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## From the Bridge

By Commodore Harvey Downey



As I write my final 'From the Bridge' as Commodore, I'm filled with deep gratitude. It has been an incredible journey and year, and I want to thank you for your support. When I ran for Fleet Captain in 2019, I committed to represent your interests on the Bridge.

At the time, I mentioned the significant long-range topics that lay ahead for us, such as renovations to the clubhouse, new fuel storage tanks, and the eventual retirement of our Club Manager. Although none of these issues had concrete deadlines, I assured you that they would one day require our attention.

Today, we have made significant progress on these fronts. Our clubhouse renovations are bringing new life to our Club. Fuel storage tanks and the floating gas dock enhance convenience and safety. And we have successfully navigated the transition of a new Club Manager.

The willingness of our members to roll up their sleeves and get involved has been the driving force behind our successes. Together, we have shown what a strong community of our members can achieve when we work together towards a common goal.

I'm confident that, under incoming Commodore Mike Squeglia's leadership, the Erie Yacht Club will continue to thrive. Our rich history attests to our club's strength, and I'm certain its future will be equally bright.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude to every one of you. Serving as your Commodore has been a privilege and an honor, and I will forever treasure the memories and friendships made during this time.

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## On the Cover...

With Phase 2 of the Clubhouse renovation project underway the Clubs Annual meeting will once again be held at Strong Vincent Middle School to ease the voting process.



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Scan to learn about the Erie Yacht Club



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**This Year the EYC's  
Annual Meeting Will  
Once Again be Held at  
Strong Vincent Middle School**



**1330 West 8th Street • Erie PA**

**Doors Open at 7PM • Meeting Starts at 7:30PM  
Voting Restricted to Regular EYC Members Only**

**For Over 100 Years an EYC Tradition...**



**Tom &  
Jerry  
Party**

**New Years Day!  
Monday, January 1st**

**The Flag Officers would like to Invite all the Members of the EYC  
Down to the Clubhouse to say Hello & Welcome in the New Year  
Batters Up From 1100 to 1300 Hours • Members Only Please**

## 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 17th, 2023.

### COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

Michael Squeglia

### VICE COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

Russ Thompson

### REAR COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

Matt Wolford

### FLEET CAPTAIN - ELECT ONE:

Brian Lasher

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ELECT TWO:

Adam Barner

AJ Ficcardi

Jeremy Lincoln

Jennifer Stewart

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECT THREE:

Scott Barbato

Fritz Busse

Karen Carns

Carrie Knox

Ryan Marsh

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 17th, 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:  
Neal Baker and Carrie Knox.

Also Nominating Committee members:

Molly Herr - Chair, Emily Hornyak, Bill Lillis Jr., P/C Richard Vicary  
P/C Vincent Cifelli, Jo Wilcko and Commodore Harvey Downey, ex-officio.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The pick up date for financial reports will be available to members as follows:  
Unaudited statements are available 11/6/2023 • Audited statements to be available after 1/1/2024

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.**



## COMMODORE MICHAEL SQUEGLIA

It has been an honor to serve as your Vice-Commodore this past year.

The House went through Phase 1 of its major renovation project and after traveling through many challenges, both physical and mental, the final product looks impressive. Thank you to the Clubhouse Renovation Committee, past and present, and the Board of Directors for their countless hours of hard work. Though we continue to face challenges in the House, be assured that the Club Management, with the assistance of the House Committee, will not stop until these issues are resolved for our membership. We have now embarked on Phase 2 of the project and with the aforementioned Committees and fellow Bridge Officers our Club will be guided to the successful completion of its renovation.

Over the past years I have served on several Committees including the Nominating, House, Finance, Historical and Board of Directors. Additionally, I am very proud of the years spent Chairing the Race Committee for our Race Fleet. Through this experience I am well positioned to work with my fellow Bridge Officers, Board of Directors, and Club Management in leading our Club this coming year.

I would like to thank Commodore Downey for laying down a strong foundation this past year and with your approval I look forward to serving as your next Commodore.

## VICE COMMODORE RUSS THOMPSON

It has been an honor to serve as your Rear Commodore this past year. The basin was full, and at the same time we were able to eliminate the wait list for slips. In short, your Dock Committee literally fit in to your basin everyone that wanted a slip. 100% occupancy and an exhausted wait list marks the success of this season - so much so that the keg fields are being revitalized and recommissioned in anticipation of increased demand.

My duties on the Dock Committee were made easier by Mike, Danielle, and the excellent staff of EYC. In addition, I don't think enough is said about the volunteers at EYC. As Rear Commodore my job is a 'temp' job. The real work comes from EYC committees. Special thanks to the Dock Committee for your expertise and experience. The steady hand of this Committee serves one of the more challenging aspects of EYC - supervising the basin with over 400 slips and 59 jet docks, resolving the competing demands of members, and managing transient visitors to EYC.

I approach all that I do at EYC with energy and determination, and my upcoming duties on the House Committee will be no exception. I have already begun to transition into this most important role. I humbly ask for your support and your vote for Vice Commodore.

Thank you,

## REAR COMMODORE MATT WOLFORD

It has been a busy year serving as your Fleet Captain. I've enjoyed working with the Board and my fellow Bridge officers to face several challenges, including issues related to the renovation project, opening the impressive new kitchen, and dealing with post-COVID employment complications. Special thanks go to V/C Squeglia, GM Bedner, and Catering Manager Dougan for navigating difficult waters with a steady hand.

As Chair of the Grounds Committee, I worked with Dockmaster Argeny and Assistant Dockmaster Adamowicz, along with a Committee filled with experienced and knowledgeable members who gave freely of their time. Thank you! I also regularly attended meetings of the Dock Committee, House Committee, Clubhouse Renovation Committee, and Racing Fleet, and served as the Board's liaison to the Junior Sailing Committee and the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Not having been this involved with EYC operations previously, I was quickly impressed by the enormous volunteer effort that makes EYC so special.

With respect to Grounds, regular updates were provided in Fleet Captain Reports, which are available on the website for interested members. Two items of note include the Dockmaster's planned work in November on subsidence problems caused by high-water events, and the impending installation of facilities and equipment to improve cellular service throughout the basin. Once the new water line and Kahkwa Bridge are completed, the condition of Ravine Drive can be addressed.

