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COMMODORE'S REPORT



COMMODORE
ROBERT H. ALLSHOUSE

Happy New Year to everyone. A warm welcome to the Bridge for Fleet Captain John Ashby, and to the Board for members Bill Lillis and Jim Means. From the tenor of the discussions at our first two meetings, I am sure that the membership will be as well represented as it has been in the past. It was an honor to have served with outgoing members, Fritz Curtze, David Sample and P/C Harold Will. They gave well and generously of their time, and I am indebted to them.

In preparation for the Centennial Year of 1995, we are putting together a committee to solicit ideas and suggestions for the celebration. I have asked F/C John Ashby to head the committee, as he will be our Centennial Commodore. Please contact one of us if you are willing to help, or have any suggestions.

In addition, we plan to issue a commemorative album to recognize our growth and achievements over the 100 years. P/C Roy Strausbaugh

and I will be working on this project, and will soon put together a committee. Please contact me if you are interested in working with us, or have information or materials which should be included.

The Long Range Planning Committee presented us with a very ambitious set of projections, not all of which we shall be able to implement. However, by giving us the full range of options available to us, the Committee gave us a vision of the potential possibilities for the Erie Yacht Club. We owe the members of the Committee our thanks for the time and energy that went into that effort.

We will complete the first stage of the plan as we finish the wiring project in the spring. The Bridge and the Board will be reviewing the plan and examining the options available to us. We hope to bring several of these to the membership in the near future. The nature and the scale of the project(s) obviously will depend upon the present and future needs of the membership, as well as the realities of our financial situation. We shall keep you posted as information becomes available.

My thanks to all who helped make the holiday celebrations at the EYC special at the Holiday Ball, the Children's Christmas Party, the Employees' Party, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. May 1992 be the best ever for all of us at the Erie Yacht Club.

Bob Allshouse,
Commodore



VICE COMMODORE
RONALD E. BUSSE

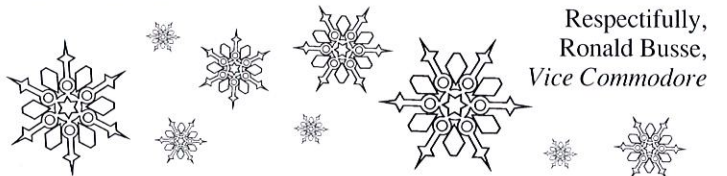
VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Winter is upon us, but we are already working on the 1992 boating season. As you may see between snowfalls, the burying of the overhead electric lines on the docks continues. We are confident of an Opening Day 1992 completion date. The slip assignment process has begun with a watchful eye towards our changing water depth. Divers have already been down to locate possible problem areas. Our options are limited due to the shale bottom with the slight silt covering.

Thank you for returning your Zebra mussel questionnaire - this year's Dock Committee will be reviewing them. As you may know, the 6% storage use tax on masts and lockers has been repealed. This year we intend to do as many improvements to the Gas Dock as time and money allow.

As always, we solicit any and all member input to improve the boating and camaraderie at the Erie Yacht Club. Remember, even if the economy is not the greatest, the boating and friendships at the Erie Yacht Club are !!!

Respectfully,
Ronald Busse,
Vice Commodore



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



REAR COMMODORE
BILL LASHER

Mike and his crew have been continuing to do an outstanding job in the house. At the time of this writing, we are ahead of last year in terms of both sales and profit. With Mike's continued fine-tuning and a little bit of luck, we have a good chance of having another very fine year.

In an attempt to improve participation at parties, we are going to try to have a sponsor (group or individual) for every party. The sponsor can do as little or as much as they want in terms of preparation for the party, but will be asked to work with Mike in making the party a success. Let Mike or me know if you would like to sponsor a party.

For all you sports and old movie aficionados – by the time you read this, we should have cable run to the TV in the grill room. Thanks to Mike for finally getting this done.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Lasher,
Rear Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

First, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Fleet Captain. I will do my best to serve all members of our Club.

We had the Erie Skin Divers Club and Sheriff's Scuba Team volunteer to survey various areas of the slip on December 1st. They found various items which will cause navigating problems in 1992, especially if the water level does not rise sharply. These items included large rocks, rock piles, and an old cement bulkhead.

All these obstructions have been marked and will be taken care of in the spring by Bill Vogel and his crew.

We are in the process of putting together various committees to begin the planning stages for our 100th anniversary in 1995. If you are interested in joining one of the preliminary "brain storming" groups, please contact Mike Lynch or myself.

