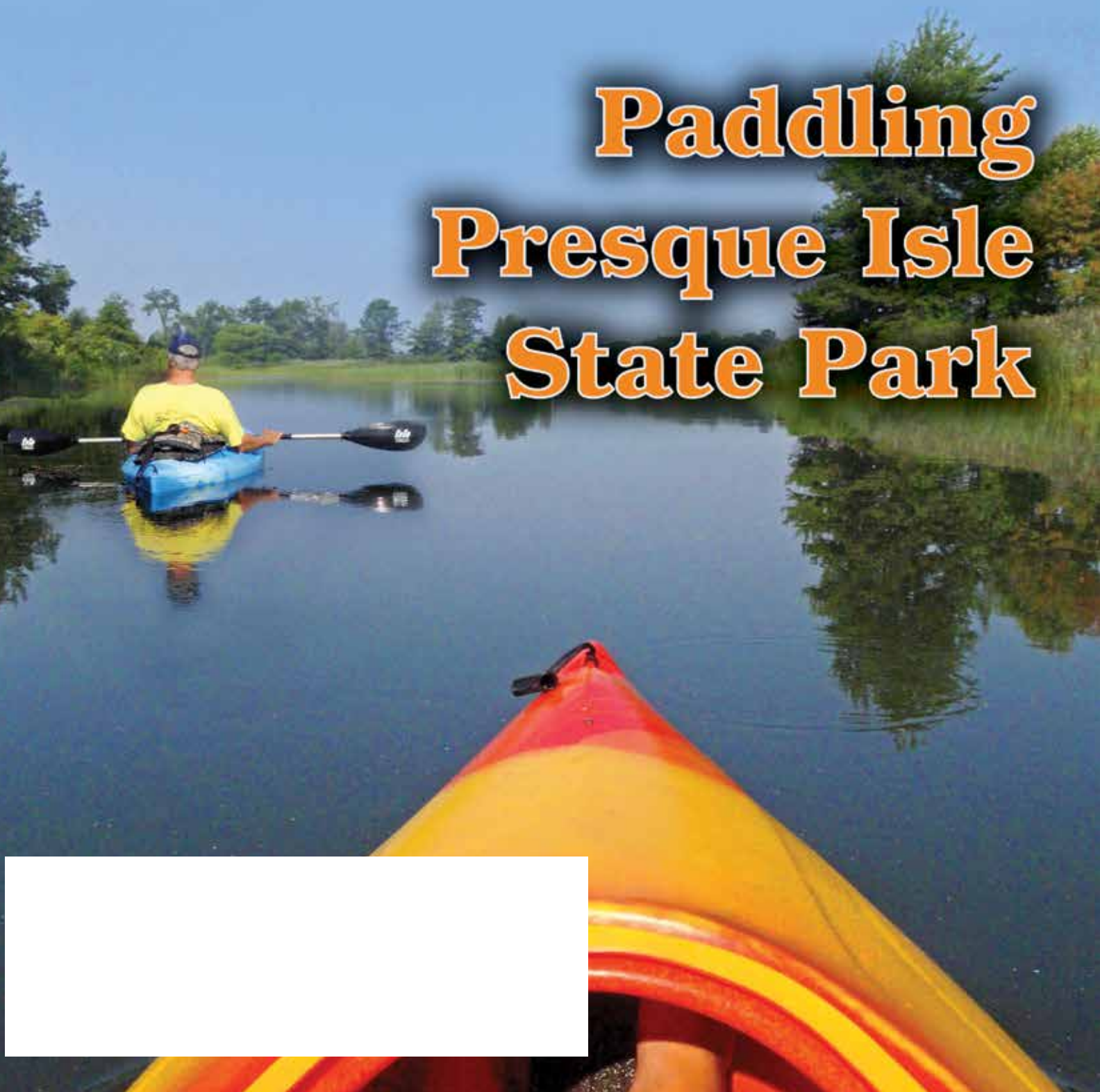


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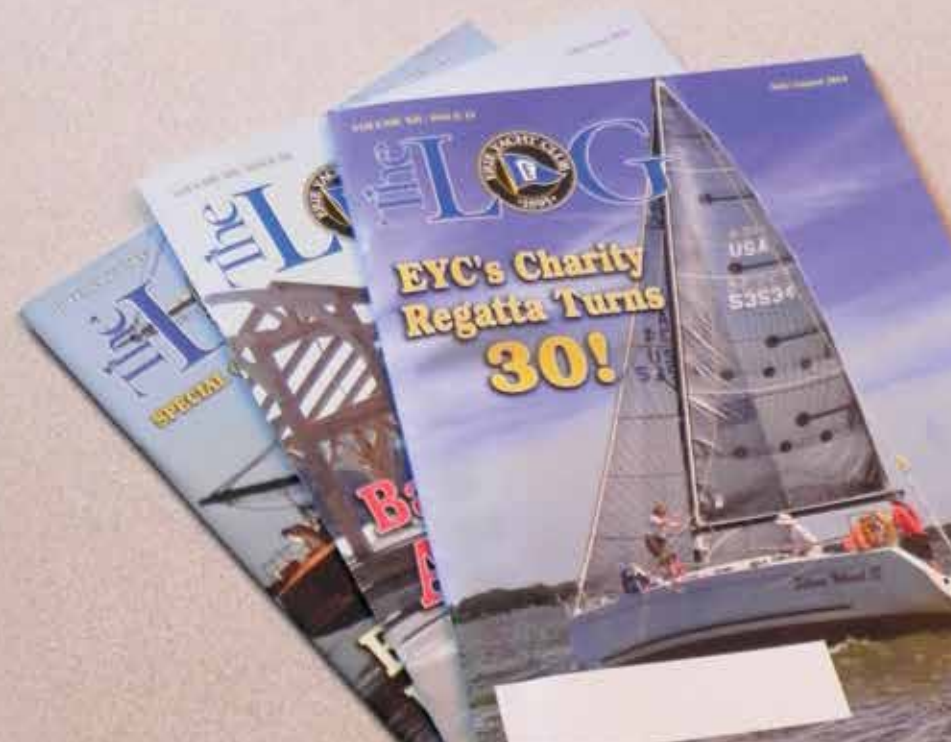
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From the Bridge

