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COMMODORE'S SQUIB

Well--one month closer to launching time! Almost before we know it the Boating Season will be in full swing. Still we have to make with the paint brushes first -- are they all ready?

Looks as tho the Stick and String boys are headed for a good season, considering the plans that are being made. The Sailing Seminars that have just been announced look most interesting, so much so, that even tho I am a "Stink Boater" I am planning to attend some of them. Any one else?

If you missed the Valentine Party you missed out on a "real happening". Many thanks to Bill (Dr. that is) and Esther Hirsch also John and Pat Heard who were responsible for this good time.

February 15 was a black letter day at the Club. The wind blow, the water rose and when it was all over the place was a shambles.

I sincerely hope that closer inspection will prove that damage to the boats was not as great as it appeared early in the day.

Marty and Whitey are already hard at work repairing the extensive disarrangement to the docks caused by the high water and ice. We are sure that before it is time to use them that these two stalwart men will have all signs of damage erased.

Now to the new House---Bill Brennen and the building committee are hard at work on the final plans. In response to many inquiries Bill is planning the inclusion of an intimate cocktail lounge in addition to an area for regular bar

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service. As originally explained, the plans shown were only to serve as a concept of the general areas to be utilized and are subject to refinement as they are finalized. We know you will all be more than pleased with the final results.

By the way, have you sent in your pledge yet? Please give this your careful attention and be as generous as you can possibly be. Also, the Finance Committee will be more than happy to accept outright gifts as well as the loans you have been requested to make.

One more thing and I am finished, have you been down to the Club recently? Where else in Erie can you get such good food for such a reasonable price? Lou and his crew will be happy to see you and I know your First Mate and Crew would appreciate a dinner out. The Galley is open Wednesday thru Sunday for dinner and also for Sunday Brunch.

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In reviewing the Calendar of Events I find that I am going to miss the St. Patrick Party and the Easter festivities. Unexpectedly I will have to spend the next two weeks in Europe on business, after which the Commodore and Mamadore have a combined pleasure and business trip planned covering the Windward Islands, Venezuela and Florida. We will be back on deck early in April. See you all then.
Ben

Lots of news from the Distaff side this month. (Patience men! they might make a few bucks for our mutual good. Ah-the Ladies! God bless 'em!). Some sixty females turned up Feb. 8th. Nice change for Nick. Chatter, hubub--and absolutely frozen lemon juice! All were upstairs shortly after 1:00 PM for Lou's delicious luncheon. Nice to see Luella JONES, DORCE BEDDO'S, CARY KRUG, HELEN KLAHR and ANITA MAY BRENNAN among the actives. EVELYN JORDAN drove up from Saegertown. Missed PAT MANGAN who was down with flu, and DORIS ANTHOR who produced another son, heir, and sailor on Feb. 12th.

Our Commodore's wife JEAN GINAVER--with the help of JEAN MACIVOR, GALA MCKNIGHT, DEE BRESSLER and RUBY BRISON sent out some 450 cards. The response warrants monthly meetings of the Ladies Auxiliary. The next luncheon will be Thursday--March 9--12:30 for cocktails. Repast promptly at 1:00 PM. ANNIE LODGE, SALLY HILL, and CAROL EICHENBERGER are in charge and those who wish may play cards before or after. Call Annie (833-5443) or Sally (833-5680) with your reservations no later than Monday--March 6th. Those who wish to card sharp, just say so and tables will be set-up in the living room.

Oh yes--a grim financial reminder--uncancelled reservations and empty places must be paid for. At today's prices--and you can't beat Lou's--let's remember courtesy is a two-way street.

When it comes to high finance--we're lost. But PEG MAY says the Gift Shop is in business: sweat shirts and Medallions have been ordered.

Our First Lady says it's no secret: if you order a blazer from BAKER'S for the man in your life--there will be no discount. BUT---BAKER'S will send a check for ten dollars (\$10.00) to the Ladies Auxiliary!

PHYL FOURSPRING and APTLINE CLARK are in charge of the Auction on Friday April 14th at 8:30 PM. Save all nautical gear--no matter how old--life jackets (if still Coast Guard approved), hardware, unused paint, even extra ballast, etcetera. Girls--here's a chance to get rid of some of the junk your husband has hung on to for years! PEG and BOB MAY and JACK BIERLEY will be the auctioneers--need we say more? Come one--come all--sounds like great entertainment. (Members and guests only. This is not a public free-for-all).

