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LET'S HAVE A SAFE 1970 SEASON

Many of us are deeply concerned over the lack of parental responsibility when it comes to children around water. It is indeed shocking to see so many small children playing on or around stall areas **WITHOUT LIFE JACKETS!** We, as parents, should not give in to the feeble complaints that a life jacket is "uncomfortable" or that "the other kids aren't wearing them". Set the rule and enforce it: If you do not know how to swim and swim reasonably well...wear a life jacket when on or near the water. In many instances this rule will serve as enough incentive to encourage a small child to take swimming lessons. If you own a boat and anticipate small children aboard at any time during the season...invest in a couple of extra children's life jackets and **INSIST** that they be used! Furthermore...do not leave a child unattended when around water. Always make certain that there is an adult nearby who knows how to swim in case of an emergency.

We hope this message is taken seriously and heeded, for there is nothing more pathetic than the sight of the rescue squad trying to save the life of a child!

THE SCRIBE

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

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EDITOR: John G. Brodie

MEET YOUR OFFICERS

Our Vice Commodore, George Sipple is no newcomer to the yachting world. As a boy he grew up at the West Side Motor Boat Club located at the foot of Cherry Street, learning the skills of boating on his father's 20' inboard.

In 1936, as a typical yachtsman, George moved up to a 26 footer, "Carol Ann". However, the scarcity of gasoline during the war years forced "Carol Ann" to dry dock. Following the war, George returned to the water in an 18' Chris, "Heidi Ann", and joined our friends over at the Presque Isle Yacht Club, then located on the Peninsula.

Even though being one of the original members of PYC, George chose to become a member of the EYC in 1950, bringing with him his 26' Chris Craft Sportsman, Heidi Ann II.

It only took our Vice Commodore two years to realize that he needed more room, so "Heidi Ann III" pulled in to the EYC basin. This 29' Chris, semi-enclosed, cruiser boasted a pair of 145 HP engines which made her the fastest boat in the bay, a distinction she held for a long time.



Vice Commodore George H. Sipple.

Today, George and his wife, Lillian, together with their daughter, Heidi, and their son, Randy, cruise aboard a 41' Chris Craft Constellation, "Heidi Ann IV".

The Sipples reside on Bogey Way in the Lake Shore Golf Club district, yet we may well assume that the greens see very little of this yachting family who devote so much of their energies to the activities of the Erie Yacht Club.



"Our Vice Commodore chats with Jack about "water pollution."

BILGE REPORT

Sorry you missed the last issue of Captain Bilge, but it seems the Scribe was walking on thin air prior to the birth of his second son and threw my report away. That report was on the SORC and P/C Robert Way, and by now, everyone has had all the details - so, the only thing worth repeating is a "Well Done" Bob Way.

As per usual, there has been a great deal of activity throughout the house. We regret to inform the membership that Ralph DuVze had to step down from his job of Rear Commodore due to other commitments. The Board will miss Ralph's experience. At the Board Meeting of 20 April, Fritz Busse was advanced to Rear Commodore and now has had both feet wet several times.

John Schultz and his firm are preparing a detailed plan for decoration of the club; this plan is to be over several years, as money is available, and with a definite design in mind. Complete drawings will be ready for the annual meeting in the fall. We expect our new dining room furniture to arrive in June so this will certainly add to the club. Step one has been completed.

The grounds were attacked with much enthusiasm on 11 April and we had lots of talent. General clean up and gardening was the order of the day. We started "Earth Day" early and cleaned no less than sixteen, 55 gallon drums full of pop and beer cans from the hill, as well as four truck loads of wood and other debris. To those of you who helped, a hearty thanks.

Docks and Brother Martin have a new piece of equipment for moving boats. You will see it around the yard and it will replace the old wheels and is capable of hauling boats up to six tons. This, of course, will save wear and tear on the boat crane. See Martin about launching as the yard is to be cleared by 18 May.

Can your dock lines stand another year?

CAPTAIN BILGE

HEAD LIST

We are given to understand that your SCRIBE is on the "head & bilge" detail, at least as far as Amy Loesel is concerned. It appears that we grossly erred by not recognizing Amy as the daughter of Commodore and Mrs. Richard Loesel in the April issue of the LOG. We trust that this oversight will be forgiven and that your Scribe will soon be returned "topside".

SPEAKING OF HEADS

Let us again remind ourselves that flushing heads in the perimeter of the Erie Yacht Club basin is a no-no! We are not offering any alternate area, but let's keep our area clean, sewage-wise at least.

