

A Date with Destiny

As January 1, 2000 draws nearer, concerns about unforeseen computer glitches are making headlines routinely. Many boat owners are starting to think about their own marine electronics and wondering if they're "Y2K" compatible.

After checking with all of its major suppliers, BOAT/U.S. has found that fears about Y2K problems in marine gear are largely unfounded.

No manufacturer has alerted BOAT/U.S. of any electronic or electrical product currently sold which will quit working because of the millennium change. In addition, all computer software sold by BOAT/U.S. is Y2K compliant, and tide programs are generally projected to remain accurate through at least 2020. Keep in mind that this assessment is based on reports from manufacturers. BOAT/U.S. has not done any specific product testing.

There may be instances, however, where electronic equipment may generate incorrect dates after 2000, but otherwise continue to function normally. Boaters should also use caution when interfacing different pieces of equipment with other gear, especially tide- and current-predicting software. The manufacturer of these products is the final authority as to a unit's compliance and performance while interfaced with other gear.

GPS Rollover Event

The date and time which might have the most impact upon boaters is not New Year's Day 2000, but August 21, 1999 at midnight GMT. This is the "End of the Week" (EOW)

rollover, the date when the Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites begin a second 20-year set of "weeks" in determining the date and time.

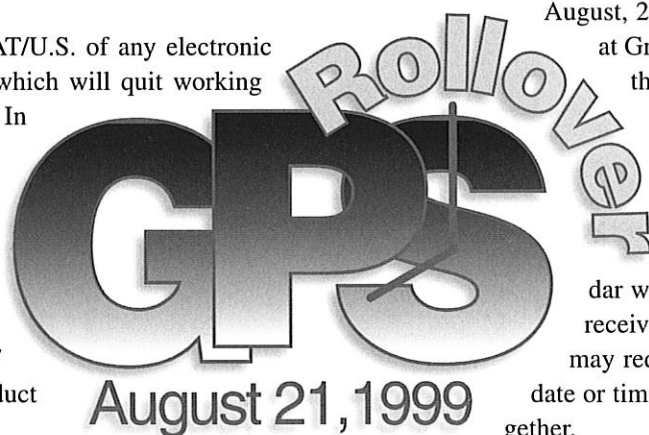
The GPS system was programmed with a calendar of 1,024 weeks, enough for 19.6 years. Week 0 was in January 1980 and the GPS calendar will run out of weeks on midnight this coming

August, 21-22, a Saturday night, but actually at Greenwich or Zulu time. On that date, the system will roll over to Week 0 again and be good to go for another 20 years. **In the eastern United States, it will occur at 8 p.m. EDT.**

The rollover of the GPS calendar will only affect the operation of GPS receivers. Older (pre-1994) GPS receivers may require re-initializing, give inaccurate date or time information, or quit working altogether.

BOAT/U.S. has contacted all the major marine GPS manufacturers and found, with only a couple of exceptions, that units manufactured from 1994 on are both EOW and Y2K compliant. In addition, all products listed in the 1999 BOAT/U.S. equipment catalog are compliant and owners of such equipment should expect no problems during the rollover periods.

Noncompliant GPS units probably will give erroneous information for a period of anywhere from six to 15 minutes, if running at the time the EOW rollover occurs on August 21. They may revert to an "autolocate" function, require re-initialization, or some



GPS Websites

Magellan www.magellangps.com
 Garmin www.garmin.com
 Si-Tex www.si-tex.com
 Trimble www.trimble.com
 Raytheon/Apelco www.raytheon.com
 Motorola www.mot.com
 U.S. Air Force EOW Rollover site:
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very old units may simply quit working and remain in a "search" function. It's recommended that boaters not leave GPS receivers interfaced with other electronics, especially autopilots, during rollover periods. It would also be a good idea to shut your GPS down completely during the EOW Rollover event (August 21, 1999 at midnight GMT), and restart it at least 15 to 20 minutes later.

One exception, however, is Micrologic, whose GPS receivers made before 1996 may not function after August 21, depending upon which software was installed. Micrologic cannot be reached by phone as they are not currently in business in the U.S. but can be contacted via e-mail (see page 1).

