

COMMODORE'S REPORT



The Club's 86th Opening Day will have come and gone before the Log reaches our members, and I can only hope my rapport with the weatherman surpasses Gus Neuss's! The porch is hardly the place to conduct ceremonies on such an occasion. May I still wish all members a fun filled, sunny, safe summer of boating.

As you will have noticed, the Club House and grounds have received some much needed attention and more is in the offing. The grounds will continue to improve under Fleet Captain Bressler's eagle eye, the Board Room and Ladies' Lounge have been renovated with Rear Commodore Martine and his wife Rosemary's careful attention. Spring launching is going well, in spite of a few setbacks such as cancellations and no shows for launching times. However, as before, we will probably be 98% launched by June 10th.

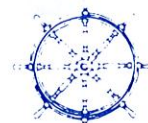
Many members will have had the opportunity by now to meet our new General Manager, Ed McConnell. Mr. McConnell has had an extensive background in most phases of Yacht Club management. He has managed two yacht Clubs previously, including a country club affiliation, and prior to this has been involved in other aspects of food and beverage operations. Most recently, he was General Manager of Food Services for Pan American World Airways. As General Manager he will be responsible to the Board of Directors and those Officers directly charged with Club areas of responsibility for the full operation of the Club. This will include the docks, House and office. It goes without

saying, that some familiarization time will be required. Your cooperation and understanding at this time will benefit all of us. I am sure that Mr. McConnell will be responsive to the membership needs and requirements both individually and collectively.

This is a most difficult subject to discuss, however, I feel strongly that it warrants the attention of all of us. Recently, as a result of Board action, two members were suspended for conduct unbecoming a gentlemen. In addition, several letters of reprimand for similar conduct have been sent to other members. It appears that some of us are forgetting that the language and actions used around the bar can be offensive to the other members and their wives or friends. This also constitutes an imposition on the rights of all members who patronize the bar and lounge. Article VI, Paragraph I of the Constitution specifically states: "All Members that are on or about the premises of the Erie Yacht Club or the premises of any other yacht club extending guest privileges to Members of the Erie Yacht Club will conduct and maintain themselves as ladies and gentlemen, consistent with the good order and welfare of the Erie Yacht Club and its Membership." The Directors fully intend to deal with further infractions.

Clem Schwab
Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT



For the first time in many years we will not be constructing any significant number of new slips. There will be a minor extension out near the mast hoist and along the east end of the north fill providing three more boat slips. There simply is no room for further expansion.

We hope the many of you with low "points" and the few who applied for slips lately, will be patient. Be assured that the "point" system, defined in the By-laws will be firmly applied in offering slips to members.

We are often asked about the availability of mooring kegs. Over the past several years, we have engaged at least three sets of divers to retrieve kegs the Club owned at one time. This effort hasn't been very successful but we will try again.

A major reconstruction of the inside bulkheading of the west dock (A7,-11) is underway. This project will cost over \$34,000 and should be completed in May. The five members assigned slips in this repair area may have to be temporarily relocated until such time as the repairs are completed. Please be patient.

We know that some of you have noted a rope tackle has been added to the mast hoist. This adjunct has proven useful to sailboat owners with light weight masts speeding up the lifting and stepping of masts. "The first to arrive, the first to use" system for use of the mast rig seems to be working successfully and will continue. Please, however, return the mast dollies to the basement. When you remove your masts from the basement please do not take the mast hooks with you. Every year we make new mast hangers because members take them home and do not return them next year. Remember, such thefts of Club property subject a member to expulsion.

G. William Ambro
Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



Let's hope Memorial Day showers us with sunshine rather than last years' wet rays. We were told, last year, that the sun always shines during the opening day ceremonies--perhaps 1980 will abide by the rule.

Our resident chef, Michael, has been a success with the Wednesday "raw bar". If you haven't had an opportunity to enjoy it--please give it a try. The meals from the galley have been constantly improving and the price is right. Don't miss the Wednesday specials!!

You'll be glad you were there.

The board room and the ladies' lounge should be re-decorated by opening day. The board room is used for so many functions in the course of a year that re-decorating was a necessity. Elaine Schwab, Dee Bressler, Paul Brugger and Rosemary Martine have been primarily responsible for the results. I'm sure that you will be pleased with their efforts.

