

VOLUME V, ISSUE II

ERIE YACHT CLUB • P.O. BOX 648 • ERIE, PA 16512

MARCH/APRIL 1995



## Junior Sailing Update

As our sailing program moves towards the twenty-first century, the learn-to-sail philosophy is alive and well. But there is one aspect of the program which needs immediate attention.

The Junior Sailing House on the Flying Junior dock has become a major safety hazard in the last ten years for several reasons:

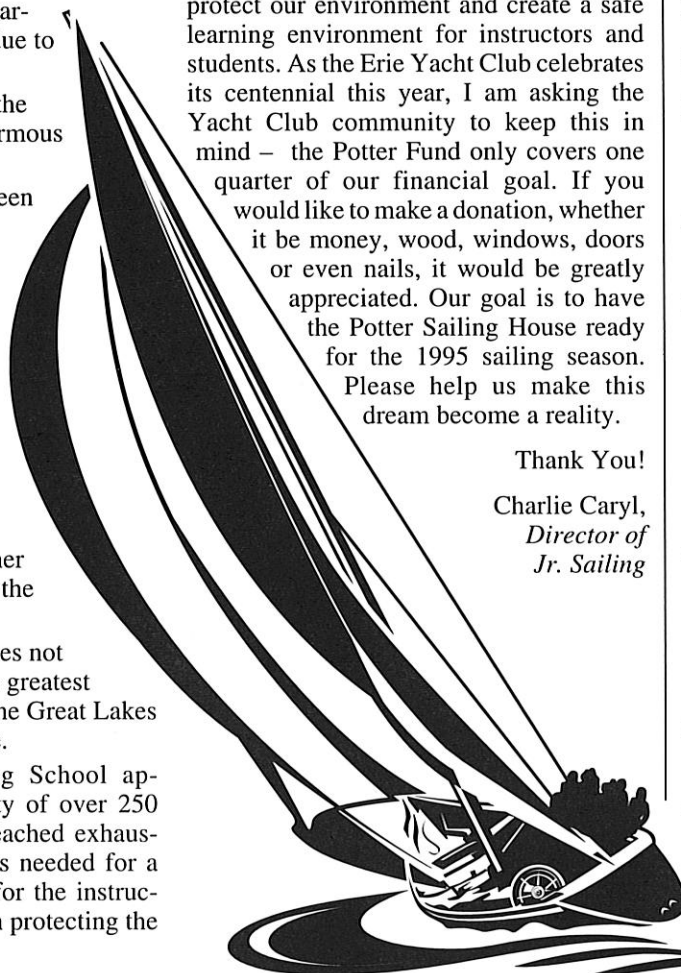
- 1.) Inadequate storage space for the gasoline tanks, toxic resins and solutions create unbearable noxious fumes due to the poor ventilation;
- 2.) Gasoline now soaks the floor creating an enormous fire hazard;
- 3.) The windows have been frequently kicked in and supplies stolen regardless of the windows being locked;
- 4.) Sails and lines are being replaced twice as fast due to inadequate storage;
- 5.) Wood rot on the foundation of the lower northwest corner threatens to collapse the building.
- 6.) The decrepit door does not symbolize one of the greatest sailing facilities on the Great Lakes and the eastern shore.

As the Reyburn Sailing School approaches a carrying capacity of over 250 students, this facility has reached exhaustion. A new sailing house is needed for a safe working environment for the instructors and students, along with protecting the longevity of our equipment.

The Potter Fund has been set up by the family of Jeff Potter for a memorial of this past instructor and director of the Reyburn Learn To Sail Program. When Jeff directed the program he was especially concerned about the maintenance and upkeep of our boats and equipment. I see no better way to preserve the memory of one of our finest instructors with the dedication of "Potter Junior Sailing House" which will protect our environment and create a safe learning environment for instructors and students. As the Erie Yacht Club celebrates its centennial this year, I am asking the Yacht Club community to keep this in mind – the Potter Fund only covers one quarter of our financial goal. If you would like to make a donation, whether it be money, wood, windows, doors or even nails, it would be greatly appreciated. Our goal is to have the Potter Sailing House ready for the 1995 sailing season. Please help us make this dream become a reality.

