

SPECIAL

ERIE YACHT CLUB

P.O. BOX 648 ERIE, PA 16512 NOVEMBER, 1991

SPECIAL PRE-ELECTION ISSUE

THE FOLLOWING REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE ERIE YACHT CLUB HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF CANDIDATES IS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE REGULAR MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 15, 1991.

BRIDGE

COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

ROBERT H. ALLSHOUSE

VICE COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

RON BUSSE

REAR COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

BILL LASHER

FLEET CAPTAIN – ELECT ONE:

JOHN ASHBY

JAMES S. STOLLEY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ELECT TWO:

PETER ASKEY

PHILIP IOBST

BILL LILLIS

JAMES MEANS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ELECT THREE:

NORM BEECHER

DAVID BIERIG

MICHAEL MASHYNA

JOHN SMITH

TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR EVALUATION OF THESE CANDIDATES, EACH OF THE NOMINEES WAS ASKED TO PREPARE A STATEMENT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THESE STATEMENTS FOLLOW.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, AT 7:30 P.M. TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF YOUR CHOICE.



CANDIDATE FOR COMMODORE
ROBERT H. ALLSHOUSE

Three years ago, when P/C Dick Gorney called and said that the Nominating Committee would like to place my name in nomination for Fleet Captain, I was honored.

Today, as I sit in the capital of a free Latvia, I reflect upon the traditions of freedom and democracy that are underpinnings of the Erie Yacht Club — things that we often take for granted.

At first glance, one can see the clubhouse, the grounds and the boats — and take pride in accomplishment. However, there are intangibles that require careful examination.

The Erie Yacht Club is its membership, which holds to values and traditions. We accept these things at face value without thinking of what lies behind them: the committee system through which the Club retains its spirit, the Annual Meeting which uses parliamentary procedures and allows each member to speak and vote on issues, and the process of nomination and election.

Reflecting back three years to that telephone call, I consider the honor to be even greater. I have served as Fleet Captain, Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore and have come to appreciate more fully the trust you have placed in me and the members of the Board. I look forward to serving the membership as Commodore with the knowledge that the Board you will choose will be as dedicated as those which have served in the past.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Allshouse - Vice Commodore



CANDIDATE FOR VICE COMMODORE
RON BUSSE

THANK YOU, from the staff and myself. It was a privilege serving you as Rear Commodore, while being in charge of the House this past year. We made many changes from the decor to the menus. The improvements, along with the nice weather, pleased the majority of our members to a point where the Galley (as of press time) may show a profit this year. The first time in recent memory. We continue to look for ideas and solutions that will make our House profitable and pleasurable for all our members. I look forward to serving you in the area of the Docks in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Ronald Busse - Rear Commodore

CANDIDATE FOR REAR COMMODORE
BILL LASHER

I would like to start by thanking you for your vote of confidence in electing me as Fleet Captain last year. You have entrusted me with the future of your club, and I have tried to do my best to not violate that trust. I once again ask for your support at this year's annual meeting.

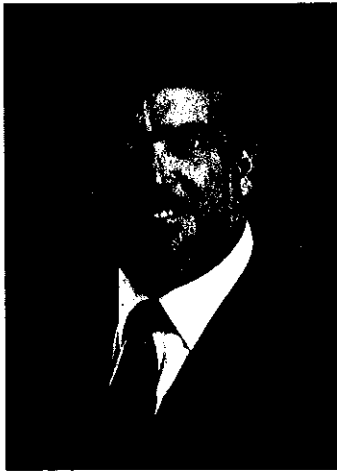
When I took office, I found we had a lot of old equipment in the yard that was badly in need of repair. We have made much progress over the past year in updating this equipment. We have also implemented a three-year capital plan, which should help significantly in preventing some of the problems we faced this year. We are now in a position to focus our attention on operations, specifically, improving efficiency.

We have had an extremely successful year in the house, thanks to the efforts of my predecessors and our General Manager. As with most successes, this one has created it's own set of problems. The high utilization of the dining room for functions has put added strains on the house. If we continue to see the kind of success we had this year, I believe we must consider a modest expansion of the clubhouse, but only after we have exhausted other alternatives.

I would like to express my appreciation to those individuals who came to me with their comments, suggestions and criticisms. My goal is to respond to the needs of the membership as best I can, and keep improving our already excellent club. I have enjoyed my first year as an officer, and with your blessing.