I will continue to work hard for the membership and, with your approval, look forward to serving you as Rear Commodore. Thank you.

## 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 on Amourette and Caliente, and I enjoyed racing in the big boat fleet, MORC class, and one design. I was also involved in the junior sailing program, both as a student and an instructor. I continue to remain active in PHRF as a crew on Taz.

After graduating from Allegheny, I left Erie to serve as a pilot on active duty in the United States Navy, and after returning, I worked five years in business, primarily in logistics. Since then, I have been active in the Club. I served as chair of the Reyburn Sailing School Committee and the Erie Open Regatta, and I had the privilege to serve on the Board of Directors. I am currently the chair of the Finance Committee, and I have also volunteered on the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, the Rental Committee, and with the race committee at a number of regattas.

Professionally, I retired after 23 years as a teacher at Collegiate Academy, although I continue to teach as an adjunct lecturer at Gannon. I also stayed active in the Naval Reserves, retiring as a commander. My wife's name is Julie and we have five children and three grandchildren.

In closing, I respectfully ask for your vote. If elected, I promise to be attentive to the Club's finances, to listen to your ideas and concerns, and to work with others to promote the welfare of the Club.

Yours truly,

Brian Lasher

## Club Offers Absentee Ballot

The 2023 Annual Meeting will take place on Friday November 17th. On September 18th, 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 9am - 4pm, Tuesday through Friday from 9am - 5pm and Saturday from 10am - 2pm. 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 23th, which is 25 days prior to the Annual Meeting on November 17th.

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 17th, 2023 @ 4:30.

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



# Candidates for Board of Directors



**ADAM BARNER**

Dear fellow members,

I would like to begin by saying that I consider it an honor to be nominated for the Board of Directors.

As the current owner of Mueller Locksmith, since 2018, I know firsthand the value of hard work, dedication, and communication; which are some of the qualities and experiences that I will bring to the Board.

The EYC has been an integral part of my life for over 30 years. My love for sailing and racing began at 9 years old with my father, Rick, on his boat "Barney". I joined the club when I turned 16 as a junior family member and I have been a regular member since 2015. My wife, Katie (Amatangelo), and I have 3 daughters who are all involved in the Reyburn Sailing School. I am proud to say my oldest daughter, Maddison, just completed her first summer as an instructor for the sailing school.

If you vote for me, I will work to maintain the fiscal responsibilities the Board and Officers have shown over the years. I will also focus on the members' needs in order to uphold a high-quality yachting and social club. Thank you for your support and I will respect the confidence of your vote by doing the best job I possibly can.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Barner



**AJ FICCARDI**

It is truly an honor to be chosen as a candidate for the Board of Directors.

My experience with the Erie Yacht club began with the Reyburn Sailing School. In addition to learning how to sail, I formed many lifelong friendships, and gained a love for boating which led me to join as a member in 2001. I have continued to be an avid sailor and participant in the Racing Fleet on my boat Joker. Through racing, I have had so many wonderful experiences and met so many great people at the club. Racing and cruising have taken me to many different yacht clubs in the Great Lakes and given me an appreciation for just how special our club is. In my opinion, our greatest asset is the membership. The EYC would not be what it is today without the many committed volunteers and their countless hours of service. During my time as a member, I have volunteered on a number of projects and committees, including Junior Sailing, Grounds, and the Racing Fleet. In 2014 I served as the Racing Fleet chairman, which really opened my eyes to all of the work that goes into running just one organization within the club.

It is of utmost importance to me that the club continues to provide a place for members to enjoy boating, dining, and camaraderie for many generations to come. I look forward to representing the membership on the Board of Directors in furtherance of this goal. I would like to thank the members of the nomination committee for considering me for a position on the Board of Directors. I am grateful for this opportunity to help ensure the continued success of the Erie Yacht Club.

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to your support.



**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, comradery, 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 (16), Taylor (14), Stuart and Ari (6) were happy to add "Simplify" (4) to our fleet joining "Lucile" (69), 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.



**JENNIFER 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, and I'm happy to now continue this legacy with my husband, Jarney Stewart and son Jacob.

I recognize the importance of serving our club and have recently served on the House Committee (3y) and Membership committee (2y), but I feel that I still have more to give. I have also served on other local 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 over 20 years working at Northwest Bank. My professional background in finance has equipped me with the analytical and financial skills necessary for effective decision-making and stewardship of our club's resources.

My family regularly stays active at the club where we enjoy sailing, racing, the bowling league, fishing, the playground, sailing school and social events. Every important life event for us has happened at the club: our wedding, wedding shower, baby shower and countless birthdays and anniversaries.

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 am excited to work collaboratively with our bridge, board, and the membership at large, to steer the Erie Yacht Club toward a future filled with camaraderie, excellence, and success.

I respectfully ask for your vote for Board of Directors.



# Candidates for Nominating Committee



**SCOTT  
BARBATO**

I am Scott Barbato, it is an honor to be asked to run for a seat on the nominating committee. I joined the club in 2021 after years of sailboat racing and have made amazing friendships over the years at EYC. I was born and raised in Erie and have grown up boating on both Findley Lake and Lake Erie, and now have a sailboat of my own. I worked in finance in Pittsburgh before moving back to Erie to take over my family's furniture business. I currently serve on the Reyburn Sailing School committee and have a passion for getting children into boating.

My wife, Jessica, and I just welcomed our first child, into the world in September. I am motivated to create a community environment that allows her to find as much love for boating and EYC as I have over the years. As a member of the nominating committee, I will work hard to ensure that candidates selected have the best interest of the club in mind and can navigate their tenure to guarantee that we will have a club we and future generations will enjoy.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.



**FRITZ  
BUSSE**

My name is Fritz Busse and I appreciate the opportunity to be a candidate for the Nominating Committee this year. I have had the great pleasure of having the Erie Yacht Club be a part of my life since I was born. I went through the Junior Sailing program as a child and have been a regular participant in the racing fleet since the start of the JAM Family Wednesday Night Race series back in the 90's.

