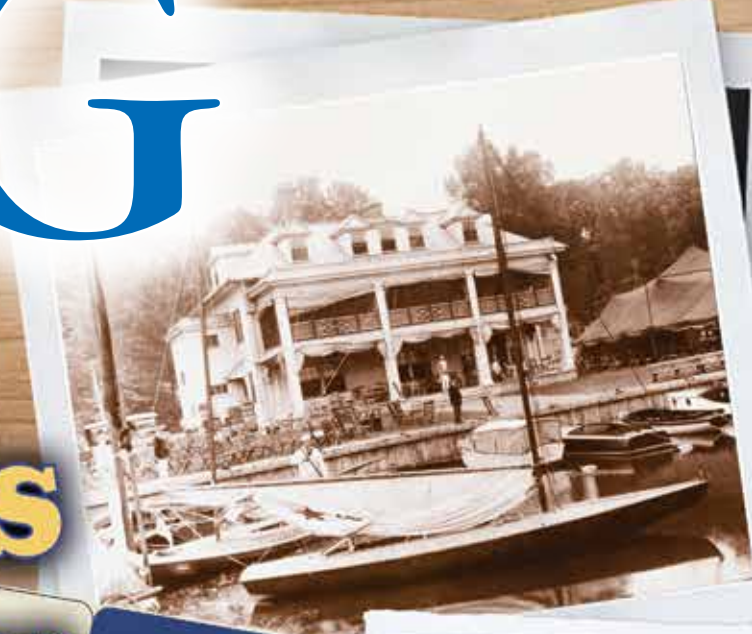


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As the events and activities return to the Erie Yacht Club, the publishers of their LOG magazine would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to all the advertisers in the LOG magazine both past and present who continued their support even through the economic uncertainty of the past year. It is through their advertising that we are able to publish the LOG and bring it to the members and guests of the EYC.

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From the Bridge

by Rear Commodore Harvey Downey

"Greatness is not in where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it - but sail we must and not drift, nor lie at anchor."
- Oliver Wendell Holmes

This quote by Oliver Wendell Holmes is quite appropriate. Our Club has sailed through many of changing winds over the years and has always steered a steady course forward. In this publication of The LOG you will read a letter from the Commodore announcing the retirement of our General Manager, and an article on a proposed Clubhouse renovation.

Mike Lynch has seen many wind shifts, and even some storms during his 31-year tenure at the Club. But one thing is for certain, he kept our Club moving forward.

Please make sure to take a moment over the next several months to congratulate Mike on his forthcoming retirement. He deserves the recognition for a job well done. Also take time to read the article "Home is Where is Where Your Heart Is" by our Long Range Planning Committee. It is a great history lesson on our Clubhouse and lays out some reasons for proposed renovations. Also, plan to attend a Town Hall meeting to learn about the project and share your thoughts. Change is inevitable - "but sail we must and not drift, nor lie at anchor."

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Scan to learn about the Erie Yacht Club



Submitted by Your Long Term Planning Committee

How many times have you heard the expression: *"Home is Where Your Heart Is?"*

For the Erie Yacht Club, this saying seems to be very true. Our members use the Club House to celebrate many family milestones encompassing the full circle of their lives, including Baby Showers, Birthday Parties, Prom Dinners, Wedding Celebrations, Retirement Parties and Wakes. The Club House is our place to have a drink, meet friends or simply enjoy a beautiful sunset.

Yesterday...

It should come as no surprise then that when we look to the past, our Club House has played a major role over the years. In fact, upon formation of EYC in 1895 the very first action of Commodore Bliss was the construction of our first Club House. This first club house was built at the foot of Myrtle Street (location of today's water station) and formally dedicated on July 18, 1895.



Erie Yacht Club House, foot of Myrtle St. Erie, PA dedicated July 18, 1895.



EYC Clubhouse (circa 1900).

It was a beautiful two-story building with outdoor decks on the north and west side. Considerations given to the ladies were a special entrance so that "they do not have to pass through the house," and the prohibition of liquor.

As Bliss wrote in The Rudder: "We allow no liquor to be used or partaken of on or about the premises. This does not prohibit its being left at the club for boat owners, and being taken aboard the boats. We adopted this last rule as an experiment, and it works to perfection."

As the city of Erie grew, so did EYC. After 20 years the club started looking for room to grow. This effort was hastened when the Erie papers announced that the Water authority was going to reclaim the water lots used by the Club to expand the Water Works. In 1917, Commodore Henri G. Chatain negotiated with Mr. J. A. Root, president of the Kahkwa Park Realty Company, Inc., for the last remaining property on the waterfront.



EYC's new clubhouse featured a retaining wall and eastern dock.

In a letter dated March 21, 1917, Root proposed to donate the land "west of the ravine and below the cliff" in Kahkwa Park to the Erie Yacht Club. In return, the Club was to pay \$5,000 towards the road work and maintain the walls and the slope of the ravine without "marring the natural beauty of the surrounding lands."

Construction of the New Club House was made more difficult by the breach at the neck of Presque Isle (which remained open until 1920) and the United States' declaration of war on April 6, 1917. The new access road (Ravine drive) was constantly washing out. Ultimately the new Club House (known then as Station No. 2) was dedicated on August 22, 1919. Included with the new club house are 2 structures that still survive today: the "Canoe house" and "Locker house".



Erie Yacht Club "Station No. 2" was officially dedicated August 22, 1919.

The Roaring 20's arrived and the club grew some more. In 1929, a major storm damaged the dock and club house. Commodore Lawrence M. Nagle determined that the Club should be saved and proceeded to purchase at his own expense all of the large planks from the Old Boston Store which was being dismantled.

These were brought to the Club, and Jerry Johnson and Joe Meisel were hired to rebuild the porch and docks. Mr. Nagle also paid these men, since there was no money in the Club treasury.

EYC survived the depression and WWII and soon was growing again as the baby boomers started arriving. In 1959 and again in 1965, the basin was expanded increasing the number of boat slips from 200 to over 400. With this came the need for a more modern Club House. So in January 1968 ground was broken for EYC's 3rd Club House.

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Erie Yacht Club House (Number 3) dedicated October 5, 1968.

Home is Where the Heart Is...

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This modern single story building was relocated to center of the new basin with the building facing due north. Dedication held on October 5, 1968 was a major social event and was presided by then Pennsylvania Governor the Honorable Raymond Shafer.

From 1968 through today, EYC membership has tripled! As the Club became more financially stable, the club house management duties were assumed by a paid professional staff. Full year-round dining and a busy social events calendar once again created a need for updating the club house. In 1992, the Bridge and Board adopted a new "Master Plan" for the club that included major renovations to the Club House.



Erie Yacht Club House, (2009).

Phase I of this plan was dedicated on July 3, 1993, which included the conversion of the north patio into enclosed dining space, now known as the Bliss Room and Lower Grill room. The kitchen received some much needed updating and a new storage area to the east side of club house was added.

Phase II work was completed in spring of 1996, and included the addition of the North/West deck and updates to the Ball Room. The last major work to our Club House occurred in 2005 with the bar and grill room update.

What a colorful history!

