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It appears that CHESTER CARR is doing a good job as the new manager of the EYC clubhouse. A former Erie resident, Chet returns to our fair shores from St. Louis where he was associated with the Buckaroo Steak Ranch Restaurants.

Since taking the tiller, Chet has brought our dining room operation about for a spinnaker-run of changes. LUNCHEONS, for example, are being served every weekday, except Monday, and the bill of fare is rival to that of any club or restaurant in the area. Though the dining room is closed on Mondays, Chet informs us that the BAR WILL BE OPEN from 5:00 P.M. til midnight. Further, every Friday and Saturday evening live piano music is provided for our listening enjoyment. Chet cautions, however, that RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST to insure seating availability.

CONGRATULATIONS to Doug Loesel and his Erie Yacht Club crew who sailed their way to victory to become the Inter-Lake Yachting Association's new junior champions. They were the winners of the seven-race series that decided the title among the association's 100 member clubs. Sailing with Loesel were Doug Russell, Rich Eisenberg and John C. Kuebler as alternate.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR RHODES BANTAM SAILORS AT GENEVA!!! As the print rolls on this paper the Rhodes Bantam Class Association is holding its International Championship Regatta on Seneca Lake. We will anxiously await the news of this regatta and publish same in the next issue of the LOG...Will a representative of this group please follow up and give us the news?

Erie Yacht Club Officers: Commodore: Richard O. Loesel, Vice Commodore: George H. Sipple, Rear Commodore: Fritz Busse, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer: T. Kenneth Welsh.

Erie Yacht Club Directors: P/C George H. Deike, David Lund, Douglas Nagle, Jr., David B. Schuler, C. Dean Klahr, Jr., Allen R. Rickloff and Gordon F. Way.

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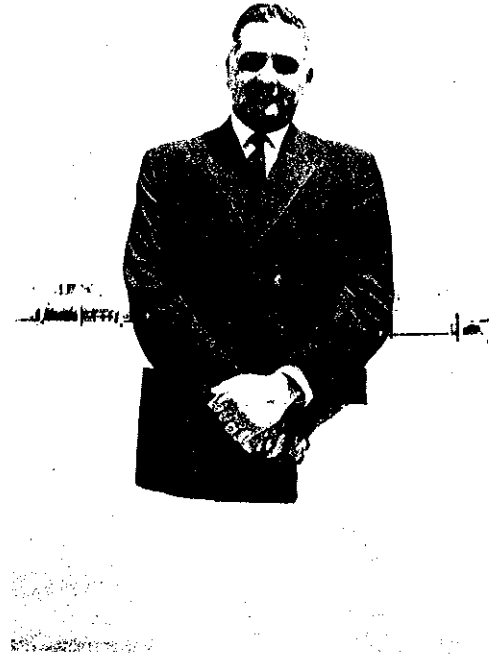
This year we are privileged to have serving as our Rear Commodore a man with boating qualifications that go back to his early childhood when he would head out into the deep Atlantic with his father to fish for cod and flounder.

In 1942, Fritz Busse moved to the fresh water port of Erie and before a year passed, he was sailing his own 18' keel boat off the shores of the Peninsula. Fritz remembers the many times that he and Aloise, his wife-to-be at the time, were the only people out on the water because of the gas rationing.

Alas, the pleasures of Lake Erie sailing were to be short-lived for our Rear Commodore. The United States Navy, presumably recalling his salt water experience, requested the company of Fritz Busse aboard the USS Portland. The tourist boom had not, as yet, hit the South Pacific islands of Guadalcanal, Manila, Honolulu, etc., so Fritz's off shore sailing was limited to a more restricted kind of boating.

In 1956 the Busse family purchased their first of several power boats and by 1963 had inched their way up to a 42' cruiser. During this period of time Fritz and Aloise, with their two sons Ronald and Richard, had extensively covered the Lakes and the Barge Canal.

In 1964, our Rear Commodore came back to sailboats and as he puts it, "It looks like we'll stay with sailboats of one kind or another for a long time to come."



Rear Commodore Fritz Busse, Jr.



