

# THE LOG



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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1994

## “Frolic on the Bay” A Huge Success

by Trina Huntley

### A Note From Paul Huntley

*Once again, “Frolic on the Bay” has come and gone in a whirl, and this year our function was even more successful than past years! In case you were unable to make it down on Monday, July 11, 1994, this is what you missed.*

We had a record-breaking number of visitors come down to participate in escorting the Tall Ships out of Presque Isle Bay. Approximately two hundred thirty clients and their families from MDA, Make A Wish Foundation, and MECA/United Cerebral Palsy converged on Erie Yacht Club early in the morning on the 11th.

When the kids arrived, they were greeted at the reception area by Judy, Heidi, and Trina Huntley, Jody Loessel, and Matthew and Joanie Lasher. The reception crew registered the clients, supplied them with their lunch for the day and shipped them off to the boarding areas.

At the boarding areas the kids were loaded onto the boats by some of the Club’s best dock crew. These people included, but I’m sure are not limited to: Eric Ambro, Eddie Ashby, John Ashby, David Bierig, Dan Claxton, Pat Huntley, Blair and Kit Kershaw, Brian Rickloff,

Ronnie Taylor, and others. My sincere apologies to those whom I have neglected to mention!

Once on the boats, the clients and their families were at the mercy of their skipper. The skippers had only been told to escort the Tall Ships out of the harbor; the remainder of the ride was up to them. Many of the boats cruised the coast of Presque Isle and Misery Bay, some went fishing, and several of the boats stopped in the lake to enjoy their lunch. All in all the rides lasted approximately two-and-a-half to three hours.

I would like to thank all of those who participated in and donated to Frolic On The Bay 1994. You helped make some children and their families very happy. As the years pass and we see more and more children, it also occurs to me that I see fewer and fewer “veteran” children. Every year there are those who fail to return for another boat ride, and it usually is not because they do not have the time, it is because they are too sick to make it. I hope that some of these children touched your hearts, and that you realize that five hours out of your life each year means so much more to them. *Thank you again.*

### Lynch and Kitchen Staff Prepare Food

Of course the food that was donated would not be true cuisine unless it was prepared by our own kitchen staff. Recognition must be given to Mike Lynch and the employees who put a lot of effort into making three hundred lunches for some starving mariners.



### Sailboats Participate for First Time!!!

For the first time in “Frolic On The Bay” history, some of the many sailboats of EYC were utilized as vehicles for the children and their families. Despite initial doubts about the feasibility of these yachts working with the kids, everyone who was aboard a sailboat had a great time. Many of the riders noted they had never been on a sailboat before, and that it was a “really neat” method of transportation. Much thanks and gratitude goes out to the following members for donating their time and boats, and we are looking forward to hopefully seeing more sailors participate next year.

Doc Bressler*	Rhapsody
Bobby Johnson	Vega
Dr. R. Lasher	Caliente
Gib Loesel	Me Own QE
David Sample	Soiree
Don Schwab	Winds Way

*\*Special thanks, as Doc had not planned on being a skipper, but he jumped to the call when we ran short on boats!*

### Committee Forming for 1995

Every year this event gets larger and larger. We have grown from 27 people the first year to well over two hundred this year. A function of this size cannot be run by one lone man. Therefore, a committee is being formed to run this activity next year. If you are interested in being on this committee, please call Paul Huntley at 734-1671.

**FYI: FROLIC ON THE BAY 1995 is MONDAY, JULY 10, 1995**

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### Power Boats Turn Out In Drove To Help

Once again this year the power boaters of Erie Yacht Club are to be commended for turning out in such great force to help "Frolic on the Bay" go off without a hitch. For the past four years, the majority of this year's participating fleet has given rides to the children and their families. These people unselfishly give their time and boats to make children happy. Applause and respect should be given to the following people for their selflessness:

Nick Virgilio .....	Jennik	David Preston .....	Marnie
Steve Bartosik .....	Sun Bum	Fred Reymore .....	Betty Jane
Harvey Chestner .....	Marian C	Steve Samol .....	CAW III
*Mark Coursey .....	On Course	Pete Scheler .....	Sea Star
Fred Curtze .....	Aqua Holic	John Schuler .....	Greater Scaup
Bob Durst .....	Bavaria II	Harold Will .....	Carousel
Blaise Elmer .....	Carem	John Filip .....	Linde Star
Jackie Elmer .....	All "J's"		
A.J. Fercpati .....	Encomunicato		

*\*Member of Perry's Landing*

## Spector Law Firm Donates To F.O.T.B.D. Again

Once again this year, Spector Law offices helped make "Frolic on the Bay" happen. Not only did they donate the food for the lunches, but they also provided the skippers and crew with baseball hats. The children received a certificate of seamanship from them as well. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Clay Johnson, representatives of the law firm.