by Vice Commodore John Orlando



It has been an interesting summer as far as the weather goes. Cooler temperatures along with above normal amounts of rain in June got summer off to a slow start here at the club. Someone said to me this is one of those seasons that you have to "get out while the gettin's good". While that was definitely the case in June we have since had a great deal of nice weather and our members have been taking advantage of it. The Sunset Happy Hours continue to be a real hit and we have had some really great bands rockin' the west lawn. From the family picnic to the Fourth of July celebration our events have been very well attended.

Our Chef and his crew also continue to provide an exceptional dining experience for our membership. So good that we found that on many weekend evenings we were running a wait for tables.

In the spring the club purchased a paging system to make these waits more passable. They have been a huge success allowing members to have a drink at the bar or sit outside on the deck or by the water while they wait for a table to become available.

I encourage our membership to take a look at the upcoming events on our website, read the weekly e-newsletter, and follow the advice given to me earlier this year - "Get out (side) while the gettin's good!" - Cheers,



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Paddling Presque Isle State Park

by Dan Dundon

Photos by Tom Madura



Many people call Presque Isle the “gem” of the Pennsylvania State Parks System. Maybe I can call Presque Isle the “treasure in our own back yard”? Crowded on hot summer days, I still find Presque Isle enjoyable. During much of the off-season September to May I find Presque Isle almost deserted and that much more enriching.

Way back in 1983, I bought a canoe and have been paddling year-round since. Only twice (I think?) I have been stopped when I arrive at my launch point to find the lagoon frozen late in the season. In 2008, I bought two kayaks. A kayak is much easier to handle alone than a canoe, especially wrassling it onto and off of my car... especially since I aged a little since 1983?



The Presque Isle State Park website tells us: The lagoons at Presque Isle State Park remain undiscovered for many of the park’s 4 million annual visitors. Only kayaks, canoes, rowboats and paddleboats are allowed in lagoons. If you want to explore the lagoons by yourself, at your own pace, you can put your own kayak or canoe in the water, or rent rowboats, kayaks or canoes from the Presque Isle Canoe and Boat Livery located on Graveyard Pond across from Misery Bay. They rent canoes, kayaks, and peddle pontoon boats. The boat livery is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends during mid-April through mid-October.

So, if you have a kayak or canoe you can car-top it to the park. If you have no boat and would like to give it a try, you can rent one. If you like it, rentals will help give you an idea of features you would like in your own boat.

During the past few years, Tom Madura and I have paddled the lagoons together several times. You can see from Tom’s accompanying photographs some of the plants and animals we have seen. No, there are no alligators in the lagoons. That photo is only here to see whether you are paying attention.

I generally launch near the Marina Bridge east of the Duck Pond. If it is windy, I paddle east through Long Pond and the lagoons to Graveyard Pond (often poking into side ponds to see what I can see), then retrace my route. Otherwise, wind permitting, I paddle west to Marina Lake, head south onto Presque Isle Bay, then east to Misery Bay. Either way I get there, I sometimes paddle Misery Bay and Horseshoe Pond. I generally pack a sandwich or bring and grill hot dogs. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at Presque Isle.

For sure, spotting wildlife can be a real thrill! It is not unusual to see Great Blue Herons, Green Herons, Belted Kingfishers and all kinds of geese and ducks. If you are really lucky you may see an eagle. Among more down-to-earth animals are deer, beavers, muskrats and mink. Often spotted are all kinds of turtles, painted turtles, map turtles, soft-shelled turtles and my favorite, big old snapping turtles. No, a snapper can’t bite a chunk out of your paddle. But, don’t offer one your finger, either. I occasionally hear coyotes making the goofiest noises, but, I have yet to see one paddling. One time, a beaver surfaced right next to my kayak! Luckily I was not splashed too much when the beaver slapped his tail on the water in warning.

Paddling in the fall is great! The water is still relatively warm. The autumn leaves colors are beautiful. Sky blue autumn skies are hard to beat.

Winter paddling offers other opportunities. Snow on the ground makes it easier to spot deer and larger animals. Your beverage is less likely to get warm.

Spring paddling is my favorite. While the water is cold and deserves your utmost respect, the lagoons ponds are open and free of vegetation, allowing much easier navigation. You can paddle into ponds you can’t even see when choked with mid-summer plant-life. During a few hours of spring paddling, you may be lucky enough to spot half-a-dozen “giant” snapping turtles!



Summer paddling is OK. The vegetation and flowers are beautiful if you can tolerate the crowds of tourists.

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Paddling Presque Isle

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Well, there you go... another way to enjoy boating in Erie! The lagoons are sheltered and safe and offer many opportunities to enjoy paddling experiences.

