ERIE YACHT CLUB

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COMMODORE RONALD E. BUSSE

# **COMMODORE'S REPORT**

As our thoughts turn toward Opening Day and the joys of another summer on the water, we have a new anticipation. The Clubhouse renovation which broke ground on February 20, 1993 is now basically complete. Though improvements will continue to be made in future years, the major project is concluding. This was accomplished by close guidance from your Board of Directors and project coordinator, John Ashby. They kept the project on schedule and basically within budget. At the same time other capital projects – on the break walls, trucks, gates and unrelated Club-

house areas were also being undertaken. Now the Club with the world's greatest members and most enjoyable vessels has a superb multi-use Clubhouse. As the boating season begins, I hope you enjoy all of these amenities. As always, we look forward to your comments and suggestions.



# VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT



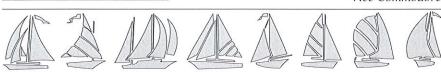
VICE COMMODORE BILL LASHER

As of this writing we have not had any ice damage to the docks. If we can get through the next three or four weeks, we should be in good shape. I'll be keeping my fingers crossed!

The dock assignments have been completed and are posted at the Club. We were able to satisfy all but five of the 23 requests for change of dock assignment; all boat owners with six points or more were able to obtain a slip; and we have 35 applications for 35 kegs.

By the time this goes to press the early birds will have their covers off and be preparing the boats for launch. Please keep in mind that, according to the revised rules, you must pay your launch fee before you launch, and that all fees must be paid by Opening Day.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Lasher Vice Commodore



### ONE-DESIGN RACING



One of the many new aspects of the EYC Racing Fleet this year is the establishment of a "one-design" race night. Any "one-design" fleet with three or more interested boats, is encouraged to participate. Racing will take place on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning May 27th and running through September 30th. Each fleet can custom-design their own schedule. A full race committee and courses suitable for "small" boat, one-design racing will be provided. The Racing Fleet hopes to give a needed boost to both the "small" and "big" boat racing programs by providing the One-Design classes the opportunity to race on a common night.

J/24s, Lightnings, Hobies, Lasers, Thistles, Highlanders or any other class of one-design, all will be welcome and accommodated. For more information contact Bob Netkowicz at 866-1730 any evening.

GET YOUR FLEET ORGANIZED AND COME RACE!!!!!!

# REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT\_



REAR COMMODORE JOHN G. ASHBY

Well, all has been quiet around the Clubhouse over the past several weeks—that is, the normal sounds of laughter and good times and that friendly ring of cash registers keeping our dues down. Instead, it has been the sounds of tearing things down and building things back up. Sounds of saws and hammers and sanders and unfamiliar construction jargon. It's not such a bad sound when you see what's happening, and it's all coming soon to a yacht club near you.

The new Guest Speaker Series has been doing absolutely great. Our first two months' programs were very well attended and highly praised by the members and their guests. April 27th is the next date to make reservations for the Erie Yacht Club Dinner Lecture Series #3 with Mr. Jeff MacInnis presenting "Sailing the Northwest Passage."

In the late 1980s, Jeff and fellow adventurer and photographer Mike Beedell sailed their specially-equipped Hobie Catamaran through the narrows of the Northwest Passage. They were sometimes driven by the wind and many times forced to haul their craft over cold, dangerous and unpredictable ice. This expedition took three seasons to complete. It was sponsored by Rolex and the National Geographics Society and was a featured article in *National Geographics Magazine* in the May issue of 1989.

To maintain the high quality of programs for our membership, it sometimes requires financial backing from outside co-sponsoring organizations. I would, therefore, like to extend my personal thanks to fellow member David Blake and his Taco Bell organization for their greatly appreciated co-sponsorship of April's "Northwest Passage" program.

John G. Ashby Rear Commodore

# FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER'S DESK

Well, so many things have been happening during Shutdown it's difficult to know where to start.

First and foremost, a great big THANK YOU to the Ladies' Auxiliary for buying the Galley a plate-warmer and the new furniture in the Clubhouse lobby. Both of these items are well appreciated and will be put to good use. Again, thank you!

We have been working on all new menus for both the Grill Room and the new Dining Room. We hope you will enjoy them, and we feel you will be very surprised. The Social Committee has put together very busy and fun-filled activities. The start of these summer activities is the Fifth Annual Kentucky Derby Day. Later that evening we will have a western barn dance and dinner. Come on down and learn how to square dance. It should be another great party at the Club. Watch your "Log" calendar and fliers for details. We hope everyone comes down to see the newly-remodeled Club.

