April 1967

Every scribbler likes to have an opening paragraph made to order; - so this month's point of departure is the arrival on April 12th of the Norwegian ship "Topsdalfjord" at Port of Erie. The first ship of the season is always accorded ceremony and official welcome--and we are proud that the EYC hosted the luncheon for skipper, crew & local dignitaries. Lou (Skipper of our galley) had expected them the day before--but undismayed--he went right ahead, and arranged for the Ladies to be served downstairs--42 of 'em--while upstairs a multitude of men partook of Lou's buffet. Learned later they were 76 in number. By any arithmetic, that's 118 hungry people served within a 2 hour period, hats off to Lou and especially Terry (who supervised the four extra expert waitresses).

Chairladies, Mary Lukas, Betty DuVze and Lillian Sipple like-wise took it in stride--and the gay Spring centerpieces echoed the brilliant sunshine outdoors, and underlined cooperation within. It was a great day for the old anchorage--and its entire crew. Only Nick could have handled that horseshoe alone; surrounded by a buzzing hive of thirsty females.

And now--welcome home to our Commodore and First Lady--here is his message--:

Hi All:

Boats in the water; taprs disappearing; paint brushes swishing (I was going to FANTOR LAPPEINE), deaks what ghts being repaired and

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replaced (you remember of course, that each dock occupant is responsible for his own 2x4 lining on the dock edges, if he wants any); the drilling rig setting rails; Marty and his crew busy as beavers; Clob House coming to life again: ladies busy planning for their annual Spring Tea; one of our members working on what seems like 2 acres of bottom paint with a 1" scraper---boy, oh boy--all of the activity surely looks good again!

Oh yes! I forgot to mention the new gas dock that is rapidly taking shape. This will be a real addition to our club. Trust that all of us will make good use of it this summer. It will be a Taxaco installation and I understand that we will now be able to accept any major oil company card from visiting boats. This should

be a big help to them.

Talking about the Club House coming to life--as Ye Ed has said, Lou had a real busy day on April 12, with the Ladies' Luncheon and the Port Commission holding a welcoming lunch for the first foreign flag vessel into Erie this year. Both the second deck and the first deck were full to overflowing. Lou did a masterful job of taking care of both groups to everyone's satisfaction.

I hate to say it, but the results from our plea for gifts and/or pledges toward our building fund have been disappointing. This is something we should all have a part in--a lot or a little--as each of us is able; but at least a part. Please give this your serious

consideration and let us hear from you soon.

Ben

April 5th saw Frank Zurn's Kahili in a Club stall--first this season to prove she won't sink; closely following were the Commodore's Flag-ship, My-Way, Lady Fate, Westerly and Tiny Doll 11. Anyone missed will be mentioned next year.

Ladies--your annual May Tea will take place May 4th; reservations by May 1st please. Kd Raimy--who is doing such a fine job on Auxiliary Publicity--will keep you advised via newsprint--call your reservations to Peg Way or Glad Ambro.

Hap Rupert and Fran Schuler are in charge of the Raffle--you have all received your books of tickets to sell or buy--stubs go to Mrs. William Bunce, 2360 Edinboro Road--Julian Krantz who is working with this group is to be thanked for advice, cooperation and special prizes!

Peg Way is operating a Yacht Club Gift Shop in advance of a show-case to come. Many varied and colorful nautical items--such as ditty-bags, ash trays, emblems and jewelry at attractive prices, are available--See Peg.

The next Ladies Luncheon will be on Tuesday June 13th--and The May Log will name the committee in charge.

We are adjusting to our quarters on the 3rd floor--and the equipment therein. Had a great crew assisting last month: Betty Waller, Arline Swanson and Jack and Joan Bierley. Jack, after proving his manual dexterity has come up with mamy appreciated suggestions aimed at improving the efficiency of the Log production crew--thanks again to all--we really need you.

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Have been in touch with Gale Garren via telephone. He and his committee already have the racing schedule prepared for insertion in this issue of the Log, and has offered his personel services to our Phys Ed class on the 3rd floor.

The Auction Committee under Thyl Fourspring and Adeline Clark has worked tirelessly for their success on April 14th. Joan Rierley had a group of ladies tearing clean rags at one end of the lnunge-- (while the May Tea Committee tried to communicate at the other-- after our April lunch)--Ginny McGrane, dubbod this the "sheet slitting group." Ginny always articulates beautifully.

Nice to see Roy and Kay Irwin occasionally. Sorchow the present activity reminds us of those swingin' days back in the 50's when Roy was at the helm.

GENERAL GRANT Annually, the Pinochle group, with great pomp and ceremony celetrates this famed personages natal day--don't miss one of the best darn occasions of the year! Reservations necessary--Attendence limited--you need not be a member of this exclusive group of card sharks. The date is Thursday April 27th.

ERIE YACHT CLUB ANNUAL REGATTA

Co-Chairmen Rich Loesel and Al Rickloff announce that they presently will be starting the following classes: Lightnings-Stars-Thistles-Fire Balls-Rhodes Bantams-OK Dinghies and any other class of five or more boats registering somewhat in advance of the June 3rd and 4th dates. Volunteers are needed for Patrol and Spectator hoats. Guest spectators will be advised in advance that they are expected to provide their own favorite beverages and to wear appropriate foot-wear.

Gale Garren would like to know the where-abouts of Star #77-circa 1916-last heard of in the Erie Yacht Club fleet in 1947--can anyone help?

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Tom Ashton & George Althof are heading a new (to this club) committee, designed to extend the traditional "fit-out" and "dressing of the ship" to our Anchorage stalls. Call Tom at 866-0696 for help-ful suggestions. The aim is to paint-up, set out planters (shades of the French Canadian pulp packets with their flower pots) and get our present hodge-podge of architecture and hand rails into shipshape condition. Judging will be on Fleet Review Day June 24 and prizes awarded.

Again the ubiquitous ice-boaters are in the news, Lou Klahr now fitting-out his DN for Jan. 1968--how far-seeing can one be? And his brethren--Way, Bierley & Coleman ain't recovered from their 1967 bruises!

Phyll Fourspring and committee thank all who helped and donated towards the success of the April 14 Auction--especially to the better than professional Auctioneers.

Jim Taylor says that the Jr. Sailing Committee has set up the 1967 season. Instructor interviews are underway. Program has been scheduled. This year EYC members have priority for their applications until Monday, May 8th. Call Jim Taylor, Boyd Bert or Nat Reyburn. This is your priviledge--Take advantage of it!

From Vice-Commodore Tom McFate: -- "As of this writing the Boat Launching Schedule is running a little behind. Please try your best to adhere to the schedule in order that the Grounds Committee will have ample time for their job of restoration for Opening Day Ceremonies on May 30."

We now retire to conentrate on getting Ginger and Snap launched and sailing-so so-long 'til May 28th keep us posted--in writing please as we'll have no time 'til the last minute--thanks.

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