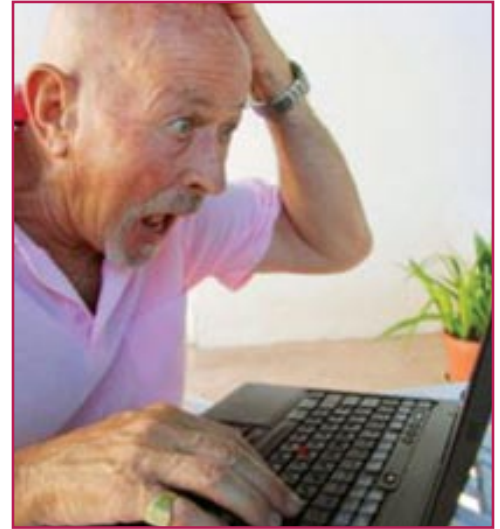
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A computer was something on TV  
From a science fiction show of note  
A window was something you hated to clean  
And ram was the cousin of a goat.

Meg was the name of my girlfriend  
And gig was a job for the nights  
Now they all mean different things  
And that really mega bites.

An application was for employment  
A program was a TV show  
A curser used profanity  
A keyboard was a piano.

Memory was something that you lost with age  
A CD was a bank account  
And if you had a 3 inch floppy  
You hoped nobody found out.

Compress was something you did to the garbage  
Not something you did to a file.  
And if you unzipped anything in public  
You'd be in jail for awhile.

Log on was adding wood to the fire  
Hard drive was a long trip on the road  
A mouse pad was where a mouse lived  
And a back up happened to your commode.

Cut you did with a pocket knife.  
Paste you did with glue  
A web was a spider's home  
And a virus was the flu.

I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper  
And the memory in my head  
I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash  
But when it happens, they'll wish they were dead.



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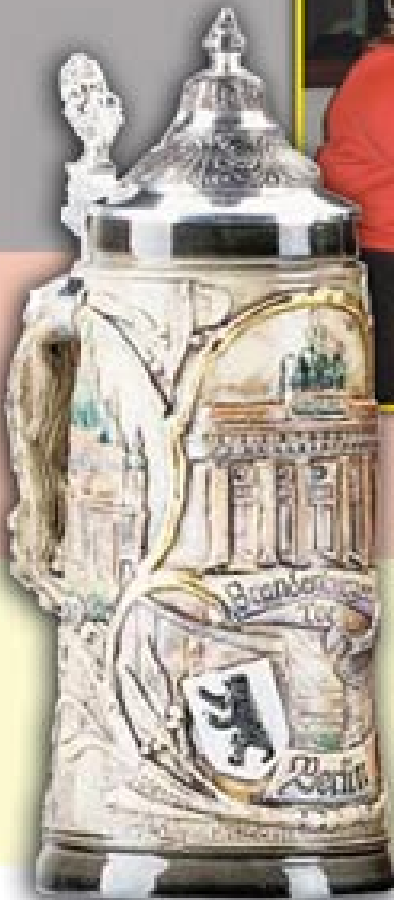
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# Octoberfest 2007

by Dan Dundon & Gerry Urbaniak



**T**he Annual Erie Yacht Club Oktoberfest party started with the EYC Centennial Oktoberfest in 1995. The Centennial Oktoberfest Committee worked diligently for the 18 months before that first Oktoberfest, delivering an excellent event which was a quick sell-out. The EYC Oktoberfest has sold-out many times since and the party is still going strong!

One of the reasons for this on-going success is the excellent, authentic German buffet dinner which includes Wiener schnitzel, Sauerbraten, Roasted chicken, Bratwurst, Knockwurst, pretzels, pumpernickel bread, potato pancakes, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and red cabbage. For dessert there's either black forest or apple strudel. And later in the evening, big soft pretzels are served!

Another reason is the non-stop entertainment which starts during dinner with favorite German ballads sung by Erie's own Siebenbuerger Singers. Then, the very animated alpine band

Heimat Klang takes over with traditional German oom-pah music and a variety of German beer-hall favorites. Alternating hourly throughout the evening with Heimat Klang is The Mad Bavarian. Heimat Klang "fires up the crowd" and The Mad Bavarian takes us straight to the Munich beer-hall with his one-man show of German music and mirth. While Heimat Klang and The Mad Bavarian entertain, roving magician, Jim Bush visits the tables and delivers his own, personal tricks and twists.

