



COMMODORE'S REPORT

It's that good time of the year - Spring has arrived, the ice is gone from the basin and the bay, and boat number one, Dave Forsman's *LILLE HAVEFRUE*, is in the water. Yes it is a good time, covers are coming off yachts in increasing numbers, the voices of sanders and buffers are heard and the Vice Commodore has posted the first iteration of the slip and mooring assignments. Yes, it is a good time, time to check all your gear then set the date for launching that you have anticipated since last Fall. Schedule early and avoid the rush. Remember all boats must be off the East, (dry sail), lot by May 28th.

The good Lord favored us with a mild winter. Dock damage has been insignificant. Vice Commodore Schwab will detail the improvement plans currently under way. You are encouraged as in prior years to beautify your steel dock and walkway. Paint is available at the canoe house. See Marty for your quota.

Preparations for our May 28th Opening Day Ceremonies are also in progress. Fleet Captain Martine will be recruiting volunteers to assist him in the Yacht Club road and yard clean-up. Proffer your services and shock him. The ladies of the EYC Garden Club also appreciate aid, (male or female) in the planting of flowers in the many beds surrounding the Club House and at the gate house and entrance circle. Join the group of dedicated members and wives in beautifying your Club. Picking up the refuse surrounding your yacht is an excellent start.

Your increasing patronage of the bar and dining facilities is commended. Bob Rulli, your House Manager, and his associates on the House team are appreciative of this recognition of their efforts. Now that the boating season is here let's push that new Galley equipment to capacity.

The St. Patrick's Day Party, although not a sell-out was a social success. All of the Irish, pseudo and real, after a tremendous buffet, gave a rebirth to the "Old Sod" melodies. Dave McSample was the first tenor lead, "Doc" O'Bressler accompanied on the EYC Steinway. Thanks go to Bob and Guthrie Pratt's hard working committee who made it all possible - Pat and Ginny Sheeran and Dave and Ellie Sample. Circle your calendar at April 21st, for the Champagne Dinner Dance. Reserve early and make this affair a sellout.

Thanks go also to Bill Ambro, Dave Preston, and Bob Painter for the fine presentations made at the Mini-Party, March 29th. Almost one hundred members, wives and guests were given first hand information on Great Lake ports, and various prerequisites to be considered in traversing the Lakes and Canals. Wine and cheese topped off the evening. Some copies of "How to Provision for a Seven Day Cruise" furnished by Marge Neuss are available at the office for any desiring this information.

To close, as we rapidly approach another season of fun and frolic on the water keep in mind that 350 plus yachts must be launched. To do this at least six a day must be moved starting today, April 2nd, if all are to be in by opening day. Plan now for an early launch. See you on the bay after the ceremonies, May 28th.

Gus Neuss
Commodore



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

EYC appears to have survived the winter with a minimum of damage. The raising of the walkways eliminated most of the ice damage suffered previously, and except for some minor repairs, the facilities are in good shape. Marty and his crew have completed the replacement of the concrete walkways with steel deckplate on both F and G docks, and the completion of H walkways should be effected shortly. The East Wing dock is scheduled for realignment and repair, as is the North end of H dock.

Slip assignments have been completed and posted, and if you have a launch date in mind, please arrange with Marty well in advance. All boats will have to be launched prior to Memorial Day, or the Club will be forced to move those remaining to another location at the Members expense. This is to ensure space for the Dry Sailors.

Twelve additional slips are being added at this time. These will extend M and N docks and consist of 12' x 35' stalls, and permit the assignment of 355 stalls and 5 Keg moorings. The search for additional Keg locations will continue with the help of volunteer Scuba Divers. Some special requests for slip locations have been received and where possible, these have been effected, based on fairness to both the individuals and the Club.

Clem Schwab
Vice Commodore



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Commodore Gus Neuss informed me the dining room & bar broke all sales records for the month of March. I would like to thank the members who made this possible, and to the others, you don't know what you are missing. All the officers have been working hard to improve the Club operation. So **COME DOWN AND ENJOY YOUR CLUB.**

I want to thank the house committee for developing a plan to renovate the Club House, which can be done in stages, as we can afford it. They have worked hard and long to be able to present plans, sketches and costs of the first phase to the Commodore.

Fred H. Reymore
Rear Commodore



FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The Erie County Health office is sending people to help reduce our rat population at the club. Some of the poison will be located along the fence. The purpose in bringing this to the attention of the members is to exercise caution when exercising your pet.

