

COMMODORE'S REPORT



It appears that Winter has finally decided to move on. The sun is shining and the temperature is in the 50's, this means the time has arrived to pull covers, sand, scrape and paint in preparation for launching. Which brings to mind two important items to consider, schedule a launch date and police your area after being launched. This will facilitate the better use of club personnel, enhance the appearance of the club grounds.

V/C Reymore has the dock assignments well in hand, and has prepared a master list of assignments which I understand will be included in this issue of the Log. I would urge those members with relatively few points to be patient, as the seniority list is adhered to rigidly. No deviation is permitted.

As many of you are aware, Bill Ambro has resigned his position as General Manager, effective April 1. Bill has filled this position so capably over the years, that most of us are unaware of the load he has carried. I can say in all honesty that we are having an extremely difficult time finding his replacement. His services to EYC have never been fully appreciated.

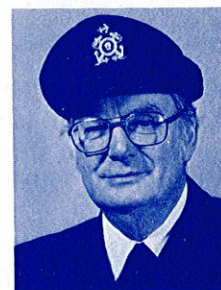
The scope of responsibilities for the position of General Manager ranges to extremes, from the docks and grounds, to the house operation, the administration requirements also. The board is in the process of screening applicants, and if you know of qualified persons, encourage them to apply.

The club recently benefited from two excellent fun parties. The Super Bowl Party in January,

chaired by Fred Reymore, was a club first, and Fred and his volunteer group had TV's placed so that all had an upfront seat, the beer and popcorn flowed throughout, and if your team didn't win, it was still great. Next came the Roaring 50's party, which the Tann's and their group put together in their usual smooth style. The wonderful part about it was the appearance of younger members joining in the contests where you would expect grey hair to dominate the action. Congratulations to the chairmen and their volunteers on the excellent planning.

Clem Schwab
Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT



By the time you receive your copy of the Log, Spring will or should be here, and most all boaters' thoughts are on the coming boating season. Sounds great but first lets think about getting ready for it.

As most of you know Mother Nature has been kind to our docks so far, lets hope she continues. There has been to date only slight damage and Marty, with his crew, will have them ready for us.

For you early boaters - check with Marty for a launch date - as his system is tightly controlled, and he will not vary from his schedule, unless, of course, you and your crew are not there on time and he is forced to rearrange his launch schedule. This creates an excess of unneeded paper work for Marty. Most members know what a stickler he is about neat kept records! Now with that touch of humor over -- IT REALLY IS NOT A LAUGHING MATTER FOR Marty or the boaters that follow you! It only takes

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one to start a chain reaction that goofs up alot of good launch dates.

It is the boat owner's responsibility to get a launch date and have sufficient help to do the job!

We must have team work between the Boat Owner and Marty's/crew as there are 284 boats to be launched this spring.

I will include a chart of the yacht basin in alphabetical order of members and their slip assignment in the May log.

HAPPY BOATING SEASON!

Fred H. Reymore
Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



By the time the presses have rolled, the most important Holiday of the year, will have come and gone. A belated "Erin go bragh" to those I might not see at the party for the "snake killer" on March 15th.

Bill and Agnes Robertson will chair the "Fittin Out" party which will probably include a bout with "Ye Olde Auctioneer" so---gather up your nautical goodies and prepare to pass them on to another member's canoe. Saturday, May 17th is the date---details to follow.

Now that the weather should be on a warming trend, hopefully, bring the family down to the club and enjoy the tasty tid-bits issuing forth from Michael's galley. If you should get caught with an Alpo special, you can always wash it down with your favorite libation. There is an extra special for little members of the family, both meal and price, be sure to ask.

I should think that April and May will see a collection of porcelain from the assorted heads that will equal the elephant's graveyard. It's unfortunate that the value of these illegal comfort stations didn't keep pace with gold and silver. The fiberglass suitcase brigade leaving their barks on a Sunday afternoon this summer will resemble a Long Island com-

mutor group.

With sunny days just around the corner, many of you are undoubtedly planning your traditional annual cruise to the Marina. See you there!

Roy Martine
Rear Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Maintenance work on the grounds equipment, including the travel lift and the boat hauler is virtually complete and we have reasonable assurance that the forthcoming launching season will proceed without a hitch. For those of you with boats with lighter masts or sparring block and tackle arrangement has been fitted to our lifting boom which should speed up stepping the mast considerably.

