



Nearly all readers of *The Log* will recall the little ditty which most of us learned as children:

*One bright day in the middle of night,
Two dead boys got up to fight.
Back to back they faced one another,
Drew their swords and shot each other.
A deaf policeman heard the noise,
And came and shot the two dead boys!*

May I offer a paraphrase which I hope won't gag anyone - a poet I'm not.

*One mighty bright December night,
When last year's editor was slightly tight,
Our illustrious Commodore, Gorny's his name,
Caught your's truly while feeling no pain,
So here I am again, your Log to edit -
Even tho sober, I'll deny I ever sed it!*

May '76 be the best for every one of our members, and just one plug for *The Log* - Those of you who are asked to submit articles, please get them in on time! Deadline for the March issue will be Sunday, February 29. Be seeing you again near the ideo of March.

Dick Swanson

BYRON'S SALE AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENING ENJOYED BY LARGE TURNOUT OF ART BUFFS



Checking the tally on the "Silent Auction" board during the Sale.



REAR COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The annual meeting and change-of-watch are behind us for another year, as well as the bulk of the holiday season. I hesitate to use the word "bulk" because it reminds me of the misfortune that has befallen my waistline the last couple of months, and now that the gorge -(ous) holidays are past, I must settle down and lose those (expletive deleted) extra pounds I've accumulated since Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, the fine food which our chef, Frank Serbati, is serving these days is not conducive to slimming down. Those

of you who have not tried our galley lately are missing out on some excellent cuisine, so come on down and give it a try.

The redecorating of the clubhouse bar area is substantially complete. Being in charge of the house this year, I would like to be able to take credit for this project; however the truth is that it was accomplished largely through the efforts of my predecessor, Dave Schuler. Congratulations, Dave, on a job well done. I hope we will be able to do something comparable in the dining room this year.

A new clubhouse cleaning staff has been retained, and the improvements are already discernable. It will take some time for them to return things to their proper condition, however they are making good progress.

In the past, some of the members have occasionally wondered what a manager like Ken Welsh finds to do to keep busy all day. Since Ken has been in the hospital these past several days, your officers have discovered some of the countless things he did so quietly that we took them for granted. I know I speak for all of them, as well as the entire membership, when I say, "Hurry back, Ken. We need you."



Durker Braggins, Co-chairman with Marilyn Amthor, at Byron's Sale, receiving painting that he donated to the Club.



Charlotte Behrens, Alan Bauman and Dave Sample star in Byron's classic, "Emma, the Lightkeepers Daughter."



E.Y.C. choristers warbling like nightingales include Dick Amthor, Dave Sample, Dave Preston, Gus Neuss, Dick Weinheimer, Ben Ginader, Hud Shank and Charles Walker.



Various members viewing "Skipper's" many lovely paintings before the sale.

SCUTTLEBUTT

By

Dorothy & Frank

As this column is being written, there are several inches of snow on the ground and the bay is covered with ice. The anticipation of a possible good winter of ice boating is enough to start the adrenaline flowing in any ice jockey. You will find a few of us that would just as soon enjoy the warmth of a cozy fire, wasting away the winter months dreaming of a warm sunny May when we can rip off the covers in preparation for a season of open waters. Of course, there are always a few who can't wait and disappear to warmer climates like the Don Smiths to Florida and Vice Commodore and Mrs. Schuler holidaying at their Alabama hide-away. But right now our thoughts are with the members who have little choice as to where they may be at this moment. We pray that all will be recovered by the time this LOG comes off the press: Pat Sheeran scheduled to enter Doctors Osteopathic Hospital; Bob Way in California not completely recovered from a serious operation; Ken Welsh remaining in St. Vincent's following surgery; and Ken Eckerd at Hamot Medical Center. May recuperation be speedy and we see all back soon at the Club.

The senior Filips are patiently awaiting the arrival of their first grandchild who may have screamed his or her entrance into a new world before reading time. The best kind of ice to Mickey Cook is that which is worn on a finger and a beauty it tis. The lucky fellow eager to make it a team is Dave Loesel, son of Past Commodore Rich Loesel. Congratulations!

Surviving the holidays is quite a task for some, what with the many private parties and club functions. The Club's New Year's Party was a great success, but lacking a good size crowd to enjoy it. Everything that Rose and Ken Renz put their collective minds to accomplish usually turns out to be outstanding and that is just what the decorations were on the eve of a new year. A bicentennial theme embellished the still remaining Christmas trimmings. It all looked so lovely.