The time for addressing attention to our favorite canoes is upon us. Please help us to maintain a good general appearance of our grounds by policing your own area, i.e., picking up sandpaper, scrap lumber, etc.

Don't forget our E.Y.C. Auction date, Saturday, May 5, 1979. I hope that you will seek out nautical treasures to be auctioned off for the mutual benefit of Ye Olde Club and your own bank account. We will follow our established format by having an afternoon and an evening session. Since this is a good time of the year, and a worthy excuse to lift a cup or two, we hope to have a spectacular turnout. See you then.

Roy Martine
Fleet Captain

QUOTE CORNER

I get paid for doing what children are punished for.

—Jerry Lewis

ENTERTAINMENT



It's a good thing Bill Behr's camera can see green--there was a lot of wearin'-o-the-green when everybody was Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Our thanks to Pat and Virginia Sheeran and Dave and Eleanor Sample with assistance from Berd and Greg Weislogel and Barb and John McGrane for the fine job they did with the decorations and arrangements. Food was delicious, and the music couldn't have been more danceable. Doc Bressler at the piano and Dave Sample leading our sing-a-long were enthusiastically assisted. We don't know what the critics would have said (or maybe we do!) but we had fun.

Our next party will have a different tone, but will be equally enjoyable. Bob and Charlotte Heinrich, Bud and Trish Johnson and Gary and Tanya Hanlin are well into the arrangements for our CHAMPAGNE DINNER DANCE for Saturday, April 21. It will begin with cocktails from the champagne fountain at 7:00 p.m. Dinner at 8:00 will be a seafood cocktail, salad, soup, chicken breast supreme (baked chicken breast with wild rice stuffing over baked ham slice), green beans almondine and dessert. The decorations will have an air of penthouse elegance with candlelight and crystal. Dancing will be to the music of Gib Porsch. Your fanciest will be just the thing for this night. Get your best friends together for a memorable evening. Don't miss it.

CHAMPAGNE SPRING DINNER DANCE

Let's start the EYC spring season in elegant style by planning to attend the Champagne Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 21, 1979.

A champagne fountain with hors d'oeuvres followed by a candlelight dinner and dancing for you and your guests will launch our club into another exciting season.

Bud Johnson

Before our next Log is out, we will have our Marine Auction. This is not only top entertainment, but an excellent opportunity for you to sell your surplus boating items and buy things you need from others' surplus. Now that work has begun on the boats, be looking around your equipment for items suitable for auction. Roy Martine will let us know the details of the day as MAY 5 is closer at hand. For those who have never participated, it works something like this--a small fee is charged for registering the item for auction and if it is sold, a small percentage of the sale price goes to the club--you keep the rest and you may set the minimum price you will take for your merchandise. There are some good buys, some great buys and some outright steals. Clean out your boat and come on in. It's always a good time.

We are planning a special evening for introduction of new members. More will be forthcoming on this soon.

Plans are shaping up for our Club Barbeque on June 16. And the Scavenger Hunt July 21.

So far, it has been a very good year. We hope the other members are having half the fun those of us on these committees are. If so, our work is not for nought.

Happy Days,
Bob and Guthrie Pratt

From the February, 1979 issue of Lakeland Boating appeared a tribute to Morril A. Baumann

Sir:

I don't know if you knew it or not, but on November 11th, you lost an advertiser and the marine industry as a whole lost one of its most distinguished members in M.A. (Morril) Baumann. Morrie, as he was called by all who knew him, was one of the most honorable men in our profession. A quiet person, impeccable in manner and dress, he was truly a professional. I don't believe any of us ever thought of him as a competitor, always as an ally. No one is perfect; we all have our faults, but looking back over 30 years of knowing Morrie, I can't think of one! Steady as she goes, Morrie!

Scott M. Reynolds
Port Clinton, Ohio

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

MAY DAY

Flowers are starting to bloom, buds are coming out on the trees, and we are all ready for a beautiful spring.

We are also ready for the annual Ladies' Tea and Fashion Show with the bright and lovely clothes from the Four Seasons Boutique, which will be modeled by the wives of members of the Yacht Club.

Tuesday afternoon, May 1st, is the date and the time is 1:00 p.m. There is always a waiting list, so be sure to get your reservations in as early as possible.