I am sure paddling the Presque Isle lagoons will appeal to many of you, especially since I see many kayaks around the club and I have already run into a few of you in the lagoons. If you are the “more adventure-some” type, a few other paddling trips I enjoy at Presque Isle are:

Niagara Pond – Right after the ice melts, park your car at Fry’s Landing and launch your boat into Niagara Pond. This is a unique pond with much shore side plant-life uncompromised by invasive species than many other areas. There is much more plant biodiversity in Niagara Pond than much of the lagoons. Beavers have channels you can follow cut through the cat-tails. You never know what is around the next bend. Maybe you will come face-to-face with a nesting Canada Goose? There are many big snappers in Niagara Pond as well.



Ridge Pond – If you are willing to portage (carry) your boat a few hundred yards, again, right after the ice melts, park your car at the Misery Bay end of the Sidewalk Trail and carry your boat to Ridge Pond. Look for a beaver channel through the shore-side vegetation and launch your boat. You will be rewarded by having a big pond all to yourself (because, apparently, there are not too many people who are willing to portage). The water is clear and you are likely to see tons of turtles and maybe a few beaver.

There is one more Presque Isle paddling trip I really enjoy. Allow four or five hours and pack a lunch. After the swimming beaches are closed for the season, pick an autumn day when the winds are calm. Leave your boat at Short Jetty beach and park your car at the Marina Bridge. Walk back to your boat and launch on Lake Erie. Paddle south to Beach #1. Portage your boat to Presque Isle Bay and paddle back through Marina Lake to your car. For a shorter paddle, park your car at Swan Cove.

Maybe this will get you interested in paddling at Presque Isle? See you out there?



If These Docks Could Talk

by P/C Gib Loesel

There are some interesting "wall hangings" to look at when you wander through our Club... one of them is The Ghost Fleet of Long Point... The other day I got to thinking (again) that I hadn't looked at in a long time only to discover that it is now displayed high above the bulletin board case on the south wall next to the west door ... unless you are really tall it is a little difficult to actually see the names of those who found the bottom and are never more to "sail" again.



If you get a ladder and look on the north side of Long Point off the tip of Pottahawk Point you will find the name "Gus"... to the best of my knowledge "Gus" is the only boat on the chart which was owned by an EYC member. He was Captain Robert Heimrich better known to his pals as Heimi, Heimi was an iron worker with a true artistic flair. That being said, about 1970 Heimi started to rebuild the Pandora which was a 50 foot "motor sailor"... it soon had an elaborate cabin house which peaked everyone's interest... I remember P/C Bob Way saying, "he should be more worried about the bottom than the top"...

Here is where the story gets interesting taking some wild twists and turns, the following was taken from The Log Vol. 5 - No. 5 September 1972:

A Sailor Did a Wooing Go

Wedding bells will chime at the Erie Yacht Club at sundown on Monday October 2nd, when the lovely Charlotte Day becomes the bride of Captain Robert Heinrich, master of the Gus.

As Paul Harvey would say "and here is the rest of the story" as told by Bob's widow Charlotte, on Old Timers Night Story Night during the 100th anniversary of the Club celebration (1996).

"Bob had the Pandora docked behind McAllister's where he lived on it part time, he joined EYC in 1970 and moved "her" to the Club after he joined. The boat rested in the cradle while he gutted and striped it and totally remodeled it. Teased about it being the "old worm bed" he decided to name it Gus, because Gus was his main worm.

There was long grass growing off the bottom and when he put it in the water he said "Gus and his little friends were in the boat holding hands to keep it together", later when he screwed the name on each side Dr. Gus Mork thought he had named the boat after him, but Heimi didn't have the heart to tell him different... the letters cost \$3.99 and his friend Bob Way gave him an old diesel engine that came from his boat when he got a new one... no one could believe it started right up and purred like a kitten. The inside of the boat was really nice, it had a split level kitchen which stepped down in to the main salon where there were cozy bunks with little lights and book shelves, it was really neat on the inside.

Our plans were to be married at the flag pole with the boat tied up in front of the club on October 2nd but we decided to go over to Canada on Labor Day with all of the rest of the Club boats. The boat was sailing really hard and Bob was ecstatic that the boat was sailing so well, the wind started blowing harder and harder, the seas were about 8 feet when we approached Long Point but we got around.

Bob told me to check the bilge and when I stepped down the carpet was floating, so he tried to start the pumps but we were sinking and we didn't have any radio or flares, but he did have a pistol and rifle and he shot them off but nobody heard them.

So we decided to head for Port Rowan instead of going through the deep water to Dover, he told me to steer towards the light he thought was Rowan but we didn't have any charts or anything. The waves were still 6 or 7 feet and I was really scared, we could see the change in the water over the first sand bar so we avoided that... while I was standing at the wheel aiming at light of Rowan he went up the first mast to take down the sail and about the time he was half way up I hit the next sand bar. He came tearing back to put the boat in reverse and sheared the prop right off the bottom so there we sat.

The boat kept lifting up and crashing down all night long... it was about the most sickening thing you could imagine, and it was laying over too.

Our running lights were on and a lot of people saw us but just thought we had stopped for the night. We certainly did stop for the night. We sat on the galley floor for a little while but then the water forced us out on the deck. There was a spot about 5 feet long without water and that was all.

So his 25 inch color TV floated out the door as well as our suit cases. He was living aboard so his tuxedo and his children's pictures did also... he lost everything. While we were sitting out on this little spot of deck he cut down a sail and wrapped it around us ...we didn't even get wet and we were there all night, but it was pretty sad.

