

SPECIAL PRE-ELECTION ISSUE

THE FOLLOWING REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE ERIE YACHT CLUB HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE INDICATED OFFICE AND ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF CANDIDATES IS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE REGULAR MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 19, 1993.

CANDIDATES

COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

WILLIAM LASHER

VICE COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

JOHN ASHBY

REAR COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

JOHN BIERLEY

FLEET CAPTAIN – ELECT ONE:

DAVID FREW

RICHARD GEBHARDT

*CHRISTIAN WOLFORD

*ROGER ZURN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ELECT THREE:

(TWO FOR THREE-YEAR TERM AND ONE FOR ONE-YEAR TERM)

STEVEN BARTOSIK

DOUGLAS FISHER

THOMAS KARLE

JAMES McBRIER

ROBERT PRATT

*DAVID M. SAMPLE

RICHARD SANTOS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ELECT THREE:

*P/C CLARKE S. BRESSLER

JOHN DARR

BLAIR KERSHAW

DAVE LOESEL

DAVE PRESTON

* THESE PERSONS WERE NOMINATED BY PETITIONS SIGNED BY
25 REGULAR MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING PER ARTICLE X, PARAGRAPH 3
OF THE CONSTITUTION.

TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR EVALUATION OF THESE CANDIDATES, EACH OF THE NOMINEES WAS ASKED TO PREPARE A STATEMENT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THESE STATEMENTS FOLLOW.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT 7:30 P.M. TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF YOUR CHOICE.



CANDIDATE FOR COMMODORE

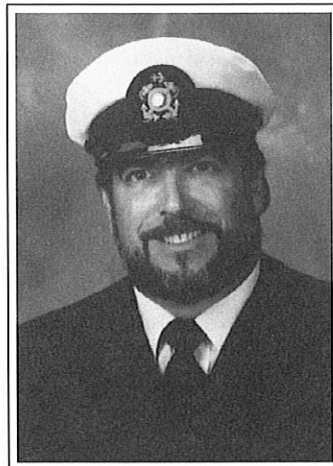
BILL LASHER

I would like to start by thanking you for giving me the opportunity to serve you for the past three years. I believe we have accomplished much during this time period. The most visible change to the Club has been the renovation project, but other equally important changes have taken place. Many of these improvements have been made directly by, or with the help of, the general membership, which is what makes our Club so special.

I believe the coming year will be one of adjustment and incremental improvement as we continue to fine-tune our operation and improve our yachting facilities. I look forward to providing the necessary leadership so that your competent and dedicated Officers and Board can continue to make our Club a better place.

I sincerely appreciate the comments, suggestions, criticisms, and support that you have given me over the past three years, and look forward to continuing in your service.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Lasher
Vice Commodore



CANDIDATE FOR VICE COMMODORE

JOHN G. ASHBY

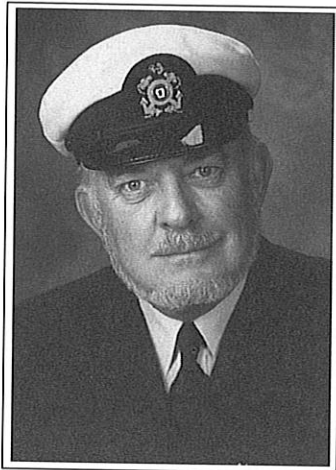
I sincerely appreciate the support the membership of the Erie Yacht Club has extended me over the last two years as a Flag Officer. I would also like to thank you all for affording me the opportunity to continue to serve you as your Vice Commodore.

Wow . . . does time fly by when you're having fun and keeping busy. My first two years have literally flown by and have certainly been interesting, challenging and rewarding.

I would like to thank all the individuals who have helped me in so many ways, as well as all the volunteers on the Clubhouse Renovation committees, the MS Regatta committee, the Clubhouse staff, the House Committee, and the various Hundredth Anniversary committees for all their past and future endeavors.