Mrs. Elaine Schwab, wife of the Vice-Commodore, is in charge of the tea tables, as well as the Fashion Show. Her tea aides will be listed in the next issue of the "Log".

Mrs. Rosemary Martine, wife of the Fleet Captain, is working hard on the decorations with the help of her committee, Mrs. Wm. Robertson, Mrs. Walter Veihdeffer, Mrs. David Ashby, Mrs. Wilbur Johnson, Mrs. Gary Hanlin and Mrs. John Kabasinski.

Reservations will be taken by Mrs. Richard Gorny and Mrs. Lloyd English. In charge of chances will be Mrs. Wm. Behr and Mrs. Frank Knauer. Publicity will be taken care of by Mrs. Clarke Bressler, and on the day of the tea, Mrs. T.K. Welsh and Mrs. Ted Schuler will be at the reservation table.

Invitations have been printed and will be in the mail shortly. Guests are welcome, but do make your reservations early, and pray for as lovely a day as we had last year!

LADIES' LUNCHEONS

The last Ladies' Luncheon this spring was held on Wednesday, April 4th, at the Clubhouse.

We had a delightful program featuring Betsy Amthor, who is the daughter of Past Commodore and Mrs. Richard Amthor. Betsy shared her interesting experience as a High School Rotary Exchange student, living for a year in New Zealand.

The next Wednesday luncheon will be in October, and if the wife of any member would like to be put on our calling list, be sure to contact me, Marjorie Neuss - 833-7500, before then. We try to have interesting programs and good food, and it is a chance for the wives to get better acquainted.

Marge Neuss



ERIE POWER SQUADRON

On March 15, 1979 Erie Power Squadron held its Annual Meeting and Change of Watch. New Officers were elected and installed as follows:

Commander	John C. Hargather, A/P
Exec. Officer	Lt/C James W. Acker, N
Ed. Officer	Lt/C Bobby L. Johnson, N
Adm. Officer	Lt/C William H. Corson, N
Secretary	Lt/C James L. Owen, Sr., N
Treasurer	Lt/C John J. Goodill, J/N
Ass't. Ed. Off	Lt. Neal B. Fourspring, J/N

William R. Miklos, A/P; Eugene Conaway, J/N; Richard A. Walkow, A/P; J. Thad Heinlein, J/N; G. David Cuthbert, J/N were elected to the Executive Committee.

Coming Events

- 19 April 1979 - Regular Dinner Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Erie Yacht Club
- 21 April 1979 - District 11 Spring Conference at Ashtabula, Ohio - (See details in EPS Scupper)
- 30 April 1979 - Executive Committee Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - Erie Yacht Club
- 17 May 1979 - Regular Dinner Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Elks Club
- 28 May 1979 - Executive Committee Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - Erie Yacht Club
- 21 June 1979 - Regular Dinner Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Erie Yacht Club
- 25 June 1979 - Executive Committee Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - Erie Yacht Club

For more information about these events or about membership see any of the officers listed above.



Did you ever see such weather as we had in Erie this past month? You name it—four seasons in one month. Charles Dudley Warner said, "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." Everyone at times feels as Warner did. The spoiled boat outing, the withered crops, all remind us how dependent we are on the weather. That is why weather is our most common topic of conversation, and a constant concern of everyone.

For many years the weatherman has been teased about the accuracy of his predictions. The old-time sailors acquired their knowledge of the weather only through years of observation and experience. They put their observations in the form of folklore but rarely knew the explanation for the phenomena they were observing. Of all aspects of the natural world, weather is outstanding in its beauty, its majesty, its terrors and its continual direct effect on us all, especially as boaters.

Here's looking to good boating weather and as the saying goes, March winds brought April showers, and April showers bring May flowers. We all know what May flowers bring. . . Pilgrims, of course!

Jim Owen
Editor

ATTENTION - LADIES

Opening Day ceremonies will take place on Monday, May 28th, at 11:40 a.m.

We are asking wives to donate sandwiches, enough for their own families. Please label them as to variety and take them to the Clubhouse by 11:00 a.m. so they can be arranged for serving.

Past Commodores' wives will serve as pourers at the coffee table, and children will be served at the Canoe House.

Thanks for your help.

QUOTE CORNER

With sixty staring me in the face, I have developed inflammation of the sentence structure and a definite hardening of the paragraphs.

—James Thurber

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.

Thursday: Bar: open 11:30 a.m.
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 May 1

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