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Well, at long last the SCRIBE has located his typing machine, and finding same in good working order...here is your LOG.

The LOG LOCKER found several items of interest which we submit for your wintertime reading pleasure. Take this little gem BILL BEYER sent over to me the other day. According to the 1902 issue of the EYC Year-book, "Uncle" Jackson Koehler actually was a member of the Yacht Club, owning the yacht, "Louise".

Here's one that MRS. SCRIBE passed on to me. Says she found it in the November issue of Yankee. It's a letter to the Maine Oracle -

Dear Oracle: Please explain the origin of the expression "Three sheets to the wind", meaning drunk. The significance of the apparent reference to sailing escapes us."

Answer:

Applied to a three-masted, square-rigged ship. Letting a sheet fly, into the wind, caused the sail to flap uselessly. If all three sheets were let fly, the ship would lose headway and make "boards and half-boards", as they sail - an erratic movement.

We wish to extend our very best wishes for a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to all members of the ERIE YACHT CLUB.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Our Manager, Chester Carr, with the help of the Officers and Directors are trying to entice you, the members, to support YOUR Clubhouse during the winter months. If only once a month, come on down...bring friends and guests. The view is one of Erie's finest...even in the wintertime. Remember, the picturesque sails of the ice boaters can be seen going up and down the bay. With the assistance of the John V. Schultz Company, the interior of the Club has been greatly enhanced, presenting an atmosphere unlike that of any club in Erie. So, when planning an evening out on the town, put the Erie Yacht Club on the top of your list. Remember, it's YOUR Club and it deserves YOUR support.

GEORGE SIPPLE

BILGE REPORT

As the water cools, the wind blows harder and we see the boats being hauled around the yard, we know that our summer is over and we are at the end of a good boating season.

Just added to our assets is a new heavy-duty Dodge truck (which is equipped for plowing snow). This replaces the tired red Jeep. With this addition, and with our boat hauler purchased last Spring, we now have a real versatile boat handling and storing set up.

Fleet Captain Painter has completed black-topping the driveway around the small boat dry sail area to the east dock. Heavy gravel has been spread and the area is ready for winter storage. This also gives us a fine start for improvement of the dry sail area.

Throughout the year we have tried to improve the security of the Club. Our controversial gate has done much to control the flow of curiosity seekers and non-members. We have had excellent cooperation from the Erie police in patrolling the grounds during the third shift. Last year we had a considerable amount of vandalism and burglary of boats. All members are urged to remove all valuables from their boats and leave the boat unlocked. We are also installing more lighting to help deter the vandals.

My heartiest thanks to all those who have helped make 1970 a good year at EYC.

Don't forget that last plug under the engine when draining it for winter lay-up.

CAPTAIN BILGE

BELATED...BUT HERE IT IS!

The EYC Annual Regatta and Regatta Weekend - 1970 was a huge success. This success was due to the fine cooperation of our Yacht Club staff and the untiring devotion to duty of our members.

Through the LOG, I would like to officially express "Thanks for a job well done" to the following committees

Activities - Mrs. Betty Waller, Chairman

Dick Waller	Dick Swanson
Don Bross	Mrs. Dolores Bross - Junior Dance
Bernie Heavenly	Mrs. Audry Heavenly - Junior Dance
Jack Bierley	Mrs. Dorie Beddows - Junior Dance
Clarke (Doc) Bressler	Clyde Eaton
Ralph Hersey	and many others

Fishing Derby - Gordon Gebhardt, Chairman

Mrs. Barbara Gebhardt
Mrs. Cynthia Taylor
Mrs. Sally Lund
Ray Lohr

Race Committee - Gail Garren, Chairman

Betty and Dick Waller
Shelley Huston
Jim Rickloff
and many others

Publicity - Gib Loesel and Bill Holland

The news media provided good publicity for the Erie Yacht Club and the Regatta Weekend.

Registration - Paul Baker

Trophies - Don Leslie and Jim Stolley

Parking and Launching - Gordie Way

Campsites - Homer Coleman

Crash Boats - Dean Klahr and Dave Bierig.

M.O.R.C. Fleet - Dave Sample and Chuck Taylor

This list is far from complete. All those who did so much to help and I have forgotten to put it in print, PLEASE accept my thanks and the appreciation of all the other committee members.

The REGATTA was attended by 95 registered boats, our best ever. Three races were sailed under near ideal conditions. A special "Thank You" goes to Joan Bert, skippering Stake Boat, Thunderball, and her crew, Lew Klahr and Homer Coleman, who set the race courses.

For "Best Individual Performance", the Carling Trophy was presented to Maynard Isabill of the Dunkirk Yacht Club for his expertise in sailing a Sovarel 28 in the M.O.R.C. Fleet.

