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From the Bridge

by Vice Commodore Ed Schuler



The Erie Yacht Club continues to be the best private club in the area. Our excellent facility is just one facet in this equation. You, the membership, are the driving force behind our success. It takes a tremendous amount to time and energy to keep the club a vibrant place. Without your support, all of the hard work by various committees and dedicated staff would be for naught. The Fellowship Dinners continue to sell out. The topics and speakers are always fun and interesting. I have yet to attend a bad one. The Sock Burning Party is a good excuse to come down and usher in spring. Our Easter Buffet is always popular, so make your reservations early. Speaking of reservations, it is never too early to sign up for the Reyburn Sailing School. The classes fill up fast. Don't forget that they also have Adult Classes in the evenings. If you ever wonder what is happening at the club, it is just a click away on our website, [www.erieyachtclub.org](http://www.erieyachtclub.org). The club will be closed on Sun-

day March 3rd through Monday March 11th. The club will reopen for lunch on Tuesday March 12th at 11:30 AM. During our annual shutdown we will perform maintenance to areas of the club that would be difficult to accomplish while open. One project is the Main Women's Bathroom will have new wallpaper installed. We are replacing the Bliss Room chairs this spring. The current ones are as old as the Bliss Room and have served us well. The new ones will be a welcomed improvement. Please feel free to contact myself or Mike with any comments or concerns. I would like to thank you, the membership, for making the Erie Yacht Club one of the finest clubs. Period.



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On the Cover...

The magnificent Cliffs of Moher on the southwestern coast County Clare is one of the most popular tourist sites in Ireland. These sharp cliffs rise over 700' above the Atlantic Ocean and take their name from the ancient fort Moher that once stood there. The views are spectacular on a clear day.



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# Touring the Emerald Isle

by D/C Dave Heitzenrater

There I was in the cellar pub of the Jameson Whisky Distillery, center city, Dublin Ireland when my good friend Ron, “rang me up” as the local says. He was checking to see if I was OK since his daily emails had gone unanswered. Little did he know that at that moment I was being entertained by the Irish River Dancers and authentic Irish musicians during a seven day whirlwind tour of the Emerald Isle.



The “Sprite” the world’s tallest piece of sculpture on the famed O’Connell Street.

Never having been to Ireland previously, this was a great opportunity to tour Ireland. I could not decline. There were five of us, EYC members Bette Dunagan, her daughter Mary Beth Dunagan



Streets throughout Ireland were poorly marked if at all... except for speed limit signs often posting between 80 & 100 kph speed limits!

Horst and her daughter Amanda along with my “Mum” as the Irish say, Nadine Heitzenrater. Amanda was there in a foreign studies program for the fall semester as a Notre Dame Junior.

This was a late October excursion, fog and rain every day but one and not really a condition that is foreign to us living on the south shore of Lake Erie in the late fall. Just like here, the Irish deal with it and then embrace the sunny warm days. Our schedule was very full with many historic sites, a few yacht clubs, a brewery, a distillery and a pub or two, ...or three, or four.

We arrived on a red eye flight at 7:30 in the morning Dublin time, five hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time, did a quick check-in with customs and rented a car. We had to upgrade the little

car to get a four door Ford Focus to fit the five of us and our luggage. The car was diesel fueled with right hand drive and a 5 speed standard shift transmission requiring left hand shifting which was very foreign to me. All that plus driving on the left side of the road using kilometers made driving a bit of a challenge.

One more comment about driving, there are tons of taxis and interestingly, they fold their side mirrors against the doors apparently to avoid contact with other vehicles, sign posts, motorcyclists, bicyclist and pedestrians who are all vying for the same small space. They have no problem just stopping in the front of opposing traffic and doing a U turn that requires several backups and going over the curb a bit. Personally, driving was downright exciting and I might have had a close call or two judging from the screams emanating from the back seat but luckily we never had



A craftsman hard at work at the capital of fine crystal... Waterford.



Amanda amongst the many beautiful awards created at the Waterford facility including the BCS football national championship trophy and the People’s Choice Awards.

an accident. The extra cost full coverage zero deductible insurance gave me great peace of mind as we navigated the narrow “streets” of Dublin.

Just one more thing about driving. We opted for a GPS which later helped us immensely with our navigating the streets, roads and paths as it became quickly obvious that the nation is slightly frugal in that it has adopted a cost reduction policy where street signs have apparently been outlawed with the few remaining being confiscated, as none were to be found. However they added many roundabouts and unusual intersections just to make it interesting.

I would be remiss if I didn’t admit being pulled over by a Dublin motorcycle cop riding some kind of crotch rocket decorated in lime green while dressed in green leathers and matching racing helmet with full face cover. It must just

be the Irish and their obsession with green I surmised. So in my previous moments I had been dodging cars and curbs and making my way through the unfamiliar marked intersections and being self determined to stay on the port side of the street. So I sheepishly rolled the window down and took a moment to interpret the slightly garbled words filtering through the glowing lime colored face mask, “You’re not a bus”. After a pause, yes I agreed, I was not a bus. The issue; I was unknowingly driving in the bus/taxi only lane. Really, I wasn’t bothering anyone and I could have argued that there were four other passengers in my “taxi” but he just shook his head tucked securely inside his helmet and sent us on our way.

We stayed at an impressive hotel, the Radisson Blu St. Helen’s next to University College of Dublin where Amanda is attending for the fall semester. The hotel was a former mansion built in about 1750 and subsequently reconstructed into the elaborately furnished hotel with beautiful gardens and grounds. And by the way, the country uses the 240 volt electrical system which will quickly become apparent when your 120 volt hair dryer starts smoking, that is if you happen to have a 240v adapter for the wall receptacle to plug it into.

On our first morning we got a late start and went to Gleeson’s pub for brunch followed by a two hour drive to Waterford

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Boat moorings at Dun Laoghaire, a suburban seaside town and harbor within granite piers extending into the Irish Sea. Completed in 1859, it was then the largest man made harbor in the world.





## Touring the Emerald Isle (continued from previous page)

where the five of us took a private tour through the world famous House of Waterford Crystal. We closely watched all of the steps of manufacturing, blowing, shaping, cutting and polishing by the artisans who were very friendly and talkative. They allowed Amanda to sit at their work table and handle the 2012 People's Choice Awards being crafted there. We then drove an hour to Kilkenny where we toured the city and ended up in the Kilkenny City Bar for dinner. Later we walked to another pub next to Kilkenny Castle and the River Nore to Matt the Miller's. After some Irish entertainment and a few pints, it was back to Dublin to conclude the day.

Our holiday continued on Wednesday to Galway on the west coast. Galway was a port of call in 2012 Volvo Ocean Race and is also famous for the iconic Galway Hookers. Yes and you will just have to "Google" them. We located the legendary Galway Bay Sailing Club which is a modest club located on Galway Bay off of the Atlantic Ocean known for its racing activities. The two story block building is heated by a peat burning stove situated in the middle of the large room next to a stack of peat briquettes. There is a pasture about 20' away from the club's flag staff complete with cattle chomping on the thick green turf. There we met the club manager, 26 year old Thomas who was very friendly fellow. After a lengthy conversation and



Author & Thomas, the Club manager of the Galway Bay Sailing Club.