Thank You!

Charlie Caryl,  
Director of  
Jr. Sailing



## ERIE YACHT CLUB

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## Centennial RaftUp 1895-1995 AUGUST 12, 1995

*Erie Yacht Club Centennial Committee invites you and your family to be a part of the biggest RaftUp ever. Plan to be there August 12, 1995 on Presque Isle Bay in front of the Erie Yacht Club.*

### RULES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EYC CENTENNIAL RAFTUP

- 1.) The RaftUp is open to all EYC members as well as any other vessels that has required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment on board.
- 2.) Additional equipment necessary: Four 25' dock lines, plenty of fenders, marine radios.
- 3.) Erie Yacht Club cannot be responsible for any damage or injury incurred with this event. Skippers are responsible for their crew following the instruction of the organizers to continue to make this event safe and enjoyable for all. Skippers must attend the skippers' meeting or make other arrangements with the organizers.
- 4.) Please do not go swimming or exit your vessel until given the organizers' okay that it is safe. For the safety and courtesy of all participants, no open fires or barbecuing will be allowed during RaftUp.
- 5.) To qualify to be in the raft, participants agree to stay rafted from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- 6.) Due to expenses we must incur in advance, we cannot refund any registration or party money for any reason. If we cannot hold the RaftUp due to weather, we will attempt again the next morning.

**RAIN DATE WILL BE AUGUST 13, 1995**

# ERIE POWER SQUADRON

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SAIL AND POWER BOATING**

## PUBLIC BOATING COURSE

**MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1995**  
**ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL**  
8500 OLIVER ROAD • ERIE, PA 16509

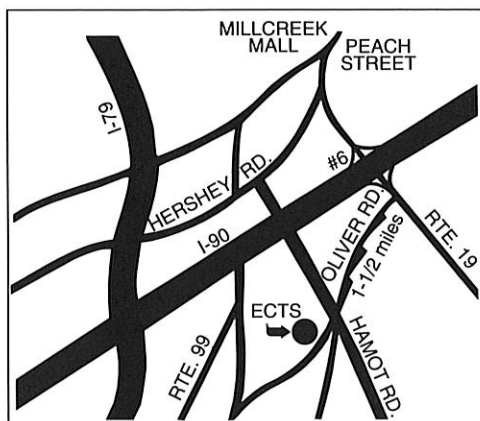
**REGISTRATION ..... 7:00 PM**  
**CLASS STARTS ..... 7:30 PM**

**EIGHT (8)-WEEK DURATION**  
**MONDAYS – 7:30 TO 9:30 PM**

THIS COMPREHENSIVE COURSE WILL MAKE YOU,  
YOUR SPOUSE AND CHILDREN SAFER BOATERS!

**There is a charge for text material.**

Passing this course will earn you a  
**Pennsylvania Boat Safety Certificate** and may  
save you up to 10% on your boat insurance!



### Directions:

Erie residents go south on Rt. 19 (Peach St.), approximately 300 yards past I-90 bridge. Turn right onto Oliver Road for 1-1/2 miles. If headed north on Rt. 19, turn left onto Oliver Road, just before approaching I-90 bridge. Coming off I-90, take Exit 6, go south on Rt. 19, and then approximately 300 yards, turn right onto Oliver Road for 1-1/2 miles to the school.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL BOB NELSON – (814) 825-6070

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## INFO FROM 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 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.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

To everyone who helped put the 1995 Erie Yacht Club Winter Carnival together; a special congratulations to all of you, especially the Winter Carnival Committee people. It was great. You supported me in so many ways, it is impossible for me to express my gratitude to the fullest.

Also, to the members and guests, thank you for your participation in this historic Centennial event.