(LORAN units rely on land-based radio towers, and calculate time differently. They will be unaffected by the "End of Week" rollover.)

We recommend that electronics users contact the manufacturer for specific compliance questions. In addition, BOAT/U.S. Marine Centers have vendor contact information for the manufacturers of items currently listed in the BOAT/U.S. 1999 Annual Equipment Catalog. BOAT/U.S. will also include any important updates on the Association's website at www.boatus.com.

For specific product updates, nearly all GPS manufacturers have Web sites where they continually update information for both Y2K and EOW rollover. The list below covers most of the major manufacturers. Also, the U.S. Coast Guard's navigation Web site includes a list of manufacturers' names, addresses, phone numbers and customer service contacts. It can be found at www.navcen.uscg.mil/gpsgeninfo/y2k/default.htm.

— By Elaine Dickinson
Boat/U.S. Magazine
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Sunset Happy Hour on the Deck

Come join
the fun!

Every Thursday in July from 5 to 7 pm!!

July 1

Long Island Ice Tea – \$3
Unlimited Keg Beer with
Complimentary Souvenir Cup – \$5
Complimentary Potato Skins

July 8

Margarita's on the Rocks – \$2.00
Corona's – \$2.50
Complimentary Quesadilla's

July 15

Well Drinks – \$1.50
LaBatt Beers – \$1.50
Complimentary Assorted Cheese
and Crackers

July 22

Heineken – \$2.50
Capt. Morgan – \$2.00
Complimentary Soft Pretzels

July 29

"New" Woodchuck Cider
Drinks and Bacardi – \$2.00
Complimentary Pizza

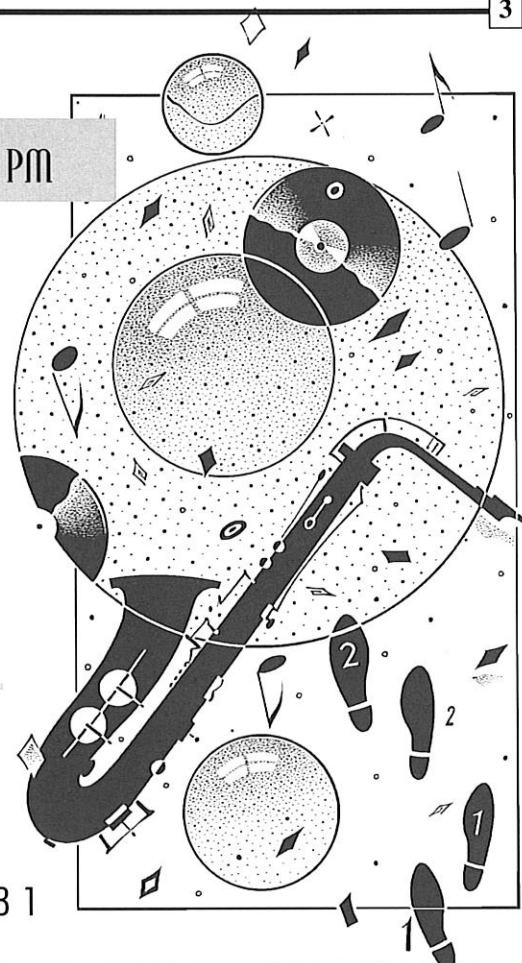
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Entertainment by
The Earthquakers

