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We all owe a hearty, "Thank You" to Linda Douglas for her excellent report on the 8th Annual Regatta (see pg. 4). A great amount of preparation went into this month's feature article and we are confident that all members, both power and sail, will find enjoyment in reading Linda's report.

Secondly, we wish to raise a special pennant in recognition of the tireless effort put forth by your Small Boat Racing News reporter, Gail Garren. Each month Gail can be counted on to present a report of essential interest to the small boat racing fleet, yet written in such a manner that it is of interest to all readers of the LOG.

Finally, most Erie Yacht Club members either know personally, or have heard of the Wallers. If there is something going on around the clubhouse, you can pretty-much bet that Dick and Betty Waller have given a very-much-needed helping hand. In particular, our thanks go to the Waller family for acting as "anonymous" roving reporters, without whose leads the LOG would be empty.

THE SCRIBE

AREA FIRM RECEIVES MARINE RADIO/TELEPHONE LICENSE

In a recent letter to Ken Welsh, Gerard Uht advised that his firm, Professional Answering Service, has received a construction permit from the FCC and hopes to be on the air within the next few months with an Erie public coastal marine radio/telephone station.

This facility will enable boat owners, both commercial and pleasure, to communicate with land telephones in this area on a local, non-toll basis. Previously, it has been necessary to go through Lorain or Buffalo.

Erie Yacht Club Officers: Commodore: George H. Deike, Jr., Vice Commodore: Richard O. Loesel, Rear Commodore: George H. Sipple, Fleet Captain: Ralph L. DuVze, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer: T. Kenneth Welsh.
Erie Yacht Club Directors: P/C G. William Ambro, David Lund, Thomas McFate, Douglas Nagle, Jr., Theodore Schuler, David B. Schuler and C. Dean Klahr, Jr.

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PROUD MAMA AND PAPA REPORT

Al and Pat Lynch have a baby boy! Born May 26th, they have named him Alfred Frank Lynch III (Chipper).

George and Beverly Metcalf have a baby girl! Her name is Wendy Ruth Metcalf and she was born June 28th.

Congratulations!

A BIG THANK YOU

My thanks for the good job of planting around our Clubhouse go to Lillean Sipple, Mary Gebhardt and Mary's friend from Chicago, Sophie Rogers. We are also indebted to Mary Gebhardt for the lovely centerpiece on the table on Decoration Day.

Betty DuVze

LOG LOCKER

Each month there are several unsigned tidbits of information dropped into the Log Locker. One suggestion which came to our attention this month was that we reprint the driving regulations on or about the club property, such as the 5 mph speed limit and using dim lights at night. The member further stated that boats go in and out of the slip much too fast.

As a result of this suggestion, we are gathering a list of the fundamental rules and they shall be published in the next issue of the LOG. In the meantime, let's all remember that when driving a car on the club property, keep the speed down. Dim your lights after dark so you won't blind a boater trying to maneuver his boat in or out of the slip. And, when on your boat. . . keep the speed down!

LOG LOCKER (cont'd)

Another member came up with an excellent suggestion. . .please refrain from flushing the heads in the slip.

Let's keep that LOG LOCKER filled! It is there for your convenience. If you hear of any item that would be of interest to the membership, just jot it down on a piece of paper and drop it in the LOG LOCKER. In order to print the news, we must KNOW the news.

ANNUAL LUAU

DON'T MISS THIS ONE! July 19th is the date set for the Annual Luau festivities, and from what we hear. . .this one's really going to be a swinger (grass-skirtwise)! The Bernie Heaverlys and the Don Brosses have teamed up as committee chairmen and are going ALL OUT! One report has it that a special grass hut is being constructed out of which gifts from the south seas are to be sold! So, don't miss out on the fun! Fred Haener will be conducting the music for the evening.

SMALL BOAT RACING NEWS

Last month we reported that we got the small boat racing started between rains. This month we continued in the rain. If you're curious about next month's weather, just refer to your race schedule. . .race day means rain!