The Erie Yacht Club is on a financially sound and energetic course. We are on a positive roll and I look forward to being a part of the exciting future of the Erie Yacht Club.

Respectfully submitted,
John G. Ashby
Rear Commodore



CANDIDATE FOR REAR COMMODORE

JOHN W. BIERLEY

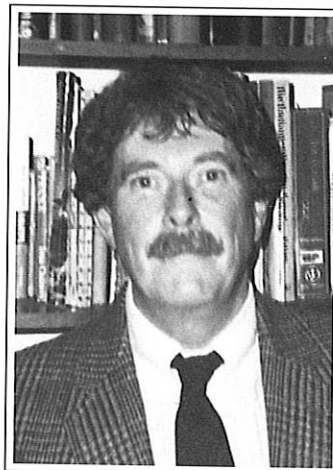
Dear Fellow Members,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Fleet Captain over the past year. There certainly is a lot to learn about the operation of this Club that isn't apparent before you start, and I hope my learning curve wasn't too slow.

With the expansion of the Clubhouse behind us we can hopefully look forward to sustaining the momentum that carries us at present and plot a solid, financially responsible course through the coming years.

Should you support my nomination, I will do my best throughout the term to serve the needs and wishes of all of the members of the Erie Yacht Club.

John Bierley
Fleet Captain



CANDIDATE FOR FLEET CAPTAIN

DR. DAVID FREW

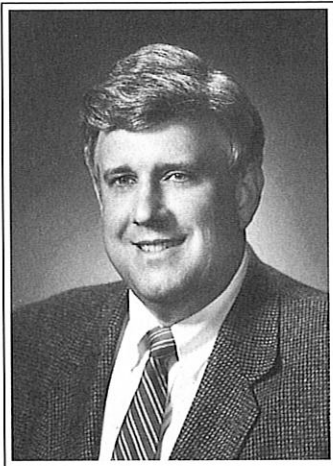
It is an honor to have been nominated to run for office. EYC is one of the oldest and finest yacht clubs in North America, and if elected I will use all of my professional skills to continue the Club's long tradition. I will work to meet the needs of its membership, insure long-term financial stability, and develop the Club's physical facilities as a contributing part of both our local community and the Presque Isle Bay environment.

I feel that the responsibility of EYC's elected officers is to balance these sometimes divergent needs. My approach to managing responsibilities such as these has always been participation. If elected, I will strive to create communication mechanics between myself, the membership and the staff of the Club.

I returned to Erie after graduate training in 1970 with my wife Mary Ann and three (now grown) children to teach at Gannon University. Since that time, I have served as MBA (Master of Business Administration) Program Director, HSA (Health Services Administrator) Director, MPA (Master of Public Administration) Program Director and Director of Graduate Programs while teaching Management and Organizational Behavior at the graduate level.

In addition to my duties at Gannon, I have written 14 books and more than 50 technical articles on management and served as consultant to more than 100 organizations.

Since moving to Erie, my family has owned a variety of sail and power boats as well as sea kayaks and canoes. We have participated in sailboat races at the class boat, MORC and IOR levels since the early 1970's. Since our children have left home, however, most of our time has been devoted to day sailing and cruising. We currently sail the "Ashram" a Non-Such 30.



CANDIDATE FOR FLEET CAPTAIN

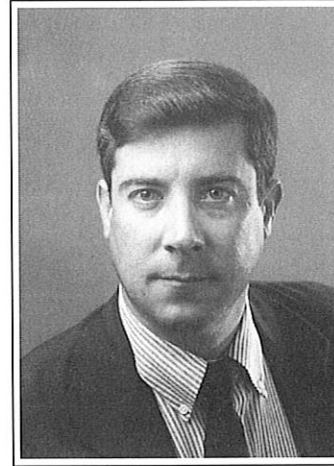
RICHARD H. GEBHARDT

I have been involved with the Erie Yacht Club since my parents joined in 1963. I am honored to be asked to run for Fleet Captain and am looking forward to be given the opportunity to serve the Club.