SCUTTLEBUTT

PERMIT YOUR SCRIBE TO CROW! Peggy Brodie launched Robert Hamilton Brodie on April 21st. 7 lbs. 7 ozs. 20" LOA. Can't tell if he's a true cat-boater yet...both arms are of equal length.

UNDERSTAND DAVE SAMPLE'S BROTHER, Larry, is on his way to Kangaroo land on the other side of the world. We'll miss seeing that friendly face at the helm of his Dragon. Dave, of course, will STILL be around and around and around...

SAW CAPTAIN CRUNCH SKINNER the other day. Am advised that this year he is going to crew on "other people's boats", however, neither as helmsman nor as navigator.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE KAHILI IN THE WATER, and we understand the Masker II has returned to her home port from a true adventure in the SORC. Bill Ambro's, Vixen hailed the summer season in when Jim Sharrow's borther went in for a dip...we can bet that John Finch and Dick Waller were in on that one! Guess who's going to Japan...Jack Bierley...when they get through with him over there he'll be so sold that he'll drop his Thistle for a Fireball!

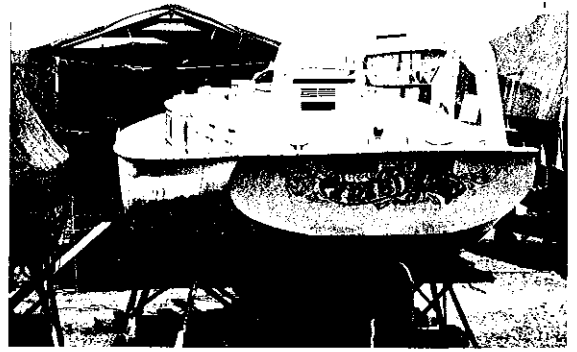
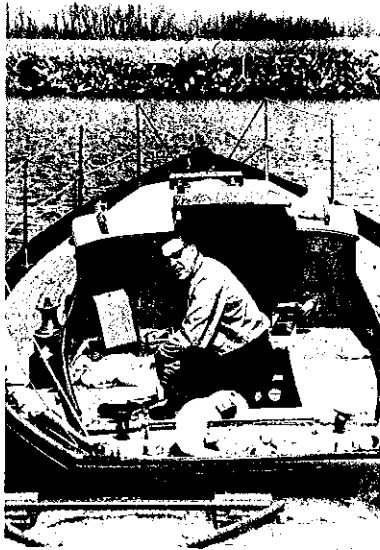
CONGRATULATIONS for a job well done go to all those members under the able leadership of Fritz Busse who saw to it that the ground were cleaned up. Let's see if we can keep it that way!!!! There are TRASH BARRELS all around the Club grounds...USE THEM!

OUR SYMPATHY goes to Howard Miskill over the recent death of his father.