Pouring a "perfect pint" & yes I do have the certificate to prove it.

stories, we ended up exchanging club burgees and snapped a few pictures.

Next we took the "scenic route" which was a very narrow twisting road with stone walls on both sides that had the amazing posted speed limit of 100 km (62 mph). It was an exciting, although nervous, drive at half that speed but worth the trip to see the beautiful county side and the spectacular Cliffs of Moher on Ireland's south west coast facing the Atlantic Ocean.

Then back to Galway via a safer less scenic road and had dinner at the Pucan Pub that has a well deserved reputation as a great Traditional Irish music venue. It takes its name from a class of boat, one of which has been beautifully restored and integrated into the pub as a stage for live music.

Thursday in Dublin we rode the Hop On-Hop Off double deck tour bus getting a close look at many Churches, historic buildings and sites and finally the Guinness Brewery and Store House. During the Guinness tour we learned how to Pour a Perfect Pint and later sampled beverages in the amazing observation deck lounge that over looked the entire city. Dublin is Ireland's Capital situated near the midpoint of Ireland's east coast at the river Liffey that flows into the Irish Sea. It was first settled in about 839 by Viking Norse rulers. Dublin's population was 525,383 in 2011 with County Dublin being 1,273,069.

Evening brought us to the Royal St George Yacht Club at Dun Loaghaire which is a large man-made harbor that extends into the Irish Sea. Club manager Adam Brien gave us an interesting tour, was very hospitable and we were able to exchange club burgees. We met P/C Brian MacManus who was very gracious as we shared conversation finding that our organizations have very similar issues, activities and concerns. After a round of beverages or two we drove to Gleeson's pub at Booterstown for dinner. All five of us had a wonderful meal, desert and drinks.

Friday we drove to Dun Lalaghaire again on the Irish Sea to the Royal Irish Yacht Club. We missed Commodore Paddy McSwiney but were cheerfully welcomed by club manager Pauline Farnan who gave us a great tour of their historic building and compact facilities. The members made us feel very comfortable as we had lunch, Panini sandwiches with Guinness and Budweiser on tap, just like the EYC. The RIYC club burgee is now among those in our EYC collection.



Mary Beth horsing around at the Guinness brewery.



Traditional burgee exchange with P/C Brian MacManus of the Royal St. George Yacht Club.

After lunch we drove down the east coast road south of Dublin to the small town of Dalkey on the St. George Channel of the Irish Sea. We viewed many interesting homes, buildings and a castle on the narrow coast road, then back to center city to tour the Jamison Distillery. We had a wonderful 40 minute tour and then sampled some Jamison Irish Whiskey. The tour included a great dinner and live entertainment with excellent authentic Irish music and the traditional Irish River Dancers.

After dinner, we got lost as we were searching for Whelan's Bar, the bar in the movie "PS, I Love You". We stopped three young girls for advice who were

Only way to see Dublin... on the topside of a double decker bus.



apparently walking from one party to the next since they were dressed up in gowns. They were fun and very comical and did help us locate the bar. It was dark and rainy with bumper to bumper traffic but finally, there it was in a very compact wild night club area of town crowded with young people flowing into the streets with many dressed for the Halloween weekend. The Mums waited safely in the car as we approached the bar and we observed a couple of guys wrestling on the ground in the alley. So once past the bouncers, we found the place dim, loud, standing room only college age crowd with many small rooms, a little run down and littered with abandon bottles and cans. After a short visit and some pictures we departed no worse for the experience. Whelan's was not exactly the image remembered from the movie scenes but we escaped to make our way home for the night.

Saturday came with sun and about 55 degrees, a beautiful day. We drove two



At the Royal Irish Yacht Club on the Irish Sea with Pauline Farnan.

hours to the circa 1425 Bunratty Castle. Admiral Penn, the father of William Penn who founded Pennsylvania was besieged here so it is thought that young

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Bunratty Castle - The "castle at the mouth of the Ratty" which is a river that flows alongside the castle.



# If Exercise Was “A Pill”

by Dr. Peter Lund

If exercise was “a pill” everyone would want it and would take it. We as physicians have a responsibility for your health. At your last physician’s visit you may have heard lots of advice from your doctor about your medications, diet, smoking, weight control, surgery, and perhaps even exercise. However, exercising in Erie in the winter can be challenging.

Growing up in Erie may have brainwashed me or just perverted my view of seasonal changes. In the past I found winter to be an invigorating season that seemed to benefit one’s mind, body, and soul. As a child I delighted in winter activities such as snow angels, snow forts, skating on the bay, skiing at Peak ‘n Peak, and, of course, throwing snowballs at the prettiest girl on the

playground. But as the years have gone by, winter seems to present more challenges than delight.

In a recent past winter a group of us Erie Yacht Club members organized a day of skiing. Some of the usual culprits included John and Diana Collins, Peter and Sue Zurn, Des and Deb McDonald, Mike and Char Mashyna, Dale McBrier, myself and others who are well settled into their fifth decade of life. I have been skiing with many of these fellow skiers since childhood and they have always approached winter sport activities with a degree of competition.

In the case of skiing, self proclaimed events like the fastest down the hill, the most air off the moguls, the most number of runs, skiing down the double black diamond without falling, and the best wipeout are all just some of our childhood bragging events. You can

just image as prepubertal boys how we would bask in the glory of these skiing accomplishments. We even shouted to nearby skiers about our superhero exploits on our skis.

Flash forward forty winters and those children are still competing for speed, height, distance, and incline. The difference is, instead of bragging about our superhuman capabilities we are exclaiming about our bad knees, bad backs, urinary frequency, poor hearing, and nearsightedness. Winter sports have turned from competition into survival.

When we think of survival, in some cases this means following your physician’s advice and adding routine exercise to your life. There is strong, compelling evidence that routine exercise is the best advice you can get from your physician. Exercise has been shown to decrease the incidence of cancers in-

cluding prostate, colon, and breast cancer. It decreases bone loss, Alzheimer’s, and other forms of dementia. It helps with depression, erectile dysfunction in men, and sexual dysfunction in women. It improves hormone deficiencies, urinary incontinence, and infertility. It decreases kidney stones, prostate problems, stress, stroke, diabetes, and even premature death. This is just an incomplete list.

There is no single pharmaceutical agent that has such a wide range of health benefits similar to the benefits of moderate exercise. The question is how do you start taking that exercise pill.

If you are like me, it takes more than self-motivation to get your derriere in gear. Here are some helpful simple tips and websites:

1. Get a trainer. Many people have physical trainers. They will put you on a schedule and will obligate you to exercise. It can turn even into a social event. They can also educate you on the best techniques to avoid common injuries.