Feb. 1st Bob Chambers drew two (2) double pinochles--lost one of the games, and won the other when Don Daly wasn't his partner. Shades of Pinochle--Hey Charlie Baumbach, we could use a couple of those pictures you took last year--a most distinguished group!

February is not yet over but she has already made herself felt by producing the worst Gale of the Winter. The 15th and 16th were days of worry for all of us. Winds blew in gusts up to 85 mph we are told, water and ice rose to a level 3" over the docks when our sometimes maligned cat-walks proved the worth of their design. Thursday AM, the cat-walks had the appearance of a pile of jack-straws in a giant platter; yet because of the flexibility of their construction, most of them were (by the efforts of those noted by our Commodore) back in place by Friday evening; only some of the concrete border docks remained to be replaced. Many thanks to the past efforts of our members and officers who dreamed up and installed these slips--don't complain if they wiggle as you walk--you know a functional wiggle is never to be despised. A few of our members had the "good and bad" (speaking both from a material and a lashing standpoint) portions of their covers sorted out! This included GINGER who was trying to eke out one last season --she'll now have to complete the winter (including Easter) under a cast-off garment from IRIS.

Only the Pinochle group were undisturbed during the storm! Mick (our expert Bartender) reported no change in pace or concentration during the howler!

We see from the predicted water levels published by the US Dept. of the

Army that 1967 will repeat 1966--means no keels in Gravelly Bay again this year.

Don't forget St. Pat's Dance March 18th, Chmn. Eddie Irvin helped by Valerie, and Pat and Bob Manzan promise something special in the way of decorations. Lou has been secretly practicing for his IRISH menu----and there'll be the Blarney Stone too!

Bob Ryberg hosted his annual Game Dinner on Friday Feb. 10th, eight (8) count 'em) half gallons of wine (wow)--and a feast served family style. This Stag affair was a great success, complete with songs, toasts, and the Rupert-Wilcox Combo serenading Lou, Flossie and Terry.

And on Sat. the 11th the club house was dressed in red and white - a great group turned out for the Valentine Dance and traditional raffle of the Teddy Bears and Doll Couples. Credits to the houses of Hirsch and Heard.

Eddie Irvin's son Verne was married Feb. 11th--leaves shortly for his 2nd tour of duty in Viet Nam. Also Peggy Ann Yetman was married Feb. 4th to Bill Kirkpatrick.

That young member of the sailing fleet is about to become engaged--could she be from B?

SOUTHERN CIRCUIT MEETS

March 4-----Lipton Cup
March 6-----Miami Nassau
March 10-----Nassau Cup

Sailing on Jim Rider's STORMY PETERL will be an Erie Yacht Club Crew that brought us fame a year ago--Bob and Peg Hay, Durk Braggins, Dr. Al Benson, Rich Loesel, and Ken Claunch--Good Luck and Fair Winds!

The Ice-Boaters have taken a few clouts from old lady February what with several thaws and freezes; even so this stalwart group of die-hards have gotten in a good bit of time enjoying this fascinating-frightening phase of the sport.

WARNING The House Committee has received a POLICE COMPLAINT that our bar room was occupied after hours! State Law requires that a private club room that includes a bar must be closed and locked ONE (1) hour after the bar service ends. Members who fail to leave within that hour jeopardize our liquor license. Please LEAVE promptly so the night watchman can close down the bar room----thank you----all!

House Committee--Bill Ambro--R. Cmdr.

The helping hands of the FAILERS and the BROOKIES to say nothing of COMODORE and JEAN GIVARD are much appreciated in getting out the LOG. Thanks also to our many contributors.

New member Cass Jackson has asked us to note that his son has a Snipe, complete with two sets of sails and a motor, for sale, phone 527-0404 for details.

Ralph Colclessor, our most peripatetic motor-yachtsman is filling out an

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extremely active retirement as a consultant with "International Executive Services Inc." I understand he's now in Seoul, Korea.

The Log needs a typist--we have the machinery--we need a volunteer!

On Wed. and Thurs. Feb. 15, 16 your club piers were damaged by the ice level rising to cat walk height. Immediately, applied effort toward repairing the damage was started. The Club is responsible for cat walk repair and the repair of the upright 2 x 6 fender planks however, stall renters are responsible for the wood 2 x 4 primeter lining in their own stalls. You may want to do this while the ice is still thick.

Dock Committee

That's all for now folks.

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