Investigations are still underway for a marine pump-out facility for the Club. Several visits to surrounding clubs and marinas narrow our choice to about three systems: a) a portable pump-out unit, b) a stationary tank at the dock side and, c) an in-ground line running from the dock to the Club sewage system. From an expense and environment point of view the portable unit still seems to be the most desirable. One of the uncertainties is the amount of use any such system will see this season.

We are in the process of letting the contract to a landscaping firm to clean up the lawn and garden areas, trim the shrubs, fertilize, maintain insect control and care for the lawn for the season. In addition, the E.Y.C. Garden Club is making plans for flower selections and planting which will add further beauty to your Club. All in all, we hope to make you proud to visit your Club this coming season.

C.S. Bressler
Fleet Captain

Thanks to all for your thoughts, letters, cards and prayers. It's good to be back.

Del Kabasinski

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Periodically we are obliged to locate yacht owners to inform them of problems with their boats. This is usually not a problem in the summer if it is a member's or a visitor's boat.

It is in the winter that the determination is difficult because members do not clearly mark their name at the bow end of the cradle, trailer or framing. In the past eight days we have had to locate eleven members to inform them of torn tarpaulins or other wind damage. Identification is difficult because (1) the Club's green sticker is on the mast which is in the basement (2) the boat is un-named (3) that part of the tarp that covers the name is intact (4) we don't know all the names of boats (5) the boat was sold and the name went to a new owner (6) the cradle has a name on it but it is not the name of the owner and so on. When a tarp comes loose and for other reasons, we like to inform the owners promptly to avoid continuing damage. Please help by placing your name on your cradle or framing so we can contact you if necessary.

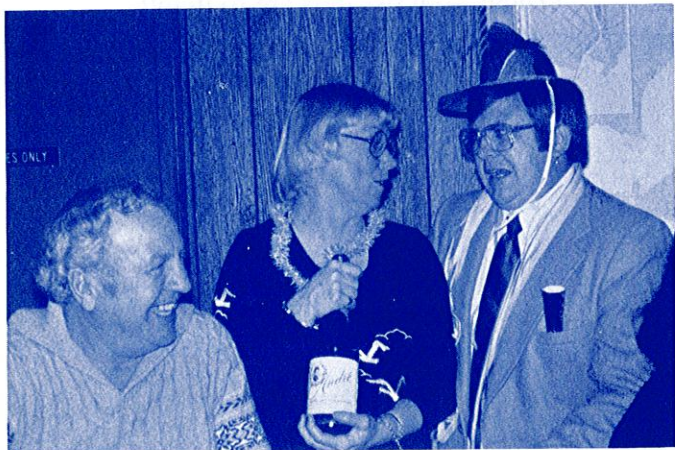
G. Wm. Ambro
Secretary

DRY SAILOR'S NOTICE

For a number of years we have maintained a ramp directly east of the ramp used by the Junior Sailing Classes. This ramp accommodated about six dry sailors, mostly Lasers, with assignment on a seniority basis.

With the increase in the Junior Sailing Class volume, this ramp has been assigned to the Junior Sailing activity so they will be occupying both ramps. Please do not store your boat on either ramp. If it becomes necessary to remove your boat you will be charged for labor to relocate it.

Fred Reymore
Vice Commodore



They said the bottle was mine!



MORC Presque Isle Station 31 Presents



In Person

GARY JOBSON

Sailing competitor, author, and lecturer,
in an evening program

"Challenge 1980"

Fastnet

Gary brings you with him in his watch racing **TENACIOUS** on the roughest offshore race on record. Exclusive photos taken during the storm highlight the Fastnet Race, Cowes Week, and the Admiral's Cup. Gary's first hand account of the storm and the week will show you yacht racing at its ultimate.

1980 America's Cup Defense

He takes you aboard **COURAGEOUS** with a special preview of all the 1980 America's Cup challengers and defenders focusing on the competition of 12 meter racing and the life of a 12 meter crew.

Six Meters

Six Meters are back! Gary details the Six Meter Worlds and the Australian American Challenge Cup from his view as tactician aboard the Texas entry, **RANGER**.

Biography

Gary Jobson of Annapolis is a frequent contributor to Yachting, Sail, and Yacht Racing/Cruising magazines. He has authored two books, *The Racing Edge* and the "USYRU Instructor's Manual". He will be coming out with a how to sail book this spring. Gary is a graduate of New York Maritime College and holds a Merchant Marine Officer's Third Mate License. He is the creator of the USYRU training programs and has coached sailing at the U.S. Naval Academy and at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Gary is also a member of the United States Olympic Yachting Committee. He has raced in dozens of classes and holds six national titles. Gary has completed eight SORC's and was a three time All American sailor and was the only person to be named College Sailor of the Year two times. He was also Ted Turner's tactician aboard **COURAGEOUS** in 1977.