2. Write your employer. Many employers are becoming aware of the significant health benefits of exercise and they may even help the employee with programs, plus they get better work performance from their employees, less sick time, and in many cases, lower health insurance rates.

3. Find a gym and join it!

4. Find some equipment such as a treadmill that can be used for something other than as a tie rack.

5. Sign up for a class. Spinning, yoga, Pilates are just some examples of what is available. It is good for you and your mental health.

6. Work towards an event. Many people find it to be a great accomplishment to participate in a 5K run or charity walk. It is great for your body and it also serves a great cause.

Here are some websites to help you move forward with your exercise “pill”:

[www.mayoclinic.com/health/fitness](http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/fitness)

[www.myfamilywellness.org](http://www.myfamilywellness.org)

As your fleet surgeon, I wish you good luck with your new pill!





# The Truth About Leprechauns?



*lep-re-chaun [lep-ruh-kawn, -kon]  
noun, Irish Folklore.*

1. a dwarf or sprite.

2. a conventionalized literary representation of this figure as a little old man who will reveal the location of a hidden crock of gold to anyone who catches him.

## leprechauns definition:

*In the folklore of Ireland, little men who resemble elves. Supposedly, leprechauns can reveal - but only to someone clever enough to catch them - the location of buried treasure, typically a crock of gold hidden at the end of the rainbow. If ever captured by a human, the Leprechaun has the magical power to grant three wishes in exchange for their release. Popular depiction shows the Leprechaun as being no taller than a small child, with a beard and hat.*

Some believe the name leprechaun is derived from the Irish “leath bhrogan”, or shoemaker, others believe its origins may lie in “luacharma’n”, Irish for pygmy. Wherever the name came from, leprechauns are the most well-known elves of Ireland. Said to live in Ireland’s large grassy hills, wild areas and forests, the leprechaun lives alone and puts all of his energy into his passion of shoemaking - he is well known as a faery shoemaker.

These apparently aged, diminutive men are frequently to be found in an intoxicated state, caused by their fondness for a very strong Irish home-brew called poteen. However they never become so drunk that the hand which holds the hammer becomes unsteady affecting their shoemaker work. They are also quite fond of a smoke from a tobacco filled foul-smelling clay pipe which is usually never too far from reach.

The leprechaun tends to hide behind bushes and hedgerows, but because they are a kind of faery, leprechauns are often invisible and may pass in a swirl of dust. It is also said that leprechauns will drown in a light rain, float away on a breezy day and can get buried in a snowstorm.

Leprechauns have become self-appointed guardians of ancient faery treasure, burying it in crocks or pots. This may be one reason why leprechauns tend to avoid contact with humans whom they regard as foolish, flighty (and greedy?) creatures.



A leprechaun counts his gold in this engraving c. 1900

To prevent theft by humans, leprechauns hide the treasures well. At the end of the rainbow, there is a 4-leaf clover garden where the gold is hidden called Lucky Charm garden. Leprechauns are the owners of Shamrock and the four-leaf clover garden. In Irish tradition the Shamrock represents “the holy trinity”: one leaf for the Father, one for the Son

and one for the Holy Spirit. Universally the four-leaf clover is an accepted symbol of good luck. One leaf is for HOPE; the second is for FAITH; the third is for LOVE; and the fourth for LUCK .



A modern stereotypical depiction of a leprechaun of the type popularized in the 20th century

From the myths, Leprechauns seemed to hate the rainbow since it will show where the gold is hidden. As the saying goes “A pot of gold can be found at the end of a rainbow” and when a rainbow appears this causes the leprechauns great anxiety - for no matter how quick he shifts his pot of gold, he never can get away from rainbows.

Treasure hunters can often track down a leprechaun by the sound of his shoemaker’s hammer and if a human ever catches a leprechaun (which is very difficult) and demands his treasure, he will give it to the human in a bid to be set free again. Rarely does this happen as he can move quicker than the eye can see and can vanish at the blink of an eye.

Because leprechauns are honest, if you do capture one, he must tell you where he’s hidden his gold, but he’d rather give you three magical wishes if you’ll leave his gold alone. Choose your wishes carefully as he will try to trick you!

Some say that if a leprechaun is caught by a mortal, he will promise great wealth if allowed to go free. He carries two leather pouches. In one there is a silver shilling, a magical coin that returns to the purse each time it is paid out. In the other he carries a gold coin which he uses to try and bribe his way out of difficult situations. This coin usually turns to leaves or ashes once the leprechaun has parted with it. But if you see a leprechaun you must remember that you can hold a leprechaun in place with your eyes, but if you glance away, he will vanish.



The Boston Celtics logo was designed by famed Celtics coach Red Auerbach’s brother, Zang, in the early 1950s. and pays tribute to the Irish-American influence in Boston.

Occasionally, especially after a wee bit too much poteen, he will offer a human not only a drink but some of the treasure. This doesn’t sit well with the other faeries but they endure the mischievous leprechauns because they provide the much needed service of cobblery.

In the old days, to keep in with them, people would leave out a dish of milk or some fresh water at night. They would also leave the dregs in their glasses when going to bed, and many other little feasts to keep the leprechaun content. That so few people nowadays take the trouble is

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ERIE YACHT CLUB PRESENTS

# The Second "Around the World" Beer Tasting Party

BY DAN DUNDON

**H**ard as it is to believe, it has been five years since the Erie Yacht Club hosted our first beer tasting event, Around the World Beer Tasting. This was our initial exposure to blind-taste-testing, meaning each brew was not identified until after we had a chance to taste and evaluate it. This event was a tremendous success. Beer tasting variations which followed, among them "Beers of the Tri-state Region" and more recently "Craft Brewers of North America" have been well attended as well as entertaining and instructive.

Among brews which your Beer Tasting

Committee considered for the Second Around the World Beer Tasting Party was Big Wave Golden Ale from Kona Brewing in Hawaii. Remember how good Kona Brewing's Long Board Lager was the EYC Auxiliary Autumn Beer-Pairing? How about some of those special Mexican beers like Tacate which we have enjoyed at the Quattro-de-Mayo parties?

Since the world is such a wonderful, big place and many brewers are offering continually new and creative beers, we figured it was time to go off-continent once more. So, we've searched the world over and will

be offering six very different brews for your consideration at this spring's blind-taste-testing.

At each beer tasting up 'til now, we have included snacks, hors d'oeuvres, or sandwiches. At the Second Around the World Beer Tasting party, we intend to offer a sample menu item representative of the country-of-origin of each beer selection. Say, one of the brews was from India. Maybe you would see a sample elephant-burger or something like that? Sounds great, eh?

Josh Solt will be returning as our Professional Brewing Expert. Josh will likely

bring along a few of his associates, as well. Josh will tell us about each brew and discuss the features, brewing techniques and ingredients... without identifying the brewery or the brand. Count on Josh to deliver exotic descriptions, such as "Light golden color and rich flavorful taste", "Full flavored with a complex nutty, malt taste" and "Full bodied amber with a toasted malt flavor". After we have sampled and evaluated each brew, Josh will identify each beer and will discuss additional information and other interesting details.