Through the sailing fleet, I have been lucky enough to be able to volunteer for various events and committees, most notably as the Racing Fleet Chairman in 2021. From those experiences, I have been truly fortunate to work with some of the amazing membership that makes our club one of the best on the Great Lakes. To be considered among this list of candidates is an honor, however,

I would appreciate your vote so that I can continue to give back to a club that has given to me so much over the years. Thank you.



**KAREN  
CARNS**

From 2001-2017 as Club Secretary / Treasurer, I served with 56 Directors and Commodores, attended 192 Board Meetings, 16 Budget Meetings, organized and attended 16 Annual Meetings and several Special Meetings where significant decisions occurred. I observed how various Officers and Directors approached their responsibilities. Except for a Past Commodore, who's served in all the Chairs, I uniquely understand the skills needed to effectively run our Club. The Nominating Committee's responsibility is to propose candidates with these skills. During my 25 year Club membership, I've sailed my sailboat, Mingo, for 15 years and my husband Brad and I have been cruising our SeaRay, Lucky Star, for 10 years. I've raced in the EYC Racing Fleet. We co-founded and serve as current Chairs of the EYC Cruising Fleet. I've served on numerous committees and was a Trustee of the EYC Foundation. Consequently, I know many Club members, both power and sail, and young and "more experienced." I believe it's crucial to tap those experienced members as well as to involve younger individuals to actively shape our Club's future. My extensive Club involvement and long-time EYC membership uniquely equip me to suggest skilled candidates.

Thank you for considering me for the 2024 Nominating Committee.



**CARRIE  
KNOX**

I truly appreciate being asked to run for the Nominating Committee. I grew up at EYC, and particularly loved the Sailing School. This later gave me the skills to be on the Northwestern University Sailing Team. We lost a lot of races, as Wildcats are known to do, and we had a few rather harrowing experiences, as Sailors are known to do. But it was great fun!

I worked on the Nominating Committee a few years ago, which was my first experience in volunteering for EYC. The next year, I was voted onto the Board of Directors, and my 3-year term is up this November. I am continuing to work on the Membership Committee, and act as a communications aide for the Clubhouse Renovation Committee.

All of these experiences have given me great insight into the workings of the Club, and the type of people we need to volunteer their time and energy to keep it running and improving. EYC has been a "Happy Place" for 128 years, and I hope to help it continue that tradition in the future.



**RYAN  
MARSH**

I am excited to 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 twelve years ago, and it would be an honor to serve the Club in this capacity. I am currently on the Grounds Committee and have served in other roles in the past. I'm currently serving a 4 year term on the Board of Governors at the Kahkwa Club, chairing the Aquatics Committee there.

My wife and I have a Middle School daughter and twin Elementary School boys. The 5 of us spend most of our free time down at the Club, on our boat. We love boating, the beach, and the friendships that we've made at the Club.

I am a Vice President of Sales for Flexjet, selling fractional ownership of business jets. I've been in the industry for 18 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.

**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.**





PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1

**RESOLUTION #1** - To amend the timing of the availability of the Annual Audited Financial Statement.

*“Resolved, hereby, to change the timing for when the Annual Audited Financial Statement will be made available to the members.*

AS IT CURRENTLY READS:

Constitution  
Article IX  
Officers and Directors

8. The Board of Directors shall employ an auditor or accountant, not a Member of the Board of Directors, to audit the books of the Erie Yacht Club at such times that the report thereon shall be available to each Regular Member at the Annual Meeting and upon reasonable request thereafter.

PROPOSED CHANGES in bold italics:

8. The Board of Directors shall employ an auditor or accountant, not a Member of the Board of Directors, to annually audit the books of the Erie Yacht Club. ***An internally generated, unaudited summary financial statement shall be provided to each Regular Member at or prior to the Annual Meeting. The members shall be notified when the official audit is completed, and it shall be made available to members upon request thereafter.***

*Passage of Resolution #1 requires a change to the EYC Constitution. As such, the proposal will require approval by a 3/4 majority of Regular Members present at the meeting. See EYC Constitution, Article XIII.*

**Rationale:** This proposed revision and rationale were presented to the Board of Directors by the Finance Committee, and the Board approved moving forward. Over the years, changes in the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) have made the audit process more complicated, and therefore more burdensome. With EYC’s fiscal year ending October 31, the time limitation to complete the process prior to the Annual Meeting is too narrow to perform a proper audit, and it is not reasonable to expect an accounting firm to meet our deadline. This year, EYC will need a new contract with an accounting firm to perform the annual audit. Without this amendment, it is unlikely any firm will accept the current timetable. An alternative solution would be to change EYC’s fiscal year, but this is very problematic as it requires a special IRS short-year filing. Accomplishing this would be time-consuming and expensive. The Finance Committee believes the best option is to provide an internally generated, unaudited summary financial statement at the Annual Meeting, with the audit being made subsequently available upon completion.

End of Resolution #1





RESOLUTION #2

**RESOLUTION #2** - To amend the language of the first Assessment for consistency with the second Assessment, particularly with respect to the timing of billing. In addition, a monthly billing option for the first Assessment was presented at the May 2023 Special Meeting for the second Assessment and is proposed to be added.

*Resolved, hereby, to change the date for the first clubhouse renovation project Assessment to be consistent with the second Assessment and EYC billing, and to add a monthly billing column to the first Assessment table.*

AS IT CURRENTLY READS:

BYLAWS

SECTION I  
Membership Dues

15. 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. (Revised 11/19/2021)

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

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 450 x 11 = 4950.00 a savings of \$ 450)

[The following second assessment was added at the Special Meeting held on May 18, 2023].

Effective November 2023, EYC members will be assessed annually per the below table. This is a second assessment for the clubhouse renovation project and is in addition to, not in lieu of, the first assessment for the project. The term of this assessment is 12 years for existing members beginning in November 2023. Members joining after November 2023 will pay the assessment for 12 years from date of election, not to exceed the end of fiscal year 2038. All assessment proceeds will be directed to the Club House Renovation Account.

Member Class	Annual Assessment	Monthly Assessment
Regular	285.00	23.75
Associate	285.00	23.75
Special	90.00	7.50
Jr. / Jr. Family	0	0
16 - 20 years	0	0
21 - 25 years	0	0
26 - 30 years	48.00	4.00
31 - 34 years	122.00	10.17
Honorary	0	0
Senior	90.00	7.50
Non- Resident	90.00	7.50

Members may prepay the entire second assessment with a single payment. Prepayment will result in the waiver of the assessment that would be due for year 12. (For example: a Regular Member prepayment would be \$285 x 11 = \$3,135; a savings of \$285.)

