

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, 2000.

CANDIDATES

COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

DICK ROBERTSON

VICE COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

JIM LOCKWOOD

REAR COMMODORE – ELECT ONE:

PETER TRAPHAGEN

FLEET CAPTAIN – ELECT ONE:

ANDY HANKS

JOHN MUROSKY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ELECT TWO:

MATT BACON

BOB CUNNINGHAM

JIM FINN

JOHN TUCKER

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ELECT THREE:

DAN HILBRICH

DAVE PARRY

TIM POLASKI

MATT WOLFORD

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

The Officers and Board of Directors would like to thank the following Board members who have completed their terms on the Board for their dedicated service to the Club:

P/C PETER GORNY, RICHARD VICARY, and JOHN MUROSKY

Also, Nominating Committee Members:

**CHAIRMAN – P/C RICHARD GORNY, MIKE MASHYNA, DOUG BEERS, PETER LUND,
ED SCHULER, P/C FRITZ CURTZE**



CANDIDATE FOR COMMODORE

DICK ROBERTSON

Greetings, fellow members. It's election time again. I can't believe how fast the time has flown by during the past three years. As Fleet Captain, my first task was to drain the basin. I guess Fritz should have said "take her down 18" Dick"...oh well, we made it through this year, so good luck to Jim Lockwood in keeping the water level! We should have our dredging permits soon. Currently the Board has no definite plan of action. We have a committee monitoring the water level and there is a monthly discussion. To dredge the basin, we could be investing 1.8 to 2.4 million dollars. This could be a serious situation if the water level continues to fall.

There are a lot of members that never come to the Annual Meeting. Why not come this year? We would like to see you.

Yours truly,
Dick Robertson
Vice Commodore

P.S. Please come down and vote!



CANDIDATE FOR VICE COMMODORE

JIM LOCKWOOD

As my year as Rear Commodore comes to an end, I reflect on how much I enjoy restaurants and how little I know of how to run one. With much help from Mike, Bernie, and Brian, we made a few changes and started putting a process management approach in place. I would like to thank all the members that made the affairs we held a success, and I look forward, with your support, to beginning my duties as Vice Commodore.

As I look forward to the job of Vice Commodore, I pray that the water levels maintain. We dodged a bullet this year as the levels maintained and even climbed above last year's. It is hard to hope for snow, but it would sure make things easier if we have enough snow to bring the lake levels back to what we were used to.

I just attended my first Dock Committee meeting and some of the things that came from that meeting is that we will be sending out slip applications much earlier than before and asking for you to return them sooner. The rationale for this is to allow those members who berth their boats elsewhere to be able to know sooner if they can move into our basin. Many of the other facilities in the bay require non-refundable deposits very early on. Once someone has paid dockage at another facility it is difficult to get them to move here, especially with double dockage fees the first two years. I ask for your cooperation in this change and hope you will return your application timely.

Thank you again for letting me serve the Club as a Bridge Officer and I ask for your support at the Annual Meeting.

James R. Lockwood
Rear Commodore



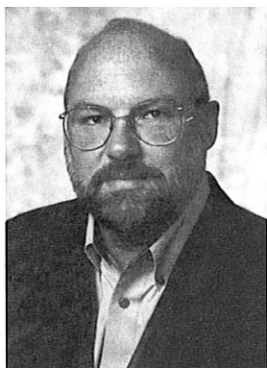
CANDIDATE FOR REAR COMMODORE

PETE TRAPHAGEN

The Rear Commodore has the responsibility for the House. Thanks to Mike, Brian, Bernie, Jim Lockwood and prior efforts of the office, the House is in pretty good shape. I don't intend to fix something that isn't broken. The challenge will be to continue the Process Management effort that Jim has started which will assure continued improvement. I think I can do that. In all other areas I will appreciate your input.

Pete Traphagen

CANDIDATE FOR FLEET CAPTAIN



ANDREW HANKS

I am honored to have the opportunity to run for the office of Fleet Captain of the Erie Yacht Club. I would like to introduce myself to those of you that don't know me well.

