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#### COMMODORE'S REPORT



COMMODORE RONALD E. BUSSE

Happy New Year! Hope you were able to attend the "awesome" Christmas party, "excellent" New Year's Eve party and Commodore Allshouse's "fabulous" Appreciation party with your many fellow members. If not, our regrets that you missed one of the Club's biggest assets – socializing with other "magnificent" members when yachting is not practical. If you haven't gotten into the Club spirit, don't despair, there are many special events coming up shortly that young and old can enjoy in addition to daily amenities. One month into the new year and the Club is financially ahead of bud-



get. Hope we can continue this trend. As the *Log* goes to press, the exact time table

for renovation is continually being for refined. A timely ground-breaking is expected to insure completion by opening day. Our goal is a successful project, not a hurried one. Again, please feel free to contact me or any other Bridge or Board member with comments on any area.

Respectfully submitted, Ronald Busse, Commodore



# VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT\_



VICE COMMODORE BILL LASHER

As the winter approaches, it looks like we may have high water. We will be removing the catwalks on "L" and "O" docks and bubbling the rest of the basin to prevent ice damage. Hopefully the winter won't be too bad, but we would like some good ice for the iceboaters.

I will be asking the Dock Committee this year to take a good look at our small boat facilities. There are several areas that need improvement and I would like to develop a long-range plan to address our problems. If you have any specific suggestions, please call me or drop a note in my box at the Club.

Please remember that slip applications are due by January 15th. Applications not received by that date could result in forfeiture of your slip.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Lasher, Vice Commodore

#### Reminders

- Slip applications are due back by January 15, 1993. Anyone applying for a slip must have their application in by then.
- The rule governing the payment of your slip has been changed by the Board of Directors. All boat slips must be paid for before going in the water. All boats must be in the water by opening day. No one will be put in the water without having paid their slip fees. Under the old rule, all slip fees had to be paid by March 31st.
- The 1993 annual shutdown will take place from February 22nd through April 2nd. This is longer than in previous years due to the planned renovation. During shutdown, Erie Yacht Club members will be invited to use both Lakeshore and Kahkwa Country Clubs. Lakeshore will be open during the month of March. Kahkwa will be open in February and March.

#### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



REAR COMMODORE JOHN G. ASHBY

In general, the House is doing quite well. We have reinstituted the House Committee and have had our first meeting to brainstorm entertainment ideas for the coming year. It is going to be an exciting year with lots of new parties and events. We are beginning a monthly dinner meeting featuring a guest speaker who will give us a presentation covering some aspect of yachting. Make your reservations early because these events will be limited to the first one hundred fifty people and the programs promise to be very popular. The first Speakers' Bureau Dinner is on Thursday, January 28th with Admiral Thomas Weschler USN (RET). He is the person who is behind all the Tall Ship Activity on the East Coast.

We are also going to have a Casino Night, Derby Day with a country band in the evening, and lots, lots more, so watch for your EYC activities flyers.

Remember to contact our new Banquet Manager, Laurie

Richardson, at the Club for your wedding and other group functions.

Again, I would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you as your Rear Commodore for the coming year.



Respectfully submitted, John G. Ashby, Rear Commodore

#### FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The past three and one half weeks have been spent, on my part, "getting on the same page" as Bill Vogel and his crew who are well into their scheduled winter activities - with hauling having been completed as required by November 30, 1992.

We continue to have problems with the gate (mostly caused by members running into it!). A new surveillance system will be installed shortly which should make it easier for members to enter when they forget their gate cards and the guard is not on duty.

The two heavy snowfalls we've had to date were handled well by our crew; the hill was kept usable and the parking lots were clear. The equipment is in good

working order and they really know how to use it, so no major problems are anticipated. A new truck with a plow will be received late in the month, beefing up our snowplowing ability.



FLEET CAPTAIN JOHN W. BIERLEY

It is particularly impressive to a newcomer on the job to learn how well organized and equipped our Grounds Crew is. Plans are in place through 1994 for projects they will take part in, and they are forming plans for 1995!

