

Commodore's Report

I am sure this Spring is little different from years past along this Lake Shore. However, it does seem as though the weather improves just enough to make one eager to get the boats ready, then turns rotten on the days one wants to paint and varnish. But, as always happens, real Spring must come.



A most noticeable, and notable, change has taken place in the Club House operation. The House Committee and the Staff have made a number of improvements and innovative changes in all areas. The menus have a wide variety of selections, the hours of service are expanded and will be available seven days a week. You may have a leisurely dinner with friends, or faster service if you are in a hurry. The dessert cart has been exceptionally well received. One tends to forget the cautions of Doctors and spouses when the desert cart arrives at the table. As an example, one of our members had a slice of walnut cake, then bought the whole cake. The Rear Commodore and his advisors are, again, to be commended. We are going in the right direction and intend to continue progress.

The Vice Commodore has had his hands full with the problems resulting from the weather damage to the marine facilities. Though the damage was very extensive, the cost was reduced by the ingenuity of the staff and the use of our personnel to handle most of the work. A mini-factory was set up at the picnic shelter. Of the 123 catwalks that were damaged 102 have been repaired. It is intended to remove the individual catwalks when maintenance is required. Some 85% of the members use berths with shared catwalks with no problems.

The Fleet Captain was faced with an immediate problem which required replacing the three 4000 gallon gas tanks. A new 12,000 gallon gas tank was installed, along with a 2,000 gallon diesel fuel tank. The east pump at the gas dock is for diesel fuel and the middle and west pumps are for gasoline.

Security has been increased. Uniformed guards man the entrance from 4 P.M. to 8 A.M. If the guard requests identification it must be provided. In time, the guards will become acquainted with the members and others who have the privileges of the Club. During the night hours the guards record the vehicles entering and leaving the

grounds. A guard will be assigned on the 8 AM to 4 PM shift when special events are scheduled. It is virtually impossible to totally police the entire area. There is access by water and around the fences. We must rely upon members and working staff to challenge any one whose presence is suspect. Trespass and use of the property by others than fees paying members is an infringement of the privileges of the members and will not be tolerated.

The roadway "up the hill" is a city street and we have no control over its use and maintenance. Because of many curves and the fact that it is very narrow, the road can be dangerous. A further problem is pedestrians, cyclists, and children playing on the hillside. Reducing speed and keeping to the proper side of the road are necessary to avoid accidents.

We are all looking forward to a great boating season. Hopefully, it will start soon.

Best Regards

Pat Sheeran
Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

Sorry that I had to be slightly late in getting the dock assignments posted. Many older members decided that this was the year to get back into boating and despite the so called recession, Reaganomics or whatever name you wish to attach, many of you had the wherewithal to purchase larger vessels. This of course creates the domino theory. Boats had



to be relocated with some that were allowed to come in from a mooring last year will find themselves back in the same position. Another situation that causes a bottleneck in this area is the failure of members to notify us of any changes.

You will find that the docks (catwalks) that were repaired will be much sturdier and the new box outer rails very stable. We also drove some of the wobbly posts down a little farther where possible. In the areas where some of you will have to share a catwalk, thanks to Wendel Sheldon and Ed Irvin, carpeting is available to pad the outer post and cable to string between shore and your outer post. It may be possible next year, if we get our land purchase out of the

way and time permits, that Jim may be able to upgrade the catwalk situation. Building a new catwalk from scratch costs in the area of \$5,000 to \$7,000. At present we are missing twenty one.

For those of you that occupy a mooring there will be no charge for dingy storage during the summer. Since the point system has been revised I felt that this is one courtesy that we could give to these occupants.

Please read your Dock Rules in regard to such matters as illegal occupancy of a dock (this must be cleared through the dockmaster, the club manager or myself), loaning of boats to relatives or friends, please read carefully page 6.4, paragraph 3 regarding your wake in the basin. I have found it necessary to assign some live aboard members in the area west of the entrance. They do not appreciate being shook up by discourteous boaters. Any complaints in this area will be dealt with by the board. Of course we all must follow the rules set forth in the Constitution, By-Laws, House Rules, Ground Rules and Dock Rules, I would like to mention once more an area that the Commodore had problems with last year. Only one or two members abused the rule set forth in the Constitution regarding commercial use of their vessels within the confines of the Yacht Club (R.E. Article VI, paragraph 4 of the Constitution).

I guess that is enough of my attempt to be officious. I have orders from my first mate that all equipment aboard deadline be put in proper working order and that she will leave the bay. Now if the weather would cooperate, I as well as you, can get our vessels superficially in shape to at least launch. Doug is being deluged with last minute launching dates keeping our crew on the run.

