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From the Bridge

By Commodore Vince Cifelli

Fellow Members,

As my time as your Commodore winds down I look back at our past year with great appreciation of what we as a club were able to accomplish and the hurdles we overcame along the way. For me it was a wonderful experience being able to work with so many dedicated people. From our Bridge Officers and Board of Directors to all of the Committee members and our staff that all bring their best thoughts and efforts for the betterment of our Club every day. One of the best things I will take with me going forward from my time as an Officer is the people I have met and the relationships Lee and I have formed with so many members who have been so friendly and supportive to us, and getting to know our staff members that have done the same. To me this is the cornerstone of what sets our Club apart from all others.

By now we have all said farewell to Mike Lynch and welcomed Thomas Bedner to his position as General Manager, The Ravine Drive Bridge should

be down and our fuel tank and docks should be well underway. We still have some more work to be done. I ask all Regular Members to come and vote on our Club Renovation at our Annual Meeting on November 19th. This is very important to the future of our Club and will not happen without your support. Please join me at our Annual Meeting for this crucial vote and to show our support for our next Commodore David Sanner and our members on the ballot for election this year.

Thank you all for your support and trust this past year.

Thank you Mary Lee for all your hard work and patience. I could not have asked for a better person to share this experience with.

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The EYC is going through many changes in the upcoming months which include new Officers, General Manager and a possible club house renovation. Even your drive to the Club is changing. Photo By P/C Gib Loesel



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CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION MEETINGS WERE A SUCCESS!

Thanks to the more than 300 EYC members who shared their valuable time to attend the three (3) Town Hall meetings held this past August! The full breadth of our membership was well represented including participants from Regular, Associate, Senior, Junior and Non-Resident classes. Attendees were presented a detailed status of our club house physical plant, conceptual renovation designs, and financial planning. An "Open mike" feedback forum allowed all attendees a chance to offer comments and each meeting concluded with a "straw poll" to gauge support of the planning. Results of this polling found that there was very strong support to move forward with club house renovations.

This article is intended to provide details to those members not able to attend last August's meetings and update all Members on the next steps in the renovation planning.

Why is a major renovation project being considered?

The current Erie Yacht Club House was built in the 1967 and is now 54 years old. It has been 15 years since any major work was done at the Club and most of its key infrastructure has not been changed in the past 54 years. Areas of concern include:

- **Galley (aka Kitchen)** - The kitchen was initially designed to serve limited social events in the Ball room. Today, it services events in the Ball Room *PLUS* a full-time Grill room *PLUS* the Outdoor Deck *PLUS* the Bliss Room *PLUS* events at the Lighthouse *PLUS* events at Rickloff Boat House and even on the front lawn.

The membership has tripled in size since the kitchen was built! Our current kitchen is "grandfathered" in code compliance so any changes we make will trigger some major changes needed to meet current codes.

- **Bathrooms, Main Floor** - Our bathrooms have not changed in 54 years. They are undersized (too few stalls) and do not meet ADA (wheel-chair) requirements.

Like the Kitchen, our Bathrooms are "grandfathered" code compliant so any changes we make trigger some major changes needed to meet current codes. In addition, we know there is leakage/structural damage that needs to be addressed.

- **Staff Accommodations** - In the past 54 years the Club has grown to include a number of professional staff and we simply do not have suitable office space for them. Computers and other Tech devices need suitable space and adequate climate control. Hourly staff members need a suitable change area.

- **Safety Systems do not meet current code** - Any work to the Club will trigger the need to install sprinklers throughout the Club. The Electrical system needs major updating and the alarm system is outdated.

- **Aging Infrastructure** - 80% of our plumbing dates back to 1967 and is undersized for the current operational demands. Major subsystems have reached the end of their projected life cycle... including HVAC and Roofing. The West foundation of the club house is leaking and needs to be refurbished. And there is a lack of adequate storage space.

What planning has occurred to address these needs?

In 2015 a survey of EYC membership ranked Club House renovation as the #1 priority. Shortly thereafter, the EYC Long Range Planning Committee commenced planning for a major club house renovation.

A brief recap of these efforts is as follows:

2016 EYC staff interviews

Detailed interviews were conducted with EYC staff to identify problem areas, define possible solutions, and identify ways to improve EYC Member use of the club house.

2017 Architect/Engineering Design reviews

After interviewing 4 potential candidates, a local Architectural/Engineering firm was selected to evaluate possible approaches of renovation to the EYC Club House.

This included:

- Build new club house

- Keep the existing club house operational while building a fully new structure

- Cost of this option was highest among all options considered and siting of the new building resulted in a less than preferable location of this new building...



- Add second story to existing club house

- EYC legend was the existing club house was designed to have a future second story. Analysis by structural engineers found this not to be true.

- This option was the second most expensive option...

- Retain single story and reconfigure; relocate galley to optimize work flow.

- The goal of this option was to place the kitchen in the optimal location for club house operations... ie. near the center of the club.

- To make this functional, a portion of the kitchen operation would be located in the basement and the logistics of supplying the kitchen became problematic... eg. placing a loading dock near the kitchen was not possible..

- Cost for this alternative was very high as well...

This study work was important as it refocused LRPC (Long Range Planning Committee) on a path that would keep the kitchen in its current location and focus on improving club house space.

2018 "Refocus" planning efforts

With study work of 2017 in hand, the committee refocused on adapting the existing club in a single floor concept with the kitchen and restrooms in their existing locations. Key Objectives are also defined to include:

- **"Right Size" the Club House**

- All renovation plans would be based on the current membership size.

- **Expansion plans were to address known "bottlenecks"**

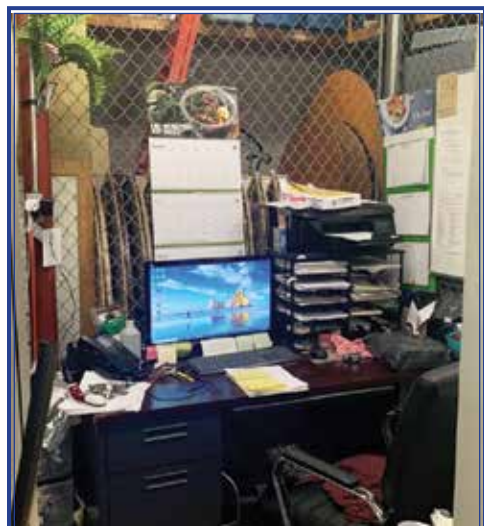
- Increase Galley (kitchen) by +100%
- Increase Grill Room by +50%
- Increase outdoor seating by +75%

- Allow for "future enhancements"

- Design any expansion with capability to add future second floor
- Design any expansion with excavated basement for storage

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Our Chef's "office" is now basically a cage in the storage room.



CLUBHOUSE RENOVATIONS

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2019/20 Covid, lessons learned

The pandemic once again provided an opportunity to sharpen our planning efforts... Lessons learned included:

- Improved outdoor dining experience is needed
- Increased capacity for outdoor dining is required.
- Indoor space needs to be flexible to accommodate many function types

This resulted in the following changes to the design:

- Existing deck to be replaced with at-grade patio with 75% more seating. Lawn seating will still be offered.
- New lower tier seating in Grill room expansion to have Glass partitions and open air features to permit "open air dining" during favorable weather
- Upper Grill east wall to have movable partitions to allow flexible increase of Grill room space...

Floor plans were updated and new budget costs were developed. EYC Finance committee was charged with crafting a plan to pay for the renovation.



2021 Introducing the plan to EYC Membership...

Based on input from the Bridge and Board it was decided to present the plan in 3 Tiers: "Must Do", "Should Do", and "Would Like to Do"

TIER 1: MUST DO

- Expand the Kitchen size by 100%, and Update the equipment.
- Update the Main Bathrooms and increase the number of stalls.
- Relocate the Showers/Lockers and Laundry out of the building and out of prime floor space.
- Expand and consolidate the Office Area
- Update Utilities that are at the end of their life cycle: Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical and Safety (Add sprinklers and update alarms)
- Update the Roof
- Repair the Basement West Wall leak

TIER 2: SHOULD DO

- Expand the Grill Room by 50%. This will be done with an addition on the west side of the club that will include a seating area to the west of the bar, and more Tiered seating at a lower level to the west, like we currently have to the north. This will create flexible space options with windows that can be opened in the new Tiered area, and doors that can be closed for the slower winter months to make it more intimate and cozy.
- Relocate the Hostess stand to the west side of the Grill Room to eliminate a major congestion area. Members and the wait staff have been bumping into each other there for years!
- Add a family rest room, which is a requirement we currently don't fulfill.

• Add a Meeting / Library Room that can also be used as a Bride dressing area.

• Add more basement storage under the addition that will be full height rather than the low height we have elsewhere.

• Increase the Outdoor Seating area by 75% with a new grade-level patio on the north and west sides of the Clubhouse.

• Add a new West Entrance that will have ADA access, space for a future elevator, and improve the facade of the building so it looks less like a shopping plaza.

• Update the main entrance to enhance the facade.

• Refresh interior spaces with new lighting, woodwork, wallpaper, paint and carpets.

• Replace the wall between the grill room and ballroom with a moveable wall to give us more flexibility to expand the grill room or the ballroom as needed.

