

COMMODORE'S REPORT



It is with deep regret that I note the passing of three of our Past Commodores, two in November within the short span of one week. Roy Irwin, Morrill Baumann and Durker Braggins served the Club well and will be missed by all of us. My sympathy and that of all EYC members is extended to these Past Commodores' ladies and their families.

As a summation of the 1978 Annual Meeting is included elsewhere in this issue of the *Log*, let me comment only that this year's meeting was noteworthy for its decorum. May the 1979 conclave be equally kind to the Commodore. Both my wife, Marjorie, and I will work toward

ensuring that this will occur.

We are fortunate to be members of the finest Yacht Club on the Great Lakes and possibly in the nation. Recognizing this, a significant item in our 1979 program is the encouraging of all of our membership to frequent the Club and to utilize more fully its facilities. All Flag Officers have been challenged to so conduct their areas of Club responsibility so that this occurs.

Working also to achieve this improved member/Club relationship are several dedicated committee persons. Entertainment, chaired by Bob and Guthrie Pratt, has already staged a top-notch Christmas Dinner Dance, handled commendably by their co-chairmen Jack and Rosemarie Marshall and Herb and Maureen Phifer. The New Year's Eve Party, co-chaired by the Bill Behrs and the Frank Knauers, is presently in the ticket sale stage.

The *Log* this year will be capably compiled by Editor Jim Owen. Jim, responsible for many years for the publication of the Erie Power Squadron "Scupper", is also a contributor to the USPS National magazine "Ensign". Frank Knauer continues as chairman of the Swimming Pool Committee; John

Damcott heads Long Range Planning, and Bill Behr will handle the membership and publicity positions. PC Ben Ginader has agreed to be the EYC representative to the Interlake Yachting Association. PC George Sipple continues as our Club historian.

To provide a continuing communication between the Board of Directors and certain key EYC groups, the following Board Members have been given the liaison assignments as shown. Each is to report at the monthly meeting of the Board:

Junior Sailing - Jack Schultz
Class & Dry Sailors - John Damcott
P.E.R.F. Fleet - John Finn
M.O.R.C. Fleet - Howard Miskill
Swimming Pool - Harold Bush
and Jack Schultz

So that your officers, Board Members and various committees can achieve optimum results in their EYC performance areas, I ask all of you, as Club members, to continue your assistance to them. Your cooperative participation in your Club's actions and activities will further enhance our "Best Yacht Club" status.

Gus Neuss, Commodore

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



As most members know each officer now has a new duty. I would like to thank Past Commodore Richard E. Waller for his help and guidance during my fledgling year as Fleet Captain in charge of grounds. As I am now in charge of the house and for only one month, I don't

really have much to say. Clem Schwab, I feel has done a fine job, and we can say, left the house in good order.

We have contacted many members to be a part of the house committee and to date have the following: Glen Malloy, John Ashby, Jim Piersol, Kerry Schwab, Art Althoff, Pat Sherran, George Rose, Paul Brugger, and the Ladies Auxiliary will have a representative.

We have tried to select a good cross section, to represent all members. Feel free to contact any of the above mentioned, for suggestions or complaints, regarding the house.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR to all and men don't forget the party at the Club on New Years day.

Fred H. Reymore
Rear Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I would like to thank Fred Reymore for taking the time to explain my areas of responsibility and I hope to do as good a job as he has done this past year. Our main concern, at the moment, has been the damage done to members' cars by pellet guns and rock throwing on the hill. The incidents have been reported to the police and some additional surveillance has been promised.

I would welcome any constructive suggestions regarding the grounds, equipment, etc., for the coming year.

Best wishes for Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!!!

Roy Martine
Fleet Captain

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Your Club maintenance people have been replacing the concrete roof slabs with diamond plate on the walkways. Many of these concrete slabs, which are 24" wide by 79" long, are still in usable condition if fully supported. Members are welcome to help themselves.

Suggested uses - walkways, compost heap boxes, roof drain run off troughs (downside up) and flower bed edging especially if buried edge up.

