



November 30, 1967

Verily - this shall be a winter issue. Might as well have been January! That last week-end in October saw Agnes Rusk typing the stencil for our monthly issue - storm clouds hung low, wind blew raw and wet - sleet stung. Seven tons of Tris were hauled and hosed. Captain Sevin - assisted by Dave Bierig (sailmaker), Dick Amthor and Marty, to name a few - labored mightily. The Honorable John Koedel strode the premises - addressing the elements as though they were judge and jury. The slightly submerged "Caprice Island" was investigated by another intrepid sailing crew - and lo! She went hard aground. The crew prefers that she remain nameless. However - Ye Ed snapped a picture from aboard Marty's Rescue Wagon - for a price, the picture is available.

Next day was clear, cold and sunny - and the garret of our Anchorage saw the Waller's and Rusk's again helping us fold and sort, also Gail Garren and Mother Marsh.

One week later the first Big snow caught many of our vessels still in the water. They hung low on their dock lines -- and the brethren arrived with brooms (ha-ha) and shovels (makeshift) to lighten the load in cockpit and on deck. The Vixen under Commodore Ambro went out for a spin - as did a few others. Truly a day for men!! Those who had hauled-out suffered damage to covers and tarps. So it went throughout the month - haul-out in a hurry! More wind - more snow, etc.

The Turkey Shoot - under Jack Amthor's chairmanship - was held the afternoon of Nov. 11th - among the lucky contestants were Al Lynch and Dick Amthor (skulduggery afoot?)

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The Wagner's were in charge of the dinner and dance that evening. The Press showed up - to photograph Ken and Jackie Welsh and Dick and Betty Waller - who were the only ones suitably attired at that point. (The Yachtsmen were running late - and Kenny set a speed record).

From the Distaff side - some 35 ladies blew in on Thursday, November 2nd - to brighten Nick's day - Annie Lodge brought November roses - Evelyn Jordan and Mary-Lou Fields drove in from out of town - Past Mamadore Jean Ginader was presented an orchid by Mrs. Nina Durst, Mary Gebhart and her mother attended and gave a resume' on Yachting Cook Books - inspired by a group in Holland, Michigan. We missed Jean Rice - who was in New York on business and will be our Style-Show expert. Peg Way will be Gift Shop Chairman - and the raffle of cigarette lighters has gone along famously. Remember our show-case-- put your Christmas gift orders in now!!!! Repeat - all Ladies Auxiliary luncheons to be the FIRST Thursday of each month - next one is December 7th. Call Agnes Rusk, 864-6816 or Bernie Wagner. Lillian Sipple and Betty McFate will be at the door to greet you.

Bill Hirsch and George Sample bagged a moose (in season and legally, I guess) - weighed better than 1000 lbs. I'd hate to have one go after Ginger! We hope the rest of the crew who mix boating with hunting have the same kind of luck. Remember the Game Dinners Jimmy used to throw?

Robert Way, Jr. of the Signal Corps is leaving for a tour of duty in Germany on December 5th.

Capt. Grover C. Farnsworth died recently in Marblehead, Mass. His seagoing and yachting experience surpassed that which most of us will ever see!

Our sympathy also to Joe English and his family on the passing of Mrs. English.

The 73rd Annual Meeting opened promptly at 8 bells beginning the First Watch - with Commodore Ben Ginader presiding.



As a time saver, roll call was eliminated and the slate approved complete by motion...when there is no competition or argument, this is a fine idea.

Only 91 members were present - a poor attendance - especially with an item as important as the new Club House on the agenda. Bids for the new building ran pretty high. Club building committee and Officers reported the approved sum of \$275,000 too low a figure under present conditions. Dave Lund moved the members authorize an increase to \$325,000 ----- granted! Donations and pledges from members for the new Club House have fallen far short of expectations - if we all pull it can make to job easy.

Nick, our famous bartender, along with Martin and Whitey came in for well deserved praise - and no working committee was forgotten.

The Thompson Trophy was awarded to Bob Dodsworth by PC Doug Nagle. Congratulations, Bob!

Harold Ogden, Aux. Race Committee Chairman, reported 14 races started during the season, 13 completed - the stranding of Bluenose thru a fowled anchor off Port Dover - and her subsequent rescue by Canadian divers; and meticulous thanks to all those helping with race committee "chores". The TROPHY DINNER will be held at the Club House Saturday Nite Dec. 9 - call Harold Ogden, 455-5389 for reservations. Dinner at 6:30 PM - reservations to be in by Dec 6th at the latest.

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Greetings! the first from your new Commodore who has been busy these first few weeks learning the ropes from Past Commodore Benj. J. Ginader and the many other so capable Past Officers of this Club. The blessed part of this transition is the firm feel that all these old and wise hands provide when a green skipper comes on deck.

At this late Nov. date a few of the committee posts have been

filled and others we hope to fill soon. But, if there is a particular Club activity in which any member should like to serve, please let me or any officer know about your desire. Good committees are going to be needed to continue Club affairs, especially during the forthcoming building construction authorized by the members.

As 1967 draws to its end amid the swirl of early heavy snow that caught many of us in the water (Vixen's deck furnished snowball ammunition against sightseers at the Public Dock -- no hits tho'), we hope that 1968 will bring an early (warm-Ed) spring. Also, before that year is over we hope to dedicate the new Club House just 73 years after founding of the Erie Yacht Club.

Commodore G. Wm. (Bill) Ambro

Well - it's time to wrap up this issue - with the hope that our bay waters freeze up smooth and black for skaters and ice-boaters. And that reminds us of past winter week-ends when a fire blazed on the Yacht Club hearth - (toasting forks and a mound of hot-dogs, rolls and mustard, hot chocolate and marshmallows for hungry kids. Sometimes chili con carne or corn chowder). Adults then repaired to the bar - secure in conscience about offspring, strong in the knowledge that they too could take on calories before the up-hill drive. How about it - House Committee? Firewood - and a conference with Mrs. Stover - and a winter home at our old Anchorage where basics still obtain?!

Merry Christmas everybody!

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