Sincerely,
Bill Lasher - Fleet Captain





CANDIDATE FOR FLEET CAPTAIN

JOHN G. ASHBY

There are a vast number of reasons why I would like to be elected as your next Fleet Captain. First, I have been involved with the EYC since 1949 through family participation and have been an active member for the past 26 years. During these 42 years, I have been involved in a wide variety of EYC activities. As a pre-teen, I was the manager of the Old Clubhouse Snack Bar, a Jr. Sailing School Participant, and represented the EYC at the Wakefield Championships. I have spent many years on the House Committee and Entertainment/Social Committees, am an ex EYC bowler, and served on the Clubhouse Interior Decorating Committee, EYC Members Art Show Committee, and the 1991 EYC Minimum Review Committee. In addition, I have served as the Chairman for the past three Super Bowl Parties, 1991/92 EYC PHRF Fleet Captain, Chairman of the EYC Sailing Regatta for MS for 7 years and I also sponsor what will be the "Sixth Time Turkey Time Trials" Sailboat Race on Thanksgiving morning. I am also proud to have been honored as the recipient of the EYC "Gail Garren Award" as well as the 1990 "Thomson Trophy".

Currently, I am President of J.G.Ashby Advertising, Inc., with offices in Erie and Pittsburgh. I am also a partner in Jessup Broadcasting out of Savannah, Georgia, and Chairman of the 1991 MS Art Lottery and Artist Exhibition. In the past, I served as President of the Sales & Marketing Association of Erie and was Chairman of the Board of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter of National Sclerosis Society.

In regards to the Erie Yacht Club, I am concerned about the large initiation fee as it relates to younger potential members and have developed an "Initiation Fee Program" that alleviates the problem. To replace our present inadequate television antenna, I have developed a specification/installation package for a satellite receiver system. I also feel we need to improve our gate communication and control practices for better accessibility for our members and their guests.

As you are, I am proud to be an EYC member and feel we should begin to plan 100th Anniversary of our Club now to insure that this celebration matches the achievement.

I believe we must carefully weigh club utilization and improvements, keeping the Club affordable to all our members so that we all may enjoy it today and long into the future.

The final reason I ask for your support on election day is simply because "I love the place".



CANDIDATE FOR FLEET CAPTAIN

JAMES S. STOLLEY

I am pleased and honored to be nominated for Fleet Captain and I am well aware of the serious commitment of time and energy that is involved. Having been a member of the Yacht Club for twenty-four years, I am convinced that it is a truly unique organization and it deserves every member's best efforts to keep it that way. In four years, the Club will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary. All of us and particularly the Club leadership have an obligation to insure that this centennial event is properly observed and the future direction of the Club is as successful as it's past.

My affiliation with the Erie Yacht Club began shortly after I was transferred to Erie by Hammermill. After beginning as a Star boat crew member, I owned a succession of Rhodes Bantams and served as Fleet Captain of that class for several years. Each of our three children grew up racing those dinghies and weekends at the Yacht Club were then and continue to be an integral part of our family life for my wife, Maggie, and myself.

Our children were fortunate to be able to participate in the Junior Sailing Program and two of them served as instructors. My wife also spent two seasons in the Flying Juniors and is now first mate on our 35 foot sloop, *Saturday Morning*. Because of my regard for the program, I worked for many years with Nat Reyburn as a member of the Junior Sailing Committee.

During and after the years of small boat racing, I also crewed on larger boats. I believe that an active racing program is very important to the character and success of the Yacht Club.

I spent virtually my entire career with Hammermill and retired as Senior Vice President three years after the merger with International Paper Company. I believed that the experience gained from a very broad range of business responsibilities will be helpful to me in dealing with the managerial and organizational functions of the Club.

I would appreciate your support in this election and promise you that I will do everything possible to merit your confidence.

Respectfully,
James S. Stolley



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PETER ASKEY

I graduated from Strong Vincent High School and have a BA in Psychology from Grove City College, Class of '68. I am President of Mack Truck Sales of Erie, Inc., and have worked there since 1974.

My association with the Erie Yacht Club began with the Blue J's in 1959 and 1960 in the Junior Sailing Program. I even got to crew on a "real yacht" (Gordy Way's Lotus) in an Erie-Barcelona race. That introduction to boating and the people here at the club was instrumental, twenty years later, in enrolling my son P.J. in two years of Junior Sailing Classes for which he, too, has many fond memories and still crews today. I currently have a nice little day-sailer, a Sonar, and although most of my experience has been sailing, my boating interests go from canoes to attending national hydroplane races. My heart is in sailing, but really I'm a motorhead.

I became a full member of the EYC in '81 and have enjoyed a myriad of warm and heart-felt experiences, friendships and memories. I look at this nomination as a chance to serve the Erie Yacht Club and hope my experience and background can be of good use.

Peter Askey



CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PHILIP IOBST

When we moved to Erie twenty-five years ago, Peggy and I, thinking we would enjoy boating, took sailing classes at the Erie Yacht Club. We've been hooked ever since, and this club has been the center of our boating activity. At one time or another we've done almost all the things people do on boats: raced, cruised, daysailed, crewed on many other power and sailboats, rowed back and forth to a mooring, raised our kids on boats, made many friends, and just plain messed around with boats. I understand how club members use their boats and how valuable the Club and its facilities are to them. On occasions when I've had to consider moving from Erie, I realized what an important part of my life The Erie Yacht Club represents. I would now enjoy the opportunity to serve as a member of its Board.

