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From the Bridge

By Commodore David Sanner



As I look back over these last 4 years of serving the Club that we all love, I fully appreciate the commitment of those who have served in the past as well as those who will serve in the future. I have been extremely fortunate to have had the wisdom and counsel of many past Commodores as well as that of my fellow officers and board. It is through their dedication of time and talent that our Club continues to be the premier club on the Great Lakes. Our Club has experienced record high water, near collapse of the canoe house, the introduction of a new General Manager and accounting staff and is now in the beginning of a major renovation project. All along the way I witnessed the spirit and willingness of our members to embrace the changes and weather the rough patches.

I am confident that the officers that follow me will continue to build upon the foundation set forth by our past Commodores to keep our Club strong. As we endure the interruptions of the renovations, it is just a momentary bump in the road leading to an even better club that will carry on for many years to come. I have enjoyed my year as Commodore and thank the membership for giving me the privilege of serving you. I wish continued success for our new Commodore, Harvey Downey, and I offer him my support in his new role. Thank you again for this opportunity. Sincerely,
David Sanner.

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The beautiful mountains of Alaska's Saint Elias range tower over a glacier in Glacier Bay National Park.

Photo by Tom Madura



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ALASKA

The Last Frontier



Story & Photos
by Tom and Cindy Madura

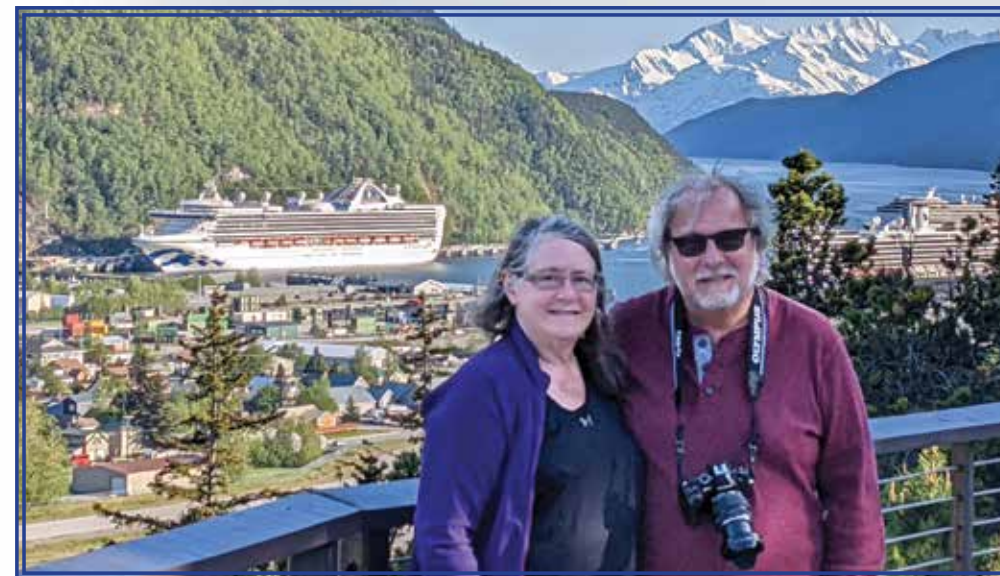
Unless you don't enjoy vast stretches of wilderness, up-close wildlife encounters, and spectacular scenery everywhere you look, Alaska should definitely be on your travel list. Like many folks, Cindy and I had traveled very little in the last 2 years due to the pandemic. So, with pent-up wanderlust and accumulated travel credits from canceled trips, in May of 2022 we headed North to Alaska on a combined land and cruise tour with Princess Cruises, which proved to be spectacular.

We began our adventure by flying into Fairbanks several days before our tour was scheduled to begin. Fairbanks, although below the Arctic Circle, is very far north, making for a long travel day. The flight from Minneapolis to Fairbanks alone was almost six hours, and we didn't get to our hotel until 11:00 PM Alaska time, which was 3:00 AM Eastern time. After a good night's sleep, and then a couple of days exploring Fairbanks on foot, we took a paddle-wheel riverboat tour of the Tanana and Chena rivers. The river tour included a stop for a demonstration of sled dog training, as well as a visit to a recreated traditional native fishing village. At the conclusion of the riverboat tour, we traveled by tour bus to Denali National Park, where we were to spend the next four nights.



River tour boat in Fairbanks.

Denali National Park and Preserve, formerly known as Mount McKinley National Park, is a national park and wilderness preserve centered on Denali, the highest mountain in North America. The park and preserve encompass 6,045,153 acres (9,446 sq mi) which is larger than the state of New Hampshire.



Cindy and I overlooking the port in Skagway.

Princess Cruises maintains two lodges near the park, and we spent two nights at each of them. Each lodge is a self-contained complex of lodging, restaurants, and gift shops, with access to tours and shuttle buses into the park itself. Our first day-trip took us by bus about 30 miles or so inside the park. In mid-May most of Denali National Park was still snow covered - the snow was several feet deep in most areas - and the scenery was nothing short of breathtaking. In addition to the stunning scenery, we were treated to many wildlife sightings. Our bus driver/tour guide was very good at spotting wildlife, including moose and caribou, and always stopped the bus for photo opportunities as they appeared.

At the second lodge we stayed in, we had a great view of the mountain, Denali, itself. Our tour guide informed us that we were extremely fortunate to be part of the "30 Percent Club" - only 30 percent of visitors to Denali National Park actually get to see the tallest mountain in North America - it is so high that it is usually completely covered in clouds. Amazingly, we had almost cloudless views of the mountain for three days - fortunate indeed!

After a short stop in tiny Talkeetna (the town that inspired the TV show "Northern Exposure"), we boarded an Alaska Railways train for a very scenic 5-hour ride to Whittier. Having a cocktail in the train's Club Car while watching the scenery go by was quite an experience. In Whittier we met the cruise ship Grand Princess for our 7-day trip down the famous Inside Passage.