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PROPOSED CHANGES in *bold italics*:

15. Effective *November 2022*, EYC members will be assessed annually per the below table. *The* term of *this* assessment is 12 years for existing members *beginning in November 2022*. Members *joining* after *November 2022* will pay *the* assessment for 12 years from date of election, not to exceed *the* end of calendar year 2036. All Assessment proceeds will be directed to the Club House Renovation Account.

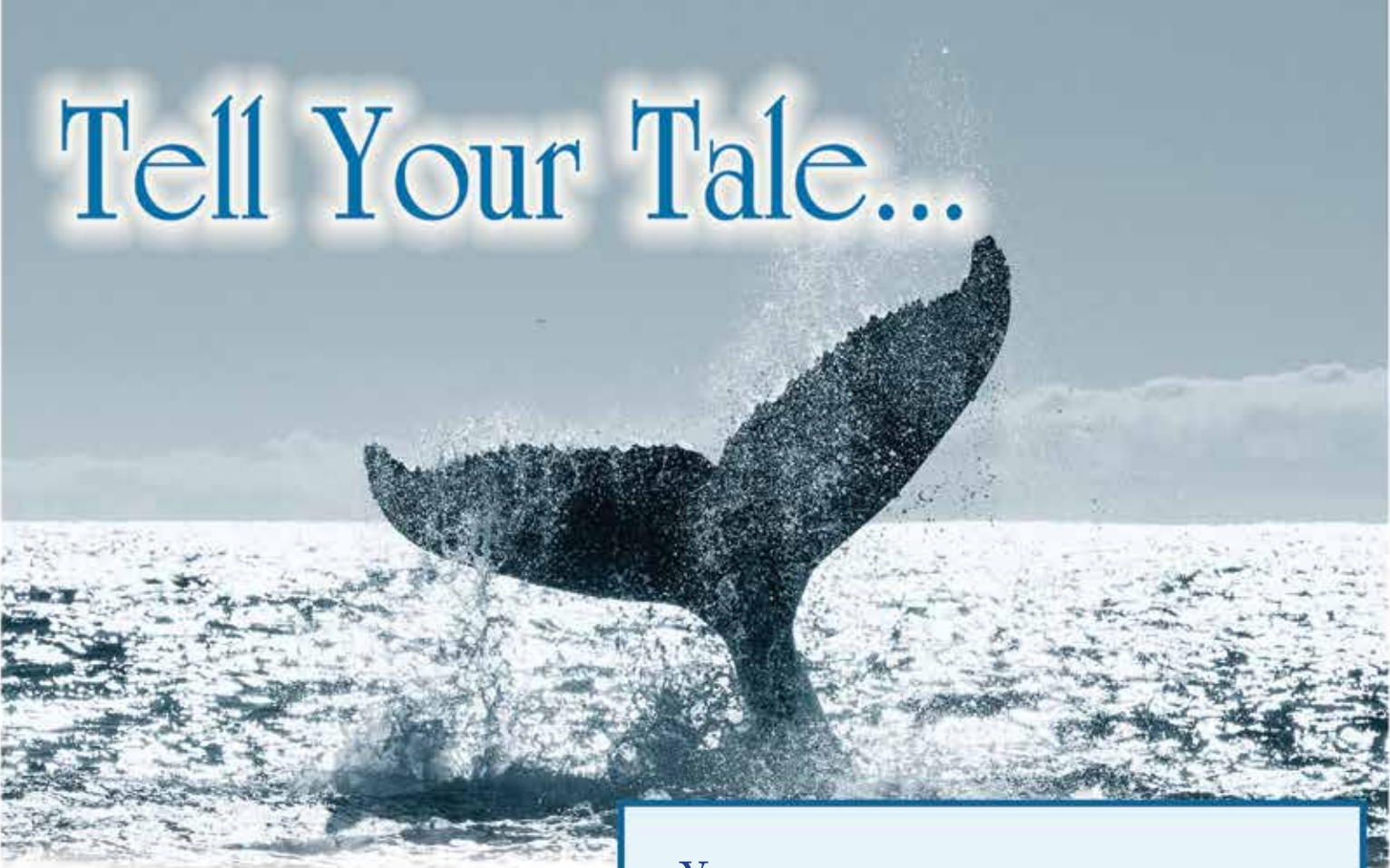
Member Class	Annual Assessment	Monthly Assessment
Regular	450.00	37.50
Associate	450.00	37.50
Special	140.00	11.67
Jr. / Jr. Family	0	0
16 - 20 years	0	0
21 - 25 years	0	0
26 - 30 years	75.00	6.25
31 - 34 years	190.00	15.84
Honorary	0	0
Senior	140.00	11.67
Non- Resident	140.00	11.67

Members may prepay *the entire* assessment with single payment. Prepayment will result in *the* waiver of *the* assessment that would be due for year 12. (For example: a Regular Member prepayment would be \$450 x 11 = \$4,950, a savings of \$450.)

*Passage of Resolution #2 requires a change to the EYC By-Laws. As such, the proposal will require approval by a majority of Regular Members present at the Annual Meeting. See EYC By-Laws, Section VI.*

**Rationale:** This is a housekeeping measure. The language of the two Assessments for the renovation project is inconsistent. Substantively, the starting date of the first Assessment does not align with actual billing, which begins with the November billing cycle. The second Assessment approved at the Special Meeting held on May 18, 2023, corrected this timing issue and is reproduced above for your reference. Revisions are proposed to the language of the first Assessment (only) to conform with the second Assessment and align with actual billing. In addition, at the Special Meeting for the second Assessment the Regular Members were presented with a monthly billing option for both Assessments. A third column is proposed to be added to the first Assessment table to reflect the monthly billing option.

End of Resolution #2



You don't have to be a professional writer to contribute to the Erie Yacht Club's LOG magazine. You don't even have to be a sailor, just someone with a tale to tell.

A tidbit from the history of the Club, an unusual vacation destination, or an epic boat race are all good story topics for your LOG magazine. Interesting stories come in all shapes and sizes.