When we started to take in water I had carefully locked all of the port holes so we were sitting out there looking in at this cozy little kitchen that was almost submerged with liquor bottles in the sink and the port hole carefully locked. Bob could have killed me!!! It was calm as glass the next morning, when the fishermen came to get us they actually had to lift their motor up. What a change from the night before, you couldn't believe it. It was like the Poseidon Adventure.

They took us into Port Rowen, we rested there and someone took him back out to the boat and he got the binnacle, the bell, the flag and a few other things but not much else. We came back on someone else's boat to an empty dock... that was the last hoorah for the Gus!"

A happy ending: the following was taken from The Log Vol. 5 - No. 6, November 1972:

Wedding Bells Chime at the Club

The harrowing experience of a shipwreck did no more than delay the wedding plans of Capt. Bob Heinrich and lovely Charlotte Day. The rigors of their experience would undoubtedly have required more than twenty days on the part of less hardy folks to return to wedding plans, but this couple is made from stouter stuff. At 6:00 p.m. on the evening of October 2nd they tied the knot.

If These Docks Could Talk, they would say: "Another wonderful EYC story, Thank You Charlotte for contributing your story for Club history."





EYC Oktoberfest 2015

Plenty of Beer Drinkin'...

by Dan Dundon

Sometimes, as I write my annual Log article about our twenty-year-long tradition of EYC Oktoberfest parties, I wonder a little that maybe I sometimes repeat myself? Anyways, here's some "new information" I recently came across.

Everybody already knows, I guess, the yearly beer-guzzling celebration known as Oktoberfest originated in Germany. However, Oktoberfest was never intended to be an annual event. (I know - bummer!). The sometimes month long (now we're talking!) party began as a simple affair, meant to celebrate the marriage between Germany's Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese of Bavaria. Held for the first time on October 12, 1810, in the town of Munich, the festivities included a horse race, music, dancing and of course, plenty of beer drinking. "Plenty of beer drinking". Right you are! Sometimes, yes, I do repeat myself.

Our 20th Annual Oktoberfest in 2014 was still another great party! Over the years, a few folks have told me they could not believe our Oktoberfest lasted as it has... 5 years... 10 years... 15 years. Looking back over 20 years of Oktoberfest celebrations, it is kinda hard for me to believe 2015 will be our 21st annual party!

As many folks know, co-chairman P/C Gerry Urbaniak and our Centennial Oktoberfest Committee started planning the 1995 Centennial Oktoberfest in 1993. We met monthly and attended several other organization's Oktoberfest parties purely so we could have a good time. Just kidding (kinda)... really, we wanted to see our 1995 EYC Oktoberfest be the best it could be!

With a few Oktoberfest parties behind us, maybe in 1998 or so, our lead entertainer, The Mad Bavarian, Bob Hamilton told me most Oktoberfest parties have a life of a few years, then they drop-off. As EYC history has proven, unlike most such parties, our Oktoberfest continues to be successful and well attended year-after-year.

Remember the quote from a veteran of hundreds of Oktoberfest-style events?

"People love a genuine Oktoberfest Party. Erie Yacht Club has something special here, a real, established Oktoberfest. You serve special Oktoberfest beer and lots of it. ("Plenty of beer drinking"... hmmm). Your buffet offers real German food and you have top quality German entertainment with minimum downtime between acts.

People love Oktoberfest and they will come out if it's the real thing". Well, there is no doubt, here at Erie Yacht Club, we certainly have a "real thing" annual Oktoberfest party, eh?

In case you've yet to attend an EYC Oktoberfest, you have been missing the best authentic German buffet around. As always, the dinner includes Wiener schnitzel, Sauerbraten, Roasted chicken, Bratwurst, Knockwurst, pumpernickel bread, potato pancakes, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and red cabbage. Dessert is always a delightful surprise, with EYC signature treats such as black forest cake and apple strudel. Later in the evening, we bring out big soft pretzels with cheddar dip!

The non-stop entertainment begins during dinner with traditional German ballads sung by Erie's own Siebenbuerger Singers. Then, the Augsburg German Band takes over with traditional German music and a variety of German beer-hall favorites. Alternating hourly throughout the evening with the Augsburg German Band is The Mad Bavarian. The Augsburg German Band kicks-off the evening with shoogling and German songs. The Mad Bavarian takes us straight to the Munich beer-gardens with his one-man Oktoberfest music show. During the evening, roving magician, Jim Bush visits the tables and mystifies us all with his magical tricks and gags.

In addition to "plenty of beer drinking", great food and special entertainment, the success of Oktoberfest also results from the many enthusiastic EYC members and guests who attend year-after-year, as well as the excellent professional support of the EYC management and staff.

Often the EYC Oktoberfest is a sell-out. Begin planning now to attend one of the greatest parties of the year! We hope to see you all there, among the many veterans of all 20 Oktoberfests, enjoying "plenty of beer drinking" and the continual stream of new faces (who we know will become regulars). Don't miss one of the most successful and long-lived Oktoberfest parties around! Sure there will be "plenty of beer drinking"!