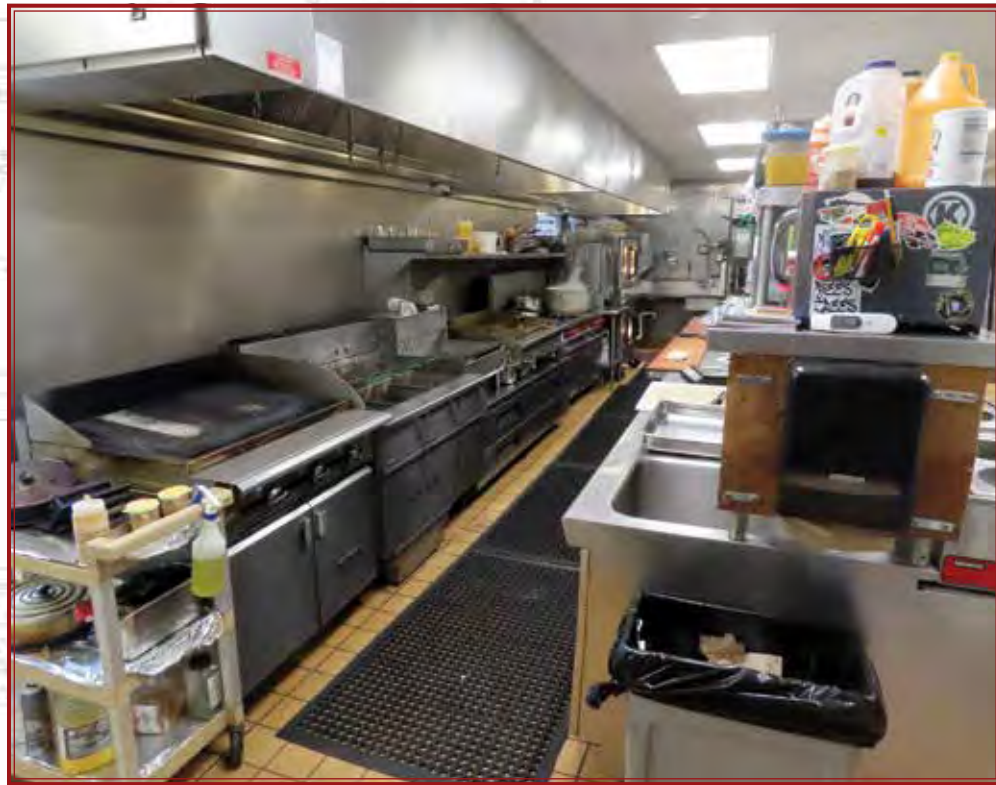
Today...

In 2015, the EYC Long Range Planning Committee, LRPC, sponsored a survey of the EYC membership with the intent of discerning member interest in major capital projects. Survey results overwhelmingly pointed to a major Club House update.

From 2016 thru 2020, the LRPC studied a wide range of options to improve our Club House.

Key objectives were defined as follows:

- Size the Kitchen and Dining areas to proper service the needs of the current membership level.
- Update Rest Rooms to comply with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).
- Improve Member Dining Experience with more tiered seating.



The EYC Kitchen is the same size as it was in 1968, yet membership has more than tripled.

- Major update to Building Infrastructure, which is now more than 50 years old.
- Consider a second floor to enjoy the great basin/bay views.
- Update outdoor dining venue.

Many other "wish list" items were also identified during detailed interviews with EYC managers and staff.

From 2016 through today, the Long Range Planning Committee studied various alternatives to update the clubhouse. Here is what they explored:

Proposed Clubhouse plan areas to be most effected:



- Build a Brand-New Building - The idea was to build a new clubhouse while the current clubhouse was still running, and tear the old one down when the new one was finished. While this option sounded nice, where would you put it?

The location of our current clubhouse is the ideal spot with the best views, and we can't go without a clubhouse for months. Also, the cost was found to be prohibitive. This option was discarded.

- Add a Second Story - Another great idea that was explored. There was a rumor that the existing club house was designed for the future addition of a second story. Unfortunately, a structural engineering consultant found that the existing steel work was not suited for the loads imposed by addition of a second floor. To add footings and more structure to carry a second story would end up costing almost as much as a new clubhouse. Another idea discarded.

So planning quickly was redirected at updating the existing single floor Club House. It soon became helpful to organize the projects into 3 categories: "Must do," "Should do," and "Would Like to do." They now want to share this work with the Membership, and get your input to help finalize their planning.

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Home is Where the Heart Is...

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Tomorrow...

Help shape the Future... Please Come to the Scheduled Town Hall Meetings.

So yes... the EYC Club House is our home and "Where Our Heart Is"!

To properly serve this role in the future we need your input in planning this major renovation project. ALL Members (Senior, Associate, Junior and Regular) are invited to attend a series of Town Hall meetings this August. Your input is important in shaping the final plans for the Club house that will serve us for the next 50+ years.

Each Town Hall meeting will start with a presentation by the Long Range Planning Committee, followed by a Question and Answer Period. The following schedule has been set for 3 Town Hall Meetings.

Tuesday, August 17th

Last name A-H

Tuesday, August 24th

Last name I-P

Tuesday, August 31st

Last name Q-Z

Notes:

- Member attendance is assigned by the member's LAST NAME to ensure we have enough room.
- All meetings will be held in the EYC Ball Room
- Start time is 7:00 PM for all meetings

If you can't make your assigned meeting, please contact the club office to register for a different date. We will also broadcast the meetings via Zoom. Further details for the ZOOM meeting will be provided via the EYC News Letter.

Please come to a Town Hall meeting and bring your thoughts, ideas, and an open mind. This is all about the future of our Club!

Special Thanks...

Special thanks go members of the Long Range Planning Committee for shepherding this project for the past five years.

Ross Rectenwald - Chairman
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ERIE YACHT CLUB



ERIE YACHT CLUB - SOUTH ELEVATION
EYC CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION
10.1.2020

Please join us for an afternoon of relaxing boating, friendship, food and fun as we celebrate the 36th Erie Yacht Club (EYC) Charity Regatta, which benefits the Erie Yacht Club Foundation. This year's event will feature a new Presque Isle Bay Cruise, where Fleet, Silver, and Bronze-level sponsors will be offered a skippered tour of Presque Isle Bay for up to 4 people. We also plan to bring back local craft spirits tasting and sales, as well as other displays by EYC member companies. The EYC Charity Regatta will continue to feature a five-mile sailboat race, kayak tour of the head of the Bay, live music, great food and drink, theme baskets, ducky races and the friendly competition this end of summer bash has been known to deliver!

This year's event will continue the flat rate, all-inclusive pricing structure. Individual boats may enter the event for a fixed price of \$325, which includes 8 wristbands. The wristbands provide admission to the event, beverages and the buffet lunch. Individual wristbands for EYC members and their guests, as well as additional wristbands, may be purchased for \$25 each.

About the Erie Yacht Club Foundation

A great time for a great cause - all of your support, hard work and financial contributions will directly benefit the Erie Yacht Club Foundation. The premise of this Regatta is, and always has been, to raise funds that would remain local; funds that will support our community and neighbors right here in Erie County. We are most proud of this inaugural partnership of the EYC Charity Regatta and the Erie Yacht Club Foundation.

The Erie Yacht Club Foundation, which was established in 2009, seeks to provide philanthropic support for the Erie Community. It is an independent 501(c)3 corporation with an independent Board of Directors.