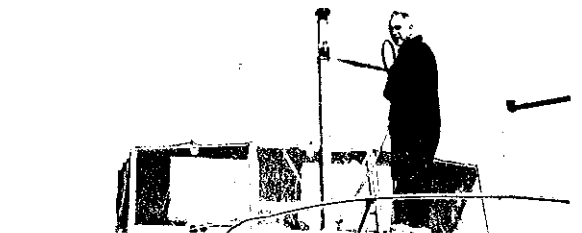
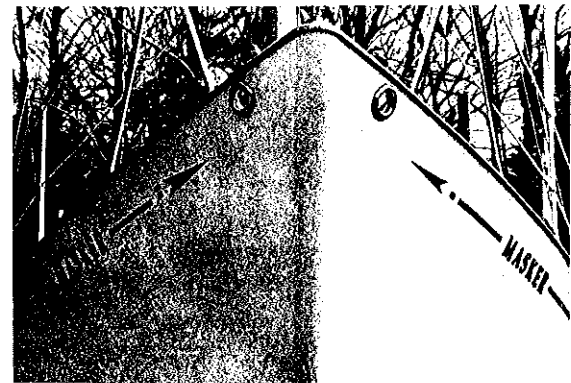
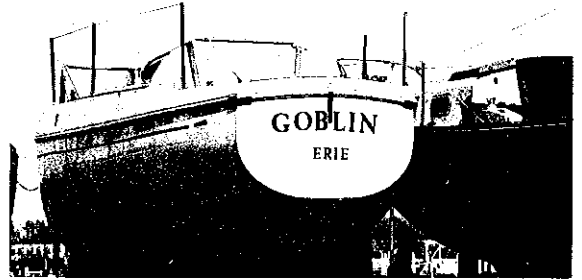
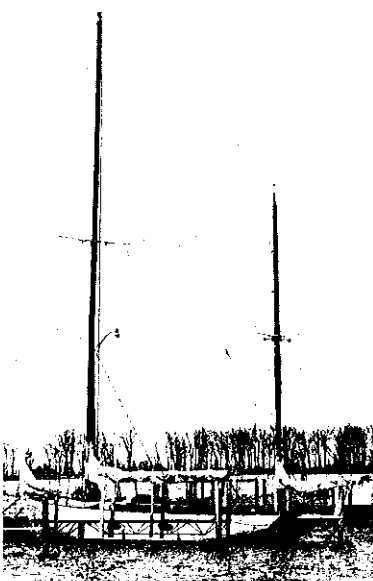
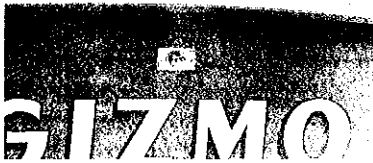
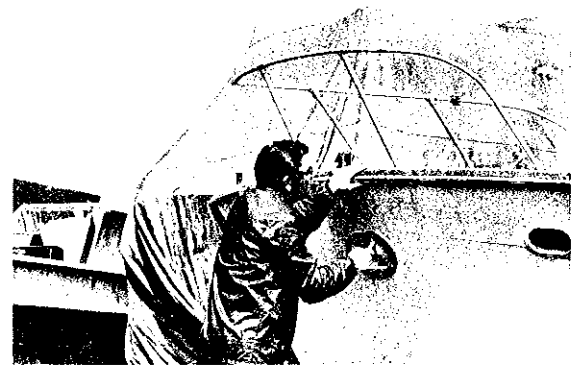
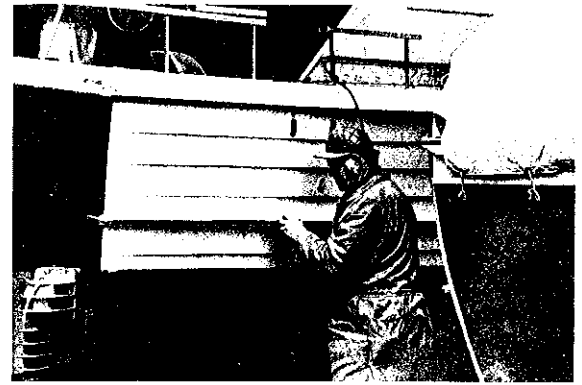
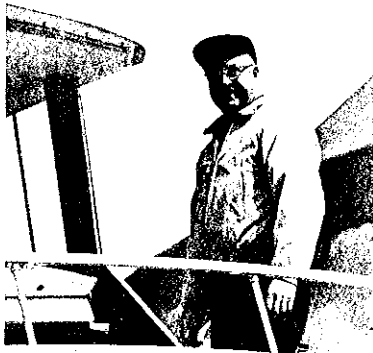
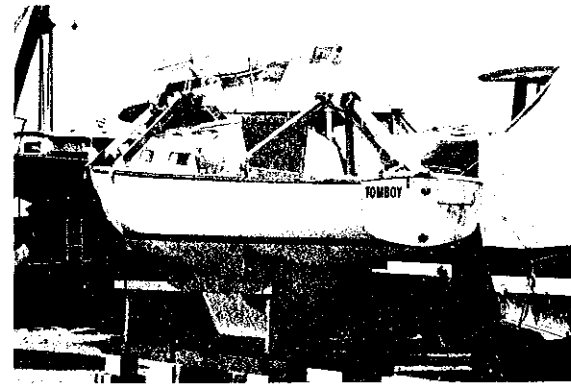
IT IS INDEED FITTING that our appreciation to the Wallers be known, for they have been taking the responsibility of assembling and mailing the LOG. If any of you have a sudden burst of overwhelming desire to join this crew, please give them a buzz at 455-4332. We are certain your application will receive immediate attention...

RAN INTO RON SIGMOND the other day...guess Rosie is going to let him launch his sailboat this year...trouble is they have been having a time giving the yacht a name...last we heard they were going through Nick's BARGUIDE for something suitable such as Stinger, Bloody Mary, Gimlet, etc. ...keep looking, Ron...keep looking!