There have been complaints regarding a few members who have been less than careful regarding their language at the bar. Please be considerate of your fellow members and their guests. The bartenders have the right to limit drinks to any member (they are obligated to do so to protect our Club's license) and they also have the authority to adhere to closing time at the bar during the week. Their job is put in jeopardy when members insist on that extra drink or, extending the bar hours. They would appreciate your cooperation, which will make the club a more pleasant place to be. It is to be hoped that no one will be put in an embarrassing situation due to unacceptable behavior.

We should be in the water by the time this issue is printed. Let's hope we have a safe and enjoyable season.

Roy Martine
Rear Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT



This has been an extremely busy month. The grounds around the Club are beginning to take shape. The north roadway will be extended some 300 feet with blacktop and necessary repairs will be made to road surfaces. Landscaping and flower plantings are well underway and further plans for beautifying the Club are on the drawing board. The boat launching equipment has been working well thanks to a preventative maintenance program that was initiated during the winter. Studies are underway to improve the gas dock area including additional security methods and communications.

We are close to a final decision on the type of marine pump out system to be purchased. This has been the subject of an exhaustive

investigation for several months.

The committee boats, which are in dire need of some TLC, were recently sandblasted to determine the condition of the hulls. The "Iron Duke" needs some major work prior to launching. It is our intent to return these boats to prime condition so race committees will be able to enjoy their "tour of duty".

"Doc" Bressler
Fleet Captain

SAILING CLASSES AT EYC

Fun for All

There's no better bargain nor any better summer fun than sailing class at Erie Yacht Club. Classes are given weekdays and evenings and are open to juniors and adults, members and their friends. New equipment and more elaborate curriculum are features this year.

Classes for the junior will be split up into Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced divisions. The beginners classes will accommodate the younger children and concentrate on fundamentals such as how to make a sail boat go, getting to know the parts of a boat, rowing and water safety. EYC has purchased three new "Haulers", small cat boats easily handled by the beginners.

Four new Vanguard Flying Juniors have been purchased by EYC, bringing our total to nine of these fine boats. Flying Juniors are the most popular boat used in collegiate competition and Vanguard makes the best "FJ" on the market. Most of the Flying Juniors will be used in the Intermediate Division. Boat handling, seamanship, safety and more advanced sailing techniques will be taught and some elementary racing will be featured.

The Advanced Division will concentrate on more sophisticated sailing techniques, theory, advanced racing, drill, tactics, rules and all those things that will be challenging fun for those skippers ready to get more deeply into sailing. We've acquired another Thistle for the Advanced Division and we'll be using the two Thistles and some of the Flying Juniors for our classes.

Scott Uraro is our head instructor this year. Scott is a graduate of the EYC sailing classes, as are all of our instructor staff. Scott has taught in our public schools, been a counselor at summer camp (specialty - sailing) and has his own vintage Star that he's extensively rebuilt.

This summer promises to be one of the best for EYC's sailing classes with new and better equipment, a fine staff and expanded curriculum. If you'd like more information,

contact Mrs. Taylor on 474-3856 or Mr. Schultz on 453-4464.

EYC Junior Sailing Committee

EYC 100% PARTICIPATION C.E.

"Seal of Safety"

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 5-3 of Erie would like all the Erie Yacht Club members and their boating friends to join us in making NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK JUNE 1-8, a thoughtful, meaningful time, a one of preparedness, not sorrow.

Our goal is to have every boat in the Yacht Club, sometime this summer, have a free Courtesy Examine and a 1980 decal (Lime Green, you can't miss it) designating that the boat has all the required equipment on board for their size boat. A decal helps show your awareness and concern for your family and guests on board. A C.E. is encouragement for safety, not a law enforcement agency to report shortcomings.

A mini check list P.F.D.'s, Fire Extinguisher, navigation lights, distress flares, secured galley stove, fuel tank vent, anchor, whistle, backfire flame control, oar, of course these vary as to boat size. You may contact any of the following people for Courtesy Marine Exam: Nick Virgilio, Betty and Dick Waller, Marje and Bill Behr, Gene Burkley, John and Marge Myers (Meadville), Dave Preston, Pat Riley.