The mission of the Foundation is to advance maritime education, promote youth and intercollegiate sailing competition, and expand opportunities in boating. In addition to scholarships through the United Way to attend sailing classes, recent grant recipients include the Erie Bayfront Center, the Regional Science Consortium, the Erie Regional Library Foundation and the YMCA.

So please join us in support of this year's EYC Charity Regatta on August 29th! The sailboat captain's (radio) instructions begin at 9:30 am, the sailboat racing begins at 10:30, the Presque Isle Bay Cruise begins at 11:30, and the music and spirits tasting begins at 1:00 pm.

Log on to the Erie Yacht Club's web site and click on the EYC Charity Regatta link to sponsor or enter your sailboat, power boat or kayak, or call the EYC office at 814-453-4931 to register. You may also drop off your registration in the EYC Charity Regatta box at the EYC office. You may also sponsor a boat, donate prizes and supplies, make a financial contribution, or volunteer for the event by contacting: Mike Bova at (814) 881-4276 or Michael.Bova@erieinsurance.com.

Many thanks to the Erie Yacht Club membership for their outstanding support and partnership to ensure that this event is not only the largest local charity Regatta, but the most fun! Join the festivities of this 36th annual event & sign up for the EYC Charity Regatta today!



It's EYC Charity Regatta Time!

Sailboat Race, Bay Cruises & Festivities

Sunday, August 29, 2021

by Michael Bova





36th EYC Charity Regatta



Join us for the premier boating event of the season!
Sailboats and Cruising Fleet, Live Music, BBQ Lunch, Ducky Races, Auction

Sponsor Levels

Fleet Sponsor - \$2,000

- Recognition logo on advertising and promotional materials
- Entry of 4 boats (power or sail), plus wristbands for captain and 7 crew per boat
- 10 additional wristbands (for admission of 10 additional guests)
- Complimentary Presque Isle Bay cruise for up to 4 people

Silver Sponsor - \$1,500

- Recognition name on event advertising and promotional materials
- Entry of 3 boats (power or sail), plus wristbands for captain and 7 crew per boat
- 8 additional wristbands (for admission of 8 additional guests)
- Complimentary Presque Isle Bay cruise for up to 4 people

Bronze Sponsor - \$1,000

- Recognition on event sponsor board
- Entry of 2 boats (power or sail), plus wristbands for captain and 7 crew per boat
- 8 additional wristbands (for admission of 8 additional guests)
- Complimentary Presque Isle Bay cruise for up to 4 people

Boat Sponsor - \$500

- Recognition on event sponsor board
- Entry of 1 boat (power or sail), plus wristbands for captain and 7 crew
- 2 additional wristbands (for admission of 2 additional guests)

Individual Boat Entry - \$325

- Entry of 1 boat (power or sail), plus wristbands for a captain and 7 crew

Kayak, Jet Ski or Other Personal Watercraft (PWC) - \$50

- Entry of 1 PWC, and 2 wristbands

Individual EYC Members and Their Guests - \$25

- EYC members may purchase a wristband for \$25/person. (Wristband includes admission to event, beverages and buffet. All guests must be accompanied by an EYC member)

Sunday, August 29, 2021 • Event Schedule

8:30 am	Registration table opens
9:30 am	Captain/Skipper's Meeting (via radio)
10:30 am	Sailboat Race
11:30 am	Presque Isle Bay Cruises
1:00 pm	Live Music, Ducky Sales, Auction Opens
2:30 pm	BBQ Buffet
3:30 pm	Ducky Races; Auction closes
4:00 pm	Awards Presentation & Prizes



36th EYC Charity Regatta



Registration

To register, call the Erie Yacht Club Office at 814-453-4931, or return the registration form (below) with your payment information. Credit cards and EYC member charges are accepted.

- ☐ Fleet Sponsor \$2,000
- ☐ Silver Sponsor \$1,500
- ☐ Bronze Sponsor \$1,000
- ☐ Boat Sponsor \$500
- ☐ Individual Boat \$350 (Includes all-inclusive wristbands for captain & 7 crew)
- ☐ Kayak, Jetski or other PWC \$50 (Includes 2 all-inclusive wristbands)
- ☐ Individual EYC Member \$25/person

Company Name (if applicable) _____

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Please provide the following information for each boat sponsored/entered

Boat Name _____ Captain Name _____

_____ Bay Cruising Fleet _____ Sailboat Race

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_____ Spinnaker Spin PHRF* _____ Sail # _____

*If no PHRF, then Boat Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Length _____

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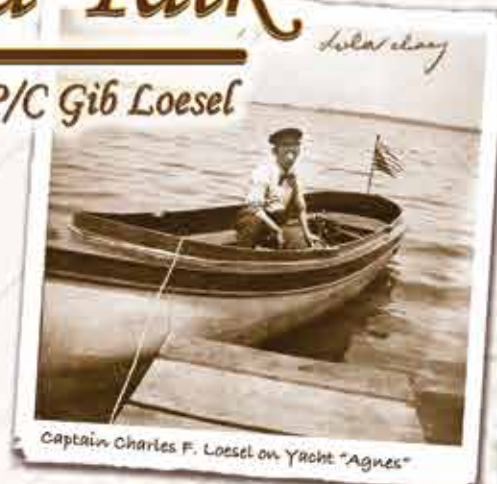
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If These Docks Could Talk

Surrounded By Ferncliff

by P/C Gib Loesel



Captain Charles F. Loesel on Yacht "Agnes"



Building the Canoe House



Aeroplane Photo of EYC - 1920



Ferncliff (1905)

Several years ago, when Suzy and I moved from our home on Vermont Avenue to Ferncliff Beach we had more pictures than there was wall space in our tiny new house, so they were tucked away here and there. The other day I was looking for a lost boat picture when the picture featured popped out, my Grandfather Charles Loesel taken in 1905 in his yacht "Agnes". The Picture was taken in front of his cottage on Ferncliff Beach, he would have been 37 years old.

Hmmmm this got me to thinking "again".

About 1950 at age 82 (my current age) Grandpa would keep his new yacht the Jenny Lee (named after my cousin) in the shallow water just west of the Canoe House and now known as Ferncliff West. Unfortunately, I do not have anything but a mental picture of Grandpa wading out in his high boots to pull the Jenny ashore to load his fishing gear for a day on the water. Jenny was a small metal rowboat, painted red, equipped with as I remember a small Johnson outboard.

Grandpa was not a member of EYC, but his friend John lived in one of the small houses located on the Pattan property (it may well have been the same building where Rip Sawdey of Tom and Jerry Fame hosted the first T&J party in 1920). His friend John gave him permission to use the water in front of his cottage, which at time belonged to The Port Commission of the City of Erie.

What you say! A cottage next to the Canoe House? Take a look at the picture up above which appeared in the 100-year EYC history book and captioned "Building the Canoe House". You can easily see there are four buildings and one empty spot. From the same book also shown above there is a remarkable "areoplane" picture taken in 1920. You can clearly see there are approximately 13 or 14 tiny buildings along the shoreline just west of the EYC. When the EYC moved to our current location in 1918 they already had neighbors to the East and West.

Ferncliff Beach (east of Club) got its start when the developers of the Lincoln Avenue area granted permission to the new property owners on the bluff, Bayview, to build stairs to the water and put docks and small platforms there to store their rowboats. Grandpa was one of these owners, plus or minus a few years, around 1900. There was no road, so all building material came via the stairs.