For sure a big part of EYC Oktoberfest longevity is the ongoing encouragement and support of many dedicated EYC members who return year-after-year. With the help of our dedicated entertainment committee of fellow EYC members, we have been able to deliver continually enhanced parties around those two proven Oktoberfest "winners" . . . terrific German entertainment and an authentic German buffet. Oh, yes. . . and beer! There are always special

Oktoberfest brews on tap in the EYC Beer-hall!

We thank the terrific EYC staff for their wonderful support and assistance, as well! For 12 years, now, they've made EYC Oktoberfest a success, following this "formula":

1. Serve German beer and lots of it.
2. Offer real German food (EYC is the best!)
3. Present quality German entertainment without downtime between acts.

Often the EYC Oktoberfest is a sell-out. Begin planning now to attend what has become one of the greatest parties of the year on October 20th!

"People love a genuine Oktoberfest Party. EYC is better than 90% of the organizations which host an Oktoberfest."

We hope to see you all there, among the many veterans of all 12 Oktoberfests, and the continual stream of new faces (who we know will become regulars) at the most successful and long-lived Oktoberfest parties around.





# PEOPLE OF THE INTERCLUB

BY AIMEE NICOLIA



On a previous InterClub race, Rick Diz is at the helm of *Get'n Close* while his son David trims the jib. David was unable to join the family for this year's regatta because he is stationed aboard an aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf.

The Lake Erie InterClub Cruise just celebrated its 50th Anniversary this past June. And if you were to call it just another sailboat race, you'd be way off the mark!

It's a week long event that works like a magnet to draw sons and daughters, brothers and sisters together year after year. It's a chance for new friendships to be formed and old friendships to be renewed.

## Songs at Sea and Acrobatics on the Lawn

"InterClub really isn't about the best start, rounding the marks, or trimming the sails," says Dave Haller, owner of *Lanada*, a 36.7' Beneteau that has taken part in the annual regatta for several years. "It's about spending time with the people on the boat. That's what makes it so fun. You get to spend a lot of time with the people you enjoy and you really get to know them."

Take for example, Dave's three daughters for whom the boat is named – Charla, Anna and Amanda (the last two letters of each girl's name spell out the word *Lanada*). Every year, they're each on board for at least some part of InterClub, wearing their matching t-shirts that Dad has made up for the crew.

One of the highlights of the annual trip across the bay is when Dave's daughter Anna entertains the crew with her traditional back hand-spring on the finely manicured lawn of the Erie

Beach Hotel in Port Dover that's after the full perch dinner and celery bread, mind you.

But perhaps even more special to Dave is the time he is able to spend with his brother Tom who comes into town every year from Long Meadow, Massachusetts to join them for their sail. Tom Haller, who has performed at Carnegie Hall, serenades the crew of *Lanada*. "We love hearing him sing for us," says Dave. "But just to spend 6 days on the boat with my brother - that's what's really great!"



Jamie Taylor, Chairman of the 50th InterClub Cruise, sailed for part of this year's regatta with Susan and John Dunn. The Dunn's received an award for First in Class C. John Dunn also received an award for his years of service to the InterClub as secretary.

## Get'n Close with Their Three Sons

When Rick and Gay Diz moved to Erie and bought their 36' C&C, *Get'n Close*, their three grown sons began the tradition of coming to visit each year to sail as a family during the week of InterClub. Richard travels in from Baltimore where he is an electrical engineer. Michael, a lawyer, comes in from Manhattan. And David, a Navy pilot, makes it in when possible.

In addition to spending hours of racing and cruising time aboard the boat, Rick, Gay and their sons also eat, sleep and shower on the

boat. "It's a lot of very close family time," says Gay. "When we come into port, the boys break out the cards and play Hearts, Spades, or Poker. They even keep a running score pad from year to year to see how they're doing!"

