

A FOND FAREWELL



It is that time of year again. The annual meeting and election of officers. Before we look ahead let us take one good look back. We saw a very successful year. We saw our commodore and his wife give 200% of their time and efforts constantly. At practically any given time the Neuss' were involved at or with or in, under, ontop and around EYC. If this sounds like an accolade all the better because it should and it is. Our thanks to Gus and Marge Neuss. Your timeless efforts were awesome. You have left tough shoes to follow. Now let us look to the future. We are in good hands. Steady as she goes.

Jim Owen

COMMODORE'S REPORT



This issue of the "Log" is the final opportunity available to me as an EYC Flag Officer to comment on the activities and achievements of the past year.

Recognizing that the position of Commodore entails overall Club direction rather than detail or sectional responsibility, I will defer to the other Flag Officers the chore of advising you of their accomplishments; these in their delegated areas of Docks, Grounds and House.

Progress of any kind in a Club such as ours, is attained only through the efforts of dedicated volunteers. In prior issues of this, the voice in print of EYC, I have acknowledged the significant assistance received from a sizeable number of you fellow members. The result of this has been to provide an improved facility; this in appearance, in service, and in Club sponsored functions.

To each of you who, during my tenure, contributed of your time, advice, counsel and physical effort, I again express my sincere thanks. My appreciation also is extended to the administrative staff and the House and Grounds personnel, without whom EYC could not function. All of you have made the past year for me an assignment to favorably remember.

Last, but by far not the least, one to whom I extend gratitude for assistance both moral and physical, throughout the past two years, is my patient and diligent wife of forty-four years. Without Marge's able and timely help, the position responsibilities would have been difficult if not impossible to fulfill.

Gustave Neuss
Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT



The fall season has created an air of urgency at the Yacht Club. The month

of September saw little activity towards the preparation for winter. However, the magic of October has produced a steady stream of boats making their way to storage, keeping Marty on a dawn to dusk schedule. Providing the weather cooperates, and Marty and the crane perservere we will all be under cover before the snow flies. We can then look forward to reversing the whole process in a few months.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the boating membership for their patience and understanding; particularly, those who were unable to obtain the dock assignments they would have preferred. There were circumstances at times which prevented adequate assignments. Those of you who have not scheduled haul-out dates, I urge you to arrange for times at once. Please police the area in front of your dock, and remove all your dock lines when hauling out. Your cooperation will reduce the work load for the clean-up crew.

As long-time members depart or cease boating and are replaced by newer members the impression that begins to prevail is that the Erie Yacht Club will haul members' boats. This is not correct. The member hauls (or launches) his own boat and he alone is responsible. The Erie Yacht Club will furnish a crane operator and will locate the boat where circumstances indicate.

The member will bring his boat to the gasoline dock, will place it in the haulout well after the crane has been positioned for him, and will center the boat until lifted. He shall provide sufficient and able help to perform all this work. Once hauled the member and his helpers scrub the bottom, assist in setting in the cradle and do the final blocking at its resting place for the winter. If sufficient help is not provided, the operator, manager or Vice Commodore can refuse to haul or alternatively assign manpower to perform all necessary work which will be charged at going marina rates or actual cost if higher.

These conditions have had to be imposed because members who do not provide the necessary help delay the haulout of the next vessel and prolong the days

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DECORATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The members of the decorating committee are pleased with the many favorable comments about the "new look" at the Club. Needless to say, we took on the challenge of redecorating the dining room knowing full well not everyone would be happy with the results. However, those in favor have been a significant majority which has been very gratifying.

There have been questions about the completion of the project. At this writing a work committee has plans for illuminating the trophy cases and finishing a few odds and ends such as hanging more of the trophies, relocating a light fixture and painting a storage closet for the ladies' auxiliary, etc. These are a few of the little finishing touches which don't make a big show but do take time.

The metal sailboat sculpture on the West wall, donated by the Ladies' Auxiliary, has been a source of great pleasure to all who frequent the club. Now the challenge is to find something for the East wall which will be equally fitting and beautiful. At present the budget will not encompass such a purchase. Maybe next year-if we find the right thing.

The budget voted by the board for this project was \$44,000. With much comparison shopping, good advice and no end of penny pinching we managed to: insulate and finish the East wall, close the West wall and install folding doors, complete the "Commodore's Corner" which was formed by this new wall, add ceiling beams, antique brass chandeliers and wall fixtures, and the necessary wiring and controls, cover the walls with a commercial weight vinyl grass cloth, paint the ceiling and door jams, stain and finish all new beams and moldings and purchase artificial plants. Probably the most striking change was the new dining room carpeting which we managed to extend through the lobby, hallway and office. All the dining room chairs have been recovered and padded as well as the lobby furniture. Still within the budget we have purchased one extra round table and two square ones which have not been delivered as yet. With the exception of a few small accessories yet to be decided upon the decorating committee is finished with its project.