Friday, September 3, 1999 7:00 Buffet • 8:00 Band

OPENING DAY **sunrise**



OPENING ceremonies



The 15th Annual Sailing

Sunday, August 29

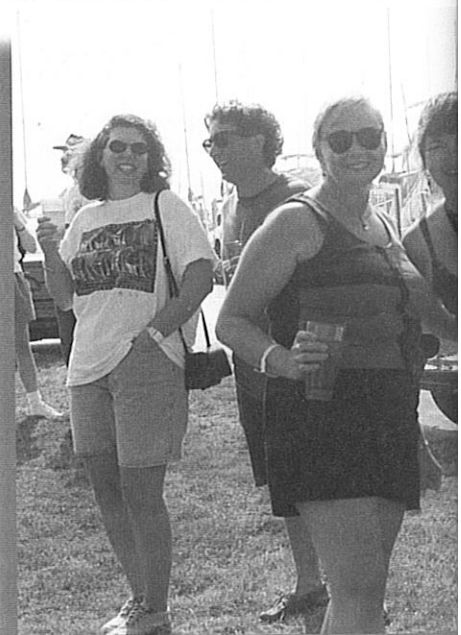
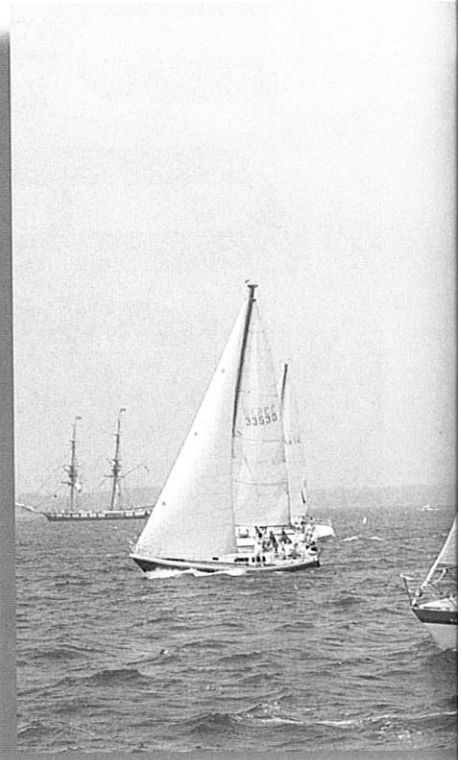
FEATURE ATTRACTIONS:

It's the biggest boating fleet of the year! See boats racing that you didn't even know existed, hopefully including the many boats new in town this year.

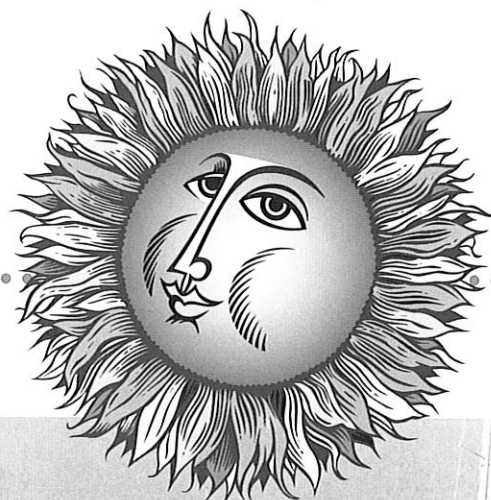
The big post-race lawn party includes the lip-smacking picnic barbeque, toe-tapping entertainment, wave-slapping Rubber Ducky Race and fun 'n games for all!

By a strange quirk of fate, there's an MS Regatta entry form right in this "Log." – all you need is a sponsor and a pen! Having your boat and sponsor names on the sign-up board early will earn you unparalleled admiration and prestige.

The most amazing part – all the fun has another plus side... benefitting Multiple Sclerosis clients in northwest Pennsylvania. Last year's regatta raised \$31,834. Mark the date, Sunday, August 29, line up your sponsor, enter your boat soon and come join the biggest event of the summer!



Regatta for MS





Sunset Happy Hour

Join Us on the Deck!

Every Thursday in August
from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

August 5

Molson Beers – \$2.00
Cape Codders – \$2.00
Complimentary Jalepeño Poppers

August 12

Michelob & Michelob Light – \$1.25
Kamikaze's – \$2.00
Complimentary Wings & Veggies

August 19

Miller Lite – \$1.25
Parrot Bay Drinks – \$2.00
Complimentary Nachos

August 26

Bucket of Rolling Rock Ponies – \$3.25
Killian's Red – \$2.00
Amaretto Sours – \$1.50
Complimentary Potato Skins

Party with us & watch the BEST sunsets!