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

### A Reminder of Some of the Club Rules and Bylaws:

- In accordance with Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board rules, minor children are not permitted in the barroom area unless under the direct supervision of a responsible adult. Under no circumstances are they permitted to sit at the bar. Children under the age of 15 are not permitted in the barroom after 9:00 pm.
- Common sense and courtesy in the use of headlights by vehicles operating on the grounds of the Erie Yacht Club shall be exercised. Please don't shine your headlights into the basin.
- Those members who wish to resign from the Club in good standing, must do so 30 days before the dues are due, which would be December 1st or June 1st if you pay half-year dues.

Should you have any questions concerning Club policy please check your copy of the bylaws. If you require a copy of the Club's bylaws and rules, stop by the office for a copy.

# CATERING

Members . . .

Please don't forget your Club the next time you need to arrange a business meeting/lunch.

Our catering manager Laurie Richardson, can help you arrange the perfect meeting with all the audio visual equipment and special lunch menus.

*Remember to call Laurie for all special party needs . . .*

- weddings
- showers
- company awards banquets
- Christmas parties

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DON'T HAVE A LOT  
OF TIME?**

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AND EAT IN THE OFFICE.

**JUST FAX US  
YOUR LUNCH  
ORDER.**

**WE'LL HAVE IT READY  
WHEN YOU ARRIVE!**

**FAX  
453-6182**

## CLUB FUNCTIONS

### SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2 .....	SEAFOOD BUFFET - \$12.95 "MR. GONE" ON THE DECK - 8:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 3 .....	PRIME RIB AND PASTA BUFFET - \$11.50 "APPARENT" ON THE DECK - 8:30 PM RAFFLE FOR GRANDFATHER CLOCK
SEPTEMBER 4 .....	"POTENTIAL JOE" ON THE DECK - 8:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 5 .....	CLUBHOUSE IS OPEN - 11:30 AM TO 9:00 PM BAR OPEN 'TIL 12:00
SEPTEMBER 7 .....	MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH HANK MACELLARO ON THE PIANO
SEPTEMBER 9 .....	E.Y.C. BOWLING LEAGUE NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 14 .....	MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH FRANK ALVARO ON THE PIANO
SEPTEMBER 19 .....	BOARD MEETING - 7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 21 .....	MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH JIM MADDEN ON THE PIANO
SEPTEMBER 23 .....	E.Y.C. BOWLING LEAGUE NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 28 .....	MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH FRANK ALVARO

### OCTOBER

OCTOBER 5 .....	LADIES LUNCHEON MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH HANK MACELLARO
OCTOBER 7 .....	E.Y.C. BOWLING LEAGUE NIGHT
OCTOBER 9 .....	CENTENNIAL AUCTION - 5:00 PM
OCTOBER 12 .....	MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH FRANK ALVARO
OCTOBER 14 .....	BINGO NIGHT - 7:00 PM
OCTOBER 17 .....	BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 19 .....	MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH JIM MADDEN
OCTOBER 21 .....	E.Y.C. BOWLING LEAGUE NIGHT
OCTOBER 22 .....	99 <sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMODORES BALL
OCTOBER 26 .....	MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH FRANK ALVARO
OCTOBER 28 .....	BINGO NIGHT - 7:00 PM
OCTOBER 30 .....	CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY - 3:00 PM

## EYC's Mid-week Buffet



*... with the great sounds of pianists*

**Frank Alvaro,  
Hank Macellaro  
and  
Jim Madden**

*performing every Wednesday*

**\$7.95 - Buffet**

### EYC

## America's Cup Bowling League

**1994-95**

### ■ SCHEDULE ■

### Friday Nights at 6:30

September 9 ■ September 23
October 7 ■ October 21
November 4
No Bowling - EYC Annual Meeting
December 2
December 16 ■ December 30
January 13 ■ January 27
February 10 ■ February 24
March 10 ■ March 24
April 7 ■ April 21



# UpdateUpdateUpdate

Plans for EYC's fund-raising AUCTION are finalized and donations continue to come in. A professional auctioneer will preside over the main event with 25 to 30 very fine and unique items and services going to the highest bidder. Another fun aspect of this exciting evening will be the SILENT AUCTION with a varied selection of truly wonderful items.

