

## YOUR DUES DOLLARS AT WORK

#### **CLUB SEES STEADY MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS**

With the closing of the Galley on January 2nd, an extensive and thorough cleaning of the Galley began. Everything not secured was removed and placed in the Dining Room as the picutres below indicate. Every piece of equipment has been scraped, scrubbed, moved if possible and cleaned both inside and out. All of the metal pipes, stanchions and storage racks have been cleaned, sanded and painted. The walls and ceilings were washed and painted - refrigerators, freezers and walk-in coolers were also washed and painted if required. The Galley today, is spotless and all this was accomplished by Marty, Miller and Ed Mazza under Bill Ambros' constant supervision.



#### **COMMODORE'S COMMENTS**

As I sit down to compose this article, it occurs to me that being Commodore presents a difficulty I had not anticipated — that of finding something to write about. Since the other Officers are responsible for specific areas of operation, and will keep you informed of the events pertaining thereto, there is little for me to report except that I am fortunate to have as hard-working a group as they are.

Vice Commodore Gus Neuss has completed work on the points list and has started on stall assignments, so get your applications in if you have not already done so. Rear Commodore Clem Schwab has spent more hours than most of you realize working on improving our dining room and bar operations. From my own observation I can guarantee that if hard work is the answer, Clem will be successful.



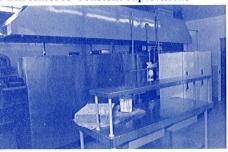
"Moving Day"



**Master Painter** 

Fleet Captain, Fred Reymore reports that the shorted-out cable has been replaced and the gate is now fully operational, although it is deliberately left open in the winter months to minimize the chance of someone sliding into it. In addition, Fred has developed a new approach to the problem of communication between you the members and your Club. He has obtained the services of a group of members who have agreed to act as intermediaries in the handling of any problems in their respective areas. Their names and phone numbers will be found in the Fleet Captain's Report.

Anyone having a problem or question pertaining to one of these areas should contact the appropriate individual, and he will see that the matter is resolved. Also, anyone wishing to propose a spokesman for any group not included above should



"Craftman's Tools"



"Sparkle Plenty"

contact Fred.

Our typical Erie winter weather forced a postponement of the Christmas Party until the following weekend, although it was still a great success, as was New Year's Eve, thanks to the efforts of Roy and Rosemary Martine and their crews. The window decorations were some of Hank Lorence's art work. Apparently being the Club's resident expert angler is only one of Hank's talents.

The New Year's Day Reception was well attended, even though the weather was again less than optimum. Our thanks to Chet Curriden and his crew, who still mix the best Tom-and-Jerry Batter going.

For one who started this article with nothing to say, I seem to have found a fair amount to talk about. So, enough for this issue. See you again next time.

R.E. Waller



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Stall applications are being received at a rapid rate. Of the approximately 330 stall or mooring occupants in 1977, all but 46, as of January 19th, have submitted requests for 1978. Only 8 stall holders in 1977 have indicated that they will not request space in 1978.

Applications have also been received from 51 boat owners who had neither stalls nor moorings in 1977. Of the 51, 8 have had stalls in prior years. The total number of stalls and moorings presently available in the Club is 335; 8 additional stalls - two 30 feet in length and six 20 feet in length - are to be constructed as weather permits.

Correspondence accompanying some of the stall applications is requesting special consideration for the requestors for positions presently occupied by fellow club members. These requests are being based on the relative point status of the members. It has not been the practice in the past, nor is it now, to honor position bumping requests, based on point status. To establish such a precedent could, through the domino effect, create utter chaos in the club.

Some damage to docks due to ice movement is becoming apparent. Let's keep talking to the Man upstairs that the weather will improve so that damage will be minimal. Sufficient deck plate has been ordered to replace 600 lineal feet of the concrete slab dock walkway. The present plan is to start the steel dock installation along the west dock. Usable concrete slabs will be salvaged and used as replacements for deteriorating slabs on other docks. The point status list as of January 1, 1978, for regular, intermediate and senior members has been completed and is posted on the bulletin board in the club house. Just think! In three months you can be in the water!! Got your launch date set?