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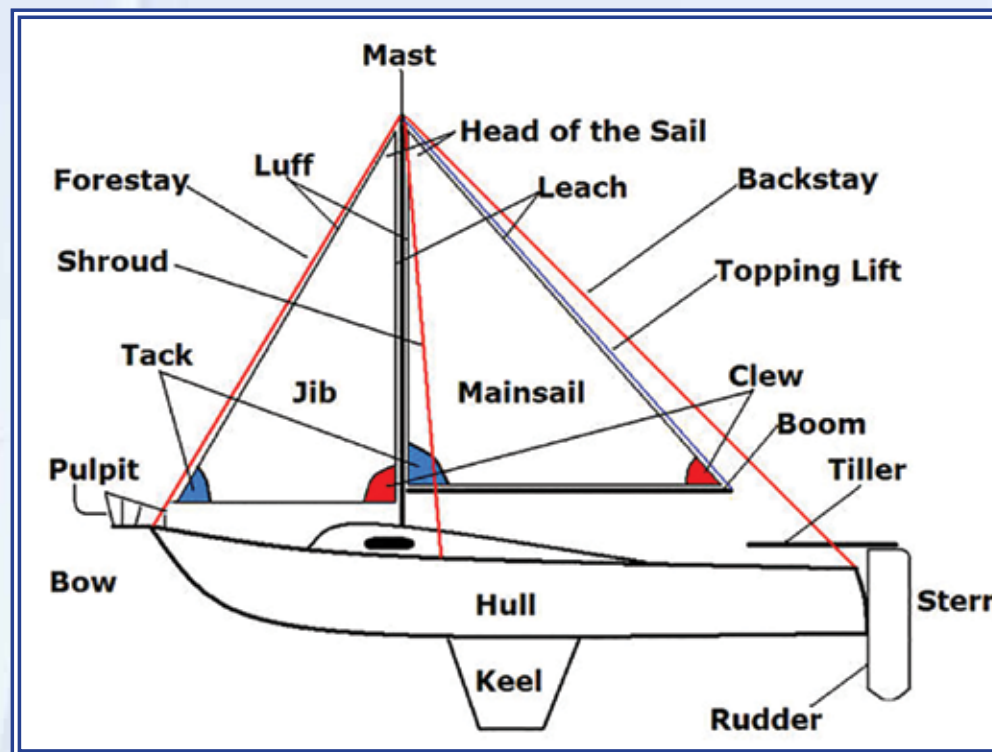
If you have ever been at the Club after a sailboat race you may have found yourself surrounded by a couple of sailors talking about the race and the many details of the race that made the difference. Maybe you're just listening to an old timer tell his tale of his past sailing adventures.

Problem is... you don't understand half of what they are talking about and are just trying to piece together enough information that you can add a little something to the conversation without sounding like a complete incompetent.

Of course if you are a well seasoned sailor this article will be a simple review, but take faith in the fact that now after reading, your loved ones who listen to your tall sailing tales, might not have that glazed look in their eyes, like a deer in the headlights, as you spin your tale of excitement and adventure.

To begin it must be understood that sailboats and sailing is way too complex a subject to cover in few pages and nothing can substitute actual on-board experience, but this may give you enough understanding to follow a seasoned sailors story at least for a few minutes.

Even a landlubber will know many of these terms, but for the sake of being thorough we include them here:



Auxiliary - A sailboat's engine, or a sailboat with an engine

Backstay - The (usually wire) cable from the stern to the masthead, helping support the mast

Ballast - The weight in a sailboat's keel (sometimes in a centerboard) that helps keep the boat from heeling too much

Batten - A (usually plastic) slat placed in a pocket in the mainsail to help it maintain good shape

Beam - The width of the boat at its widest point

Block - A pulley-like device used on a boat, with a sheave around which a line runs; see photo here of main-sheet block and tackle on a small boat

Boom - The (usually horizontal) spar back from the mast to which the foot of a sail is attached



Boom vang - A device that prevents the boom from rising (and in some types, from lowering)

Bow - The front section of the boat

Cat rig - A sailboat designed for using a mainsail only, with the mast usually located more forward than in a sloop



Centerboard - A thin keel-like structure that can be raised (usually rotated on a hinge up into a centerboard trunk in the hull); present on many sailboats without a fixed keel to prevent the boat from being blown sideways; see photo here of the top of a small boat centerboard

Chock - A type of fairlead fitting through which an anchor rode or dock line passes, to reduce chafing

Cleat - A fitting around which a line is secured

Companionway - The entrance area and steps from the cockpit into a sailboat's cabin

Clew - The lower rear corner of a sail

Daggerboard - Like a centerboard, but raised and lowered vertically instead of rotating on a hinge

Daysailer - A (usually) small sailboat without a cabin large enough for comfortable overnight cruising

Dinghy - A type of small sailboat; a small row or powered craft typically taken along when cruising in a larger boat

Displacement - The weight of a boat (equal to the weight of water the boat displaces)

Dodger - A spray shield (often of fabric, foldable or removable) at the front of the cockpit

Draft - The distance from a boat's waterline to the lowest part of its keel

Fender - A (usually rubber) bumper hung alongside to prevent the hull from rubbing against a dock or other structure

Foot - The bottom edge of a sail (compare to leach and luff)

Forestay - The (usually wire) cable from the bow to the masthead, helping support the mast



Forward - Toward the bow

Freeboard - The height of the deck above the water (the topsides section of the hull)

Gate - An opening in the lifelines for boarding the boat; also called gangway

Genoa - A large jib sail (the clew extends aft of the mast)

Gooseneck - The fitting that attaches the boom to the mast



Ground tackle - Collective term for a boat's anchor and anchor rode (The line or chain attached to the anchor and secured to the boat)

Gunwale (sometimes gunnel) - the outer edge of the boat's deck and cockpit; also called the rail

Halyard - Line or wire used to hoist a sail



Hank on - To attach a jib sail to the forestay with small snap hooks (called hanks)

Head - The bathroom of a boat; also the top corner of a sail

Helm - The means by which the sailboat is steered: the tiller or wheel

Jackline - A line, strap, or wire secured over the deck as an attachment point for the tether of a safety harness

Jib - The triangular sail attached to the forestay.