There have been two years in which their youngest son David was not able to join the Diz family for InterClub. "One year he was taking his aircraft carrier landing qualifications to get his wings," says Gay. "This year, David is stationed on the USS Nimitz in the Persian Gulf."

So, this year for InterClub, the Diz family began a new and very special tradition. Each night, before their first drink of the evening, they made a toast to their son David and his safety in the Persian Gulf.

## A Flag for the Team

Matt Niemic's kids sure don't have to travel far to join him aboard *Rakish*, a Catalina 30. His daughter Caitlin (18) and son Cutter (16) can pretty much just meander over from the Junior Sailing dock where they both are instructors in the Reyburn Sailing School. That tends to work out nicely for Matt, since Cutter, as this year's youngest helmsman for all of the races earned the boat a flag for its second place finish from Point Abino to Buffalo.

## Old Friends and Beef Jerky

For over twenty years, Susan and John Dunn have been sailing *Eyerly*, a 42' Beneteau, in InterClub, joined most years by their three children - Tom, who now lives in Greenwich, CT, and Will and Laura who both live in Rocky River. But in addition, long-time friend of the family Jack Schultz as well as his sons John and Matt round out the crew.

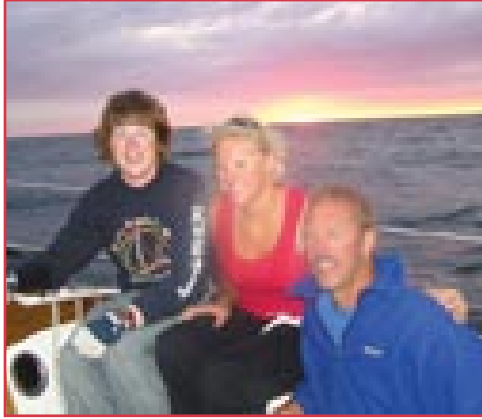
Interestingly enough, Jack Schultz began sailing InterClub long before he joined the crew of *Eyerly*. In fact, he sailed in the very first InterClub, 50 years ago when he was just 13 years old.

A former member of the *Eyerly* crew, Dave Haller, still treats his old friends to his famous





homemade beef jerky each year. When the Dunn's arrived at their boat before the start of InterClub this year, they found a package of the beef jerky along with a good luck note from Dave. According to Susan Dunn, when Eyerly started to do well in the races, they all yelled out, "We waited until now to pull out the beef jerky!"



Cutter and Caitlin Niemic sailed with their dad, Matt Niemic aboard the family's boat Rakish in this year's InterClub Cruise. Cutter, who is 16 years old, was the helmsman for all of the races.

When in port, Susan and John Dunn enjoy participating in all of the InterClub events at the various clubs. It gives them the chance to rekindle old friendships they've formed through InterClub with sailors from Port Dover and Point Abino – friends who've even invited them to their children's weddings over the years.

Truly, whether it's a handspring on the grass, a toast to a family member who couldn't be there, or a special treat of beef jerky ... InterClub really isn't about the racing after all. It's about the people you spend the time with along the way.

Rick Diz, second from left, sailed a previous race on his boat Get'n Close with his sons Michael, David and Richard, along with a family friend Lee Christopher.



# Summer Camp

Submitted by P/C Dick Waller

Dear Mom and Dad,

Our scoutmaster told us to write to our parents in case you saw the flood on TV and were worried. We are OK. Only one of our tents and two sleeping bags got washed away. Luckily, none of us got drowned because we were all up on the mountain looking for Chad when it happened.

Oh yes, please call Chad's mother and tell her he is OK. He can't write because of the cast. I got to ride in one of the search and rescue jeeps. It was neat. We never would have found him in the dark if it weren't for the lightning. Scoutmaster Walt got mad at Chad for going on a hike alone without telling anyone. Chad said he did tell him, but it was during the fire so he probably didn't hear him. Did you know that if you put gas on a fire, the gas can will blow up? The wet wood didn't burn, but one of the tents did. Also, some of our clothes. John is going to look weird until his hair grows back.