TIER 3: WOULD LIKE TO DO

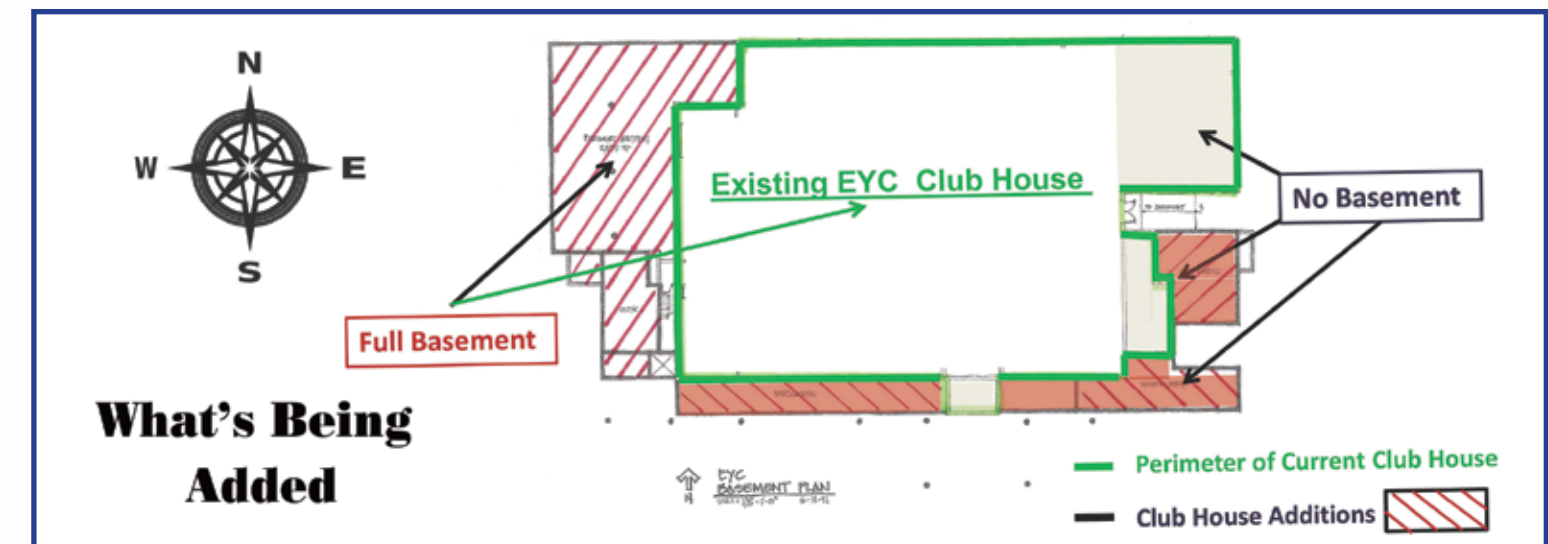
• Add a Second Floor over the new west addition for a "Crows Nest" bar and observation area. This triggers the need to add an elevator for ADA access to the second floor, and down to the new basement storage area.

• Add a patio north of the Bliss Room that expands an event in the Bliss Room with an outdoor space. This will be at a low level in order to maintain the views from the Bliss Room.

• Add new parking areas because sometimes it is difficult to find a parking space. This can be done east of the clubhouse and along the south fence.

• Add "green space" in the main parking lot to eliminate the "shopping mall look".

LET'S LOOK AT THE FLOOR PLANS AND RENDERINGS...



Here is a look at plans. The green line outlines the existing club house, and the slanted line areas are the expansions. You can see the large 40 foot Expansion to the west which will include a full basement. The Clubhouse is also expanding to the south by 8 feet, which will still give us room for some planters in the front. And the kitchen is expanding to the east and south.

Now let's walk inside...

Go in through the main entrance, and you can see the much larger

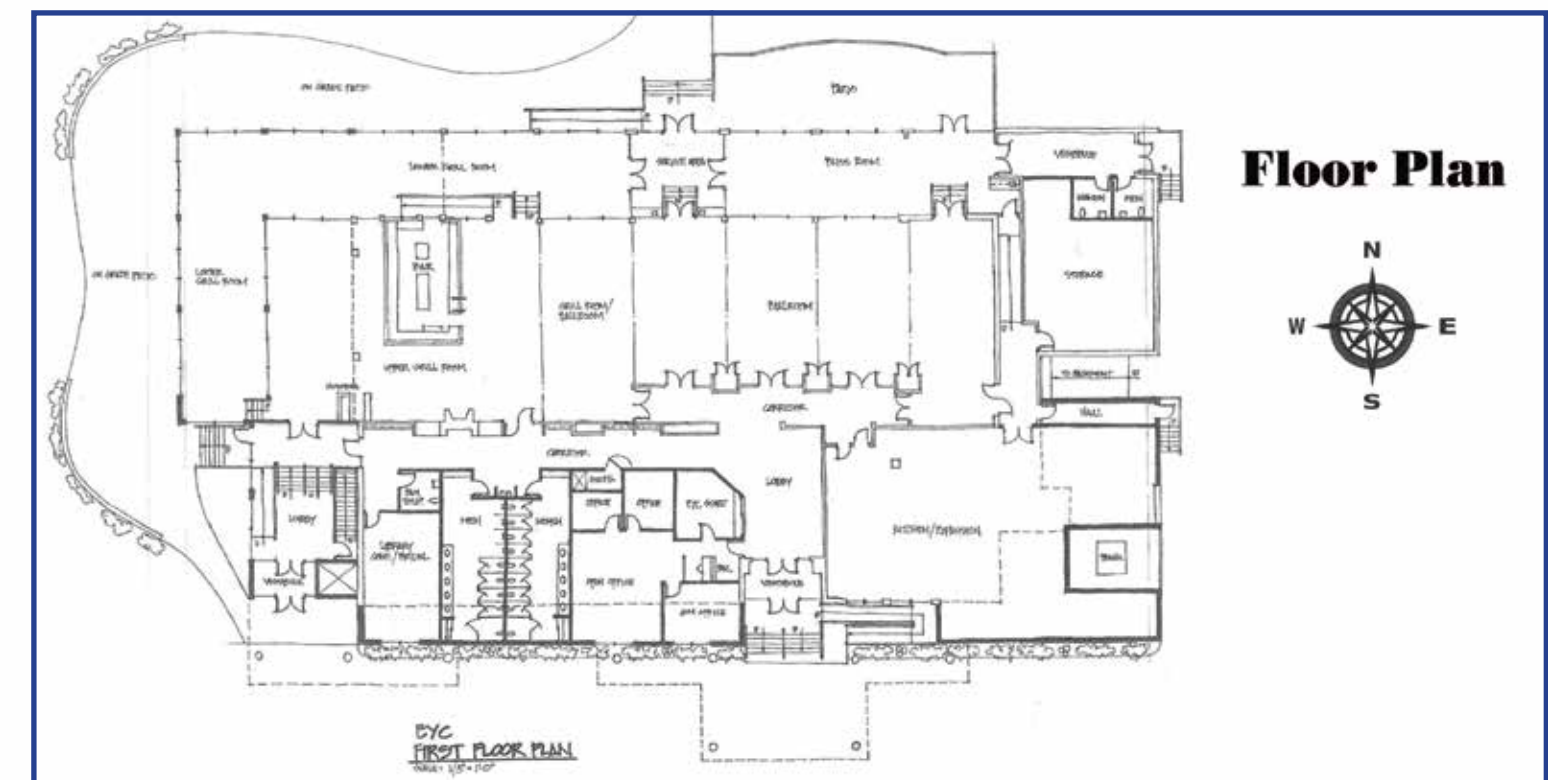
kitchen on the right. Look left, and you see a reception desk, the EYC store, and the offices are now all grouped together. Turn left down the corridor, and check out how many stalls and sinks are in the bathrooms. This will now accommodate our current membership size.

Next you see the Family bathroom, and the new Meeting/Library/Bridal room. Keep going to the new west entrance. You are now in the new addition. Walk in to see the host-

ess stand on your right, away from traffic. There is additional seating ahead, and the new lower grill room wrapping around.

Take a right and you will be in the grill room/ ballroom with a moveable wall that gives us flexibility depending on events. And also check out the new patio off of the Bliss Room. Lastly, the bathrooms on the west end have been reduced in size to allow for more storage space.

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Three renderings have been produced based on planning to date...

The first is an exterior view looking northwest toward the entrance of the Club house. Note the new west entrance and the updated exterior facade.



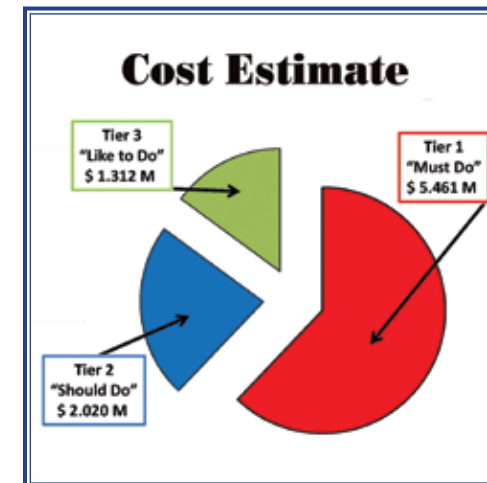
Second is a view looking south east toward the grill room. Note the new patio seating. While this image shows umbrellas at each table, studies continue on how this patio will be shaded from the sun. The second floor "crow's nest" is also shown in this image.

Third is an interior view looking northwest at the grill room space. You can see the bar remains in place and the new lower tier seating on west side of grill room is shown. Note the image does not show the planned glass partitions separating the lower grill room from upper grill room.



LOOKS GREAT! BUT HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO COST?

Below is a pie chart defining costs for each of the three "Tiers" of work. Notice that the majority of the costs are in the "MUST DO" category.