Look forward to an enjoyable and

informative evening. Who knows... maybe a few folks who really know their beers will take home special (drinkable!) awards?

Make your reservations early to attend the Second Around the World Beer Tasting Party.

See you there on April 12th!





# The Egg-citing Easter Egg



It was only after 325 A.D. that Easter was set after the first full moon, following the equinox. Today, in the West, Easter is observed on the first Sunday following the full moon on or after the Spring equinox of March 21st. That is why Easter is celebrated on different dates year to year, falling between March 22nd and April 25th.



Of all the symbols associated with Easter the egg is probably the most identifiable. From ancient times, the egg has been regarded as a symbol of fertility and new life in most cultures. According to the 8th century scholar St. Bede, during the Pagan festival of spring, eggs were painted bright colors to represent the coming of spring. Some believe Christians adapted the egg from the Pagan celebrations of spring, to symbolize the death and rebirth of Jesus. Others argue that the tradition of painting eggs came later. In the 13th



century eggs were forbidden during the Lenten season. Followers would paint eggs beautiful colors and then eat the eggs after the strict Lenten fast. Eggs were thus a mainstay of Easter meals, and a prized Easter gift for children and servants. This is thought to be the reason why eggs came to be associated with Easter.



While eggs were believed to be traditionally decorated in bright colors to symbolize the brightness of spring, different cultures decorate eggs in different ways. In Greece the eggs were dyed crimson to honor the blood of Christ. In Armenia eggs were hollowed out and painted with the likenesses of Christ and the Virgin Mary. Green eggs were given on Holy Thursday (the day of the crucifixion) in Austria and gold and silver are the colors used in Slavic nations. The Germans use ferns, leaves, and flowers to create stenciling effects on eggs.



More elaborate Easter eggs emerged as the art of decorating Easter eggs evolved throughout the years. In the Ukrainian art of Pysanki, eggs are decorated by layering melted beeswax and dye utilizing traditional folk motifs and designs. The method is similar to batik. Patterns are drawn on the egg with a stylus and wax. The wax protects the covered areas from the dye that is ap-



Faberge eggs have become treasured collectibles that depict Russian history, and are in museums and collections all over the world. These delicate eggs would open to reveal everything from pictures to gems. Faberge continued to produce his eggs until 1917.

Today, Easter eggs are typically blown, (blowing the contents out of a tiny hole in the shell) or hard boiled prior to decorating. Blown eggs can be carefully preserved and displayed year after year. Hard boiled Easter eggs are included in Easter dinner dishes or simply eaten.

The egg is nature's perfect package. Throughout history the egg has represented mystery, magic, medicine, food and omen. Eggs have been dyed, painted, adorned, embellished and exchanged

plied. By repeating this process with different colors of dye, a multi-colored pattern is built up. Finally, the wax is removed to reveal the colors that were covered up at each stage.

In 1885, Russian Tsar Alexander III commissioned artist Peter Carl Faberge to design an egg for his wife for Easter.

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## The Egg-citing Easter Egg

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at Easter, becoming the focus of many Easter holiday traditions throughout the world.

Regardless of your faith, no one can argue that the decorating of Easter eggs is a memorable, fun family tradition. Although many of us opt for the quick and easy Easter Coloring Kit, there are many other easy ways to decorate eggs. So consider yourself encouraged to paint, dye or bedazzle to your heart's content! Here are some suggestions to make the eggs in your Easter basket or Easter egg hunt just a little eggtra special:

### Marbled Eggs

Marbled eggs look sophisticated but are really simple. Just add a tablespoon of cooking oil to each cup of your dye. Stir the dye/oil combination before adding each egg. Submerge egg completely using a spoon. When you have your desired color, remove it and pat it dry on a paper towel. The dye will not adhere to the parts of the shell that were covered with oil, but will stick in a marbled pattern everywhere else. Try dipping the egg into two or three different dyes, drying well between colors.



### Stone Eggs

Wrap the eggs tightly in gauze, cheesecloth or nylon (such as pantyhose) before you dye them. After the dye is dry, unwrap the eggs to reveal a stone-like textured look. Give the color more depth by wetting the fabric with a dark-colored dye, then wrapping the egg and dipping it into a lighter dye. You can give stone eggs a more polished look by buffing them with a little cooking oil once they're dry.

### Tissue Eggs

Cut or tear new, brightly-colored tissue paper into shapes. Dampen an egg with water and lay the tissue paper on the shell. Spray the egg lightly with water if the paper doesn't become saturated and set aside to dry. When the water dries the tissue paper will come off, but the dye in the paper will remain on the shell. Experiment with different looks by overlapping different colors of tissue

paper or arranging the shapes in various patterns.

### Tie-Dyed Eggs

Place several hard boiled eggs in a colander. Set the colander in your kitchen sink and splash the eggs with vinegar (this sets the dye). Drip one drop of yellow food coloring onto each egg and gently spin the colander to spread the color. Allow to set for one minute. Continue with one or two more colors, adding one drop of food coloring per egg. Gently spin the colander and allow to set for one minute. After the last color, lightly rinse the eggs with water and allow them to drain for two minutes. Remove the eggs and air-dry on paper towels.



### Plaid

Wrapping an egg with narrow strips of tape in one direction -- spacing each piece roughly twice as far apart as the width of the tape. Use scissors or a craft knife to cut the tape to size before applying it to the egg. Dip the egg in light-colored dye such as yellow. Dry it off, then remove the tape and tape again, this time going in the opposite direction. Dip in another color dye, such as blue. The overlapped areas will turn green. Dry and remove tape as before. Continue until you achieve the pattern you like.

### Sponge-painted Eggs

Wet a sponge and wring out as much water as possible. Cut into small pieces so that there is one sponge piece for each color. Using paper plates, place a different color of craft paint on each. Dip the sponge into a color of paint and press it into a paper towel to remove

excess paint. Dab the sponge around the egg; add other colors with separate pieces of sponge.

### Bumpy Egg

Place small dots of hot glue all over each egg. You can create a pattern or place them randomly. Allow the glue to dry. Place the egg in a bowl of dye and keep it in until it reaches the desired color. Remove the egg and allow it to dry on a paper towel. The dye will not color the glue or seep underneath. The egg will be decorated with clear dots on top of the color.

### Use Natural Food Dyes

Most naturally bold-colored foods can be used as egg dye. Beet juice, cranberry juice, pomegranate juice, cherries or raspberries color eggs pink or red, while red cabbage juice or blueberries dye the eggs a blue color. Turmeric yields a gold or yellow color, and spinach leaves produce green. Carrots or paprika yield orange colors. Also try herbal teas and flowers.