G. Wm. Ambro, Secretary



Plans for our New Year's Eve Gala have been completed by Bill and Marge Behr and Frank and Dorothy Knauer. The evening begins with the meal served from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - your choice of Chicken Romanoff or Roast Strip of Beef.

Dancing from 10 - 2 will be to the music of Fred Haner. The price of the tickets also includes a bottle of champagne you may have with your dinner or any time during the evening. And of course, who could welcome the New Year without noisemakers! Hats! They're provided, too, then coffee and donuts "for the road" will be served after midnight. All this plus the joy of the company of your friends - only \$25.00 per couple. Tickets available on a first come, first served basis from the bar - no phone reservations.

Act promptly - It's a great evening we wouldn't want you to miss.

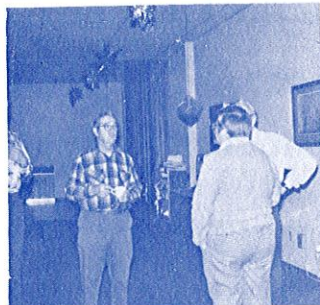
Bob & Guthrie Pratt



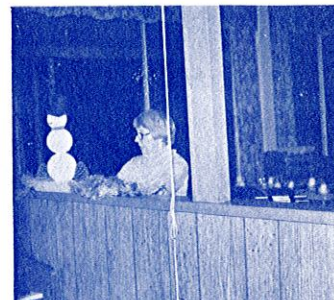
IN MEMORIAM

The annual change of watch has occurred once again as certain and predictable as the change of seasons. Another change occurred and we suffered the loss of three past Commodores Morrill Baumann, Roy Irwin, and Durker Braggins.

We honor and cherish the memory of our shipmates, but we do not mourn for them - for they have found refuge in the great harbor of eternal peace.



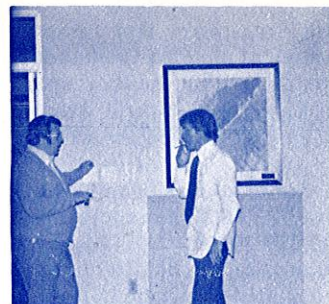
Well boys I think we should have a meeting to determine how we ought to plan our strategy on decorating the clubhouse for Xmas.



Meetings! the best way to do the job is to get to work.



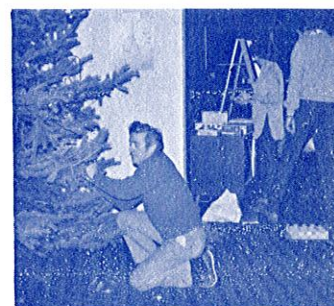
I'm telling you boys if we don't get started the holidays will be over.



This decorating is hard work, that meeting tired me out.



An old Salt showing the younger generation the ropes.



Well I might as well get started before we have another meeting.

VICE COMMODORE REPORT



In the past few months, we have discovered several irregularities in the registry of boats for winter / summer / dry storage of boats. Members have registered vessels which, in fact, do not belong to them, as if they were the sole owner.

The rules of the Club clearly do not permit such a false representation. Neither do they permit the subterfuge of a member leasing a vessel while the real owner continues to use the boat. This is true regardless of whether the real owner is a member or not.

In summary:

1. A lessor loses the right to use his own vessel for the duration of the charter. The leasee acquires the sole right to use of the boat.
2. In the case of joint ownership of a vessel (appropriately recorded,) only one owner will obtain credit for the stall occupancy points.
3. No member may keep or lease a boat at or from this Club which is owned by a firm which is in the business of selling or chartering vessels.
4. The use of boats based at the EYC basin or morrings area is restricted to the registered owner, who must be a regular member in good standing, his wife or minor children.

The loan of boats based in the EYC is prohibited except under the following conditions:

- (A) A boat may be loaned to a relative or friend not more than three (3) times in any one season providing that the owner-member notifies the Dockmaster in writing stating the time and circumstances, and accepting responsibility for any

damage that might result during the loan period.