Gustave "Gus" Neuss

# PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET

The New Rule

The Bay Area Clubs and the Auxiliary Racing Fleet of the Erie Yacht Club have moved to the PHRF rule in rating sail boats for the new year. IOR sailboats



## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

The month of December 1977, in spite of the weather, provided the incentive for many parties at the Club. Our Christmas and New Year's parties were great successes, and other Christmas party bookings have already been received for this year, indicating appreciation of the Yacht Club facilities.

A number of repairs to the Club House have been effected recently. Some of these include, new door closures on the front entrance, temporary winter repairs to the West vestibule and extensive cleaning, repairing and painting of the galley.

The House Committee would like to take this opportunity to announce the hiring of Mr. Robert Rulli as the House Manager. In this capacity, he will be completely responsible for the control of both dining room and bar operations. Mr. Rulli comes to us with an extensive background in food and beverage management. He has been involved in club management, General country Manager for Harry M. Stevens, Inc., which operated Madison Square Garden dining room and liquor operations in addition to a number of other facilities. Mr. Rulli has added Chef Michael Daratany to the staff. Mike is originally from New York, where he trained, and has been working locally for the past six years. Look for an announcement soon, for a night in which both Bob Rulli and Mike Daratany will be given an opportunity to show their talents.

Clemens V. Schwab

have moved to PHRF ratings and the Bay Area Clubs along with your club are looking for a bigger and better season.

The decision is not new. The Lake Erie Clubs are united with Erie and Buffalo in agreement. To our knowledge, no race on Lake Erie will be without a PHRF Class, and all races in our area will be under PHRF.

As I sit here writing, I'm thinking of Howard Miskell and our work with the thirteen to fifteen Cleveland and Detroit area clubs over the past two years. We met regularly to formulate a rating rule where all boats are given that chance to win, and so many times I've sailed from our Club for a race and saw the spars of dead boats with no Skipper or crew. The crew list that Ron Busse and his group



### FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

At the board meeting of 1/16/78, Commodore Waller approved the Grounds Activity Committee. The following members were selected by each representative group:

**Junior Sailors** 833-4593 N. Reyburn J. Damcott Dry Sailors 833-5665 B. Bloomstein Auxiliary Sailors 864-1732 R. Hamilton MORC 716/355-4141 **Power Boats** 864-0349 E. Burkley 868-1162 K. Smith Committee Boat Coordinator 455-3352 G. Way

The committee held its first meeting on 1/18/78 where the following was discussed: gate and security; policing grounds, indentification passes for junior, teen, family and crew members; parking; and dry sail locations.

Also, the Board of Directors passed a resolution that would require all stored boats to be launched before May 31st or, if in the way, they would be moved to a more suitable work location at members expense. If you anticipate major work on your boat that would not allow you to launch by May 31st, it would be wise to plan for the right winter storage location as early as August or September.

The poor condition of the Committee Boat was a major topic. Although we appreciate volunteer work on the boat from each group, the major repairs needed now will have to be done professionally.

If you have a problem or suggestion, please see your group representative. Remember we are doing this to open up lines of communication and make a better Club operation for all of us.

Fred H. Reymore

worked on to give those dead spars some life, and now a rule that can give those boats a chance to win.

Can I go on? -- The MORC Fleet in their participation along with our bay clubs, what more can be done but to have family and friends race for fun under a fair rating, and meet new friends.

Ask who won the Erie to Dover race last year, talk with crew members of other boats. PHRF will be in your Log again and there is an Auxiliary Fleet bulletin board that all sailors should check this winer for up to date information and notices of get-togethers, etc.

Thank You

Gary D. Hanlin

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

**EXCERPTS** FROM THE BOARD **MEETINGS:** 

December 19, 1977

- All Officers and Directors were present. Following some questions and discussion, the minutes of the November 1977 meeting, the financial report and the Invoices Paid Statement were accepted.
- Vice Commodore Neuss reported that the Club has hauled and stored the U.S. Coast Guard's forty-four footer in exchange for their services in retrieving our lake race marks. He also stated the Points List is complete, and that he is exploring possible areas for dock expansion in 1978.

