

### COMMODORE'S REPORT

The 1975 boating year is now pretty much of a happy memory, and it's pleasant to think of the many people and events which made it such a good one. We have had a lot of fun, and the hard work and enthusiasm of many people made it possible. I extend my deepest thanks to the officers, board members and those other good friends whose wonderful help contributed so much to make this such a memorable year for me. And to mention one name, thanks to my wife Marilyn, whose aid was invaluable.

The club is in good shape physically, financially and in membership. We have continued to develop our physical facilities on the docks, the grounds and in the clubhouse. Our financial structure has enabled us to do this while still managing to cope with inflation and rising costs; and a steady growth in membership shows that the EYC is a very attractive place from which to enjoy yachting. Yachts of the EYC racing fleet have earned excellent records both locally and around the Great Lakes and beyond.

It has been both a great pleasure and a great honor to have served as Commodore of the Erie Yacht Club for this year, and I regard this as the high point of my yachting activity which started many years ago.

To Dick Gorny, who will succeed me, I give my most sincere wish that you may have as wonderful a season as I have had.

Dick Amthor

ANNUAL MEETING  
Friday, November 21, 1975  
8:00 p.m. Sharp!  
Regular Members Only



### VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The 1975 season is all too quickly coming to an end. Marty and crew are hustling to get all the boats out before the snow comes flying across the bay.

Due to the excellent co-operation of club members, stall assignments and re-assignments proceeded with only a few minor hitches. The new stalls on the north pier were filled as rapidly as Miller and crew completed them. The only difficult stall assignment that I leave my successor is for the new SWAN 47 SYNDICATE of which Bill Ambro is chairman, Don Lasher is treasurer, and Larry Longo is Godfather. Do return your stall request forms early in order to expedite stall assignments next season.

The small boat ramp is being completed on the east fill. This will alleviate the congestion in the east basin and channel entrance especially during sailing regattas. The ramp can be used by both sail and small power boats.

With the high density of boats stored on the grounds this year, a note of caution is in order regarding the use of electrical power. A fire due to the careless use of lights, heaters, battery chargers, etc. would be disastrous, resulting not only in a loss of property, but possibly loss of life as well.

Richard Gorny



### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

We have made considerable progress and great effort to improve the Yacht Club Facility for the membership.

1. We have re-worked the sound system, and it works.
2. We have contracted with Musak to give us continuous music in our Yacht Club of varying moods which give us pleasant background full time.
3. We are finishing the decor of the Club in our bar re-modeling, and this should be a welcome addition to our already pleasant surroundings.
4. Our Ladie's Auxiliary has spruced up the Ladies' Head with a complete renovation at their expense. For this, we thank the ladies.
5. We have renovated the Lobby, putting our fine display cases where they can be seen by all people, visitors as well as members.
6. As you can see, we are starting to install the pictures of Past Commodores on the bulkhead in the Lobby, which we think is a welcome addition.
7. We have renovated the Board Room and added drapes, and offer to hang on the wall any pictures of any current boats if their owners will provide them. Those already donated have been installed, and we find much interest in this.
8. We have painted all the hardware, and the necessary painting on the outside of the Club House.
9. We have attempted to take steps to improve our heating and cooling system, although this is not quite complete.
10. We have added a large television set to the bar area for the pleasure of our members who wish to watch fall sports events.



11. We have done all this on a "cash as you go" basis, without incurring any additional debt. This should keep us in a very strong financial position.
12. We have installed a new Galley Manager and Chef, Mr. Frank Serbati, who is rapidly updating our food operation.

Dave Schuler



### FLEET CAPTAINS COMMENTS

Well, another great boating season is winding down; Marty and crew are at their busiest now, hauling and placing boats for the winter. Covers are going on, and our basin is slowly but surely taking on that deserted look. Still, the approaching Holiday Season (can it possibly be that close to Christmas already?) promises enough activity to keep the place humming, so plan to come down and join in.

The new tree recently planted at the northwest corner of the clubhouse lawn is a much-appreciated gift from the Ladies Auxiliary of the United States Power Squadron. The Yacht Club is indebted to you Ladies for this fine addition, as well as for the countless other services you have provided through the years. Thank you.