I've been a salesman for Pentacore Industrial Group here in Erie for the past ten years. I am an avid sailor aboard the *Andicapp*, an iceboater of limited fame, and a Regular Member of the Club for 12 years. In that time I have served on

more committees than I can remember. The more recent being:

- A three-year term on the EYC Board of Directors
- Chaired the Constitution and Bylaws Committee – three years
- Twelve years on the MS Regatta Committee, six as Chairman (this committee has raised over \$400,000 for MS in its 16-year existence)
- Served a seven-year sentence on the ever-popular Dock Committee
- Four years on the Reyburn Sailing School Committee

I guess what I am saying is "I like it here." We should all be proud of our Club. This is one of the best yacht clubs on the Great Lakes.

My intentions would be to serve in a capacity that would maintain the high level of services we enjoy at the Club. At the same time working toward the creation of a long-range planning committee, that could help us deal with low water levels, docks and the development of the recently acquired water lots to the west.

I'd like to thank the Nominating Committee for their confidence. I feel I can be of service to the Erie Yacht Club. I respectfully request your vote.

Sincerely,
Andy Hanks

CANDIDATE FOR FLEET CAPTAIN



JOHN MUROSKY

I am proud to belong to the Erie Yacht Club. I am honored being asked to run for your Fleet Captain. As an avid boater, active member, and on your board of Directors, I feel I have the understanding of our Club operations to perform the duties of Fleet Captain.

Those of you who know me understand that I am passionate about our Club affairs. I was instrumental in getting our

dry-hydrant fire extinguishing system off the ground by producing the prototype system now being used and hopefully never needed. Currently we are working on an anti-icing project that could reduce the amount of labor involved each year during the winter season.

How about those Thursday Happy Hours? Our Club staff has done a great job in putting together a successful program, which adds a great deal of fun to our summer! I feel the introduction of DJ Toby was a great move. I thank Mike, his staff, and the fellow Bridge and Board members for taking the time to initiate that program.

I would like to wish my running mate Andy Hanks good luck! He's a great guy and also well qualified for the position of Fleet Captain. Finally, thanks to my girlfriend, Sue Zeiber, for being there to listen to so many of my thoughts about the Erie Yacht Club!

Regards,
John Murosky



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

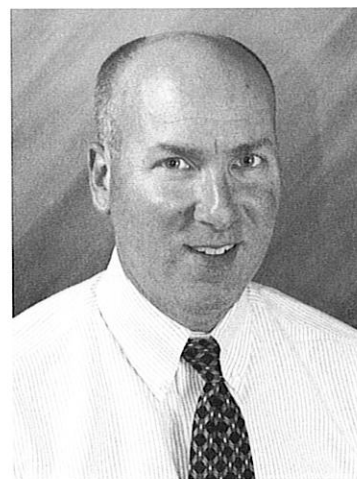
MATT BACON

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for giving me the opportunity to be elected to the Board of Directors. I joined the Erie Yacht Club 17 years ago, the year after my wife Gina and I were married. We now have five wonderful children whom a lot of you have met at dinner, on the docks, at lunch, or playing Bingo. I have enjoyed boating of all sorts from a very early age and have taken great pleasure from introducing our children to the fun of boating and teaching them boat-handling skills.

I am currently the president of Lakeview Forge Corporation, where I have worked for 25 years and serve on Lakeview's Board of Directors. I am confident that my past boating and business experiences will help me to serve on the Erie Yacht Club Board.

The Erie Yacht Club provides a wonderful experience for anyone with or without a family who enjoys boating. As many of you know, my family and I enjoy this great Club, and all of its facilities immensely. If given the opportunity to repay this Club for the many opportunities it has given me, I promise to work hard to help insure this Club's great future. I ask for your vote as well as any concerns or ideas you may have to help keep the Erie Yacht Club and its traditions available for current and future members.