By the time you read this article, hopefully we can thank all the volunteers who put in the ice skating rink west of the Clubhouse. It takes a lot of effort to build and maintain such an area, so "Thank You, Volunteers."



FLEET CAPTAIN
JOHN G. ASHBY

Respectfully submitted,
John G. Ashby,
Fleet Captain

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER'S DECK

On behalf of the staff of the Erie Yacht Club, here's hoping your Holiday Season was as enjoyable as you made ours. Your contributions to the employee Christmas fund exemplified the yuletide spirit.

The employee Christmas party at the Club on December 22nd was loads of fun. The employees had a great time being served by a great group of members – Commodore Allshouse has a back-up profession as a cocktail server if need be. (Although he doesn't have the legs for it.) A big thank you to all those who participated.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. Clarke "Doc" Bressler! Mr. Bressler was awarded the prestigious "Thompson Memorial Trophy." This trophy is awarded every year at the annual meeting by the Trophy Committee to the member who has shown "Outstanding Achievement in the World of Yachtsmen and Yachting" at the Erie Yacht Club. When you see "Doc", please congratulate him.

We have started planning the entertainment for this upcoming boating season. Please read your flyers and future additions of *The Log* for details. We have quite a few Club functions coming up in January and February. Plan on bringing your friends.

The Breakfast with Santa was another fun-filled morning; we served about 195 children and their families. I would like to thank Hank Lorange (Santa), Marge Behr (Santa's Elf), and P.C. Bill Behr (Photographer) for their continued support. A special thanks to the William Sesler Family and their daughter Liz, for leading the Christmas carols.

There seems to be a little confusion concerning the making of reservations for the children's functions at the Club. Due to the size of the Yacht Club membership and families, we cannot reserve seating at these functions. The reservation you call in is used to give us an idea of how much food to prepare. Seating is on a first-come basis.

That's it for now!
Michael Lynch,
General Manager



LADIES AUXILIARY

Thanks to all the brave and hearty souls who ventured out on one of our worst snow days of the season to attend my first luncheon. Despite the cold temperatures outside, the spirit inside was warm. Bernie's lunch was delicious and a designer from Craft 'n Flower gave us some ideas and skills for decorating.

The Club is beautifully decorated this holiday season, and Bob and I send a special thanks to all those who helped us. We both hope you have been to many of the festivities – especially New Year's Eve. What better place to be to welcome the new year.

We've pushed our January luncheon to the second Wednesday – January 8th. Lunch will be served promptly at 12:30. By request, our speaker this month will be your Commodore. Bob has just returned from six weeks of lecturing and traveling in Latvia and Russia, and will speak on conditions there – particularly life for women. His first hand view will give us a look at the events that are changing the world. Bring questions!

In February, Herbert Gold, of Gold Antiques and Gifts, will present a program on crystal, silver, china and oriental pieces. He is encouraging each of us to bring in one special piece for evaluation or identification.

I hope you will join us for both these luncheons. If you want to be on the calling list to receive information, or would like to attend a particular meeting, please let us know. Rosemary Martine (456-1868), Ellie Matts (833-5809), or I (456-1924 – evenings) will be happy to add your name. There is no obligation, but we will keep you informed.

Happy New Year, everyone!
Marcia Allshouse

BEING IN THE RIGHT PLACE!

Dave and Chris Sechrist with their two oldest sons, Patrick and Bryan, happened to be at the right place at the right time during their trip to California this past June. About to unfold, an adventure was at the end of their four day visit to Disneyland when the family took an unexpected side trip to the city of San Diego. During their sight seeing they decided to stop at a quiet bayside restaurant for a bite to eat. While enjoying their lunch and view of the beautiful San Diego Bay, they caught sight of an unusual sailboat. Intrigued, Dave went to get a closer look, and in his amazement he realized it was America's champion, "Stars & Stripes." A crew member from "Stars & Stripes" threw Dave a line and asked for his help to dock the boat! After securing the boat, Dennis Connor, Dave and the rest of the crew walked to the restaurant. Chris and the boys joined in and were able to meet and receive autographs from Dennis and the entire team.



Enjoying each other's company, the Sechrists were very fortunate to be invited to sail on "Stars & Stripes."

Chris and Dave found the crew extremely warm and friendly. The interest and enthusiasm shown by the team for Lake Erie sailing adventures reassured the Sechrists that sailors share a common love for water and wind, whether on Lake Erie or the Great Pacific Ocean.

The Sechrists, during a very special "Kodak Moment", with "Team Dennis Connor", wish their friends and family Happy Holidays and "Stars & Stripes Forever" on their 1991 Christmas card.

Just remember, be at the right place at the right time!

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