Keel - The (usually permanent) lower section of a sailboat's hull that counteracts sideways movement and typically contains ballast.

Ketch - A type of sailboat with two masts



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Lanyard - A short cord or line, often used to secure a piece of gear (knife, whistle, etc.) that might be dropped

Leech - The back edge of a jib or mainsail (compare to luff and foot)

Lifeline - A line or wire (often vinyl coated) all around the boat, held up with stanchions, to prevent falling overboard

Line - Any piece of rope used on a boat

Luff - The leading edge of a jib or mainsail (compare to leach and foot)

Mainmast - The mast, or the tallest mast of a sailboat with multiple masts

Mainsail - The sail affixed to and behind the mainmast

Mast - A tall vertical pole on a sailboat to support sails and rigging.



Mast step - The support structure for the bottom of the mast

Mizzen - The smaller aft mast on a ketch or yawl; the mizzenmast is affixed to and behind the mizzenmast

Multihull - A catamaran (two hulls) or trimaran (three hulls)

Outhaul - A fitting to adjust the tension of the foot of the mainsail on the boom

The Sloop is the most common modern sailboat type, and a favorite at the Club used for sailboat racing



Padeye - A (usually metal) fitting with a loop or hoop to which other gear is attached

Pendant (sometimes pennant) - A short line attaching the bow of a boat to a mooring, or a short wire attached to a sail or halyard as an extension

PFD - Personal flotation device (such as a lifejacket or inflatable PFD)

Port - The left side of the boat (when facing forward); opposite of starboard

Preventer - A Line or other device used to prevent the boom from accidentally gybing from one side to the other.

Pulpit - A (usually stainless steel) rail around the bow or stern typically at the height of the lifelines

Rail - the outer edge of the boat's deck and cockpit; also called the gunwale

Rig (or rigging) - The mast, boom, and associated equipment including stays, shrouds, sheets, and halyards

Rode - The line or chain between an anchor and the boat

Roller furler - A device by which a sail is rolled up, such as the jib rolling around a rotating forestay fitting



Rudder - An appendage below or on the boat's stern that is rotated (by moving the tiller or wheel) to steer the boat



Safety harness - Personal gear (a separate harness or may be built into a PFD) that attaches to a tether to keep the person on board

Sail ties - Short straps or pieces of line used to tie a lowered mainsail to the boom or secure a sail on deck

Schooner - A type of sailboat with two or more masts, the forward one being shorter than the main mast



Seacock - A valve fitting for closing an opening through the boat's hull (drains, water pipes, etc.)

Shackle - A (usually metal) fitting that secures two things together, such as a halyard shackle connecting to a sail

Sheet - The line used to let out or trim in a sail; on a sloop, a mainsheet and two jibsheets

Shroud - Wire or line stay from the deck or hull supporting the mast on each side



Sloop - A type of sailboat with one mast and two triangular sails (main and jib).



Sole - The floor of the cockpit or cabin

Spinnaker - A lightweight sail used downwind, often ballooning in front of the boat

Spreaders - Metal struts on the mast that hold the shrouds out from the mast for a better support angle

Stanchions - Short metal poles around the boat's perimeter that support the lifelines

Starboard - The right side of the boat (when facing forward); opposite of port

Stay - Wire or line from the deck or hull to support the mast; stays include the forestay, backstay, and shrouds (on the sides)

Tack - The bottom front corner of a sail

Telltails - Pieces of yarn or ribbons on the luff of a sail to help with trimming, or fastened to shrouds to show the wind direction

Tether - A short line or strap that runs between a safety harness and a point of attachment on the boat, to prevent going overboard

Tiller - A long handle connected to the rudder or rudder post on many sailboats for steering.

Topping lift - A wire or line from the masthead that holds up the boom when the sail is lowered

Topsides - The area of outer hull above the waterline

Traveler - A fitting allowing the mainsheet attachment to the boat to be adjusted side to side

Vang - See Boom vang

Whisker pole - A pole used to hold out the jib when sailing off the wind

Winch - A drum-like device used to pull in lines under strain (halyards, sheets)

Windless - A heavy winch used with the anchor rode

Yawl - A type of sailboat with two masts, the aft one (mizzen) being behind the rudder post



Although simply knowing these definitions will not make you a first rate sailor at least you will be able to follow the conversations of those established sailors around the club.

If you really want to lose that “deer in the headlights” look when listening to those sailing stories you may want to read this article twice or better yet get out and sail!



More From *The Picasso of Pumpkin Carving* Ray Villafine

Once again, submitted for your approval is what has become a regular feature for the LOG in this bewitching season. A trip through the world of Ray Villafine's mind and his studio.

Villafine has become a bit of a celebrity over the past years often being seen on Food network shows featuring his work in "Outrageous Pumpkin Challenges" and even guest judging on similar "challenge" type shows.

Ray and his studio have expanded their sculpting prowess to include sand sculpture and action figures and collectibles. All of which is very impressive. So next time your surfing the web make sure and pay a visit to villafinestudios.com to see more like these and his other fine work in other mediums as well...

Happy Halloween!