Trailerable boats are being checked at Liberty Plaza lot June 8, 1980; 10-2; Sunday. Please pass the word! Have a safe boating summer.

Rosemarie Burkley, P.R.
NSBW Chairperson
Flotilla 5 - 3

MONDAY EVENING RACING PROGRAM

This year we are offering again our Monday Evening Racing Program. This course is open to any club member who is interested in learning or developing sailboat racing skills. The program is designed to bring people into our IOR, MORC, and small boat sailing fleets. The Wakefield crew will be chosen from this class. We will try to teach you everything about yacht racing.

The course is free. We will be sailing in Thistles, Fireball's, and FJ's. Anyone interested please contact:

Dave Loesel
5606 Jones Lane
Erie, PA 16505
838-7490

MORC PRESQUE ISLE STATION 31

The Officers of MORC would like to thank the Erie Yacht Club and those individuals who supported us by attending the Gary Jobson program. Gary gave an excellent talk with very interesting comments on the 320 beautiful slides in his program. Gary is already planning his 1981 program which will concentrate on the 1980 American Cup Defense.

Ted Turner as skipper, Gary as tactician, and the rest of the crew of Courageous will probably have their greatest U.S. challenge by foreign challenge from France. We wish the best of luck to all of the U.S. competitors.

During the few hours we spent with Gary Jobson, we were impressed by his energy and enthusiasm for sailing in general. We are hoping that his program psyched up a few new people enough to get them involved in Erie Yacht Club sailing programs.

The principal reasons most persons give for not participating are that they don't know how to sail well enough, they don't know the rules, they can't get crew, or it's too much trouble and expense. Well, have we got a deal for you!!!

MAIN AND JIB CLASS

MORC as well as the PHRF fleets both have a Main & Jib class. These classes are for new people to learn and/or people who are not hell bent on winning at any expense. It is a more casual less competitive class than the regular racing classes. The Main and Jib classes have a separate start from the regular racers with their own awards. They are not permitted to use spinnakers. The Main and Jib class is ideal for a couple or a couple with one or two young crew members to come out and join the fun. The easiest way to learn is by experience and the Main and Jib class offers a low cost easy way to get into competition. Your sailing skills will increase by being exposed to other boats racing the same course as you, by your asking questions, and by your personal observations of the other competitors. These experiences will enable you to increase the performance of your boat as well as become a more knowledgeable, safer sailor.

Our goal in MORC is to get those sizable investments which sometimes lie idly in their slips on Wednesdays and weekends, and get them involved in some organized fun!!

If you have any questions, please call me or any MORC member.

Dave Heitzenrater
Commodore
454-0437



Past skipper Pat Riley presents the new skipper Marge Neuss with her officer's flag while Sue Corson and Betty Kramer look on.



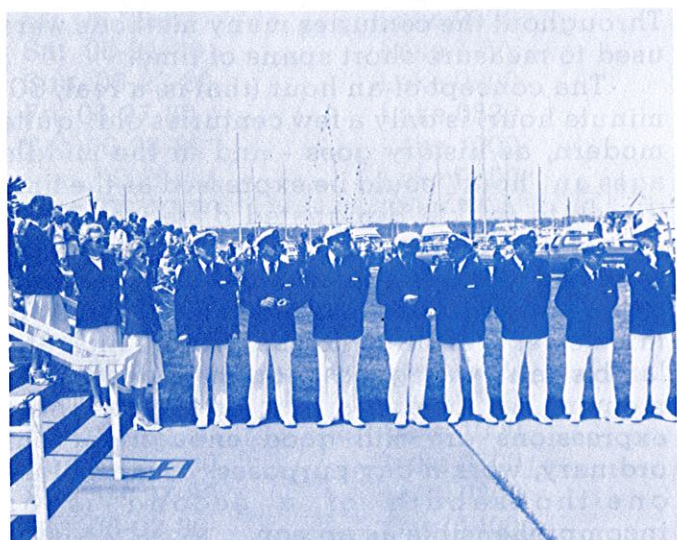
The new bridge officers of WAEPS from left to right. P/S Carol Nyberg, Rosemary Burkley, Betty Kramer, Sue Corson, Marge Neuss and Vikki Testi.