Sincerely,
Matt Bacon



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOB CUNNINGHAM

Another year has gone by and it's "my time" again to run for Director. When you grow up on top of the hill, the Erie Yacht Club becomes a part of your heart and soul, so when I was asked to run again, I didn't have to think twice.

Looking back over the years, I realize that my EYC membership has been a large part of my family's leisure activities. My children, Lisa and Christopher have taken advantage of the opportunity to participate in the Reyburn Sailing School; and Alyssa, Christian and Bryan have done their best to catch all the fish in the basin. My wife, Dianne, and I have spent many evenings enjoying dinner at the Club and other special events including the EYC Bowling League, the MS Regatta and Frolic on the Bay, to name a few. You name it and we've been here for it.

We have cruised Lake Erie on the *Richie Sea* visiting many of the other yacht clubs, and on occasion I have come back from these ventures with various ideas that I feel would improve our own facility. Mostly I've come back with a greater appreciation of this Club and a feeling of pride that I am a member of the finest club on Lake Erie.

Besides my formal education, I have extensive experience in business management and am currently employed by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. In addition, Dianne and I co-own the Bagel Barrel and Deli, so I have a deep appreciation of the service industry as well, and would apply my knowledge in this area to help the EYC staff.

It has been an honor to be asked to run for Director, and I would appreciate the opportunity to serve you in this great Club. I ask all of you to please come down on Election Night and vote for me, as this is a position that I truly "want"... to serve you as a fellow member and friend.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Cunningham



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JIM FINN

This is the second season that my wife Becky and I have been getting our sailboat *Bec 'n Me* ready for cruising Lake Erie. In our travels we have seen many yacht clubs and we are often reminded that our own EYC is beautiful by comparison to many others. The honor to be given an opportunity to serve on the Board of our Club is appreciated.

My past Club activities include having served on the House Committee, the Centennial Committee, the Nominating committee, and Erie Yacht Club's Winter Carnival and the Frolic-on-the-Bay charity event.

If elected I would hope to continue to serve the Club in the best possible fashion with all members being given equal consideration.

Jim Finn



CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JOHN H. TUCKER, D.M.D.

Some of you can claim a long legacy when it comes to the Erie Yacht Club with four or more generations of family participation in the growth, development and progression of the Club. Others of you are "new" members who have joined the membership because of seeing the organization as a source of identifiable connection to boating, water and socialization within that framework.

My connection with the Erie Yacht Club has always been a valued asset of part of my being born and raised in Erie. Before me, my father enjoyed the membership and activities so my appreciation of all the club has to offer to its members as well as the community developed early.

The Erie Yacht Club has a wonderful long history and traditions. I would strive to maintain these as well as embrace new activities that one day my children and grandchildren could consider tradition.

The water, such a huge asset to our area, is one of my greatest likings. As an organization, the Erie Yacht Club has an opportunity to impact the community as with the MS Regatta. Because of our lake and bay we are fortunate to give back to the community while participating in activities we really enjoy. I would foster these types of programs.

Whether it is a sailboat or powerboat or simply socialization with good people that cause you to embrace the Erie Yacht Club, the business aspects and fiscal responsibility are vital to its existence. Having my own business I am aware of accountability and management of financial and staff matters.

I would welcome your support in allowing me to serve on your Board to maintain and develop the rich tradition and history of the Erie Yacht Club.

Respectfully submitted,
John H. Tucker, D.M.D.



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DAN HILBRICH

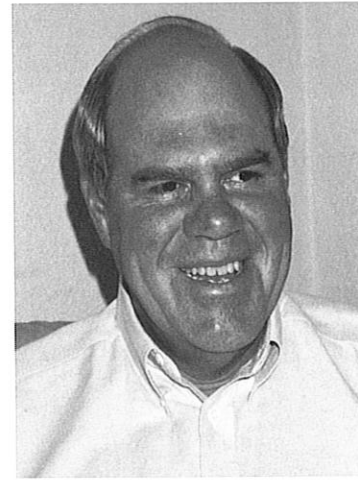
Hello, my name is Dan Hilbrich. Many of you know me from participating in the racing fleets. I am married to the beautiful Julie Suzanne Gamble. We reside at 4114 Concord Road.