I do not know where I got the information that the cottages to the West were there for migrant farm workers, but I am sticking to it since the 1920 "areoplane" picture features the houses and all the farmland to the south. When this property was deeded to Joseph H. and Lotta Pattan in 1925 it became Lot #107. This property passed to their daughter Jane when the Pattens slipped their anchor. As the South Shore neighborhood developed most of the small buildings were no longer used and slowly the buildings disappeared.

In the late 1950's the EYC was starting to probe expansion and Mr. Pattan was approached by EYC Secretary Ken Welsh and P/C Norm Parker. According to the Club minutes a letter was also sent, but never responded to. In the early 1960's EYC decided to look East, which ultimately brought the EYC and Ferncliff Beach closer together. The EYC had long been using the water lots to the West, somewhere along the way the port authority had acquired ownership. In 2001 the Club negotiated with the port and these water lots were deeded to the Club, thus filling out our water ownership on the bay front.

In 2009 Club members Roger and Nedra Richard entered the picture when they purchased Lot #107 and the beautiful Patten house on South Shore from the estate. It was at this time Lot #107 became Ferncliff West and subdivided into two lots, one for their personal use and one which was later listed for sale.

Over the years there had never been any formal talk about property lines with the Pattan family but many of our older members thought the Southwest corner of the Canoe House may have been on the Pattan property. The Rogers had a comprehensive survey completed which indicated that not only was the rumored corner on their new property but also the west half of EYC's entire west pier was on Pattan property. All of which could be a complete new story.

To settle what could have been a major problem for the Club Roger and Nedra made a precious gift to the Club, at their own expense and in exchange for the use of the Club water lot in front of their property they had the entire area re-deeded with all property lines moved making them in favor of the Club.

As a matter of interest there has always been an easement across Club properties both to the East and West allowing those owners to reach their property.

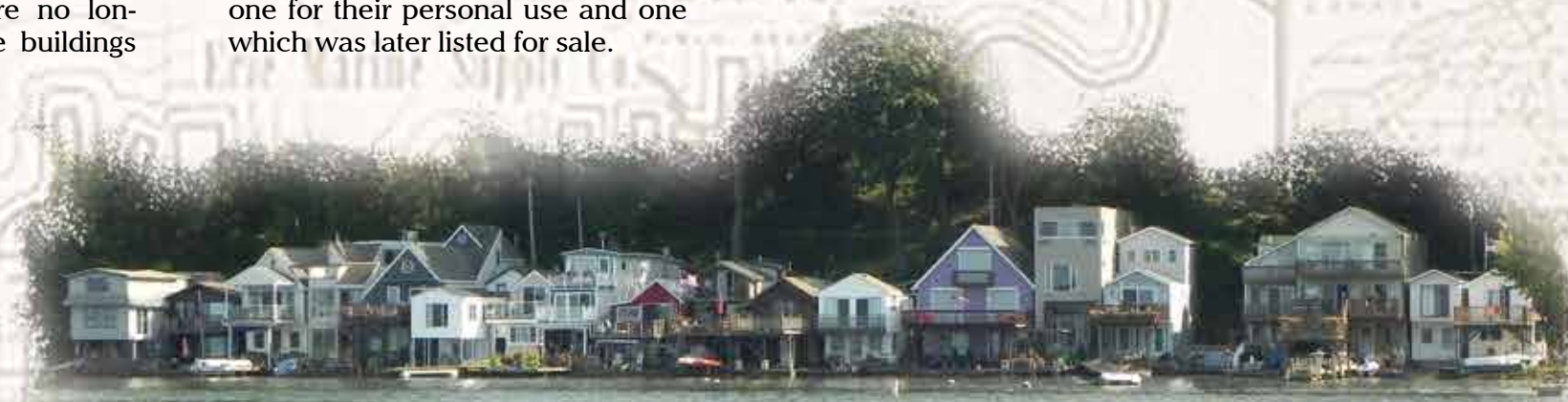
Time moves on, for various reasons the Club passed on their right of first refusals to both the east and west... Roger and Nedra sold the lot closest to EYC on Ferncliff West to Todd Stevens... it is now time to welcome our new neighbor!

If These Docks Could Talk, they would say, "What could be better than owning your property and having good east and west Ferncliff neighbors?" ...



An apology and condolences are in order to the family of Doug Russell, who was mentioned in my previous LOG article and assumed still active in the sailing community. It has come to my attention that Doug slipped his anchor on 11/11/2020 - Rest In Piece...

- P/C Gib Loesel -



THE ERIE OPEN REGATTA IS BACK!

BY BRIAN LASHER

PHOTOS BY ROBERT KEIM FONTEVERO

SATURDAY
JUNE 5TH



SUNDAY
JUNE 6TH

A long, long time ago, back before “The Pandemic,” Past Commodore (P/C) Gib Loesel thought it would be a good idea to resurrect the Erie Open Regatta for the EYC’s 125th Anniversary. Gib solicited P/C Greg Gorny’s help to organize a committee, and in the summer of 2019 I was asked if I would chair.

The first Erie Open Regatta, also known as the “Erie Invitational Regatta,” was held June 2-3, 1962. It continued annually for a little more than two decades. Rhodes Bantams, Lightnings and Thistles were the mainstay, but under the tutelage of Race Committee Chairman Gail Garren the regatta continued to grow. In 1972, The Log records 11 different classes and 111 registered boats. However, as younger dinghy sailors moved to the M.O.R.C. class, participation began to dwindle and fade away, and the regatta was last held in 1982.

Our first organizational meeting was held in October 2019 with eight members, including myself and Greg, who served as co-chair. We were joined by Monica Bloomstine, P/C Pete Gorny, Chris Grychowski, P/C Bill Lasher, Shawn Phelps and Barb Weibel. With their help, we quickly began recruiting others, and the annual Race Fleet Awards Banquet provided the perfect opportunity to fill the subcommittees with volunteers. Monthly meetings began in December.

The first priority was to find dinghy sailors who could reach out to their respective class associations. While Greg advertised for Lasers, Pat & Janet Huntley went to work on the Windmill class, Tim Polaski contacted Sunfish sailors, and David McBrier promoted the J-22 fleet. We also tried to bring in Snipes and E-Scows (out of Chataqua) and to encourage Reyburn Junior Racers to sail 420s, but those efforts did not bear fruit.

The devil is always in the details, but with open-discussion we worked through a myriad of issues. Russ Thompson did a yeoman’s job in creating the webpage and registration link, and the automated system worked well in capturing the data. Laurie Knoll developed a flyer, Karyn Polaski tracked registration, Shawn organized the grounds, Monica handled the shirt design, order and distribution, and Bill offered to serve as the all-important Principal Race Officer, or PRO.

By March 2020 we were set. Then, of course, we all know what happened. On April 25 the decision was made to cancel, and we rescheduled the event for this June. Most of the volunteers stayed on the committee, but a few had to be replaced due to conflicts. We welcomed help from Phil Mashyna, who worked with Greg on getting the Laser fleet together, and Matt and Nicole Potosnak took over the responsibilities of ordering food and organizing activities.

Meetings began anew in January, the website was updated, we revisited all the issues, and the registration was fine-tuned. The work of the previous year made things relatively straight-forward, and the regatta was ready for the weekend of June 5th and 6th.

