Sept. 30th 1967

Ahoy there--it's been two months since last we hailed you-two months of sun and wind and storm and sail. The season is drawing to a close--reluctant sailors watch the fiery sun sink into slate
gray water; yesterday the wild geese cried as they bore south over
our land-dwelling. So it's time to read and write and shore-up for
the months ahead. We know we speak for many others when we thank Lou,
Flossy, Dottie and Nick for their friendly attention to out concerns.
Without them our tired old Club-House could scarcely be a home. So
let's kindle a fire on the hearth--and reminisce-----

Harold & Bernie Wagner have sure operated a swinging fun-ship-the last real big binge before the Clam-Bake was the "Night in
Vienna" party. Don't ever miss one of their operations. The ClamBake itself was a sold-out success.

I came down, in fact spent the night aboard Ginger, to be on hand for the finish of the Inter-State race. What a bust! I over-slept--but Aeolus cooperated and I was right on hand to see them come in--as follows: (In order of arrival at the YC anchorage)

lst--Kahili--Erie 2nd Kittiwake--Cleveland 3rd--Masker--Erie 4th--Enigma--Erie 5th--Taunt--Cleveland

Others noted were, but not in order, Stratagem, Vela, Mooncusser,

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Dream, Cheeta, Gaudemus, Merdeka, Ping-po, Himlen, Friday, and many others!

The Chinese Junk, Ding Hao--skippered by Msr. Lumiere gave up attempting to drive to windward to Chicago & the Drainage Canal--returned to Erie en route to the Barge Canal and the inter-coastal waterway for his treck to the South--and eventually to Europe. Capt. Raimy of the yacht Jack Tar expressed doubts her high-fancy stern would clear the Barge Canal obstructions; & Capt. Raimy has been there! Any how, we wish the Ding Hao a pleasant voyage--we didn't see her under sail, but she moved smartly under power. Her accomodations were palatial and her Capt., First Mate & crew delightful.

Commodore Ben and Jean Ginader were missed during their extended cruise to Expo '67 and now we express our sympathy on the loss of Ben's Mother; also to Dick and Betty Waller who suffered a family loss just recently.

OKTOBERFEST Oct. 7 This is a gathering you'll all enjoy!

BEER by the bucket (excuse me--Seidel) Lou's famous German Cooking, and a real German Band! Come, meet your friends IT'LL be a BALL.

The Dave Schulers are in charge and will be happy to sign you up.

Call 833-1659 for your reservation--polish up your steins and bring them with you--see you there.

This yen for an island has sure become a driving force--altho "Caprice Island" is still slightly submerged--it bears SE of the Stink-Hole---cum Swan's Cove. The navigator & crew of Caprice sez they'll start hauling fill over soon and that by 1980 they'll declare independence C All boaters drawing over two feet---beware!

Dick and Betty Waller skippered the Log for us in July while

I was mending my busted leg--this kind of help can't be equalled--

there wasn't even a ream of paper on hand for them! Nor any help with the zoning and sorting. As Red Skelton says--God Bless!

Ah <u>VICTORIA</u>--you intrigue me no end! Number one Son--I salute you--and I commisserate Mssrs. Brugger & Edwards & Yes Tom, she needs wind--but don't rip the canvas--do like I tell you--youhut, afterall, the Buffalo papers dub you the sailing master! (That old cotton isn't meant for the racing circuit it strong winds)

Brother Amthor has (it is rumored) parted with the noble <u>WIND-SWEPT</u>. She will be replaced by a gas-engine-driven Crystal Palace a la the Arabian Nights---such luxury!

Interest is growing in the formation of an MORC (Midget Ocean Racing Class) station for greater Erie. The first race was held on a windy Sunday a couple of weeds ago--Jack Bierley's CAL 25 taking the honors--another race is planned for Sunday Oct 8th.

Lou and Flossie have been busy. On Sept. 29th they handled the Rehearsal Dinner for Mr. Jack Cost and his Bride-to-be. Sept. 30th Marilyn Wagner's sixteenth birthday was celebrated at the Anchorage. That evening the Small Sailboat Trophy Dinner was held; Gail Garren was in charge of this group of assorted members and their racing families. This day also saw the marriage of Eddie Irvin's son Terry-congratulations and best wishes.

Honor has come to Finish Engineering for sure! Loyal <u>Cat-Boater</u> (a member of that distinguished fraternity) John Brodie has now joined their ranks.

The Ladies resume their monthly luncheons on Tuesday Oct. 10th. Call Betty Waller, 455-4332 or Agnes Rusk, 864-6816 for reservations. Nick will be on deck at 12:30--luncheon to be served promptly at 1:00 PM. Or you may come early and get in a few rubbers of bridge.

Ours is not a unique position—as any Yacht Club journalist knows. We have heard tell that "nobody reads the Log anyway" and conversely that "people depend on the Log". Oh well—you can't win 'em all! So, shall we say ours is primarily a rag that reports some of the doings of the Boating Fraternity.?/!@ The Wagners, and others, have faithfully sent out the fliers as to the Club activities—month in and month out. In any event, we might as well be friendly—those who read and those who don't. Or better yet, drop in at the old Anchorage once or twice a week. Get the out—of—season feel of the place. It might grow on you. (We might add that even "in—season" there are many members who do not use Club House facilities. This is their privilege. Let's not knock one of the few freedoms left to individuals. It would be a dull world were we all cast in the same mold.)

Ken Welsh reminds vou all that October is the last month of the Yacht Club fiscal year and that if you desire to vote in the Annual Election, check to see that your Club account is current.

Don't be discouraged by the apparant lack of new club-house

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construction activity. The Architect now has plans out to Contractors for bids, and both the Architect & one Contractor assure us that the new diggings can be housed-in before severe Winter weather hoves in sight.

Marty--Whitey & satellites-who so conscientiously further our hobby all year--will be coming into one of their bi-annual busy seasons soon, haul-out; please help these two hard-working guys by cooperating with them, it will make it easier for all!

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The weather we have had for the past week or so has brought to mind that another boating season has almost come to a close.

Thinking back a bit - while this summer has not been a banner year for out favorite sport, still a large number of our members have reported having some fine cruises.

Expo '67 at Montreal was an attraction and quite a few of our yachts were seen there. We also had a large number of visitors from other yacht clubs who were on their way to or from the fair.

Thanks to our committees we have had a good summer at the Club. An unusually active social calendar, a fine sailing program and an

outstanding Junior Sailing class.

Now that Fall is here, let's not forget our Club. A number of interesting social events are planned which we hope will be well attended. We also hope to see a large number of members using the club between scheduled events.

Ben

Will report Small Boat Fleet results in the October issue--courtesy Gail Garren. And Gail Garren sez:

- O.K. DINGHY GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE HELD OCT 72H & 8TH AT EYC. Frank Russell, as Chairman, expects in excess of 20 boats from Toronto & the South Shore of Lake Erie.
- 'I tried typing this myself--how I miss my typists--I bow to their skill!

So long Cort

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