We will be home on Saturday if Scoutmaster Walt gets the car fixed. It wasn't his fault about the wreck. The brakes worked OK when we left. Walt said that with a car that old, you have to expect something to break down; that's probably why he can't get insurance. We think it's a neat car. He doesn't care if we get it dirty, and if it's hot, sometimes he lets us ride on the fenders.

It gets pretty hot with 10 people in a car. He let us take turns riding in the trailer until the highway patrolman stopped and talked to us. Scoutmaster Walt is a neat guy. Don't worry, he is a good driver. In fact, he is teaching Terry how to drive on the mountain roads where there isn't any traffic. All we ever see up here is logging trucks.

This morning, all the guys were diving off the rocks and swimming out in the lake. Walt wouldn't let me because I can't swim, and Chad was afraid he would sink because of his cast, so he let us take the canoe across the lake. It was great. You can still see some of the trees under the water because of the flood.

Scoutmaster Walt isn't crabby like some scoutmasters. He didn't even get mad about the life jackets. He has to spend a lot of the time working on the car, so we are trying not to cause him any trouble.

Guess what? We have all passed our first-aid merit badges. When Dave dove in the lake and cut his arm, we got to see how a tourniquet works. Wade and I threw up, but Walt said it probably was just food poisoning from the leftover chicken. He said they got sick that way from food they ate in prison. I'm so glad he got out and became our scoutmaster. He said he sure figured out how to get things done better while he was doing his time. By the way, what is a pedophile?

I have to go now. We are going to town to mail our letters and buy bullets. Don't worry about anything. We are fine.

Love, Brandon

P.S. Oh yea! How long has it been since I had a tetanus shot?



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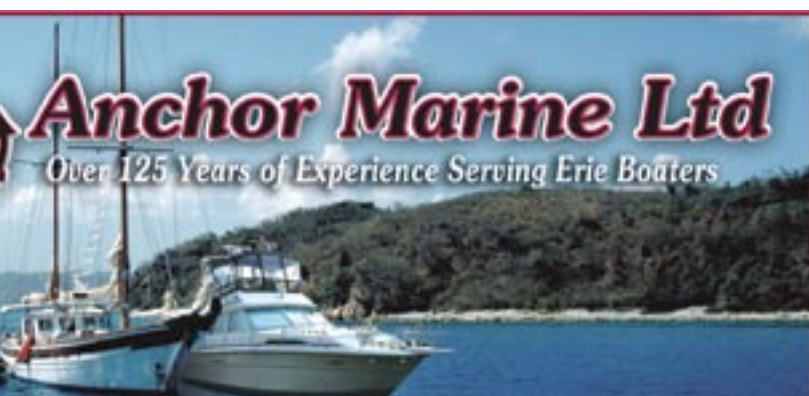
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most scenic view on all of the Great Lakes ... that is second to none.

Then there are our state-of-the-art boating facilities that represent the finest to be found in the entire region. All this, and great camaraderie, all available to you as an EYC member. So begin building your Erie Yacht Club gift of memories by becoming a member today.

### Adults

Must be over 21, and have two EYC Regular Member sponsors. Membership begins with 'Associate' Status, where candidates share all privileges of membership except access to boat dockage. Immediately after your Associate Membership is approved, you can apply for 'Regular Membership' which gives you unlimited use of the Club and its facilities, including dockage (based on a point system) and voting rights. Initiation is \$4500 USD. The annual dues for an Associate Member is \$520.

### Juniors

Junior Membership - Any person (age 16-34) who is sponsored by two EYC Regular Members, will share all the same privileges as the Associate Members. These members automatically become Associate Members on their 35th birthday and can apply immediately for 'Regular Membership'

### Junior Family Membership

Any person (16-34) sponsored by a parent, or custodial grandparent who is a Regular Member of the EYC. These members automatically become Regular Members on their 35th birthday. This class is reserved for children, (or grandchildren) of Club Members.

### Junior & Junior Family Fee Schedules

Your Age	Initiation Fee	Dues
16-20	\$ 0	\$ 67.00
21-25	\$450.00	\$167.50
26-30	\$1,125.00	\$335.00
31-34	\$2,250.00	\$502.50
35- Jr. Members Transfer to Associate		\$520.00
35- Jr. Family Member Transfer to Regular		\$670.00

Interested in applying? It's simple! Contact Conrad Stachelek, Membership Chairman by addressing a letter to him requesting membership information c/o Erie Yacht Club P.O. Box 648 Erie, PA 16512 or by Email at: [cstachelek@stachelek.com](mailto:cstachelek@stachelek.com). We welcome your membership inquiries.