In all, there were 40 boats and four fleets. The Windmill class was the largest with 16, Lasers followed with 10, Sunfish with 9, and there were five J-22’s. Half the boats were from out of town, with the farthest having traveled from St. Petersburg, Florida.

Due to high winds and gusts into the 30’s on Saturday morning, races were postponed until mid-afternoon. Finally, about two-thirds of the boats went out at 2:30 pm. With winds remaining in the mid-to-upper teens, it was a challenge for some to keep the boats upright, and many of us were drained by the end of the day. Sunday was more conducive given the age (or should we say “experience”) of the sailors, with winds about 10 to 12 knots. It made for a delightful weekend.

The Windmill’s presented stiff competition, with Pat and Janet Huntley edging out Ralph Sponar from Maryland for top honors. Phil Mashyna placed 1st in four of the five races, easily taking the Laser class. Likewise, Ron McHenry from Cortland, Ohio, did the same in the Sunfish fleet, while Tim Polaski finished 2nd overall despite missing the last two races to attend Henry’s graduation at Collegiate Academy. David McBrier performed well on both days, challenging Phil in the Lasers on Saturday, and easily finishing with three bullets in J-22’s on Sunday.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who made the regatta possible, including the race committee, mark set and safety boats, the club’s catering personnel, and the support of the Bridge and Board. I encourage all of you to visit the regatta’s webpage to view some exceptional photos taken by Robert Keim (Fontevero Photography). It has been an honor to serve as this year’s chair, and through the effort of the many volunteers, the ground-work has been laid for the Erie Open Regatta tradition to continue.



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Little Snapshots of Life

by Paul Jenkins

Occasionally I pull out a tattered envelope of mine filled with some short personal stories that I wrote for the Morning News daily column we called "Good Morning".

They were meant to give the readers a glimpse into our staff's personal lives and provide a break from the hard news that can sometimes be depressing. One of my favorites was a short piece I wrote about my young granddaughter Monica. I hope you enjoy it.

Yellow Daffodils

It was a wonderful reunion with our grandkids that are nurtured by our daughter Holly and Son-in-law Carl. We talked by the hour, Carl and I played golf and even managed to get in some fishing on the bay.

During the whirlwind of activity, however, one moment stands out as most special. On a sunny afternoon while in our back yard, granddaughter Monica took me by the hand to our garden where we each picked a handful of yellow daffodils.

"These are for a special reason," she said. Instead of taking the blossoms to her mom, she asked if we could walk over to the old Gospel Hill Cemetery down the street, the way we did when Monica was much younger.

When we arrived, she asked me to read the names on the old gray headstones, some were markers from the last century. After reading the names, we took turns placing a single yellow daffodil by those who seemed most in need of a flower and a prayer. The bright yellow flowers seemed to almost glow in the radiant afternoon sun. They were a stark contrast to the dark gray headstones and the dry brown leaves that were left from last fall.

When we came to a very small stone that had the single word baby etched on it, Monica had a question. "Papa, how could a baby die?" Don't just old people Die?" I could only explain by saying that all of us have different amounts of time on earth and that we must be thankful for every day - especially beautiful days like this.

As we walked home, I said a silent little prayer for my precious grandchild, and for that priceless time with her and the sleeping souls who were left a single yellow daffodil.

Drop the Stogie, Dad

When the little message on the side of the cigarette pack warns that smoking may be hazardous to your health, it's not even taking into account what might be inflicted on you by your 11-year-old son.

I admit to enjoying an occasional cigar or even a pouch of pipe tobacco once and awhile, but my smoking habits are so irregular, that it's hard to call them habits.

Recently, I had a hankering for a good cigar, so I bought a five pack while driving to work. That evening, Son Patrick and I drove to a nearby tennis court for a few matches. Without thinking about Patrick's disdain for smoking, I lit up a stogie. "Dad, don't you know that smoking is bad for your health!" Pat said with scathing indignation.

"Yes, Pat, I know, but I don't do it very often." Patrick wasn't impressed. He folded his arms across his chest and stared straight ahead. During our match, Pat taunted me each time I missed saying things like, "if you didn't smoke, you would have got that one."

To quiet him, I ran a little harder and hit with more power. When I'm playing 11-years-olds, I'm hard to beat. "Hey Dad, you look kind of red in the face, should I slow down a little?" The kid was really enjoying this game.

"Gee Dad, you sure are breathing hard. Maybe it's those cigars you smoke." My young smarty would have to pay for those remarks. I smacked a forehand that streaked over the net so fast that he hardly had time to raise his racket. Lucky for him, it went out of bounds. The kid just grinned while clucking his tongue and saying, "Now Dad don't forget what you always tell me: "a mad player is a bad player."

After our game, I took Pat to the corner store for some candy. When he came out he had that familiar, devilish grin on his face. I asked if he got anything for me.

"Sure Dad, I got you something you'll really love". Then he handed a pink bubblegum cigar.

A Special Friend Remembered

I'm often struck with profound respect and a pit-of-stomach sadness whenever I see a photo of veterans visiting the Vietnam memorial wall in Washington. Recently a traveling version of that wall came to Erie. Those deep feelings are certainly not unique to me, but shared by other visitors who paused to pray, or get lost in their thoughts about soldiers who gave it all, in that far off war. Some folks tenderly touch the name of a lost comrade, friend or family member.

For me the wall spurs a flood of memories because of my army service during that time. One thought was of a dark night when my fellow recruits and I rode in the back of deuce-an-half truck. We were at Fort Dix N.J., while taking basic training. Our platoon had just spent a miserable day in the rain and mud learning hand-to-hand combat. During the truck ride back our drill sergeant gave us some words of wisdom.

"Believe me men," he said, "compared to what most of you guys will do in Vietnam, today will seem like a picnic! If you don't learn now how to trust your buddy and help keep each other alive it will be a very long war - or a very short one." The sergeant knew very well of what he spoke of because he was a veteran of two Vietnam tours, and had the medals and scars to prove it. As it turned out, the sergeant was right... most of the guys in that truck went on to Advanced Infantry Training and then to Vietnam. I was one of the lucky ones who ended up serving my tour in West Germany.

While there I became friends with Bob Morrissey. Bob was a very kind and friendly guy with a quick wit. He and his wife Sue and my wife Kathy and I enjoyed many hours together. Bob then spent a year in Vietnam and we kept in touch after returning home. During a phone call from Sue, she asked if we could try to visit her and Bob as soon as possible. It turned out that Bob had terminal cancer that may have been caused from contact with Agent Orange. We visited them a short time later, but Bob died shortly after that.

I wasn't able to find Bob's name on the traveling memorial wall but the vet on duty said that his name may be on the permanent wall in Washington. Bob was not what you might think of as a hero, or a battle hardened fighting soldier. He was more. Bob was dedicated to serving his country in every way asked of him. He didn't have strong political ideas of why we should or shouldn't be over there. He simply believed that he owed his nation a few good years, and was proud of the uniform and the flag he fought under.

Bob wasn't bitter about his prospect of a shortened life or leaving behind his beautiful wife and two young children. I know this because he mentioned it during a long ride on a fishing boat.

I think of Bob often and something he mentioned during that visit. "What matters most in life", he said, "is that we love and take care of our families and love God. If we do, God will have a place for us in heaven."