Oktoberfest

The Celebration Continues

Ja, das Oktoberfest! Es ist das groesste Volksfest auf der Welt!!

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 16, 1999

FEATURING

**The "Mad Bavarian" • Beer • Heimat Klang Alpine Band
German Dinner • Beer • Sing Alongs • Beer • Dancing**

Wir wereden um Samstag 16 Oktober unsere eingene Erie Yacht Club Oktoberfest halten Vergessen
Sie bitten nicht das Datum! Wir werden ein Muenchen-Stueckchen heir in Erie haben
– auch das bier und das Deutsche Essen.

WIE DAS ALTES OKTOBERFEST MUENCHENS, HABEN WIR HIER AUCH EINEN KOENIG!

For those who need a quick translation...

Yes, the Oktoberfest! The greatest folk festival in the world!
We will have a bit of Munich right here in Erie – especially including the beer and the German cuisine.

OKTOBERFEST IS A SELLOUT EVERY YEAR. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!



Watch the next "Log"
for ticket information,
prices, & deadlines!

Commodore's R E P O R T

So far this has been one great summer! The weather on Opening Day weekend was spectacular, and since then it has been like late July or August. Hopefully there has been enough wind for the sailors, and I know the power boating has been outstanding!

Around the Club, summer is in full swing. The Lake Erie Interclub Cruise has just left, with a group of sixty boats off on a five-day sailing, partying, journey around half of the lake. Last year our own Pat Huntley won the event. Pat and his crew did a great job competing against crews from Cleveland to Buffalo.

Later this summer, don't forget to take part in the Sailing Regatta for MS. It is a spectacular event and a great party for a good cause. If you are not sure how to get involved, call me or stop by the bar and talk to our Goodwill Ambassador, Eric "Seadog" Ambro. You will have a lot of fun and do something nice for someone else.

As long as you are doing something nice, take part in the 1999 Frolic on the Bay. This is the ninth year to take children with disabilities and chronic conditions for a boat ride. We need you and your boat. A lot of these kids do not have the opportunity to enjoy the lake like we do. I can tell you first-hand, they love the water, and the day is very special to them. Make time in your schedule for this, it is an important day. Jim Finn is in charge, and he can be reached at 453-6966.

July 3rd is the summer Family Picnic. There is entertainment for children of all ages, right up to our oldest "kid at heart," Hank Lorence. Mike Lynch and crew always do an outstanding job providing "something for everyone."

It is also dock party season. It's a good chance to get to know

your neighbors, especially the new people on the dock.

Later this season, you will see our new haul-out trailer. We recently ordered one to take the burden off the travel lift. This trailer will move boats that store on jack stands, something our existing trailer cannot do. We will no longer need to allocate two hours of haul out time for boats stored on jackstands.

The Reyburn Sailing School has started. We have confidence in our new director, George Macey. We are sure George will make the school a good, fun, learning experience.

Overall, your Club is in great shape. We have a strong year underway. Member use of the Clubhouse is strong, and with the nice weather, the west deck has been popular.

I hope to see everyone at our Club. We have a great facility, made up of great people with a common love of the water.

Best Regards,
Pete Gorny



COMMODORE PETE GORNY



VICE COMMODORE PAT GEARY

Vice Commodore's Report

So far, so good with the water depth in the basin. Except for a few deep draft boats, members' boats have avoided any major problems with our shallow conditions. Please remember that the Coast Guard has advised all of us to be very cautious this boating season and keep an eye on your depth sounder.

The work of the Dock Committee is completed and all docks assigned. Bill Vogel reminds all keg boaters to please use the kegs that you were assigned and not the empty slips in the basin. The fuel dock attendants need any open slips for transient boaters visiting our club. Bill informs

me this is especially true in the "high-travel" months of July and August.

The Club is alive with many activities for all members to enjoy. As Commodore Gorny stated in his Opening Day speech, the Club serves many purposes for all members. There truly is something for everyone – sailor or powerboater, cruiser or racer. Please support your Club and its many events.