View from the train from Denali to Whittier.

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Alaska

The Last Frontier

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Our first cruise stop was at the Hubbard Glacier, where we boarded a smaller boat and got up close to the face of the glacier (about a mile away). Here we could hear the thunder-like booming sounds as the ice cracked and shifted, and watched several large icebergs “calve”, or break off from the glacier.



An iceberg “calving” from a glacier in Glacier Bay.

This was just a taste of what we would see on our second day of the cruise, when we visited Glacier Bay National Park. As its name implies, the park encompasses a large bay surrounded by mountains and glaciers. Because of this, it is only accessible by air or water - there are no roads into the park. As a result, nearly 80 percent of the visitors to Glacier Bay arrive by cruise ship.



A Humpback Whale shows its tail during a dive near Juneau.

Grand Princess arrived at the entrance to Glacier Bay early in the morning, and we were boarded by several National Park Rangers, who proceeded to narrate our voyage throughout the day over the ship’s loudspeakers. We spent approximately 8 hours cruising this spectacular area, with views of several different glaciers and the awe-inspiring St. Elias Mountains Range. We saw abundant wildlife here as well, including sea lions, mountain goats, sea otters, and even a few whales.

Day three of our cruise took us to the town of Skagway, a small town near the Canadian Yukon territory border that was the epicenter of the famous Alaskan gold rush of 1897. This small town has a lot of rustic charm and the local tour guides regaled us with colorful tales of the gold rush history. A stop for lunch at the Skagway Brewing Company is practically obligatory!

After Skagway, we were off to Juneau, the state capital, where we boarded a small boat to go whale-watching. We were not disappointed! We saw at least six different whales, as well as encountering a number of seals and sea lions. Humpback whales are magnificent creatures, and to see them up-close is truly an experience.



Colorful Ketchikan is Alaska's oldest city.

Our final stop in Alaska was the city of Ketchikan, the oldest incorporated town in Alaska. With a population of just over 8,100, it is the state’s sixth most populous city. It is known for having the world’s largest collection of standing totem poles, scattered throughout the city and in several parks. The area around Ketchikan is rich in wildlife, and our stop there included a boat tour to a lighthouse, which took us close by many bald eagle nesting areas. Once again, the wildlife sightings did not disappoint - eagles, sea lions, and seals galore!



Spectacular views along the road in Denali National Park.

Ketchikan is also known as the “Salmon Capital of the World”, and it just wouldn’t be right to write about Alaska and not mention the abundance of excellent seafood! From Fairbanks to Ketchikan, we ate our fill of fresh salmon, halibut, and king crab! So, if you don’t go to Alaska for the scenery, the wildlife, or the history - go for the seafood!

Our cruise ended in Vancouver, Canada, where we added a few more days to our adventure, but I’ll save that story for another day.



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 18th, 2022.

COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

Harvey Downey

VICE COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

Michael Squeglia

REAR COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

Russ Thompson

FLEET CAPTAIN - ELECT ONE:

Brian Lasher

Matt Wolford

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ELECT TWO:

David McBrier

Joe Rys

Jenniter Marz Stewart

Tim Weibel

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECT THREE:

Debbie Ferretti

David Forsman

Emily Hornyak

William Lillis Jr.

Jo Wilcko

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 18th, to vote for the candidates of your choice. The doors open at 7:00pm and the meeting starts at 7:30pm.

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 Vincent Cifelli, Neal Baker and Jeff Benson.

Also Nominating Committee members:

P/C Andy Hanks, Chair, Molly Herr, David Martine, P/C Richard Vicary

P/C Vincent Cifelli, Sarah Warner and Commodore David Sanner, ex-officio.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting and Financial Reports will be made available for members to pick up at the Club after November 8, 2022.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE RENOVATION PROJECT, THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT STRONG VINCENT MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1330 WEST 8TH STREET. THE CLUB WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR BUSINESS THAT EVENING WITH REGULAR HOURS.

The Bridge Officers

COMMODORE HARVEY DOWNEY

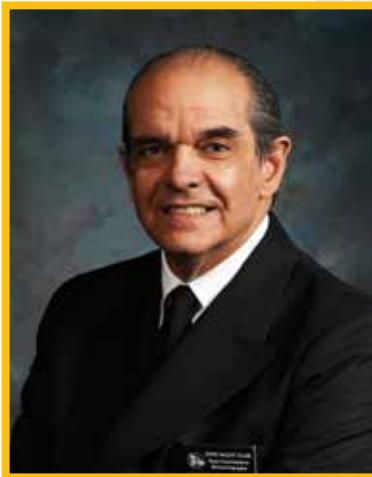


It has been a pleasure to serve this year as your Vice Commodore. It has been a busy past 12 months in the House with bringing on a new General Manager, Controller, Office Administrator, Dining Services Manager and Beverage Manager. I would like to thank this year's House Committee for their time and contribution during this year of change. As we enter a new year at the Erie Yacht Club, we will be undertaking major renovations to our clubhouse. By now, you should have seen renderings and a virtual tour of the new clubhouse design. There have been countless hours of meetings spent by the Renovation Committee this past year to ensure the membership's interests are being well-served. The year ahead will introduce new challenges as we manage through a shutdown, a temporary kitchen, and a limited dining area. I assure you; it will all be worth it in the end.

Over the past years I have served on the Board of Directors, the Bridge, and the Grounds, Docks, House, Safety and Renovation Committees. I have worked closely with the Finance Committee as part of the renovation process and have a good working relationship with the club's senior staff. With the support of the membership, the Bridge & Board, and the management staff, I am prepared and looking forward to serving as Commodore this coming year.

Lastly, I would like to thank our current commodore David Sanner, along with the Bridge & Board for all the hours they have dedicated throughout this busy year. I am looking forward to leading the Bridge and Board members who will be serving this next term.

