

ERIE YACHT CLUB LOG



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Boys & Girls, this business of being an alledged scribe during the heighth of the boating season aint no bed of roses - even wot rolls off the end of the pencil stinks - not like a rose ! !

Fortunately, two favorite & faithful contributors came thru----- first the Commodore.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Its good to be in our new club house even though my car seems to cough each time I swing around the circle fronting the old building. We moved Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 19 & 20th with the help of a whole host of members using Gordie Ways rigging equipment and trucks from Boldt Machinery and Finish Engineering. Rear Commodore Loesel was the organizer and he and his crews did a magnificent job. My thanks to each of you and to those who graded, fertilized & sowed to get a partial lawn in before the move. This work contributed to the immensely successful Venetian Night that followed so closely. Dick & Betty Waller tell me that we served about 370 dinners at that affair.

In addition to those lovely green dollars which so many members continue to subscribe to the building fund we've had some recent donations of merchandise; Ralph Heard for a weather station yet to be installed, Frank Cruciana for the new foyer furniture, Bob Way for a

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refrigerated salad bar in the galley, John Hall put the carpet down, Jack Anthon for partitioning and lockers in the heads, with installation by Ed Irvin, C. Skinner & Harvey Thienan. How does one stop listing the many who helped our construction engineer Howard Miskill when he was still putting the house together that last week.

With such a beautiful new facility your House Committee has felt it appropriate to re-issue and modify our House Rules so we can keep our new home in good condition for a long time. Please read these rules carefully. They're designed for your ultimate pleasure.

For the future, I can disclose that new furniture is expected near the end of this month both for the immediate bar area and for a cocktail lounge that is to be segregated from the main front room. This separation will be provided by a trophy case, a display counter with upper grill plus a planter. All of this will be in time for an official Dedication party in mid-October which Morrill Bauman is master-minding. Any of you who attended Morrill's Shore-Leave parties will know that he can put on a wonderful affair.

Bill Ambro - Commodore

The Commodore speaks only briefly of the Venetian party, which occurred while I was in Canada aboard the venerable and able Iris. This party was, by all accounting to me, a real traveller - can you imagine the mob of 370-plus all those not eating- in our old home? Half that number meant slow suffocation.

The Matador of the old galley - one Lou Faulhaber- has now become the Captain of soothing the appetites of 370 members & guests. Hard to believe it's true isn't it? The few times I've been down enjoying the food & the view haven't been wasted and I hope I'll see you all there as the season goes on - most of you will like the change.

Gail Garren has the following important Communications----

NOW HEAR THIS

The Small Boat Sailor Trophy Dinner and Trophy Presentation will be Sat. Sept. 28th.

Full course dinner \$3.00 - 6:30 p.m. sharp. Choice of $\frac{1}{2}$ roast chicken or roast beef.

Trophy Presentation approximately 8:00 p.m. at the dining table after dinner.

Jack Bierley promises a good sailing movie following the presentations. We hope to get the 1969 Olympic Trials. Jack and I have had a preview of this. There is none more exciting! Make your dinner reservations now before you forget. This is the only announcement.

Call me, Gail Garren - 899-7246 or

Betty & Dick Waller - 455-4332

Special note to the skippers of the Raven, Highlander, Daysailor, Leeward, Lightnings, Redhead, Checkmate etc.

The E.Y.C. Race Committee does and always have had a racing class for you. You may compete against each other on a very fair handicap basis. We presently use the Portsmouth handicap system and do use it for three of our series now.

If you are interested in racing in the open class for the 1969 racing season, but need more info on this to get started, call me at 899-7246 and we will set up a meeting to get acquainted and inform you about E.Y.C. racing.

I also have from Dave Schuler a plea to assist in unscrubbing "Bakers Blue Blazers".

"If the person who hung his Blue Blazer, marketed by Bakers, during the cocktail party Venetian night would please try it on, he'd find it a little tight and the sleeves a bit short - please switch with me (Dave)"
-----Dave confided he can't fill the middle & he's too old to grow arms!