# September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Race Fleet Raft Up TBA Dinner Special Veal Parmesan
2 RCR Yachts Full Moon Series #2 of 3 NEW! Perch & Clam Bake Entertainment by the Untouchables 3:30pm Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am -2pm \$11.95	3 Labor Day Club Open 11am -8pm	4 Dinner Special: Fried Chicken	5 Eckerd Cup #3 Fresh Pasta Cooked to Order Mid-Week Buffet 5:30-9pm \$9.95	6 Thursday Night NFL Football Sunset Happy Hour 5-9pm Music by Roger Montgomery Blues Band Dinner Special Chicken Oscar	7 Dinner Special Potato Crusted Swordfish	8 Dinner Special Scallops Au Gratin
9 RCR Yachts Full Moon Series #3 of 3 Pittsburgh vs. Cleveland 1PM Chicken Stir-Fry Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am -2pm \$11.95	10 Monday Night Football 8:30pm Pizza, Wings, Hot Dogs \$2.00	11 Dinner Special Liver & Onions	12 Schuyler Family Sunset Series #1 of 3 Mid-Week Buffet 5:30-9pm \$9.95	13 Sunset Happy Hour 5-9pm Entertainment with Dick & Jane Show Dinner Special Deep Fried Scallops	14 Dinner Special Pasta & Prime Rib Buffet	15 Bluff Bar Race Dinner Special Bacon Wrapped Chicken
16 EYC has the NFL TICKET 1pm Dinner Special Teriyaki Salmon Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am -2pm \$11.95	17 Monday Night Football 8:30pm Pizza, Wings, Hot Dogs \$2.00	18 Dinner Special City Chicken	19 Schuyler Family Sunset Series #2 of 3 Fresh Pasta Cooked to Order Mid-Week Buffet 5:30-9pm \$9.95	20 Sunset Happy Hour 5-9pm Live Music with Uncharted Course Dinner Special Pecan Chicken	21 Dinner Special Pan Fried Trout	22 Dinner Special Giovanti
23 EYC has the NFL TICKET 1pm Dinner Special Chicken Simon & Garfunkle Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am -2pm \$11.95	24 Monday Night Football 8:30pm Pizza, Wings, Hot Dogs \$2.00	25 Dinner Special Baked Lemon Cod	26 Schuyler Family Sunset Series #3 of 3 Mid-Week Buffet 5:30-9pm \$9.95	27 Dinner Special Dill Chicken & Artichokes	28 Dinner Special Filet Mignonettes	29 Dinner Special Blackened Tuna Steak
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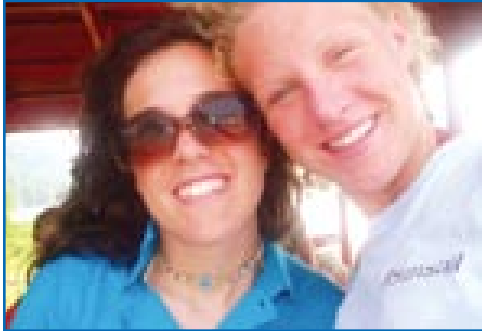
# October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Monday Night Football 8:30pm Pizza, Wings, Hot Dogs \$2.00	2 Dinner Special Homemade Meatloaf	3 Mid-Week Buffet 5:30-9pm \$9.95	4 Dinner Special Spinach & Portabella Chicken	5 Dinner Special Petite Filet & Mesquite Gulf Shrimp	6 Dinner Special Pan Smoked Duck Breast
7 EYC has the NFL TICKET 1pm Dinner Special Herb Roasted Chicken Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am -2pm \$11.95	8 Monday Night Football 8:30pm Pizza, Wings, Hot Dogs \$2.00	9 Dinner Special Stuffed Pork Chop	10 Mid-Week Buffet 5:30-9pm \$9.95	11 Dinner Special Vegetable Alfredo	12 Dinner Special Hawaiian Shrimp Skewers	13 Commodores Ball Entertainment by The Raven Band No Food Service
14 EYC has the NFL TICKET 1pm Dinner Special Chicken New Jersey Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am -2pm \$11.95	15 Monday Night Football 8:30pm Pizza, Wings, Hot Dogs \$2.00	16 Dinner Special Pot Roast	17 Mid-Week Buffet 5:30-9pm \$9.95	18 Dinner Special Stuffed Portabella	19 Dinner Special Bleu Beef Tips	20 Octoberfest Mad Bavarian, Heimat Kang Band No Food Service
21 EYC has the NFL TICKET 1pm Dinner Special Spaghetti & Meatballs Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am -2pm \$11.95	22 Monday Night Football 8:30pm Pizza, Wings, Hot Dogs \$2.00	23 Dinner Special Baked Lemon Cod	24 Mid-Week Buffet 5:30-9pm \$9.95	25 Dinner Special Tenderloin Tips Stroganoff	26 Dinner Special Veal Marsala Cod	27 Kids Halloween Party 10:00am Dinner Special Swordfish Piccata
28 EYC has the NFL TICKET 1pm Dinner Special Baked Orange Roughy Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am -2pm \$11.95	29 Monday Night Football 8:30pm Pizza, Wings, Hot Dogs \$2.00	30 Dinner Special Pork Chops	31 Halloween Night No Mid-Week Buffet			