Special thanks should also be extended to Seaway Electric, Harbor Marine and Sailboats, Inc. for donating the trophies for the M.O.R.C. Fleet.

Friday night at the Icebreaker Party it was fun to enjoy a dime glass of beer, served over the "old" bar, while singing from the collection of Jack Amthor songs or watching the thrilling movie. You know, we drank five halves of beer that night!

The fishing derby provided great entertainment for the 3 to 12 year old youngsters on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. Fifty kids registered and caught in excess of one hundred fish.

The Junior Dance held Saturday night on the porch was attended by 114 juniors. Music was supplied by Eddie Holeman and the Skylarkers. The 50-50 drawing, used to finance the Junior Dance, was won by Larry Longo of the Peninsula Marine. The Junior Committee of Dave Loesel, Doug Russell, Rick Hersey and Mark Rickloss did a good job keeping things under control. Strange, but the Juniors did not start to dance until it got dark outside - Moonlight must affect Juniors much as it does the tide.

Chester Carr was properly introduced to the rigors of a regatta weekend. He and his staff did a magnificent job of providing good food, good drink, with a beautiful wedding reception thrown in for good measure. He learned that a tent strategically placed provides adequate facility for serving, and shelter from the large crowd that gathers for lunch.

Thank you one and all for a most successful Regatta and Regatta Weekend.

AL RICKLOFF

Congratulations to Bruce and Kd Raimy on the birth of their son, Eric.

NOTICE TO BOAT OWNERS - Will ALL boat owners who have their boats stored on EYC property please clearly identify their boats, giving name and telephone number! MOST of the boats are so well covered that it is impossible to identify them easily and in the event a tarp should get loose, etc. it would be much simpler to contact the owner.

ERIE SKIPPERS PLACE AT RHODES BANTAM REGATTA

Third place in the Rhodes Bantam International Regatta at Seneca Lake, New York in August was won by Kevin McEnery, with crew Jim Walker, with a 7-8-2 record in the three race series. The Regatta attracted 60 boats from Bantam fleets in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and St. Louis as well as Canada. Winds were not as favorable as when the 1969 Regatta was sailed here on Presque Isle last year and races were frequently postponed while the fleet drifted in frustration. Four races were held in the four day event in place of the 3-race elimination and 5-race Championship anticipated.

The Junior Trophy for the highest placing skipper under 16 years was won by John Bert sailing with Charles Bracken. Bert placed 12th overall with a record of 15-13-9. His father, Boyd Bert, sailing with daughter, Linda, took first place in the second race and placed 8th overall with his 19-1-7 record. Other sailors attending from the Erie fleet were Jim Stolley with son, Jim; Dave Lund with son, Peter; Bill Walker with son, Rett; Howard Foht with Beth Stolley; and Paul Baker with son, Douglas.

At the Annual Meeting of the Rhodes Bantam Class Association held during the Regatta, J. Boyd Bert was re-elected Commodore of the Association for the coming year.

P. H. BAKER

"EMMA" RETURNS TO HER FRIENDS AT THE ERIE YACHT CLUB!

A night to remember - September 25, 1970!

Beginning with an overture of "Gay Ninety" music played by Virginia Read and Herby Johnson, there followed an interesting discourse on the old Park Opera House by Dick Amthor.

The curtains then parted and there, sure enough, was an old time melodrama on display!

The players, Peg Way as "Emma", Dave Sample as her devoted fisherman, Allen Baumann, a first class villain, and Clyde Eaton as the hapless policeman, all distinguished themselves, in our opinion.

In the audience were several players who had previously appeared in the play--Charlotte Behrens, Bob Yates and Ed Lillis.

Jack Amthor as M.C. pro-tem welcomed these old friends to the gathering. Unfortunately, such veterans as Paul Berner, Fritz Behrens, Durk Braggins and Al Panitzhe could not be present. Also missing, we are sorry to say, was the astonishing sales talk of the peanut vendors.

With a new demountable stage, new scenery and new faces in the cast, it would seem apparent that something further might be undertaken at the Erie Yacht Club in the theatrical line.

"EMMA" (cont'd)

The party was originally planned as a benefit for the Auxiliary Sailing Program. The financial report is not available to date, but judging by the comment of the patrons after the show, the party was at least a social success and there still is no lack of interest in the fortunes of the light-keepers daughter.

To all my good friends of the Erie Yacht Club who managed admission as a member of the Erie Maennerchor, my thanks to you all.

Indeed, the secret was well kept and the party was a complete surprise, believe you me.

I enjoy the genial atmosphere of the Club. I dine there frequently and often meet people there I know. Be assured I appreciate the kind thought you have given for my welfare. Once more I thank you all.