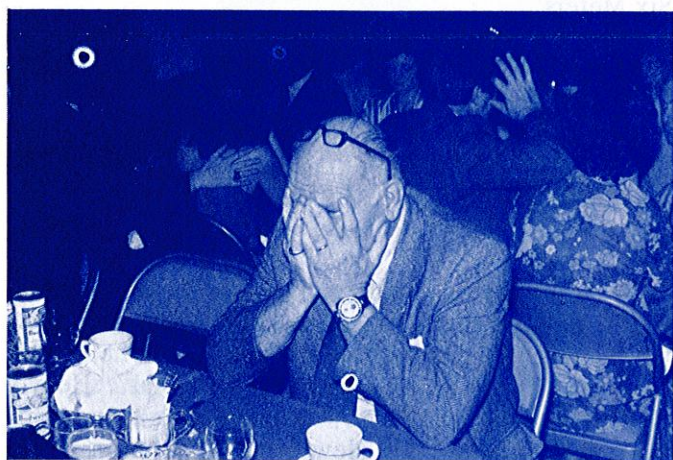
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Erie Yacht Club 19:30

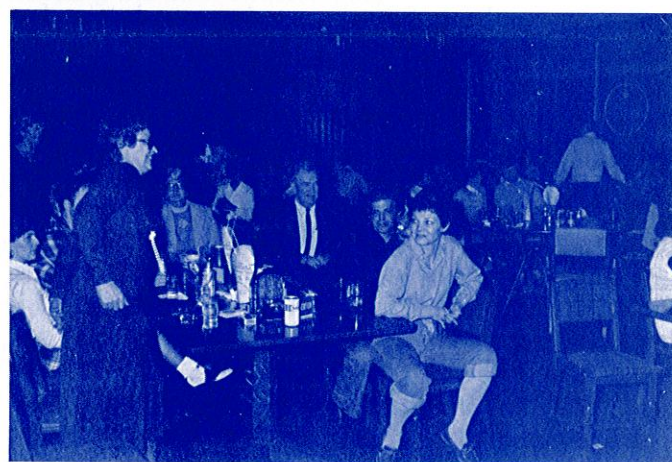
Tickets available at the doors - \$5.00



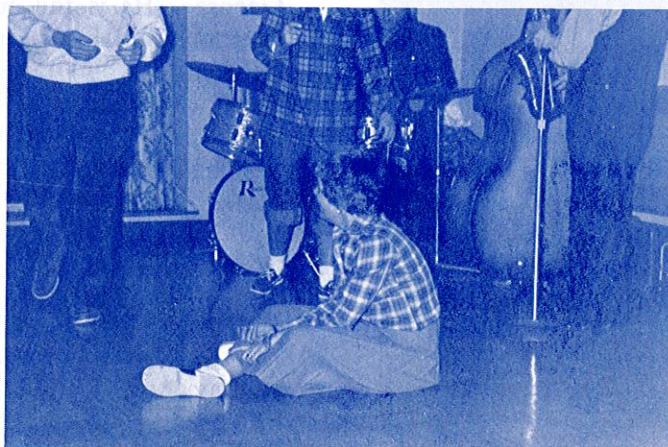
When I was pregnant, I swear I was out to here.



I'm going to hate myself in the morning!



These wool sweaters are so itchy!



I'm striking until they play a twist.

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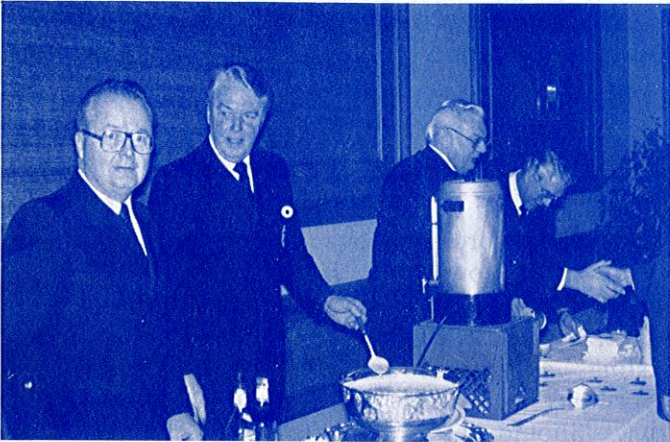
When you purchase your tickets for club functions there will be no refunds unless they are returned 48 hours before the party if you are unable to attend.