**Mark your calendar for OCTOBER 9, 1994, 5:00 p.m. and BE THERE!** This is a casual event for members and guests with no entry fee, free snacks and hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar.

Chairpersons Don and Jane Schwab and the Committee have been working very hard in planning this Centennial fund-raiser to assure a memorable 100th anniversary year for the Erie Yacht Club.

Successful bidders will have the option of paying by cash, check, EYC charge or major credit card.

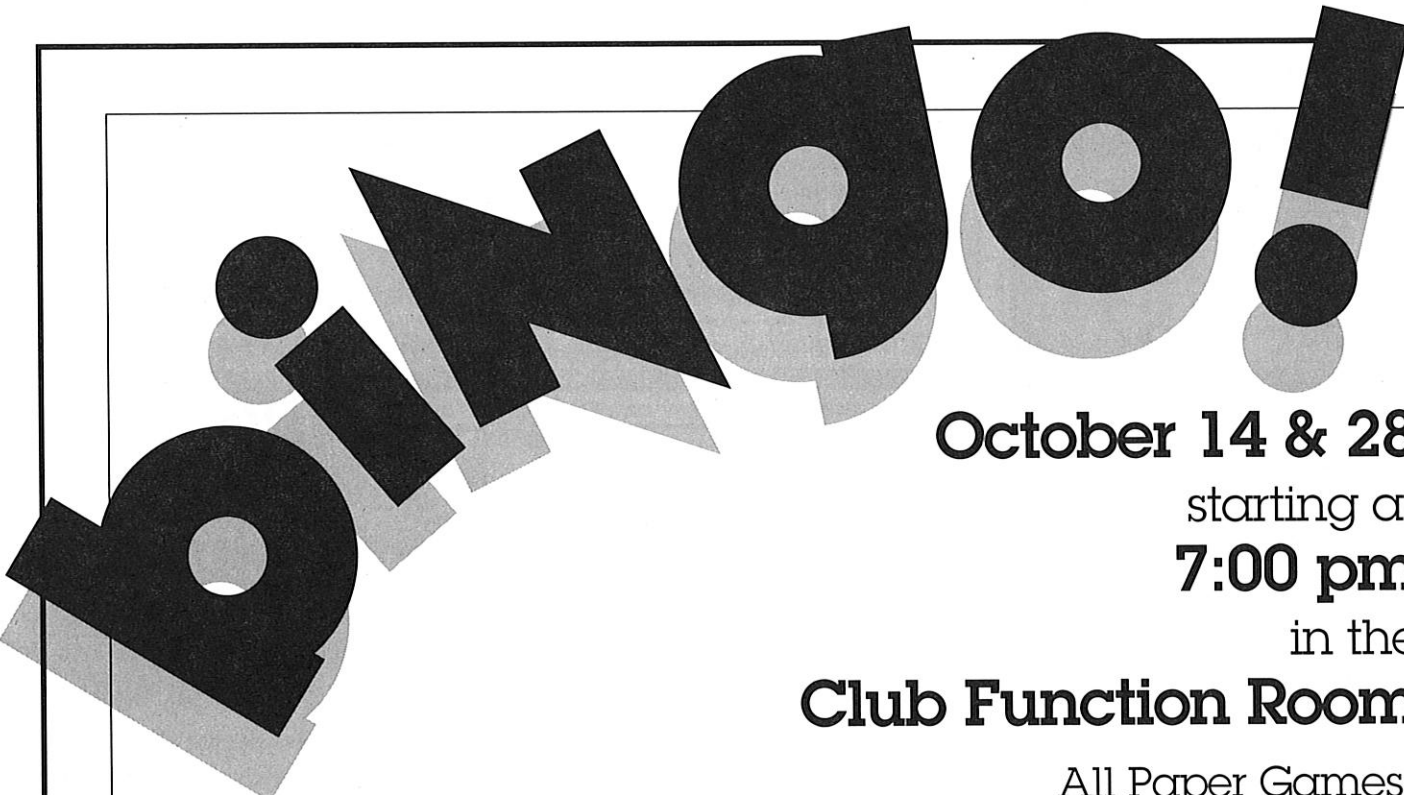
## SAMPLING OF PREMIER ITEMS:

**Member #1** – Donated by EYC  
**Cellular Phone** – Donated by Cellular One  
**Handcrafted Child's Miniature Boat Cradle**  
 Donated by Gib Loesel  
**Watercolor Rendering of Home or Boat by Artist Joyce Perowicz**  
 Donated by Brown Schwab Bergquist & Co.