Rear Commodore Schwab reported some adjustment of bar prices for the purpose of more consistency in the ratio of costs to selling prices.

- Swimming Pool Committee Chairman Frank Knauer presented a draft of a questionnaire presenting various possible alternative approaches to a pool. It was agreed to distribute this to the membership with the next issue of the Log.
- Commodore Waller presented a proposed operating budget for 1978 and requested that it be considered for acceptance at the January 1978 meeting.
- Director Miskill reported he is making progress in his review of the Erie Yacht Club House, Grounds and Dock Rules, but is not ready for discussion as yet.
- The following membership transactions were approved:

Resignations:

Vincent Juliante Lester Breakstone **Gustave Orton** 

David Pines (effective 6-30-78)

Transfers:

Robert DeVitt - from Regular to Associate Everett Walker - from Jr. Family to

Regular The purchase of a copy machine for the Club's office, at a cost of \$600.00

was approved.

Also approved was the purchase of \$10,000.00 worth of steel deck plate to be used to replace some of our crumbling concrete walkways.

January 16, 1978

- The minutes of the December 1977 meeting and the Invoices Paid Statement were approved. Also approved, after some clarification, was the December Financial Report. It was explained that the Dining Room operation for the month was better than appeared, largely due to approximately \$1,600.00 in accounts receivable for parties held in December, but not billed or paid until January.
- The Vice Commodore reported some

members had requested permission to install permanent moorings in the Club's outside mooring area. After some discussion, this was denied.

Director Howard Miskill reported he was ready to discuss the House, Grounds and Dock Rules. The Board spent approximately forty-five minutes reviewing the information Howard had compiled and, having covered about two-thirds of the subject matter, agreed to defer completion until the February 1978 meeting.

The proposed 1978 Operating Budget was adopted after revision to four of the accounts. This budget does not include capital expenditures, which will be a subject for the February meeting.

The following resignations were accepted:

Vincent Bucci George Metcalf J. Hunter Chiles Harold Paasch John Cochran Timothy Ryan Michael English Steven Waller Charles Longo **Everett Zurn** 

The request for transfer of Mortimer Graham to Senior Membership was

approved.

It was decided to open the Club to a limited number of applicants for membership. Toward this end, the Secretary was instructed to initiate the necessary action. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 AT 7:30 P.M.

## **ERIE POWER SQUADRON** 1978 WINTER-SPRING AGENDA

February 18, 1978 Saturday evening, 64th Founders' Day Anniversary Dinner Dance at E.Y.C.

February 27, 1978 Executive Committee meeting at E.Y.C.

at 7:30 P.M. March 16, 1978

Annual Election and Change of Watch Meeting at E.Y.C. - 7 P.M.

March 27, 1978 Executive Committee Meeting at E.Y.C.

at 7:30 P.M.

April 20, 1978

Regular Membership Dinner Meeting at E.Y.C. at 7:00 P.M.

April 24, 1978

Executive Committee Meeting at E.Y.C. at 7:30 P.M.

May 18, 1978

Regular Membership Dinner Meeting at E.Y.C. at 7:00 P.M.

May 29, 1978

Executive Committee Meeting at E.Y.C. at 7:30 P.M.

For more information on above or about membership contact Gordon F. Way, Commander Erie Power Squadron.

### **DEAR DIARY**

At times, many of our fondest or most appreciative memories are resurrected out of the past simply because some totally unrelated circumstance just happens to occur: take, for example the great mud slide of last fall which brought tons of unwanted silt onto the Club grounds. Well, prior to that flood, one of our good members, Al Di Loreto, donated many tons of topsoil to cover the rubble fill on the north piers. This was graded and smoothed out to the benefit of the many members occupying the new stalls off the north fill. Many thanks, Al!