This has been a rewarding year for me, as your Fleet Captain. I want to express my gratitude for the tremendous help and cooperation I received from everyone; the other officers, the directors the employees and the entire membership and especially my wife, Betty, without whose help I could not have attempted it.

The one dark cloud for me this year has been the trials and tribulations involving the new gate system. Initially scheduled for operation in July, it has been plagued with a series of electrical and mechanical problems which have kept it inoperative most of the time. I know it is a matter of concern to the membership — it is a frustration for your board. Both the manufacturer and the installer have been working diligently to correct the problems, however, and the patience and understanding you have shown is sincerely appreciated.

All in all, it has been a good season. Our boat isn't even out of the water yet, and I'm already thinking about next spring.

Dick Waller



With this issue my term as editor of "The Log" comes to an end. How quickly a year shoots by!

But what a year it has been -- the weather was generally good, the club functions were well attended and the spirit of fellowship deepened, as was our Commodore's hope for this year. It was especially nice to see many new people involved in our varied activities.

For all the contributors to this publication throughout the year, my heartfelt thanks. Special mention simply must be made regarding the many fine photographs which Sylvia Burdick so generously and cooperatively supplied. Without her assistance "The Log" would have been a much drabber newsletter.

Also, a toast to Dorothy and Frank Knauer for all their tidbits of news via the Scuttlebutt article, and to George Sipple for several articles from the past. Special thanks to the club officers for their articles, which help all of us keep abreast of developments throughout the year.

Last, but most certainly not least, I wish to thank Marilyn Amthor for the many fine articles submitted regarding the Auxiliary's activities and her many pertinent suggestions for "The Log". She has been a marvelous "First Lady" to work with.

Let's see a large turnout of our regular members for the Annual Meeting on November 21st and best wishes to all the new officers and directors who will guide us next year.

Dick Swanson

### TO THE LADIES'



All good things come to an end and for me a busy, successful and most rewarding year as President of the E.Y.C. Auxiliary has come to pass. It was a good year for the auxiliary with many women taking an active part in our social functions. The attendance at the monthly luncheons was outstanding. Our Annual Spring Tea, our social event of the year happened because of the efforts and enthusiasm of so many of our members. Opening Day found us not only blessed with sunny skies but again some forty willing and energetic auxiliary members on hand to receive your sandwiches and serve the membership in the traditional E.Y.C. fashion. The gift shop was a successful and profitable operation with sales soaring like a kite on a windy day. We helped in purchasing the attractive folding chairs so greatly needed for social functions. It was a joy working with such co-operative officers Olga Gorny, Fran Schuler, Betty Waller, and treasurer Ellie

Matts. I valued the advice and help I received from my advisors Helen Good and Jackie Welsh, Our Super Salesgirls, Marj Behr, Chairman, Betty Waller and Barbara in the office did a great job mind-ing the gift cases. Our telephone committee for the luncheons, Barbara Althof, Jan Cook, Marjorie Neuss, Dorothy Knauer, Bernie Wagner, Mary Kennedy, Joan Virgilio, Helen Fuhrman and Marilyn Reno did an outstanding job keeping the phones ringing each month. Others who assisted me with the luncheons were Sue Calvano, Flora Sarver and Marnie Preston, our publicity chairman, Tania Hanlin, spent many hours at the newspaper getting us great publicity for our social affairs.

A special THANK YOU to our manager, Ken Welsh who was always there when I needed his advice or assistance. My thanks and gratitude to all of you and to those who supported me this past year. "The reward of a thing well done is to have done it". You have done it! I wish Olga Gorny much success and smooth sailing in the coming year.

Marilyn Amthor  
Auxiliary President

E.Y.C. Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon

Wednesday, December 3rd

Guest -- Jan Jenks'

from

"The Gallery" Florist  
with

Tips and Ideas For Holiday Decorations

### OUR NEW CHEF



Have you been down to the club to meet our new chef -- newest addition to our staff? He is Frank Serbati. With a distinguished background of twenty-seven years in the fine food arts, he is in addition to an American foods chef, a gourmet chef of European and Near East delicacies -- We hope Mr. Frank you will try these on us soon!