These are not just construction costs, they are the overall project costs. They include the Architecture/Engineering fees. They include escalation costs such as material cost increases since this is going to be a multi-year project. They include a 10% contingency to cover issues we may discover upon opening things up. They include the cost to relocate the Showers/Lockers/Laundry to the Canoe House or to a new building. They even include new kitchen equipment, and furniture for the new addition.

WILL THERE BE AN ASSESSMENT?

Yes. The amount of assessment will vary by Member class and the scope of work authorized by the membership. Two alternatives will be presented for consideration and vote by EYC membership at this fall's Annual Meeting.

Alternative 1: Full Renovation scope; Tier 1, 2, 3

Based on feedback given during the "straw poll" portion of Town Hall meetings held this past August, the vast majority Members expressed a desire to move forward with all 3 tiers of work scope; ie Tier 1 "Must do", Tier 2 "Should do", and Tier 3 "Like to do". The EYC Bridge and Board endorse doing all three tiers of work based on member feedback from the Meetings.

Estimated project cost is \$8.792 million dollars.

Resolution number 4 defines the project loan requirements for tier 1, 2, 3 work scope.

Resolution number 5 defines the member assessment for tier 1, 2, 3 work scope.

Alternative 2: Limited Renovation scope; Tier 1, 2 only

In the event EYC members vote not to proceed with Full renovation, then the partial renovation plan will be considered; ie Tier 1 "Must do", and Tier 2 "Should do". Tier 3 work scope would not be completed.

Estimated project cost is \$7.481 million.

Resolution number 6 defines the project loan requirements for Tier 1, 2 work scope.

Resolution number 7 defines the member assessment for Tier 1, 2 work scope.

(Note: Resolutions 6 & 7 will only be considered if resolution 4 & 5 are not adopted.)

HOW CAN I HELP?

This is a very large project and it's important that all of EYC Members are vested in this project.

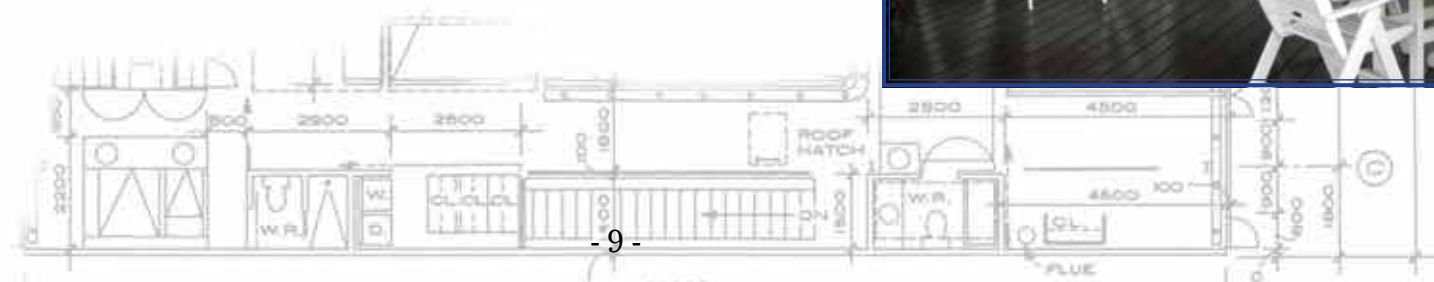
If you have questions please reach out to a member of the Long Range Planning Committee. Call the EYC front office for contact info...

Make your voice heard!... In accordance with EYC Constitution, responsibility for authorization of this project resides with the "Regular" class. "Non-Regular" members are encouraged to make known their recommendations to Regular members.

Regular members are reminded that absentee voting on resolutions is not permitted by the EYC Constitution. You must be present at the EYC annual meeting to vote.

So please come to the meeting, and vote for a great future Clubhouse.

Many thanks to all of the talented members who have volunteered their time and talents to bring this project to us!



Cruises, Clams & Raft-Offs

EYC Cruisers Comeback Summer

By Karen Carns

Cruises, Clams and Raft-Offs, oh my! That's the best way to describe the EYC Cruising Fleet's COME BACK FROM COVID SUMMER OF 2021! We really had an outstanding summer and it was wonderful to be able to be back on our boats and enjoying each other's company in person.

May flew by with a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta out at the Rickloff Boat House. It was quite a party with complementary Mexican beers provided by Erie Beer, delicious Mexican food provided by our Fleet members, plus margaritas courtesy of the Fleet! 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. 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 some new Fleet members.

Our next event of the summer was the June 15 Cruise-Day Tuesday Dock Party hosted by Don and Marilyn Russel and Barbara and Michael Wathan. 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 again 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.

Unfortunately June 29 was a rain out for our rendezvous in downtown Erie at the Port Authority courtesy dock in front of the Sheraton and then a scenic bayfront dinner at the lovely Shoreline Bar and Grille at the Courtyard Marriott. We'd reserved 20 spots for dinner and were praying for good weather but it was not to be. So we did not get our local dinner cruise in this year but it's something to look forward to next season for sure.

In July our cruise day Tuesday was a floating weenie roast complete with brats, Smith dogs and way too much food as usual. We rafted off in Marina Lake and really had a wonderful evening eating and chatting and drinking and just enjoying our boats.

The 30th Annual Frolic on the Bay on July 12, 2021, organized by co-chairs and EYC Cruisers Maureen Beck and Kathleen Dailey, was back this year after a year lost to Covid. Lots of boats, lots of volunteers, lots of clowns and lots of kids made for a great event. Thanks to all who participated.

Late July was our rendezvous at the Dunkirk Yacht Club which by all accounts was a great success. We had good cruising weather up and back, the Dunkirk Yacht Club was charming and welcoming, our Cruisers had a blast - so what more can we say! Our Friday night Happy Hour with Fleet provided rum punch and Grill Your Own dinner was way too much fun on the picnic deck at the DYK and Saturday we enjoyed a band, tiki bar and dinner under the stars lakeside at Dimitri's. Everyone from the Dunkirk YC was very friendly and the Dunkirk waterfront has been upgraded and is really quite charming.. It was a great trip.

Of course the big, Club-wide event of July on July 31- the Venetian Night Party and Lighted Boat Parade was FABULOUS!!! The party, band and food were terrific... the weather actually cooperated, with lots of decorated boats in the slips and 5 on the water with themes of 1979 Disco, Party like a Patriot, Go for the Gold Olympics/USA, Ghostbusters and Yellow Submarine! Neal and Pam Baker won free dues for a year! Everyone had fun and we look for an even bigger parade next year! SAVE the date - July 30, 2022.

Our September "Day At The Beach" on Saturday September 11, 2021 became a raft up at Marina Lake due to choppy seas. Don and Marilyn Russel of NO EXCUSES headed this one up and we had another great day on the water... this never gets old!

Cruise Day Tuesday on September 21, the first day of Fall, was a Clam Bake at the Rickloff Boathouse (rain again so it was moved from the Lighthouse... kind of a soggy summer.) This was a fun, new party for us, the brainchild of Karin McNair who pulled off a terrific Clambake for 50 complete with clams, salt potatoes, fresh picked corn on the cob and grilled sausage and peppers.

Desserts and appetizers provided by our Fleet members and a Club charge bar hosted by everyone's favorite bartender, Adam, made for a terrific evening! Fun times for sure. Lots of folks pitched in to help Karin make it happen... Maureen Beck, Brad and Karen Carns, Fritz Curtze, Michael and Barbara Wathan, and Barbara Brown. Our next Commodore said he wants this to be an annual event so I guess we'll do it again! This event was compliments of the EYC Cruising Fleet for paid Fleet members, another example of how the Fleet returns dues paid to the members.

Speaking of the Boathouse... as this LOG goes to print, we are lining up the crock pots for the 5th annual Cruise-Day Tuesday Annual Soup Cook-Off on October 19. There is always a prize for the best soup and the fun part is tasting them all and voting!

Summer may be over and the boats may be out of the water early this season, but the merriment continues. Look for us in the EYC Clubhouse on the third Tuesday of each month over the winter as we gather for Cruise-Day Tuesday.

All are welcome.



PULLING THE PLUG...

Why Does the EYC Unplug Electrical Connections to Boats in the Winter?

• BY RUSS THOMPSON •

Many of you may wonder why the yacht club grounds crew unplugs the electrical connections to boats in the yard nightly, and why don't they plug them back in the next morning?

There is a simple explanation and there is also a bit of urban legend to the reasons why a boat would want to be plugged in all winter. The safety committee has asked me to write an article to help boat owners understand. A disclaimer, I am not an electrical engineer, but I have sought input from an expert Jeff Eastman, who is an accomplished electrical engineer and Jeff has agreed to help us all understand some of the basics of batteries and battery safety.

Jeff is an EYC member who joined in 2013, and whose wife Neala joined 29 years ago. Jeff has a PhD in Electrical Engineering from NC State University. Thank you, Jeff, for your contributions!

So, let's get right to it. The main reason to unplug is safety. When winter storing a boat, it is common to top off the fuel tanks. Full of fuel, the boats are packed together tightly like sardines. A fire on one boat would most assuredly spread quickly to many boats. For this single reason alone the yacht Club prevents a boat from being plugged in, unattended, overnight in the winter. Similarly, it would be irresponsible for a crew member to ever plug a boat in, not knowing what is on the other end of the connection.

I am sure this is no surprise to anyone, so on to the part of the article that addresses the reasons that members have offered as to why they might want their boat plugged in at all in the winter. One of the many reasons given is that a battery will freeze and can be damaged or destroyed, and keeping a trickle charger on the batteries prevents freezing. It is this reason that I want to address.