Simply simmer several handfuls of plant materials in just enough water to cover them until the water is the desired color. Remove from the heat and strain the colored water. Make the colored water darker than what you want your final egg color to be. Add 2 to 3 teaspoons of white vinegar to each color. Soak your eggs in the juice until the eggs are the desired color. For long soaking times, soak them in the refrigerator.

### Create Natural Patterns

Some natural plants can be applied directly to the egg to leave the pattern behind. Try leafy herbs like parsley or dill,



or edible flower petals. Start with raw eggs for this technique. Place the leaf or petal directly against the egg and wrap it in a layer of cheese cloth or muslin. Tie with twine or yarn and boil for 10 to 12 minutes.

### Nature

If you are a nature lover, give your Easter eggs an earthy touch with stencils made from flowers, leaves, grasses or other natural materials. Use repositionable glue on the back sides of leaves or other objects and stick them firmly to a previously dyed or undyed egg. Use a spray bottle filled with food grade dye to spray the egg or dip in whatever colors you choose. Allow to dry, then remove the stencils. If you want you can use nontoxic paint pens to outline the shapes or leave them as is.

### Rubber Band Eggs

Before placing the eggs in dye, carefully place five or more rubber bands on the hard boiled egg. Dye and allow to completely dry on paper towels. Remove the bands to reveal the stripes.

### Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

If you have any of those "well done" stars or other shaped stickers, place them on your eggs before dyeing. Let the eggs dry, remove the stickers, and you'll have bright white shapes. These look especially nice against darker colored backgrounds such as deep blue or red.

### Drip Eggs

Put craft paint in a small container

with a little bit of water; mix it until the paint is runny. Place the eggs in an egg carton. Dip a paintbrush into the paint and set it at the top of the egg. Let the paint run down the side of the egg. If it doesn't run, add a bit more water. Continue around the egg using the same method; you can use one or more colors.

### Sparkle Eggs

Add embellishments to your dyed or natural hard boiled egg by gluing your choice of glitter, small beads and sequins. Apply craft glue with a cotton swab to apply the embellishments one by one. If you'd like to make a glitter egg, apply a thin layer of glue to the egg with a small paintbrush and roll in glitter until the whole egg is covered. Allow to dry for two hours.

### Ribbon Eggs

Add a formal look by adding ribbon to your hard boiled eggs. Ribbon between 1/2 inch to 1 inch wide works best. Begin by dyeing the eggs one color. After drying, wrap the ribbon around the mid-section of the egg and attach by using double-sided tape.

These are just a few egg samples of the eggstremely cool ways to decorate your eggs. But don't be afraid to egg-speriment and be creative! Don't worry if it's messy, don't stress if they're not perfect, just share the experience with the family and have fun! Happy Easter!





# National Tall Ships Conference comes to the Erie Yacht Club

By Caleb Pifer



This past February, the Erie Yacht Club played host to an evening reception for the National Tall Ships Conference. Organized annually by the Newport, Rhode Island-based Tall Ships America, the organization chose Erie and the Bayfront Sheraton as its 2013 conference location. More than 200 delegates from around the country and Europe descended on the Flagship City to learn about the latest regulatory issues affecting the tall ships industry, educational program delivery and safety. The 2013 conference marked one of the most well-attended tall ship conferences in years.

It has always been my long held belief that Erie's waterfront, maritime museum and tall ship are second to none. Consequently, I lobbied Tall Ships America for nearly four years to bring the event here, as I knew it would be a wonderful opportunity to let them see how unique Erie is. Sure enough, the delegates were dazzled by our museum, our expansive bay, and the wonderful hospitality of the Erie Yacht Club. As an Erieite and EYC member, it was easy to feel a tremendous sense of pride in our city and its people. One could easily venture to guess that feeling was shared by Erie Captains Walter Rybka, Wesley Heerssen, Billy Sabatini, and Jamie Trost. These four seasoned sailors were smiling the whole night!

Caleb Pifer is the Vice Chairman of Tall Ships America and Executive Director of the Erie County Historical Society





# Touring the Emerald Isle

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Jameson actually has two distilleries - Old Midleton Distillery, County Cork and the one we toured and pictured at Bow Street, St. James Gate, Dublin.

William spent some time living there. Then off to Limerick, Ireland's 3rd largest city located on the river Shannon. We stopped at St. Mary's Cathedral founded in 1168 and walked through the ancient graveyard with weathered headstones and crypts that were just too old to read. We had dinner at the



Mary Beth browsing the gravesites at St. Mary's Cathedral.

nearby Locke Bar and Oyster House restaurant. Another old but fun pub with live entertainment located on a tree lined street overlooking the Abbey River. After dinner we drove back to Dublin and since this was our last night, we all went to the hotel lounge for a late night cocktail and debriefing. We found the people of Ireland to be very friendly and the country as beautiful as we were led to believe.


Sunday we took the 8AM flight home to discover that the solid cloud cover from the Dublin airport had crossed all

of Ireland and the entire Atlantic Ocean. We did not see the earth until landing in Newark for our connecting flight and found out we were one of the very last flights out of Newark airport because it was shutting down for the approaching hurricane Sandy.

Ireland... A country well worth visiting for its friendly people, beautiful country side, historic landmarks and well provisioned pubs for us thirsty sailors!



Similar tight conditions to all of Dublin, boat storage is no different. These are crammed together outside the Royal St. George Yacht Club.



## Erie Yacht Club's Seasonal Reminders

- 2013 Slip Fees are due March 31st or a late fee of 20% of the slip fee will be assessed.
- If you intend on Dry Sailing your vessel this year please remember to fill out a Boating Use Application with the Front Office to obtain the appropriate seasonal sticker. Vessels found on the property without the proper Dry Sail sticker will find their boat locked up.
- All disposable winter tarps are to be disposed of in the large roll off container. Do not use the Galley dumpsters.
- Please remember to dispose of all trash in the appropriate containers.
- Remember that the trash dumpsters are here for all members use and that disposing of trash from home is not permitted.
- After launching your boat, please police the area in which your boat was winter stored. Place all blocking and shims in the pallets located in your area.
- If you anticipate not being in the water by Opening Day, a letter or e-mail to the Dock Committee is due by May 15th. Send all correspondence to the General Manager.

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## The Truth About Leprechauns?

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probably the cause of endless bad luck which might otherwise be happily avoided.

Leprechauns have been known to 'adopt' families and move in with them, even following them abroad, though this is now rare. However, if a leprechaun has moved in the first sign is that things start to go missing, or appear again in unexpected places. Furniture may have been moved around the room, and the whiskey or milk will be found to have gone down overnight, and then to have been topped up with water (especially the whiskey! ).



Leprechauns in Advertising "Lucky Charms" cereal box circa 1967

If all this begins to happen the family involved will know they must start leaving out presents of food and drink and anything else to keep the little cheeky chap happy, and then with any luck, instead of doing mischief the leprechaun will go round the house and barns at night finishing off jobs that the big people have had no time to do.

How does all of all of this "leprechaun lore" stack up to the leprechaun's real place in Irish mythology? As with most fantasy figures, leprechauns have evolved over the years, and the most romantic aspects of their legend has stuck.