Mr. Serbati, attended the Los Angeles Technical Trade College in California, where he received his apprentice training - and since then has been employed and attracted recognition at the Statler Hotels in Los Angeles and Cleveland, the Ambassador Hotel (Cocoanut Grove) in L.A., and the Sands in Youngstown. He was formerly at the Holiday Inn South, as food and beverage director for 10 years.

Mr. Serbati we welcome you to the Erie Yacht Club.



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Donation \$2.00

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In his life time Byron, an accomplished artist, one of his many talents, painted many, many lovely watercolors, mostly of the sea he has always loved, but also a collection of many other scenes. These Byron has decided he would like to sell and donate half the proceeds to his favorite charities. Now we of the Yacht Club, with our friends, who are also invited, will have the opportunity to obtain one. Look for Marilyn Amthor or Tania Hanlin, they are in charge of the sale.

A great evening has been planned to honor Byron, a proud man of his many arts. If you didn't know - in his own words he has been everything in his life time from a hoboe to a sailor, musician, artist, actor, playwright, and professionally an architect.

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As a musician, another life time love, he played in the John Wanamaker sponsored Philadelphia Symphony, and the Erie Philharmonic under John Metcalf. Also played in a number of string quartets and trios, one of which he still joins every Tuesday night at the home of Vilma Lohr. Cello is his instrument.

Besides a musician he was in the Theater, both as an actor, a play write, and also writing lyrics for songs - working both at the old Park Opera House and at the Erie Playhouse under H.B. Vincent.

Saturday eve we will have the opportunity to be entertained with a scene from his melodrama, the humorous, hilarious "Emma, the Light Keepers Daughter", with at this writing, Dave Sample and Peggy Way taking the leads - also our own "E.Y.C. Chanteymen" will sing some of Byron's "Nautical Songs".

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Architectual work was one of his professions, in which he developed a great reputation for church designs. But watercolor painting has always been a favorite avocation, which he worked at when ever the time would allow.

And this collection is what on Saturday we and our friends that we wish to bring may have an opportunity to buy. All the paintings have been matted by La Salle Padden at his Wesleyville Store. Look for Marilyn or Tania.

So come early and view the collection and chat with Byron.

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See you then, says Durk Braggins, chairman.

Sylvia Burdick

**CLASS BOAT FLEET**

The Class Boat Fleet Annual Awards Dinner was held Saturday evening, October 26th with many awards being given.

The coveted "Gail Garren Perpetual Trophy" presented by the Highlander Fleet in honor of Gail for his many years of contribution to the Class Boat Fleet to be awarded to the outstanding person or persons of the fleet went to Bruce Raimey, for his outstanding consistant racing performance for the season.

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Bruce Raimey, receiving the "Gordon Altman Memorial Trophy" in his Laser No. 9353 was the overall winner with class winners Judy Johnson, Thistle and Henry Amthor, Fire Ball.

Bob Bailey, overall winner in his Thistle No. 3009 was awarded the "Robert Sternberg Memorial Trophy" with Clarke Kuebler taking the Lightning Class and Rich Loesel, the Laser.

This year a new procedure was enacted. Winners of races were awarded just one large trophy with all accomplishments engraved on it, instead of small individual trophies for each class.

Receiving awards were, Mark Santia, Dave Loesel, Don Peet, Bill Lasher, Walt Berteaux, Bill Ambro, Karen Stolley, Vicky Underhill, and Walter Schroth.

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For the newer members of our Yacht Club family, who may not be familiar with the origins of the Pinochle Club, the following capsule history is taken from a report made by Byron "Skipper" Cooley to the group in 1971.

#### THE PINOCHLE CLUB IT'S HISTORY AND CUSTOMS

The Pinochle Club came into being in 1938. The original group consisted of Gus Sopp, Andy Shafer, Al Panitzhe, Eben Gunnison, Charley Nier, Danny Ryan, Charley Olsen, Homer Coleman and yours truly.