I feel I would be a great asset to the Erie Yacht Club because I have worked in many organizations and am now serving as Regional Vice President of a state organization with over 7,000 members. As a business owner, I deal with employees. Because my occupation involves working with financial matters, I also have the experience which would enable me to help our Club with personnel and financial budgets.

Finally, my wife Dianne and I live on our boat (Love n' Stuff) during the summer, so I spend a great deal of time at the Club. Because of this, I am able to get more involved with its operations.

So while it won't be easy, I feel that my expertise and commitment to a quality yacht club makes me an excellent candidate. I would appreciate your vote at our Annual Meeting.



CANDIDATE FOR FLEET CAPTAIN

CHRISTIAN C. WOLFORD

The cooler days of fall have most of us thinking about winterizing our boats and getting out the storm windows rather than the upcoming E.Y.C. election.

By the time this is published I will have completed my three-year term as Director. I enjoyed serving the membership, learned a great deal and felt that I had made a contribution. This year was particularly gratifying for me because the Officers and Directors focused on the future of the Club and its members. This is important to my wife Kathy and I because we hope that our children can enjoy the Club as much as we have.

I would like to continue to serve our members, and therefore, have become a candidate for the office of Fleet Captain. I am running by petition, as provided for by our Constitution. I feel that it is important for our officers to have some previous experience, and because of my service as Director, Nominating Committee member, Membership Committee member and P.H.R.F. Racing Fleet Chairman, I should qualify to serve as an officer.

Respectfully submitted,
Christian C. Wolford



CANDIDATE FOR FLEET CAPTAIN

ROGER W. ZURN

Dear Fellow Members,

I am honored to be nominated for the position of Fleet Captain of the Erie Yacht Club. If elected, I pledge to dedicate to you, the membership, my time and best efforts to continue the steady improvements our Club has enjoyed over the past several years.

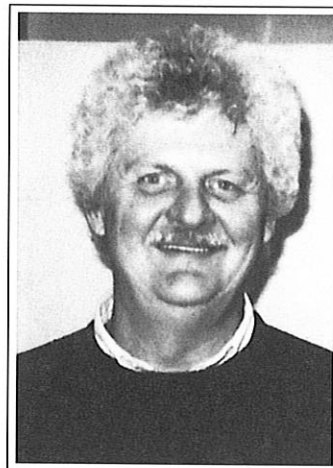
I have been associated with the Club virtually all my life and have been a full member since 1964. During that time my activities included EYC Junior Sailing; skipper representing EYC at Wakefield Championships; Lightning, Thistle and Laser skipper; owner and crew on several auxiliary racing sailboats; current owner of a 26' Searay and an enthusiastic user of the dining room, lounge, and other activities afforded by our superb club.

On a day to day basis I am a general partner of Zurn & Zurn Partners, a private investment management and small company venture capital firm. In addition, I am active on many Erie area community boards and organizations, all of which continue to teach me the intricacies of working in a multi-personality organization like the EYC.

My wife Kathy and I have four EYC Junior Sailing-trained children.

I thank you all for making the EYC one of the finest yacht clubs on the Great Lakes, and I respectfully ask for your support when you vote November 19th.

Sincerely,
Roger W. Zurn



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STEVE BARTOSIK

My name is Steve Bartosik. I am a candidate for the Board of Directors.

I have been a member of the Yacht Club since 1981. During that period of time I have served on a number of social committees as well as one year on the Nominating Committee. I also served as Chairman of the Power Boat Committee and spent four years on the Dock Committee.

In my spare time, when my wife Karen and I are not on our boat (the Sun Bum), I spend my time as General Manager of the Presque Isle Trucking Division of the Plastek Group.

If elected to the Board, my promise to the membership is fair and equal implementation of the Club's by-laws, as well as a strong commitment to maintain the Club's financial integrity.