Again,  
**THANK  
YOU  
VERY  
MUCH!**

Jim Finn  
Chairman,  
Winter  
Carnival



## ATTENTION Members!

Over the past year the Board of Directors has decided to accept an invitation to have a reciprocal agreement with the Iroquois Boating and Fishing Club, located on Conneaut Lake. Here are directions as well as a couple of club rules. For more information, please contact the club directly at (814) 382-3075.

### DIRECTIONS:

*Take I-79 south and get off at the Conneaut Lake exit. You will be on Rte. 322. Stay on 322 until you reach Rte. 18 (Texaco on right). Bear right, then go about 1/4 mile (car wash on your left) and make a left. You are now on Iroquois Drive. Go to the bottom of the hill, turn right and then proceed to the Iroquois Club.*

**THE HOURS OF SERVING** – Tuesday through Saturday: Luncheon served from 12 noon until 2 p.m. and dinners served from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Sunday: 12 noon until 8 p.m. Sunday buffet will be held as scheduled. Please make reservations when possible. **Lounge:** Open from 12 noon. (Courtesy – Anyone expecting to dine after 9 p.m., please call.)

Jackets shall be the accepted wear for members and their guests for dinner and buffets in the main dining room. Casual attire will be permitted everywhere in the club but the main dining room (with the exception of special nights, family nights and luncheons). Shorts of appropriate length, slacks, collared shirts are acceptable in lounge, casual dining area, patio and Room #30. Jeans and swim-suit attire is not acceptable anywhere in the club except Room #30 and dressing rooms. Shoes must be worn anytime inside the clubhouse (members shall maintain the "dignity" of the Club.)



## Take Note

Should anyone wish to publish any article for the Log, these are the deadlines for each upcoming edition. All we ask is that it pertain to boating or Yacht Club activity.

### DEADLINES:

MAY/JUNE EDITION  
April 14, 1995

JULY/AUGUST EDITION  
June 14, 1995

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER EDITION  
August 14, 1995

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER EDITION  
October 14, 1995

## CLUB FUNCTIONS

### MARCH

MARCH 1 ..... MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH FRANK ALVARO  
MARCH 3 ..... BINGO – 7:00 PM  
MARCH 8 ..... MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH GENE LEONE  
MARCH 15 ..... MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH FRANK ALVARO  
MARCH 17 ..... ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY WITH "CHECKMATE"  
MARCH 20 ..... BOARD MEETING – 7:30 PM  
MARCH 22 ..... MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH MARY ALLGEIER  
MARCH 29 ..... MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH JIM MADDEN

### APRIL

APRIL 1 ..... APRIL FOOL'S DAY PARTY WITH MR. GONE – 9:00 PM  
PASTA AND PRIME RIB BUFFET FROM 5:30 PM 'TIL 9:00 PM  
APRIL 5 ..... MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH FRANK ALVARO  
APRIL 6 ..... GUEST SPEAKER DINNER SERIES #3 WITH HARRY BARRETT  
APRIL 12 ..... MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH GENE LEONE  
APRIL 15 ..... LUNCH WITH THE EASTER BUNNY AND EASTER EGG HUNT – 11:30 AM  
APRIL 16 ..... EASTER SUNDAY DINNER – 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM  
MUSIC BY LOCASTRO AND SLIVINSKI  
APRIL 17 ..... BOARD MEETING – 7:30 PM  
APRIL 19 ..... MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH FRANK ALVARO  
APRIL 26 ..... MID-WEEK BUFFET WITH JIM MADDEN  
APRIL 29 ..... ENTERTAINMENT IN THE GRILL ROOM  
MUSIC BY "UNFORGETTABLE"

## LUNCH

### WITH THE EASTER BUNNY AND EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 15, 1995  
11:30 am

HAMBURGER WITH  
CONDIMENTS,  
CHICKEN NUGGETS,  
FRENCH FRIES,  
ASSORTED JUICES & MILK

**\$3.50 PER PERSON**

CHILDREN UNDER 4 FREE!  
THE HUNT WILL START AT 12:45 PM



**RESERVATION REQUIRED**  
NO-SHOWS WILL BE BILLED



# Guest Speaker Series

presents

## Harry Barret

speaking of

## The Human and Natural History of Long Point

Mr. Barrett will show a slide presentation and discuss the stewardship of the area since 1866 by the Long Point Company.