- (B) A boat may be used by a son or daughter of majority home on vacation from school, on leave from the Armed services, or similar circumstances with proper notice being given to the Dockmaster.

5. In order to insure that only rightful owners are being assigned stalls, beginning January 1, 1979, owners who acquire a different new or used boat or assignees who did not have a boat slip in the immediate prior year will be required to furnish written documentation of ownership.

6. Members selling a boat have an obligation to report the sale as soon as consummated and members acquiring boats, even if purchased from a member, must report their purchase.

Question of interpretation of these rules should be referred to the Vice Commodore.

Clem Schwab
Vice Commodore

BITS AND TIDBITS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for their loyal support during the past year and to wish all a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season on behalf of myself, the Galley, Dining Room and Bar personnel.

The Dining Room will be closed for the first two weeks in January. (From January 1st thru January 15, 1979). The Bar will remain open during these two (2) weeks from 4 p.m. during the week and at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Dining Room will re-open for lunch on Tuesday, January 16th and will continue on our Fall and Winter Dining Room Schedule.

During the close down two new pieces of Galley equipment will be installed, a new radiant broiler and a charcoal grill. With the new equipment you should find your food more enjoyable. (A steak is tastier when it's char-broiled.)

We are hoping to have a few mini parties scheduled for the next few months. In addition to our first social function of 1979 which is the Champagne Dinner Dance which is to be held the second Saturday in February.

Hoping to see all members in 1979.

Bob Rulli

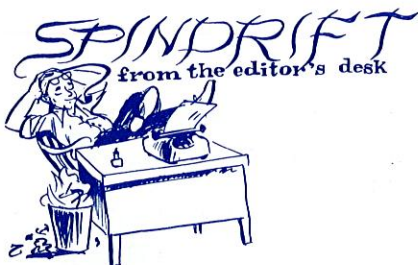


EASING INTO 1979

Traditionally New Years Day is one day at Erie Yacht Club when all the men get together and have TOM and JERRY'S at the club from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. All of the officers will be there to pour some cheer and to greet members. We especially hope new members will come and get acquainted and discuss boating plans for the coming year.

CLEVELAND BOAT SHOW

The annual trip to the Cleveland Boat Show sponsored by the Coast Guard Auxiliary V-3 will be on January 20, 1979. The dinner will be dutch treat. For details and reservations please call 864-4613.



For some reason, known only to him, our Commodore Gus Neuss has "commissioned" me as editor of the *Log*. I am both flattered and honored. While being an editor is not new to me, the task is made no less difficult as a result of the excellent job previously done by Walt and Doris Veihdeffer. Keeping in mind that an editor "edits", he must constantly have material in order to ply his trade. All contributions to the *Log* therefore, will be most welcome and given careful consideration.

Assisted by my wife Patti, we shall try our best to keep the *Log* up to the fine standards set by all of our predecessors. As we enter this holiday season the Owen Family, Jim, Patti, and our son Jamie wish everyone a prosperous New Year.

BANSHEE OFF TO LONG ISLAND

We all tried to tell Dick Gorny that the giant propeller on the top of the Banshee would work only if you could get it spinning. Well apparently he got it to work. Anyone at the club several weeks ago saw the Banshee hovering above the club. I asked Gorny where it was off to and he said, "Long Island". Dick explained that the mast on a sailboat when in a horizontal position works much as the propeller on a helicopter. Seriously Dick, we are sorry to see her leave the club.

The Virgin Islands consist of about a dozen major islands lying about 60 miles east of Puerto Rico. Some are American, purchased from Denmark, and the remainder are British. While for enough south to be freed of the cold northerlies that plague Florida in the winter they are far enough east to fall into the Atlantic time zone, an hour earlier than in the eastern time zone. In fact, they are only about 300 miles further from New York City than from Miami, Florida.

