

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 17, 1995.

CANDIDATES

COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

JOHN BIERLEY

VICE COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

CHRISTIAN WOLFORD

REAR COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

FRITZ CURTZE

FLEET CAPTAIN – ELECT ONE:

PETE GORNY

CLIFFORD "KIP" PIFER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ELECT TWO:

ROGER ALLENBAUGH

GERRY DEIMEL

JIM LOCKWOOD

PETE SCHELER

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ELECT THREE:

JIM FINN

JOHN McGRANE

DON SCHWAB

AL TAYLOR

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 18 AT 7:30 P.M. TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF YOUR CHOICE.



CANDIDATE FOR COMMODORE

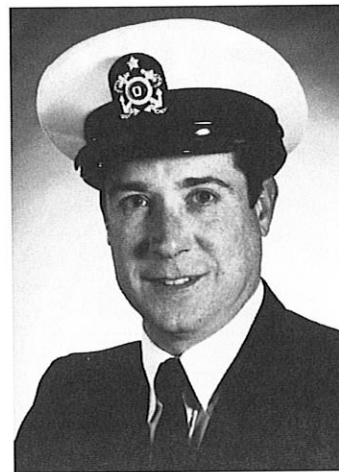
JOHN W. BIERLEY

November will mark my fifth year of service on the board and bridge. The only significant about this fact is that it went by so fast. It certainly has been an interesting experience. For example, today we reviewed the budget for 1996 (of course it must be approved by the board, the system works): whenever we have these sessions, I am grateful to our predecessors for the direction and foresight their actions provided us. Each year the budgeting process gets more exact, the financial data becomes more meaningful and the job becomes easier. No small thanks to Mike Lynch who puts the number together. It is difficult to imagine what it was like for the officers and boards who didn't have the on-going data that we think is the way it always was!

It has been a wonderful year to be an active member of the Erie Yacht Club. If you didn't enjoy yourself, shame on you because there certainly was a lot to do. I've got to say Commodore John Ashby can keep more "balls in the air" than anyone I know.

Should you elect me your Commodore, I can only pledge to have an open mind, to keep the interests of all Club members foremost in my mind, and to be accessible to your thoughts and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Bierley
Vice Commodore



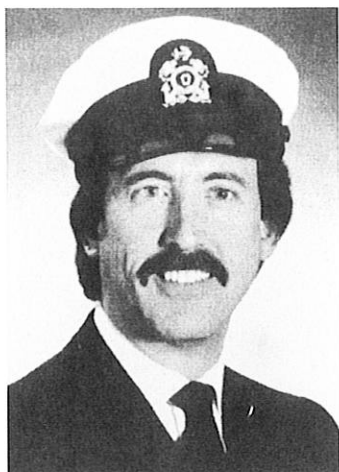
CANDIDATE FOR VICE COMMODORE

CHRISTIAN WOLFORD

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Rear Commodore this past year. I believe that our members enjoyed the Club more this year than any other. Although I take great pride in our successes, the credit belongs to our manager, the employees, and the countless number of volunteers who made it possible for us to celebrate our 100th anniversary. I wish to specifically thank the members of my House Committee, Sandy Will, Dee Bressler, and Jim Finn for their excellent work as Centennial Committee Chairpersons.

It is now my wish to move up to our first officer's position. I would appreciate your support at the annual meeting elections, and if granted my wish, will do my best to fulfill all obligations as Vice Commodore.

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Wolford
Rear Commodore



CANDIDATE FOR REAR COMMODORE

FRED A. "FRITZ" CURTZE

I must begin by thanking the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as Fleet Captain this past year. I truly enjoyed this term because I was fortunate to work closely with a very fine, competent dock and grounds crew. These men (and ladies) really do one heck of a job keeping our Club the fine yachting facility that it is.

And what a great time to spend my first year as Flag Officer – our centennial year! Judging from the tremendous success and active member participation of the many centennial functions we've had (and will have), our Club is enjoying a flurry of activity. Let's keep up the pride and enthusiasm and roll it over for years to come.

It's certainly been a pleasure serving as Fleet Captain and I hope I have made a contribution to our Club's operations. It's a fascinating position, and I've learned a considerable amount in one short year. Therefore, I'm asking for your support for Rear Commodore at our next Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Fritz Curtze
Fleet Captain

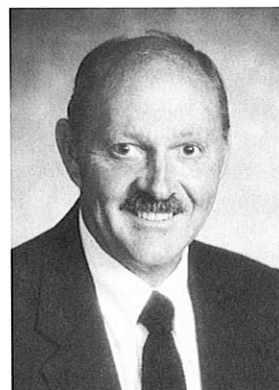


CANDIDATE FOR FLEET CAPTAIN

PETE GORNY

It is a privilege being considered for the post of Fleet Captain in this fall's election. I have enjoyed the Erie Yacht Club since the late sixties when my father bought his first sailboat, and would be happy to spend the time and effort to help insure its continued success. In the past I have served on several Yacht Club committees. I have been part of the dock, rules, grounds, nominating, and junior sailing committees. In addition, I served a term on your board of directors in the early nineties. Currently, my wife Amy and I spend our leisure time aboard our 26' Tiara, "Island Time." We both would like to see the Club continue to prosper for our own family (currently in production). My position on Yacht Club policy is the same as it was during my board term. I believe the direction of the Yacht Club is up to the members. The job of the bridge and board is to take our Club in that direction. Thank you for your consideration.