It is modeled after a club that Gus Sopp belonged to in South Erie. This Club played in a shack belonging to a widow. They met on Sunday afternoons and weekly dues were \$.25. At the end of the season they blew the proceeds on a final party, a chicken dinner prepared by the widow, and beer was served. I might mention the brew but "Uncle Jackson" may be listening.

The Pinochle Club is not an official activity of the Yacht Club but rather an independent effort of the members. However, the Yacht Club looks with favor on our organization and has housed it these many years, for which we are grateful. We hope this arrangement will continue.

No less than nine (9) Commodores have "sat-in" with us when their duties have permitted.

As our Club has proceeded on its merry way, certain arrangements have been adopted by mutual consent, such as:

Gambling is not encouraged. In the past, gambling at the Yacht Club has led to unfriendly relations and that we don't want. However, if anyone wants to bet a beer on a game, the police will look the other way.

The teaming of "pinochle sharks" was found undesirable and such teams are discouraged. (One guy couldn't take it and quit us). For this reason we change partners after each game, unless perhaps it is a bad night and only one table is playing.

Standings are kept on individual scores.

Dues are \$.50 per week until enough money is taken in to assure a successful Spring Banquet. Our banquets are rather jolly affairs and many attend who don't play cards. If, however, a player does not intend to be at the banquet, no dues are required.

The Pinochle Club, by vote, does not encourage lady members, 'tho the gals are more than welcome at the Annual Banquet which is, in effect, Ladies' night.

Again it is our custom for a defeated team to drop out of the next game. This gives an opportunity for those to start who may be awaiting an opening or others who have been defeated, to start again.

We hope our customs will be respected, as far as possible, because we feel they have contributed to the success of the Pinochle Club.

We have no fixed hours. Come when you can and stay 'til the place closes, if you wish. Mark score cards showing the name of the players clearly and leave the score sheet at the bar.

## THE COMMODORE'S BALL

Soft candlelight, ladies resplendent in long beautiful gowns, pleasant waitresses mingling through the crowd serving cocktails and hot and cold snacks before dinner, the stunning new canopy over the bar being seen by most for the first time, officers and past commodores in their snappy formal uniforms, a delicious dinner featuring Rock Cornish Game Hens stuffed with wild rice as the entree, glassfuls of nose-tickling champagne with the dinner, well deserved toasts to many individuals present, flaming Cherries Jubilee for dessert, lovely music for listening or dancing, chatting with friends about the fine year we've had at the club -- these are the memories of this year's Commodore's Ball.

Setting the tone for this beautiful evening were the magnificent decorations, especially the huge cornucopia of fall flowers and plants in the entry foyer, so tastefully arranged by Flora and Dick

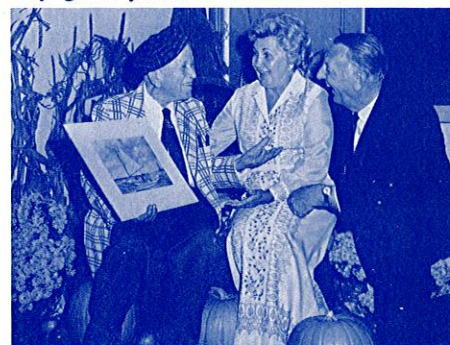
Sarver. Also, courtesy of the Sarvers, each table in the dining room had ceramic pumpkins on it, which the ladies present could take with them as a memento of the evening.

Special "toasts" were made to our present Commodore and his wife for an outstanding year of service, to the incoming Commodore, his wife and his bridge for an equally good year, to the Past Commodores present, to Bob and Charlotte Heinrich for their excellent service as entertainment committee chairmen, to Durk Braggins for his wonderful "mini-parties", to the Sarvers for the lovely decorations, to Byron Cooley for his years of service and dedication to the club and to the new chef and his staff for an excellently prepared and served meal.

All in all one can only conclude by saying that it was a sparkling evening properly culminating, like fine wine, "a very good year!"



Jo Dodsworth, Ken Welsh, Jackie Welsh, and Bob Dodsworth



"Skipper" Byron Cooley, Flora Sarver, and Durk Braggins.