## SAMPLING OF SILENT AUCTION ITEMS:

**Four (4) Open Rehearsal Tickets** – Donated by Erie Philharmonic  
**Hairstyling and Makeover** – Donated by Kaufmann's Beauty Salon  
**3M Scotch Tint Sun Control Film** – Donated by Janitor Jim Inc.

*See complete updated listing at the Club.*



**October 14 & 28**  
 starting at  
**7:00 pm**  
 in the  
**Club Function Room**

All Paper Games.  
 One Package plays the whole night.  
 Cash awards will be based on the cash sales at the door.

**NO CLUB CHARGES – CASH ONLY!**

You can eat in the Bingo Room before and during the games.  
 No one under 16 please.



**OCTOBER 9, 1994**

**5:00 P.M.**

**ERIE YACHT CLUB CLUBHOUSE**

**PREMIER ITEM BIDDING BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M.  
SILENT AUCTION BIDDING - ONGOING**

**FREE SNACKS & HORS D'OEUVRES  
AND  
CASH BAR**



Reserve Your Lucky Bidding Number (1 to 500)  
and Receive Free Drink Coupon

Pre-register by calling Bonnie Enders at 833-7200

*If you would like to donate an item  
for the premier or silent auction,  
call Tania Hanlin at 459-9387.*

# Commodore's Report

This will be my last *Log* article, as my term ends in November. It seems as though the things I might say – how fast the four years have gone, how much fun it's been – somehow ring hollow. In truth, what I can say is that the last four years have been interesting. It's been an education – at times fun, at times frustrating.

Each person has their own reasons for running for office. For me, it was mostly because I felt I owed something back to the Club, and partly because I found the idea intriguing. In the end, can I look back and say it was worth it? The answer is yes.

I would like to thank all of you that have helped out over the last year. We have an unbelievably vibrant organization, and it is at times hard to keep track of all that's going on. It is all of the unsung heroes that make the job of being Commodore easy. If some of you have the inkling to run for office, I strongly encourage you to do so.

Best wishes, and thanks for your support.



COMMODORE BILL LASHER

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Lasher,  
*Commodore*

## Vice Commodore's Report

One of our fellow board members was relating an interesting story the other night. Seems he was returning to his "Yacht" after an undisclosed amount of time at the "Club House" after consuming an undisclosed quantity of "Beverage." Well that darn old wiggly catwalk caused him to go for a swim.

There may be a number of interesting parables here but let's just discuss two. The first is that he should have reported his darn old wiggly catwalk to Mike Lynch or Bill Vogel, as should all members with dock problems. We will be repairing as many as possible



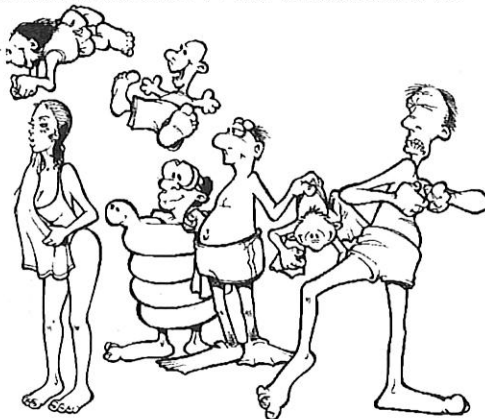
VICE COMMODORE JOHN ASHBY

this fall and next spring. The second parable is this fine fellow broke an unwritten rule – **NO SWIMMING IN THE BASIN.**

This year, often due to the high number of transient guests utilizing our facility, we have had a sizable number of adults and children using our "basin" as their "swimming hole." This is not a wise thing to do to yourself physically because, if for no other reason, your body is a potential hazard to navigation.