BYRON COOLEY

BOWLING HI-LITES OF EYC'S AMERICA'S CUP LEAGUE

Our bowling season is in full swing--at this writing John Hall is leading High Game with a big fat 200 with Jack Bierley right there next to him with a 199. Bernie Wagner is the pride of the gals with a shiny 200 game. Jackie Welsh, who is on the substitute list, shot a 207 on October 23rd.

Team standings are beginning to shape up as well. Our first night of league bowling was October 23rd and next morning brought many groans from sore muscles.

Intrepid team (Bernie and Harold Wagner, Rose and Ken Renz) have a mighty shaky first place as the Weatherly team (Mary and Don Smith, Nat and Harry Edwards) holding second are trailing by only one game. Third place is being held by Vigilant (Marge and John Hall, Doris and Ted Nyberg), and they are behind Weatherly by one game as well. Fourth place currently goes to Constellation (Pat and Bob Mangan, Jean and Durker Braggins) only half a game away from Vigilant. Looks like we've a real battle going!

Why not stop in and watch the gang in action some Friday night! We really have a "ball" and welcome visitors. Our next bowling sessions are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on December 18th and January 8th - so keep it in mind.

BETTY WALLER

EYC MEMBERS COMPLETE POWER SQUADRON COURSE

Every Tuesday evening since September 1st, almost 200 adults, including several Erie Yacht Club members, have attended classes at Tech Memorial. The Power Squadron annually offers many courses to interested individuals, the first course being PILOTING AND SMALL BOAT HANDLING, which covers every possible topic pertaining to boating, as well as plotting and charting courses.

Many of our members are actively involved in this program and voluntarily participate as either instructors or proctors. Among the instructors this year were Hank Ul, Dick Swanson, Gail Garren and Ron Hamilton. The proctors are most important to the students as they are on hand each night to assist with various problems. During the time the class is in lecture session, they correct homework. Proctors from EYC who braved our regularly scheduled downpours each week are: Gene Conaway, Frank Cruciana, John Hall, Fran Golden, Gail Garren, Ben Ginader, Tom Knobloch, Jim Lay, John Downie, Ron Hamilton, Dick Swanson, Hank Ul, John Glass and Jerry Hilliard.

Last, but far from least, are the Power Squadron Auxiliary members who faithfully appeared to correct homework. Jean Ginader, Sophia Ul, Norene Cruciana, Vi Golden and Bim Lay were some of the gals who took red pencil in hand a "shipshaped" our homework. Listed below are members of EYC who successfully completed the Piloting and Small Boat Handling Course:

Dr. Jack Marshall	Mr. Paul Cook
Mr. Richard Wagner (Rick)	Mr. David Preston
Mr. Roger Althof	Mr. Richard Waller
Mr. C. Dean Klahr, Jr.	

Wives of members who also successfully completed and passed the course are:

Mrs. John Hall	Mrs. David Preston
Mrs. Paul Cook	Mrs. C. Dean Klahr, Jr.
Mrs. Richard Waller	

Finally, I would like to express my personal thanks to the truly dedicated individuals who make this course "go". It involves a great deal of planning for the instructors, as well as unfailing attendance by all on the staff. It is certainly a definite MUST for all boaters, both power and sail, and I am truly glad that I took it!

BETTY WALLER

INTERNATIONAL ARROW ICEBOAT REGATTA

In Mid-February 1971, Erie Yacht Club will host the International Arrow Iceboat Regatta. This will be the first time a national Iceboat Championship will be held here in Erie. We hope for a great turnout from the 370 boats located in our section of the country.

Erie's Arrow fleet has added many new boats this year. Don Bross and Clarence Skinner have purchased #357. Ben Schaaf will be racing #355 and Fred Curtze will race #323. John Hall has purchased #354, while Jack Amthor has a new boat but will retain his sail number 260. Dick Swanson has a new Arrow this year, #347, and Audrey Brown will be right in there furnishing competition for the gals. Altogether our fleet consists of 13 boats to date and the Arrow Fleet hopes to add many more this winter.

At a recent meeting, the following officers were elected fro the Arrow Fleet in Erie:

Fleet Captain - Perky (David) Pundt
Asst. Fleet Captain - Don Bross
Secretary - Audrey Brown

As plans are finalized for the Regatta in February they will be made available to all "sailors".

ICE SKATING AND EYC

Plans are well under way for an ice skating program this winter - for both young and old. The area directly in front of the Clubhouse will be maintained for our members and families, complete with a wooden ramp for gaining access to and from the ice, floodlights for evening skating, as well as music for "inspiration".

Mr. Busse, with the help of Perky Pundt and his crew, assure us that every effort is being made to provide ideal skating and enjoyment for us all -
SOOOOOOOOOO, WHERE'S THE ICE?

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