Their attraction for the Erie Yacht Club boatmen lies in their southern location, constant easterly trade winds, the sheltered waters that the islands provide from the Atlantic, open all the way to Africa, the numerous overnight anchorages, and free port shopping in the former Danish Islands. It is no wonder then that so many Erie Yacht Club members have chartered vessels in the islands: Commodore Neuss, Gail Garren, Cas Jackson, Gene Martin, Bill Wright,

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

On Monday evening, November 27th, 1978, officers and directors and their wives decorated the Clubhouse and the beautiful Christmas tree, which was donated again this year by Marge Behr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Struchen. Doc and Dee Bressler also helped, and Hank Lorence did his usual excellent job of painting Christmas designs on the windows, as well as the ski slopes on the wall in the dance area. Many thanks to all who helped.

Sincere get well wishes go to Dorothy Shank, who has been ill for some time, to Joan Virgilio and to Mary Kennedy.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held their Christmas luncheon meeting on December 6th, with 67 members and guests present. The excellent luncheon was followed by a program of Christmas songs by a choral group from Academy High School under the very capable direction of Mrs. Brenda Ferritto. It got us all into the Christmas spirit.

There will be no luncheon in January. The next one will be February 7th. Kitty Rosenberg, wearing a native dress, will show slides of her trip to Greece last summer. Her tour included Athens, Delphi, Olympia, and several Greek Islands from a cruise ship.

Marge Nuess

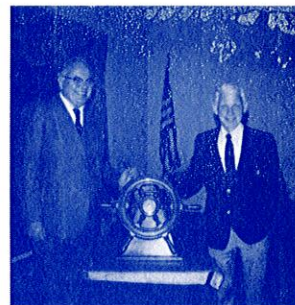
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Harold Shank, Dick Holden, Larry Longo, Wm. Corson, Walter Berteaux, Dean Klahr, Al Bowen, Bob Painter, Norm Isler, Ed Kemble, besides the writer and others I'm sure I have failed to mention.

Yacht Haven, now called the Sheraton Yacht Harbor, in Charlotte Amalie on the island of St. Thomas was almost the sole home of the islands charter fleet but most of the bare boat charterers have moved to Totola in the British Virgins. It is from this island that most of the above have sailed. Tortola provides easy access to the delights of snorkeling in the bight of Horman or at Marina Cog a gum drop shaped island covered with yellow older flowers. If you think you can't learn to snorkel, I had two children, 8 and 10 years old snorkeling within 15 minutes last month and in deep water.

Besides snorkeling and swimming on beautiful sandy beaches the Virgins have several delightful resorts such as Caneel Boy Plantation, Little Dix, Peter Island

THOMPSON MEMORIAL AWARD



GORDON F. WAY WINS
THOMPSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Gordy Way was named the winner of the 1978 Thompson Award at the E.Y.C. Annual Meeting. He is shown with the award being presented by Dick Amthor, chairman of the event. The award is given annually to the person who has contributed substantially to yachting over the years. Gordy is a past commander of the Erie Power Squadron and is still very active in that organization. He has also been a member of E.Y.C. for many years. He is a lifelong sailboater and has made it quite clear "he will not go to sea on any boat you can't hang some kind of sail on." He still maintains Power Boaters are stinkpots but when asked what a sail boat has for power he is quick to respond: "Auxiliary engine to be used only when the wind fades." Gordy deserves this Award in every respect and has all of our heartfelt congratulations.

Jim Owen

Yacht Club and Bitter End. The former two are Rock Resorts, internationally known and operated by the Rockefeller family.

Yachtsmen are welcome at all of these places. Charlotte Amalie is a freeport, by specification in the purchase treaty between the USA and the Danes, where you can buy Swiss watches, cameras, jewelry, including gem stones, statuary, and crystal, all at duty free prices and free of Pa. state tax up to \$600 worth per person. Charlotte Amalie, the main town in the US Virgins has a number of good restaurants and hotels and is a favorite port of call for the cruise ships that come down from the north and from Europe.

If you've already been bruised by the wintery Erie weather, and need a sojourn in the south where you can soak up some sun and enjoy the therapeutic benefits of salt air ask any of those of us who have been there to direct you to a charter.

G. Wm. Ambro

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