First some basic facts:

1. A fully charged lead acid battery can handle extremely cold weather. The batteries can withstand temperatures as low as -75 degrees Fahrenheit without freezing. The caveat being a 'fully charged' battery.
2. A fully discharged battery will freeze at about 28 degrees F. So, what is a fully charged battery and what must a boat owner do to ensure that the battery is fully charged? How long will it stay fully charged? For this part of the discussion, I asked Jeff Eastman to lend a hand.

Regarding how to deal with marine batteries in an Erie, PA winter, Jeff writes:

What you have written correlates well with what I have learned over the years about lead-acid storage batteries. These batteries' ability to hold a charge depends upon their internal resistance, which is a function of their age.

This internal resistance causes a small leakage of electrons between the (+) and (-) terminals and causes a fully charged battery to self-discharge on its own over a period of time. The question is, how long?

Wikipedia says:

Self-discharge is a chemical reaction, just as closed-circuit discharge is, and tends to occur more quickly at higher temperatures. Storing batteries at lower temperatures thus reduces the rate of self-discharge and preserves the initial energy stored in the battery. Self-discharge is also thought to be reduced as a passivation layer develops on the electrodes over time.

Other references I've found say they lose 4-6% of their amp-hour capacity per week at 80 degrees, so a 125 amp-hour battery would lose perhaps 6.25 amp-hours per week at 80 degrees. Of course, winter in Erie is more like 15-50 degrees F so the actual self-discharge rate would be less. If the self-discharge rate is 5 amp-hours per week, then the battery will discharge to half capacity (62.5 amp-hour) in about 12 weeks. The freezing point of a 50% discharged lead-acid battery is about -35 degrees F so there's still plenty of safety margin even in Erie. Of course, all this assumes there are not any loads on the battery. If your boat has any devices that remain on after you've turned your battery switches off, then this will accelerate the discharge.

On Northern Lights, I never like to let my batteries below 50% of charge so I try to plug in my battery charger for a day every couple of months while I'm on the hard. I have a Xantrex battery monitor on the boat (which is still on when the switches are off) and I've never seen more than about 15% discharge with this interval so my calculation above is pretty pessimistic.

To summarize, putting your batteries on a trickle charger over the winter is certainly a safe course of action but plugging in your boat's battery charger for a day every few weeks will do just as well.

Regards,
Jeff Eastman

Well, EYC, there you have it. I hope you get a charge (sorry, I couldn't help myself) out of reading this article as much as I did writing it and learning from Jeff. On behalf of our membership, thank you Jeff for your expertise and willingness to share.



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Ode' to Rope



submitted by
Bill Coleman

A rope is a rope,
but sometimes a line.
Or it might be a painter
towing the dinghy behind.

From fiber to yarn,
then strand into rope.
It's the twisting that does it
which makes strong at the scope.

There's polys and sisal,
manila and hemp.
But when buying nylon
your money's well spent.

The big one's the hawser
with strain to defend.
The little one's the small stuff
for seizing the end.

The rode holds the anchor
in mud, sand, or rock.
The bow, spring, and stern lines
hold the ship to the dock.
You pay out a drogue line
when caught in a gale.
But pay out a halyard
and down comes the sail.

A bell rope it might be
clanging the time of the day.
Or it might be a cable
holding the mast with a stay.

On wash day at Granma's
clothes pins were used.
But a sailor needs clothes stops
to hang up his blues.

If you pull on a sheet
your toes will get cold.
But when in a boat
the sails will unfold!

Be it braided or twisted
fiber or steel.
It's still just a rope
if it stays on the reel.



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If These Docks Could Talk

A Tale of Two Trophies

by P/C Gib Loesel



The other day I was sitting in my kitchen and as usual gazing out at the water daydreaming about how lucky I am to have such a delightful view both summer and winter. Just to the left of the daydream window there is a very old chest of drawers that was built by my Great Grandfather Orville Baker (mothers' side). The dresser has a crack in the side and one leg needs a splint but other than that it is very functional and of course the top is a landing zone for "things" that need to be thought about, like put it away or what the heck and I am going to do with this, I would bet you all have such a spot!!

Anyway, there sat two trophies one EYC and one sort of EYC which got me to thinking (again) about where they all come from and what becomes of them when they go out of view. This is the tale of two trophies that have been long since been awarded or given and are now long forgotten.

The first one was removed from the club trophy cases several months ago because it was broken, the lovely silver bowl was separated from the base. The bowl was tarnished, after a little elbow grease and polish the name appeared, The Clarence A. Traphagen Memorial Trophy Penn-Erie Fleet. It was last awarded in 1970, unfortunately this once thriving Star Boat fleet has given way to smaller less expensive boats and the trophy was anchored.

As I read through the names of the champions engraved in it, I thought about the trophy and a flood of wonderful memories came back to me, but one very sad memory raced through my head. Who you say was Clarence A. Traphagen? More commonly known as "Bud". He was the father of P/C Peter Traphagen and my old friends Eric and Mike; Bud was also a very active member of the Club.

Back in the 50's much like today Sea Gull point just outside the channel was a popular place to anchor for swimming, picnics and typical good old fun afternoons on the water. Regrettably, this typical day turned sad, as Mr. Traphagen was getting ready to take a swim he slipped and fell into very shallow water, suffering a broken neck. After this tragic accident friends created and dedicated the memorial trophy in his honor.

Later I researched the club's recorded history and could not find anywhere where this accident had ever been recorded. Now that our LOGs are posted on the internet it makes me feel better knowing Bud's accident is recorded and the incident, while sad will not slip away with a broken trophy. The list of those winning this championship are listed at the end of this article.

On a happier note, the second trophy never actually made it into the Club trophy case, The EYC Twist Championship 1962! If my memory serves me right (sometimes it doesn't) Chubby Checker and his hit song "The Twist" was at the top of the charts and of course everyone had their own "moves". I don't recall the actual theme of the party, but it did include a dance contest and of course it was the Twist that dominated the competition. Competitors came from every dock around, so let the music begin! (On a side note, one of the other things I remember about "The Twist" was many a back were never the same after dancers gave it there all) and "how low could you go" was the cry!!

Ok, long story short, Yours Truly and my dance partner Suzy Zurn got the Blue Flag and the silver plate pictured above was ours! But wait that is only part of the story, the deal was Suzy would keep it at her home for 6 months and then it would be my turn, seemed like a good idea at the time however time has a funny way of throwing things off course. While it was in her anchorage it must have been tucked away and forgotten, "boo hoo!" Wait, here comes the good part, about a year ago almost 60 years later Suzy and I happened to be attending the same memorial service when her daughter Karen said, "don't go anywhere afterwards, Mother has something for you."

You guessed it, back in my court... now all I have to do is remember what date it gets passed back?

If These Docks Could Talk, they would say, "Life deals us all little Twists, what matters it is how we handle them !!"



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Foundation Bouncin' Back

Thanks to Support of EYC Members

By Board Chair
Char Mashyna



We at the Foundation would like to extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to all who supported us this past year. Through our various fundraising activities, the Foundation raised nearly \$91,000! This is very exciting, as it will enable us to increase the amount we can distribute in grants in 2022 as well as increase the funds in the endowment.

It was a relief to be able to host the Boathouse Party again this year as it is the major fundraiser for the Foundation. Although it was a bit wet at the beginning of the evening, the rain didn't dampen the spirits of those in attendance. Sponsors donated a record \$52,636 and thanks to the generous donation of auction items and the bids made, the Online Auction raised an additional \$11,000.

Erie Gives was also a success. Of particular note was the donation from skipper Dave Heintzenrater and his crew of the yacht "Raven" in memory of Dan Dundon who had sailed with them for many years and had passed away.

The Foundation was honored to have been selected by Commodore Vinnie Cifelli to be the recipient of the proceeds from the Erie Yacht Club Charity Regatta. Many thanks to Mike and Mary Bova for their efforts in what was a rebuilding year after the regatta was put on hold in 2020 due to COVID concerns. Good winds, local vendors, gift baskets and a tasty taco bar helped to make the day a success for all in attendance.

While our grant funds were limited this year, we were still able to fund 10 scholarships to the Reyburn Sailing School for current and past students from Strong Vincent Middle School. Despite not having students on campus this past spring, Gannon, Mercyhurst and Penn State Behrend were able to reinvigorate their inter-collegiate sailing programs this fall thanks to our funding. They hosted a 2-day regatta in September, the "Battle of Lake Erie" with 9 collegiate sailing teams in attendance. A fine way to showcase the Erie Yacht Club!

Other awards included funding for programs at the Regional Science Consortium, the YMCA, and a joint project through the Erie Regional Library Foundation and the Erie Maritime Museum.



Looking forward, a goal of the Foundation is to continue to grow the endowment. We will once again conduct our annual year-end appeal with those donations added directly to the endowment. Discussions are underway on how to best reach potential donors. To that end, we've created a marketing video that showcases how we address our mission. We will also be dipping our toes into social media. Ongoing conversations are also being held to explore what maritime activities might benefit from our funding. Any thoughts or suggestions are welcome.

Again, thank you for your support.



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Winter is Coming...

By Tom Madura



What is a Winter Solstice Party you ask?

Let it never be said that Erie Yacht Club members would miss an opportunity for a good party. In Summer, we have the Sunset Happy Hours. Fall brings us the Commodore's Ball and Oktoberfest. And in late December, we mark (note I didn't say celebrate) the arrival of Winter with the Winter Solstice Party. If you've been to previous Solstice parties, you already know what a good time it is. If you haven't been - well you're in for a treat!