Bob old friend, I'm not sure if your name is on the wall in Washington but more importantly, your name most assuredly is in the Book of Life in heaven.

I love you buddy.



Catching Up with the Cruising Fleet

By Karen Carns



Gentlemen and ladies... Start your engines! And by engines, I mean boat engines! Memorial Day weekend not only heralded the running of the Indy 500, but also the running start to a fabulous EYC Cruising Fleet COME BACK from COVID SUMMER!

May flew by with a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta out at the Rickloff Boat House. It was quite a good time with complementary Mexican beers provided by Erie Beer, delicious Mexican food provided by our Fleet members plus margaritas provided by the Fleet! A good time was had by all. Any reason for a party, right?? Ole!

Early May was a bit cold and rainy but by mid-May when things warmed up a bit, our Cruisers had covers off, boats buffed and polished and were ready to have some fun together, both on and off the water.

We cruised into June with a summer-like day for our first Raft-off of the season on June 6. A dozen Erie Yacht Club Cruising Fleet boats-or 14 vessels if you count the kayakers-and about 40 Cruisers spent the day together in Marina Lake and WE HAD A BLAST! How could we not, with the weather at 80°, sunny and light west winds? It was perfect. With Covid restrictions finally relaxed, everyone was so excited to be back on the water as a group enjoying the weather, our boats, our beautiful state park and each other.

We had a lot of new faces and many long-time members, so it was a great mix and fun to meet and welcome new Fleet members. There were a couple of "cruise-bys" too of EYC Cruiser boats who couldn't stay but stopped to say "Hi!" Maybe you can stay next time. The water may have been a bit brisk but there were a few swimmers and paddle boarders out there braving the chill.

The rest decided to wait for warmer water. This was a great boat party and we hope to repeat it several more times during the summer.

Our next event of the summer was the June 15 Cruise-Day Tuesday Dock Party gathering, hosted by Don and Marilyn Russell and Barbara and Michael Wathan on land at Dock G-14. Unfortunately, the weather was not quite so warm as for our raft-off, but the warmth of our hosts and hostesses and our Cruisers made up for it! There was a Mexican theme with margaritas compliments of the Fleet.

At this event we had a 50/50 raffle and also signed up new members! The Fleet grows on! Why not, with the Participation Fee just \$50 for the first year and \$35 for renewals, all of which is returned to the Fleet with parties just like this one at our home port or on a destination cruise, there's no reason not to join.

At the time of this article, there are a few more dates that Cruisers have on their Calendars. Of course, as always, these activities are weather dependent, so we won't know if they happened till they did!!

On June 23 we plan another boat party as we raft-off in Presque Isle Bay to watch the sailboat races. And on June 29 we will cast off for a rendezvous in downtown Erie at the Port Authority courtesy dock in front of the Sheraton and then a scenic bay front dinner at the lovely Shoreline Bar and Grille at the Courtyard Marriott. We've reserved 20 spots for dinner and are praying for good weather that day.

Looking ahead to July, in addition to Cruise-Day Tuesday activities and more raft-ups and local dinner cruises, we encourage all Cruisers to participate in the 30th annual Frolic on the Bay on July 12, 2021.

Any questions, or to donate your boat, time or monetary support, give the co-chairs a call! The Co-Chairpersons are EYC Cruisers Maureen Beck and Kathleen Dailey. You can reach Maureen at (814) 864-8446 and Kathleen at (814) 450-2364. Or email them at eycfrolic@gmail.com

As far as long distance cruises go, we are looking for trip leader for a multi-day destination cruise in mid-July. You pick the dates; you pick the destination. You plan it and we will cruise!

Looks like we will also be cruising to Dunkirk, NY sometime later this summer. I know... Dunkirk you say? But really, it's a cute little town with a lovely lighthouse and historical museum, a great Greek restaurant on the water, a little promenade of shops and watering holes near the Dunkirk Pier, and a hotel and marina complete with a pool!

Not to mention nearby wineries and golfing. All this and it's just a short boat ride, or maybe bike ride if you want to pedal along. Look for details on this event and plan to join the cruise.

Of course, the big, Club-wide event of July is on July 31st the Venetian Night Party and Lighted Boat Parade. Decorate your boat to win big!!

Stay tuned because the cruisers certainly have a lot of fun activities planned for the remainder of the Covid Comeback summer. So check our website and our Facebook page to get in the loop and be part of it all!

And as always, if you have an idea for an event, cruise or party you'd be willing to coordinate, let us know and we'll get the word out!





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Venetian Night Is Coming!

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by Dianne Cunningham

Venetian Night, one of the most well-attended, fun, and unique events held at our Club Lighthouse, celebrates its fourth year! Resurrected in 2018 from a 40-year hiatus, this soiree entices our members to celebrate summer while enjoying all the Club offers: camaraderie; beautiful views; scrumptious food; great music and dancing; and the only boat parade on Lake Erie (according to this writer's knowledge)!

Expectations of event guests are higher than ever, as all are getting back into the social scene and looking for ways to enjoy the water, fresh air, and beautiful Erie sunsets. For those of you who have never attended Venetian Night, it really is a "must do" this summer.

A Fantastic Boat Parade!

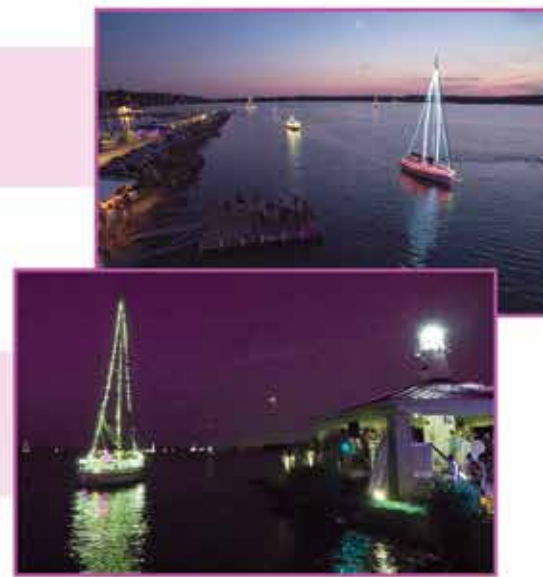
Attendees all appreciate the HIGH-LIGHT of the Night, the Boat Parade. Unfortunately, most of us would rather WATCH the parade than be in it... which is making your Venetian Night Committee a bit nervous. Won't you consider participating in this aspect of evening? We all so look forward to seeing the ingenious themes and lights. The parade cannot go on without our members and their friends making it happen...

"A highlight of the evening is the much-anticipated boat parade at sunset."

Club members are encouraged to gather their favorite crew and come up with your unique decorating theme. Participation in the parade is always great fun. The Ladies of the Bridge have a wonderful time judging the boats, observing them in port as well as during the parade. Theme music is often a big part of the decorations. Best Sailboat, Best Power Boat, and Best in Parade awards are announced at the conclusion of the parade segment of the event. Themes in previous years have included Under the Sea, Racecar theme, Happy Days theme, Beach themes and true Venetian themes. Crew costumes are half the fun!

Highlights of Venetian Night 2021

- "America Is Open!" Theme, celebrating our country's recovery after the pandemic.
- Old fashioned BBQ meal with dessert, created and served by your EYC staff.
- Cash Bar
- Music and Dancing provided by "Smokin' Section"
- Sunset view of EYC members crews fabulous Boat Parade featuring both power and sail boats.
- Sponsored by the EYC Cruising Fleet and its Venetian Committee.