Back in August '77, and aboard the yacht Vixen one rainy Sunday afternoon. devoted sailing enthusiast Harold Shank, with the assistance of helpful friends and some Seagram's Imperial, learned the intricacies of making the "figure eight" knot.

While the birth of this startling variant may never gain the acceptance that its forebearer has as a stopper knot, its conformity with its name may warm the hearts of his many banker friends.

Into the winter of '78, we note with thanks that Harold "Red" Wagner has supplied the van in which our Club ice skaters can cosily change from boots to skates. A helpful protection from the recent winds for the skaters this van also helps keep ICE SKATES OUT OF THE CLUBHOUSE, a very serious maintenance problem.

From snow to sun and back again are Bill and Agnes Robertson, who have recently returned from HAWAII! ALOHA! and a Happy Anniversary!

Members are reminded to post the recently mailed Erie Yacht Club 1978 Social Calendar on their family bulletin boards. This recommendation is significant because the spirit of our recent parties has been exemplary. The Champagne Dinner Dance was an elegant affair. Jerry and Sue Tann had as their committee: George and Colleen Schaefer, Ted and Carol Nyberg. The carnations and candles carried out the white and gold color theme to make the Club a picture on a snowy wintry night.

In regard to the Social Calendar, please note that Mert Meeker was called "Ed" -so, now he answers to Ed or Mert. Neat, eh Bert?, I mean Mert!

The Coast Guard Auxiliary held their annual bus trip to the Cleveland Boat Show. This is a trip to make note of on next year's calendar. The Bobby Lee Johnson's new 436 Pearson sailboat was a topic of conversation during the trip.

#### SICK BAY

Durk Braggins is home and feeling better. Jackie Welsh is in Hamot Hospital.

## SPINDRIFT FROM THE **EDITOR'S DESK**

With this issue of the EYC Log, it is our pleasure to welcome our new Manager, Mr. Robert Rulli and our new Chef, Mr. Michael Daratany.

Also at this time, it has been heartwarming to see the results of the recent housecleaning in the galley. You can see pictures of this elsewhere in the Log.

Speaking of pictures, I hope you didn't miss the one in our local newspaper showing the ice damage to our stalls. It is consoling to know that we have the best equipment and crew in the area to make these repairs. I think that we have these acts of nature to give our officers and directors gray hairs. Speaking of these men, I want to say that I am becoming more and more aware of the time and energy they devote to making our boating life enjoyable.

Aside from the boating season, remember the activities of the winter months. You are all aware of the tremendous work the Entertainment Committees do. Also, you can read the results of our Bowling League nights at Frontier Lanes, but are you aware of the fun and enjoyment of joining the Bowling League, and the happy gatherings at the Club afterwards. (You can't believe how the low scores are all 300 games by the time you have a drink and a sandwich at the Club). On Wednesdays about 10 or 11 in the evening, all hands are double pinochles. On Tuesdays, all hands are grand slams in bridge, and on the third Wednesdays of each month all roses are American Beauties. Last, but far from least, let's not forget our Ladies Auxiliary which is the greatest. My hat also goes off to the men giving the winter boating courses as well as the people who take the courses. We admire those who take the time to promote safe boating.

One other winter pursuit has involved correspondence with, and an exhange of publications between, the Erie Yacht Club and some other very fine yacht clubs in the Great Lakes area. We hope the other clubs will be able to benefit from our Log as we have benefitted from theirs.

Until the next issue,

### AHOY, THERE



Phyllis & Mert Meeker, "Roaring 20's" chairmen

ROARING 20's PARTY: the committee for this party, chaired by Mert and Phyllis Meeker, met at Roy and Rosemary Martine's home recently to complete plans for this February 17 Headliner on the party circuit. Peggy and Kerry Schwab volunteered to dress the Club in appropriate attire. While the Dipsy Doodlers play their spirited hearts out, Dave Burdick and Mert Meeker will be handling the "bathtub booze" and Charles and Ann Bennett will run the contest for the most appropriately dressed guests.