That's it for now! Michael C. Lynch General Manager

# INFOFROM THE DOCKMASTER

#### **LAUNCHING**

All stickers must be displayed on your boat before it will be launched. If you do not have your sticker, you will be asked to reschedule your launch. We ask that all members please clean up the area where your boat was winter stored. Please do not leave your empty paint cans, tarps, or blocking lying around. Please police your area after you launch.

#### **DRY SAIL**

If you have not requested or registered your boat for a dry sail sticker, please notify the office. Members, if you have children that dry sail, please call the office to apply for a sticker.

All dry sail boats must be stored in the dry sail lot located to the east of the Club. Dry sail boats are not to be stored on the keg dinghy ramp. The dinghy ramp is for keg use only. Please contact the Dockmaster with any questions.

#### **KEGS**

Now that we all have the kegs rented for the 1993 season, we anticipate a problem with the dinghy dock located on the west wall. We cannot allow members to keep their dinghies on the launch ramp. The ramp must be left clear for full use by all members. We ask that you please keep your dinghy to either the north or south of the ramp. Any members who will be using the Yacht Club dinghy service (located at the gas dock) must park in the main parking lot. Due to the lack of room, you cannot park at the gas dock.

If anyone has any questions, you may call the Dockmaster.

#### U.S. SAILING TRAINING PROGRAM

#### LEVEL 1 SAILING INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Raising the quality of sailing instruction across the country... for individual instructors including:

Yacht Clubs, Camps, Recreation Program, and Sailing Centers.

Excellent Summer Job Opportunities
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throughout the Country

When:

May 20th - 23rd, 1993

Where:

Erie Yacht Club, Erie, Pennsylvania Cory Sertl, Rochester Yacht Club

Instructors: Cory Sertl, Rock

Holly Wolford, Erie Yacht Club

Fee:

\$175.00 plus U.S. Sailing Membership under age 21 - \$12 over age 21 - \$25

For information and applications, contact:

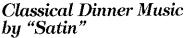
Cory Sertl – (716) 482-3977 or Holly Wolford – (814) 838-1065





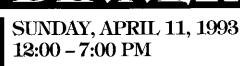
FEATURING:





We will be featuring a Dinner Buffet for \$11.50 as well as a great selection of special dinners.

DINNER BUFFET WILL START AT 3:00 PM







# FRANK ALVARO

### JAZZ BAND SUNDAY BRUNCH

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Sunday, April 4, 1993

11:00 am

Due to the nature of this event, reservations are a must!

BRUNCH – \$8.95 PER PERSON 8 & UNDER – FREE

# GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday, May 27th, 1993

Speaker

Mr. Brian Hancock

Topic

Sailing the Uttermost Part of the Earth

Cruising the Beagle Passage and the Fiords of Chile

Cocktails — 7:00 PM (Cash Bar) • Dinner — 7:45 PM

Price — \$12.50 per person (includes dinner, tax, tip and lecture)

Menu - Sliced Top Round Bearnaise

Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Yacht Club Office at 453-4931

### **LUNCH**

WITH THE

# **EASTER BUNNY** & **EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 10th, 1993 11:30 am

Hamburger with Condiments Chicken Nuggets • French Fries Assorted Juice • Milk • Coffee

> \$4.50 per person Children under 3 – Free

THE HUNT WILL START AT 12:45

(WEATHER PERMITTING)



# Mother's Day

The Top Ten Reasons Why You Should Take Your Mother to the Yacht Club on Mother's Day . . .

- 10. The lines at Giant Eagle are too long . . .
- 9. If service is bad you can yell at our staff. You can't yell at mom . . .
- 8. We take out the garbage . . .
- 7. We won't serve brussel sprouts . . .
- 6. There's more room at our place . . .
- 5. It's a chance to see the renovations . . .
- 4. You can't fit musicians in your dining room . . .
- 3. Slim-Fast doesn't make a good Mother's Day dinner . . .
- 2. New York Lunch is closed that day . . .

.. and the Number One Reason You Should Take Your Mother to the Yacht Club on Mother's Day is. . . .

