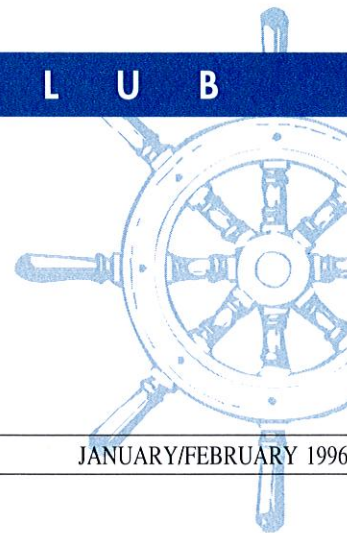


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"The Log" Takes a New Tack

By Brian Kinal

About the time the last boat gets hauled out, when the wind blows snow and sleet across deserted docks, and the winter-weary sun goes to bed early, life at the Erie Yacht Club turns inward. While the lighthouse light sweeps across a desolate bay, the Grill Room fireplace becomes a beacon for a different kind of harbor. Our warm, bright, bustling clubhouse offers a safe haven against winter's chills and spiritual doldrums.

This is a time to enjoy the leisure that winter imposes. A time to dwell a little longer over food and drink. A season for deeper companionship, for broader conversations, for reminiscing. For storytelling and story-listening.

I rejoined the club last year after a brief absence of 30 years. Many of the same people who were here when I haunted the harbor as a teenager are still around. Seasoned sailors and powerboaters. Interesting people. Salty people. People with stories to tell. People who are stories in themselves.

Commodore Jack Bierley is one of those people. At this latitude, they don't come much saltier. Jack has a vision that "The Log," our newsletter published six times a year, could be more reflective of the club's great nautical tradition, and of the depth and variety of its membership. Knowing I've been a reporter and editor most of my working life, he asked me to help chart a new course for "The Log."

What exactly do we have in mind? Well, the Old Timers' Night last Sept. 14 drew a big crowd and was a real hit. The stories

told so masterfully of races, revelries and shipwrecks of yore are exactly what we're looking for in future editions of "The Log."

For that matter, every yachtsman who clears the channel and sets a course for another port carries the dreams of all of us with him – or her – and we'd like to hear the tales of their adventures on the lakes and seas. In the

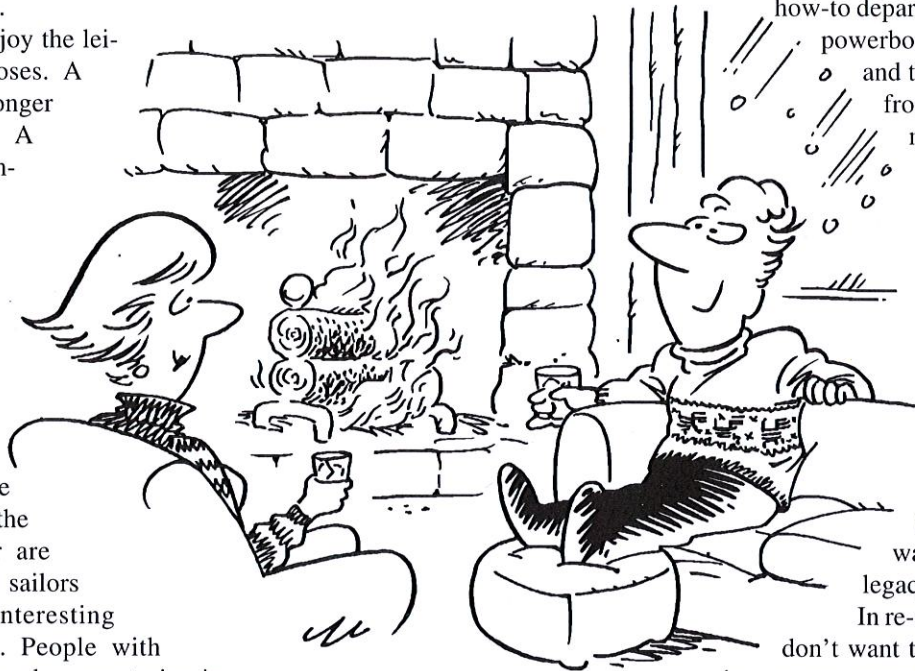
how-to department, our best sailors and powerboaters are second to none, and the rest of us could benefit from their musings on equipment, technique, and philosophy. The Women's Auxiliary also makes plenty of news.