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DOUGLAS A. FISHER

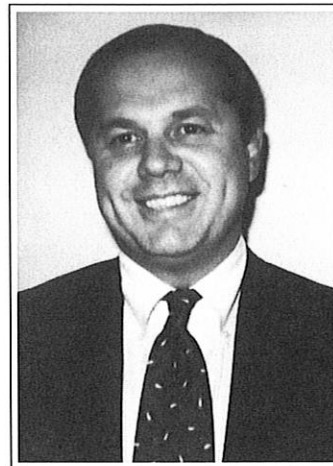
It is an honor to be nominated for a position on the Board of Directors. The Erie Yacht Club has been an important part of my life since I joined the Club 12 years ago. I have been involved in boating for 24 years in both power and sail boats. I started sailing in 1969 with my fraternity advisor from Grove City College, crewing on his International 505. That experience led me to buy a sailboat which I raced and day-sailed for six years. Since that time I have crewed and raced on the boats of many members. I enjoy fishing and cruising on my 32' cruiser "JaRoCa Too." During my cruises on my own boat and on the chartered boats in the Great Lakes, on both coasts, and in the Carribean, I have had the opportunity to visit many yacht clubs. Through these observations I have discovered that we have an exceptional club in EYC.

I am a Past Commander of the Erie Power Squadron and a Past District Commander of District 11 of the United States Power Squadrons. I also teach a number of the Power Squadron courses to the public and our members.

I have been employed by the Social Security Administration for 20 years. It has been my good fortune to have spent my career in Erie and on the lake.

If elected to the Board, I will do my best to convey the needs and desires of the members to the Board.

Sincerely,
Douglas A. Fisher



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TOM KARLE

My name is Tom Karle and I am running for Board of Directors.

I have been a member of EYC for 12 years and have been married for 10 years to my lovely wife Pam. We have three sons – Matt, Mike and Andrew.

I have managed the family clothing business for 12 years and have been on the Glenwood YMCA Board of Advisors for three years.

What would be my goal as a director?

I think being available to the membership for any comments, ideas or complaints they may have, plot a course and hopefully take the right track.

I welcome the opportunity to be your director. Thank you for your vote.

Sincerely,
Tom Karle

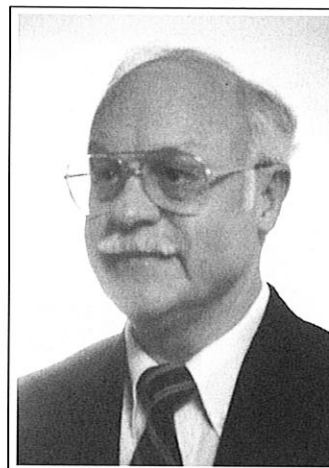
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CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JIM McBRIER

My name is Jim McBrier, age 47, sailing native of Erie. I joined the Club at age 16, participated in Junior Sailing at age 10 and have dry-sailed and owned boats at the Club since being a member. Currently I own a yacht with John Wressell named "Aries." I have watched with interest the evolution and operations of the Yacht Club for 30 years. I have extensive knowledge and first-hand experience at managing business. I believe that my primary role as an Erie Yacht Club Board of Director would be to set policy for management. My actions will reflect a desire to maintain a high quality yachting and social club focusing on membership needs within the constraints of the financial plan and bylaws.

Jim McBrier



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ROBERT B. PRATT

As a member of the Erie Yacht Club for some 22 years, I am aware that it meets the needs of the membership in many different ways. The facilities for boating are primary among those needs. We have some of the finest facilities on the Great Lakes. It is important that we maintain our high quality and standards for our boaters.