As is the case with many good ideas, the plan for the Winter Solstice Party was born during an alcohol-fueled discussion during a summer Sunset Happy Hour. The topic arose amongst some of us as to how to extend the seasonal use of the West Deck - this was in 2008 and the gas heaters had just been installed. The plan was to have a party commemorating the Winter Solstice - OUTDOORS. The plan came to fruition, and the rest, as they say, is history.

The details are simple - thanks to the grounds crew and lots of volunteer help, the deck gets wrapped in heavy plastic to keep out the worst of the elements and the heaters are turned up full blast to keep it nice and toasty (in theory) regardless of the weather. Erie's own Jimmy Buffett tribute band - Key West Express plays some hot tunes to keep folks dancing; and the bar serves up your favorite beverages including the special Hot Buttered Rum which will keep you warm no matter what. Old Man Winter himself usually makes a guest appearance to schmooze the crowd and pass out treats (and pose for pictures!).

So plan on checking out this year's party on December 18th. It's close enough to Christmas to wear your favorite ugly sweater, or wear a Hawaiian shirt, or your favorite apres-ski togs. Whatever works for a sort-of indoor/outdoor party in late December with tropical music. If you're still confused, just look at the pictures!

I hope we'll see you all there on December 18th!

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Almost Loopers:

Our Transition from Sailing Cutter to Tiny Tugboat in Retirement

by Mark Middleton (& Paula Massey)

Transitions are rarely as easy as we hope they are. In the early 2000's, Paula and I retired from racing our 24' foot sloop in the regattas of Wilmette Yacht Club at Wilmette Harbor, Illinois. Although this decision to abandon our weekly competitions was difficult, I didn't miss spinners gone awry. Paula appreciated the now-less-colorful language of the skipper.

We moved to a life of cruising and live-aboard vacations on our Horizon 39' cutter, the S/V Nereus. With every intention of completing "the Great Loop" from Lake Michigan and back again via the USA's inland waterways and coastal waters, we encountered mother nature's "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" bearing the four names of Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne in 2004. The World Meteorological Organization retired these names, and they will never be used again.

These storms affected the Gulf Coast so severely, our southward journey halted with a detour to a small municipal marina on Roseberry Creek, (Tennessee River's Lake Gunter'sville), Scottsboro, Alabama. There we were: stuck in bass boat paradise aboard a heavy cruising yacht...

We thought to resume our southward journey the next season after contractors could sufficiently repair gulf-coast marinas to receive visitors. Alas! A tropical depression developed on August 23, 2005, to become the infamous Hurricane Katrina, causing 1,800 deaths and \$125 billion in damage and another name retirement. This "SETBACK" in capital letters meant another year potentially casting for large-mouth bass in fisherman's heaven. There was a silver lining: catching up on the long list of Carl Hiassen's hilarious Florida-based mystery novels.



Topside of Nereus after a visit from hurricane Sally.

Eventually, Nereus made her way via the Tombigbee waterway to Dog River Marina. We enjoyed the fine southern cuisine of the Mobile Bay Yacht Club and a slip from which we explored new waters. Straightway, we moved farther east to a barrier isle, Pleasure Island (Orange Beach) Alabama, which is about 24 nautical miles west of Pensacola Bay and Naval Air Station Pensacola.

From that location, we were so delighted to cruise isles, bays, and bayous all along the Gulf Coast between New Orleans and Tampa Bay.



Although the damage to Nereus seemed mostly cosmetic it was evaluated to be a total loss by the insurance company.

All our thoughts of completing the Great Loop vanished. (Aboard our son's Cape Dory 28', we eventually completed another large leg of the Loop sailing offshore from Florida to the Hudson River, New York, eventually to arrive at Lake Erie.)

We only had to survive Ike, Ida, Fay, Gustav, Claudette, Isaac, Karen, Cindy, and Michael. We won't discuss the BP Deep Water Horizon disaster [*].

All was "generally" well, until, as we wrote in the Winter (2021) issue of "The Log", three hours of Hurricane Sally's eyewall destroyed our beloved Nereus' tabernacle, mast, rigging, and brightwork. Even though hull damage was basically cosmetic, the whiskey bottle unbroken and the pipe tobacco dry, our insurer declared her to be a total loss.

What to do next?

After long family discussions, this aging skipper and his wife decided to make another transition. Our next boat would be a motor vessel. No more sails, halyards, sheets, and winches for us! We settled upon a small 21' classic "toy" tugboat manufactured by Ranger Tugs of Washington state, but currently residing on Long Island, New York. She had the same green hull color as her predecessor. A small Yanmar diesel gives her a cruising speed of about 8 knots.

We figured with this boat we could still just be cruisers "slowly going nowhere at great expense" in the summer of 2021. Of course, the boat didn't come with either a tow vehicle or trailer, so more arrangements proved necessary.

As Scots poet Robert Burns noted, "the best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft a-gley." The simple replacement of a cutlass bearing, noted in our marine survey of the boat, took nine months for local mechanic(s) on Long Island to accomplish after a January work order - and then only after I secured the appropriate bearing myself and shipped it to them. Long Island's marine mechanics completed the work in August. Finally, we reached our destination of Presque Isle Bay and the EYC - but not until September... Hallelujah!

What we've learned so far in 2021:

- No matter the weather, hurricanes seem unlikely in Erie.
- It's quite nice to just "turn a key" and go.
- EYC gatherings are fun!
- A truck with a trailer can carry our little boat far and fast.
- If we give a "toot toot" with the horn from a toy tugboat, people wave and smile.
- We can still have "cruising" parties for up to 8 people.
- Unlike a heavy cruiser, our small vessel moves like a bobbing cork in the water.

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Well worth the trip to Long Island for our next chapter in boating.



Almost Loopers:

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- Her shallow draft lets us explore little coves and bays formerly impossible to reach.
- We try never to take the sea abeam; we don't appreciate that kind of rock and roll.
- We've learned to adjust course to take heavy wakes in the bay bow forward.
- A light boat is more troublesome to dock in a breeze but much easier to anchor.
- The waters of Presque Isle Bay and surrounds are quite lovely for cruising "in season."

If all goes well enough, we hope to enjoy our little tugboat during our remaining active retirement years. Since our last vessel was named for the shape-changing sea god Nereus, we reluctantly refrained from creative and clever puns and stuck to the ancient Greek mythology of her predecessor and mythic ancestor(s).

We've named our little green tug for one of Nereus' many daughters. She will be the "Nērēis Nēsaîê", roughly translated as "dwelling - on - islands Nereid."

Nesaea was one of the Nereids who consoled Thetis' grief over Achilles' loss of Patroclus. Later, she and four of her sisters were able to help the mythic ancestral progenitor, Aeneas, and his crew during a storm, thus becoming a friend of storm-tossed sailors. Our semi-tropical Winter mooring will remain a mystery, but at least we won't be chapters in Hiassen's "Assume the Worst" (2018) or "Squeeze Me" (2020).

Who knows? We might complete the Great Loop to Manitowoc, Wisconsin in the future. We look forward to giving everyone a toy tug's cheerful "toot" on Erie's next boating season, 2022.



[*] Some amateur Youtube Memories for adventurers connecting to ZMLM07:
<https://youtu.be/PxNLkmD4Pok> "Nereus and Dolphins" (a photo/video journal)
<https://youtu.be/XA4sZi52PyU> "A simply Dolphin, day" (video aboard Nereus)
<https://youtu.be/XA4sZi52PyU> "Beyond Petroleum Concerto" (photos and video from the Gulf Coast.)
<https://youtu.be/uvqlu25fOIU> "Shock the Monkey" (video from aboard the Tall Ship Manitou)

ELECTION SECTION



The following regular members of the Erie Yacht Club have been nominated for the indicated office. The following Slate of Candidates is for consideration by the regular members at the Annual Meeting on November 19th, 2021.

COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

David Sanner

VICE COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

Harvey Downey

REAR COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

Michael Squeglia

FLEET CAPTAIN - ELECT ONE:

Alex Nagle

Russ Thompson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ELECT TWO:

John Bauman

Ben Cares

Jack Jamison

Jeremy Lincoln

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECT THREE:

Michelle Butterfield

Ryan Marsh

David Martine

Sarah Warner

P/C Richard Vicary

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 19th at 7:30pm to vote for the candidates of your choice.

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

P/C Peter Lund, Alex Nagle and Russ Thompson.

Also Nominating Committee members:

P/C Matthew Niemic, Chair, P/C Andrew Hanks, P/C Peter Lund
Molly Herr, William Lillis Jr., Commodore Vincent Cifelli, ex-officio.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting and the 2021 complete Financial Statement will be made available for members to pick up on November 8th, 2021 in the Club's front office. In addition an abbreviated version of the Financial Report will be available on the Club's website in the "Members' Only" section and will be emailed to those members with an email address on file.

The Bridge Officers

COMMODORE DAVID SANNER



I would like to thank the membership for your support during my time as Vice Commodore. This last year has been a great year but not without its challenges.

We emerged from the COVID outbreak and moved forward cautiously while working to get the Club back to a somewhat normal activity level. It seemed that from opening day on everyone was ready to get back to the life we love at our Club. We struggled and still do, trying to find enough staff particularly for our food service, but also for all other areas of the Club. I would like to personally thank all our employees for the hard work during this stressful time. Without them we would not have the great Club that we have. We have seen food and beverage sales at an all time high with no signs of slacking off. Going into the fall time frame we are once again seeing COVID rearing its ugly head. Rest assured that your club management and bridge and board will work to keep our members and employees safe.