Cocktails: 6:30 PM  
Dutch Treat  
Dinner: 7:15 PM  
Lecture: 8:00 PM

Price: \$12.50 per person  
*includes your dinner, tax,  
tip, and lecture.*

Menu:  
Grilled Pork Cutlet Dijon

Reservations can be made  
by calling Audrey at 453-4931

No-Shows Will Be Billed



## Havin' a Ball!

Now that the very successful Winter Carnival is but a memory, it is not too early for you to be thinking of our Centennial Ball.

This gala event will be held at Rainbow Gardens on May 16 with continuous music, entertainment, prizes, good food and much, much more.

Don't forget that this event is "black tie only," using appropriate attire spanning the last 100 years to the current period. Look for additional information regarding where to be fitted for clothing of by-gone years, or shop in your attics for that special dress worn by a beloved family member.

## JAZZFEST

CONTINUOUS JAZZ ALL NIGHT

FEATURING  
**THE  
CHUCK VENTRELLO  
QUARTET**

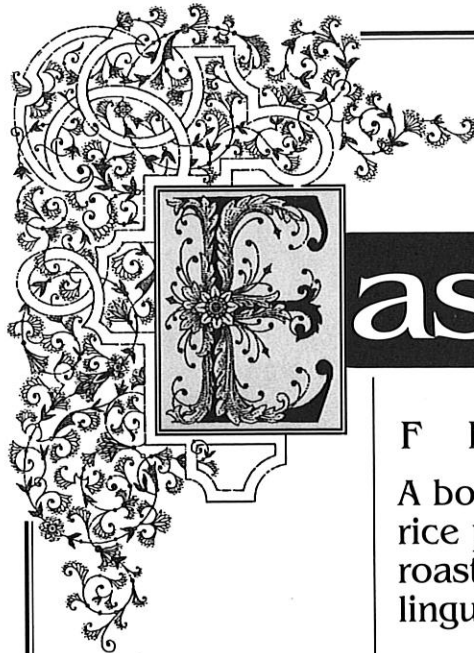
WITH  
**DAVID BLAETZ  
AND THE  
FRANK ALVARO  
QUARTET**

**Friday, March 24, 1995  
7 pm - Midnight**

*Make dinner reservations  
and join us in  
the Club Ballroom  
for some great music  
and dancing.*

Cabaret seating  
around the dance floor.





join us for dinner on  
**Easter Sunday**

**F E A T U R I N G**

A bountiful of assorted cheeses; fresh fruit melon baskets; rice pilaf; new potatoes; fresh vegetables; seafood newburg; roast beef in mushroom gravy; chicken and mushrooms linguine; carved leg of lamb; and carved tavern ham.

We also have a great selection of other delightful dinners, such as Prime Rib au jus.

All this for only \$12.95;

Children ages 6 to 12 - \$4.75 Children 5 and under are free!

**11 am - 6 pm**

*Reservations can  
 be made by calling,  
 Nancy 453-4931*

*Music by  
 Diane LaCastro*

**April  
 fools  
 day**



**saturday April 1, 1995  
 5:30 to 9:00 pm**

**pasta & prime rib  
 buffet & band**

# Commodore's Report

"WOW ... WHAT A WINTER CARNIVAL!" ... "CAN WE DO THIS AGAIN NEXT YEAR?" ... "I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS CLUB SO BUSY!" ... "EVERYBODY, INCLUDING THE KIDS, HAD A BALL!"

These are just a few of the comments regarding the Centennial Year's Winter Carnival, and in order, I'll say "Yes, it was." "We're working on it." "The Club took in \$18,000 in two days." "Yes they did."