April 5 - Easter Egg Hunt for children thru 9 years old. 2:30 to 4:30. Chairman Hanlin.

April 19 - New Member Party - The New, The Old, The In-Between. Chairman Behr.

May 17 - Anchors Aweigh Party and Auction - Start going through your excess boating equipment. Chairman Martine.

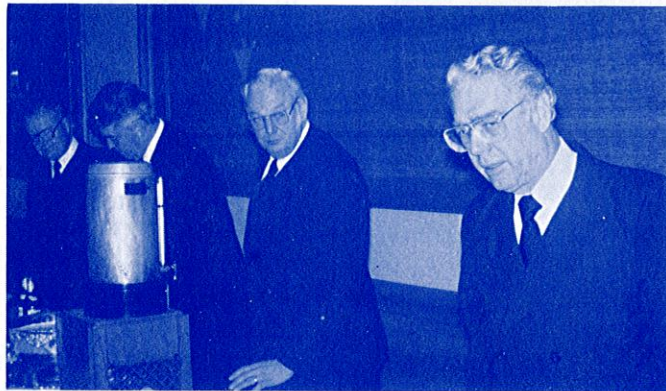
May 26 - Opening Day Ceremonies. Chairman Commodore Schwab and flag officers.



This ought to blow their socks off. I just dumped a whole bottle in this batch.



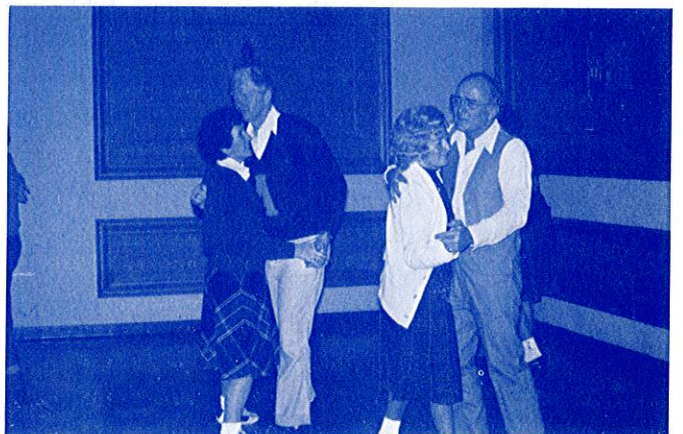
The egg nog is good fellas. A little weak but good.



I don't believe Marty is still standing after downing two cups of this batch.



Hi Ho! I just love these parties.



Oh! Those were the days.

TEN WAYS TO KILL YOUR CLUB

1. Don't come to the meetings.
2. But, if you come, come late.
3. If the weather does not suit you, don't come at all.
4. If you ever attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers.
5. Never accept any office because it is easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Nevertheless, always get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are appointed don't attend any committee meetings.
7. If you are asked by the chairman to give an opinion regarding some important matter, tell him that you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how things should have been done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when others roll up their sleeves and do it all, then howl about how the club is run by a clique.
9. Hold back your dues as long as possible. Even do better, don't pay them at all.
10. Don't ever bother about bringing in new members. "Let George Do It".



It's right there on your nose, Agnes!

BRAIN BUSTERS

1. Edwin, Gladys, Pam, and Hugo get together every Monday evening for dinner and conversation, sitting at the same seats at the same square table in the same restaurant each week. The discussions are always scintillating because of the diversified occupations represented. The bartender sits on Pam's left, while Gladys sits across from the opera singer. Hugo is neither the bartender nor the accountant, while the person who sits across from Edwin is the bartender. Who is the baseball player?
2. If a cellophane tape dispenser costs \$1.00 plus half its price, how much is it?
3. If it is raining at midnight, will it be sunny in 96 hours?



I told you not to stand so close to my beard!

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. How far is a light year?
2. What is the most frequently used word in the English language?
3. How long will it take for the sun to burn itself out?
4. Is the sun farthest from the earth in summer or in winter?

NOTICE

One of the problems encountered in the business operation of your Club, is the collection of fees. By provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws, Section I, 8, the officers are obliged to follow certain posting, suspension and expulsion (if necessary) procedures to enforce collection of bills owed the Club. Should they become derelict in their duty, the Club would revert to a financially unstable organization and encounter operating difficulties. We have not been in this position since the early 1920's when the Club became bankrupt.

