



EYC Cruising Fleet - Minutes

March 27, 2017

The second meeting of the EYC Cruising Fleet was held at 6:30 PM at the Erie Yacht Club on March 29, 2017. There were approximately 40 people in attendance....another great turnout!

Bob Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He then introduced Commodore David Haller.

COMMODORE'S REMARKS: Commodore David Haller said that he was glad to have been invited to the meeting. He is very pleased that this organization has been formed because he feels it is good for the cruisers/power boaters and good for the Club as a whole. He hopes to participate in a few of our activities this summer.

PLAYGROUND PROJECT: The Commodore then said that he was also there to ask a favor of the group. He explained about the upcoming project to disassemble the existing playground equipment and to remove and replace the existing surface of shredded tires. He asked anyone who was able and available to come out on Saturday April 4, 2017 at 0900hrs to work alongside the Racing Fleet and other volunteers to complete this phase of the project. The more workers, the faster it would go. He said breakfast sandwiches would be provided by the Club.

RACE COMMITTEE REQUEST: Frank Jarecki, Chair of the 2017 EYC Racing Fleet, then spoke about the need for volunteer assistance on the Race Committee. He explained that races start on Wednesday evenings from the Lighthouse Deck and that Sundays they usually use the "Committee Boat," a Marinette. The main job would be to spot/identify boats as they approach the finish line so no sailing or racing experience is needed. There may occasionally be a need to drive, anchor and dock the Committee Boat as well as to set the marks for the race. If interested in checking this out, he suggested coming down to the Lighthouse on a Wednesday night and letting him know you'd like to help. This can be coordinated by Karen Carns. Or just come down to the Lighthouse and watch the race start and finish. Lots of members congregate there to watch and socialize.

SMALL BOAT REGATTA SAFETY BOAT REQUEST: P/C Pete Gorny, who said he also owns a Sea Ray called *Island Time*, made an appeal for anyone interested and willing to assist as a safety boat with three small boat regattas this summer. The three regattas are the Reyburn Race Team's Erie-Gatta in August, the Windmill Regatta also in August and the Lightning Fleet Regatta in September. The Erie-Gatta is hosted by the Reyburn Sailing Team. The Windmill Regatta is a national competition and there may be 40-50 boats competing. The dates are August 11-13, 2017. The Lightning Regatta will be held on September 30 from 10AM until 4PM. Anyone who may have a Whaler, Carolina Skiff, a larger inflatable up to a 25' boat or even a jet ski would be welcome. The Club also has a couple of small boats that will be used. The main jobs are to help set the marks, which sometimes have to be moved or reset because the wind shifts or they are dragged out of position. Also, if the wind dies or there is a problem, you may have to tow a boat back to the dock. Also, safety boats must be in position in case a boat capsizes and the sailors need to be fished out of the water. Anyone interested can coordinate through Karen Carns and she will forward the names to Pete.

SAFETY BOATS FOR BAY SWIM: P/C Fritz Curtze made an appeal for safety boats for the June 17, 2017 Bay Swim 10, the final year this event will be held. Because it is the 10th anniversary and the last event, they expect a huge turnout with the field already full with 300 swimmers so at least 20 safety boats are required. There is a mandatory Safety Meeting on the Thursday before, June 14. Safety Boats are required to be in position by 0800 on June 17. The main task is to be available if a swimmer needs to come out of the water for any reason or if there is an emergency and all swimmers must exit the water. If interested let P/C Fritz know.

CPR TRAINING: Michelee announced that a CPR Training Class would be held at the Club and all were invited. Dates are April 24 or May 22. Karen Carns will circulate the flyer.

SLATE OF CANDIDATES: Following up on last month's discussion about formalizing the structure of the organization, Bob then opened the floor to nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Bob and Dianne Cunningham and Brad and Karen Carns both stated that they are willing to serve as Co-Chairs again for this next year but hope to see someone willing to move into that slot next year. The following members volunteered as follows:

Co-Chairs: Bob and Dianne Cunningham and Brad and Karen Carns
Vice Chair: Dave and Julie Sanner
Secretary: Annalynn and Tim Shuttleworth
Treasurer: Dave and Kathy Wagner

On a motion by Michelee Curtze, seconded by George Pero, the members present unanimously elected these "officers" for a one year term beginning April 29, 2017 and running through May 1, 2018. Marilyn Russel volunteered to continue to do the 50/50s.

PARTICIPATION FEE: The topic of the \$50 participation fee was revisited with the question being asked as to whether a boat must be "paid up" to participate in activities of the Fleet. For example, if not paid, did that mean that a boat could not join a raft off? After discussion, it was decided by unanimous consent that everyone is welcome at ALL events. However, at an event like the upcoming picnic or other "pay as you go" event, those who had paid the \$50 fee would be charged less than those who had not paid the fee. All boats planning to cruise to a destination MUST pay the \$50 since there is usually something provided by the Fleet, such as a rum punch party, etc. Bob reminded everyone they could pay the Participation Fee and that Marilyn Russel was collecting it. Checks payable to EYC Cruising Fleet are OK since we are opening a checking account.