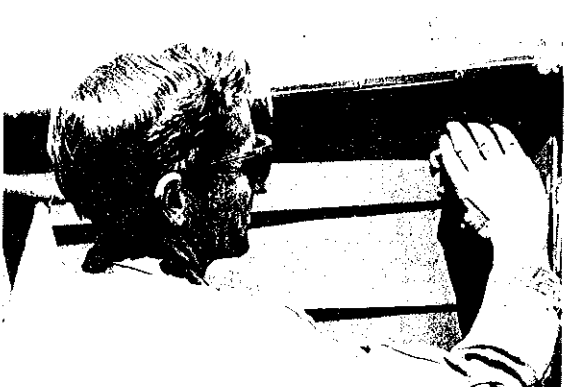
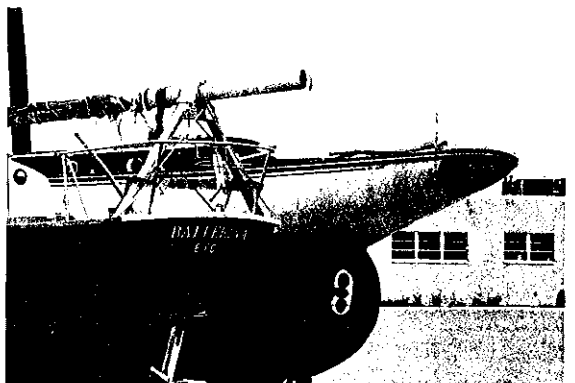
VIEWS FROM THE FOREDECK



HANGING FROM THE YARD ARM



VIEWS FROM THE CROW'S NEST



THE ERIE YACHT CLUB ANNUAL TEA was again a tremendous success! We will have more information on the "whos" and "whats" in the next issue of the LOG...however, it is reported that the gals had a wonderful time and the models were as exceptional as the fashions they donned.

ERIE YACHT CLUB ANNUAL REGATTA - 1970

The Erie Yacht Club will host the Annual Regatta, which this year is our ninth, on June 6th and 7th.

Through the cooperative efforts of your Officers, the Board of Directors and the Regatta Committee, a gala weekend has been planned for you and your family. This year, Regatta Weekend begins Friday evening, June 5th with the Icebreaker Party starting at 5:00 p.m.

The main features of Regatta Weekend are:

1) The Happy Hour on Friday, June 5th, starting at 5:00 p.m. Your choice of three prepared cocktails @ 65¢ each, or draft beer by the glass or the pitcher will be featured all evening.

2) A special, six-item Regatta Weekend menu is being offered for the evening meals, and will be served as complete dinners for family dining. The various items range from a hamburger or hot dog dinner, spaghetti dinner, through a selected line of fish dinners to a sumptuous surf and turf dinner.

3) A Fish Derby will be held on Saturday, June 6th, for the 3 to 12 year old youngsters. Starting time for the Derby is 2:00 p.m. and will run for two hours. The youngsters can officially register on Friday evening or on Saturday up to Derby time. Prizes will be awarded. All entrants for the Derby must:

- a. Bring their own fishing poles, line & hook; we will provide bait.
- b. Have a life-jacket! The younger children, who cannot swim, must wear a life-jacket and be accompanied by a parent.

4) A Junior Dance for the teenagers will be held Saturday, June 6th in the Canoe House from 8 'til 11 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the dance will be chaperoned (it is entirely possible that this dance is the beginning of things to come for the teenage group at EYC). A very fine Junior Dance Committee and a Junior Committee are working on plans for music by a local group and decorations for the Canoe House. The dance will be for members' teenage children (and one guest, who must be of the opposite sex). The dance will be free. However, to fund this event, a 50-50 drawing will be conducted during the month of May.

5) The Galley is offering for the Saturday evening meal an extra special addition to the Regatta Weekend Menu - a prime ribs of beef dinner.

The Galley is also open on Saturday and Sunday, for a light sailors-type breakfast and lunch.

We also are going to have a Regatta. The invitations are being prepared at this time. The Regatta is a series of three races for Thistles, Stars, Lightenings, Sunfish, Fireballs, Rhodes Bantam and a M.O.R.C. Fleet, which is an addition in the 1970 Regatta.

The Trophy presentations are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 7th.

Regatta Weekend is shaping up as the largest, best organized family activity to happen at EYC in many years. BECOME INVOLVED! "Involvement is the name of the game", says Jack Bierley. Something is planned to please every Yacht Club member, his family and guests. Fine sailboat racing activities, refreshment parties, something in the way of competition for the kids; a Junior Dance, a very fine selected menu from our Galley are all aimed at you. BECOME INVOLVED!

Al Rickloff,
Regatta Chairman

Thanks to all those who contributed to this month's LOG!

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