I have been a member of the Club since 1991 and we sail a Catalina 320.

I have served on the Grounds Committee, House Committee, and hopefully with your vote, the Nominating Committee.

Our Club has been an outstanding establishment since 1895 and by nominating competent people we will keep it that way. Please vote for me in November, I'll help find the nominees for future success.

Yours truly,
Dan Hilbrich



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DAVID L. PARRY

I am certainly honored to be asked to run for the Nominating Committee. I believe this committee is one of the most important at EYC because it helps determine the future direction of the Club.

My qualifications include 23 years as an EYC member, during which I served eight years on the MORC Race Committee and currently am in my fourth year as a director of the Reyburn Junior Sailing School. I have served on the House and Entertainment Committees, as well as the 1995 Centennial Committee and have been a volunteer for many MS Regattas.

For as long as I have been affiliated with EYC I have been an avid boater, with a particular interest in classic wood designs. I currently own *Foxfire*, a 1966 Lyman Islander. Those of you who know me can attest that I am far more apt to be working on the boat than using it!

I have worked at GE Transportation for 28 years, live in Millcreek with my wife Susan, and have a stepson who was recently married and lives in West Chester, PA.

If elected to the Nominating Committee, I will do my best to help further the Club's integrity in the best interest of both current and new members.

David L. Parry



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TIM POLASKI

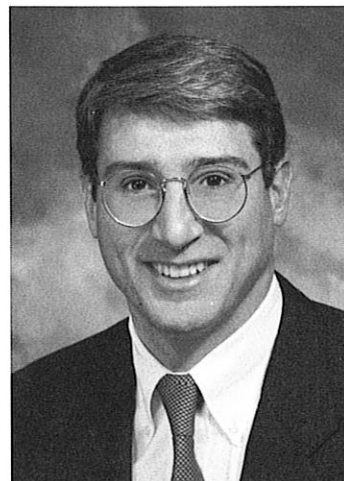
Greetings fellow yacht club members. I am honored to be considered as a candidate for the Nominating Committee. For those of you who don't know me, I have been involved in boating at the Club since my Junior Sailing days and became a Junior Member when I was 16 years old. I am now 31, and am a civil engineer at Urban Engineers of Erie, Inc. My wife Karyn and I have two beautiful children, Julya and Andrew.

I have always been involved in sailboat racing at the Club and I am presently active in racing in, and expanding, the local JY 15 Dinghy fleet. You may also see me windsurfing from the Yacht Club breakwall when the weather gets really nasty!

I am currently serving as the Chairman of the Junior Sailing Committee, which I have done for the past few years. It has given me great satisfaction to work on what I believe is such an important committee, and I plan to continue with my involvement with the program for quite some time. I continue to enjoy meeting many fellow members through my involvement with Junior Sailing.

I believe that I could be beneficial to the Nominating Committee because I have met many of the Club's members and would therefore be able to help select the best candidates for our elected offices. Thank you for your consideration.

Tim Polaski



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MATT WOLFORD

As many of you know, I have been a member of the Erie Yacht Club for a number of years. I began my membership as a Junior Family member, which I converted to Regular Membership in 1986. I hail from a family of boaters, and my brother Chris is a Past Commodore. Although my background is primarily sailing, I appreciate and enjoy boating of all kinds. I have been serving the Club as a member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for several years, and I recently finished service as an Officer in the Erie Yacht Club Racing Fleet. In my spare time, I practice law and help my wife Marian raise our three young children. I enjoy the Club and its members, and am mindful that an organization is only as good as its leadership. I am honored to have been asked to help select the Club's leadership as part of the Nominating Committee, and I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Matt Wolford

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