Pete Gorny



CANDIDATE FOR FLEET CAPTAIN

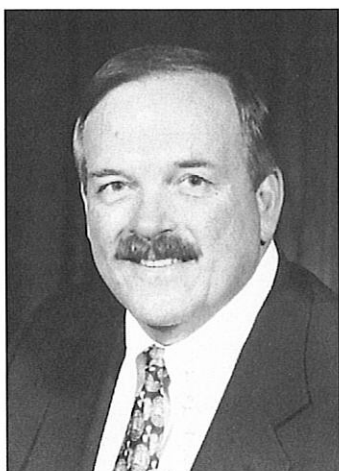
CLIFFORD "KIP" PIFER

It is an honor to be nominated for Fleet Captain of the Erie Yacht Club. I have been a regular member since 1981 and over the years have had the pleasure of meeting many new friends and acquaintances here at the Club.

I have lived in Erie all my life and for the past 26 years have been a teacher at Erie County Technical Institute. My wife Marilyn and I have enjoyed many Club activities year round with our family, 3 children and 9 grandchildren, and during the summers spend as much time as we can sailing our boat the "Sandpiper".

I would appreciate your consideration and if elected will work, to the best of my ability, to carry on the boating traditions and excellent Club functions.

Kip Pifer



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ROGER ALLENBAUGH

It is an honor to be selected as a candidate for the Board of Directors in the Club's November election.

We joined the Erie Yacht Club in 1979, and my family and I have enjoyed our membership in one of the best yacht clubs on the Great Lakes.

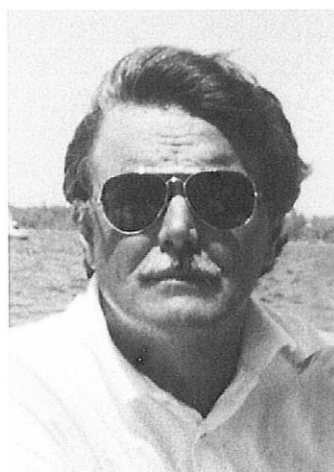
Our four children began sailing lessons when they were young at the Club and as they matured, they participated in Junior Racing and all taught sailing for the Reyburn Sailing School. They have fond memories of their sailing experience.

We have participated in many of the fine functions the Club has offered over the years. I want to do my best to see that present families and those that follow us can enjoy the Club as much as we have.

I will use my business experience to resolve problems that occur, as well as to maintain the excellent facilities the Club has to offer.

I appreciate your support in being elected to the Board of Directors.

Roger Allenbaugh



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

GERRY DEIMEL

Fellow Members,

It is with pride that I would look forward to serving on the Erie Yacht Club Board of Directors, not only to uphold the long traditions established by previous members, but to help the Club to perpetuate itself into the next century.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

Sincerely,
Gerry Deimel



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JIM LOCKWOOD

I would like to begin by saying I consider it an honor to be nominated for the Board of the Erie Yacht Club and, with your help, to be elected. I pledge to give all my effort and talents to the prudent financial management of the Club with an eye toward future growth. I have enjoyed the Club for over 17 years and I consider it a great opportunity to be able to do something for the good of the Club.

For those of you that don't know me, I have owned and operated Jim Lockwood Dodge for close to 20 years. My boat is a 34' Sea Ray called "Foolish Behavior." Over the years, I have served on the Dock Committee, MS Regatta Committee and fund-raising for the fireworks at the Winter Carnival. I am asking for your consideration and vote in the election to the Erie Yacht Club Board.

Jim Lockwood



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PETE SCHELER

Erie Yacht Club – best all around yacht club on Lake Erie, probably the Great Lakes. My commitment to the membership if elected to the Board of Directors is to direct my efforts at making a contribution to enhance this proven image.

My background includes a B.A. in Economics from Hobart College, and service in the United States Navy as an Officer on the USS Northampton CLCI. In 1962 I joined International Harvester Company reaching the position of branch manager of the Buffalo, N.Y. operations until 1974. That year I formed Five Star International Trucks, Inc. currently located at I-90 and Route. 8.

The most important facet of my life is my family. My sons Fred and John have grown up around the EYC. My motives for being a candidate are founded in a deep sense of gratitude to EYC for assisting in the development of my sons via junior sailing, relationships they have developed, and the hours of enjoyment they and I have realized courtesy of the Club.