Unfortunately too many members fail to pay their fees in the month when due and must be posted much to their dislike as well as ours. In February 1980 we posted 87 members for non payment of December 1979 bills. While this is only about 11% of our members, the other 89% paid promptly and it is their money which was used to pay the Club's December and January bills. While it is understandable that on occasion a member may lose a bill, be out of town or for some unusual reason, fail to pay a bill within the allotted time there are members who regularly appear on the delinquent list much to the complaint of the 90% who do pay promptly.

To these few who consistently pay late the officers and directors at the January Board meeting resolved that:

"A member delinquent in payment such as to require posting four times in 12 consecutive months shall, if delinquent once again within the next six months, be denied charging privileges immediately."

Board of Directors
February 18, 1980

ATTENTION

GENTLEMEN: and this is for the men only!

The ladies have their tea-luncheon scheduled for a Tuesday (May 6, 1980). This is their one big day of the year and there may well be two or three hundred ladies here, including your wife.

In keeping with prior practice, luncheon will not be available to the general membership and we will not open the bar to the general membership until 4:00 p.m. that day. In exchange for you staying away we promise to chase the gals home by 4:00 to get dinner ready. Besides which, you'll find the parking intolerable. Everything will be back to normal on Wednesday.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. The distance light travels in a year at the rate of 186,281.7 miles per second, or 5,880,000,000,000 miles.
2. The word "I".
3. Approximately 10 Billion years.
4. Summer.

DINING ROOM NEWS

The Dining Room will now be serving a "Young Yachtmen's" Menu.

Hamburger
Cheeseburger
Perch Sandwich
Franks

All above served with a Coke and milk, french fries and ice cream. The menu price is only \$1.95.

The menu will be served to the Yachtman twelve or under.

We will also have a "Raw Bar" on Wednesday nights - 6:00 - 7:30. Featuring:

Clams and oysters on half shell
Shrimp in rough
Clams casino
Steamed clams or shrimp

BRAIN BUSTER ANSWERS

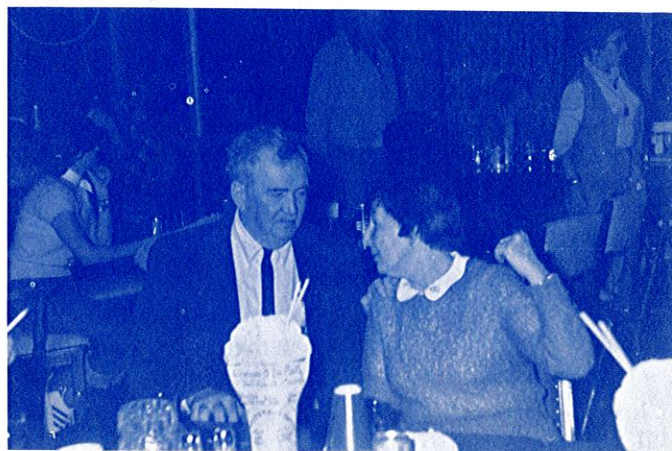
1. Hugo is the baseball player. Pam is the accountant; Gladys, the bartender; Edwin, the opera singer.
2. \$2.00. Another way of wording the question would be what number is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ itself plus 1. The only number which will make the equation true is 2.
3. No. It will be midnight.



A long time ago a friend of mine wrote a letter to the LOG asking why most people in boating call a boat slip or mooring a "stall". This was sometime before I became Editor. The letter went on to explain that a stall was for a horse or other bovine animal according to the definition in Webster's dictionary. Being guilty of using this terminology myself I decided to eliminate the word from my nautical vocabulary since the lady was absolutely correct. After this episode I was amazed at the people who call a boat mooring a "STALL". Agnes and I have spent a great deal of time correcting this situation everytime we are confronted with it. It has become an obsession with us you might say.

In the last issue of the LOG I blew the golden opportunity of a lifetime for an editor with an obsession such as this to make a point. Needless to say Agnes was crestfallen when she read the Vice Commodore's message in the last issue of the LOG. Spindrift this month has a twofold purpose: First it is an apology to Agnes Robertson, and all other members of our crusade. Secondly, it is a renewal of my pledge to help stamp out such non nautical nabobs. Fred Reymore, Shame, shame, shame. This is a pledge to our readers that the word STALL will never again appear in the LOG during my term as editor unless the article is about animals or the use of the word itself.

Jim Owen
Editor



The bubble gum is right over there - go get some!

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

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