LOG stories can be informational, like how to patch a hull, inspirational, as in the Lake Erie Solo challenge, or perhaps you'd like to call some well deserved attention to another member's generosity to the Club or community. Stories can also be just plain entertaining like surviving that cruising vacation with your in-laws.

Although a picture is worth a thousand words they are not a necessity when submitting an article to the LOG. (Although if they help tell the story they are still worth at least a couple hundred words!). Pictures are greatly appreciated however, when at all possible, especially when dealing with specifics or a difficult explanation.

There are also no word count requirements, all article lengths are needed. Heck, you don't even need to use proper grammar! The Log staff reviews and will correct any grammatical mishaps. Writers also have the opportunity to review the finished article before it goes to press if they choose. You don't have to be a great author like Mark Twain or William Shakespeare to submit a LOG article, but you may feel like one after seeing your story in print.

So c'mon and share your tall tail!





## Donor Spotlight:

### Past Commodore Bill Lasher On Supporting the Erie Yacht Club Foundation

Interview & Article by Jennifer Farrar



P/C Bill Lasher, long-time Erie Yacht Club Foundation donor, volunteer and former board member, recently shared his motivations for supporting the EYC Foundation. Bill reflected that he was fortunate to grow up at the Erie Yacht Club, where he developed what would become a lifelong passion for sailing and racing. Bill shared, “my experiences as a youth racing big boats and small boats were formative and played a major role in my personal development. The challenges of racing and teamwork required helped to develop lifelong skills that have served me well personally and professionally. I was lucky to have that opportunity and I support the Erie Yacht Club Foundation to help other people have that same opportunity.”

Bill’s involvement with the EYC Foundation began when current Foundation Board Chair, Bill Lillis, Sr., asked Bill Lasher about spearheading a collegiate sailing team at Penn State Behrend. The EYC Foundation was investing time and dollars into building intercollegiate sailing in Erie and a Behrend team would be the next step to complement the team that had started at Gannon University.

Bill Lasher took on the challenge once he identified a student interested in a sailing team at Behrend and they built a team from there with Bill as the first faculty advisor.

In subsequent years, Bill helped to found the Battle of Lake Erie Intercollegiate regatta co-hosted by Behrend and Gannon and held at the Erie Yacht Club each September, drawing college teams from across the Northeastern United States. While he has passed the torch as Behrend Sailing Club advisor to another EYC member, Sharon Dale, he continues to be involved in the Battle of Lake Erie as PRO.

Eventually, Bill was asked to serve on the Board of Directors of the Erie Yacht Club Foundation where he found the three-part mission to be a great fit for his personal values. The Foundation exists to advance maritime education, promote youth and intercollegiate sailing competition, and to expand opportunities in boating. Bill reflects that investing his time and donations in an organization which is focused on expanding opportunities in boating is particularly meaningful to him based on his early experiences at EYC.

“I had the opportunity to be exposed to boating from an early age and have formed lifelong friendships and skills based on lessons learned on the water. My involvement with and donations to the Foundation is my way of paying that forward. Projects that the Foundation supports through grants provide sailing scholarships to underserved youth, has helped to purchase sailboats for youth camps, have provided first-time boating experiences to kids and adults, and helped build a collegiate sailing scene in Erie.”

Bill has completed his term on the Foundation Board of Directors but continues his support through volunteering for the Battle of Lake Erie, sponsorship of the Foundation’s annual Boathouse Party, and yearly donations. Donations to the Erie Yacht Club Foundation supported grants to 10 organizations in 2023 totaling \$43,725. Hundreds of youth and adults were positively impacted thanks to those grant-supported projects, all in relation to the three focus areas of the EYC Foundation mission.

During this season of reflection and giving, consider a gift to the Erie Yacht Club Foundation to support their mission and 2024 grant-making capability. Donations can be made at: [www.erieyachtclubfoundation.org](http://www.erieyachtclubfoundation.org).

#### The Interview:

##### How did you get involved with the Erie Yacht Club Foundation?

My first involvement was when I was a faculty at Behrend and Bill Lillis approached me about starting a racing team. Gannon had already started one and the Foundation wanted to build Intercollegiate sailing in Erie. At first I couldn’t find any students that were interested but after a few years one student came to me and wanted to start a sailing club. I became their faculty advisor and we built the program from there. I helped out as PRO for the now annual Battle of Lake Erie regatta and thought it was great.

I was later approached about becoming a trustee, and having seen the impact the Foundation had on college students who had never had the opportunity to sail I thought it was worth getting involved. I of course knew about the Boathouse but other than that and the Intercollegiate sailing program I didn’t really know what the Foundation was trying to accomplish. I found that there’s a lot more to it than I had thought.

##### What about their mission speaks to you that you want to invest your time and dollars?

The mission has three parts - advancing maritime education, promoting youth and intercollegiate sailing competition, and expanding opportunities in boating. I think all three parts are important and worthwhile, but it is the last part that means the most to me.

I was fortunate enough to grow up at the EYC and my experiences there as a youth – especially racing both big boats and small boats – were formative and played a major role in my personal development. I think the challenges of racing, especially the knowledge and teamwork required, are great to develop all sorts of skills. I developed a lot of really solid friendships that continue to this day. The key thing is that it all happened because I had an opportunity, and I believe that we need to help people who don’t have that opportunity to get it.

##### What was a highlight as a board member of the Foundation?

We spent a lot of time talking about what kinds of projects we should fund and I think at first we struggled with that. Part of the reason is that the Foundation, under Jim McBrier’s vision and leadership, began with a goal of building the boathouse.

Once that was complete there were a lot of questions about what to do next. At one point we even developed an idea of building a community rowing center on the former Richards property adjacent to the club but were not able to put together the funding before the property was bought. We eventually developed our current mission statement which became a guiding principle for the type of projects we would fund, and I played a major role in developing that.

##### Any particular projects the Foundation has helped fund that were personally meaningful to you?

I think the scholarships for high school students to attend the Reburn Sailing School are the most meaningful to me. These are underserved kids who might never have the opportunity to go sailing – the opportunity I had. The comments of some of the students in the video we created says it all. I think it’s hard to watch that without feeling good about what we’ve done.