Dee Bressler

LADIES' AUXILIARY

My term as President of the Ladies' Auxiliary will come to an end in a very few days, and I want to sincerely thank the many people who have helped and encouraged me.

We have had excellent attendance at the luncheons, in fact, at all of our social functions. It has been a great pleasure for me to meet and work with all of you, and I want to wish Elaine Schwab great success in the coming year.

Marjorie Neuss



E.Y.C. PHRF 1979 WINNERS

Morc
Gilmore
Interclub
Fleet A
Division I
Division II
Division IV
Annette Cup
Bruce Dell
Summer Series
Koehler Cup
Governor's Cup
Mayor's Cup
Past Commodore's Race
Fall Series
Reverse Handicap
Zurn (Overall Winner)

R. L. Lasher
R. L. Lasher

R. O. Loesel
R. L. Lasher
R. O. Loesel
E. E. Kemble
J. B. Bert, Jr.
R. L. Lasher
R. O. Loesel
J. D. James
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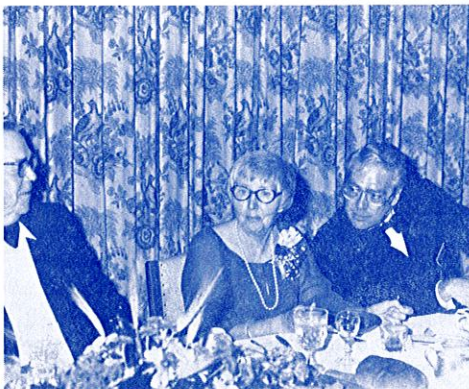
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Airborne
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Caprice
Diablo
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Finesse
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We really enjoyed ourselves at
the Commodore's Ball.

And now I give you our Chorus line!



Has he told you that you have to do
the dishes tonight?

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT (Continued)

labors well beyond the working schedule.

Clem Schwab
Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



I would like to thank the members who have taken the time to enjoy their Club. The last few months have been a great improvement for the members and myself. When my phone rings now I am not apprehensive, as the complaints have stopped. Thank goodness.

The chef is handling the affairs of the dining room very professionally and the food, is thus greatly improved.

I would like to thank Tom Carrol for his continued help with the Jr. Sailing vessel repairs. Also Tom Knobloch for the used car. Is there any Tom I missed who would like to donate time or material to the Club.

Fred H. Reymore
Rear Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT



We have arrived at "haul 'em out" time, however, be of good cheer, cold weather imbibing is just around the corner.

There has been a problem with thefts during this past month. Any suggestions as to corrective measures would be appreciated, i.e., additional help, vapor lamps, burglar alarms, etc. It appears that the thieves used an approach from the water rather than the land to gain entry to the boats. We can help each other by questioning individuals who appear on neighbor's boats or in areas where they are suspect.

Please be cautious regarding electrical equipment on your boat during winter lay-up. All electrical appliances should be disconnected unless the owner is aboard.

We are aware of the excellent job

Marty does and how fortunate we are to have him. Please be patient if there are unavoidable delays in hauling your boat.

It would appear to be happening again—"Now that Christmas is here, can Thanksgiving be far behind?" I trust that both holidays, whatever the sequence, will be happy ones for everyone.

Roy Martine
Fleet Captain

MORC NEWS

We hate to see it but another wonderful season has come to an end. The racing this year was the most diversified in both entrants and events. One of the new events were the "Lighthouse Races" through the channel and over the sand bars. Another change of pace was the race to the surge filled harbor at Barcelona, to meet our hosts the Barcelona Lighthouse Yacht Club.

But more than the events, the boats were very diversified. To begin with, there was Bill Lasher's new hand built boat, "Gargoyle," which won the Falcon race. Another interesting boat was the Gorny-Foresman modified star. "About-time," which won the second largest amount of trophies. Who says you can't win with a \$1500 boat? Then of course there was "Revenge," Dick Robertson changed his whole keel only to find out it was good enough to win "Boat of the Year."

Also this year we had a whole new class, jib and main. The response was very good and Gene Polaski led the way in the jib and main fleet.

MORC would like at this time to thank the members of Erie Yacht Club for their hospitality during our regattas.