The 2000 Entertainment Committee is meeting on a regular basis and we are looking for more members to chair what will be a very active season. We are looking for members interested in a possible weekend trip to the Toronto Boat Show, as well as any ideas for some great parties. Please let Mike know your thoughts.

Finally, as you travel this summer to other yacht clubs, please extend any invitation to those boaters you meet to visit the EYC. We have a fantastic club second to none. When you see some visiting boaters in our basin, be sure to say hello and extend a warm welcome.

Catering

Members

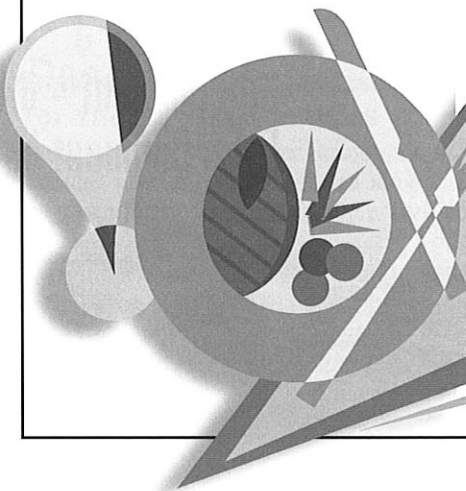
Please don't forget your Club the next time you need to arrange a business meeting/lunch.

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,
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Rear Commodore's Report

What a great day for Opening Day ceremonies! It was really great to see so many friends. I kept thinking "where have all you folks been hiding?" We have a great season planned. By the time you read this, the Fourth of July bash will be over, so I'm sure we all had a great time.

Now for the rest of July, mark THURSDAYS on your calendars. Don't eat too much on the Wednesday Buffet. Save it for THURSDAY, because we are having our "Porch Party Get Happy Hour" and then it's 1-1/2 lb. lobsters the whole month of July and August ...for only \$20!

July 31st the "Dueling Pianos" will return and if you are thick-skinned you can get a double dose of these guys because they will be back August 14th. I understand they want a second shot at Ed Ashby! So, plan on coming down and witness Ed getting roasted right after John Murosky.

Our Club has been challenged by the Grosse Isle Yacht Club – the contest is the Trans-Erie Race. EYC, it's time to rally!

The last big summer event will be September 3rd, our Labor Day cookout. We promise to have good food with plenty of spirits. We have a group coming that will rock the house down. This is Eric Ambro's going back to work party and he recommends you come down and see the "Earthquakers." This band dresses with an Amish clothing style and are always in great demand. There will be standing room only, so get your reservations in early if you are planning to have dinner.

How about the big T-bones and 1/2-lb. burgers?

– Dick Robertson

P.S. My e-mail address is mrkitchn@erie.net



REAR COMMODORE PETE GORNY

WANTED

The Erie Yacht Club is looking for a "Log" editor.

Any member interested in the position should contact Michael Lynch.

Duties of the editor are as follows:

- Collect articles for the "Log" from officers, management and any interested members
- Coordinate publication with the printer
- Solicit articles from the membership
- Write articles for the Log

Waste DISPOSAL

This is a reminder to dispose of all your waste in the appropriate containers. The recyclable containers are clearly marked and are located throughout the Club. For the benefit of all members and the well-being of the Club, don't throw oil, fuel, tires, acid or any other non-desirable items in either the trash or recyclable containers. The Club is held responsible for items thrown into the waste containers and will be fined if these items are found in the containers. Also, the containers are here for the disposal of garbage from the Clubhouse and members' boats. Do not bring your garbage from home down to be disposed of. Members seen throwing garbage from their vehicles and believed to be coming from some source other than their boat, will be billed for that disposal.

Float Plans

All slip holders are required to file a float plan with the Fuel Dock before leaving on an extended cruise. The Club will rent your slip out while you are gone. By not filing a Float Plan you run the risk of finding your slip occupied when you return. The Club checks the basin daily to see which slips are empty, which are then assigned to visiting boaters.