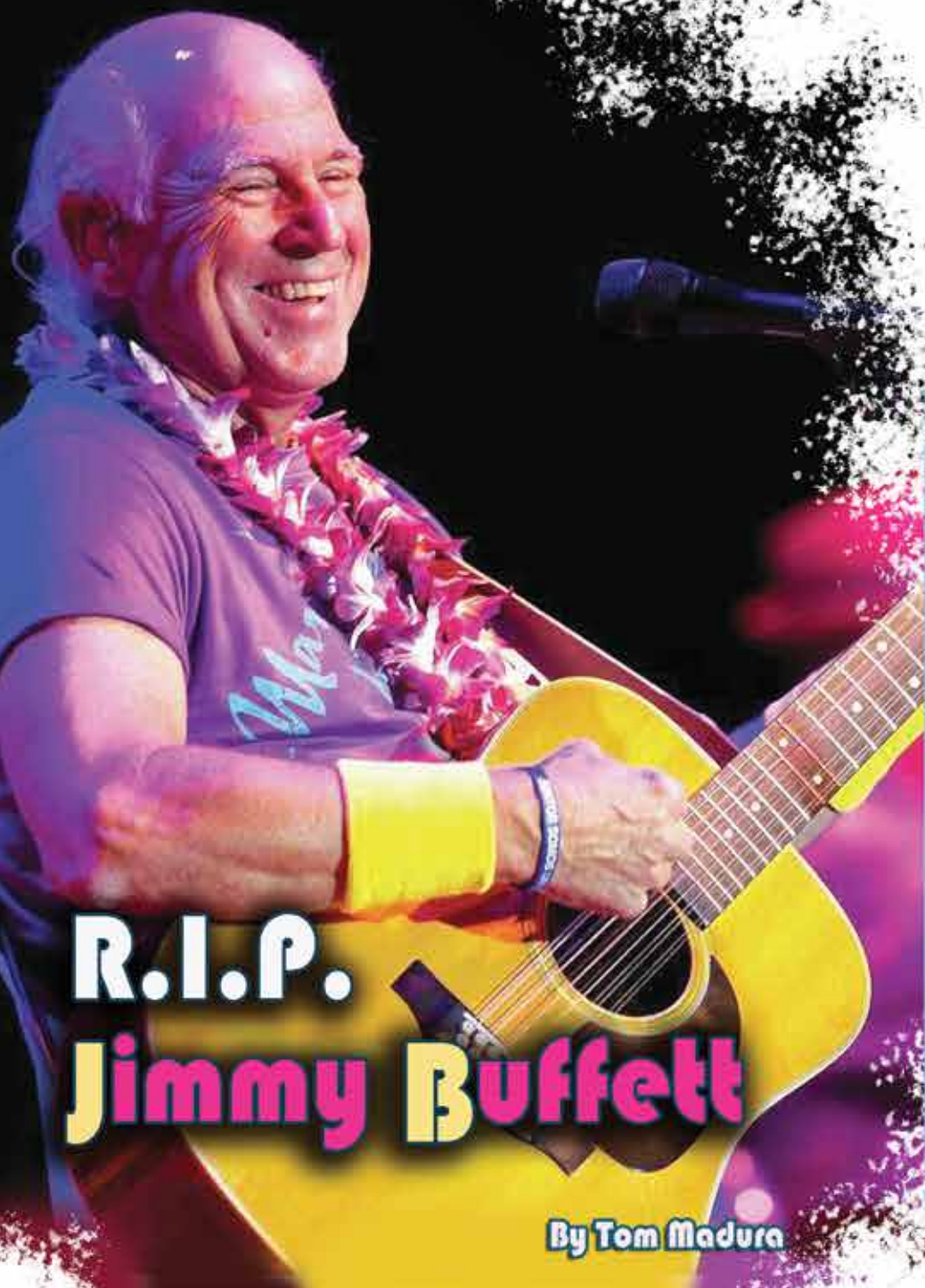
##### Then of course anything else you want to add! These are just some things to get the article started.

I would encourage anyone who hasn’t gone to the Boathouse party to check it out. In addition to supporting a great cause, it’s a really nice event. I didn’t go until I became a trustee - then I found out what I had been missing!





# End of an Era



R.I.P.  
**Jimmy Buffett**

By Tom Madura



Even in the "less than tropical" venues Jimmy Buffett and band packed them in by the thousands.

The death of Jimmy Buffett in September came as a shock to everyone... he had apparently been fighting a rare form of skin cancer for several years but had managed to keep his diagnosis and treatments hidden from the public.

It would be hard to overstate Buffett's influence on pop culture over the last 50 years. An astute businessman as well as a singer-songwriter, Jimmy capitalized on the success of his hit song "Margaritaville" - creating a mythos and lifestyle exemplified by the title of his first CD boxed-set collection of hits: "Boats, Beaches, Bars and Ballads."



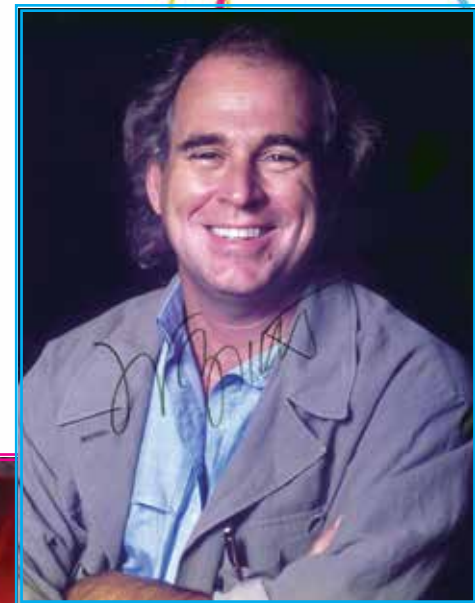
Cindy, myself and fellow "Parrotheads" getting primed before the show.

In addition to his music, he was known for his chain of Margaritaville restaurants, Margaritaville brand tequila, and partnerships in LandShark Beer and Margaritaville Casinos, among other business ventures. As a result of these ventures, and his income from his music catalog and concert tours, his net worth at the time of his death was estimated to be an astonishing \$1 billion.



Not only known for his solo hits, Jimmy collaborated with many other artists that evolved into great music and great friendships like Kenny Chesney.