Other Notables:

- Seeking Captains and Skippers to register their boat for the parade by July 24th. Must pre-register for boat parade. Non-registered boats may participate in the parade; but unfortunately, will not be part of the judging for prizes and awards.
- MANDATORY Boat Captain/Skippers meeting Thursday evening (July 29, 6 PM); Captains/Skippers will provide more details about their boat theme/crew/outfits/etc. and learn more about the parade route and order.
- ALL boat parade participants MUST HAVE working radio.
- Open seating event
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What's the Good Word?

"UNTRANSLATABLES"

by Dan & Kathy Dundon



This segment of Good Words is a little different, a departure from "quotations" which we hope you will enjoy. We came across a listing of "untranslatables"... words without direct equivalents in other languages. Here is a sample of some of these "untranslatables" psychologist Tim Lomas has cataloged from around the world.

A **chuisle** (Irish Gaelic) "my pulse", my beloved, my darling, someone who is so close and loved they are like your pulse.

Agape (Greek) selfless, unconditional, devotional love.

Arbejdsglaede (Danish) "Work gladness joy", pleasure or satisfaction from work.

Cafune (Portuguese) the act or gesture of running one's fingers through a loved one's hair.

Coup de foudre (French) A "lightning bolt". Sudden and powerful love at first sight.

Fernweh (German) far distant (fern) pain plus woe (weh) the call of faraway places, homesickness for the unknown.

Fjaka (Croatian) Relaxation of body and mind, sleepiness, drowsiness, the "sweet nothingness of doing nothing".

Gemas (Indonesian) a feeling of love or affection, the urge to squeeze someone because they are so cute.

Gezellig (Dutch) cozy, warm, intimate, enjoyable, often a shared experience (with close others).

Hygge (Norwegian) A deep sense of place, warmth friendship and contentment. As an adjective hyggelig enjoyable, warm, friendly, pleasant.

Koi no yokan (Japanese) the feeling of standing on the verge of falling in love.

Kreng-jai (Thai) "Deferential heart", respect and consideration for other's feelings ahead of one's own, the wish to not trouble someone by burdening them.

L'esprit de l'escalier (French) "Staircase wit", a witty and/or incisive rejoinder that comes to mind just after an interaction.

Maitri/metta (Sanskrit/Pali) Loving kindness, benevolence, "may you be happy".

Mono no aware (Japanese) the experience of understanding the transiency of the world and its beauty.

Pochemuchka (Russian) Someone (often a child) who asks a lot of questions.

Saper vivere (Italian) the ability to handle people and situations with charm, diplomacy and verve.

Solarfri (Icelandic) "Sun Holiday" when workers are granted unexpected time off to enjoy a particularly sunny or warm day.

Tsavd tanem (Armenian) "let me take away your pain" used in various ways to position the speaker as interested in caring about the other.

Ubuntu (Zulu) being kind to others on account of one's common humanity.

Yes, writing these "good words" drove spell-check crazy, and yes, we think "pochemuchka" is a fun word to say out loud, too!

How about you? Don't you have some favorite quotes or such words-of-wisdom or maybe something a little off-beat like "untranslatables"? Why not send them to us: (dandundon@gmail.com) to maybe include in future EYC log articles?

Here is a final "untranslatable" which might be "just right" to conclude these Good Words?

Eucatastrophe (English) A sudden, favorable resolution of events, a happy ending!





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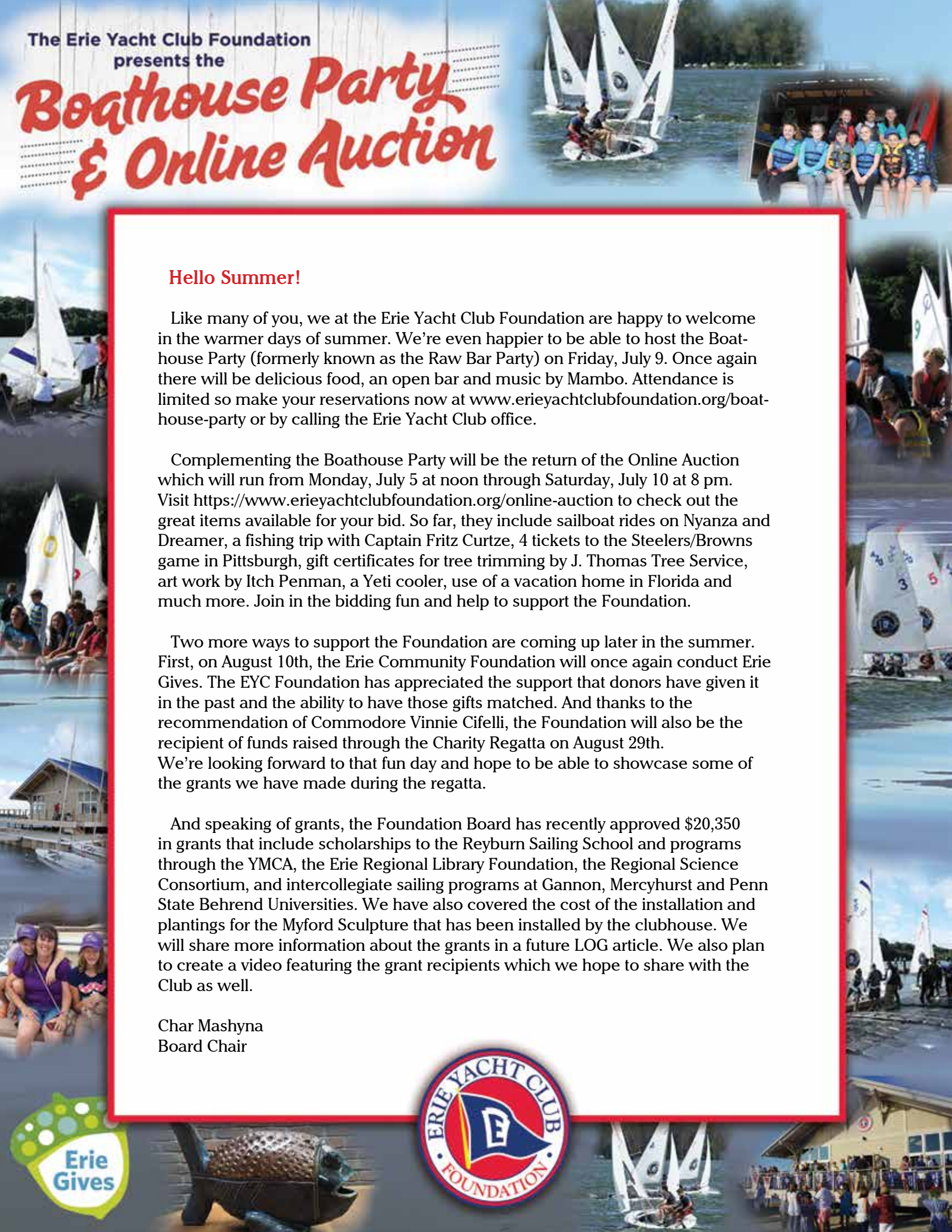
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The Erie Yacht Club Foundation
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Hello Summer!