Our Rear Commodore enjoys an evening's entertainment at a recent EYC party.

Before joining the Erie Yacht Club, Fritz was a member of the Presque Isle Yacht Club and served on the Board of Directors of that organization for four years.

Fritz Busse is Vice President and General Manager of Seaway Electric Supply with sailing as his hobby. Someday, he and Aloise hope to divide their time between winters in the southern waters and summers in the waters of Lake Erie...a boater's dream we hope comes true for such a deserving family.

AMTHOR TROPHY NIGHT



THE ARROW iceboat, a sleek craft designed for high speed and safety, is magnificently depicted in the AMTHOR TROPHY which was donated and presented by Jack Amthor several months ago at a very special event that will long linger in the memories of those who attended.

Trusting the camera has done its job well in capturing the highlights of the evening, the major portion of this article will be devoted to the trophy and the men who have made such a fine piece of craftsmanship a part of the Erie Yacht Club.

It began when Jack Amthor approached Paul Brugger, the designer and sculptor of the memorial which honors Byron Cobley, to create a special trophy for iceboaters. This truly unique trophy must depict the speed and animation of the Arrow iceboat in action...a trophy that would be permanent and that would survive the age of time. This was a pretty large order, and Paul set out to create a prize for which iceboaters from all areas of the Country will be competing.

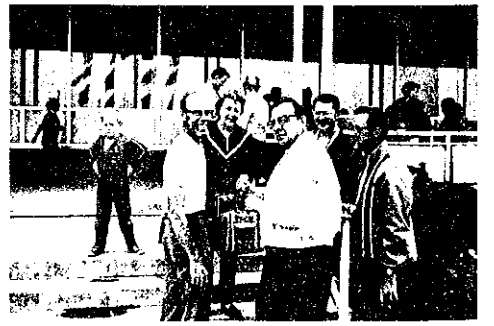
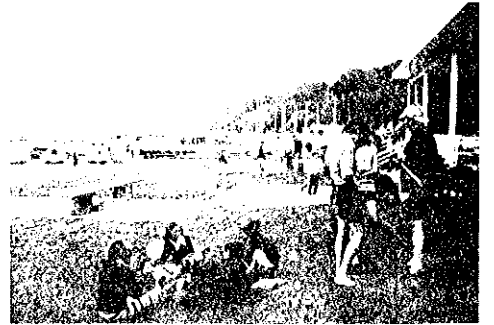
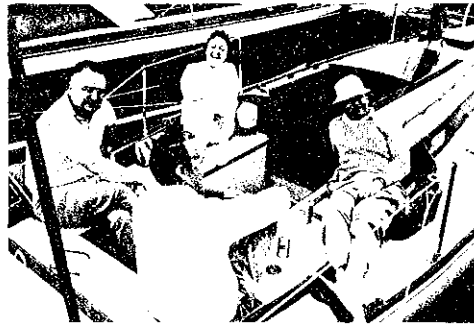
Using the techniques of the "lost wax" process and employing the construction of match plate pattern and other necessary processes, Paul performed his job well by producing, to Jack Amthor's rigid demands, the Arrow Iceboat to one-twelfth scale, mounted on an armature which is leaded into a granite base and set on a ribbon mahogany platform.

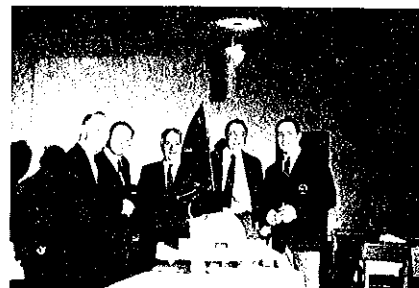
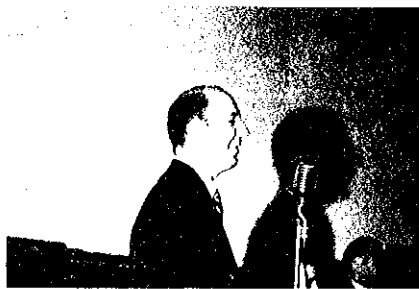
In discussing this trophy, Paul is very quick to point out that it took the talents of many people to do the job, and at this specific request we present the following names for the record: Dr. Blinderman of Edinboro College, Lou Klahr, Bob Way, Kenny Klaunch, Nunzio Minadeo, Ed Noyer, Bumps Warren, Bob Gloekler, Al Mang, Tony Serafine, Ralph Ingrahm, Bill Byers and, of course, Paul's wife, Mary Lee Brugger.