MINI-PARTY: the first mini-party of 1978 will be held February 23rd, from 7:30 till?. Mr. Pat Healy will be the featured speaker for the evening. He is the Dinghy coach for the U.S. Naval Academy. The tab will be \$2.25 for wine, cheese, and excellent speaker and an opportunity to mingle with your fel-

low members.



Paul & Gloria Momeyer, "Bunny Hop" chairmen

BUNNY HOP: Whitey Wolfe has been signed to play for this March 18 event.

CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY: Clarence Skinner is the Head Bunny for this March 25th Extravaganza. He guarantees that a size 42 Easter Bunny will be handing out the goodies for all those "kiddies" ready for his surprises.

EYC ANNUAL AUCTION: Saturday, April 29th. Call Roy Martine (456-1868) if you have any questions regarding your "timely treasure". This auction can make and save you money and help the EYC at the same time.

AUXILIARY: Wednesday, LADIES' March 1 at one o'clock, the ladies in this companionable group will hear Mrs.

Morris (Irene) Baldwin speak on "Your Phychic Self". If your caller has not reached you, call Betty Waller for your reservation.

MORC: organization meeting March 2 in

the Board Room at 7:30 p.m.

VACATIONING: Pat and Virginia Sheeran will be vacationing in the Bahamas the end of February. Tommy Sheeran and Nancy Potts are accompanying them. Donna and Gary Boldt headed for Florida, but without "Rapture", their Sea-Ray power boat. Dick and Marilyn Amthor southbound to visit and relax. Clem and Elaine Schwab to ski in Kitzbuehel, Austria.

DICK SWANSON'S "SWANSONG" "HELLO FLORIDA'S BECOMES It is a fact that Dick and DOLLY!" Dolly are moving their family to Deerfield Beach, Florida where he will be associated with R. L. Deane Yacht Sales, Inc., 600 So. Federal Highway, Deerfield Beach. He will also assume part ownership of a Skate Board Park in Boca Raton, sharing this with his brother. The Swanson's have bought a four-bedroom home with a pool on a 60' wide deep water canal, 100 yards in from the intra costal, allowing them to tie up their own boat a mere 20 feet from their own pool and patio. Dick's activities in the Erie Yacht Club have been varied and heartwarming: he has headed numerous committees, involving social parties as well as regattas, enjoyed ice boating and owns a 30' Catalina sailboat; was past editor of the Log, and taught Power Squadron for five years. Many members who enjoyed the original Clubhouse will remember the Luau which Dick chaired, featuring a real waterfall and live palm trees -- a truly. beautiful and successful party, and the last one held in the "old" EYC Clubhouse Prior to their Florida move, the Swanson's are taking a break from all the hustle and bustle, and will relax on the "Song of Norway", a cruise ship headed into the Caribbean, for a week's vacation. And so it is: a Swansong, a Bon Voyage, and then . . . "Hello, Dolly!" Very best wishes to a fine couple!



LOOK-AHEAD TO SPRING: The Erie Yacht Club Garden Club meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Clubhouse. The February 15 meeting, at ten o'clock, featured Irene Cadwallader who a demonstration on dried flower gave arrangements. Members were asked to participate by bringing a container and dried flowers to make their own creations. Lunch washeld following the meeting. Anyone interested in joining is most welcome.

#### THE BLUE GAVEL

This column is entitled The Blue Gavel because its contributors consist solely of Past Erie Yacht Club Commodores.

\* The International Order of the Blue Gavel was founded on the West Coast in 1953 by Ev Henry, the retiring Commodore of Rainier Yacht Club in Seattle, Washington. He wrote, "The International Order of Blue Gavel was born as a gesture to honor the thousands of Past Commodores who, after serving their respective clubs with dignity and perseverance, found themselves unnecessary and forgotten." He stressed the continued active participation of Past Commodores in club operations, the advising and counseling with active officers of their clubs where requested and the promoting of high standards of sportsmanship.