I wish to thank all those who worked with me the past few years and I welcome the honor of serving you as your Commodore in the year ahead.

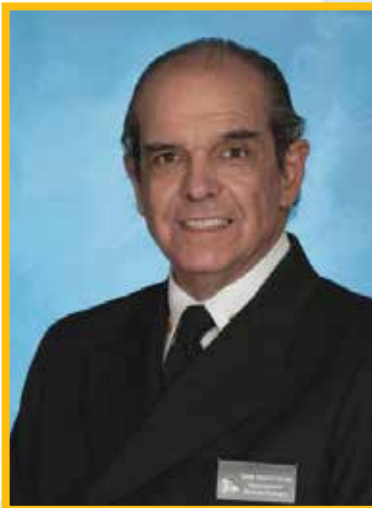
VICE COMMODORE HARVEY DOWNEY



I would first like to thank this year's Dock Committee for their fine work in helping manage the dock assignments this past boating season. The Dock Committee is made up of member volunteers and three staff members. One of those staff members is G.M. Mike Lynch. Mike has many years' experience in this role and has been an invaluable committee member to every incoming Rear Commodore. Enjoy your retirement, Mike. Secondly, I would like to thank the membership for their support during my term as Rear Commodore. In addition to serving as the Chair on the Dock Committee this year, I also served on the House Committee, Grounds Committee, and the Safety Committee. I served on two ad hoc committees as well, which were the G.M. Search Committee and the Clubhouse Renovation Committee.

This upcoming year is going to be a milestone year for our Club. It will include a changing of the guard with a new General Manager, replacement of the gasoline and diesel fuel tanks, the installation of a never-before had floating gas dock, and the recommended clubhouse renovation project. All this, along with the normal events of our club, 2022 is stacking up to be a busy year for our staff, the Bridge & Board, and the countless volunteers at our great club. I look forward to serving as your Vice Commodore and appreciate your continued support.

REAR COMMODORE MICHAEL SQUEGLIA



It has been an honor to serve as your Fleet Captain this past year as well as working with my fellow Bridge members: Commodore Cifelli, VC Sanner, and RC Downey. Together with the Board of directors we took on the task of replacing our retiring General Manager, informed and prepared the Club for the upcoming vote on the future renovation project, and continued tackling the impact of the Covid pandemic.

In addition to serving on the Finance Committee, liaison to the JR Racing Committee, and the Thompson Trophy Committee, my responsibilities included chairing the Grounds Committee. I would like to thank all the members of this year's committee as well as our Dockmaster Mike Argeny and his crew for their hard work. With their assistance we are scheduled to see the demolition of the hazardous Ravine Drive Bridge, installation of new fuel tanks, floating fuel dock, continued construction of the east basin protection wall, and many other projects.

The planned work for the remainder of this year and into 2022 will be the continued reinforcement of the basin outer walls, replacement of the east boat ramp dock, installation of new siding on the Canoe house, and various other projects. The EYC grounds has many moving parts always requiring attention which our dockmaster skillfully handles ensuring our next Fleet Captain is well positioned for a smooth transition.

Thank you for all your support this past year and I ask for your approval to serve as your next Rear Commodore.



FLEET CAPTAIN ALEX NAGLE

I would like to begin by thanking the nominating committee for considering me for the position of Fleet Captain; it is a privilege to be asked to continue my service to the Erie Yacht Club. I'd also like to congratulate Russ Thompson for his nomination, I've enjoyed working alongside him for the past several years.

My wife Amanda and I have been members of the Erie Yacht Club since we were 16 years old, and these docks have been a part of my life since my earliest memories. We are both products of the Junior Sailing program, and continue to actively race and sail. We look forward to watching our young daughter grow up and form her own memories down here as well.

During my years of membership I have served on the Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee, and been on several committees including Junior Sailing, Finance, and Long Range Planning, among others. Working alongside the Bridge and Board for these last three years has been inspiring given the simultaneous challenges of COVID, high water, new fuel tanks, and a major clubhouse renovation. If elected to Fleet Captain, these experiences give me confidence that I can continue to serve the membership faithfully for the next 4 years.

Professionally, I work as a Principal and Chief Data Scientist for an international market research firm, managing teams in the US and Europe. Additionally, I hold a 100-ton USCG Master's License, and have been a volunteer Ski Patrolter for 22 years.

It is important to me that my young daughter and the next generation of EYC members has the same wonderful experiences at the club as I have had, and with your vote I will enthusiastically embrace this responsibility to serve the current and future EYC membership. Thank you for your consideration.



FLEET CAPTAIN RUSS THOMPSON

I am honored to have been selected as a candidate for Fleet Captain. Congratulations, Alex Nagle, my fellow nominee. I served with Alex for 3 years and I have a great deal of respect for him.

The desire to serve EYC as Fleet Captain stems from my love of the Erie Yacht Club. Just like you, I have lifelong friendships here which I will cherish - forever. My kids sailed in Reyburn. My wife Jennifer and I enjoy racing our boat Morningstar in the EYC fleet. It is an awesome Club and we have made it our home.

I am CEO and owner of a software company founded in the 1980's. Healthcare IT Automation is my company's specialty. I have spent a lifetime assisting offices all over the US and have used my experience to help streamline the EYC. The timing seems perfect for my expertise to be of its greatest value to the Club. I understand the systems in place, especially the software and databases necessary to run the Club. This knowledge is critical as we begin with a new manager. I have immersed myself into the operations here and have a solid understanding.

I have served on the Nominating Committee, the Board, on Finance, Long Range Planning, Grounds, House, Docks, Safety, the Rental Program, and most of the Regatta Committees. I am the current Chair of the Membership Committee which makes me the luckiest guy on the BOD. I get to meet all of our new members firsthand. I redesigned both EYC and Foundation web sites and automated the registration process for Reyburn, EYCRF, the Charity Regatta, the Cruising Fleet, the Erie Open Regatta and others.

If elected I will work tirelessly for you and I humbly ask you for your support and your vote for this important responsibility.

Candidates for Board of Directors



JOHN BAUMAN

Thank you for considering me as a candidate for the EYC Board of Directors.

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as a member of the leadership of our fine club. I previously served as a member of the EYC Nominating Committee.

I have been an EYC member for over 40 years. Over that time the Club has been transformed to one of the finest yacht clubs on the Great Lakes. I appreciate all that our Club has to offer to its sailors, power boaters, and Associate members.

I have been active at the Club since I was 12 years old, rising through the Sailing School Program. My wife, Carolyn, and I enjoyed power boating with both of our fathers at EYC since we were young. We started our married life sailing on our Laser and Hobie Cat 16. Over the last 16 years we have enjoyed power boating, along with our 4 sons.

I have run manufacturing companies for over 25 years. I have been President of Fralo Industries, a precision sheet metal fabrication company for over 15 years. At Fralo, we focus on satisfying our customers, employees, suppliers and stakeholders. The work to meet these combined expectations has taught me how to manage an organization to achieve these goals.

If elected, I will work to assist the Club to the best of my ability as an active and contributing member of the Board.



BEN CARES

I love this Club! My wife, Mary Jo and I often comment that joining EYC was one of the best decisions we've made... Well, at the very least, the best boating decision.

Owning both power and sailboats, I've boated for over 25 years on this end of Lake Erie, and before that, on Conneaut Lake, in Florida and around the Sandusky, Ohio area. Of all the clubs with which I've been associated or visited, the Erie Yacht Club stands far above, for it's facilities, it's staff, and the friendliness and generosity of it's membership. To now be afforded the opportunity by the Nominating Committee, to run for a position on the Board of Directors, is an honor I truly appreciate.

For those of you who don't know me, or who I haven't had the occasion to meet, you'll find my wife and I hanging around the end of D Dock on our Catalina 320 "Catch the Wind." EYC is very much our summer home as we usually spend 3 - 4 days a week aboard and attend as many Club events as we can.

We hail from Meadville (please don't hold that against me!) where I graduated from Allegheny College, own a commercial photography business and served for 30 years as a director and past president of the Meadville Area YMCAs. I've been fortunate to serve on the House Committee for the past two years, help with the building of the playground, participated in the Charity Regatta for many years, and been active in the sailboat race fleet, crewing on "Rakish" and now "Attack" and even an enjoyable stint on "Outlaw."

I'd very much like to continue to serve our Club as a member of the Board of Directors, and would appreciate your vote.



JACK JAMISON

Thank you, and it is an honor to be considered a candidate for a position on the Erie Yacht Club Board of Directors. I welcome the opportunity to contribute in any way that I can to the continued betterment of this wonderful Club.

I have operated a busy private chiropractic practice for the past 12 years in Erie where, alongside my primary patient care, I offer a suite of therapeutic modalities for varying conditions related to pain and injury. I also own a separate business that employs licensed massage therapists - all to provide effective and efficient care in Erie. My experience owning multiple small businesses with employees, as well as a multi-tenant commercial property in Erie, provided me experience and appreciation for leadership and I have an awareness of the necessity to assess what is best for the whole of the membership to further the Erie Yacht Club's history of excellence.

My family stays active and has lot of fun on the Club grounds. My wife, Kristy, currently works as the Staff Assistant to the Erie Yacht Club Foundation, and my boys Jack III (7) and Alex (5) are part of the Opti-tots sailing class, sail our sunfish, kayak, fish on the dock, and play at the playground. We sail as a family in the racing fleet as fast as we can on our boat, Nebesa.

The continued success of the Erie Yacht Club depends upon dedicated volunteer leadership and I would be thrilled to be at your service as a part of the Board of Directors. I appreciate your vote.