Like many of you, we at the Erie Yacht Club Foundation are happy to welcome in the warmer days of summer. We're even happier to be able to host the Boat-house Party (formerly known as the Raw Bar Party) on Friday, July 9. Once again there will be delicious food, an open bar and music by Mambo. Attendance is limited so make your reservations now at www.erieyachtclubfoundation.org/boat-house-party or by calling the Erie Yacht Club office.

Complementing the Boathouse Party will be the return of the Online Auction which will run from Monday, July 5 at noon through Saturday, July 10 at 8 pm. Visit <https://www.erieyachtclubfoundation.org/online-auction> to check out the great items available for your bid. So far, they include sailboat rides on Nyanza and Dreamer, a fishing trip with Captain Fritz Curtze, 4 tickets to the Steelers/Browns game in Pittsburgh, gift certificates for tree trimming by J. Thomas Tree Service, art work by Itch Penman, a Yeti cooler, use of a vacation home in Florida and much more. Join in the bidding fun and help to support the Foundation.

Two more ways to support the Foundation are coming up later in the summer. First, on August 10th, the Erie Community Foundation will once again conduct Erie Gives. The EYC Foundation has appreciated the support that donors have given it in the past and the ability to have those gifts matched. And thanks to the recommendation of Commodore Vinnie Cifelli, the Foundation will also be the recipient of funds raised through the Charity Regatta on August 29th. We're looking forward to that fun day and hope to be able to showcase some of the grants we have made during the regatta.

And speaking of grants, the Foundation Board has recently approved \$20,350 in grants that include scholarships to the Reyburn Sailing School and programs through the YMCA, the Erie Regional Library Foundation, the Regional Science Consortium, and intercollegiate sailing programs at Gannon, Mercyhurst and Penn State Behrend Universities. We have also covered the cost of the installation and plantings for the Myford Sculpture that has been installed by the clubhouse. We will share more information about the grants in a future LOG article. We also plan to create a video featuring the grant recipients which we hope to share with the Club as well.

Char Mashyna
Board Chair



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For 125 years, the Erie Yacht Club has been a home for members and their boats. Every spring and fall, boat owners undergo the same process to get their beloved vessels in and out of the water.

It's no secret that being a boat owner is a lot of responsibility, so for those members that choose not to own a boat, for those power boaters that still love to take a sail every once in a while, for those looking for a little exercise kayaking in the bay, or for all of those that just want to try something new, the Erie Yacht Club brings to you the EYC Rental Program.

Rentals had a soft launch last summer and we are excited to see all of our members again this summer. We offer J22 sailboats, single kayaks, double kayaks, and even a triple kayak. And that's not all! By next season we are planning to expand to pontoon boat rentals.

We are here to get you out on the water for a day of fun. Forget Insurance and slip fees. Say good-bye to waxing. Don't think about buying a kayak again. Make a reservation and enjoy our beautiful Presque Isle Bay, without any long-term commitments.

Members can rent just one time, or as much as possible, with a discounted multiple-rental package. Renting kayaks is a great way for non-boaters to get on the water. Those members that have sailing experience can get approved to rent a J22 and take off for an afternoon of catching the wind.

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A Letter from the Commodore



Fellow Yacht Club Members,

I am writing to you today to inform you that our General Manager Michael Lynch has given his notice of retirement effective October 29th 2021.

Mike has held the position for 31 years and has been a constant asset to our Club for as long. We wish him all the best for this next chapter of his life, enjoying his children and grandchildren, and working on his golf game.

I have met with our Bridge Officers and we are assembling a General Manager Search Committee to find his replacement, and Mike will be there to help along the way. Mike will be there giving us his all through this transition period and I am confident we will find our next General Manager.

The shoes he or she is stepping in to will seem oversized I'm sure, but with some time will fit nicely.

That's all for now but will keep you informed as we progress.

Vincent Cifelli
Commodore



July Calendar of Club Events

- 1st Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Mojito" Drink Specials
Live Music by "American Pie"
- 3rd Fireworks Lighthouse Party
6pm - 11pm • BYOB
Music by "Two for Flinching"
Stay for the Fireworks!
East wall parking is reserved for slip holders only
Please park in the main parking lot
- 5th No Food Service, Bar Opens at 4pm
- 8th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"EYC Relaxer" Drink Specials
Live Music by "Encore"
- 9th EYC Foundation Boathouse Party
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- 11th EYC Family Fun Day! • 3pm
Train Rides • Pony Rides
Rock Wall • Pirate Ship Ride
Face Painting • Caricatures
All Activities are Free!
- 12th 2021 Frolic on the Bay
Skippers & Volunteers at Noon
Children & Families at 12:30 for
Boat Rides, Lunch & Entertainment
- 15th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Party Punch" Drink Specials
Live Music by "Salmon Frank"
- 22nd Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Watermelon Margarita" Specials
Live Music by "Acoustic Ear Candy"
- 29th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Southern Peach Tea" Specials
Live Music by "Steppin' Pappy"
- 31st Venetian Night at the Lighthouse
Decorative Boat Festival!
6pm-11pm • Boat Parade 8:30
Music by "The Breeze Band"
More details at Club's website

Social Distancing & Mask Rules may
still be in effect and enforced.

Time to Frolic?

It's baaaak! After taking a one-year hiatus due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Frolic on the Bay committee has designated Monday, July 12, 2021 for this summer's event, assuming COVID restrictions allow. Coordinating this year's festivities include Kathy and Tom Dailey and Maureen and Ed Beck.

Parents of children with physical and/or mental disabilities will be invited to spend a fun-filled day on Presque Isle Bay. Organizations including the Barber Center and the Mercy Center for Women among others, will invite individuals to enjoy lunch and a power or sailboat ride launching from the EYC.

Please plan to donate your boat and your time to make this opportunity available to as many children as possible. Volunteers are also needed to help families on and off the boats, provide dockside assistance during departures and returns, and to serve lunches to the children and their families.

Following the festivities and after we have said goodbye to all participants, the EYC will host an appreciation picnic dinner for all the volunteers.

For more details contact
the event coordinators:
Kathy (814) 450-2364
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August Calendar of Club Events

- 5th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Orange Whip" Drink Specials
Live Music by "House of Rhythm"
- 7th Junior Sailing's "Eriegatta"
- 10th Junior Sailing Banquet
- 17th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Gin Fizz" Drink Specials
Live Music by "Salmon Frank"
- 17th Town Hall Meeting
For Members Last Names A - H
7pm in the Ballroom
- 19th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Mojitos" Drink Specials
Live Music by "The Syndicate"
- 20th Yacht Rock Party 2.0
At the Lighthouse • 6pm
Sail Away with the Smooth Rock of
Pan Tropix and Yacht Rock Buffet
& Cocktails • Fireworks at 9:30
Reservations Limited
Call 453-4931 Ext. 202
- 24th Town Hall Meeting
For Members Last Names I - P
7pm in the Ballroom
- 26th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Green Tea" Drink Specials
Live Music by "Vegas"
- 29th EYC Charity Regatta benefiting
the EYC Foundation
Skippers Meeting 11am
Race Starts 1pm
BBQ Buffet from 4:40pm - 6:30 pm
- 24th Town Hall Meeting
For Members Last Names Q - Z
7pm in the Ballroom

Social Distancing & Mask Rules may
still be in effect and enforced.

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