

The LOG

Dear Fellow Members



Harold J. Will, Commodore

By the time you read this, Easter Weekend will have passed and Opening Day will be that much closer. We are supposed to have a "drier" spring vs. last year — but don't bet on it. I personally re-scheduled my launch date twice last spring and to that point I would only ask that your own reschedules to launch, for whatever reason, be communicated to Bill Vogel or the Business Office as soon as possible. It is a big help.

Effective immediately, the All-Charge system has been rescinded. This action was taken at the regular monthly Board of Directors meeting this past April 16, 1990. A petition containing approximately 125 names was submitted to the Board asking that the All-Charge policy be rescinded. It was further stated that the members' right to use cash was basic and takes precedence

over any real or perceived cost savings.

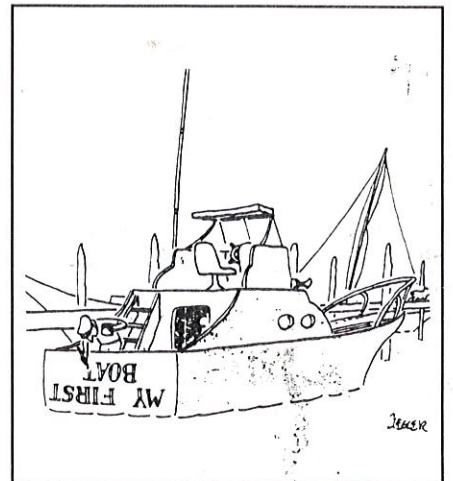
To date (April 9, 1990), our push to establish working committees is progressing slowly. However, I am very happy to report that Dave Sample is chairing and has formed a new insurance review committee. This committee will look after the bidding process and the application of all our insurance to help effectively manage the Club's risk and provide a potential source for future employee benefits. As stated in the March/April log, the Club still needs a chairperson and a committee formed to promote any special events and Club projects to the membership. The degree of success of many of our programs are promotion-related including the formation of other permanent and temporary committees. This is very important work that requires immediate attention.

All of us are working hard, and I hope effectively to provide the Erie Yacht Club with a banner year. All of our launch equipment is in first-class shape and the small crane has been rebuilt. Safety first, please — if you or any crew member are the least bit unfamiliar with the operation of our equipment or if being short-handed presents a danger, get our help. I will personally assist you in any way I can, so don't hesitate to ask. Thank you for listening. Please — all of you take care. See you Opening Day!



Mr. R.C. McElroy

Mr. R.C. McElroy, Erie Yacht Club's oldest living member, is pictured above with the officers of the Club. He recently celebrated his 100th birthday at the Yacht Club. As you enter the dining room from the lobby, you can observe the double doors, the tiller from Commodore Morrison's "Miriam". Mr. McElroy crewed on this boat in the early 1900s.



From the Vice Commodore

By now, most of us have begun work preparing our vessels for the 1990 boating season. It seems that winter was a long time ago, something we have more or less forgotten, purposely. Remember when you filled out those slip applications, thinking boating was a long lost dream. Each issue of "Sailing" or "Motor Boat Sailing" was for those lucky individuals that lived in the deep south, not for us northerners.

Now our time has come. Lou Harris, your Dock Committee and I have met several times — the bulk of the load being carried by Lou with his profound wisdom. We have reviewed the applications numerous times, making many adjustments and always trying to make the best fit whenever possible.

For some reason, many members who had not utilized a slip for several years applied this year. Unfortunately, this displaced some members who received slips last year for the first time. Every effort has been made to locate these members within the basin. We will continue to assign stalls as things change throughout the early launch season.

I want to remind everyone, some kegs are still available and

we will have a shuttle service to and from our moorings. Dockmaster Bill Vogel is preparing to sandblast the extremely rusted catwalks around the basin. After application of a primer, all areas will be painted. Several pilings, catwalks, and bulkhead channels are in need of repair. This will require a concentrated effort for our crew to complete in a timely matter. Our basin and her moorings are starting to show a little age. We have started to review specific areas and will have a prioritized completion list before my term expires.

I would like all members to review dock policy, dock rules, inclusive from pages 6.6 through 6.12. Don't forget to submit a float plan when family or friends are going to use your vessel if you are not in attendance. This protects your interest and allows those non-members access to the Club through our Gate House. Any questions, concerns, ideas or gripes are always welcome. Please contact me at work or home at your convenience — daily at 833-1116 or 833-0905. Here's to a safe and hot boating season.

Vice Commodore
Kerry J. Schwab

Fleet Captain's Log Report

It is finally launch time and it will be easier than ever this year. We have installed a water line down the whole south fence for spring cleaning. The yard crew has repaired the small boat launch ramp and installed a new retaining wall into the mast storage area. A new tow tractor will be used with the red trailers to haul the bigger boats in tighter places. New radios will allow better communications between the members and the staff. New conduits were run to begin the gate improvements. The handicapped ramp was installed along with sidewalk lighting. As you can tell, the boating facilities are being improved daily. As for the fleets, only the ice-boaters and the Frosties have been sailing so far this year. Things will pick up with the auxiliary sailing PHRF & MORC starting in May along with the Mini 12 fleet. The Club cruise is still in planning, along with the predicted log race. As you can tell, we have the facilities and programs, all that is needed is your participation.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Busse
Fleet Captain

From the General Manager's Desk

As I mentioned in my last report, summer menus are being developed. By mid-May we should have out summer-oriented menu featuring salads, light pasta, and a special "Eat Healthy" section. We will list in the "Eat Healthy" section the fat, cholesterol, and caloric content of each selection. This section will be dedicated to healthy cholesterol-conscious entrees only.