Hope Santa Claus has his C. B. radio open so Dave Preston, Harold "Red" Wagner, George Althof and Don Smith can thank him for leaving C. B. "toys" under their Christmas trees. It will be interesting to hear the radio monikers that these fellows come up with. It's THE thing to become airway chatter bugs.

If you haven't been to the Club since the bar area renovation, you're missing a good thing. The fireplace adds the homey-cozy touch, but be careful the atmosphere is so enticing it may drive you to drink . . . isn't that what the bar is for?

CHRISTMAS PARTY CHARMS LARGE CROWD

A sellout crowd enjoyed the annual Christmas Party on December 20th at the Yacht Club. Art and Helen Fuhrman assisted by Garrett and Peggy Fuhrman were responsible for the festive yuletide decorations which enhanced the evenings festivities.



John and Marilyn Hargather, Lill and Abe Baker, Hal and Dorothy Bush, Ralph and Doris Heard among the crowd enjoying Christmas Party.



Fred (Santa) Reymore with his two pretty elves (?) Marj Behr and Marion Benton.



Commodore and Mrs. Gorny, Rear Commodore and Mrs. Waller with happy smiles at the party.

BRIGHT BICENTENNIAL THEME BRINGS '76 BOUNDING IN

That able couple, Ken and Rose Renz did it again! They ushered in the Bicentennial New Year with appropriate decorations at the New Year's Eve Party.

Many of those attending the party came early for dinner, and all attested to their meals being outstanding. As the hours swept on, the late revelers joined the dinner crowd until all the tables in the dining room were full. Champagne corks were ricocheting off the ceiling all evening, to be joined from 11:30 on with a cacaphony of grinders, rattles, horns and streamers which reached a crescendo at midnight.

Spirited music and dancing filled most of the hours between 9:00 PM and 1:00 AM, followed by a delicious breakfast served buffet style in the lobby.

Happy thanks from all who attended this gala party to the Renz' for their (as always) excellent job of heading up this fun-filled event.

HUNDREDS ENJOY

NEW YEAR'S DAY GROG

The annual New Year's Day Tom 'n Jerry fete was again well attended by the club members. As the officers serve the tantalizing hot libation and offer greetings for the New Year, those behind the scene putting it all together under the able direction of Chet Curriden are Gib Loesel, Jim McKnight and Marty Pomorski. Manager Ken Welsh usually also assists in the preparation of the Tom 'n Jerrys but was unable to be present this year due to his hospitalization.

The amiable chatter that fills the club during these three hours attests to the special charm that this annual event holds for the members of E. Y. C.

As for many years past, Chet Curriden's marvelous recipe for the batter resulted once again in the very best Tom 'n Jerrys ever tasted.



FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

As we enter into Bicentennial 1976 let me first express my appreciation for the honor of being elected your new Fleet Captain. I realize I have some pretty big shoes to fill and I'll certainly give it my best effort.

Many good things should and can be done at the EYC if there continues to be the great cooperative attitude that has been so evident within this "Greatest Yacht Club" on the Great Lakes.

I hope everyone had as great a holiday Season as the Cook family did and may 1976 be the best yet for all. The next event scheduled at the club is the Champagne Dinner Dance on January 24th. Let's make it a sell-out as usual.

My good wife "Jan" and I are anticipating a great year aboard our summer home - the good ship "Cooky-Cutter" and I hope for all boaters the greatest season ever.

Paul E. Cook Fleet Captain

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ARROW FLEET HOPES FOR GOOD SEASON

On Sunday, Jan. 11 the Arrow Ice Boat Fleet held orginalational meeting, electing Dick Swanson as Fleet Captain, "Perky" Pundt as Assistant Fleet Captain, Tom Gus-tin as Safety Officer and Audrey Brown as Secretary-Treasurer.

Plans were made to build a runner sharpener for the use of the paid-up members of the fleet, with George Sipple donating a belt sander, Dave Preston designing the jig, with John Hall and Steve Yettman helping assemble the whole device. Fred Curtze offered to make belts available at cost as did Dave Schuler.

First races (singles) are scheduled for Sat., Jan. 24th at Noon, with Sunday as a back-up day in case of bad ice, wind or weather. Other races to follow on succeeding Saturdays at Noon.

Anyone interested in purchasing an Arrow Ice Boat or a share of one should contact the following. For sole ownership of a good used boat, see "Perky" Pundt, for a 1/2 share interest in one see Clarence Skinner, or for 1/3 share interest see Bob Berg or Jim Partridge.

