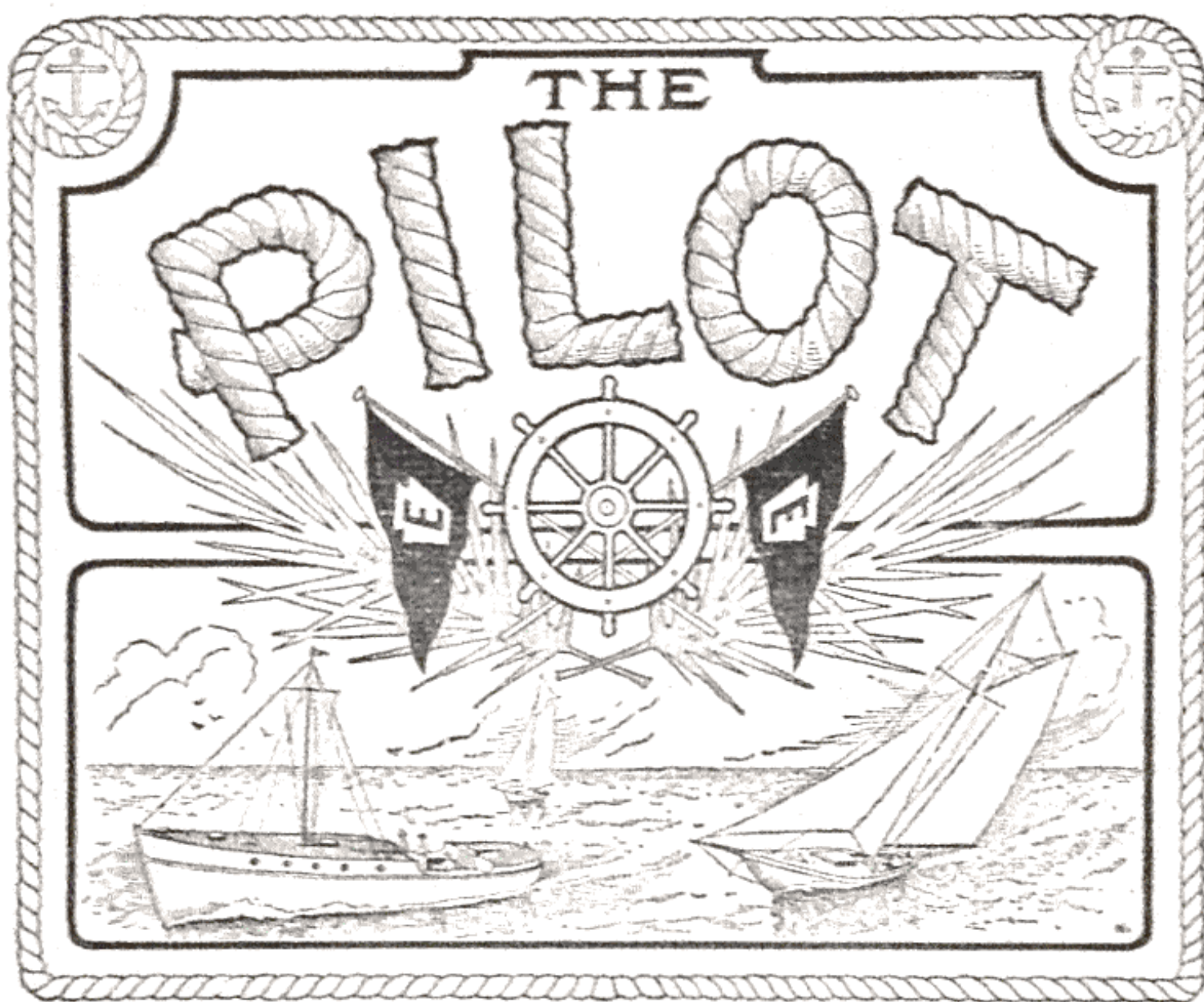


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The Dominion Day cruise of the Erie Yacht Club to Port Dover was the most successful event of the kind which the Club has ever conducted.

The run across the lake was in the nature of the annual race for the Annette cup on the part of the sailing yachts and was a handicap race for first and second prizes by the power boats.