It should not go unsaid that the 1970 winner of the Amthor Trophy was David "Perky" Pundt.

The presentation ceremony, a banquet to be remembered for many years to come, was highlighted by the appearance of Mr. Howard Boston, designer and manufacturer of the Arrow Iceboat. Dick Swanson emceed the evening, with Paul Brugger handling the unveiling of the trophy. However, the man of the evening was Jack Amthor, a generous man with a big heart, without whom there would be no trophy.

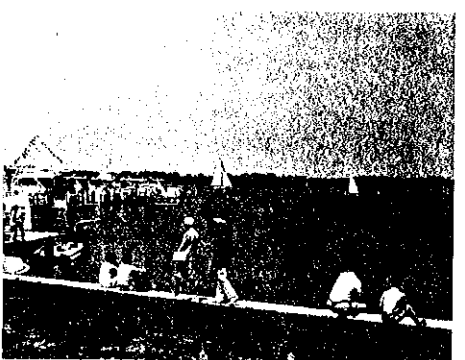
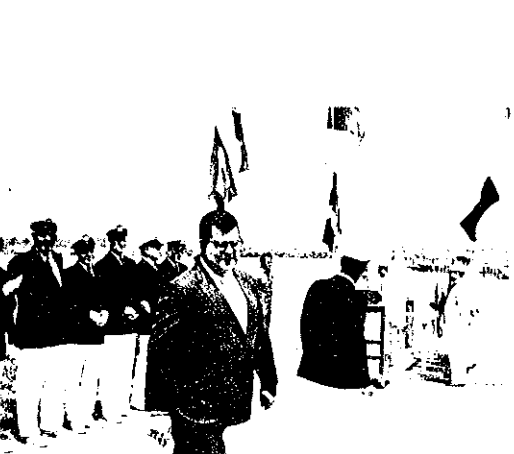
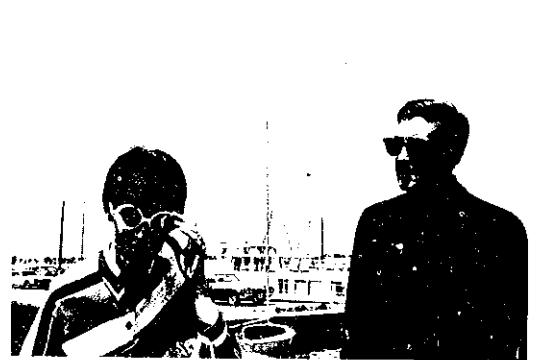
EYC REGATTA WEEKEND





OPENING DAY CEREMONY





GUESS WHO _

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The G.I. on the right is none other than Walter Sosinski . . . we call him "Whitey" . . . in a picture taken at Reisdorf, Germany, during W. W. II.

EYC BOWLING . . . On Monday evening a meeting will be held in the Board Room at EYC regarding league bowling for the coming season. (August 17th at 8:00 p.m.)

Under discussion will be: Team and couples leagues--afternoon and evening leagues--weekly and bi-weekly schedules.

Much interest has been shown by members and/or wives who are not at present active bowlers but would like to start "rolling" again. "New" bowlers are also urged to attend!

In the event you are truly interested in bowling but will not be available to join us on the 17th of August, please call me at 455-4332 and we can talk over the aforementioned items which will be under discussion.

Bowling is fun, and with friends it is even more so--so come and join us!!

Betty Waller
Phone - 455-4332

The GROUND COMMITTEE wishes to thank the following people for their help in planting flowers around the clubhouse:

George Althof
Mary Lukas
Cheryl Lukas
Martha Painter
Marne Preston
Maria Solymosi
Bert Wright

Also thanks to the following members for contributions toward purchase of flowers for the club grounds:

George Althof
Jack Amthor
John Fields

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STOP DOWN at the bar and meet GEORGE ADAMS . . . George is the new bartender at the club, so if you haven't as yet done so, give him a hearty "Welcome Aboard!"