"O" Dock is the perfect slip for our family's 10.8 Trojan "Sea Star" and for this I am deeply grateful. I can't think of a better place to enjoy Presque Isle Bay than in the cockpit of Sea Star overlooking EYC.

Via my candidacy I am requesting an opportunity to repay EYC for the many benefits and opportunities afforded the Scheler family and, most importantly, I feel I can make a positive contribution based on my business experience, dedication and commitment.

Thanks
Peter F. Scheler



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

JIM FINN

It is always an honor to be considered worthy to serve. Having worked on various functions and house committees at the Erie Yacht Club, I hope to continue to provide input for the good of the Club.

Our facility is, without a doubt, one of the finest on all the Great Lakes. It has progressed significantly these past 100 years. If elected I pledge to serve, to the best of my ability, to help find the members needed to make the future years as rewarding.

Respectfully,
Jim Finn



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

JOHN R. McGRANE, JR.

My love affair with the Erie Yacht Club began in 1953 when my parents first joined. After my military service in the US Air Force, I joined the Club in 1978. I am a product of the Reyburn Sailing School having attended sailing class in 1956 and 1957. In more recent years I was on the Board of Directors, for a 10-year period.

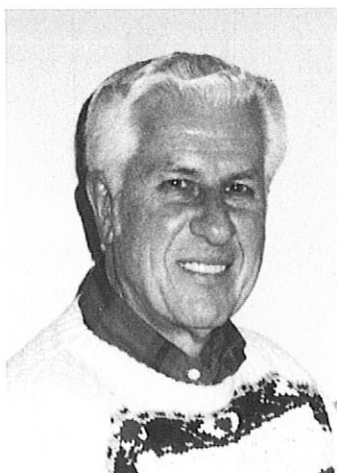
I owned Catalina 27' for six years and have sailed with various class and auxiliary boats at the Club throughout the years. I was the official Club photographer for five years, have been on the Race Committee for the past 10 years and the last seven years on the MS Regatta Race Committee.

Outside the Club I have been a member of the National Ski Patrol for the past 22 years and for the past 21 years a volunteer and member of the American Red Cross. The past 19 years I have been a Red Cross "Instructor/Trainer in First Aid" and for two years was chairman of the Red Cross "Safety Service Committee." I spent three years in Red Cross "Disaster Services" which included a five-week operation in 1985 covering the Hurricane "Kate" devastation in Florida. I am 53 years old and I am employed as a sales representative for Sofco Mead.

As a candidate for this important position on the Nominating Committee I feel I am well qualified by my long-time involvements at the Club and with its people. I look forward to serving you on this committee and would sincerely appreciate your consideration and vote at the General Meeting this year.

Thank You.

Sincerely,
John R. McGrane, Jr.



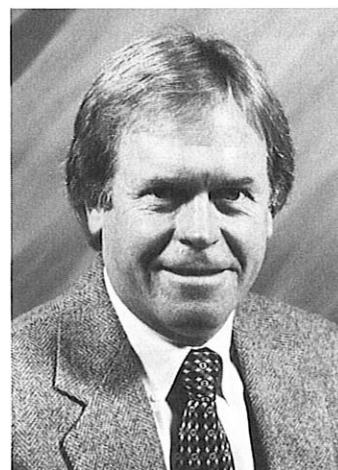
CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DON SCHWAB

Having served as an officer or on the Board of Directors of several volunteer community and professional organizations, I am acutely aware of the importance of selecting competent, qualified and dedicated persons who will give freely of their time and talents in leadership roles on behalf of all of the members of the Erie Yacht Club.

I have been an involved and active member of EYC for several years. If given the opportunity, I would be pleased to serve with other members of the Nominating Committee to seek and select experienced and committed members to serve as bridge officers and directors of our Club.

Don Schwab



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

AL TAYLOR

It's that time of year again – election time at the EYC! To those of you who don't know me personally, here's the low-down on Al Taylor.

Having started as a Junior Family Member in the late 60's, I became a Regular Member in 1971. As a Junior Member I raced small boats at the EYC. Bob Pratt and I finished second in the Sidewinder Nationals.

I then raced "Winkin, Blinkin, and Nod" in the MORC fleet races. My dad, Chuck Taylor, co-founded MORC station 31 in 1972. I also joined Frank Zurn's "Kahili II" and did extensive ocean racing, eventually working my way up to Watch Captain.

In the 80's my interest expanded to cruising and to date I have cruised over 10,000 miles on the Great Lakes, primarily aboard Pete Traphagen's "Sojourner."

I have been in the computer software business for 28 years. My interests include sailing, fishing, golfing and cycling.

Having been in over 100 ports on the Great Lakes, I have come to realize that our Erie Yacht Club is one of the finest facilities on the Great Lakes. It would be an honor to serve you, the members, on the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Taylor

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

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