The sailing yachts got away at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning, June 30th, and, owing to very light head winds which prevailed all that day and evening, did not reach Port Dover until long after midnight, the first boat to report and the consequent holder of the Annette cup for the ensuing year being the Marvel, Captain Neitheimer.

In the handicap power boat race the handicaps were figured out as closely as possible, being based on the past records of the various yachts, and they were started at intervals from 7 o'clock, when the Una, Vamac and Jaydee crossed the line in the order named, to 9:30 o'clock, when the scratch boat, Green Dragon, was started.

The three boats above named as starting first also passed Port Dover light first, led by the Jaydee at 12:54 A. M., Vamac 12:55 A. M., and Una a few minutes later.

Our Canadian cousins left nothing undone for the entertainment of their guests, while the yachts of the Erie Yacht Club reciprocated by carrying large parties of Canadians into the lake for complimentary boat rides, and never in the history of Port Dover did that port present so gala an appearance as it did on this occasion.

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## THE PILOT

**T**HE PILOT is launched this month in the interest of the Erie Yacht Club and will be published every month hereafter. It will aim to give the Club members all the local yachting news, and will contain the regular monthly meeting notice, and will keep the Club members informed as to all the forthcoming events. It will be fearless, but just in its criticism, and invites all of the Club members to contribute to its pages. It is hoped that all of the members will lend their aid to the successful issue of this publication, and it is furthermore asked that all of the advertisers in this monthly Club organ be favored with the patronage of all of our members, as by helping them you make this publication possible.

In conclusion, we command that you take off the stops from the main-sail, man the halyards and hoist away, then up with the anchor and hoist the jib, and we'll clear the anchorage, and set out on a cruise which promises to be a long and happy one; with a full crew aboard.

## JULY MEETING NOTICE.

The July Meeting of the Club will be held at the Club House on the 12th, at 8 P. M. If you did not attend the June Meeting you missed some good things, and if you are not sorry you ought to be.

The Directors elected a bunch of new members in June and will meet on the 12th to do it some more. Did you get any of them? We are growing all right.

G. R. OBERHOLZER,

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## RECENT ACCESSIONS.

The E. Y. C. has had added to its fleet this summer a number of new yachts, mostly of the motor persuasion. We were about to say of the motor gender!

Chief among these recent accessions is Commodore W. L. Morrison's "Miriam," Capt. Snyder's "Triton," Capt. J. D. Cummin's "Jaydee," of Conneaut, while Capt. Lawrence Nagle's new 37 ft. cruiser is in process of construction at Racine, Wis.

It is thought that the entire cruising fleet will be in line for the squadron run to Port Dover on the 5th prox.

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Capt. Cummins (whose Yacht "Jaydee" is mentioned elsewhere in this issue as now flying the E. Y. C. b——) has had quite an extensive cruising experience, having gone as far west as Chicago and as far east as New York (four times to the latter port) in his staunch little craft. We will be disappointed if we cannot induce him to contribute some of his experiences to these columns later on.

George Hamberger is responsible for this: "Capt. Gunnison's Yacht "Psyche" was moored at the Public Dock when an unnamed individual came sauntering idly along. His attention was arrested by the name of the craft when he was heard to soliloquize: 'P-s-y-c-h-e, that's a——of a way to spell fish!'"

#### FOR A NEW CLUB HOUSE.

At the June meeting of the Erie Yacht Club, our Commodore expressed himself as being greatly pleased and encouraged over the energy and enthusiasm which the members have manifested since the opening of the present yachting season.

He ventured his belief that it is time to begin thinking of a new club house, and it occurs to the writer that that thought furnishes the germ of a slogan which "The Pilot" might well adopt:

**"Here's to a New Club Building in——"** (shall we say 1913?)

That would be a most auspicious time to open up a new club in connection with the Centennial celebration of Perry's Victory which is planned to start from and at this port, and "The Pilot" may be depended upon to have more to say on that subject from time to time.

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## TIMES ARE CHANGING.

Any one who attempts to write an article for other people to read on this July 5th, 1911, is "far from well."