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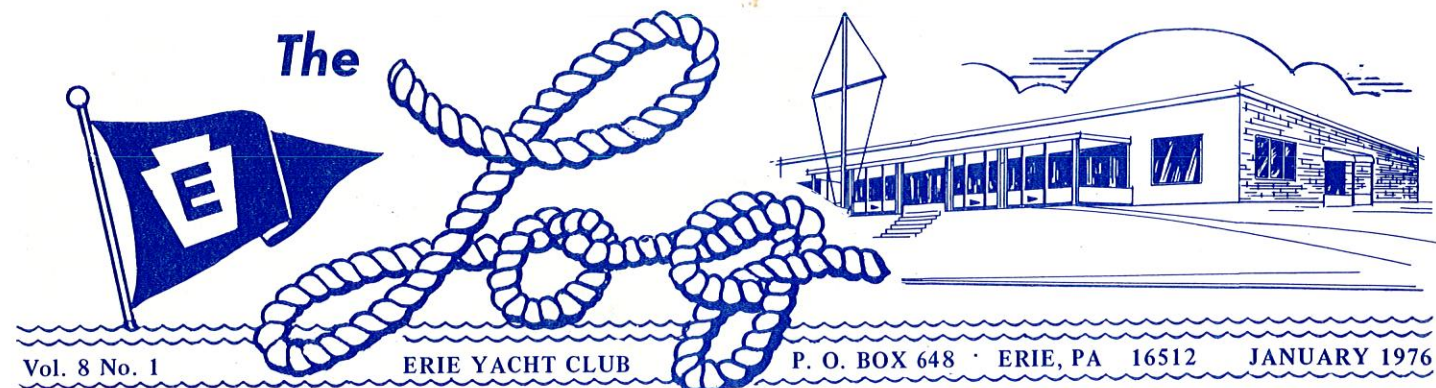
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

GREETINGS

I am very honored to serve as Commodore of the Erie Yacht Club during the Bicentennial year of our country. My most sincere desire is to be a worthy successor to my predecessor, Past Commodore Richard Amthor. With the able assistance of Vice Commodore David Schuler, Rear Commodore Richard Waller, Fleet Captain Paul Cook and the extremely capable Board of Directors, I am positive the Erie Yacht Club will have a banner year.

In this, the Bicentennial year of our country, we should more than ever be grateful that we are citizens of the United States, and by the same token members of the Erie Yacht Club.

As we are all well aware, the building of the United States of America was not accomplished by any one individual, but by a multitude of earnest, sincere, hard-working individuals pulling together over the last two hundred years.

In much the same manner, the Erie Yacht Club, chartered in 1895, has developed into the finest facility on the Great Lakes. It would be impossible to estimate the number of hours of work and amount

of money and material goods donated by members to further the progress of the Erie Yacht Club.

The final payment of \$10,100.00 was made in December to members who unselfishly loaned the club \$50,000.00 eight years ago, INTEREST FREE. We all owe a debt of gratitude to these members and all of the other hard working members who made our present clubhouse and yacht basin possible.

With the completion of the bar and cocktail lounge, and the fine fare of our new Chef, we hope to see many of you enjoying the excellent facilities of your club this winter, awaiting the day to remove those winter covers.

Let's gather a few friends around the new fireplace and spin a couple of tall tales of last years pleasant cruises and hard fought races.

Richard J. Gorny

NEXT LADIES FETE ANNOUNCED

EYC Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon February 4th. A social hour will precede the Lunch followed by a short business meeting. Make your reservations with Marilyn Amthor 866-2392.

CHAMPAGNE DINNER DANCE SCHEDULED

Tinkling glasses, soft lights, mood music and gay laughter will fill the Yacht Club on Saturday, January 24, 1976 as the members begin the new year with the traditional Champagne Dinner Dance. This year promises an evening to long remem-

The annual meeting, held on Nov. 21 brought out a record crowd of members. The meeting flowed smoothly as the various officers and committee chairpersons gave their reports.

All reports indicated a successful year in 1975, with debt reduction moving on schedule, many major improvements undertaken during the year without incurring any additional debt and membership reaching an all-time high. No controversies arose this year and the meeting sped along to a swift adjournment.

Among contested races, Paul Cook won the election as Fleet Captain, while Frank Knauer and Bruce Raimy scored wins in the Director's contest.

Thanks were extended to all officers, directors, chairpersons and many others who served the club so loyally during the year by Commodore Richard Amthor before he turned over the gavel to incoming Commodore Richard Gorny.

Just before adjournment all the members rose in silent prayer for Past Commodore Robert Way who was undergoing major surgery at that time.

Following the meeting beer and sandwiches were served to those in attendance.

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