Going hand in hand with that program is the non-alcoholic drink menu that has been so successful. Beers, wines, and fruit drinks accent this very desirable alternative.

A special thanks to Mark McEnery of Erie Sand and Gravel for his

donation to the handicap ramp project.

Enclosed you have found this year's Learn-To-Sail application. New this year is the Learn-To-Race program. Spearheaded by board member and race liaison Pete Gorny, the program should take off. We will be using a USYRU-certified instructor to teach that portion of this year's program. Captain Eric Marshall and most of his great staff will again teach the various classes.

May's calendar is bountiful in events. The Dock Party theme will be carried through the summer with each month featuring a different group. Also coming is an

Erie Yacht Club Boat Show! Ever wonder what a particular boat in our basin was like inside? Please send me your choices. The Entertainment Committee will coordinate, contact the owners, and on July 14th we will have a party featuring walk-through tours!

Venetian Night has been revived. Expectations are high and a tentative date of August 11th is set for one of the perennial favorites.

See you soon!

Lou Harris
General Manager

Rear Commodore's Report

As many of you have noticed, we have come out of shutdown having made some changes. We thoroughly cleaned and refurbished the Clubhouse with a minimum of expense and a maximum of elbow grease on the part of the staff.

The All-Charge system, which was voted in by the Board several years ago, was finally implemented — and retracted. As of the meeting of April 16, Eric Ambro and John Ashby brought a petition with enough signatures to convince the Bridge and Board that the policy was inopportune at this time.

We have purchased large bar glasses, and these were introduced with the reopening. Because portion sizes were increased, drink prices were adjusted. Even with these changes, the prices for drinks at the EYC are below most similar clubs in town.

In keeping with your program of Alcohol Awareness, all the wait and bar staff have been through the TIPS Program. Pat Geary was kind enough to spend several Saturday mornings at the Club introducing the program. Thanks Pat!

Thanks as well go the P/C Gib Loesel and Jim Finn for a great job

on the St. Patrick's Day party. We owe P/Cs Bill Robertson and Doc Bressler applause for their successful refloating of the EYC "Irish" Sunken Kegs for the sing-along. The choirboy tones of Jim McBrier were uplifting as well. What a way to restart after shutdown. Thanks to all!

The Easter Bunny was a great success with the young folks. He was able to hop along because of the help of Jan McNally, Michele Curtze and Dan Dundon. It's good to see the youngsters taken care of in such a great manner.

Opening Day will soon be with us. The officers and staff are getting prepared to kick off the boating season with a bang. Please mark your calendars for this and the Car Show, Members' Art Show, Derby Day, the Auction, Mother's Day, Dock Parties, and Venetian Night. It promises to be a busy and fun summer. If anyone would like to help with these events, please call me (456-1924) or leave a message at the Club.

Happy launching!

Bob Allshouse
Rear Commodore

Mini-Twelve Small Boat News

As most of you know, there has not been an active small boat fleet (outside of the Cape Cod Frosties which primarily sail in the late fall) at the EYC for a number of years. There are nine Club members who have made an effort to change this through the formation of an "ILLUSION" fleet. These boats have been purchased primarily for use as a one-design racer with a semi-formal series scheduled for the late spring through early autumn. Races are to be held on Monday evenings following a 2-week on, 1-week off format. Since the boats are big enough to safely race in the bay, yet small enough to only require a short race course, most sailing will be done to the west of the Club breakwall. There is a long distance race that starts at the EYC and goes to Litton and back to add a little variety to the racing.

The type of boat being pure one-design coupled with the fact that the boat is affordable to maintain (complete set of sails is \$300 and that includes spinnaker) as well as being able to go boat-racing without a lot of hassle promises to make the ILLUSION fleet fun and enjoyable for all involved. Stop by the drysail area in mid-May and you should see nine mini-twelves lined up in a row. If you see nine empty cradles, look for the boats sailing outside the breakwall. If you ask, you can probably take one for a sail and find out how much fun it is to sail with your head just above the water, and yet stay dry in complete comfort.

Dave Forsman

PHRF NEWS!

This year's PHRF fleet will have two new yachts entering the competition. Attorney William Burke has a J-44 being delivered this spring. The J-44 is one of the hottest production racer/cruisers on the market. Word has it that Bill has a commitment from some of the local "hot shots" to help campaign the boat on Lake Erie this year. Jerry Deimel and crew will be sailing a Cook "One-Ton" this year. This is also a very fast boat, and with Jerry's expertise, a worthy competitor.

The race schedule is pretty much a duplicate of last year's with a few exceptions. The Interclub Cruise will include a triangular course on Saturday, June 23rd in Erie with the Dover Race the

following day. At Ron Busse's request we plan to entertain a cruising fleet or main jib class for at least the Erie to Dover race. If you are interested in entering please contact Ron or myself.

The other exception to the schedule is the addition of the Lake Erie Race. This race was dropped in 1981 due to lack of interest. Buffalo sailor Jim Whistler has worked diligently to promote this year's race and promises over 50 PHRF entries. The race is from Buffalo to Toledo starting June 30th. Diablo, Killary and Andicapp are some of the EYC boats considering the event.

Aires will be campaigned again on Lake Erie. She is on her way back from the Palmer-Johnson yard

on Lake Michigan where she was repaired and upgraded. Best of luck to Jim McBrier and crew with their very busy racing schedule. Aires races in some of the major Great Lakes yacht racing events representing the Erie Yacht Club.

John Darr
PHRF Fleet Captain

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