I will not bore you with tales of a "has been" and the delights of of the romantic "wind-jammer," for times are changing as rapidly as our collars, on these bright July days.

Not long ago a trip to Dover was talked about weeks beforehand, and when the time arrived for us to sail to Canada's far distant shore our sweethearts bade us farewell. The other fellow's sweetheart kissed us good-bye and we went forth on the wilds of Lake Erie with nothing but a compass, two or three million stars, one moon and four lighthouses to guide us, and our hours on the billows were many.

This is all changed, except the sweethearts and the compass. For instance, on July 4th, same year and same feverish thermometer at 2:30 P. M. my good ship (sometimes) Anona left the foot of State street.

There were on board Mrs. Bliss, Miss Bruback, Miss Bliss, Messrs. George and Phillip Lowry, Homer Knox, Hubert Brainard and myself.

I did not know just where to go, so headed for Barcelona because there is an ice-house on the beach.

We had a fine run there and were very cool and comfortable, though the lake was as calm as a mirror.

We made the quaint little harbor in three hours, dropped our "hook," launched our dinghey and went ashore for supper. I don't know what ailed the people at the little hotel at the port! We could not get any supper and they said they didn't want us. This is so, and do not go to Barcelona unless



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you intend eating up-town in Westfield, or slaughtering the inmates of the aforesaid hotel. It was so warm we returned to the Anona and ran down to Dunkirk.

We had to run slow going in there. We were so late that the dining-rooms of the hotels were not open and everyone seemed drunk, just getting drunk or endeavoring to recover.

At last we found the "Manhattan Restaurant" and we had all the coffee, milk, sandwiches, eggs, etc., we wanted, and all good, too. We went back to the Anona and were soon headed for home. We had a fine five-hour run to Erie, and just at 3 A. M., July 5th, we tied up at the foot of State street.

What I want to bring out is this, our present modern methods. We left at 2:30 P. M., arrived home at 3 A. M., just twelve and one-half hours. We covered a hundred miles, and made one anchorage and launched our dinghey. Made Dunkirk and tied to a pier, and then had to get away, find our way out of Dunkirk and get home.

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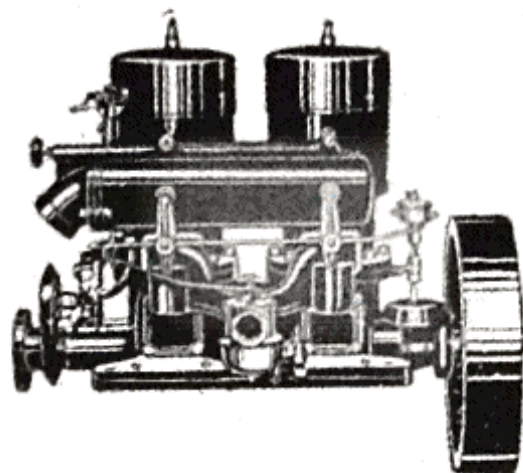
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GEO. T. BLISS.

### THE FIRST ANNUAL FISH FRY.

The entertainment committee arranged somewhat of an innovation for the E. Y. C. in the fishing party and fish fry which was held on the 17th ult.

Capt. Carl Reichel, as Chairman of the committee, having the matter in hand bent every energy toward making the affair the success that it proved to be. The stiff northwest wind, with every indication of an early and heavy rainfall, discouraged many of the smaller boats from venturing out to the fishing grounds in the open lake, although a number of others braved the elements and joined the fleet. The sport was fairly good, and Mr. C. B. Hall registered the highest catch with thirty odd fish to his credit; Messrs. Zuern, Slocum and Reichel all crowding him for high honors.

After two hours fishing, the fleet proceeded to the picnic grounds on Misery Bay where the fish were quickly prepared and fried by Capt. Reichel in his most appetizing manner. Every member present voted the affair a huge success and a similar event will be held annually hereafter.