JEREMY LINCOLN

Thank you to the nominating committee for your infinite wisdom in my selection as a candidate to the board of directors. In all seriousness, I am honored to be considered to join a long list of distinguished members that spans over a century and welcome the opportunity to serve.

I found my recreational passion in the Reyburn Sailing school that led me to race on many mainstay keel boats from the EYC race fleet over the decades: "Eyerly", "Smoke", "Mary Lou", "Pigs at Sea", "Downtime", and my current on/off affair with "Taz". The boats will be forgotten, but not the people, camaraderie, and community I've met on the water here in Erie, but also Ithaca, NY, Madison, WI, and Chicago. EYC has become my family's back yard living "up the hill" in frontier. My wife Liz, sons' Findley (14), Taylor(12), Stuart and Ari (4) were happy to add "Simplify" (2) to our fleet this year joining "Lucile" (67), our antique thistle.

Professionally, I returned to Erie in 2003 after almost a decade trading commodities in Chicago to trade a different commodity, scrap metal, becoming the third generation of leadership at Lincoln Recycling. I will leverage experiences from my work, non-profit leadership, boating, and knowledge from other EYC members to focus on my aspirations for our Club. That is to build upon the extraordinary value proposition it represents while being inclusive to varied maritime pursuits.

Candidates for Nominating Committee



MICHELE BUTTERFIELD

Hello EYC Members,
It is a privilege to be a candidate on the Nominating Committee. The growth of the EYC is dependent on dedicated members that serve the Bridge and Board. As the 3rd generation owner of Al's Awning Shop I have seen a lot happen in Erie, PA and I am proud to provide many of the EYC Members with canvas over the years.
I have enjoyed being a member of the Erie Yacht Club since 2008 and have loved watching my family grow up at The Club. We anticipate all 3 of our children to continue their memberships as they grow and have families of their own. The importance of the Nominating Committee to nominate eligible candidates that see and are willing to serve the growth of the Erie Yacht Club is very important to me and my family. The continued success and future growth of the EYC is dependent on the selection of nominees and I hold that with the utmost importance.
Thank you for your consideration in my election to the Nominating Committee.



RYAN MARSH

I am excited be asked to run for the Nominating Committee of the Erie Yacht Club. My wife and I have been powerboaters at the EYC since our return to Erie ten years ago, and it would be an honor to serve the Club in this capacity. I have previously been on the Long Range Planning Committee, and see the fantastic future the Erie Yacht Club has in front of it.
My wife and I have an 8 year old daughter and twin 5 year old boys, and now that they are "a little easier," I'm happy to get back in to volunteering at our Happy Place. The 5 of us love boating, the beach, and most importantly, the friendships that we've made at the Club.
I am a Vice President of Sales for Flexjet, an aviation company selling fractional ownership of business jets. I've been in the industry for almost 15 years and understand the importance of the right people in the right position. It would be a privilege to serve in such an important role for the Erie Yacht Club, and do my part to ensure the future successes of the Club.
Thank you for the opportunity.



DAVID MARTINE

I would be honored to serve on the nominating committee. I'd like to note that my grandfather (Hurley) was a member and my father was Past Commodore (deceased). As for my personal experience, prior to my parents' membership, the Erie Yacht Club outreach program allowed me to take sailing lessons. Several summers sailing and advancing my skills led to my love of boating and our Club.
My career includes the FBI (Forensic Scientist), CIA (Operational Special Agent) and Homeland Security (Consultant and Instructor; contracts active). I spent two years in the 1990's in charge of all hiring for my Directorate in the CIA. Always loving Erie, I joined the Yacht Club as a regular member over 20 years ago while working and living far from Erie. I moved back to Erie in 2009, and worked as a professor at both Gannon and Mercyhurst Universities.
I've spent over 40 years working for the USG, targeting threats posed by people around the globe. In this instance, I'll be looking for people of good character, love of boating and assets to our existing EYC Family. This Club matters, and I'd like to work to keep it fun and safe for every member.



SARAH WARNER

When I think of our Club, I think of sailing with my parents. I think of cruising on our trawler, and watching my kids beam with pride as they learn to skipper their own Opti. I think of the French onion soup on chilly autumn days, burgees hanging from the ceiling and the cannon announcing the sunset. I think of how this is the place I want my kids to associate with the best parts of their childhood - from the dining room to dock parties to dancing on the porch on summer nights.
I think of the EYC as the place where people come to gather, to sail, to cruise, to dine and to share the spirit of camaraderie that the EYC is known for. I think of the future of the Club, which is why I am honored to have been named as a candidate for the Nominating Committee. To me, this committee holds the responsibility to help protect and preserve the EYC legacy, to continue its traditions and help bring new successes as we look forward to the future.
It is a responsibility I both understand and vow to uphold as a member of the nominating committee, should I be elected.



P/C RICHARD VICARY

Growing up as a young man it was always a dream of mine to become a member of the Erie Yacht Club. At age 27 I was accepted as a regular member. Since that time, I have participated as a member of the board and had the honor of serving as the Club Commodore in 2005.
During my time as a member, I have also participated in many activities and have been involved with numerous club projects. I have participated in power boating, sailboat racing, ice boating, kayaking, jet skiing, fishing and all the events our Club has to offer.
I believe I have the experience required to help select candidates for office that will continue the growth, success and traditions of our fine Club. I will work very hard to bring qualified candidates that I believe will build on the future success of the Club.
Thank you for your consideration. My family and I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve the Club we love and cherish so much.

Special Resolution Notice:

PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING!

THOSE UTILIZING ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE ONLY ABLE TO VOTE FOR THE SLATE OF OFFICERS, NOT ANY RESOLUTIONS.

AS YOU SHOULD ALL BE AWARE, A NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THE CURRENT BOARD AND BRIDGE WILL BE PRESENTED FOR A VOTE.

YOUR ATTENDANCE AND SUPPORT OF THOSE RESOLUTIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE HEALTH OF OUR CLUB IN THE FUTURE.

Club Offers Absentee Ballot

The 2021 Annual Meeting will take place on Friday November 19th. On September 20th, requests for an absentee ballot for the election of office will be available. You can secure an election ballot by contacting the Club office. The office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 AM-4:30 PM and Saturday 8 AM-3PM. The Club phone number is 453-4931.

Please state the address to which you would like your ballot mailed. Ballots will be mailed on Monday, October 25th, which is 25 days prior to the Annual Meeting on November 19th.

The office will keep a list of those members to whom we send a ballot. Once we mail you a ballot, you will not be eligible to receive another ballot.

So if your plans change, and you come to the Annual meeting in person you will not be given another ballot. **Vote with the ballot you were sent!**

Once you receive your absentee ballot, please mark it and return it to the Club in the specially marked envelope as soon as possible. The returned ballots will be placed under lock and key in the office until the night of the meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer will then give all returned ballots to the Head Teller to be tallied with those cast at the meeting. You may return your sealed ballot to the Club as late as the start of the meeting on November 19th, 2021 @ 7:20.

Any questions? Feel free to stop by or call the Club office.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1

(Passage of this resolution is per Para 9 of the EYC Constitution and requires a 2/3 vote of Regular members present at the meeting.)

Add to Article VIII of the Constitution, new paragraph 4:

“Club employees and temporary employees are ineligible for nomination as Officer or Director, and no Officer or Director may serve as an employee during his or her tenure in office. Persons who are paid by the Club as independent contractors, consultants or as compensation for duties approved by the Board of Directors are not subject to this provision.”

Article VIII, Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 will need to be renumbered 5, 6 and 7, respectively

Rationale:

This change to the Constitution which was approved by the Board in 2020 proposes to eliminate any potential conflict of interest when an employee off the Club would have to recuse themselves from voting on any motion due to their position as an employee.

RESOLUTION #2

(Passage of changes to By-Laws requires a simple majority of Regular members present at meeting.)

Section I of the By Laws, paragraph 14:

Replace the current language with the following:

Current:

Beginning in 1993, and upon special request, the Board of Directors may defer payment of a portion of the Initiation Fee (not to exceed one-half) for a limited period (not to exceed two years). (Rev. 11/21/03)

Proposed:

“Upon written request to the Secretary-Treasurer, the Board of Directors in its sole discretion may approve payment of the Initiation Fee for Regular Members in installments. When approved, one-half of the Initiation Fee shall be due upon acceptance as a Regular Member, and the remainder of the Initiation Fee shall be paid in period not to exceed two years.”

Requires a majority vote of the members present.

Rationale:

This is clarification of the current language to clearly state that any requests for deferral of initiation fees must be directed to the Secretary Treasurer and approved by the Board and the length of the deferral is not to exceed two years.

RESOLUTION #3

Removal of Basin project related text from By-Laws .
(Passage of changes to By-Laws requires a simple majority of Regular members present at meeting.)