My back is sore from all the slaps on it I've received, but the real credit for a wonderful, well-planned and executed events lie squarely on the event chairman Jim Finn and his committee. They did a splendid job. Jim's philosophy was, "if you give them enough things going on, everyone will find something to make it memorable and have a good time." He was obviously right. Additional "Thanks" should also be extended to Jim Lockwood who chaired a special Fireworks Committee comprised of the eight new car dealers (all EYC members) who made the fireworks display possible. So Jim and Jim and all your committee people, from all of us to all of you ... thank you, thank you and thank you again.

In addition to the aforementioned new car dealers' \$5,000 contribution, the Centennial Committee has received financial and in-kind gifts from professional service individuals and various companies in excess of \$10,000 in contributions. This activity will be the "icing on the EYC Centennial cake" when all is said and done. It seems that if we just ask for help, our members in whatever capacity they can, give us help. Therefore, Fred Curtze is forming a Corporate Giving Committee to seek out further contributions that will afford us the opportunity to fulfill our promise to give all of you a Centennial Year to remember.

Oh yes, and remember that we are raffling off the beautiful chain saw wood sculptures created by Winter Carnival artists Joe King and Brian Sprague. The tickets are available at the office and at the bar, and the drawing will be held May 16th at our Centennial Ball.

Again, thank you all for your financial help, your dedicated efforts and your enthusiastic participation in our Club's Centennial Year.



COMMODORE - JOHN ASHBY

# Vice Commodore's Report



VICE COMMODORE  
JACK BIERLEY

The Dock Committee completed dock assignments on February 16, 1995. We were able to assign slips to 20 members on the list and accommodated 22 of 26 requests for changes. Assuming history repeats itself, a few more slips should open up between now and the launch season which will permit us to bring more members into the basin.

Ice finally came, and it's possibly the best it's been in recent memory. The iceboaters have been really taking advantage of it. In fact, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 17, 18 and 19 were as close to heaven that an iceboater will probably ever get!

Interesting plans have been made for the Reyburn Sailing School this year. We'll be purchasing two new Club Juniors as well as two more Optimist Dinghies, and are going to construct a new Junior Sailing utility building to replace the obsolete structure we've been using. The house will be dedicated to the memory of Jeff Potter (a Reyburn Sailing School alum), and will be built with all volunteer labor. The lumber for this building is, however, stretching our budget to the limit, and any donations to this fund would be appreciated. Along the same line, we are still in need of another safety boat. The Optimists are a great addition to an already successful program, but we're concerned that we should reduce the student-to-safety boat ratio particularly within the Optimist Fleet because these are the youngest participants. We could really put a small Whaler-

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## 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 ...*

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## From the General Manager's Desk

As I sit down to write my article for this edition of the *Log*, we are very busy putting together plans for this season's Club events, such as Opening Weekend, Jazz Fest, July 4th weekend and those dock parties.

As this is going on we are also redoing our galley menus and are hoping to have them out by April 1st. We are planning to feature healthy items for those of us watching our waistlines and our general overall condition. If anyone has any suggestions, please share them with me.

I have just gone over this year's requests for kegs and have noticed that we still have a large number of them available. Any regular or associate members are permitted to rent a keg for the season. For those of you that have two boats, this is a great way to keep both vessels at the Club. Should you wish to sign up for a keg, it's not too late. Contact the office and they will be happy to mail or fax you the proper form.

Thursday nights in March and April are family nights . . . kids that eat from the children's menu are charged by how much they weigh (before they eat of course). Your server will ask each child to stand on a scale that we will have available and whatever it reads is what you pay. We will have balloons and table games for them to play as well.

While I'm on the subject of children, I thought I would remind everyone that children under 12 eat for free on the mid-week buffet and eat for half price on the Sunday brunch. It's a great deal!