**WE DO THE DISHES!** 

SUNDAY, MAY 9 • 12:00 – 7:00 PM DINNER BUFFET WILL START AT 3:00 PM

We will be featuring a dinner buffet for \$11.50 as well as a great selection of special dinners.

Classical dinner music by Satin

# DINNER LECTURE SERIES #3

# TUESDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>, 1993

Speaker: Mr. Jeff MacInnis

Topic: Sailing the Northwest Passage

SPONSORED IN PART BY TACO BELL.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND CAN BE MADE BY CALLING THE YACHT CLUB OFFICE AT 453-4931

#### Through the Northwest Passage

IN THE WAKE of legend, Jeff MacInnis and Mike Beedell sailed their catamaran through the narrow passages sought by Sir John Franklin and others and finally conquered by Roald Amundsen. Sometimes wind-driven, other times hauling their craft over ice, the team completed their voyage in three seasons.

This expedition was co-sponsored by Rolex and the National Geographics Society and was featured in National Geographic Magazine in the May issue of 1989.



# UPCOMING EVENTS '93

#### APRIL

Sunday 4th	Jazz Brunch
•	Kids' Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch
Sunday 11th	Easter Dinner – 12 Noon - 7:00 pm
Wednesday 14th	Taxpayers' Bawl – 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Monday 19th	Board Meeting
Tuesday 27th	Guest Speaker Dinner Series

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\$13.95

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#### CATERING

Members, please don't forget the Erie Yacht Club for all your catering needs. Our Member Services Manager Laurie Richardson specializes in planning all of your banquet needs, from business meetings to weddings to all of your special occasions. Call Laurie at 453-4931 and she will be happy to show you the new function rooms and a complete set of banquet menus.

#### **RULE CHANGE**

This is a reminder to all boat owners!

The rule governing the due date for slip payment was changed last year and takes effect this spring.

#### THE RULE STATES:

All slip fees must be paid before the boat is launched. All boats must be in the water by Opening Day. Therefore, all slip fees must be paid by Opening Day. Any slip not occupied or paid for will be lost and reassigned.

# WESTERN HOEDOWN PARTY

**SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1992** 

Dinner to Include:

BB-Q Prime Rib, Quarter Chicken, BB-Q Spare Ribs, Corn Bread, Baked Beans, Oven-browned Potatoes, Salad, Coffee

Wear your best jeans and shine your boots so you can kick up your heels.
We provide the band and tutors to teach you how to square dance.
See you there!

#### FLAGSHIP NIAGARA LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN BROCHURE

The NIAGARA is sailing into an exciting season, and we hope you will be a part of it by joining the Flagship Niagara League. You can support the goals and future of the Niagara, as well as participate in the preservation of this unique link to your nation's maritime history. The League's commitment to the Niagara continues to grow and we need you now more than ever! Won't you show your support by joining us as a member and becoming more directly involved?

Your membership contribution directly supports the League's many responsibilities which include providing visitor services and educational programming, ship's maintenance and volunteer crew. Membership support has enabled the League to accomplish many of our goals including an active sailing program, improvements to the ship's site and expanded visitor services.

Please refer to the included League membership brochure for the benefits associated with each level of membership. Any questions should be directed to the League offices at 814/452-2744.



#### The Reyburn Sailing School



PRESENTS

#### **American Red Cross CPR and First Aid Course**

• MAY 8, 1993 • ERIE YACHT CLUB •

Instructor – John McGrane • Sign-up Deadline – May 1, 1993 Free to all Reyburn Sailing School Staff (\$20 fee for EYC Members)

To sign-up, contact Holly Wolford at (814) 838-1065

### **KENTUCKY DERBY DAY**

Saturday, May 1, 1993 • 4 pm to 7 pm MINT JULIPS • LARGE-SCREEN TV

PLACE BETS ON OUR OWN COMPUTER

POST TIME - 5:55 PM

### - 1993 -BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Standing Left to Right: Christian Wolford; Edward Mascharka, III; Bobby Johnson; William Lillis; P/C Robert Allshouse; David Blake; James A. Means; P/C Clarke Bressler Seated Left to Right:

Fleet Captain John Bierley; Vice Commodore William Lasher; Commodore Ronald Busse; Rear Commodore John Ashby

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# **DINING ROOM CLOSINGS**

April 11th	Sunday
April 24th	Saturday
May 21st	Friday

#### **ERIE YACHT CLUB**

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