VICE COMMODORE MICHAEL SQUEGLIA



I would like to thank the membership and my fellow Bridge Officers for their support during my term as Rear Commodore.

As Rear Commodore my responsibilities entailed chairing the Docks Committee. Thanks to the committees hard work all slip requests were filled for the season while we maintained the necessary space to handle transient boaters. Aside from chairing the Dock Committee I served on the House, Grounds, Finance, and Renovation Committees.

It has been a busy year for the Bridge and Board as we have taken on many unique challenges not seen before at our club. In addition to preparing the club for the upcoming renovation project, my fellow Bridge Officers and I were busy transitioning our new GM and front office staff into their new roles. Due to the retirement of 3 veteran employees we had to replace over 100 years of combined Erie Yacht Club work experience and knowledge. The new individuals have taken on their positions with much enthusiasm and look forward to serving our membership.

As we embark on the clubhouse renovation, we will be faced with the hurdle to keep our club operating smoothly and the membership engaged in our events and activities. With the membership's support I know the Erie Yacht club spirit will remain alive and thriving during these changes.

With your approval I look forward to serving as your next Vice Commodore.

REAR COMMODORE RUSS THOMPSON



It has been an honor to serve as your Fleet Captain this past year. I made a promise to you that I would work tirelessly for you, and I have fulfilled that promise. My duties on the grounds were made simple by Mike, Danielle, and their excellent staff. The grounds committee, including David Haller and George Willis, helped to save the canoe house and did so in a fiscally responsible manner. The decision to not spend \$300K or more on building a new one, was the right decision. Your grounds committee made that recommendation to the board who approved it. A stark reminder for all of us that we should always try to reuse, recycle, and repurpose when we can.

A lot of my time was spent on the Information Technology Infrastructure at EYC. The staff is making great progress learning and using the software systems. It is my single minded, assiduous drive to usher EYC into the modern era. We have a lot of work yet to do and we have already accomplished a lot.

I also want thank Mickey McMahon, who generously painted the pilings on the new floating fuel dock and other key areas around the club. This kind of active volunteerism is how EYC will continue to thrive.

I look forward to serving as your Rear Commodore and to continue the good work we have started.



FLEET CAPTAIN BRIAN LASHER

Dear Members,

I am honored to have been nominated to run for Fleet Captain. The friendships I have developed over the years at the Club are very dear to me, and it would be a privilege to serve if elected.

For those who do not know me, I am the youngest son of Bob & Dee. I grew up sailing with my family, and I enjoyed racing in the big boat fleet, MORC class, and one design. I continue to remain active in PHRF.

Growing up in the 1970s, I was involved in the junior sailing program, both as a student and an instructor. In addition, I was the chair of the Reyburn Sailing School Committee from 2009 to 2014. During those years, enrollment increased and we helped transition the school from inside the basin to its current location at the Rickloff Center.

From 2016 to 2018, I was privileged to serve on the Board of Directors, gaining an appreciation of the wide scope of the Club's operations. In addition, I chaired the 2021 Erie Open Regatta Committee. I am also a volunteer on the Constitution & Bylaws Committee and Finance Committee, and I have volunteered with the race committee for several small boat regattas.

Professionally, I retired this past June after 23 years as a teacher at Collegiate Academy. I also served 28 years in the Navy and Naval Reserves, and I was in business prior to becoming a teacher. Personally, my wife Julie and I have five children and three grandchildren.

In closing, I have been friends with Matt Wolford since Westlake Middle School and I have the highest level of respect for him and the Wolford family. Regardless of whom is chosen, I sincerely believe this slate is a win-win for the Club.

Yours truly,
Brian Lasher

FLEET CAPTAIN MATT WOLFORD



I'm honored that the Nominating Committee considered me for the challenging role of Fleet Captain. I congratulate Brian Lasher for also being nominated. Brian and I are old friends, and we're both dedicated to the Club.

For those who don't know me, I'm an environmental lawyer with a long EYC history. My Dad (John) was an avid sailor, and in 1972 he bought a Cal 33, the Constance. Although I attended the junior sailing program, I really learned how to sail by racing on the family boat. My brother Chris has owned her for years, and I had the pleasure of sailing with him on this year's Interclub Cruise. My wife Marian and I sail a vintage C&C 42, Second Wind. We also have a small powerboat for the kids' tubing, or when we want to turn the key and go.

I initially joined EYC as a Junior Family member. I've been a Regular member since 1985, and I've had a steady presence here since the early-1990s. Our four children – Claire, John, Ben, and Daniel – are all Junior Family members, and the three boys were instructors at the Reyburn Sailing School. Around that time, I served on the Junior Sailing Committee and later as EYC's Team Liaison at the Put-in-Bay Junior Championships. I also served on the Nominating Committee and as Chair of the EYC Racing Fleet, and have served for decades on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

With the renovation project getting underway, it's an exciting time to be in Club leadership. If elected, I will strive to make well-informed, fiscally sound, common sense decisions in the best interest of the membership. I will also stress the importance of having younger members and families play an active role in the direction of the Club.

I respectfully request your vote.

Candidates for Board of Directors



DAVID MCBRIER

One of the greatest clubs on the Great Lakes is our club!!! A club that can be called home for not only myself but also for my wife and children. For over three decades, my sailing teams and I have been flying the Erie Yacht Club burgee atop our rigging while representing the Erie Yacht Club at world-class yachting venues throughout the United States and Internationally. Our goal was to uphold the Corinthian spirit, compete at the highest level, and socially engage with competitive and passionate sailors in the sport of yachting. Representing the Erie Yacht Club is something my teams and I have been very proud to uphold. Each time we register for an event, we are required to document our national authority and the club we represent. I designate my national authority as the United States, and my yacht club to be the "Erie Yacht Club in Erie, Pennsylvania." Signing that document with my John Hancock and typing out the "Erie Yacht Club, Erie Pennsylvania " defines who I am and who the team represents.