As we embark on our second century as a club, let's not leave the first century behind. Our heritage is rich and storied, chiseled by characters and events worth never forgetting. "The Log" is one way we can hold onto the legacy.

In re-shaping the newsletter, we don't want to make it any less than it is now, so expect the same important news from the General Manager Mike Lynch about food and festivities at the clubhouse. Look for the usual columns by Mike and the fleet officers about their various areas of responsibility. And you'll be kept up to date, as always, on other newsworthy developments.

But from now on, consider being more than just a reader. Be a writer, or at least, someone with a story to tell a writer. If you'd like to write something, or have a story to share with a writer, see Mike Lynch, Jack Bierley or myself, or drop a note addressed to "The Log" at the clubhouse office.

Ok, let's cast off!



1996 CLUB FUNCTIONS

JANUARY

Jan. 1 Tom & Jerry
 Jan. 5 Bingo
 Jan. 19 Bingo
 Jan. 20 Cleveland Boat Show
 Jan. 28 Super Bowl Party

FEBRUARY

Feb. 2 Bingo
 Feb. 4 Jazz Brunch
 w/ Teddy Armand Quartet
 Feb. 14 Valentines Day
 w/ Mary Alice Brown
 Feb. 16 Bingo
 Feb. 24 Winter Carnival
 Entertainment TBA

MARCH

Mar. 15 ... Bingo
 Mar. 16 ... St. Patrick's Party
 Entertainment TBA
 Mar. 17 ... St. Patrick's Brunch
 w/ "Strolling Minstrels"
 Mar. 29 ... Bingo

APRIL

April 6 Lunch w/ the Easter Bunny/
 Egg Hunt
 April 7 Easter Dinner (12-7pm)
 Entertainment TBA

MAY

May 5 Kentucky Derby Day
 May 6 Ladies' Annual Tea
 May 12 Mother's Day Dinner (12-7 am)
 Entertainment TBA
 May 25 ... Tex-Mex Party (opening weekend)
 w/ "Robin Borick"
 May 26 ... Lobsterfest (Opening Weekend)
 May 27 ... Opening Day (Time Capsule)
 w/ "Good Time Charlies"

JUNE

June 14 ... Dock Party (G, H, I)
 June 21 ... Inter-Club Regatta
 Entertainment TBA
 June 22 ... Inter-Club Breakfast (7 pm)
 June 28 ... Dock Party (J-K)

JULY

July 3 Annual Fourth of July Cookout
 Entertainment TBA
 July 4 July Fourth Grill Room
 w/ "Blues Beaters"
 July 7 Family Picnic and Cookout
 w/ "Music Masters"
 July 8 Frolic on the Bay (Charity Event)
 July 12 Dock Party (A-B-C & Kegs)
 July 26 Dock Party (L-M-N-O)

AUGUST

Aug. 2 Dover Weekend
 Aug. 3 Dover Weekend
 Entertainment TBA
 Aug. 4 Jazz Brunch (Dover Weekend)
 Entertainment TBA
 Aug. 10
 thru 16 .. Highlander Regatta
 Aug. 20 ... Junior Sailing Banquet
 Aug. 23 ... Dock Party (D-E-F)
 Aug. 25 ... MS Regatta
 Aug. 30 ... Labor Day Weekend Party
 Entertainment TBA

SEPTEMBER

Sep. 1 Family Cookout
 Entertainment TBA

OCTOBER

Oct. 5 Octoberfest
 w/ "Mad Bavarian"
 Oct. 19 Commodore's Ball
 Entertainment TBA
 Oct. 27 Kids' Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