Other things have been happening around the Club lately, such as having all the Grill Room tables taken out and re-finished, and the dry sail/winter storage lot to the east of the Club will be having all new electrical put in. This will significantly increase the safety of this area. Bill Vogel and his crew have been working on the bulkhead along C-Dock. Later this spring we will be adding body and hair soap dispensers in both the men's and ladies' showers for the convenience of our members and guests. The Junior Sailing Committee has been working on putting together another exciting season by purchasing some new boats and equipment.

Well, that's it for now!  
Michael Lynch,  
General Manager

## Rear Commodore's Report

If the Winter Carnival's success is any indication of what our Centennial Year celebrations will be like, our members will not want to miss a single event. Jim Finn and his committee should be commended for their efforts. Their planning and organization were very impressive. Many of our members hope this will be an annual event. A special thanks must go out to Mike Lynch and every member of his staff for their tireless efforts during the Winter Carnival. The success of this two-day event would not have been possible without them.

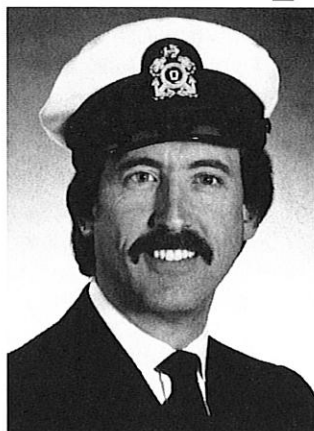
With regard to house operations, we're off to a great start. Special events, like the Winter Carnival, really help to bolster revenues. The new point of sale system is operational and should prove to be a valuable tool.

For those who missed my last *Log* article, I apologize. I was in Hengelo, Holland on business and my faxed article was not received.



REAR COMMODORE  
CHRISTIAN WOLFORD

## Fleet Captain's Report



FLEET CAPTAIN - "FRITZ" CURTZE

Old Man Winter has finally decended upon us with a fury we hadn't really expected. But neither the bitter temperatures nor persistent high winds could dampen the gala atmosphere at our Club. The enthusiasm and fun enjoyed by all at the Winter Carnival predicts that this is going to be one HECK of a year at the EYC. Every inch of our Club was in full swing with myriad activities and fun for all ages.

I can't give enough praise to our dedicated, hard-working staff - both house and grounds - for all the effort they constantly put forth making sure our members are content. Please be sure to give them all a special thank you for their services.

The old, wooden *Rainmaker* went out in a blaze of glory on Saturday night to the delight of all those present inside the Club and out. It was a fitting end to a grand old 36' Chris Craft. Bill, John and crew were up

early Sunday to clear away any of her remains - which weren't many! She literally burnt to the ground. Great job, guys!

A tip of the hat to Jim Finn and his tireless committee for an outstanding effort in making the Carnival a huge success. What a grand finale for a wonderful weekend! Those fireworks rivaled Erie Days', and the flare-lined basin created an awesome memory for all.

The docks and grounds are wintering well, although there is still plenty of work to do in preparation for spring. We have a special request to have all members' boats launched no later than May 26th so Bill and crew can concentrate on beautifying the grounds for our Club's Centennial. Mark your calendars as a reminder.

Let's enjoy the last few weeks of winter, and look eagerly ahead to spring. The anticipation of our 100th Celebration's activities should be an easy incentive.

Sincerely,  
Fritz Curtze, Fleet Captain

## Vice Commodore's Report

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type boat and motor to good use, so if someone has one that they'd be willing to donate - your Junior Sailing Committee members would sleep better at night!

Bingo nights for March are the 3rd and 31st. If you haven't joined in with this group, you're missing a good time, AND the proceeds to support our Junior Racing Team. A win-win situation if there ever was one!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Bierley,  
Vice Commodore

# **EYC** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



*Seated (from left to right):*

Fritz Curtze, Fleet Captain; John W. Bierley, Vice Commodore;  
 John G. Ashby, Commodore; Christian C. Wolford, Rear Commodore

*Standing (from left to right):*

Bobby Johnson; Robert Pratt; William Lasher; David Blake;  
 James J. Lynch; Julie L. Arthurs; Edward Mascharka III; David Sample

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