I look forward to rendering my services to the Erie Yacht Club so the current and future members and their families can enjoy the Corinthian maritime lifestyle. If elected, I would be honored to serve on the Erie Yacht Club Board of Directors. If I can have your vote, I will uphold the traditions of the membership and bylaws of the club to the best of my abilities.

Qualifications: University of Denver Finance/Marketing, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA); IBM Microelectronics, IBM Global Services; Builders' Hardware & Specialty Company; The Cook and Boardman Group; Current role is managing eCommerce business and information technology. Past Committees @ EYC: Reyburn Sailing School Committee, Nominating Committee.



JOE RYS

Thank you for considering me as a candidate for the EYC Board of Directors. I have been a member of the Club for more than 18 years and thoroughly enjoyed knowing this was my home for boating. It would be an honor to serve the membership and build on the great tradition that prior Boards and Bridge Officers have already put in place.

My family has enjoyed many years of sailing in the Racing Fleet, several with the Reyburn Sailing School and I have been directly involved with the Charity Regatta and have been serving on the Club's Finance Committee for the past three years. There are many positive changes that have already been initiated at the Club and I consider this a great time to increase my involvement and help further our progress.

My career in finance will be a strong asset to the Board as we kick off the exciting renovation project and continue our growth as we adjust to the changes that our community continues to go through. I hold a CPA license and I am CFA Charterholder as I have been working at Erie Insurance in their Investment Division for the past 14+ years.

I appreciate this opportunity and consideration for your vote to serve.

Thank you.



JENNIFER MARZ STEWART

It's truly an honor to be nominated for a position on the Erie Yacht Club Board of Directors. This club runs in my blood! My family has been members for well over 40 years and our club has been a major part of my life. Growing up, I have fond memories of sailing with my parents, Gary and Jan Marz, attending every charity regatta and I'm happy to now continue this legacy with my husband, Jamey Stewart and son Jacob (5).

I recognize the importance of serving our club and have recently served on the House Committee (3y) and Membership committee (1y), but I feel that I still have more to give. I have also served on other community organizations such as Family Services and the Community Blood Bank as an executive board member.

Professionally, I am a Treasury Management Advisor and have spent 20 years working at Northwest Bank. I regularly work with customers from all over the region and enjoy helping them achieve success through banking.

My family regularly stays active at the club where we enjoy sailing, racing, the bowling league, fishing, the playground, and all of the club social events. Jacob is excited to begin sailing school this upcoming summer. Every important life event for us has happened at the club: our wedding, wedding shower, baby shower and countless birthdays and anniversaries. Our favorite pastime is cruising our sailboat, the "AMF" and Jamey enjoys his JAM races on Wednesday nights.

Now, more than ever, is an exciting time for our Club. I want to see it stay active, healthy and vibrant. I want it to be a club that we all can love and enjoy now and for many generations to come.

I respectfully ask for your vote for Board of Directors



TIM WEIBEL

My name is Tim Weibel, and I am running for the Board of Directors. I was born and raised in Erie, attended Sacred Heart School and Cathedral Prep. I moved down Interstate 79, attending Allegheny College, and continued south to University of Pittsburgh for medical school. I trained in Obstetrics and Gynecology at CWRU in Cleveland. Thereafter, I brought my young family back to Erie.

Shortly after moving back, I opened a practice in Ob/Gyn. I practiced alone for three years, and I learned a lot about starting and running a practice. I then moved to Bayside Ob/Gyn. For twelve years, I was President and managing partner. We closed Bayside, moving to Ob/Gyn Associates for three years and lastly to UPMC Hamot, where I am currently employed. I bought our first sailboat in 2009. In 2011, I got the racing bug, and bought a larger boat. This necessitated moving to EYC, because the new boat ran aground in its slip. What a stroke of good luck! While my children, Karen and Joseph, race with me, my wife Barb participates on the Race Committee. While racing in Erie and beyond, we've seen first-hand how great our Club is. The grounds, clubhouse, and views are wonderful, but mostly we love the good friends we've made at EYC.

I would like to do my part in continuing the long-standing success of EYC. I feel that with my professional training and experience, I can contribute to the EYC Board. I have recently pared my work schedule back a bit, gaining some free time. I hope that the EYC membership gives me the opportunity to devote this time to improving the boating experience at EYC. I promise to do my very best for the Club we all hold so dear.

Candidates for Nominating Committee



**DEBBIE
FERRETTI**

Hello fellow EYC members. It would be an honor to serve on the Nominating Committee to help with the recruitment of good candidates to provide club leadership.

I have been a member for over 20 years and have made many friendships while enjoying the aspects and activities the club has to offer. I have watched the club transform over the years with an expanding membership which proves the club has much to offer. Great strides have been made by the past and current leadership of the bridge, board and various committees to make us a premier yacht club.

I have worked in the medical sector as a manager for 38 years, with the past 26 years as an IT Manager and currently employed at Change Healthcare. My years as a manager bring experience working with teams to help make good decisions. Thank you for your consideration for me to serve on the committee.



**DAVID
FORSMAN**

When asked if I would consider running for a seat on the nominating committee, I thought that since I have been a member of the club since 1977 (45 years) that I would gladly do that. In the forty-five years that I have been a member, I have seen a lot of changes, all of them directed by the bridge and board which means that those positions are important to the future of the club.

Fifteen years ago, when we were younger and more active in club activities, we would come in for drinks or dinner and recognized most of the people around, if not by name at least the faces were familiar. Of course, the club membership was smaller then. Now, forty-five years after joining, when we come into the club, we look around and recognize almost no one. This makes me question if length of membership is an asset for sitting on a nominating committee.

While I would think that I could still add valuable input while serving on the Nominating Committee that is up to the voting membership to decide.