Nat Reyburn, Gail Garren, Rear Admiral Charles Curtze  
Myra Reyburn, Mrs. Curtze, and Mrs. Garren - seated



Bill Robertson, Charlotte Heinrich, Bob Heinrich, and Agnes Robertson



Commodore and wife -  
Marilyn & Dick Amthor

## OUR ERIE YACHT CLUB MADE KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY BY OUR E. Y. C. SAILORS

Greg Gorny won a second place out of 119 boats competing in the "Laser Canadian National Championship" in Montreal.

John Damcott, Jack Bierley, and Greg Gorny won the "Highlander Great Lakes Championship" in Buffalo, then the same team traveled to Charlotte, N.C. to win the "Piedmont Pipers and Puckers Regatta".

Henry Amthor and Chuck Klaunch sailed Henry's Fire Ball No. 6609, to a second place in the "Lake Carlyle Regatta", in Illinois, then Henry went on to win the "Port Clinton Regatta" in Ohio.

CONGRATULATIONS boys, we are proud of you!!!

Sylvia Burdick





## MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Jim and Joyce Schuler

Do I hear 28,500? --- 29,000? ---  
30,000? --- 30 thousand dollars??!!

On September 27th, the Erie Yacht Club was transformed into the Yacht Club Casino for the 1st Monte Carlo Night. The evening's festivities began at 8:00 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. At 8:30, the game tables opened and an air of excitement existed as the Casino became crowded with "gamblers". A buffet was served at 11:00 p.m. and the highlight of the evening began at midnight. Dick Swanson did a fantastic job as the auctioneer and everyone bid away all their hard earned winnings on prizes donated by fellow yachtsmen. At 2:30 a.m., the last gift was auctioned off and a fun-filled evening came to a close.

A special thanks is extended to: Kerry and Peggy Schwab, Marj and Bill Behr, Carolee Getz and Doris Veihdeffer for all their extra hours and support.

We would also like to thank the following people and businesses for their contributions to the auction.

Alan & Morril Bauman — Bauman Carpets  
Bill Behr  
Attorney Bentz  
Bill Beyer — Beyers Jewelers  
Fritz Busse — Seaway Electric  
Chuck Carlson — Ben Fresch Volkswagen  
Dr. Donald Davey  
Dr. Drumheller  
Dr. Richard Eisenberg  
Denny Goetz & Gary Hanlin —  
City Auto Parts

Mike Griffin — Sailyard, Ltd.  
John Hargartner — A.B. Dick  
Frank Knauer — Knauer Office Supply  
Dr. Donald Lasher  
Dr. Robert Lasher  
John Lepkowski — Bianchi Lincoln-Mercury  
Mr. Magenau Jr. — Koehler Brewing Co.  
Jim McBrier — McBrier Paints  
Don Newberry — Colony Inn  
Wes Plumptre — Plumptre Buick  
Lou Porreco — Porreco Motors  
Rollie Rank — Dahl Motors  
Hal Reno — Reno Cheverolet  
Fred Reymore — Office Machines

Dave Schuler  
Jack Schultz — John V. Schultz Co.  
Elaine & Klem Schwab — Bel Aire Motels  
& Four Seasons Boutique  
George Sipple — Sipple Radio  
Don Smith — Smith's Hardware  
Dr. Albert Starr  
Jack Tate  
Dr. Walter Veihdeffer  
Robert B. Way  
Alan Wexler  
Dr. Ronald Zieziula  
Frank Zurn — Zurn Industries

## 1975 ERIE YACHT CLUB DIRECTORY

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

COMMODORE - Richard Amthor (Supervision All Areas) . . . . .	866-2392
VICE COMMODORE - Richard Gorny (Dock Assignment, Maint.) . . . . .	864-2100
REAR COMMODORE - David Schuler (House, Bar, Galley) . . . . .	833-1659
FLEET CAPTAIN - Dick Waller (Roads, Grounds, Security) . . . . .	455-4332
GENERAL MANAGER - Kenneth Welsh (Active Management All Areas) . . . . .	453-4931
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