# Smooth Sailing for Everyone

by Aimee Nicolai



Becky Bestoso and Caitlin Niemic, Reyburn Sailing School instructors, took part in the Ophelia Project Seminar helping them work with kids this summer.

CPR, First Aid, and US Sailing Level 1 – these are just some of the certifications that the Erie Yacht Club's sailing instructors have. Now add to that list something new this year – training in “relational aggression”.

As a kick-off to the 2007 sailing season, the staff of the Reyburn Sailing School participated in a seminar designed by the Ophelia Project specifically for sports groups. The goal of the program was to teach the instructors how to recognize bullying, how to address it, and ultimately how to prevent it.

The presenters from the Ophelia Project, Maureen Dunn and Caley Doran, led an informative and interactive discussion with lots of fun hands-on activities. They talked about how relational aggression and bullying is often non-physical and can be done in an emotional way, which is far more subtle and difficult to discern. Maureen and Caley did a mock tug-of-war game with the instructors to show how the negative dynamics of bullying work and how to change the balance back in a positive way.

“I think we all got something important out of the class that we have been able to apply this summer,” said Pat Bloomstine, who is the head instructor for the Reyburn Sailing School. He added, “They did some team building activities with us that I’d really like to do with the kids on a day when we can’t get out on the water.”

Caitlin Niemic, another instructor who took part in the seminar explained that their first aim is to avoid any problems to begin with. “We do activities to get the kids to know and relate to one another,” she said. “We always start with a name game where the kids give their name and something they like, such as a favorite ice cream flavor.”

Caitlin adds, “But situations do come up sometimes. And I think we are able to handle them better now.”



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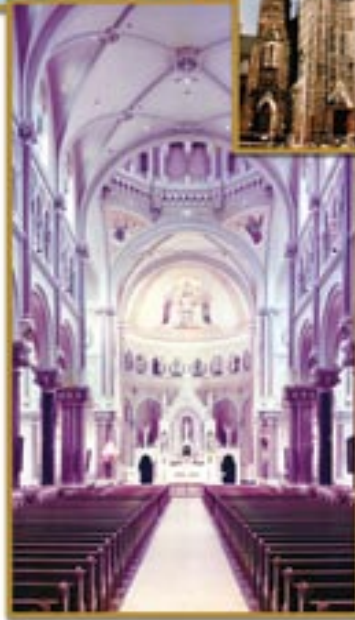
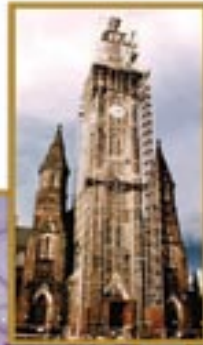
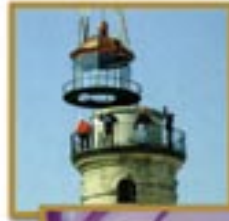
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# Hallowed Halloween

## EYC Style 1967

by P/C John Ashby

Oh yea ... remembering the good old days. This is just another example of the laid back atmosphere of the Erie Yacht Club in its past. Members had a blast getting together for the plain fun of experiencing the simpler life being silly together and loving every minute of it.