**EMILY
HORNYAK**

Hello fellow EYC members. What an honor it is to be asked to serve on the nominating committee, I am very grateful for this opportunity. If chosen, I pledge to bring the best candidates forward to serve on our next board and bridge.

Having forward thinking, capable and diverse leadership is essential for the success of our Club.

I have been a member of the Club for eighteen years. My family loves spending our summers at the EYC. I volunteer for Eriegatta and Junior Race Team fundraising events. As a past junior sailor and sailing instructor, I really enjoy being a part of the sailing program again with my four children. We have visited many clubs on Lake Erie with the race team and comparatively, the EYC stands out as an exceptional club to be a member. As a member of the nominating committee, I will work hard to ensure that the best candidates are chosen to maintain our club's awesomeness.

Thanks for your consideration!



**WILLIAM
LILLIS JR.**

The EYC is a second home to me. I spent years of my childhood on FJs and I am now grateful that I get to see my children zipping around on Optis every summer. My oldest graduates to 420s next year and she can't wait!

I love the EYC and would be honored to part of the nominating committee. This will be my second stint on this committee so I understand the importance of proposing solid candidates who love the Club and have the time & energy to help it continue to be successful for years to come. By nominating the right people, we can guarantee that this Club will become better each year and if the nominating committee does its job well enough then my kids can someday look forward to a thriving vibrant Club they can call their own.

Thanks,



**JO
WILCKO**

My name is Jo Wilcko and I am honored to have been asked to run for a seat on the nominating committee. I have been a member at the EYC since 1988.

I have owned sail and power boats and currently have a boat, Claire Buoyant, named after my granddaughter.

I have served on several committees, my longest commitment for several years was on the race committee. I have three children who have grown up at the Club, two of which are members. The Erie Yacht Club has been a huge part of my life. My wish for the EYC is for it to be the best family oriented boating club for which is was founded.

Thank you for your consideration.

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 2022 Annual Meeting will take place on Friday November 18th. On September 19th, 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 from 9am - 4pm, and Tuesday through Friday from 9am - 5pm. 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 24th, which is 25 days prior to the Annual Meeting on November 18th.

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 5:30 pm November 18th, 2022.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1

RESOLUTION #1 - To increase Associate Class Initiation Fee from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

“Resolved, hereby, to increase Associate Class Initiation Fee from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

By-Laws, Section I, Membership Dues, Paragraph 2:

2. The annual Membership Fee for Associate Members shall be \$789.00 effective January 1, 2020 (Rev.11/16/19). In addition, each Member shall pay an Initiation Fee of \$1,500.00 upon acceptance effective *January 1, 2019.* (Rev 11/16/2019)

PROPOSED CHANGES in *bold italics*:

2. The annual Membership Fee for Associate Members shall be \$789.00 effective January 1, 2020 (Rev.11/16/19). In addition, each Member shall pay an Initiation Fee of ***\$2,000.00*** upon acceptance effective *January 1, 2023.* (Rev 11/18/2022)

All applicants on the wait list prior to the adoption of this change will be grandfathered at the previous Initiation Fee of \$1,500.00. (Rev 11/18/2022)

Passage of Resolution #1 requires changes to the By-Laws only. Therefore, the proposal will require a simple majority of Regular Members present at the meeting.

End of Resolution #1

RESOLUTION #2

RESOLUTION #2: DUES INCREASE for All Member Classes

“Resolved, that Dues for EYC Membership be increased as follows:”

- Regular Dues, currently \$850.00, increased by \$75.00 to \$925.00
- Associate Dues, currently \$789.00, increased by \$71.00 to \$860.00
- Special Dues, currently \$555.00, increased by \$50.00 to \$605.00
- Senior Dues, currently \$555.00 increased by \$50.00 to \$605.00
- Junior Family/ Junior Dues follow Regular Dues based on a percentage of Regular Dues
 - 16-20 yrs - 10% of Regular, currently \$85.00 increased by \$7.50 to \$92.50
 - 21-25 yrs - 25% of Regular, currently \$212.50 increased by \$18.75 to \$231.25
 - 26-30 yrs - 50% of Regular, currently \$425.00 increased by \$37.50 to \$462.50
 - 31-34 yrs - 75% of Regular, currently \$637.50 increased by \$56.25 to \$693.75
- Non-Resident, currently \$410.00, increased by \$35.00 to \$445.00
- Non-Resident Jr, currently \$55.00, increased by \$5.00 to \$60.00

BY-LAWS, Section I, “Membership Dues,” Paragraphs 1, 4, 5 and 7 now read:

(NOTE: There is no change to percentages shown in Paragraph 5-shown for informational purposes only):

1. The annual Membership Fee for Regular Members shall be \$850.00, effective January 1, 2020, (Rev.11/16/19).
2. The annual Membership Fee for Associate Members shall be \$789.00 effective January 1, 2020, (Rev.11/16/19).
4. The annual Membership Fee for a Special Member shall be \$555.00 per year if the Special Member is not a slip holder. If the Special Member is a slip holder, the annual Membership Fee shall be that of a Regular Member. (Rev. 11/16/19)
5. The annual Membership Dues and Initiation Fees for Junior Family and Junior members shall be as defined in the schedules below:

Age	Dues	Initiation Fee
	% of Regular	% of Full
16-20	10%	0
21-25	25%	10%
26-30	50%	25%
31-34	75%	50%
35	100%	100%

7. The annual Membership Fee for Senior Members shall be \$555.00. (Rev. 11/16/19)
8. The annual Membership Fee for Non-Resident Members 35 years of age or older shall be \$410.00 per year (Rev. 11/16/19) or \$55.00 per year for those under 35 if the Non-Resident Member is not a slip holder. (Rev. 11/16/19)

Proposed Changes- Amend BY-LAWS, Section I, “Membership Dues,” Paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8

(proposed changes in bold):

1. The annual Membership Fee for Regular Members shall be **\$925.00**, effective **January 1, 2023,** (Rev.11/18/22).
2. The annual Membership Fee for Associate Members shall be **\$860.00** effective **January 1, 2023,** (Rev.11/18/22).