Series finals up to date are in the Memorial Series:

Thistle	First Place	Jack Bierley	#2150
Rhodes Bantam	" "	Dick Turner	#1425
Open Class	" "	Doug Frye	# 402

Spring Series Finals:

Rhodes Bantam	First Place	Dick Turner	#1425
Open Class	" "	Bill Robertson	# 63

The incomplete Altman Memorial Series, Sternberg Memorial Series and Flag Officer's Series are still in their early stages, so early that a report on results would be premature. This is also true of the Evening Series, but "early leads" have been established by K. McEnery, J. Bierley, D. Klahr & R. Hersey, and D. Turner.

The Small Boat Fleet has acquired a new cork bulletin board. Thank you, Linda Douglas! A new "seat" for the committee boat was obtained. Thank you "Anonymous".

The R.C. will be most pleased if you will attempt to inform us when or if you are quitting a race. Usually, there is another boat nearby who will pass the message to the R.C. if you sing out. We have many times sat at anchor waiting for a boat to finish, or have patrolled the bay looking for a

SMALL BOAT RACING NEWS (Cont'd)

casualty, while the "missing skipper" SAT comfortably at the Club. We also cannot complete our race records until we know if you are a WDR, DNF or a DSQ. This reporter was guilty of neglecting this courtesy himself when he was racing small boats, so he is now getting a taste of his own medicine.

Previous LOGS have pretty well covered race procedure, signals and flags aboard the committee boat. If you have other questions, ASK and we will print them.

GAIL GARREN

ANNUAL REGATTA REPORT

80 boats, representing 7 one-design classes, were on hand for our Eighth Annual Regatta, held on June 7th and 8th. The classes racing were as follows: Star (11 boats), Thistle (23), Rhodes Bantam (15), Fireball (2), Lightning (5), OK Dinghy (7), and Sunfish (17). There was a fine turnout of Sunfish, especially notable since EYC has no active Sunfish fleet.

Although in past years we have been favored with lots of sun, our luck ran out this time. A thick fog took over shortly after the first class had started Saturday morning, and boats without compasses (and some with them, too) groped around searching for the marks. Our Race Committee set a fine course, enabling those who made use of their compasses to find their way around without great difficulty. Two Erie boats took first place in their classes in this race: Dean Klahr in the Star Class, and Mark Rickloff in Rhodes Bantams.

The sun came out and the wind remained light in the afternoon race, blowing from the Northwest as it had in the morning. In this race, Kevin McEnery topped the Rhodes Bantam fleet, Chad Klahr was first in Fireballs, and Doug Russell was first in the OK Dinghy.

The third race, held on Sunday morning, began in light air and soon turned into one of those "drifters", so frustrating to race in. Light, but constant, rain added to the "fun". The Race Committee shortened the course--to everyone's relief, I'm sure.

Kevin McEnery continued his winning ways, finishing first in the third race and first overall in Rhodes Bantams. Peter Lund was second and Mark Rickloff third. In the Star Class, Dean Klahr was top Erie boat, finishing fourth overall. Jack Bierley was sixth in the Thistle Class, and a former EYC member, Barrie Smith, now of Chicago, finished fifth overall. In the Fireball Class, Chad Klahr was first in the third race and overall winner. The Kuebler girls also finished first in the third race, in the Lightning. With second place finishes in the other races, they finished second overall.

ANNUAL REGATTA REPORT (Cont'd)

In the OK Dinghy Class, Mark Gardner, formerly of Erie, was 2-2-1 for the series to finish first overall. Doug Russell was second. Steve Dunbar, of Chautauqua Lake YC, was first overall in the Sunfish Class.

The Regatta Committee decided to reactivate the Carling Trophy for the most outstanding performance in the regatta. It had not been awarded for three years. The judges' choice this year was Ed Fracker, of Cleveland Yacht Club, sailing a Thistle. Although he did not get to Erie in time for the first race, his two decisive "firsts" in the balance of the series won him the judges' votes. Fracker finished eighth overall with DNS-1-1.