Nov. 3 Jazz Brunch
 Entertainment TBA
 Nov. 15 ... Annual Meeting
 Nov. 16 ... EYC Racing Fleet Banquet

DECEMBER

Dec. 14 ... EYC Members' Christmas Party
 w/ "Gene Leone Trio"
 Dec. 21 ... Breakfast w/ Santa
 Dec. 31 ... New Year's Eve Gala
 w/ "Tennessee Back Porch"

Winter Carnival

Saturday, February 24th

8:00 - 11:00 am
 Pancake Breakfast

10:00 am
 Wood and Ice Carvers & More!
 Broom Ball Hockey and
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6:00 pm
 Winter Gala Hors D'oeuvres Party!

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 JOHN ROBERTSON
 K. ERIC ANDRYC
 ALEXANDER ENDERS

— ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP —

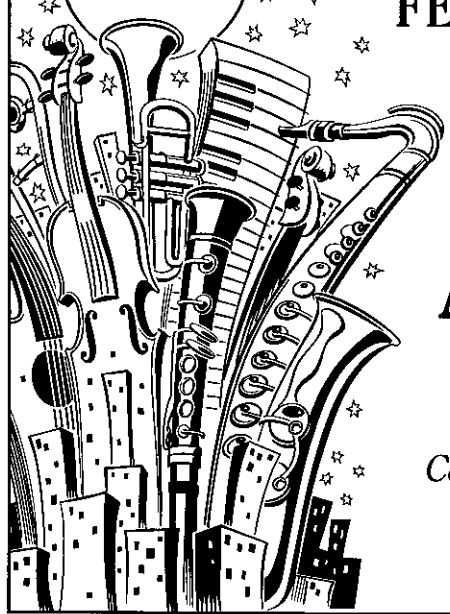
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Name	Occupation	Type
Erica Moore	RN in Erie School District	Junior Family
John H. Boyles, Jr.	GE machinist	Associate
Shawn VanHove, M.D.	Anesthesiologist	Associate
Patrick G. Rogan	Janitors Supply	Associate
Paul J. Seligson	Retired	Associate
Kenneth W. Pruyn	GE electrical maintenance	Associate
John R. Mellett	V.P. Zurn Industries	Associate
William D. Kaufmann	GE Repair Technician	Associate
Kimberly G. Blair	Owner/Industrial Control Services	Associate
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Russell S. Warner	Attorney	Associate
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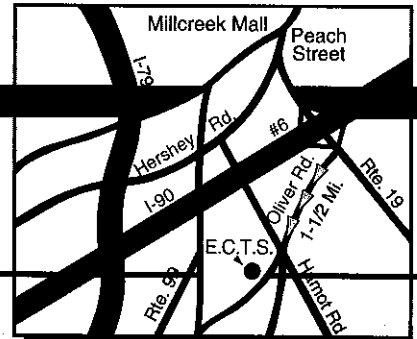
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Commodore's Report



COMMODORE
JACK BIERLEY

It was with a great deal of appreciation, pride and humility that we took the helm on November 17, 1995. Thank you for the confidence. At this point the "instruments" tell us we are on course, that the VMG is appropriate, and you can be assured that this watch will do its best to keep things moving "fast and high!"

We recently returned from a memorial service for Jim Crain, Executive Secretary of I.L.Y.A., Secretary/Treasurer of the Yachtsmen's Fund, and just recently Secretary of LE-PHRF. Jim was one of those people who made organizations like ours really work. It's hard to imagine I.L.Y.A. without Jim. I.L.Y.A., Put in Bay Y.C., Rocky River Power Squadron, and boating in general have lost a "giant" and also a true friend. EYC has also had people like this - George Loesel, Bob Gibson, Mark Mangin, Kenny Welsh, Dave Preston, and now Bobby Johnson come to mind; I sometimes think we give too much credit to

the flag officers, when in many respects it's guys like these who make us look good.