(See Next Page for more)



(proposed changes in bold):

4. The annual Membership Fee for a Special Member shall be **\$605.00** per year if the Special Member is not a slip holder. If the Special Member is a slip holder, the annual Membership Fee shall be that of a Regular Member. (Rev. 11/18/22)
5. The annual Membership Dues and Initiation Fees for Junior Family and Junior members shall be as defined in the schedules below:

Age	Dues % of Regular	Initiation Fee % of Full
16-20	10%	0
21-25	25%	10%
26-30	50%	25%
31-34	75%	50%
35	100%	100%

7. The annual Membership Fee for Senior Members shall be **\$605.00**. (Rev. 11/18/22)
8. The annual Membership Fee for Non-Resident Members 35 years of age or older shall be **\$445.00** per year (Rev. 11/18/22) or **\$60.00** per year for those under 35 if the Non-Resident Member is not a slip holder. (Rev. 11/18/22)

Rationale:

In 2015, the EYC Finance Committee initiated a program to have changes in the Membership Dues structure reflect the change in the US Department of Labor Consumer Price Index-U (“CPI”). This index accurately reflects the increased cost incurred by the Club cost for Utilities, Insurance, Real Estate Taxes and third-party services.

Since our last dues increase in Fall 2019, the CPI has increased by approximately 15.1%.

The proposed dues increase is 8.5% for all membership classes.

Typically, EYC has adjusted dues every two years. Given COVID it was decided to forego a dues adjustment in 2022 and, as such, it has been three years since our last dues adjustment.

EYC is experiencing significant wage pressure on all job positions. In addition, taxes and utilities have increased substantially. The adjustment to dues is lower than the CPI and is possible by projected operational efficiency. The Finance Committee will continue to monitor CPI volatility and operational performance and will propose future adjustments as needed.

The Finance Committee and Board of Directors unanimously support adoption of this amendment so that we can maintain the high quality of our Club’s facility and the services rendered.

Passage of Resolution #2 requires changes to the By-Laws only. Therefore, the proposal will require a simple majority of Regular Members present at the meeting.

End of Resolution #2

RESOLUTION #3

RESOLUTION #3 - To establish the Membership Committee as a Standing Committee in Section IV of the By-Laws.

“Resolved, that the Membership Committee is established as a Standing Committee.”

Currently, the list of Standing Committees in Section IV of the By-Laws does not include a Membership Committee.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall monitor all aspects of membership and the impact of membership on all members. It shall recommend rules for the size, composition and acceptance process for new members, and such rules, following approval by the Board of Directors, shall be posted on the bulletin board and published in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules for the guidance of Members.

The Committee shall consist of six (6) members. The Board shall appoint the Committee Chair, who shall appoint the remaining Committee members from the EYC membership. The makeup of the Committee should broadly represent the interests of the entire membership. All Committee members including the Chair shall be limited to one five-year term.

Rationale:

Every year at the annual meeting the Membership Chair presents a report of the Standing Membership Committee; however, the Committee is actually an ad-hoc committee as the By-Laws do not define it as a Standing Committee. Because membership is critical to the success of the club, the current ad-hoc committee recommends that the Membership Committee and its responsibilities should be defined in the By-Laws as a Standing Committee.

Passage of Resolution #3 requires changes to the By-Laws only. Therefore, the proposal will require a simple majority of Regular Members present at the meeting.

End of Resolution #3



Many people throughout the world enjoy taking cruises on large ships to ports that provide on shore events such as sightseeing tours, cultural site visits, energetic activities like river rafting and of course shopping. Eventually these people find some of the cruises to be repetitive and look for other cruising opportunities. Several cruise companies have now discovered the Great Lakes and have a variety of ships operating from Lake Ontario all the way to the “end” of the Great Lakes, Duluth, MN. They make stops in Cleveland, Chicago, Milwaukee, and other ports. A recent article in the port of Duluth’s publication North Star Port (Summer 2022) describes their experiences with the uptick of cruise ships.

“Viking *Octantis* ushers in new era of Great Lakes cruising”

(Courtesy of: “North Star Port Magazine - Summer 2022 issue)

Cruise ships returned to Duluth for the first time since 2013, with the Viking *Octantis* leading that procession on May 30, 2022.

Viking has seven stops at the port scheduled for this year; American Queen Voyages has two.

Great Lakes cruises are a different breed of experience, with *Viking Octantis* ticket prices starting at \$6,495 and passengers’ average age being approximately 70 years old. Because vessel size is limited by the St. Lawrence Seaway’s lock system, the ships themselves are small and provide a more intimate guest experience.

The largest cruise vessels in operation on the Great Lakes hold a maximum of 400 passengers, with an average size of fewer than 200.

When arriving in Duluth, these expeditions provide opportunities for passengers to visit the city, sample local cuisine and explore cultural sites and museums throughout northeastern Minnesota.

The polar-class Viking *Octantis*, launched in 2022, features an array of expedition equipment including tender boats, a military-grade special operations boat and two seven-person submarines. The ship also includes an onboard lab where National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration scientists can conduct research and experiments.

The Viking *Octantis* and the *Honorable James L. Oberstar* sail alongside each other near the Duluth Lake Port dock on June 27, 2022. Launched in 1959, the *Oberstar* is 806 feet long. The Viking *Octantis* cruise ship is 665 feet long.



Photo - c/o Gus Schauer



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The *Ocean Navigator* cruise ship from American Queen Voyages docks at Duluth’s Clure Public Marine Terminal on June 25, 2022. The vessel holds a crew of 84 and a maximum of 202 passengers.

Octantis uses a zero-emissions chemical incinerator to process waste and also works with water treatment and waste treatment facilities at specific ports of call for disposal. The cruise ship operators, in addition to destination ports throughout the Great Lakes, signed a Cruise-the-Great Lakes sustainability pledge committing to environmental stewardship for the 2022 cruising season and beyond.