#### Narrative

When Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated President in 1913, he appointed as Secretary of the Navy, Honorable Josephus Daniels of Raleigh, N.C. Shortly thereafter, Secretary Daniels promulgated an order to the navy to abandon the ageold use of the expressions "port (or starboard) your helm" and use the more prosaic left rudder or right rudder, which inspired writer to perpetrate the poem that follows. In 1946, Mr. Daniels published a book "The Wilson Era" which was reviewed in "Time". This prompted the undersigned to send a copy of his poem to Mr. Daniels who promptly expressed his thanks and his "regret that I did not have your poem for it ought to have gone into my book."

And here is the

ODE TO HONORABLE JOSEPHUS DANIELS by W.S. Foster April 1913 (Commodore EYC 1904)

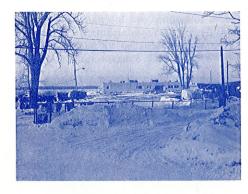
On deck! my gallant sailor-men-On deck all hands! I say And listen to the orders Given out this very day -The Naval Secretary Has come into the light. And says to cut out "starboard" And hereafter call it right. Then follows this injunction From that same august court-You will hereafter say the left For obsolete is "port". But pray, good Mister Daniels, I wish you'd tell us now If you would have us say the face When what we mean's the "bow". And then, while we're about it We should really like to learn, How you'd have us express ourselves When what we mean's the "stern". Must we say front for "forward"? 'Twill surely drive us daft To be compelled to say behind When what we mean is "aft". And must we call the "deck" a floor? And d'you think we're so soft To say a sailor's gone "upstairs" When he's only gone aloft? Fie on you, Uncle Daniels -To think that you're the sort To make a sailor-man say "left" When what he means is "port"!

Note: W. S. Foster was the granfather of James and William Walker.

## CHAMPAGNE DINNER DANCE







DARE WE TRY THIS?



CANOGGANING - A hair raising dash down the snow covered side of a hill or mountain or being towed by a snowmobile is as fresh and exciting as a breath of cold winter air. Controlling direction once underway is achieved by the use of paddles, brooms or ski poles used discreetly while heeling the craft to port or starboard with body English. All this occurs as you careen down the slope at speeds which may range from 35 to as high as 50 mph, depending on the quality of the snow and the angle of incline. It is sound canogganing practice to scout your intended path of trajectory for sharp rock projectiles or other hazards before uttering the traditional blood chilling alarm which warns the countryside that another canogganing run is about to begin. There is no guarantee that you canoe will be floatable come summer.

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**Roaring Twenties Committee** 

# **HOLIDAYS**

## NEW YEAR'S EVE





## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**













"DON'T ROCK THE BOAT"



# IN REVUE





NEW YEAR'S EVE

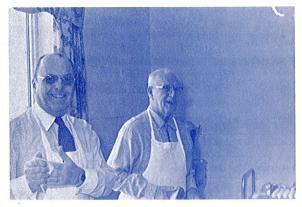








## NEW YEAR'S DAY TOM & JERRYS



THE MAKERS



THE HOSTS



THE GUESTS



PINOCHE, ANYONE?

#### DINING ROOM AND BAR

Monday:

Bar: closed all day

Dining Room: closed all day

Tuesday: Bar: open 11:30 a.m.

Dining Room: lunch served 11:30 - 2:00 p.m. closed

for dinner

Wednesday: Bar: open 11:30 a.m.

Dining Room: lunch served 11:30 - 2:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner 6 - 9 p.m.

Bar: open 11:30 a.m. Thursday:

Dining Room: lunch served 11:30 - 2:00 p.m. Closed

for Dinner

Friday:

Bar: open 11:30 a.m.

Dining Room: lunch served 11:30 - 2:00 p.m. Dinner

served 6 - 9 p.m.

Saturday:

Bar: open 11:30 a.m.

Dining Room: lunch served 11:30 - 2:00 p.m. Dinner

served 6 - 9 p.m.

Sunday:

Bar: open 11:30 a.m. Dining Room: Sunday brunch 11:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Closed for dinner

\*Dining Room Will Open For Groups Upon Request On Nights Listed Closed

\*These Hours Are In Effect Until April 1

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