As noted elsewhere, Brian Kinal has taken over as editor of "The Log." (Note the operative word here is "editor," not writer!) We know there are stories to be told, but it is up to us to get them to him.

There is probably no better way for kids to spend some of the summer than by participating in the Reyburn Sailing School (look where it got Brian), and now is the time to make those plans. Of course there are all kinds of competing activities, but most of our kids will be boating for life - let's give them a background to build upon.

Please don't forget: we're acquiring a library and want your books before they wind up in a garage sale; that we have a SUPER Super Bowl party planned; and that the Winter Carnival is going to be February 24th. This year we are promised great weather we can even go outside in! Winter Carnival will be kicked off again by a great pancake breakfast to benefit Junior Sailing - get your tickets early from any member of the E.Y.C. Jr. Racing Team.

See you on the ice.
John W. Bierley
Commodore



REAR COMMODORE
CHRISTIAN WOLFORD

Vice Commodore's Report

Winter has arrived early. It is only December and we already have ice on the bay. It is to be hoped that we will have a great iceboating season.

The 1996 slip applications have been sent out. Please complete them and return them to the EYC office as soon as possible.

You may notice that there is work being done on the docks. Many of our docks have become "wobbly" over the years (and in some cases unsafe) as the pilings have loosened in the shale. Your bridge and board recognize this problem and have allocated capital monies to repair the docks. The directors have established a plan to reset pilings in the basin over the next 10 years. This year we have contracted Marine Services Of Erie to begin this tremendous undertaking. For F.Y.E. 1996 we will be replacing 39 pilings. This process involves drilling a six-inch diameter hole five to six feet into the shale and then hammering in the new piling (pipe). Many of the docks will be extended to make their lengths uniform. The pilings will also be cut to a uniform height (3 feet) above the water. These necessary repairs will insure the integrity and safety of our docks for years to come.

Best wishes to all of you for the new year.

Christian Wolford
Vice Commodore

From the General Manager's Desk

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. It was a busy time of year for the clubhouse with all the members' Christmas dinner parties.

Congratulations are in order to longtime Yacht Club member, Mr. Edward Irvin. Mr. Irvin (or should I say *Mr. Ambassador*) was this year's recipient 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." Mr. Irvin, the only American to be given an honorary life membership to the Port Dover Yacht Club, has been the Erie Yacht Club's Good Will Ambassador in welcoming all our Canadian guests. Congratulation Ed! Oh I'm sorry! *Mr. Ambassador*.

After much thought and discussion, Chef Bernie and I have decided to make a major change in the club's menus. Starting this spring, we will change our menus three times a year instead of our normal yearly change. It looks as though the menus will run from May to August as a summer menu, September to January as our fall menu and January to April as our winter menu. Due to changing them three times a year, the dinner menu, for example, will be going from 26 entrees to about 12 with a special feature page that will change on a two-week basis.

We are certainly open to suggestions and ideas for any items that you feel would go over here at the club.

Keep an eye open for the flyer announcing the activities for the upcoming Winter Carnival. Jim Finn has been working at putting a fun day together for everyone. Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 24, 1996.

This year's annual Club Shutdown will take place March 4 to March 11 - only one week this year. At this time all yacht club members will be permitted to use Lakeshore Country Club or Kawkwa Country Club.

Back in November we purchased a toy chest and filled it with a variety of toys and games for the children to play with while at their tables. Well, with all good intentions come a few problems. That's

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Rear Commodore's Report

Dear fellow members:

Thank you for your support in electing me Rear Commodore for the 1995-96 season. I truly enjoyed my first year as Fleet Captain, and I'm now looking forward to working with Mike, Bernie, Annette and Laurie to provide the high standard of quality that we enjoy in our house functions.

The boats may be winterized and dry-docked, but the fun and festivities are going full-bore these cold winter months. The annual Christmas Ball sold out in one day, and judging from its splendor and the five-star meal prepared, this should prove to another banner year!