Seasons greetings to all, Jack Bierley, Fleet Captain

# FROM THE DESK

On behalf of the staff of the Erie Yacht Club, here's hoping your holiday season was as enjoyable as you made ours. Your contributions to the Employee Christmas Fund exemplified the yuletide spirit.

The employee Christmas party at the Club, on December 13th was loads of fun. The employees had a great time being served by the members, as well as having Christmas carols sang to us. A great big "thank you" to all those who participated.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. Bobby Johnson! Bobby was this year's winner of the prestigious "Thompson Memorial Trophy." This trophy is awarded every year at the annual meeting to the person who has shown "outstanding achievement in the world of yachtsmen and yachting." When you see Bobby, congratulate him.

We have started planning the entertainment for the 1993 boating season. Rear Commodore Ashby has put together a house committee to chair each function and attract all members to the great happenings at the Club. We hope to see many more new faces at all our Club functions. Please read your Logs and watch for your fliers.

If you happen to be one of our members who has all of their Yacht Club mail sent to the office, please make a special effort to take your fliers and Logs home to the family. This will keep the whole family informed of all the happenings at the Club.

That's it for now!



# GUEST SPEAKER DINNER SERIES

Starting January 28th and every month after (except July and August), the Erie Yacht Club will host a guest lecture dinner series. These dinner lectures are open to all members, guests and other clubs. We will present a variety of speakers and subjects, all dealing with boating and water activity.

Date: Thursday, January 28, 1993

Where: Erie Yacht Club

Who: Thomas Weschler, Vice Admiral, US Navy (Ret.)

Subject: Tall Ships and Sail Training

Thomas Weschler retired from the United States Navy in 1975 after a distinguished career of 34 years. His last rank was Vice Admiral and last post was Director of Logistics, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Now living in Portsmouth, RI, he has devoted much energy to Tall Ships while he was Chairman for their visits to Newport in 1982, 1986, and 1992, and to the American Sail Training Association where he was former chairman. He is currently on the Executive Committee of the Sea Education Association.

Admiral Weschler's talk, magnificently illustrated with slides, will include the story of the Tall Ships' gatherings, the growth of the Tall Ship movement and sea training programs, with major focus on these activities in the United States.



# DINNER LECTURE SERIES

#### February 18, 1993

Speaker:

Mr. Jerry Altoff

Topic:

Battle of Lake Erie

"From the Sailors Point of View"

Mr. Altoff is the staff historian at the Perry Victory Peace Memorial in Put-In-Bay, Ohio.

Cocktails:	7:00 pm Cash Bar
Dinner:	7:45 pm
Price:\$12.50 per person (includes you	ur dinner, tax, tip and lecture)

## FROM THE Canoe House

I'd like to thank all of the boaters that we hauled out this year for their cooperation. It makes it easier and more enjoyable for everyone.

If there are any repairs needed on your dock now, let me know. This is the time to take care of them.

In case you haven't heard, we will be lifting the piers this winter. This is to protect them from ice and high water.

If the past two storms are any indication of what is to come, it will be very worthwhile. Also, doing this makes the finger piers unstable, so please be careful. We also plan on using bubblers in various parts of the basin, and this will make them unsafe.

For those of you who lower their uprights and install other devices that go below the dock under structure, it is your responsibility to remove such items.

I have noticed that a lot of line, hoses and electrical cords have been left behind. If you do not come and take them, we will have to collect them.

See 'ya in April.

Your dockmaster, Bill Vogel

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#### DINING ROOM CLOSINGS

January 9th	Saturday
January 31st	
Grill Room Closed fo	
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**Auxiliary Update** 

Our December luncheon was well attended. Over fifty auxiliary members and guests reviewed first-hand the revised clubhouse renovation plans. Each place setting had a mini-blueprint allowing all to closely follow the presentation given by Erie Yacht Club architect, Norb Rydzewski. We appreciated Norb's time spent answering our questions and walking us through the enhancements and improvements we will see in the spring.