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RATING FLEET (PHRF)

PHRF will be the handicap system used by the Auxiliary Fleet again this year. The schedule is included in this issue of the Log. The race fee for PHRF is \$50.00 for the year or \$10.00 per race for those who may only wish to sail a limited number of races. Racing will be done in one class, however, a main and jib class will be run if enough interest can be shown. Anyone wishing more information can call Boyd Bert or Rich Loesel.

OPENING DAY CEREMONIES

Memorial Day 1980



ENTERTAINMENT

June 14

"Bring Your Own Steak"

Chairmen - Mike and Ginger Rogers.

New members within the last two years; this party is especially for you. Come on out and get acquainted. Watch for the details in the flyer.

July 12

"Luau"

Chairmen - Greg and Berd Weislogel.

Get into your hawaiian outfits and get into the swing of it with our Luau. Don't miss this one - See you there!

August 2

"Chuck Wagon Party" - Dover Day

Chairmen - Bob and Guthrie Pratt.

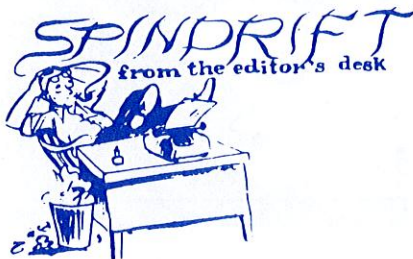
Come and join our Canadian friends and neighbors at a super outdoors barbeque - details later.

August 30

"We Love Erie Day" - Venetian Height

Chairmen - Ralph and Elaine Smoot

Start to think about decorating your boat now - This will be a "biggy" - a trophy from the Mayor for the best in different categories. We will also invite the other boat clubs to participate. Loads of publicity on this so get your thinking caps on. This will be a super fun time. We're counting on EYC to win the prizes.



To the Mariner time is a very useful tool. We use it to determine our position by celestial fix. Sailboaters make use of time in a race. Power boaters need an accurate rate of time to determine a predicted Log.

While days, months, and years are all based on the movements of celestial bodies - natural events over which man has no control - other divisions of time are man-made. A "week" is something that had to be invented, and the length of a week is whatever the powers-that-be say it is.

From the earliest times, the passage of a day was reckoned by the height of the sun in the sky, and the lengthening and shortening of shadows. This gave one a general idea of what time it was at any given moment, but was far from accurate. As life became increasingly

more civilized and complicated, it became evident that getting up with chickens and watching the shadows creep was not conducive to progress. There had to be designations more specific than "morning-tide," or "eventide" or "milking time," and so on.

The creeping-shadow principle had been in use since prehistoric times, but as early as 1400 BC the sundial came into being either in Egypt or in Mesopotamia, and around the eighth century BC the Egyptians invented the shadow clock.

The shadow clocks told the daylight hours, and the night hours were calculated by the rising of certain stars over the eastern horizon. Also about 1400 BC, there appeared in Egypt a timekeeping device called a clepsydra.

This was a vast improvement over the shadow clock . . . it was fairly accurate, and could be used regardless of the seasons or the presence or absence of sunlight.

The water clock was the first time-recorder that didn't depend on sky happenings. Throughout the centuries many methods were used to measure short spans of time.

The concept of an hour (that is, a real, 60-minute hour) is only a few centuries old - quite modern, as history goes - and in the middle ages an "hour" could be expressed as the time it took to walk a designated distance, or the time it took to cook soup. Few old languages even had words to express short time intervals; a three-day trip was referred to as a journey of three sleeps, or three dawns. "In the flick of a lamb's tail" was good enough to describe a moment, an instant, a jiffy, or a trice. These expressions are still good enough for our ordinary, work-a-day purposes. To most of us, one-thousandth of a second is as incomprehensible as an eon.

As Summer enters with its good weather let's all make the most of it. Make it a safe and enjoyable boating season. Before you know it the season will be over "In the flick of a lamb's tail".

Jim Owen
Editor

WAEPS

On May 7, the women's auxiliary of Erie Power Squadron held their annual meeting and change of watch. The following members were elected to office. Skipper, Marge Neuss; 1st Mate, Sue Corson; Recording Secretary, Rosemary Burkley; Treasurer, Vikki Testi. Congratulations to the new officers on a successful year.