September Entertainment

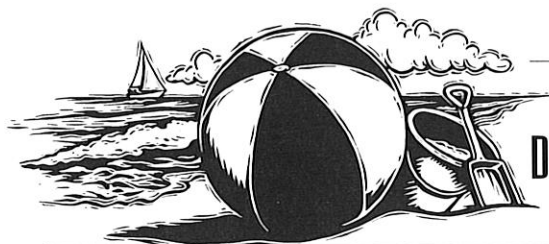
September 3

BBQ Cookout – 8:00 pm

Entertainment by The Earthquakers

September 4

In the Grill – 8:30 pm
Dueling Pianos Comedians



CLASSIFIED SECTION

Junior Sailing Items for Sale

- 1975 Ranger 22 w/ 1995 Mercury 5 hp, sails and equipment
 - 1967 MFG 12 foot dink w/ 1989 Mercury 5hp motor.
 - 1965 MFG Winner w/trailer
- All reasonable offers considered. If interested contact Dave Parry at 838-7740

US-1 Sailboat

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To place an ad in the Classified Sections please send all ads to Mike Lynch. There is no charge and the Ads will run for three Logs. If you would like it to run longer just notify Mike.



July

- 1st Sunset Happy Hour — 5:00-7:00 pm
...on the Deck
- 2nd July Fourth Kick-off Cookout — 7:00 pm
"Encore" performing at the Flag Pole — 8:00 pm
- 3rd Family Picnic — 3:00-6:00 pm
- 5th Monday — Club Open
- 7th Mid-Week Buffet — 5:30 pm
- 8th Sunset Happy Hour — 5:00-7:00 pm
...on the Deck
- 9th G-H-I Dock Party — 7:00 pm
Lighthouse
- 12th Frolic-On-The-Bay (Charity Event)
- 14th Mid-Week Buffet — 5:30 pm
- 15th Sunset Happy Hour — 5:00-7:00 pm
...on the Deck
- 21st Mid-Week Buffet — 5:30 pm
- 22nd Sunset Happy Hour — 5:00-7:00 pm
...on the Deck
- 23rd A-B-C-D-E-F Dock Party — 7:00 pm
Lighthouse
- 28th Mid-Week Buffet — 5:30 pm
- 29th Sunset Happy Hour — 5:00-7:00 pm
...on the Deck
- 31st "Dueling Piano Comedians" — 8:30 pm
in the Grill

August

- 1st Jazz Brunch
with the Bruce Johnstone Quartet
- 4th Mid-Week Buffet — 5:30 pm
- 5th Sunset Happy Hour — 5:00-7:00 pm
...on the Deck
- 6th G-H-I Dock Party — 7:00 pm
...Lighthouse Deck
- 11th Mid-Week Buffet — 5:30 pm
- 12th Sunset Happy Hour — 5:00-7:00 pm
...on the Deck
- 14th "Dueling Piano Comedians" — 8:30 pm
...in the Grill
- 17th Junior Sailing Awards Banquet
- 18th Mid-Week Buffet — 5:30 pm
- 19th Sunset Happy Hour — 5:00-7:00 pm
...on the Deck
- 25th Mid-Week Buffet — 5:30 pm
- 26th Sunset Happy Hour — 5:00-7:00 pm
...on the Deck
- 29th MS Regatta

September

- 1st Mid-Week Buffet — 5:30 pm
- 3rd Cookout Party — 7:00 pm
Entertainment by "The Earthquakers"
- 4th "Dueling Piano Comedians" — 8:30 pm
...in the Grill
- 6th Labor Day, CLUB OPEN!
— 11:30 am to 9:00 pm
- 8th Mid-Week Buffet — 5:30 pm
- 15th Mid-Week Buffet — 5:30 pm
- 22nd Mid-Week Buffet — 5:30 pm
- 29th Mid-Week Buffet — 5:30 pm

Deadlines

for future "Log" articles

Members are encouraged to submit any articles they may compose, as long as it pertains to the Club or boating activities.
September/October August 18, 1999
November/December October 1, 1998
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January/February .. December 15, 1999
March/April February 15, 2000
May/June April 15, 2000

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