But he will be most remembered for his music, and the easy, laid-back lifestyle it represented. That lifestyle, and the songs that conjured it, included large doses of life on the water. Buffett was a lifelong sailor and surfer, and his lifestyle, especially early in his career, could accurately be described as "beach bum."



Jimmy's concerts always brought a laid back beach bum life style to wherever they played... even Pittsburgh.

It would be hard to find a boat-er, especially a sailor, who was not familiar with or embraced the music of Jimmy Buffett. His music provided the soundtrack for many of us while working on our boats, out cruising on a sunny day, or just

sitting at the dock enjoying a cocktail on board. Many EYC members, including Cindy and myself, are self-described "Parrotheads," the name applied to Jimmy's legions of fans.

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# End of an Era

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Buffett's music inspired many imitators and cover bands - local Buffett tribute band Key West Express was wildly popular and often played at EYC functions, helping to keep the tropical sound vibe alive.



Key West Express is an EYC favorite band who covers many of Jimmy Buffett's classic tunes.

Jimmy's annual concert tours usually included stops in either Pittsburgh or Cleveland, and many of us made the pilgrimage each year to experience the show in person, along with the wild pre-concert tailgating parties.



Equally successful in his business ventures, Jimmy branched the "Margaritaville" name into bottled tequila and national hotel & restaurant chains.



After his passing there were many tributes from musicians of all genres of music, citing his influence.

For many years there were bus trips organized by EYC members to these shows. The parking lot festivities prior to a Buffett concert became legendary - a surreal scene of people in all sorts of wild tropical-themed costumes consuming large amounts of alcohol, including of course, margaritas!



for his millions of fans the pre-concert tailgate parties were half the fun.

But ultimately it was about the music - Jimmy Buffett's unique blend of country, pop, and tropical sounds inspired us all to look at life a little differently, and especially for boaters, it was escapism at its finest. There will never be another like him - he will be sorely missed. RIP Jimmy, and Fins Up.



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# EYC's Shining Star Brightens the Holidays Once Again...



As always the members and employees of the EYC have maintained a proud tradition of giving back to our community. With Christmas fast approaching we continue the "True Meaning" of the holidays with our "Shining Star" gift tree, located in the Club's lobby.

As we have for more than twenty years, we again assist the Saint Martin Center in their efforts to provide a blissful Christmas morning for the underprivileged children of the Erie community.

In early December this Christmas tree will be decorated with assorted stars. On the back of each star ornaments will be the name of a child, their age, and a gift idea. Pick the star you like, purchase the gift, wrap the item up and return the gift to the Club and place it under the tree with the star ornament taped on top.

This program is open to all members, their guests and employees of the Club. You may take as many stars as you like. If you would rather make a cash donation, feel free to do so. Make your check payable to the "Saint Martin Center". Leave all cash donations with the front office or place it in the mail slot in the front office door.

We do ask if you take a star to please follow through with your gift purchase. If you can't, please return the star ornament to the tree as someone else may be looking for an ornament tag. Remember, gifts should be returned to the Club in a timely manner.

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# If These Docks Could Talk

## The EYC's One-Armed Bandits

by P/C Gib Loesel



Back in the “Roaring Twenties” Speakeasies became very popular, not really legal but than again “who cared”. Speakeasies were a place where a fella or a gal could get a “drink” and have a little fun. One of the speakeasy’s main attractions was that there was also a little “gaming” that took place. Which included a little old device known as the “One Armed Bandit”, yes sir I mean Slot Machines. Recently I was reading a story about the “good old days”, and this got me to thinking (again) about whatever happened to the EYC’s slots? Slots, you say, “Our Club had SLOTS?”.

I can only tell you that yes, we did, back in the “40’s” for sure. I was just about as high as the bar stool, but I remember them. There were four slots located in the bar area, three of them were located in a dandy compartment built as part of the tiny little office which was located under the stairs leading to the second floor.

When the bar was open for business the “hatch cover” was removed for easy access. Available for play was one of each coin denomination, Quarter, Dime, and Nickel. Next to this trio, sitting in the southwest corner of the bar was the Nickel machine, free standing on a wooden table. This is the machine that got “us” kids in trouble. When ever possible we would take our Nickle and dart through the door next to the Slot and stick the coin in, pull the lever and dart back out again waiting for the “tinkle tinkle” of a few coins falling into the payout tray.

Of course, Pat the bartender would yell and tell us it was against the law, but always grinning behind his ever beaming face. One of our other tricks was to run in and check the trays for a payout that someone had missed. One of my other memories was of my Grandmother White, who lived in Cleveland. When she would visit she liked to go to the Club where she would play the slots, the dime machine was her favorite as I recall.



She had a routine, first she would get her little black coin purse which was loaded with dimes, next came her “fold up” St. Christopher Medal positioned carefully next to the machine and her game would begin. And no, I can’t remember if she ever hit the Jack Pot!!

The tiny office mentioned above (about 100 sq feet) was used to service the machines, this included taking the profit and adjusting the payout ratio. I remember getting in there one time to look around, the item that had me in awe was the large bag of coins just sitting on the floor waiting to be carried away.

Whoever was doing the counting told me that if I could carry the bag out the door I could have it! It was a pretty safe bet, that I couldn’t even lift it off the floor. Slots were a big money makers for several of the various clubs in and around Erie. They were at the East Erie Turners, the Manerchor Club, and the Zucker Club to name a few.

All of this came crashing down in the early 50’s when who ever “they” were cleaned up the City. Magically our slots disappeared, and no one would admit to what really happened to them. The big club rumor was they were buried for use in the future behind the locker house up near P/C Norm Parkers house on South Shore Drive.

If These Docks Could Talk, they would say: “Come on kids, let’s go on a treasure hunt, there is money in “them thar hills.”



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# What's the Good Word?

by Kathy Dundon



As we enter into the holiday season and the end of the year. I came up with a mix of “good words” that I hope you enjoy reading, as much as I enjoyed putting them together. So until next year, enjoy...

Realize that everyone that you think is perfect feels like they're not good enough to.

- Canadian singer Alessia Cara

The really happy man is the one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Don't carry a grudge. While you are caring a grudge. The other guy is out dancing.

- Buddy Hackett

A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

A man may fail many times, but he is not a failure... until he begins to blame somebody else.