“It’s been really exciting to see these beautiful, modern, efficient cruise ships visiting our port,” said Deb DeLuca, executive director, Duluth Seaway Port Authority. “Our Duluth Cruising Coalition partners boarded the Viking *Octantis* in June for a welcoming ceremony, and frankly, we’ve never seen anything quite like these awesome ships. They are sleek, luxurious marvels.”

In late June, AFAR Media named Duluth and the Great Lakes among the world’s trendiest cruise destinations of 2022.

“The initial voyages have been a success, thanks to a tremendous team effort from the ship operators and our Duluth Cruising Coalition partners,” said DeLuca. “We’re excited to see plans forming for the development of more cruise opportunities for our port. One proposed itinerary has Duluth serving as a hub port for a voyage to Antarctica, which would be a grand journey indeed, and an even bigger economic boost for our region.”

So what does this mean to Erie? Erie could very well become a visitor center for these cruise ships. Passengers could perhaps take bus tours of the wine country or narrated bus tours of Presque Isle or side trips to the casino and museums.

Some people are speculating that the former coke plant site could be developed in such a way to handle not only cruise ships but lake freighters and ships from Europe with containers like has been done in Cleveland. These cruise ships have about the same draft as lake freighters that now make deliveries of salt, stone and other industrial cargos. It would take a few years to develop and implement such a port but now is the time.

Opportunity is knocking!

Photos Courtesy of David Schauer



The *Ocean Navigator* departs Duluth under the Aerial Lift Bridge on June 25, 2022. It was the vessel’s second visit to the city that year..

Cruise Ships in Erie?

by Gene Polaski



Photo - c/o Gus Schauer



The Viking *Octantis* floats in the Duluth harbor basin at sunrise on July 25, 2022. It was the vessel’s third visit to the Twin Ports in 2022.

Photo - c/o David Schauer

If These Docks Could Talk

A Good Sharp Knife

by P/C Gib Loesel



Brother Richard shown here with Ken Eckerd (left) on Enigma.



A while back I was looking at old pictures one of which was my brother Richard and Ken Eckerd standing together on the deck of the Enigma after receiving the first-place trophy for the legendary Falcon Cup race. The real thing that caught my eye was the lanyard cord draped over Richard's shoulder. This made me think of the rigging knife that was attached and secured to his pocket by the Marlin Spike. When he was on a boat it was always there! In today's world of vintage knife collections, this old yellow handled beauty is a collector's item. Of course, this got me to thinking (again) I wonder what happened to it after he "slipped his anchor."



The Bosun is the original rigging knife created by Captain Charles Curry (CBE, RN) in 1946. It was the first knife of its kind to be constructed of all stainless steel with a locking marlinspike and a slotted handle for opening shackles.

Son Doug said he had no idea, Son David said he had a slight recollection of it but did not know. Dead End?, not quite, a few days later David came to visit with "knife and lanyard in hand."

What, where and how?? David's son Leigh a Navy Fighter Jet pilot was just promoted to the full rank of Commander and was about to put on a new stripe and change hats to one with Gold Scrambled eggs (navy slang). David wanted to gift Leigh his grandfather cap, thus a search, when he investigated the old hat box there was the knife. Unbelievable!



New versus well used, my brother Richard's often sharpened rigging knife.

Now you probably wonder where this story is headed, here "goes," in a nutshell the importance of a sharp rigging knife.

As a Canoe House brat a knife was a big part of our sailing life, most all of us had one. It was an important part of life as we emulated the older boys. It was equally important to know how to keep it sharp.

It was not unusual to have a small sharpening stone in your pocket to keep it "ready" for action. What action you say? Important things like testing the "edge" by shaving the hair off your arm or leg, the art of whittling a point on to any old stick that was laying around or maybe a game of "Mumblety-Peg"?

We were also learning Marin Spike seamanship by tying knots: a bowline, half hitches, clove hitches, sheep shanks and how to splice. Once you advanced into "splicing" the Marlin Spike became even more important, not only to open the lay of the line, but it was equally as important to loosen up knots that had become too tight and hard to break. Especially handy for those knots in your soaked shoes, which they usually were.

All joking aside, pictured nearby is Richard's knife alongside is a similar knife that is brand new, over the years 1/8th of an inch has been taken off in the sharpening process. If you are going to carry and use this tool it is extremely important to "keep it sharp." On board you never know when it will be needed, routine work - yes, emergency - not every day, but when the time comes it had better be close by and sharp.

Over the years I had plenty of chances to put mine into action but the most exciting story happened many long years ago, when the "Enigma" was finishing one of the Interclub races in Buffalo near the entrance to the Niagara River. She was roaring, surfing downwind at 10 or 12 Knots, "Big Blue" (our spinnaker) was pulling like a team of horses, what a ride! However, the Guy sheet had developed an unbelievable overlay on the winch which was going to be impossible under the conditions to release.



Rigging knives come in a wide variety of configurations and sizes.

The plan: while at the helm, Richard had removed the lanyard and opened the blade, handing it to Al Benson, he instructed him to "cut it when I say so!" Al barely touched the sheet and it parted. Moral of the story, keep your mind sharp and your knife sharper! Rigging knives and their related tools are extremely important to those who rig their own boats and to those who rig professionally. Note the various rigging knives pictured and their variety of configurations, including the original developed by Capt. Charles Curry. As you study them recognize their value especially if you were swinging far aloft in a bosun's chair and needing that "just right" tool!

If these Docks Could Talk, they would say: "Without the proper knife and knowing how to use it, you may find you and your boat, lost at sea"



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This is my step ladder. I never knew my real ladder.

Is there ever a day when mattresses are not on sale?

I checked into the hokey pokey clinic and I turned myself around.

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

I want to grow my own food but I can't find bacon seeds.