Do yourself a favor and take full advantage of all the scheduled club functions planned. January holds the Tom & Jerry party, Bingo, the Cleveland Boat Show, and the Super Bowl Party. February's plans include Bingo, a Jazz Brunch, Valentines Day and the Winter Carnival. Our competent staff really know how to put it all together for a wonderful time. See you there!



REAR COMMODORE
"FRITZ" CURTZE

Respectfully submitted,
Fritz Curtze
Rear Commodore

From the General Manager's Desk

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where the parents come in. Many of the kids are playing on the floor in front of the toy chest during the dinner hour. This poses a problem for the servers and bus-people who are trying to wait on tables. The kids end up under the servers' feet and the potential for them getting hurt or burnt is quite high. I am asking all parents to please have your children bring a toy or game back to the table. Secondly, a lot of times the children are not cleaning up after themselves and the game pieces are coming up missing. Parents, please see that your children properly put their items back in the toy chest and in good order. If they don't, I would ask that you clean up after them. Members coming in after a table has left their toys all over are complaining of slow service because the staff is busy cleaning up toys and game pieces.

I will continue to try to keep the toy chest stocked with toys, but it would be nice to have them last longer than five weeks.

Sorry to end on a negative note, but...

That's it for now!

Michael Lynch
General Manager



FLEET CAPTAIN
PETE GORNY

Fleet Captain's Report

The holiday season has come and gone by now, and I hope all of you had a safe and happy holiday season. I would like to thank the membership for the vote of confidence in electing me Fleet Captain. I will do my best to help the club continue on its course. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call me at 838-2417.

Now comes the longest season, when most of us drive down to the club to "make sure the boat's all

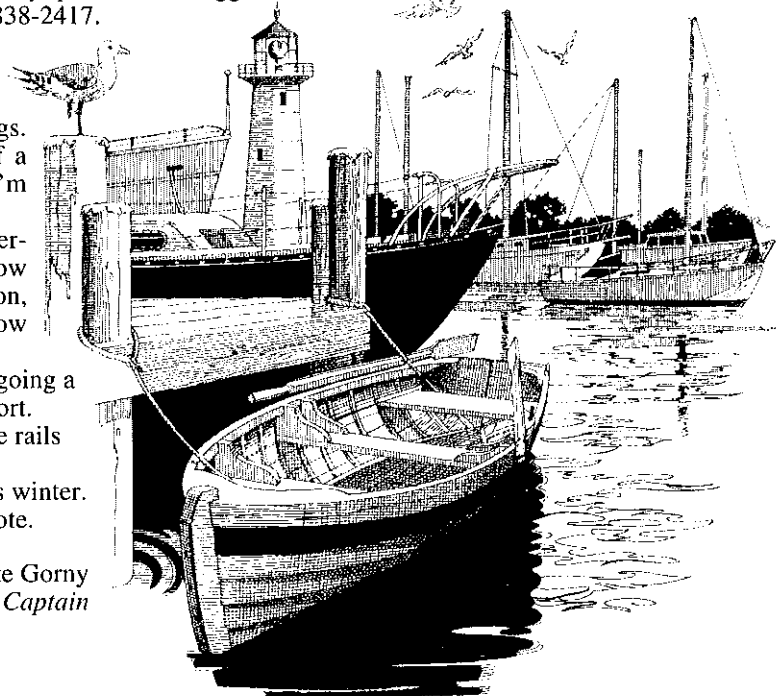
right," or just to sit around and look at boating supply catalogs. Anyone who knows the best way to justify the purchase of a GPS for those sunny day beach trips, please let me know. I'm still trying the "lost in the surprise fog bank" story.

During the club visits, you will notice a few projects underway. The club is building a maintenance garage that will allow indoor storage of our yard equipment and flagship. In addition, the building will be a facility to do maintenance during the slow winter months.

Also, you will see a barge in the inner basin. We are undergoing a 10-year plan to improve our docks using steel tubing for support. The tubing is substantially stiffer than our current rails, but the rails will be left in place.

Amy and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Club this winter. We hope your season is a safe one, and thanks again for the vote.

Pete Gorny
Fleet Captain



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