## Oscar H. Nick

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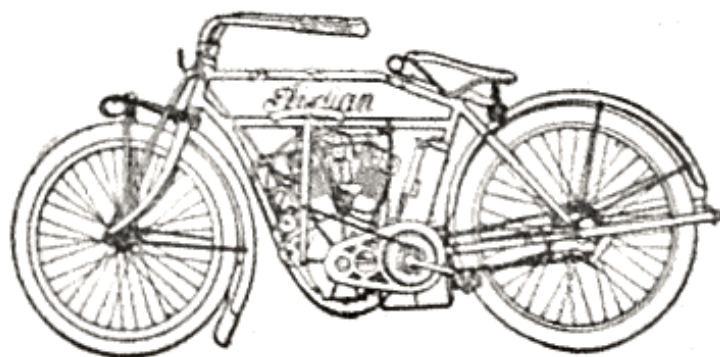


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It gives us pleasure to print the following resolutions passed at the June Meeting of the Erie Yacht Club.

1. "Resolved that the Erie Yacht Club recognizes the usefulness of the law relative to properly equipping motor boats with lights, whistles, fog horns, bells, life preservers and fire extinguishers; that it expects all of its boat owners to comply with the regulations, and that the club stands ready to co-operate with the authorities in enforcing the law."

2. "Resolved that all boat owners be warned against over loading their boats, or taking any unnecessary risks on the water."

The law regulating the equipment of motor boats that became effective June 9, 1910, is very largely the result of the efforts of the motor boat interests of the United States themselves. It stipulates what any experienced man recognizes as necessary precautions to be taken by boat owners to insure safety to life and property on water, and it is to the credit of the Club that it goes on record as being willing to do what it can to avoid damage to boats and danger or tragic death for those discerning people who have their recreation on the Lake.

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restrained, sometimes with an axe. He it is that rocks the boat; who overloads his craft with men ignorant of the water, with helpless women and innocent children; it is the loud talking individual who, to show off, takes an endless variety of fool risks on the water and actually thinks he is giving an exhibition of personal bravery! It is the chap who runs without lights and even brags about it! It would not matter so much if he alone were to become the victim of his stupid recklessness, but all too often others, entrusting their lives to these criminally reckless chumps are the innocent victims, and once again aching hearts read the staring head lines "Another Drowning Accident."

The competent yachtsman—the man who has spent years on the water, and has weathered many a storm is the modest gentleman who rarely talks about himself. His boat is seaworthy always, and he is not ashamed to take every precaution against accident. He will never be found taking unnecessary risks, and will not permit those with him to do so. He is the man who is first in obeying the law made for his and others protection. Yet when danger threatens, without a thought for his own life, he will do the right thing at the right time, while the reckless bragadocio flounders about in helpless panic.

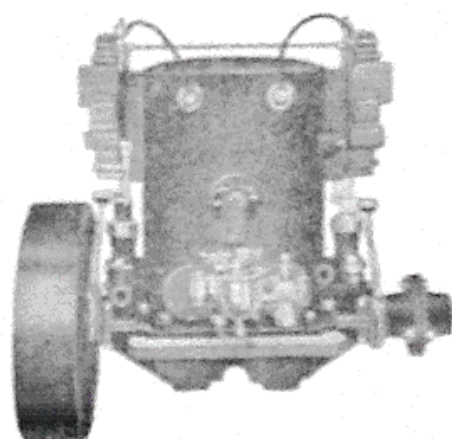
Get two copies of the law from the care taker, if you do not now have them, and if you do not see the sense in properly equipping your boat the federal authorities will cause you to see a great light, and the Erie Yacht Club will help them do it.

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DON'T FORGET THE  
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**THE COMING MONTH.**

Before the next number of "The Pilot" goes to press, the following events are scheduled:

July 15:—Ladies' Day. Capt. E. A. Davis, Chairman.

July 24:—Annual Summer Party at Waldameer. Mr. A. G. Gibson, Chairman.

Aug 5:—Annual Squardon Cruise. Commodore W. L. Morrison, Chairman.

These events are all in the hands of competent energetic committees,

and the members and captains are urged to give each event their enthusiastic support.

For Ladies' Day, Capt. Davis has received an invitation of Hugh C. Lord, Esq., for the entire E. Y. C. fleet to picnic at his summer home, ten miles west of Erie. This furnishes an objective point which is new to most of us and as the distance is not great, most of the boats should be in line. Full details will be announced at the monthly meeting.