SOCIAL FOR SEPTEMBER

Clanbake & Dance - Sept. 21st. Tickets are available at the bar and limited. No tickets will be reserved! ! "CASH ON THE LINE"

Please do not call the Bar, Kitchen or any Committee Member and request this favor. Fred Haever's orchestra will play for dancing.

Our Ladies Auxiliary held the monthly luncheon meeting Sept. 5th. 54 were in attendance. Old acquaintances were re-newed and many new friendships made.

A committee was selected to take all suggestions and idea's submitted by members, as to where the remainder of funds available in our treasury should be spent for our new club. This will be reviewed at the Oct. 3rd. luncheon and voted on. Any idea's? Call or write the Committee;

Chairman Betty Waller - 455-4332 Lillian Sipple -833-4022
or Agnes Rusk - 864-6816.

The Ladies Auxiliary has already provided the drapes and planters in the dinning area and wallpaper for the ladies lounge.

Please note: Beginning in October any reservation made for the ladies luncheon must be paid-if not canceled the Monday prior to the Thursday our luncheon is held. (The first Thursday of each month)

AUXILIARY RACING FLEET NEWS

Interest in "Big Boat" sailing has been at a new high during the 1968 season. Participation in all races has exceeded most anything we have witnessed over the past years. In addition we have seen a slow development of the "small big boat" class, known as the MORC (Midget Ocean Racing Class) fleet.

Most of the season is now behind us and when this reaches print only one race, the 3rd. and last of the Fall series will remain to be sailed on Sunday, Sept.22nd. The starting gun is at 2:00 p.m. The start, off the Club will be a thrilling sight, and can best be witnessed from the outer end of the West Dock.

The Bay Races are run on a once or twice around basis, depending on the wind. Surprises are not uncommon when the finish line is approached and a change in course length is suddenly announced.

This year the Interstate night race developed its share of the unusual. Most outstanding, the U. S. Coast Guard offered their services in looking after our boats. At their request we supplied a list of the boats participating to the Fairport Coast Guard station. When the last boat was over the starting line the committee boat verified to the Coast Guard picket boat on hand, that all sail-boats had started. A report to the Erie Coast Guard station verified that all sail-boats had crossed the finish line and reported in.

The one boat that "reported in" was quite a sight to see. The Victoria, one of the largest of our fleet had all her sail's ripped to shreds, and these were stuck in the sail tracks on the masts. A sudden squall was responsible and there was little the crew could do about it.

The same squall gave the committee boat "Gizmo" a hard time and the anchor dragged.

Were we surprised to see the finish line flag proceeding into the wind right by the boat. Certain contestants bearing down on the finish line were also surprised when the flag disappeared behind the committee boat-what to do-where to go?

One member of the fleet decided that a taller mast would give him an advantage over his changed handicap, so the Kahili mast was raised eight feet. Now the boat finishes way ahead of the rest of the fleet. However, when the figuring is done and over, the "corrected time" didn't seem to give the improvement hoped for, according to the record.

There will be a rather large accumulation of Trophies, Cup and Platters to spread around thru the skippers of the fleet when the Auxiliary Fleet Trophy Dinner is held in October.

Harold Ogden

"STATISTICS"

The last dinner served in the old club was Serifinis' 25th Anniversary.

The last Brunch was Attorney Tom Mangin and family.

The first dinner at the new Club was served to Norm Bradley.

For two (2) years we've been depending on the Browns, Rusks, Eddie Irvin, Valarie Cassiday, Wallers (besides Entertainment) and some others to do the printing-addressing and sorting of the "Log"- we thank them and think the job should be distributed amongst other members- briefly we need volunteers a few hours a month to take over this responsibility.

Call Ye Ed- he'll explain- and again thanks.

*So Long,
Curt*

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