All those who took part in the regatta are most grateful to Al Rickloff and all those who aided him in planning and running the regatta, and to Gail Garren and those who served under him on the Race Committee. Their work is difficult, as racing sailors tend to be a fussy and contentious lot, and when the weather so stubbornly refuses to co-operate, it only adds to the difficulty. To all, a sincere "THANKS" for a fine job.

In conclusion, the writer is going to indulge in some editorializing, for what it's worth. Although an 80-boat regatta may sound like a big event, when those 80 boats are split up into 7 different classes, the figures are not so impressive. It would be far healthier to have that many boats racing in only three or four classes. This turnout for the regatta is indicative also of the turnout for our regular club races. Of course, different people always will have diverse tastes, and I'm not saying that this is bad. But, while difference of opinion is, they say, what makes horse races, it may tend to be harmful to boat races. May I suggest that anyone planning to buy and race a small boat consider one of the more popular classes at EYC, and that those now racing make an effort to stimulate the growth of their classes. It's not really much fun to match-race the same one or two other boats all summer long, and there's no real gauge of achievement in such a situation. Having a few classes in which many sailors are active would be far healthier for the Yacht Club, the classes and the sailors themselves than having several classes with a few boats active in each. There's an excellent article in the June issue of One-Design and Offshore Yachtsman concerning one yacht club's attempt to solve this common problem. It is a problem which merits consideration by all those who are concerned with the growth of small boat racing at EYC. An Erie Annual Regatta drawing 100 boats in 3 or 4 classes would be an event of real significance to the competitive sailors within "trailing distance" of Erie, and top quality competition would stimulate local sailors' interest in upgrading their own levels of skill. Erie Yacht Club has the setting and the facilities for turning out nationally competitive sailors. All that is lacking is the will to concentrate and to improve one's ability. Only when this is present on the local level, can we expect to see those prestigious National Championship trophies coming home to roost in Erie.

FINAL STANDINGS FOR THE TOP FINISHERS

<u>STAR</u>	(11 entries)	Race	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Total pts.</u>
1. Barth, NEYC			3	3	3	9
2. Carroll, CYC			5	4	1	9-3/4
3. Asher, CYC			4	5	2	11
4. Klahr, EYC			1	6	5	11-3/4
<u>THISTLE</u>	(23 entries)					
1. Wood, MHYC			3	4	5	12
2. Smith, Whitney, Houston YC			1	2	10	12-3/4
3. Greiner, NCYC			7	5	3	15
4. Heisner, MHYC			2	7	6	15
5. Smith, Barrie, Waukegan YC			4	3	9	16
<u>RHODES BANTAM</u>	(15 entries)					
1. McEnery, EYC			4	1	1	5-1/2
2. Lund, EYC			3	2	2	7
3. Rickloff, EYC			1	5	4	9-3/4
4. Baker, EYC			2	6	3	11
<u>LIGHTNING</u>	(5 entries)					
1. Konstam, Mansfield, Ohio SC			1	1	2	3-1/2
2. Kuebler, EYC			2	2	1	4-3/4
<u>OK DINGHY</u>	(7 entries)					
1. Gardner, QCYC (Toronto)			2	2	1	4-3/4
2. Russell, EYC			3	1	2	5-3/4
<u>SUNFISH</u>	(17 entries)					
1. Dunbar, Chautauqua Lake YC			4	2	2	8
2. Pekins, North East, Pa.			3	4	6	13
3. Jenkins, CLYC			13	1	1	14-1/2
4. Butine, Erie, Pa.			1	5	10	15-3/4
5. Cowgill, CDSSC (Columbus, O.)			2	8	8	18
<u>FIREBALL</u>	(2 entries)					
Klahr, EYC			DNF	1	1	
Turney, PYC			DNF	2	DNF	