Bill Behr
Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report

Visa and Mastercharge are now available at the Club for your convenience. The House Committee felt this would be beneficial, as did the Board of Directors, to facilitate those of us who bring guests who would like to "pick up the tab." They will now be able to do so. My thanks to the House Committee for all of their



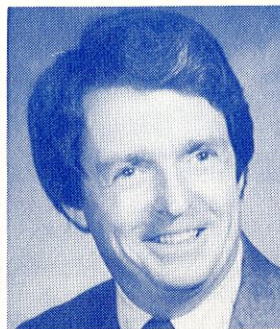
input to date; also to the EYC management team for their patience at our 7 a.m. weekly department head meetings, as well as the wait, kitchen, and bar staff for their input and cooperation during the major reorganization of procedures that took place. We would like to especially thank you, the members, for your patience and comments during the reorganization. Our employees have gone all out to make the extra effort and your continued patience and cooperation during the fine tuning process will be appreciated. I can assure you each of the comment cards is given careful consideration and we thank you for taking the time to complete them. To those of you haven't been in the

clubhouse for some time, we invite you to do so. We feel you'll be pleased with all the changes that have been implemented.

There are still many changes to come; however, I won't elaborate on those here except to say we are now operational seven days a week!!! Check your monthly calendar and EYC Club House news for details on all the summer activities regarding the clubhouse. Please join us soon. This applies also to all of our members who don't yet have a dock. Everyone please bring your family, friends, guest and enjoy.

James L. Owen
Rear Commodore

Fleet Captains Report



Our season begins! I trust that the grounds and facilities will meet your needs and approval. The pace of work has increased and the lion's share of the basic preparation will soon be completed. The fuel tanks have been installed, the mast hoist has been refitted, additional security personnel have been added, and landscaping and waste removal agreements are

in place. A contractor has been engaged to do much needed paving. Rough grading and preparation of certain areas is almost finished. The Club's Flagship has been launched and further improvements of the vessel will soon be completed.

As more of you come to our Club, I ask your cooperation to make sure that we have a secure, safe and courteous Club. Please do not be offended if you are asked to identify yourself. As our staff gets to know you, that need will diminish. New employees do not know us—even those with many years of membership.

Second, please drive slowly and with care. Please make sure that you know where your children are and that regulations concerning life jackets for children are carried out. Parking in designated spaces, asking guests to park in the main parking lot, and parking near your own boat will minimize frayed nerves.

Finally, join the membership and their families on Opening Day. It is a tradition of your Club and our community. Again, have a safe and good boating season.

Roy Strausbaugh
Fleet Captain

So You Think We Had A "Tough" Winter . . .

So you think we had a "tough" winter, console yourself with these weather facts:

1. North America's greatest snowfall in one storm - 189" at Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl, California.
2. North America's greatest 24-hour snowfall - 76" at Silver Lake, Colorado.
3. World's highest surface wind, 231 miles per hour peak gust and 188 miles per hour (5 minute speed) at Mt. Washington, N.M.

4. Largest hailstone in the United States 17½" circumference at Coffeyville, Kansas.
5. North America's greatest snowfall in one season, 1122" at Ranier Paradise, ranger station, Washington. - Erie had 109 plus inches this winter.

Bill Ambro



Junior Sailing

That's right, it's that time of year again! Members are rushing up and down the hill getting gear on their boats. Getting ready to go in the water. With every passing day the traffic gets heavier and speeds get higher. And . . . starting June 18th . . . Junior Sailing Classes get under way. Little bodies, some of them yours, start grudging up and down the same hill we drive down . . . sometimes too fast with too little care. For years we have all been lucky, no one has gotten hurt and every year the chances have grown, as our membership has increased that someone will get hurt. So, please, be particularly careful and cautious between

8:30 and 9:15 in the morning and 3:45 and 4:30 in the afternoon; the child on the road has a family, in fact, he or she could be yours!

As an after thought, Junior Sailing has (3) FJ's of '79 vintage for sale. All three come with main, jib and chute and have been professionally maintained. We are asking \$2,000 each, but we can dicker. We also have an older McCloud Mistle for sale, same price same terms. If you or anyone you know is interested give us a call. John McGrane, Bill Lillis or Shel Potter.

Junior Sailing Committee



Secretary/Treasurer Report

On or about the first of June the Erie Yacht Club will accept Master Card or Visa charge cards for the payment of services. This will include services from the bar and the galley. It will also include gasoline and diesel fuel from our pumps, as well as visitor dockage fees and the like.

This may be of help to those of our members who wish to separate their business and personal accounts. A receipt will be given to the user when the transaction is completed, thus our members will have an immediate record which may help them keep track of their expenses.

We believe that our ability to handle Master Card and Visa will be of help to our visitors. It does seem that the use of plastic charging is increasing and we wish to offer this opportunity to our members and their guests.

It must be borne in mind that we will accept Master Card and Visa only for service type charges. We **will not** accept credit cards for **dues, initiation fees, annual slip rental, dry sail storage or winter storage** or similar items. The use of Master Card and Visa will be limited to service type charges only.

David S. Preston
Secretary/Treasurer



Happy New Year '84!