But leprechauns have not been around that long. They rarely are spoken of in folk tales, those stories that usually concern a human hero and are given a more formal telling. Leprechaun tales usually are told casually by locals and contain local names and scenery.

Leprechauns are often stereotyped, misunderstood - especially in the United States-and even maligned, as in a series of 1990s horror films in which the leprechaun is a malevolent little beastie.

Leprechauns have been used to sell cereal (Lucky Charms) and as mascots for sports teams (the Boston Celtics). They have been portrayed as pyromaniacs (in an episode of The Simpsons), and their musical taste has been impugned - sentimental Irish music is called Leprechaun Music.

Unlike the malicious creature in the Leprechaun films, leprechauns like solitude and usually avoid human habitations. They are cunning, mischievous and sometimes cranky, but they generally don't harm people. They have a "gift for gab" and could be the life of the party, if you could get them to attend!

The leprechaun must tell the truth, for in this it is bound by courtesy and fairy law. But only so long as you look it in the eye, as courtesy demands. They love pranks, especially if there is a lesson in it for the victim. So when meeting a leprechaun remember it is best to be courteous and friendly...and it wouldn't hurt to have a wee bit 'o poteen on hand just in case!



## Cardiologist's Nightmare Created at EYC

by Dan Dundon



Our family enjoyed another terrific dinner prepared by the excellent galley staff at Erie Yacht Club. It got to time to order desserts. I was not paying attention as orders were placed because I was (as usual) content with my after-dinner beer.

A short time later, our server was distributing delightful cakes and pastries. Everyone's attention was drawn from their desserts to the special and unique confection ordered by our son, Chris.

As you can see from the photograph, the galley staff cooperated with Chris and delivered a one-of-a-kind ice cream sensation. Look at the photograph. Can you tell what makes this dessert so special?

Right you are! Chris ordered and the EYC galley staff delivered the world's first Bacon Hot Fudge Sundae! Chris, being the gentleman he is, shared his dessert with anyone who wanted to give it a try. And yes... it WAS quite good!

When we left EYC for the evening, we made a special trip down the main hall to make sure we know where the defibrillator is.



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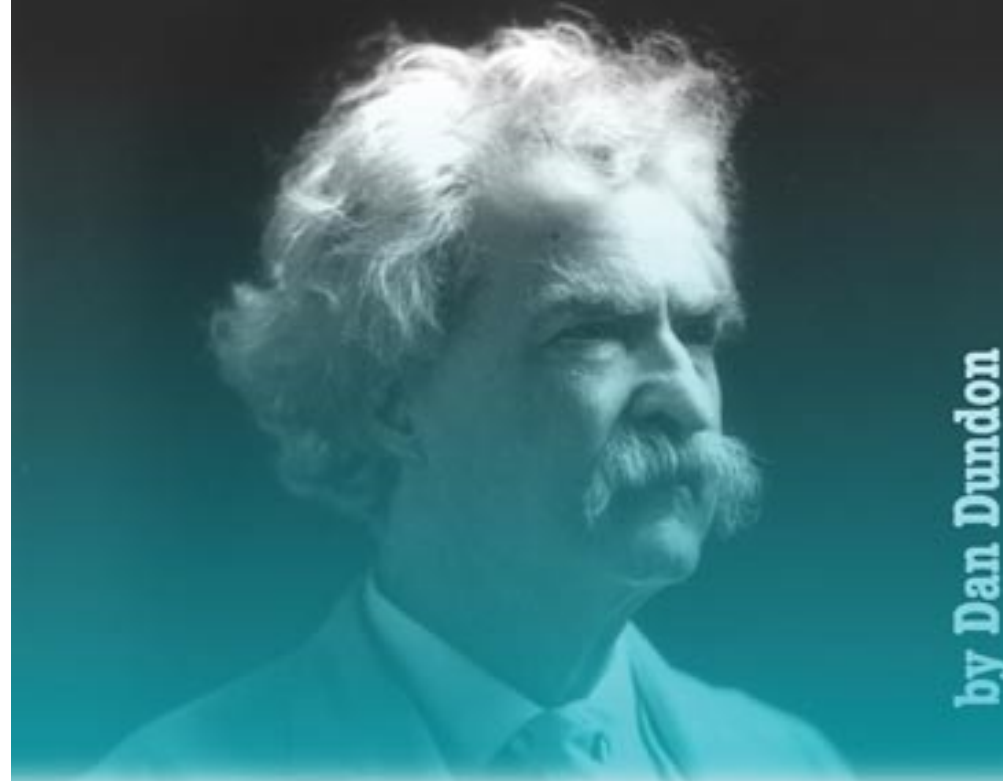
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# What's the Good Word?



by Dan Dundon

In the spirit of focusing on yachtsmen and yachtswomen and subjects of seafaring interest, this issue's quotation comes from one of the most referenced authors in United States history. Additionally, perhaps, reflecting on these words, we will find ourselves introspective as well as motivated?

*Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.*

– Mark Twain.

Special thanks to Tom Schuyler IV for submitting this quote. It sure is a good one for us, both nautical and inspirational.

Mark Twain is credited with many quotations which have certainly stood the “test of time”. Reflecting on the excellent cooperation demonstrated by both political parties in Washington, let's consider another Mark Twain quote:

*Suppose you were an idiot and suppose you were a member of congress... but, I repeat myself.*

I hope you are enjoying “Good Words”. If you have some favorite quotes or such words-of-wisdom, send them to me (dandundon@gmail.com) for us to include in future EYC Log articles. In closing, here is a favorite quote of mine. Too bad I do not know who said it.

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by Gerry Urbaniak

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If you were lucky enough to attend the last Scotch Tasting at the EYC, you were treated not only to the songs of the Isles, but centuries of fresh spring water percolating to the surface, the essence of a salty ocean breeze, the earthy flavors of a millennium of peaty soil, and toasted barley that once danced in fields with wild thistle. Magically, all of these elements could be sipped from one small glass of Scotch.

EYC member and Scotch aficionado, Eric Marshall (Captain, USN retired) co-hosted this authentic event that featured the favorite Single Malts of Scotland's three pre-eminent distillery areas: the Highlands, the Lowlands, and the Isles.

Colorful stories of Scottish folklore, blended with the descriptions of ancient-to-modern methods of distilling, set the background for the main event: the actual tasting of the whiskies and the foods they were paired with. The results of Chef Angelo's research for the perfect compliment to each Scotch

ranged from imported smoked almonds and cob infused prosciutto, to perfectly ripened persimmons and Shepherds Pie made with fresh mutton.

Of course, what would a Scotch tasting be without a wee bit o' Haggis? The Haggis, formulated from an ancient Scottish recipe was hand-made by co-host P/C Gerry Urbaniak who related the story of how the recipe was gleaned from historical archives, and then applied with modern ingredients and measurements. Accompanied by a live Bagpipe procession, the Haggis was then presented to all by Professor of Scottish History, Dr. Timothy Thompson in the authentic language of primeval Scotland.