- John Burroughs

Don't worry about what people think, they don't do it very often.

Friends are like stars you can't always see them, but you know they're always there.

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing.

- Abraham Lincoln

We are here to laugh at the odds and live our lives so well that death will tremble to take us.

A smile is the quickest way to brighten a room.

When you win, nothing hurts.

- Joe Namath

If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably does not lead anywhere.

- Frank Clark

Fun is about as good a habit as there is,

- Jimmy Buffet

You can always make more money...

You can never make more time.

Started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm here after.

Some folks are charming because they are good. Some other folks are charming because they are good at it.

- Dan Dundon

A person's character is like a fence.. it cannot be strengthened by white wash.

I wish the buck stopped here... I sure could use a few.

The man who complains about the way the ball bounces is likely to be the one who dropped it.

- Lou Holtz

I would rather die from drink, than from thirst,

- James Bond

You can't wake a person who is pretending to be asleep.

- Navajo saying

When Paul speaks ill of Peter, it reflects on Paul, not on Peter.

He who sees the invisible can do the impossible.

Life is all about how you look at things.

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, People would stop dying.

- Rodney Dangerfield

So, I hope you enjoyed these Good Words! Don't forget to send me your favorite quotes and words-of-wisdom to: [kvdundon@gmail.com](mailto:kvdundon@gmail.com) for me to maybe include in future EYC log articles!

Now for one closing thought:

“Laugh it off”



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- 12th Sideline Sundays • 1pm - Games End  
Beer Specials
- 15th Burger & Brew Nite • 5pm - 9pm
- 16th Touchdown Thursdays at the EYC
- 17th EYC Annual Meeting & Election  
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## December Calendar of Club Events

- 2nd "A Dickens Christmas Evening"  
An Evening of Holiday Cheer with Carolers sing your favorites!  
Dinner Service 5pm - 9:30 pm
- 3rd Sideline Sundays • 1pm - Games End
- 6th Burger & Brew Nite • 5pm - 9pm
- 7th Touchdown Thursdays at the EYC
- 9th Breakfast with Santa Brunch Buffet  
Two Seating Times: 10am & 12:30pm  
Visit from Santa • Adults \$20 - Kids \$12  
Reservations Required Ext.210 or Online  
Club Closed for Lunch • Large Parties  
May be Split Between Multiple Tables
- 10th Sideline Sundays • 1pm - Games End  
Beer & Drink Specials
- 13th Burger & Brew Nite • 5pm - 9pm
- 14th Touchdown Thursdays at the EYC
- 17th Sideline Sundays • 1pm - Games End  
Beer & Drink Specials
- 20th Burger & Brew Nite • 5pm - 9pm
- 21st Touchdown Thursdays at the EYC
- 22nd Holiday Happy Hour! • 5pm - 8pm  
Special Acoustic Performance with Brown Dog • Drink Specials
- 24th & 25th  
Wishing you a Merry Christmas!  
The Club will be closed for the holidays
- 27th Burger & Brew Nite • 5pm - 9pm
- 28th Touchdown Thursdays at the EYC
- 31st Family New Years Eve Party!  
Ring in the New Year at a Family Friendly Time 11am - 2pm  
\$20 Adults • \$12 for 6 -12 • Under 5 Free  
Reservations Required Ext. 210 or Online  
New Years Eve Dinner & Dancing  
Live Music with 3WR from 6:30 - 10pm  
Dinner Features • NYE Party Favors  
DJ Duane 10pm - 12:30am  
Dinner Available until 10pm  
Reservations Required at:  
453-4931 Ext. 210



## Breakfast with Santa



**Saturday, December 9th**  
 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

## EYC FAMILY NEW YEARS EVE Party

**Sunday Dec. 31st**  
 Balloon Drop at 12:00 Noon  
 Lunch Buffet & Ice Cream Sundae Bar  
 Party Favors • Bingo • Balloon Art  
 Adults \$20 • Kids 6 to 12 • \$12 • Under 5 • Free  
 Reservations Required - Online or 453-4931 x210

## JOIN US FOR TOUCHDOWN THURSDAYS

THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Beer Specials  
 from 5pm 'til End of Game  
 (Reservations NOT Required)

• REGULAR DINNER MENU ALSO •  
 The Club Has the Ticket for ALL the Games!



## New Years Eve 2024

### DINNER & DANCE

**Sunday, December 31st**

- Live Music with 3WR 6:30pm - 10pm
- Dancing with DJ Duane 10pm - 12:30pm
- Complimentary Party Favors
- Dinner Available until 10 pm

Reservations Required  
 453-4931 ext. 201



## IT'S BACK! BURGERS & BREWS



\$17.00

5PM-9PM

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

ANY BURGER, ANY TOPPINGS  
 & ANY DRAFT BEER!  
 BURGERS WITH FRIES ONLY  
 & PINT OF DRAFT BEER!

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD...

## VOTE!

AT THE EYC ANNUAL MEETING  
 FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AGAIN AT  
 STRONG VINCENT MIDDLE SCHOOL • 1330 WEST 8TH STREET  
 VOTING RESTRICTED TO REGULAR MEMBERS ONLY  
 DOORS OPEN AT 7PM • MEETING STARTS AT 7:30



## November & December Grill Room Hours:

**Club Open Tuesday - Sunday**

Tuesday 11am - 8:30pm

Wednesday & Thursday - 11am - 9pm

Friday 11am - 9:30pm

Saturday 11am - 9:30pm

Sunday - 10am - 8:30pm

Bar Open Later on All Days  
 Grill Room is Open

## Club Office Hours:

Monday 9am - 4pm

Tuesday - Friday 9am - 5pm

Saturday 10am - 2pm

Sunday - Closed

Office Closed Thursday Nov. 23rd  
 and Friday Nov. 24th

## Happy "Appy" Hour

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

1/2 off Appetizers & Drink Specials

## Don't Get Your Tinsel In a Twist! Leave the Wrapping to Us!

Complimentary Gift-wrapping Service  
 for All Your Purchases at the Ship Store!



Saturday, Nov. 25th  
 10am - 5pm

Friday, Dec. 8th  
 9am - 8pm

Friday, Dec. 22nd  
 9am - 8pm