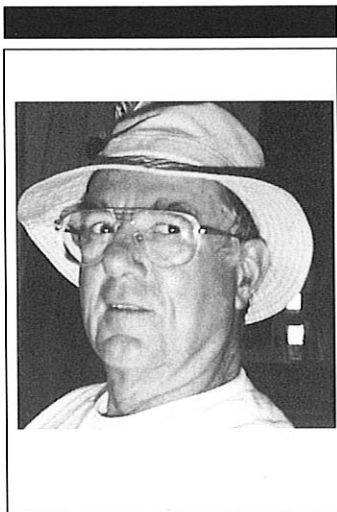
As members of the bowling league, we have seen how important the Club is to the social life of our members. We have also celebrated important family events here – our own, as well as those of friends and fellow boaters. We have enjoyed special parties, dock parties and other events sponsored by the Club. It is important to maintain a balance between use and cost for members while making these premises available to other groups.

Our son took advantage of the Junior Sailing program from beginner to racing skipper, as did many of your children. This program is vital to our Club in preparing the next generation to appreciate boating, being on the water and responsibly using a nice club.

I am employed as a Mechanical Engineer at Autoclave Engineers, makers of high-pressure equipment for industry and research. My experience as an engineer will be valuable in dealing with technical and other problems that come up in a plant such as this. My experience in boating includes small boat class racing (FJ's), MORC racing, Race Committee duties and cruising – both sail and power. My previous experience on the Board, at the time our land was purchased, indicates that I can work with a variety of people in reaching decisions which are in the best interest of the Club and all our members.

I would appreciate your vote and will work to maintain the high quality of our Club into our next century.

Thank you very much.
Robert B. Pratt



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVID M. SAMPLE

I was born and raised in the Erie area and I am a retired Vice President from Autoclave Engineers, Inc.

I have been a boater for a half century – so it must be true that the time spent sailing is not subtracted from your life.

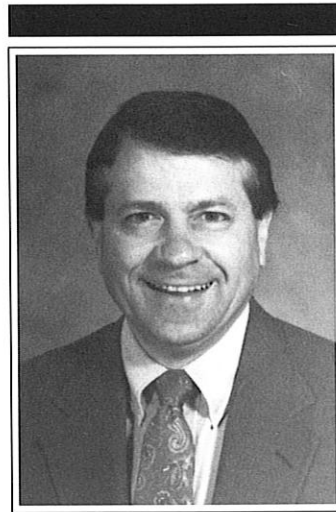
I joined the Erie Yacht Club as a Junior Member in 1946 and became a Regular Member in 1956. I have served the Club in various capacities including:

- Instrumental in starting MORC fleet in 1966;
- Served on EYC Entertainment, Race and Insurance Committees and the Board of Directors from 1988 to 1991.

I avidly cruise the Great Lakes on "Soiree," a 37' O'Day Sailboat. I crewed with Past Commodore Bob Way in, among others, the SORC, Mackinaw and Nassau/Jamaica sailing races, and most recently crewed with Pete Traphagen on "Sojourner" on a circumnavigational cruise of Lake Superior in 1992. I am an original member of, and currently serve on, the Board of the Greater Erie Boating Association.

When I served on the Board of EYC, one of our significant accomplishments was planning the recent expansion without assessments. I earned the reputation as a Board member who kept my eyes and ears open, analyzing, questioning, and requesting additional information about subjects brought to the Board regarding the Club operations.

I ask you to elect me to the Board, a person with "young" ideas and years of useful experience. I will pursue my duties on the Board in a persevering manner to achieve the continuing successful operations of our family boating Club.



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RICHARD SANTOS

Dear Erie Yacht Club Members,

I am honored to have been nominated as a candidate for the Board of Directors at the Erie Yacht Club. If elected, it will be my pledge to serve our members with dedication, pride and certainly with the interest of our members, for current issues as well as future opportunities. I believe our Club serves as an extension of our recreational activities and feel it is of the utmost importance to be in a position to spend quality time at a quality and finely-tuned facility. Having had the opportunity to travel up, down and across the lakes visiting several of our sister clubs over the past fourteen years, I can say with authority and confidence we have the premier club and boating situation of Lake Erie and its two connecting lakes.