So if an enchanting evening in the Scottish Isles appeals to you, come down to the Club April 26th at 7pm but make your reservations early (It will sell-out very quickly). Grab your kilt, a flask and a Lad and Lassie (or two) and join us, won't you?



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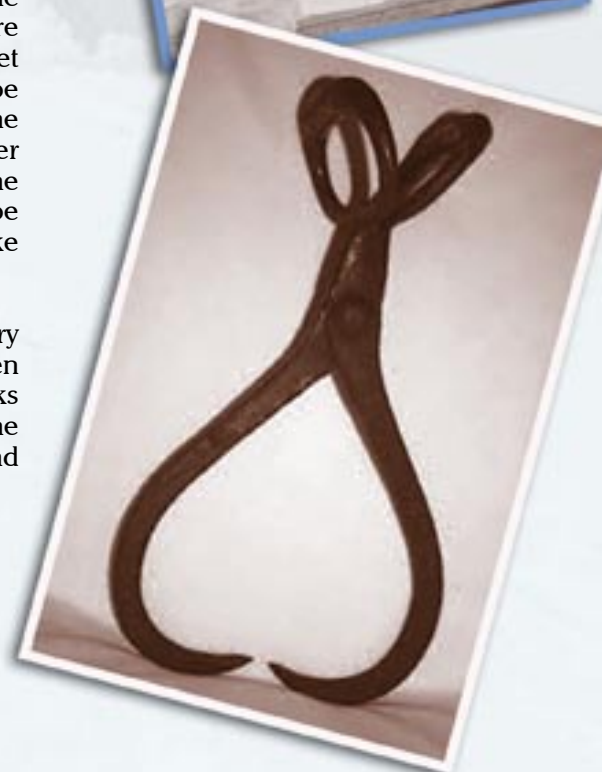
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# If These Docks Could Talk

by P/C Gib Loesel



**B**ack in August I started a story about the Canoe House where lots of interesting things have happen over the years, however I drifted off-course for a couple of issues soooo back to the Canoe House:

Once upon a time boats at EYC did not have refrigerators; they had "ice boxes" ... now you might be asking yourself what does that have to do with the Canoe House? well here is the icy tale:

Along about 1946, give or take a year or so, a real "ice house" was built in the South East corner of the Canoe House (where the small tool crib is now located). The door opened from the outside and there was no refrigeration. It's thick walls were very well insulated and when it was loaded with ice it was, believe me, very cold!!!. Now a very enterprising young future Commodore enters the picture and becomes known as "Richie the Ice Boy". Of course I am talking about my brother Richard.

This is how it worked. He was an independent contractor who purchased his ice in 500 lbs blocks from the Wayne Ice Company. Upon delivery it was cash on the barrel head... the wholesale price was ½ cent per pound... the retail price a penny per pound... the large blocks could be split down to 25 lbs but the average size was 50 lbs to 100 lbs. There was a regular route of customers and it was his responsibility to keep their "boxes" cold... the big spenders wanted the little chunks tossed out which of course made room for a larger delivery and more \$\$\$'s... the Mathews yachts had big "boxes" and could hold 200 lbs. Boats like the Enigma and the Eleanor III also held large amounts. A big bonus was when the Eleanor III was going fishing, the large seat in the stern cockpit would get iced up with six or seven hundred pounds, a big day in the life of "ice boy".

When the business started ice was delivered in a big wheelbarrow but eventually "ice boy" hitched a trailer to his Model "T" Ford and life became a little easier (sort of like the industrial revolution)... Of course there were times when a boat owner wanted ice and "ice boy" was off sailing, then the duty fell to one of his pals or the "day man" (there were no dock masters in those days) to get the ice. If it was picked up at the Canoe House there was a place to leave the money, honor among yachtsmen. After a few years the "day man" took over the business and he would get the Canoe House kids to help out. Pay was a coke or two.

Like I said at the beginning of this story interesting things have and will happen at the Canoe House, "If these docks could talk" they would tell you that the tool crib is now the hang out of Port and Starboard, EYC's kittens, now cats.



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# ANOTHER RED HOT SOCK BURNING PARTY AT THE EYC

BY CAITLIN NIEMIC



Grab your socks and head to the docks, it's the vernal Equinox! A tradition which began in Annapolis, MD in the mid 1980's has spread to yacht clubs across the country over the past 20 years, including the Erie Yacht Club. As many boaters know, it is frowned upon to wear socks with your boat shoes. Each year on the Vernal Equinox, boaters gather at the yacht club to burn their smelly

winter socks in celebration of spring and the upcoming boating season. March 20th, 2013 marks the 2nd Annual Erie Yacht Club Sock Burning Happy Hour. The bonfire will begin at 1800 with live entertainment provided by Deuble and Vogan and a variety of dirty drinks and dinner specials. Take off those winter socks and head to the Erie Yacht Club for what is sure to be one, smelly,

happy hour you won't want to miss! P.S. There is one exception to this sockless rule, what has been coined the "Wimp Chill Factor." If the wind blows over 17 knots and the temperature drops below 30 degrees, one may cave in and wear socks post equinox.



## EYC to Host Marine Weather Seminar



There will be the Marine Weather Seminar on Saturday March 16th from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the EYC. Instructor Mark Thornton will lead us through a course in basic meteorology then expand our knowledge on the weather patterns of Lake Erie and the Great Lakes in general.

An enhanced understanding of basic weather principals and a few simple forecasting skills can improve cruise planning, racing performance and reduce the likelihood of being exposed to uncomfortable or hazardous weather conditions.

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## Ice Fishing Tip!?

It was a cold winter day, when an old man walked out onto a frozen lake, cut a hole in the ice, dropped in his fishing line and began waiting for a fish to bite. He was there for almost an hour without even a nibble when a young boy walked out onto the ice, cut a hole in the ice not too far from the old man and dropped in his fishing line. It only took about a minute and WHAM! a Largemouth Bass hit his hook and the boy pulled in the fish.

The old man couldn't believe it but figured it was just luck. But, the boy dropped in his line and again within just a few minutes pulled in another one. This went on and on until finally the old man couldn't take it any more since he hadn't caught a thing all this time.

He went to the boy and said, "Son, I've been here for over an hour without even a nibble. You have been here only a few minutes and have caught about half a dozen fish! How do you do it?"