In lieu of a holiday gift exchange, auxiliary members elected to make a \$200 donation to the thirty United Way charities. The United Way charities thank you for your generous contribution.

Our January 6th luncheon will feature Susan Dunn, CPA as our guest speaker. Susan is an auxiliary member and an expert sailor of the family boat "EYERLY." She will present a program of timely and topical information pertinent to our group.

There will be a luncheon on February 3rd, then a hiatus until the annual Spring Luncheon on May 4th. The Spring Luncheon will be the first clubhouse event upon completion of the renovations. Adding to the excitement and allure, past Auxiliary President Peggy Schwab is promising us wonderful fashions for the Spring Luncheon from her business "Four Seasons By Peggy."

If you are currently not being notified of auxiliary luncheons, but would like to be, please leave your name and phone number with the office and we will notify you.

We look forward to an interesting and exciting new year and hope you will join in our luncheons.

Sincerely, Sue Busse President, Erie Yacht Club Auxiliary

#### **SNAPSHOTS**

#### **EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY '92**

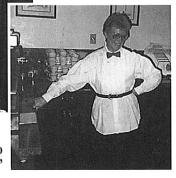


"Would you like a table?"

Chef John Ginader, "Hey Eddy! Water boils at what temperature?"



"Who took the numbers off these keys?" – Doc Bresser



"You want me to do WHAT?!"

#### **COMMODORE'S BALL '92**



Commodore Allshouse and past Commodore Schwab

Commodore Allshouse having his spirits lifted!

Past Commodore and Mrs. Allshouse; Commodore and Mrs. Busse; Vice Commodore and Mrs. Lasher; Rear Commodore John Ashby





Commodore's Ball buffet table



"I can't believe I ate that!"



Kellie on the Oriental buffet table

### N O T I C E O F

Are you aware that on January 7, 1993 there is a meeting scheduled, the results of which could seriously impact the public privileges as we currently know them with regard to the water and land usage on Presque Isle State Park?

In 1985 the Bureau of State Parks of the DER organized a committee and charged them with developing a "plan" for controlling the resources of the Peninsula. The "plan" is now in final draft form and a public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 1993 at 7:00 p.m., Zurn Hall, Villa Maria Campus. Although a "committee of concerned citizens" participated in the formation of this "plan", the boating community has had limited input to date into its current provisional design.

Many of the conditions of this "plan" would significantly alter our use of Presque Isle as a recreational, boating, fishing, water skiing, scuba diving, swimming, hunting and hiking facility! For example:

- prohibit internal combustion engines in the lagoons (invoked 1990);
- prohibit internal combustion engines and jet skis from Gull Point, Thompson's Bay, ponds and up to 500' offshore;
- prohibit duck blinds from Gull Point and most of Thompson's Bay;
- prohibit swimming or wading without life jackets at the boating beach adjacent to Beach 11;
- · charge fees for overnight anchoring in Marina Lake;
- prohibit beaching of boats on the small projections of land across from the launch ramp in Marina Lake;
- prohibit water skiing within 500' of outside beaches, Gull Point and the boating beach adjacent to Beach 11;
- limited pedestrian access in controlled areas (yet to be determined);
- prohibit boat stall expansion at the State Park Marina;
- prohibit public access in the Gull Point Area;
- install a series of buoys to mark Gull Point's aquatic boundary from Budny Beach to Thompson's Bay, 500' offshore at 400' intervals.

To date, human activities on Presque Isle have not adversely influenced the natural progression of ecological dynamics for prevalent communities to flourish and continually grow over the years.

The 4,000 members of the Greater Erie Boating Association defend the above statement and solicit answers to the question . . ." Why revoke the current privilege?"