What professional background would I bring to the Board? I've had diverse career experiences which I feel give me a broad perspective. After an early career as a Philosophy Professor at Penn State - Erie, I worked for the Hammermill Paper Company in Information Systems, in a variety of Human Resource functions, in Quality Improvement, and in Planning. I am currently Director of Strategic Planning at the Erie Insurance Group. In seeking membership on the Board, I have no particular "Agenda"; rather, I feel I would bring a broad, long-term view, a sensitivity to opportunities for improvement, and knowledge of what's important to members.

Sincerely,
Philip Iobst



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WILLIAM L. LILLIS

I enjoyed the Yacht Club for most of my life, dating back to Junior Sailing in the late 50's spending hours at the Canoe House, sailing small boats (Thistle and Laser) and crewing in the PHRF Fleet (Brier Rabbits and Aries).

My wife Neddy and I have had a 22 foot Searay (Bomba Charger) for about 8 years. We have three children and our two oldest have just completed their second and fourth years of Junior Sailing. In the past, I have been active on the Junior Sailing Committee and served on the Nominating Committee two years ago.

I have been in the insurance and employee benefit business for over 20 years and am a partner in Lillis, McKibben & Company.

The growth and prosperity the Club has enjoyed over the years is a tribute to the superb volunteer leadership our members have provided. I see the task for future Boards as maintaining high quality services and facilities while guarding against a loss of "club atmosphere" which can be a problem for any large club. I would appreciate your support.

William L. Lillis



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JIM MEANS

It is an honor to accept the nominating committee's challenge to run for the Board of Directors. My prior positions, as a commercial Airline Pilot and in management with the Federal Aviation Administration, qualify me with various supervisory, planning and budgetary experience.

As a life long boater, starting with my earliest recollection of the family boat livery business to my present cabin cruiser, I feel my interest and knowledge in boating will serve the club well. I have been a member of the Erie Yacht Club for over ten years and have been involved in many of its functions. I have received much pleasure being a member of this club and want to contribute my time and energy to keeping it one of the finest yachting facilities in our area.

Jim Means



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NORM BEECHER

I would like to take this opportunity, with your indulgence, to introduce myself. My name is Norm Beecher, Sr. I have been married to the former Rita Guerrein for the last 43 years. We are the proud parents of nine lovely children and eighteen lovely grandchildren. I am presently a Sales Representative at John Fries Auto Sales, Inc. We have been members of the Erie Yacht Club for 13 years and are the owners of a 25' power boat named "The Stormin' Norman" (original since 1976).

I am honored to be running for a spot on this very important committee of the Erie Yacht Club. I know I can serve on this committee, with the utmost confidence and expertise, because of my past involvement in clubs. I have been involved with the Erie Maennerchor Club, in the past, for 28 years on the Board of Directors, 10 years of which were spent as it's President.

I know that our Erie Yacht Club is the #1 yacht club on the Great Lakes and look forward to helping maintain this status, by nominating capable people that will keep the club moving forward.

I would appreciate your support in this endeavor and will pledge to you members that I will give it my all. Thank you very much.

*Sincerely,
Norm Beecher*

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CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DAVID BIERIG

Over the years I have often heard that the Nominating Committee was our Club's most powerful group, because it controls the future of the club. Frankly, I don't think so. Rather, it seems to me, that power and the future reside with the general membership. And this is as it should be.

I think we have a wonderful club because we have a diverse membership, diverse activities, and a tolerance for diverse participation. If elected, I would hope to be able to help this happy state of affairs continue.

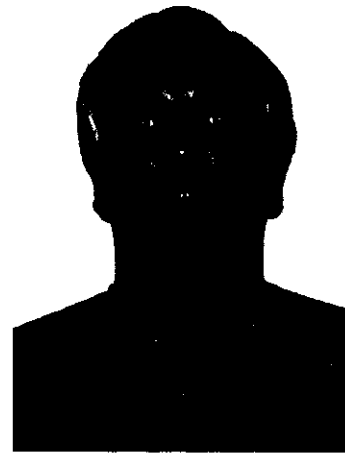


CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MICHAEL M. MASHYNA

I have been a member of the Erie Yacht Club for the past ten years. My wife, Char, and I own "Outlaw" which we sail with our son Philip, who was born in May.

It would be my privilege to serve on the Nominating Committee. To me, the role of that committee is to see that the Bridge continues to be comprised of qualified members who reflect the diverse nature of the Erie Yacht Club Membership.



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

JOHN SMITH

I have been involved with the Erie Yacht Club for many years and my family and I are active boaters. I have served on the Board of Directors for three years, on the Nominating Committee, and as an officer of M.O.R.C. I feel my knowledge of the Club and its members will help me find well-qualified candidates to run in future elections.