•2015• Junior Sailing Banquet

Another season of the Reyburn Junior Sailing Program was capped off with the Sailing Banquet on Tuesday, August 11th. The kids were excited to celebrate their achievements and awards, both serious and fun, and to get a chance to be together one last time before the summer comes to an end. And so without further ado, here are this year's award winners:

OPTI Students

Opti Star Cup

- 1 – Grace Kalivoda
- 2 – Mason Melaragno
- 3 – Holden Siegler

Opti Cup

- 1 – Nathan Mascia
- 2 – Lulu Riesenberg
- 3 – Charlie McBrier

Opti Race Team

Junior Commodore's Cup

- 1 – Henry Polaski
- 2 – Anthony Farrar
- 3 – Will McBrier

420 Students

Instructor Cup

- 1 – Syd Weed; crew Becky and Emma Carlson
- 2 – Ridgeway Case; crew Dylan Andrezeski
- 3 – Kylie Levis; crew Sydney Sheerman and Norah Yarosz

Friday Cup

- 1 – Sam Pentz; crew Ridgeway Case and Sawyer Farbotnik
- 2 – Garrett Blake; crew John Hustwit and Gianna Lytle
- 3 – JJ Case; crew Machaela Yurcek and Abigale Ferrara

Junior Cup

- 1 – Henry Polaski; crew Beau Seibel
- 2 – Garrett Blake; crew Sam Pentz
- 3 – Will McBrier; crew Cole Walker

The Race Team

Commodore's Cup

- 1 – Anna Bloomstine; crew Peter Bloomstine & Carolyn Mashyna
- 2 – Emma Francouer; crew Lily Myers
- 3 – Noah Nicolia; crew John Wolford

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The EYC Hosts Another Successful

Eriegatta



The Reyburn Sailing Race Team was host to the Eriegatta, on Saturday, August 8. The all-day event was the final junior sailing regatta for the summer as part of the ILYA Travelers Series. Competitors came from clubs all along Lake Erie, as well as inland Ohio lakes. We had 103 sailors in all, across 5 divisions – Thistles, Lasers, 420's, Opti Gold and Opti Green.

After 5 races per fleet on each of the courses, sailors and their families enjoyed a grill out and awards ceremony at the Rickloff Sail House.

Flags were presented to the top 3 finishers in each class for the Eriegatta. Afterwards, ILYA's Jane O'Brien presented the final awards for the season.

Teams from the Erie Yacht Club fared very well at the Eriegatta. In the Thistle fleet, Jack Niemic and crew Michael Jarecki and Nick Margay raced a thistle together for the first time and made a great showing coming in third. In the Laser Radial Division, EYC's Claire Christensen took a second place in a fleet of 15 lasers.

The 420 division had 22 boats, with EYC's Noah Nicolia and John Wolford taking second place and Emma Francoeur and Lily Myers taking third. Newcomer Aidan Levis sailed in the entry level Opti Green fleet (which is not supposed to be competitive, but we're proud to say he came in first!).

Bill Lasher served as the PRO on the 420/Laser/Thistle racecourse, while Mike Bloomstine served as PRO on the Opti racecourse. Many volunteers helped to make the event a huge success – from race-

course officials, safety boats and mark boats on the water, to registration, food servers, and launch and recovery on shore.

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WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD?

BY DAN DUNDON



In the spirit of savoring happy memories of another great boating season as well as setting-the-mood for our annual Oktoberfest celebration, this autumn installment of Good Words will offer more reflections from famous (and maybe not-so-famous) people on the golden nectar so many of us enjoyed during this past boating season and will enjoy at Oktoberfest... beer!

In my opinion, most of the great men of the past were only there for the beer.

- A. J. P. Taylor

Most people hate the taste of beer. . to begin with. It is, however, a prejudice that many have been able to overcome.

- Winston Churchill

God made yeast, as well as dough, and loves fermentation just as dearly as He loves vegetation.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

One sip of beer will bathe the drooping spirits in delight, beyond the bliss of dreams.

- John Milton

I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the facts, and beer.

- Abraham Lincoln

Not all chemicals are bad. Without chemicals such as hydrogen and oxygen, for example, there would be no way to make water, a vital ingredient in beer.

- Dave Barry

A little beer is divine medicine.

- Paracelsus - sixteenth century physician

Whoever drinks beer, he is quick to sleep; whoever sleeps long, does not sin; whoever does not sin, enters Heaven! Thus, let us drink beer!

- Martin Luther

Prohibition makes you want to cry into your beer and denies you the beer to cry into.

- Don Marquis

I believe this would be a good time for a beer.

- Franklin Roosevelt – on signing the 21st amendment which repealed prohibition

So, I hope you enjoyed these Good Words! I also hope to see you at Oktoberfest! See the article on page 10 and the EYC Web-site for details. Don't forget to send me your favorite quotes and words-of-wisdom (dandundon@gmail.com) for us to include in future EYC log articles!

In closing, a few additional thoughts on ale which is a type of beer brewed from malted barley using a warm fermentation with a strain of brewer's yeast:

Ale, man, ale is the stuff to drink, For fellows whom it hurts to think.

- A. E. Housman

For a quart of Ale is a meal for a King.

- William Shakespeare

It is my design to die in a brewhouse. Let ale be placed in my mouth when I am expiring so that when the choir of angels come they may say: Be God propitious to the drinker.