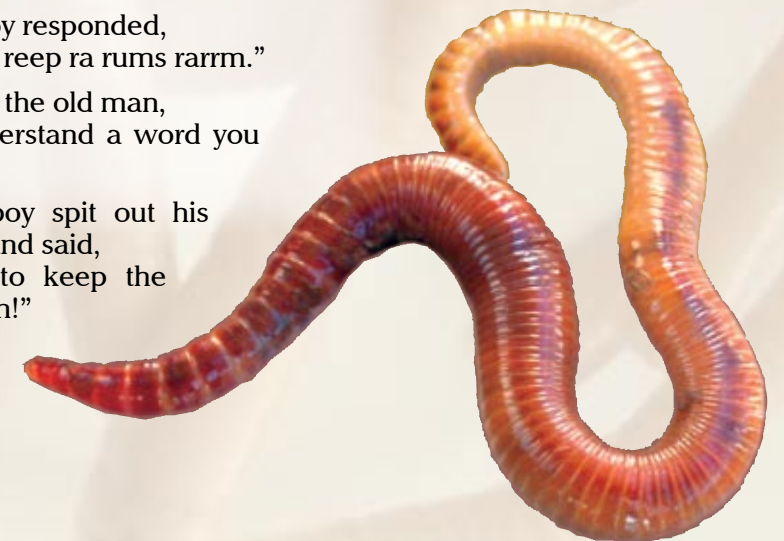
The boy responded,  
"Roo raf roo reep ra rums rarmm."

"What was that?" the old man asked.

Again the boy responded,  
"Roo raf roo reep ra rums rarmm."

"Look," said the old man,  
"I can't understand a word you are saying."

So, the boy spit out his mouth full, and said,  
"You have to keep the worms warm!"





# TOURING THE NORTH COAST OF LAKE ERIE BY LAND YACHT

BY GENE POLASKI

For the past several years, my wife Kathy and I have been touring the various Great Lakes by car. This spring we toured the north shore of Lake Erie starting at Niagara Falls and ending near Windsor, Canada. This could be driven in a matter of 7 hours or so but we took 4 days! We found that visiting various ports by land is quite different than by boat.

After crossing the Peace Bridge into Canada we followed Route 3 which became a scenic country road. We even had to stop for a kit fox. We went to Port Colborne for lunch at the marina restaurant however it was closed for renovation.

We were able to watch the Great Lakes ship *Stephen Roman* lock through that part of the Welland in Colborne. She is 488 feet long and was launched in 1965 as the *Fort William*. That same year she exploded while taking on cargo and killed 5 sailors. Then in 1977 she ran aground near Toledo and later hit the Detroit River light in a fog. She was eventually converted into a self unloading cement boat. She moved thru the Welland while we there without error! I learned about her and some nearby ships that were getting ready to be scrapped from a gentleman standing near me at the canal. Being a boat nerd, he was full of information.



From there we headed towards Port Dover for an overnight stay at the infamous Erie Beach Hotel. We took a route along the lake shore which changes names sometimes but starts off from Port Colborne as Lakeshore Road, then North Shore Drive. The road is almost cliff side offering scenic views. It was amazing how many cottages are along the shoreline. Many were for sale. We passed thru Dunnville (near Port Maitland) and had to proceed away from the lake to get across the Maitland River bridge and back to the Erie lakeshore where the road is again called Lakeshore Road.

We continued towards Nanticoke where we saw the huge steel plant and the large smoke stacks sometimes visible from Erie on a clear day. We had left Erie about 9am and arrived in Port Dover about 3pm. Since the last time I was there, Port Dover has added a pontoon tour boat ride, "ride-o-ramas" and large gatherings of motorcycles on Fridays. We had the usual excellent perch dinner at the hotel that night.

The next day our goal was to visit Long Point about a 20 minute drive. We passed thru Port Rowan and onto the causeway where a large flashing sign said "Brake For Snakes"! We spent a few hours walking on Long Point beaches after driving as far as we could on the campgrounds. After a lunch in the causeway area, we got back on Lakeshore Road and headed for our evening stay at Port Stanley. The road along the lakeshore ended and we took Route 24 thru Port Burwell and Port Bruce and finally into Port Stanley.

We stayed at a nice hotel right on the harbor river. From our room we could see about 10 fishing boats which made the whole place very quaint. A drawbridge separates the harbor from a marina on the other side of the bridge. I had a nice chat with the drawbridge operator about some of the "goings on" in Port Stanley! As I was about to fall asleep that night, it occurred to me that the quaint fishing boats just might be leaving very early in the morning. Sure enough at 3am I heard the first of them starting their deep sounding diesels and off they went throughout the next 2 hours. It was interesting that my handheld GPS showed us to be about 70 miles from our home in Erie yet it took us 2 days to get here!

While a lake side road was not available for the next part of the trip which was to Leamington, we did see sights such as tobacco farms, over 1000 wind

turbine generators and many solar panels in the fields. We also made a stop and took a walk at Pelee Point National Park.

In Leamington there were many migrant workers walking the streets as this is the home of a Heinz tomato plant and green houses. We finished the day with a great rib dinner across from the hotel.

The following day we took a car ferry to Pelee Island. I was amazed at how little "development" there is on the island. It has an elementary school and just opened a high school. We drove around the island, about 18 miles and I did some geocaching along the way. Since the ferry stops running for the winter, islanders have to stock up on groceries and goods. We found a nice little shop for lunch and returned to the mainland on the evening ferry. I was allowed on the bridge of the ferry which is named the Jimaan or "Little Canoe" in Ojibway. It is a Ro-Ro ferry (roll on,



roll off) and carries 36 cars, 400 passengers and is about 100 feet in length. Captain Harvey Ryer was very obliging and told me some of his history. While he has an "unlimited" license, he likes running the ferry as opposed to a Great Lakes cargo vessel.

In the evening in Leamington, we took a walk along their marina waterfront. It features raised gardens, a cobblestone walkway, and a marina. We encountered an accordion musician who was playing a free concert and does so once a week. There was dancing also so we joined in!

Our final day was spent driving over the Ambassador Bridge into Dearborn Michigan, on down to Toledo with a stop at the Toledo Yacht Club. After an overnight in Maumee, we returned home.

This tour nearly completes our circumnavigation of the Great Lakes by car. We plan to do the north shore of Lake Superior in 2013 ending up in our favorite town of Duluth, MN.



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- 3rd Club Shutdown (1 week)
- 12th Tuesday Club Re-open
- 13th Fellowship Dinner Speaker Series #3  
The War of 1812,  
"The Battle of Lake Erie"  
by Captain Walter Rybka  
Cocktails 6pm • Dinner 6:45pm  
Reservation Required 453-4931
- 14th "Trivia Night" Fun & Prizes  
7pm - 9pm • Form a Team of 3 - 8  
Call 453-4931 to reserve a table.
- 17th Champagne Sunday Brunch  
11am - 2pm • \$12.95
- 20th Sock Burning Party  
On the Clubhouse Deck • 6pm  
Dirty Drink & Dinner Specials  
Entertainment by Deuble & Vogan
- 21st "Trivia Night" Fun & Prizes  
7pm - 9pm • Form a Team of 3 - 8  
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- 24th Champagne Sunday Brunch  
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- 28th "Trivia Night" Fun & Prizes  
7pm - 9pm • Form a Team of 3 - 8  
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- 31st Easter Sunday  
Special Easter Buffet • 11am - 4pm  
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## April Calendar of Club Events

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