Remove the following Basin related text from the EYC By-Laws. (removed text shown in blue bold strike out)

1. The annual Membership Fee for Regular Members shall be \$850.00, effective January 1, 2020, (Rev.11/15/19). In addition, each Member shall pay an Initiation Fee of \$4,500.00 upon acceptance, effective January 1, 2004, except that the Initiation Fee for a Regular Member who converts from Special Membership and who is the un-remarried surviving spouse of a deceased Member shall be one third (1/3) of said Initiation Fee. ~~Effective 2002 Regular members who have paid full dockage for the current season will be credited \$50.00 in the September statement. (Rev. 11/16/01. Effective 2006 the \$50.00 credit will be allocated to the Basin Reserve Fund. (Rev. 9/24/2005)~~

~~15. Effective November 1, 2005, the Dock Committee shall be directed to increase slip, dock and storage fees by an amount sufficient to generate \$165,400.00 annually. These funds shall be allocated to the Basin Reserve Fund. The dock fee increase will be generated by increasing the dock minimum charge and the square footage charge by the same percentage.~~

~~16. Effective November 1, 2005, and expiring on October 31, 2021, all Regular and Associate members will be assessed \$250/year. (Rev. 11/15/2014) All funds collected will be allocated to the Basin Reserve Fund.~~

Rationale:

Basin debt is paid in full as of 2/1/21. Final phase of basin renewal, the EYC fuel dock/tank replacement, is fully funded and will be completed early spring 2022. As such, all text related to the basin project can now be removed from the EYC By-Laws.

Authorization for Club House Renovation Term Loan
(Passage of this resolution is per Para 9 of the EYC Constitution and requires a 2/3 vote of Regular members present at meeting)

Rationale:
Resolution 2 and 3 facilitate the funding required for full renovation of EYC club house.
Scope as presented in the town hall meetings to include:

- EYC will undertake club house renovation with a budgeted cost of \$8.793 million. Budgeted cost includes 10% margin for escalation and contingency. Initial work scope will be funded by club cash reserves and early assessment income. Balance of cost will be funded by a fixed term loan not to exceed \$7.5 million.

Term of the loan is projected to be 10 to 12 years maximum. Loan will be competitively bid and Terms of loan negotiated. One goal of this negotiation is to include a “no prepayment penalty” and avoid a mortgage style loan, however, the resolution provides for this should it become necessary.



**Assessment of Membership for Club House renovation project.
(Passage of changes to By-Laws requires a simple majority of Regular members present at meeting.)**

15. Effective January 1, 2022 EYC members will be assessed annually per the below table.

All Assessment proceeds will be directed to the Club House Renovation Account.

Member Class	Assessment
Regular	450.00
Associate	450.00
Special	140.00
Junior / Junior Family	
16-20 years old	0
21-25 years old	0
26-30 years old	75.00
31-34 years old	190.00
Honorary	0
Senior	140.00
Non-Resident	140.00

(For Example; a Regular member prepayment would be:
\$ 450 x 11 = \$ 4,950.00 a savings of \$ 450)

Resolution 2 and 3 facilitate the funding required for full renovation of EYC club house.

- Tier 1 “Must Do” work scope \$ 5.461 Mil
- Tier 2 “Should Do” work scope \$ 2.020 Mil
- Tier 3 “Like to Do” work scope \$ 1.312 Mil

The Assessment is needed to fund the EYC club house renovation project.
Current members will pay assessment for a term of 12 years.
New Members joining after start of project will pay for 12 year term not to exceed a sunset date of 2036.

Note: Resolution 6 and 7 will only be presented for vote in the event resolutions 4 and 5 fail to be adopted.

RESOLUTION #6

Authorization for Club House Renovation Term Loan
(Passage of this resolution is per Para 9 of the EYC Constitution and requires a 2/3 vote of Regular members present at meeting)

“Resolved that the Erie Yacht Club Board of Directors is hereby authorized to obtain a fixed rate loan not to exceed 6.5 Million for a term not exceeding 12 years. Loan proceeds are to be used exclusively to fund the EYC Club House renovation project and at the discretion of Board of Directors may be secured by a first mortgage on the Club property.”

Rationale:

In the event Resolution 4 and 5 fail to be adopted, Resolutions 6 and 7 are offered to facilitate the funding required for partial renovation of EYC club house. Scope as presented in the town hall meetings to include:

- Tier 1 “Must Do” work scope \$ 5.461 Mil
- Tier 2 “Should Do” work scope \$ 2.020 Mil

EYC will undertake club house renovation with a budgeted cost of \$7.481 million. Budgeted cost includes 10% margin for escalation and contingency. Initial work scope will be funded by club cash reserves and early assessment income. Balance of cost will be funded by a fixed term loan not to exceed \$6.5 million. Term of the loan is projected to be 10 to 12 years maximum. Loan will be competitively bid and Terms of loan negotiated. One goal of this negotiation is to include a “no prepayment penalty” and avoid a mortgage style loan, however, the resolution provides for this should it become necessary.



Note: Resolution 6 and 7 will only be presented for vote in the event resolutions 4 and 5 fail to be adopted.

RESOLUTION #7

Assessment of Membership for Club House renovation project.
(Passage of changes to By-Laws requires a simple majority of Regular members present at meeting.)

Add new paragraph to Section 1 of EYC By-Laws

16. Effective January 1, 2022 EYC members will be assessed annually per the below table.

Term of assessment is 12 years for existing members. Members elected after January 2022, will pay assessment for 12 years from date of election not to exceed end of calendar year 2036.

All Assessment proceeds will be directed to the Club House Renovation Account.

Member Class	Assessment
Regular	325.00
Associate	325.00
Special	115.00
Junior / Junior Family	
16-20 years old	0
21-25 years old	0
26-30 years old	55.00
31-34 years old	135.00
Honorary	0
Senior	100.00
Non-Resident	100.00

Members may prepay assessment with single payment. Prepayment will result in a waiver of assessment that would be due for year 12. (For Example; a Regular member prepayment would be \$ 325 x 11 = \$ 3,575.00 a savings of \$ 325)

Rationale:

In the event Resolution 4 and 5 fail to be adopted Resolutions 6 and 7 are offered to facilitate the funding required for partial renovation of EYC club house. Scope as presented in the town hall meeting to include:

- Tier 1 “Must Do” work scope \$ 5.461 Mil
- Tier 2 “Should Do” work scope \$ 2.020 Mil

The Assessment is needed to fund the EYC club house renovation project. Current members will pay assessment for a term of 12 years. New Members joining after start of project will pay for 12 year term not to exceed a sunset date of 2036.

What's the Good Word?

By Kathy Dundon



Here is a mix of quotations sent to us from Patty Sperry to help us wrap-up another year of "Good Words." I hope y'all enjoy reading these. Somebody named "anonymous" had a lot to say, so here are more "good words" from her or him for us to ponder:

Only those who risk going too far will ever know how far they can go.

When your confidence goes up your competence goes up at the same time.

The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose.

You can't climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets.

Nothing makes you more tolerant of your neighbor's party than being there.

Do not do what you would undo if caught.

If opportunity does not knock, build a door.

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

Humble people don't think less of themselves. They just think of themselves less.

Once you have accepted yourself, it is so much easier to accept other people and their points of view.

You can complain that rosebushes have thorns...
or rejoice that thorn bushes have roses.

We hope among these quotations you heard a few new ones? How about you? Don't you have some favorite quotes or such words-of-wisdom? Why not send them to me at: kvdundon@gmail.com to maybe include in future EYC log articles?

In closing...

When the game is over, the king and the pawn go back in the same box.



November Calendar of Club Events

- 3rd Board of Director's Dinner
- 6th Erie Yacht Club Racing Fleet Banquet with music by Smokin' Section (no Dinner Service)
- 19th EYC Annual Meeting • 7:30pm Only Regular Members are permitted at the Meeting No Guests or Spouses
- 24th EYC's Turkey Bawl • 5-7pm Drink Specials : Apple Cider Mimosas • Salted Carmel Apple Martinis • Hors d'oeuvres and Live Entertainment with Encore
- 25th Thanksgiving Day - Club Closed

Attention Snowbirds!

Most Clubs in Florida require a letter of introduction from your home club.

Before you travel you can secure your own letter by logging into the Members Only section of the EYC website and use the fillable form.

If you would like to see what yacht clubs are in your area you can click on the link to the Yacht Clubs of America web site: <http://www.ycaol.com/> and enter the following user name and password.

User Name: club1040
Password: y100446c

Remember:

Reservations for many Club events can now be made online!

EYC's Pre-Feast Day Party

TURKEY BAWL



Wednesday November 24th

Apple Cider Mimosas

Salted Caramel Apple Martinis

Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres

Live Entertainment with "ENCORE"



December Calendar of Club Events

- 4th Member's Christmas Party 6:30pm Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres Special Christmas Dinner \$40 plus • Reservations Required Music by Manhattan
- 11th Breakfast with Santa • 10am • Fabulous Breakfast Buffet • Visit with Santa • Kids Decorate an Ornament from Claytopia • Collegiate Vocal Jazz Ensemble \$15 plus • reservations required at: 453-4931 ext.202
- 14th Dinner with Santa • 6pm • Holiday Favorites Dinner Buffet • Visit with Santa • Kids Decorate an Ornament from Claytopia • Collegiate Vocal Jazz Ensemble Adults - \$17 • Kids Under 13 - \$10 (plus tax & gratuity) Under 5 Free! Reservations at: 453-4931 ext.202
- 18th Winter Solstice Party on the Patio 6pm - 10pm • Libations and Dancing with Key West Express
- 24th Club Closed Christmas Eve
- 25th Club Closed Christmas Day
- 30th Family New Years Eve Party • 6-9pm Kid Friendly Family Buffet Candy Buffet • Family Photo Booth Party Hats & Horns, Balloon Drop Juice toast, Mocktail Bar and dancing with "memories in Motion" \$20 Adults • \$15 - Kids under 13 (plus tax & gratuity) Reservations at: 453-4931 ext.202
- 31st EYC New Year's Eve Bash! 7:30pm - 1am • Dance in the New Year with "Street Level" • Hors d'oeuvres • Party Favors • Champagne Toast Casual Dress Event \$35 (plus tax & gratuity) Reservations for Hors d'oeuvres Required

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