Protect your rights and privileges by attending the January 7, 1993 public hearing at Villa



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# E V E N T S

#### R 1st .....TOM AND JERRY 11:00 am-2:00 pm (members only) 6th .....LADIES LUNCHEON 11:30 am 18th ......BOARD MEETING 22nd ...... DINNER AND DANCE WEEKEND 6:30 pm-9:30 pm 23rd ......CLEVELAND BOAT SHOW 453-4931 23rd ......PART II OF DINNER AND DANCE WEEKEND 24th ...... JAZZ BRUNCH WITH PETE PEPKE 10:30-2:00 pm - \$8.95 28th ......DINNER LECTURE SERIES 7:00 pm - \$12.50/pp 31st.....SUPER BOWL PARTY 4:00 pm - Grill Room

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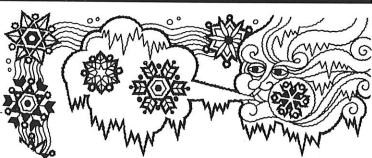
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# Explanation of U.S. Weather Signals

- White flag, alone indicates fair weather, stationary temperature.
- Blue flag, alone indicates rain or snow, stationary temperature.
- White and Blue flag, alone local rain or snow, temperature stationary.
- White flag with a Black Triangular one above fair, warmer.
- White flag with a Black Triangular one below fair, colder.
- Blue flag with a Black Triangular one above rain or snow, warmer.
- Blue flag with a Black Triangular one below rain or snow, colder.



- White and Blue flag with a Black Triangular one above local rain or snow, warmer.
- White and Blue flag with a Black Triangular one below local rain or snow, colder.
- White flag with a White with Black center above fair, cold wave.
- Blue flag with a White with Black center above wet, cold wave.

# Explanation of Small Craft, Storm and Hurricane Warnings

**THE SMALL CRAFT WARNING** – A red pennant indicates that moderately strong winds that will interfere with the safe operation of small craft are expected.

THE NORTHEAST STORM WARNING – A red pennant above a square red flag with black center displayed by day, or two red lanterns, one above the other, displayed by night, indicates the approach of a storm or marked violence with winds beginning from the northeast.

**THE SOUTHEAST STORM WARNING** – A red pennant below a square red flag with black center displayed by day, or one red lantern displayed by night, indicates the approach of a storm of marked violence with winds beginning from the southeast.

THE SOUTHWEST STORM WARNING – A white pennant below a square red flag with black center displayed by day, or a white lantern below a red lantern displayed by night, indicates the approach of a storm of marked violence with winds beginning from the southwest.

THE NORTHWEST STORM WARNING – A white pennant above a square red flag with black center displayed by day, or a white lantern above a red lantern displayed by night, indicates the approach of a storm of marked violence with winds beginning from the northwest.

**HURRICANE, OR WHOLE GALE WARNING** – Two square flags, red with black centers, one above the other, displayed by day, or two red lanterns, with a white lantern between, displayed by night indicates the approach of a tropical hurricane, or one of the extremely severe and dangerous storms which occasionally occur.

### Weather Wisdom

**SUNSET COLORS:** A gray, lowering sunset, or one where the sky is green or yellowish-green, indicates rain. A red sunrise with clouds lowering later in the morning also indicates, rain.

**SKY COLOR:** A deep blue color of the sky, even when seen through clouds, indicates fair weather; a glowing whiteness, an approaching storm.

**VISIBILITY:** Unusual clearness of the atmosphere, unusual brightness or twinkling of the stars indicates rain.

**FOGS:** Fogs indicate settled weather. A morning fog usually breaks away before noon.

**FROST:** The first frost and the last frost are usually preceded by a temperature very much above the mean.

**HALO (SUN DOGS):** By halo, we mean the large circles, or part of the circles, about the sun or moon. A halo occurring after fine weather indicates a storm.

**CORONA:** By this term we mean the small colored circles frequently seen around the sun or moon. A corona growing smaller indicates rain; growing larger, fair weather.

**RAINBOW:** A morning rainbow is regarded as a sign of rain; an evening rainbow of fair weather.

#### **- 1993 -BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



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