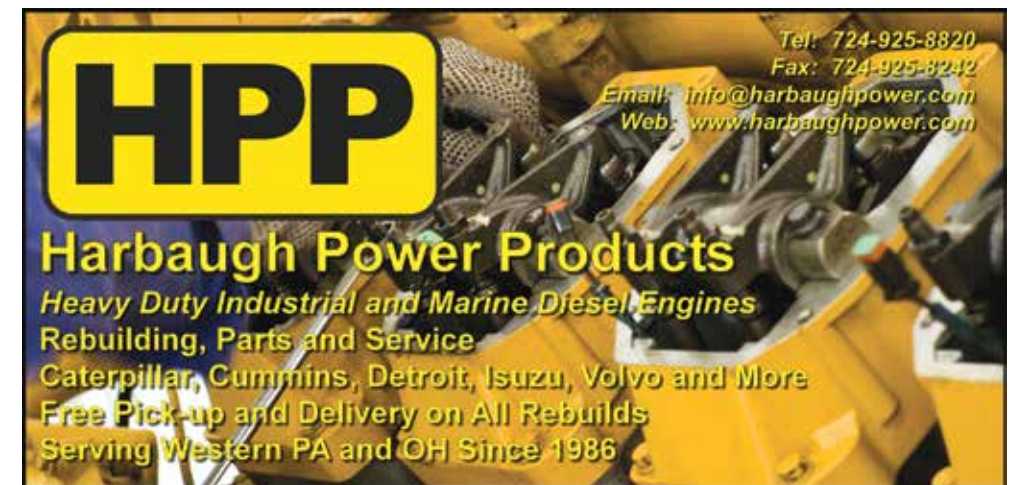
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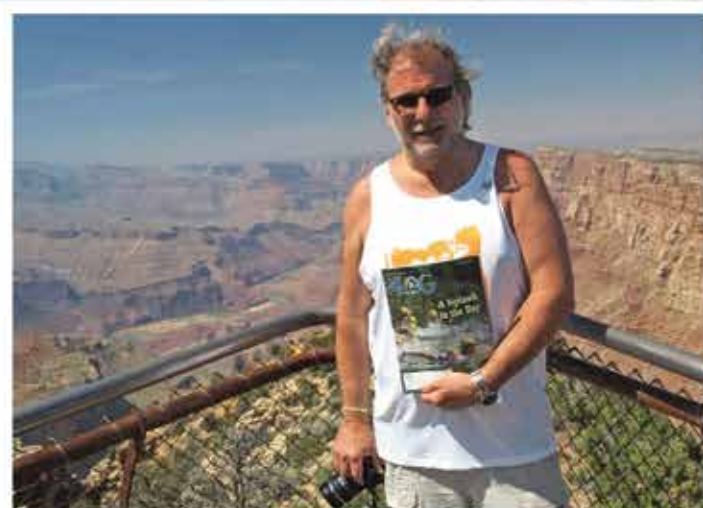
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Tom and Cindy take turns displaying the LOG along the South Rim Trail at the Grand Canyon during their Southwest adventure in June.



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Team EYC brings home the hardware from The 60th Annual Junior Bay Week



In the third week of July, the Reymburn Sailing's Junior Race Team traveled to Put-in-Bay, Ohio to take part in the 60th Annual Junior Bay Week hosted by I-LYA.

Race Team coaches Nick Pardini and Michel Szelwach led the convoy of triple stack trailers carrying 420 sailboats, along with six teams of 2 from the Erie Yacht Club to compete in the 4-day regatta. Light and shifty winds from the west end of the lake made for a challenging series of races. But at the end of the week, the EYC team collected a variety of trophies and awards.

Sailing trophies went to Emma Francouer and crew Lily Myers (in third); Noah Nicolai and crew John Welford (in fourth); and Anna Bloomstine and crew Emily Grychowski (in sixth) out of a fleet of 42 boats.

The team also won the Ship Shape trophy for the tidiest rooms and boats. Who knew these kids could be clean? Additionally, the team won the third place trophy for their skit at the icebreaker event on the first night of Bay Week.

Besides full days of sailing, the kids spent time playing "rookie games", taking part in a dodge ball tournament, playing volleyball and ultimate Frisbee by the monument, and enjoying the island.

A tired but happy team of sailors headed home to Erie on Friday the 24th, sad that the biggest part of the summer sailing season had ended but bringing home their awards and a boatload of fun memories.



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with head to bow and feet astern
I nap upon the port salon
the hatch is open, gold light streams in
a soft, warm breeze as eve begins

in the distance a couple laughing
closer near are halyards rapping
water laps upon the hull
and nowhere near are thoughts of fall

still, short lived is our summer paradise
for too soon comes cold winter's prejudice
when all the fowl are further south
and all our sails are long since doused

then in the club by hearth and fire
members warmed by drinks conspire
"Oh! The distant shores we'll make...
as soon as spring this chill does take!"

but all they want (the truth be told)
their soulful yearning be consoled
by lying on the port salon
and drifting off to summers' song.

- Blake Ragghianti -

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So stop by the gift shop starting in mid-September to get your EYC Calendar and use it to plan your 2016 boating season at the Erie Yacht Club!



September Calendar of Club Events

- 3rd Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
Bud Light Night! • 6 -9pm
Complimentary Potato Skins
Music with Uncharted Course
- 6th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 8th Past Commodores Dinner
by invitation only
- 5th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 10th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
Flu Shot Nite • 6 -9pm
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Bites • Music with Doggone Good
Band
- 13th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 17th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
Mich Ultra Night • 6 -9pm
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- 20th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 27th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm

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October Calendar of Club Events

- 3rd Pirates of the Caribbean
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Cocktails 1930 Hours • Black tie
optional • Music by The Chance
• Club members and their dates only
- 4th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 11th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 15th Haul-Out Blues Bawl 5 -9pm
Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres
Entertainment by Acoustic Gypsys
- 17th EYC's Octoberfest • 6pm
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- 18th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
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