Frog parking only. All others will be toad.

I did some financial planning. It looks like I can retire at 62 and live comfortably for 17 minutes.

Before my surgery, the anesthesiologist offered to knock me out with gas or a boat paddle. It was an ether/oar situation.

My wife says I never listen to her, or something like that.

Astronomers got tired of watching the moon go around the earth for 24 hours. So, they decided to call it a day.

Bread is a lot like the sun. It rises in the yeast and sets in the waist.

Questions we could ask about how words work (or maybe don't work):

Why does fridge have a “d” in it and refrigerator does not?



Why are Zoey and Zoe pronounced the same but Joey and Joe are not?

Why do we park on the driveway and drive on the parkway?

Why can you drink a drink but you can't food a food?

Why is the word queue just a Q followed by four silent letters?

Why is a W called a double-U when it is clearly a double-V?

Is the “S” or the “C” in scent silent?

How do we know how to pronounce the “ough” in cough, bough, rough, dough, through, thorough, etc.?

Why are Kansas and Arkansas pronounced so differently?

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 us (dandundon@gmail.com) to maybe include in future EYC log articles?

In closing...

Moe - What rhymes with orange?

Larry - No it doesn't!

Curly - Nyuck. Nyuck. Whoo! Whoo!

Whoo! Whoo! Whoo!

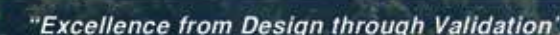


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EYC Foundation Keeps On Giving

by Char Mashyna



Sailing courtesy of a recent grant to Camp Fitch.

Over the years, the Erie Yacht Club Foundation has made over \$140,000 in grants to many community organizations. Youth from the Y-Teens program, campers at Camp Fitch, students from Strong Vincent Middle School, the Erie County Public Library, the Bayfront Maritime Center, and boaters of all types are just a few who have benefited from Foundation funding.

As we look forward, a goal of the Foundation Board is to grow our assets so that we can not only provide our annual grant awards, but also fund larger, more impactful programs that would benefit Erie and the boating community. To that end, we are embarking on a program to grow the endowment through planned giving.

We've created a new brochure, "A Guide for Supporting Erie's Maritime Future" which details ways that one can support our efforts. This brochure will be available in the clubhouse and mailed to members identified by age.

We hope that you will consider a donation to the Foundation through your will, trust or IRA. As we approach the end of the year, please consider contributing your Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement account if you are required to make one. It's a great way to help the Foundation utilizing this tax-free opportunity. Give Char Mashyna or Jim McBrier a call to learn more.




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1st Tini Tuesday • 5pm - 9pm
\$2.50 off all Martinis!

2nd Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 9pm
Any Burger, Any Toppings & Any
Draft Beer!
Burgers with Fries only & a Pint of
Beer! • \$15.00

6th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm

8th Tini Tuesday • 5pm - 9pm
\$2.50 off all Martinis!

9th Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 9pm

13th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm

15th Tini Tuesday • 5pm - 9pm
\$2.50 off all Martinis!

16th Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 9pm

18th EYC Annual Meeting
Doors Open 7pm • Meeting at 7:30
Strong Vincent Middle School

20th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm

22nd Tini Tuesday • 5pm - 9pm
\$2.50 off all Martinis!

23rd Topsy Turkey Happy Hour
5pm - 9pm • Dinner & Drink Specials
Music with the Riffriders
Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 9pm

24th Thanksgiving Day - Club Closed

27th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm

29th Tini Tuesday • 5pm - 9pm
\$2.50 off all Martinis

30th Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 9pm

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**December
Calendar of
Club Events**

4th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm

6th Tini Tuesday • 5pm - 9pm
\$2.50 off all Martinis!

7th Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 9pm

10th Breakfast with Santa
2 seating Times: 10am & 12:30pm
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11th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm

13th Tini Tuesday • 5pm - 9pm
\$2.50 off all Martinis!

14th Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 9pm

17th Winter Solstice Party Happy Hour
On the Patio! • 6pm - 9pm
Hot Totties
Music with "Cool Change"

18th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm

20th Tini Tuesday • 5pm - 9pm
\$2.50 off all Martinis!

21st Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 9pm

24th Club Closed Christmas Eve

25th Club Closed Christmas Day

27th Tini Tuesday • 5pm - 9pm
\$2.50 off all Martinis!

28th Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 9pm

31st New Years Eve Dinner • 5pm - 9pm
Holiday Dinner Features
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Bar: 11am - 10pm

Wednesday & Thursday

11am - 2pm Lunch • 5pm - 9pm Dinner
Bar: 11am - 10pm

Friday & Saturday

11am - 2pm Lunch • 5pm - 9:30pm Dinner
Bar: 11am - 10:30pm

Sunday

10am - 2pm Brunch & Lunch • 5pm - 8:30pm Dinner
Bar: 10am - 9:30pm

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from 5pm 'til End of Game



BURGERS & BREWS



\$15.00

5PM-9PM

ANY BURGER, ANY TOPPINGS
& ANY DRAFT BEER!

(BURGERS WITH FRIES ONLY & A PINT OF BEER)

NOV. 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD & 30TH
DEC. 7TH, 14TH, 21ST & 28TH

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD...

VOTE!

AT THE EYC ANNUAL MEETING
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18TH @ 7PM

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE RENOVATION PROJECT,
THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT
STRONG VINCENT MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1330 WEST 8TH STREET.

Happy "Appy" Hour

Fridays & Saturdays
In November & December
4:30pm 'til 6:30pm

1/2 off Appetizers & Drink Specials

Breakfast with Santa



Cast dull care away
For here's to Xmas day
Join the festive bowl
And be a jolly soul

2 Seating Times: 10am & 12:30pm

Brunch Buffet • Balloon Artist • Hot Cocoa Station
Carriage Rides • Visit from Santa • & More Holiday Cheer!
Seating Limited - Reservations Required