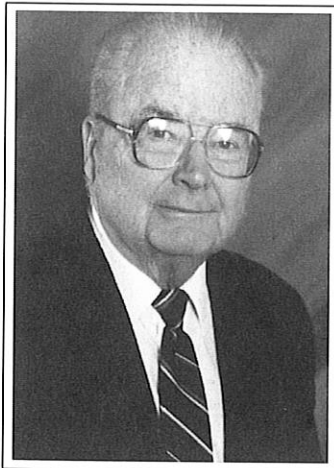
It is my commitment to serve our membership and colleagues with the dignity and respect that has been earned. I am a team player and have every intention to continue to grow our Club financially, spiritually and recreationally.

I have been a self-employed businessman for the past twenty years and have served in many capacities for various service organizations over the years and trust that these experiences, coupled with my business background, will allow me to serve our membership in a diligent and professional manner.

My wife Bonnie and I are the proud parents of two sons – Ron and Jeff. They are both graduated from college and are currently active members of the Erie Yacht Club – Jeff as a sailor, and Ron prefers powerboating.

Again, your confidence is appreciated as I look forward to this challenge and await the opportunity to work with our Bridge, staff and entire organization. I respectfully ask for your voting consideration.

Sincerely,
Rick Santos



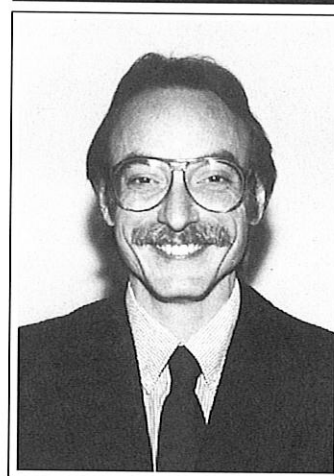
CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

P/C CLARKE S. BRESSLER

I have been a member of the Erie Yacht Club for about 30 years and have served on several committees including the Entertainment, the Long Range Planning, the Membership, and currently, the House Activities Committee. I have served on the Bridge for about six years and currently am filling a vacated position on the Board of Directors which terminates this year.

One committee which I consider to be extremely important is the Nominating Committee. The people that this committee select to serve office have a direct impact on the growth, the stability and the character of the Erie Yacht Club and its future. I feel that the present procedures this committee uses to ultimately select its candidates can be improved. This is my primary reason for running for this office. Plus, I am willing to commit the time and have the enthusiasm to serve the Erie Yacht Club.

P/C Doc Bressler



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

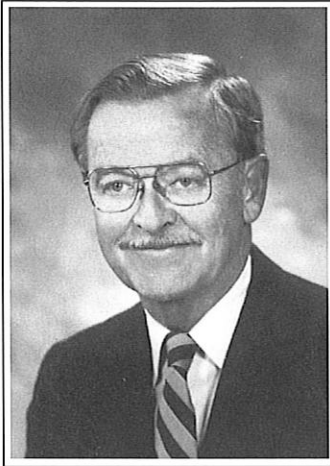
JOHN DARR

Racing and cruising have been a significant part of my life since 1972. The Wolford family introduced me to sailing by inviting me to join them on the final leg of the delivery of the "Constance." This was followed by many wonderful years of racing at the Erie Yacht Club. I have raced and cruised on numerous boats, with the latest being Bill Burke's "Mary Lou." My major reason for joining the Club in 1982 was to obtain a gate card. At the time, I never envisioned how important being an active member would become to me. Since 1991 I have been the chief PHRF measurer/area handicapper for the EYC. This also entails being the liaison between EYC and PHRF-LE and attending monthly meetings in Cleveland. I served as the Fleet Captain of the Auxiliary Sailing Fleet for the 1989-90 racing seasons and have also served on numerous PHRF committees. Over the years I have developed a strong commitment to the Club and feel it is time for me to start giving back something for all I have received.