1980 ERIE YACHT CLUB RACE SCHEDULE - M.O.R.C. & P.H.R.F.



DATE	START	EVENT	
Wed. 05-21-80	Bay 1900	Spring Evening Series #1	MORC
Sun. 05-25-80	Bay 0900	Memorial Day Lighthouse	MORC
Sun. 05-25-80	Bay 1330	Mork Trophy	PHRF
Wed. 05-28-80	Bay 1900	Spring Evening Series #2	MORC
Wed. 06-04-80	Bay 1900	Spring Evening Series #3	MORC
Sun. 06-08-80	Lake 1000	Lake Timed Start Race	MORC
Wed. 06-11-80	Bay 1900	Summer Evening Series #1	MORC & PHRF
Sun. 06-15-80	Lake 1000	Gilmore Cup	MORC & PHRF
Wed. 06-18-80	Bay 1900	Summer Evening Series #2	MORC & PHRF
Fri. 06-20-80	Lake 0530	Erie to Dover	MORC
Sat. 06-21-80	Lake TBA	Dover Triangle	MORC
Sun. 06-22-80	Lake 0800	Dover to Erie	MORC
Fri. 06-27-80	Lake 0530	Erie to Dover	PHRF
Sat. 06-28-80	Lake 1000	Dover Triangle	PHRF
Sun. 06-29-80	Lake 0800	Dover to Point Abino	PHRF
Mon. 06-30-80	Lake TBA	Buffalo Triangle	PHRF
Sat. 07-05-80	Lake 1000	Firecracker Regatta	MORC
Sun. 07-06-80	Bay 0900	Firecracker Regatta	MORC
Sun. 07-06-80	Bay 1300	Firecracker Regatta	MORC
Wed. 07-09-80	Bay 1900	Summer Evening Series #3	MORC & PHRF
Sat. 07-12-80	Lake 1000	Chet Curriden Trophy	MORC
Fri. 07-18-80	Bay 2100	Night Lighthouse Race	MORC
Sun. 07-20-80	Lake 1000	Summer Race	PHRF
Sun. 07-26-80	Lake 0700	Erie to Ashtabula (Koehler)	MORC & PHRF
Sun. 07-27-80	Lake 0800	Ashtabula to Erie (Koehler)	MORC & PHRF
Sat. 08-02-80	Bay 1400	Dover Weekend Main & Jib	MORC & PHRF
Sun. 08-03-80	Bay 1000	Dover Weekend Main & Jib	MORC & PHRF
Sat. 08-16-80	Lake 0900	Falcon Cup (Cleveland)	MORC & PHRF
Fri. 08-22-80	Lake 2000	Erie to Barcelona & Return	PHRF
Wed. 08-27-80	Bay 1900	Fall Evening Series #1	MORC
Wed. 09-03-80	Bay 1900	Fall Evening Series #2	MORC
Sun. 09-07-80	Bay 1330	Fall Series #1	PHRF
Wed. 09-10-80	Bay 1900	Fall Evening Series #3	MORC
Sun. 09-14-80	Bay 1330	Fall Series #2	PHRF
Sun. 09-21-80	Bay 1330	Fall Series #3	PHRF
Sat. 09-28-80	Bay 1400	Timed Start (2 laps)	MORC
Fri. 10-03-80	Lake 0800	Fall Cruise to Dover	PHRF
Sat. 10-04-80	Bay 1400	Frostbite Series #1	MORC
Sun. 10-05-80	Bay 0900	Frostbite Series #2	MORC
Sun. 10-05-80	Bay TBA	Frostbite Series #3	MORC
Sun. 10-12-80	Bay 1330	Reverse Handicap	PHRF

Sat. 11-08-80

Sat. 11-22-80

MORC Banquet & Election of Officers

PHRF Trophy Dinner

DINING ROOM AND BAR

Summer Hours From June 2 to Labor Day

Monday: Dining Room & Bar
Closed All Day
Tuesday: Lunch: 11:30 - 2:00
Dinner: 6:00 - 9:00
Wed.: Lunch: 11:30 - 2:00
Dinner: 6:00 - 9:00
Thursday: Lunch: 11:30 - 2:00
Dinner: 6:00 - 9:00
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
Dinner: 6:00 - 8:00

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