And just a reminder, the 1980 MORC season starts in four months. So think about sailing with us, full race or main and jib, next season. For more information call Dave Heitzenrater - 454-0437.

Ron Busse

TO ALL MEMBERS

Because Texaco, Inc. has elected to abandon retail gasoline/oil sales in this geographical area your Club management has arranged to have Mobil Oil as our replacement supplier. The transition will take place in the next few weeks; however, any purchases made against Texaco credit cards will be acceptable.

It is suggested that credit card purchasers may want to obtain a Mobile credit card since the Texaco cards will have little use in the Northeastern United States. The Club office will arrange to have Mobile credit card application forms in the office prior to the start of the 1980 boating season.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Erie Yacht Club will be held on November 16, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. This meeting is open only to Regular Members, and they alone may attend and participate therein.

The Agenda will include the election of officers, review of the financial report and officer reports.

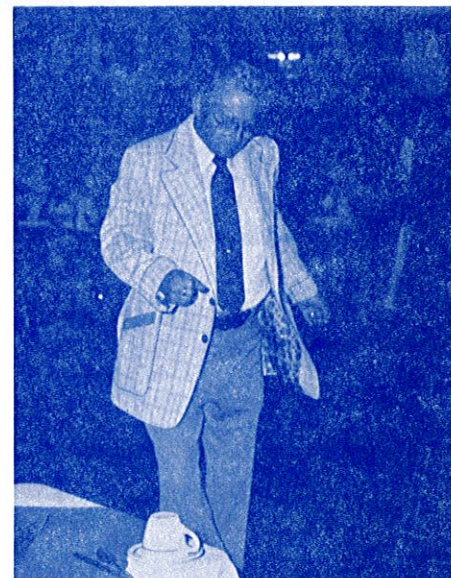
Nominating Committee Candidates are as follows:

Commodore Clemens V. Schwab
Vice Commodore Fred Reymore
Rear Commodore J. Roy Martine
Fleet Captain Clarke S. Bressler
Directors (vote for two) . Paul D. Brugger
Harold M. Bush
William H. Corson
Charles A. Matts
Nominating Committee (vote for three)
. P/C G. William Ambro
P/C David B. Schuler
P/C Richard E. Waller

In addition, By-Laws changes to increase initiation fee and dues, to eliminate the Intermediate Class and make some minor technical changes will be voted upon.

The dining room will serve, from the menu, a stag dinner for Regular members only beginning at 5:30 p.m. Meal orders must be placed by 6:30 p.m.

Refreshments in honor of the new Commodore will follow the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.



And . . one, two, three, and . .



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

As our year as Entertainment Committee Chairmen draws to a close, we'd like to thank all those who made a great year possible. First, our thanks to Commodore Neuss for giving us this opportunity. We enjoy giving parties and when we can do it with other people's money--well, what more can you ask for! Second, we thank the fine Yacht Club staff whose suggestions, help and efficiency made the job much easier. And, of course, we couldn't have done it with-

out all the creative and energetic help from so many, many people who served on the committees for each party. This club has so many great and talented people, it's a pleasure to be associated with them. We urge all of you to give our successors the fine assistance you've given us, and we'll continue to have good entertainment.

Dear Members:

Skip and I are the new entertainment chairmen for next year. We thought we'd get a notice in the Log for the upcoming parties - hoping to see you there and looking forward to meeting you -.

Happily yours,
Bob & Guthrie Pratt

Elaine and Skip Smoot



*Mark your
Calendars!*

PARTIES

"Sleigh Bells Ring"
Dinner Dance

Saturday Dec 8, 6:30 PM - 1:00 AM

Orchestra: Skill Sunday

XMAS



NEW YEARS EVE



Erie Yacht Club
dinner dance

Monday Dec 31st 6:30 til 1:00

Orchestra: "Dipie Woodlars"

NOMINEE FOR FLEET CAPTAIN C. S. BRESSLER



A few years ago it was necessary for me to resign from the Erie Yacht Club Bridge pending a reassignment by my Company. It developed that relocating was not necessary and my wife Dee and I were able to remain in Erie and we expect to continue our life here. I regretted having to step down from serving the Erie Yacht Club. I decided that once I adjusted myself to the new business assignment and ascertained that I would be able to devote the necessary time required to serve the Erie Yacht Club effectively, I would do so.

Early this summer I offered my services to the Nominating Committee to use in any capacity they saw fit. Dee and I have discussed this matter at great length and we have concluded that there are untapped resources in our membership of people who are most anxious to contribute to the steady progress, growth and well being of the Club. Dee found this to be particularly true in her work with the House Committee during the Club redecoration. I have found similar attitudes with many members in other Club projects.