POWER SQUADRON SAFETY INSPECTIONS: Vinnie Cifelli stated that he expected the Power Squadron to provide a sign-up sheet in the Club office for safety inspections.

2017 DESTIATIONS TINATIONS:

- **Beer Boat and Barbeque to Conneaut, OH.**
 - Trip Leader: Michelee Curtze
 - Type: Day trip
 - Description: Boats cruise to Conneaut, OH marina. Anyone who wants to do a bicycle trip can join Michelee to bike to the Conneaut, OH Marina and rendezvous with the boats that cruise up. We will then go to the Breakfront BBQ for lunch. Bikers could then either ride back to Erie or more likely, put bikes on various boats and cruise back to Erie. Stop at Beach 11 or thereabouts with perhaps a raft off to watch the sunset.
 - Time: Bikes depart 1000hrs; boats depart 1100hrs; rendezvous 1200hrs. Return approx. 1500hrs; Be back by 1700 hrs.
 - Date: August 5 with a rain date of August 6.
- **North East, PA Dinner Cruise**
 - Trip Leader: Pam Davis
 - Type: Day trip
 - Description: Boats cruise to North East, PA Marina. Rendezvous then go dinner at Noosa, the new restaurant at NE Marina being opened by 1201 Kitchen/Mazza Wineries.
 - Time: TBD but trip takes about 30-45 min. depending on conditions.
 - Date: TBD but probably a Sunday in mid-June
 - Special Notes: NE Marina cannot accommodate boats over 40' and if any larger boats go, only 4 will fit at transient dock, so we will limit this trip to 36' boats. Cruisers should plan to "Boat Pool." Pam will connect anyone who wants to "Boat Pool" with other boats so all can be accommodated. Depth can be an issue but is expected to be 6'-7' this year.
- **Geneva, OH**
 - Trip Leader: Kathy Wagner
 - Type: Weekend Trip (Friday, Saturday Sunday)

- Description: Boats cruise to Geneva, OH public marina. Rendezvous then spend the weekend having fun! Suggestions include Friday...Group Happy Hour Rum Party/Pot Luck Appetizers/Steak Fry; Saturday -Winery Tour Shuttle - \$50 for 4 Wineries; Saturday night-Dinner/Party in Geneva on the Lake; Sunday Return (or continue to "Points West")
- Time: Depart Friday various times. Trip takes approx. 1 1/2 hours depending on conditions. Rendezvous by 1700hrs on Friday.
- Date: TBD but probably mid-July. (May dovetail with Cruise to Put-in Bay)
- Special Notes: Public Slip fee is \$1.55/ft./day. Full service marina with gas dock, pump-out, showers, convenience store, galley snack bar. Walking distance to Geneva on the Lake (3/4 mile to mid-downtown), flat with paved sidewalks, bike rentals, 900' transient docks, 2 beaches nearby, jet ski and paddle board rentals, picnic tables, walking trails in park. Operated by Ohio State Parks.
- **Put in Bay and Kelly's Island**
 - Trip Leader: P/C Kerry Schwab and Jim Thomas
 - Type: Week to 10-Day Cruise
 - Description: Boats cruise to Put in Bay, Ohio with *possible* 1-2 night stops at TBD ports; such as, Mentor (pool and fine dining), Cleveland (Indians game and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame), Vermillion (Fine dining and quaint town), and Huron (golf resort/marina). Ultimate destination is The Crew's Nest Boat Club and Resort in Put in Bay. (Kerry and Jim put together a great Powerpoint with info and pics of all destinations.)
 - Time: TBD
 - Date: TBD but probably mid-late July. (May dovetail with weekend Cruise to Geneva) It was noted that mid-July is typically the calmest water on Lake Erie.
 - Special Notes: Crew's Nest is a full-service resort with restaurants, pools located in the west end of the harbor in downtown Put-In-Bay, just close enough to be convenient and just far enough to be relaxing. For boats up to 50' the cost is \$2.00 per foot + \$35 membership fee per day, which entitles use of Club's facilities. Clubhouse offers views of the harbor, great food, live entertainment and incredible sunset. There are three pools.

PICNIC: Karen suggested holding our spring picnic at the Rickloff Boathouse which is a beautiful facility reserved only for use by maritime organizations. It has both an outside patio and deck as well as indoor space in case of inclement weather. We can also bring our own bar but still buy the entrees from the Club. Vinnie Cifelli stated that he felt we should hold our picnic on the Clubhouse deck because it will give us more visibility as a group and perhaps create a draw for new members. He felt a cash bar was not an issue. After general discussion, a vote was taken and most felt that the deck was preferred with the suggestion that we have an event later in the summer at the Boathouse. It was noted that the Boathouse likely would not be available until after the sailing school season was done in mid-late August. Karen will follow up with Catering Manager Elizabeth Dougan for a deck picnic for either Thursday May 18 or 25.

RAFT OFF: Reminder about the Raft Off to kick off the summer- Sunday, May 28. More details to follow closer to the date.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is TBD. The new "Executive Committee" will meet to coordinate duties and will suggest a date for the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Carns, EYC Secretary-Treasurer