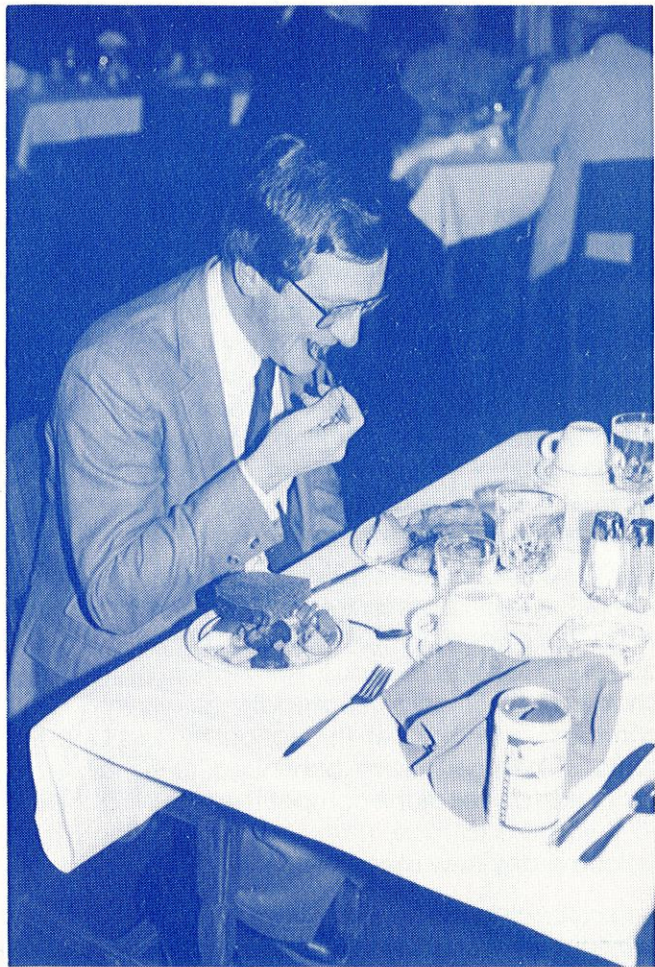
Drinks taste terrible through this thing.



After two bottles of wine I'd feel that way too!



Oh Commodore!



The King's food tester.



That drink curled my toes!





MORC International Regatta



The Erie Yacht Club and MORC Station 31 have been selected to co-host the 1984 MORC International Regatta to be held August 18-24. The Midget Ocean Racing Club (MORC) and "Yachting" Magazine will be sponsoring the event which will draw approximately 70 boats with competitors traveling from as far away as California and Florida. MORC Station 31 will be well represented with at least 7 boats entered. The entire Station is pleased that "Yachting" will be a part of this year's Regatta. Not only will the racing receive national recognition but so will the finest Yacht Club on the Great Lakes (EYC)!

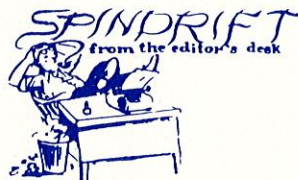
MORC was founded in 1954 by a small group on Long Island Sound and has for the last 30 years been organized by and for owners of small cruising yachts throughout the U.S. and Canada. Presque Isle Station 31 received its charter in 1972 and has steadily grown into a highly competitive racing fleet. Throughout the last 12 years, the station's members have continued to emphasize the social side as well as the competitive side of Yacht Racing. So if you like to race, party, or both, Station 31 would welcome any new members.

Getting back to the Regatta, a number of social events are being planned for the week under the direction of Eric Ambro. A welcoming cocktail party has been scheduled for Sunday evening (August 19). Following the party we are going to try and get the Fleet to attend the "We Love Erie Days" fireworks display at the Public Dock. Other events throughout the week include a cookout/beer blast, a movie party, and a DJ party. All EYC members and their families are invited to come on down to the Club and join in on the fun! The final schedule of events will be provided in the July-August edition of the "Log".

The 5-race series will be held out in the lake. Spectator boats are welcome to come out and observe the action (please, no wake!). For all the landlubbers amongst us, the 110 mile Long Distance Race will start and finish directly off EYC. The race is scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM on Wednesday (August 22), so come on down and enjoy the view from the fill.

As can be expected with an influx of nearly 70 boats to the club, adequate docking space will be limited. If any member is planning on being out of town on their boat during the week (or part of the week) of August 18-24, please contact Doug Loesel (454-2202) so he may put a boat in your stall. MORC Station 31 would appreciate your help and don't forget, come on down and enjoy the Regatta with us!

Jim Rickloff
Promotion/Press



I'm getting kind of excited about the MORC International Regatta coming to EYC this August. Paid little mind to it until I talked to Eric Ambro one Saturday morning in the EYC parking lot. He was taking a break from work on his J, "Foxy Lady". We were both watching one of the huge ore boats awakening from its winter hibernation at Erie Sand & Gravel. As the freight hauling behemoth, backed out of her berth, Eric started to expound on this upcoming MORC event. He assured me that it would be quite a show with the best there is in this class coming to Erie from all over. As he talked I could see he was already living the race! Speaking of the best there is, Erie, including Eric, and many others from our area, are some of the best there is!

Some friends of mine from Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland were talking of coming down to Erie for the Regatta. They talked about getting a motor home and doing it up big. This seems to be quite an honor for our Club, one that I hadn't fully realized until I got caught up in the excitement of talking to others about it. Come down and see for yourself what International Yachting is all about. See you at EYC.

Greg Weislogel
Editor



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