It is with this in mind that I feel my business and boating experience could contribute to the growth and progress of the Club, a Club which I feel is one of the finest facilities of its kind on the Great Lakes.



I keep telling you; it's a slip,
not a stall!

NOTICES

In recent months the Club has been patrolled on the second and third shifts by uniformed guards in the employ of A. J. Fisher & Associates, Inc. Because of our continuing problems with theft, vandalism and unauthorized entry these guards have been instructed to verify the identity of persons coming on Erie Yacht Club property. These guards, due to their limited contact with the Club members, their families and friends and also due to the large membership cannot be expected to be acquainted with each and every.

Your cooperation and that of all our members in assisting these guards in performing their assigned duties will be appreciated. They are not discriminating. Even the Commodore has had to present an I.D.

It appears some members failed to notice the application form for boat slips and winter storage stipulated that no boats over 8 ft. long could be stored in the Club house basement. If you are one of such three, please remove your boat as soon as possible or the Club will do so charging the member the appropriate labor cost.

The same admonition applies to those sailboat masts less than 50 ft. long which are hung on the east end of the Club-house basement. Those under 50 feet should be stored at the west end of the main bay or off that bay to any side bay. Incorrectly stored masts will be relocated and the member charged. Unidentified masts will be moved outside.

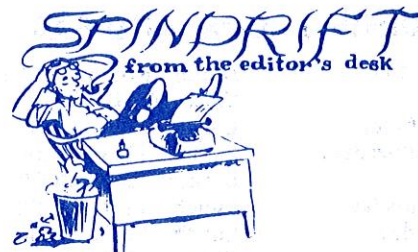
BYRON COOLEY PINOCHLE CLUB

The Pinochle season has started, any Wednesday you feel like good fellowship and cards stop down. The game starts when four fellows show up. You play with a different partner each game, so don't worry about how good you are. As we have all types of players, some good, most fair, and a few who just like to play pinochle win or lose.

To be champion you only have to play ½ as many games as the player who plays the most, and have the best average.

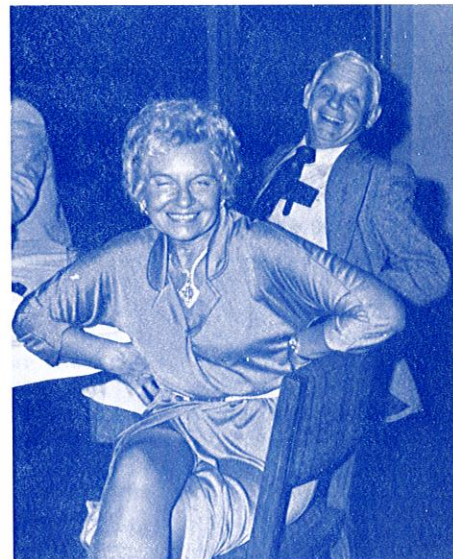
RULES ESTABLISHED BY
BYRON COOLEY 1929
NO CHANGES ALLOWED PER B.C.

Now followed by Pinochle Chairman
Fred H. Reymore
Has his approval stamp you know where
Per. B.C.



It seems to me we are constantly laying up our boats. As I grow older the winters seem to grow longer and become more harsh. I'm basically a summer person and am happiest at that time of year. In winter our favorite pastime is out of the question in this climate. My wife Patti spends most winter months trying to keep my spirits out of the depths of depression. I have been advised by friends that I should get involved in winter activities and this would change my outlook. This was tried but to no avail. For all of you who feel as I do about winter I will share with you a quote by George Santayana, compliments of, you guessed it, my dear wife. "To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring."

Jim Owen
Editor



If ya' got it -- flaunt it!

PHRF TROPHY DINNER

Dinner will be held Saturday evening, November 17th with cocktails from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., and dinner beginning at 7:15 p.m.

DINING ROOM AND BAR

Monday: Dining Room & Bar
Closed All Day
Tuesday: Lunch: 11:30 - 2:00
Wednesday: Lunch: 11:30 - 2:00
Dinner: 6:00 - 9:00
Thursday: Lunch: 11:30 - 2:00
Friday: Lunch: 11:30 - 2:00
Dinner: 6:00 - 9:00
Saturday: Lunch: 11:30 - 2:00
Dinner: 6:00 - 9:00
Sunday: Brunch: 11:30 - 2:00

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED
AT ALL TIMES FOR DINNER

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COMMODORE - Gustave Neuss (Supervision all areas) 833-7500
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