Another board member was trying to enter his slip upon returning to the basin. A number of children were playing in the water by his slip. He requested of their father, "Would you please remove your kids from the path of my boat? I'd like to dock my boat in my slip." Now that seems a reasonable request. The father replied "Oh . . . that's okay . . . go ahead, they'll move." Hence the unwritten rule . . . **NO SWIMMING IN THE EYC BASIN.**

One more thing. Last week I was sleeping on my boat, which is not an odd occurrence, I do it often. The odd thing was, I was awakened around 3 pm by the wind. No . . . not actually the wind . . . it was something banging and whistling and made a terrible racket. My halyards. I couldn't get back to sleep and that's not healthy is it? Well let us all try to do our part to make all our EYC members healthier by securing, tying off or bungee-cording up our halyards. I know I'll be sleeping a little easier.



## FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER'S DESK



It seems summer has just started and here I'm writing my September/October *Log* Article. Time sure flies. Business at the Club has been breaking records all summer. The galley just finished the largest sales month in the history of the Club – just over \$83,500. That's compared to the month of July in 1991 when sales were \$55,000. And for those who say "sales are up because of all those parties you do," your only half right. Over 76% of the \$83,500 or \$64,300 is from member dining, not party sales. Member dining from July 1991 to July 1994 is up 10.9%. The winter months have shown an increase from 7 to 12% on average, with the summer months coming in 8 to 24% higher, on average. The interesting part of this whole story is, that in July 1991 we had a membership of 964 members. Today we have 990 members, only a net gain of 34 memberships. The best part is that the galley just may break even by year's end (barring any unforeseen problems in September and October.) That's something that hasn't happened in many, many years. The bottom line is, the membership is using the Club.

With this increase in business volume we have experienced some growing pains. We have had periods of slow service from either the wait staff or kitchen staff from time to time. I just wanted to let you know that I am aware of these problems and am addressing them as they come up. I certainly appreciate those members that have experienced problems and have continued to use the Club, I will continue to try and provide the best possible Club services that are within our financial parameters. As I have said before, please don't hesitate to tell me of any problems you may have incurred. I can't fix it if I don't hear about it.

And, in conclusion, I would like to address a rumor that a number of members have brought to my attention. It seems someone has heard that I was leaving the Erie Yacht Club. I would like to say, "I currently have no plans of leaving the Erie Yacht Club." I hope this puts an end to this rumor and we can all wait and see what will surface next week. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Respectfully,  
Michael C. Lynch



# Rear Commodore's

Since early May, personal travel, regattas, ILYA & USSA activities, and at times curiosity, have found this writer at 24 Lake Erie yacht clubs. It is interesting to learn how other clubs operate, what they offer, the extent of their boating activities and facilities. What really astounds me, is how very differently we view and use our boats (from veritable sea gypsies to summer cottages, or from fishing platforms to hard-core racers, water skiing to dive boats – and most of us falling comfortably somewhere between the extremes). The good part of this dichotomy between power and sail is that our overall love and respect for the water (and good parties) brings us together harmoniously in spite of our very diverse boating priorities. We do it well here. Let's keep it up!

One of the things we don't do well here is to tie off halyards to keep them from slapping aluminum masts! A recent visitor, noted yacht designer Bill Lapworth, commented that our halyards' "chorus" was the loudest he had ever heard! Funny, this wasn't a problem in the days of varnished wooden masts. (Maybe we should ask next year's Dock Committee to come up with a rule requiring the offending skippers to sleep on their boats for a couple of nights when the wind is blowing!) Another thing we don't do well in this harbor (not necessarily our Club) is to take into account our wakes and how they affect others. Last night my Wellcraft became literally airborne off the wake of a boat I didn't even see, and I checked my speed when I saw the wake!

(Now if the "Fish Cops" could only sentence these guys to spend a Sunday afternoon in canoes on the lower bay – we'd have something!)