These are just a few photos I thought you might enjoy. I got them from our late P/C Bill Behr's collection. It certainly was nice having Billy as our Club photographer back then.

Today we have the New LOG that chronicles the Club in a much more in-depth manner. Future generations will be able to see and read about what we are doing today in all aspects of the Club and community in much greater detail in our full color presentation.

Just a few short years ago we were still doing a great job with our adult Halloween Parties ... hey entertainment committee "what do ya think"?





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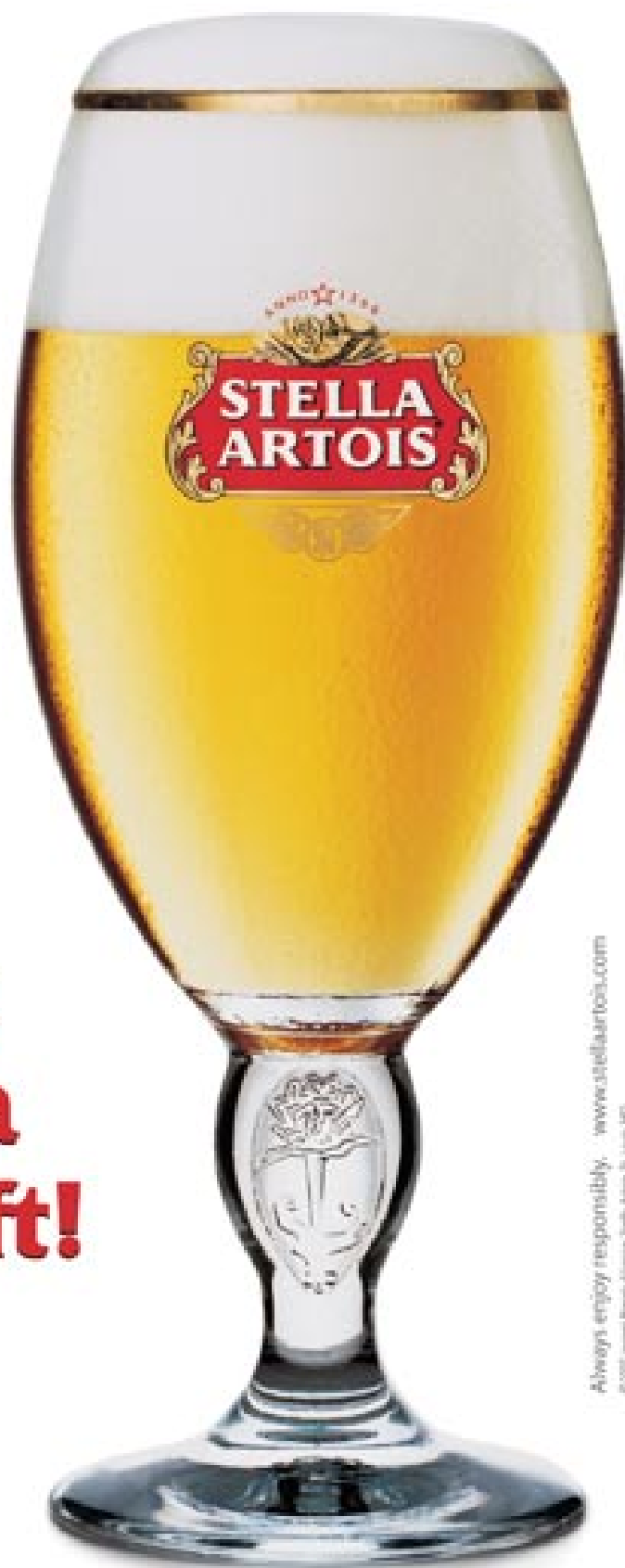
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