On the personal side, I am president of our family business, Darr Industries, Inc. We design, build and repair plastic injection molds as well as other precision machining and CNC milling. My wife Kathy is an instructor of Engineering Graphics at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College. Knowing my love and commitment to sailing and the EYC, she agreed to be married on the "Mary Lou." We reside on Tannery Road in Girard with our dog "Shadow." (She's the little black/gray thing that wears the yellow PFD, who enjoys sailing as much as I do).

I hope to see you all at the meeting and thank you for your consideration on the ballot.

Respectfully submitted,
John Darr



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

BLAIR KERSHAW

I feel privileged to be a candidate for the Nominating Committee.

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to propose qualified members for office and searching for qualified people to fill positions is what I have done for the past sixteen years as a recruiter of technical and managerial personnel for business and industry in northwestern Pennsylvania.

I am a graduate of Youngstown University with a degree in history, a United States Marine Corps veteran, and was employed for several years as a salesman for IBM and Xerox Corporations. Additionally, I have served on the boards of Whole Person Home Health Care, Inc., Pennsylvania Medical Concepts, Presque Isle Jaycees and the Erie Art Center.

My wife Kit and I are boaters, having raced our Catalina 27, Mast Confusion, for five years, and we're strong supporters of the Erie Yacht Club which we enjoy very much. Kit is in charge of the Race Committee for the Erie Yacht Club racing fleet and is active in the annual Sailing Regatta for M.S.

The future of our Club is very important to me, and if elected I will do my utmost to help choose as candidates for office those members best suited to guide the Club in the coming years. To that end, I ask for your vote and support as a candidate for the Nominating Committee and I would welcome questions or comments you may have regarding my candidacy for this position.

Thank you,
Blair Kershaw

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CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DAVE LOESEL

To the Members of the Erie Yacht Club:

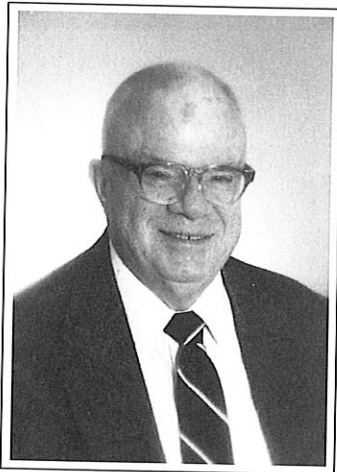
The Erie Yacht Club has always been a part of my life, joining as a Junior Member in 1969. In my youth I attended Junior Sailing and later went on to be an instructor in the program.

For many years I served as head of the small boat racing fleet, competing in Lasers, Thistles, Fireballs, OK Dinghies and Frosties. I have also sailed actively in the PHRF racing fleet. Both sailing and power boating have been summer activities shared with my wife Micki and our son Leigh on our family boat, "Sea 'n Ski."

I have also bowled in the Erie Yacht Club Bowling League for many years and previously served as president of that organization for two years. I have participated in planning and implementing various holiday parties (Easter, July 4th and Christmas).

I feel that I am qualified to serve on the Nominating Committee because of my long association with the Erie Yacht Club and my participation in a variety of the Club activities.

Sincerely,
Dave Loesel



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DAVE PRESTON

Hi There,

My name is Dave Preston. I am a candidate for election to the Nominating Committee.

Through the years I have served on many committees, and last year completed a ten-year stint as Secretary/Treasurer of the Club. This exposure to the inner workings of our Club has given me a real knowledge of what it takes to make the Club run. It has also allowed me to understand what types of ability are desirable in candidates for office. Most of our elected Officers and Directors have been of good quality. If elected I will do my best to be sure that the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee are made aware of what is expected and required of Officers and Directors. I will also try to see that the people who seem most capable are nominated for office. Then it will be up to the membership to elect those whom they wish to have serve them.

Your vote for my election to the Nominating Committee will be appreciated.

Thank you,
David S. Preston