REAR COMMODORE JACK BIERLEY

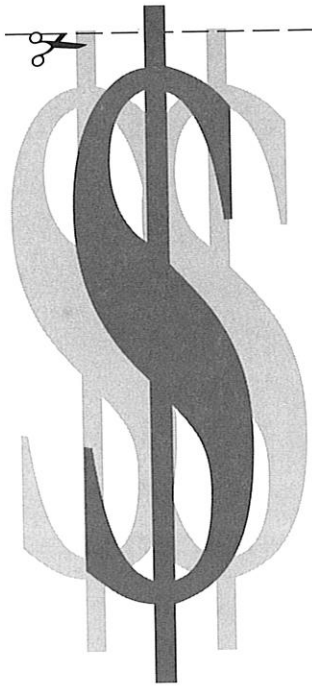
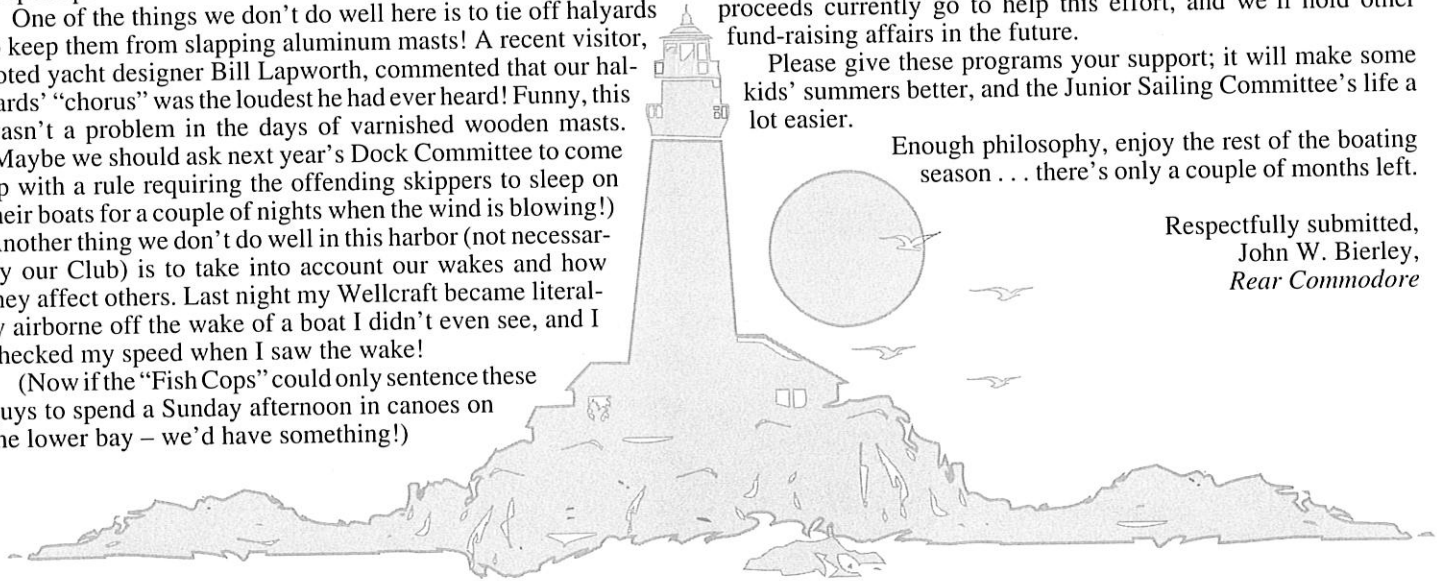
# Report

The Rebyburn Sailing School, under the direction of Charlie Caryl, is wrapping up another banner year. More participants, more varied program, good success for the E.Y.C. Junior Racing Team, but as we look to the future it seems every time we make a nickel, we have to spend a dime! Many of our boats, sails and other equipment have seen "better days," and it requires all of the margins we can generate to try to keep things reasonably up to date. PC Schwab, PC Fritze Busse, Gene Polasky and others have generously donated equipment for our support fleet, but we still need outboards, boats and miscellaneous equipment that is difficult to provide for in our budget. If you have any of these items available, you could strengthen a great program by donating them to the school. There are other ways, of course, to help. The racing kids hold periodic car washes, the EYC Bingo proceeds currently go to help this effort, and we'll hold other fund-raising affairs in the future.

Please give these programs your support; it will make some kids' summers better, and the Junior Sailing Committee's life a lot easier.

Enough philosophy, enjoy the rest of the boating season . . . there's only a couple of months left.

Respectfully submitted,  
John W. Bierley,  
Rear Commodore



## 1995 Erie Yacht Club Dues Raffle

BUY A RAFFLE TICKET TO WIN 1995 FREE DUES!

THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE E.Y.C. CHRISTMAS PARTY ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1994.  
Tickets can be purchased in the Office and Bar, or you can fill out the information below, charge the amount to your EYC account, and we'll mail your ticket stub(s) to you. GOOD LUCK!

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$10 each and charge to my EYC account no. \_\_\_\_\_.

Total charged: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

And send my ticket stub(s) to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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# EYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



*Seated (from left to right):*

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William Lasher, Commodore; John W. Bierley, Rear Commodore

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Ronald E. Busse (Past Commodore); David Blake; Edward Mascharka, III; Robert Pratt

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