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A LOCAL ARDENT DUCK HUNTER demonstrated his ability with a 12 gauge shot gun (during the small boat races) while I was on vacation. I can't give you the details, but ask JOHN SCHULER. P. S. Please Note - Our yellow signal flag is now only 8" long by 2' high.

GAIL

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RANDOM REFLECTIONS . . .

Two feet on the ground beat one in the mouth.

Hippies are using pot to cook their own goose.

JIM TAYLOR has informed us that the Junior Sailing Class is going to sell its fleet of FLYING JUNIORS!! These boats are in next-to-new condition. Of course, the money generated by the sale of their present fleet will be applied to the purchase of new boats. So, here's your opportunity to grab yourself a fabulous buy on a fun small boat. We understand that BRUCE RAIMY is the man to contact when making your deal.

SPEAKING OF GOOD BUYS...will someone PLEASE buy the Playboy!!! She (?) looks so forlorn sitting alone over at the southeast corner of the parking area. For a fantastic buy on that boat of your dreams contact AL BENSON. The Playboy is really a fine sailing boat and she will undoubtedly give as many happy moments to a new owner as she gave the Benson family.

SMALL BOAT NEWS

The six-race Spring Series was cut to four races due to weather conditions. Winners were MARK RICKLOFF in Rhodes Bantams, HAMILTON in Lightnings, our COMMODORE with his Thistle and GREGG GORNEY in the Star Class.

The Memorial Series was completed on schedule. BOYD BERT'S new boat came through in the R. B. Class & HAMILTON nosed T. KUEBLER by a point and a half in Lightnings. Three firsts and a second for DEAN KLAHR, JR. gave him top honors in the open class.

DAVE LUND holds a slight lead over KEVIN McENERY in the incomplete Bob Sternberg Memorial Trophy series. This handicap series is computerized by FRED REYMORE, as will be the Gordon Altman Memorial Series. This is worth seeing. He has it set up in the clubhouse after the races. Have brunch while you're there.

O'LEARY and son treated us to one of their many annual dunkings, during the Spring Series--water temperature 52°. This is quite funny afterwards, but it shows the need for crash boats when the bay is rough. The "TWERD" is available as a rescue boat, but it needs a crew to man it. Here's a chance for a free boat ride, or take your family out to see the races in your own boat on race day. You may save a life!

I'll say thanks to all who helped the R. C. during the regatta and leave the rest of the good news for Regatta Chairman Al Rickloff to crow about.

Thanks,

GAIL

JUNIOR SAILING NEWS

Each year the Junior Sailing Class schedules regattas with the Junior Sailing Program of four out of town yacht clubs.

This year the first regatta was at Mentor with their sailing class. Erie lost this event, but the participants of both clubs had an enjoyable day of sailing. When Mentor came to Erie the races were called off due to high winds and adverse weather conditions. This regatta has been rescheduled for the very near future.

The Friday racing and sailing class went to Pymatuning for races. Erie lost this regatta by a narrow margin despite fine sailing by JEFF BULL, BILL LASHER and KAREN STOLLEY.

The most recent regatta was with Dunkirk Yacht Club. Both teams sailed quite well in the light air. Erie won 64-1/4 to Dunkirk's 96. Outstanding performance in this Regatta was demonstrated by the first skipper PAM HERSEY and the second place boats which tied, NANCY HEAVERLY and CHRIS WALFORD.

R. B. E.

SMILE A WHILE...

Having received from his tailor a bill and a note reading, "Please remit by return mail - 10th notice," The man replied: "Dear Sir: I do not remember ordering a suit such as you mention. If I did order it you certainly never made it for me. If you did make it I never got it. Furthermore, if I got it I must have paid for it. And if I didn't, I can't."

A wildly excited man ran into the police station shouting, "I need help! A man just stole my car!" "Did you see him?" asked the desk officer. "No, but I got the license number as he pulled away."

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