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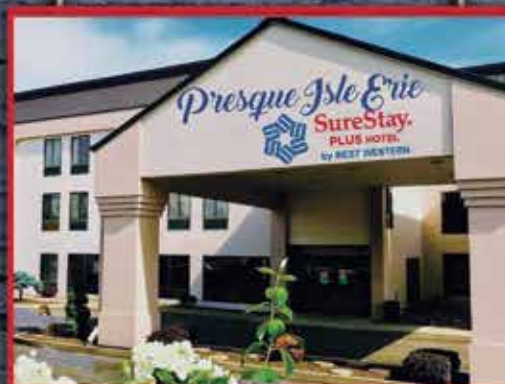


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From the Bridge

By Vice Commodore Harvey Downey

Spring is in the air! Spring is magical - The days get longer and warmer, the aroma of fresh cut grass fills the air, the trees and flowers blossom, and our fleet heads back to the water. Life begins to reemerge, and the world begins to bloom. Spring signifies new beginnings.

New beginnings are happening at our Club this Spring. Our new General Manager, Thomas is doing an excellent job collaborating with his Crew to bring new and exciting experiences for us all to enjoy. The House Committee is working to refresh events that we have enjoyed over the years. There are two new events being introduced this month, Celebrity Bingo and Sipping Saturday.



Bingo will be played in the Grill Room on Sunday nights in March, which is sure to be a fun filled evening of family, friends, laughter, drinks, food, and BINGO. On Saturday nights, the Grill Room will be dressed up for us to enjoy a warm dining experience. Sipping Saturday will highlight bottled wine and entrée features, along with the Grill Room menu. No reservations required. Lastly, keep an eye on the Ship's Store for new fashions, merchandise, and an enhanced online store.

Happy Spring Everyone!

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On the Cover...

The EYC is the perfect place to witness the passing of the Winter season in Erie. Although the snow is beautiful and calming the members all look forward to warmer days of fun and boating.
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Scan to learn
about the Erie
Yacht Club

Looks Like Snow!

STORY & PHOTOS by TOM & CINDY MADURA



We all know the EYC clubhouse is a busy place year-round. During all four seasons, the Grill Room and Banquet Room staff bustle with activity serving members lunches and dinners and hosting events and parties. Even in the dead of winter members can be found clustered around the bar or sitting by the fireplace - enjoying a meal, drinking, chatting, playing cards, or just enjoying the camaraderie of the club.

Outside, however, it's a somewhat different story. Of course, in Summer the grounds of the Erie Yacht Club are a magical place, full of activity. People flock to the Club to enjoy their boats, sit on the deck with a cocktail, listen to the live bands on Thursday nights, or just enjoy the view of some of the best sunsets in the world.

And in Spring and Fall, the grounds can be equally busy, with folks preparing their boats for the upcoming boating season or for winter storage, respectively.

During these times the grounds crew is also at their busiest - in the Spring launching boats and preparing the grounds for Opening Day, and in the Fall hauling boats and moving cradles around to make room for them all. In the Winter, however, the grounds of the Erie Yacht Club can be a desolate, lonely place. With the exception of a few ice-fishermen, or ice-boaters if conditions are good, people are scarce, even on sunny days.

This winter started off very mild with little snow, but that all changed in mid-January, when several storms dumped a total of up to 3 feet of snow and temperatures plunged to single digits.

If you've never ventured down to the Club in the dead of Winter, or if you're a snowbird who escapes to warmer climates to avoid such conditions, here on these pages are some photos to show you what you've been missing the last few months. It's beautiful in its own way, but hardly inviting.



By the time you read this, hopefully the worst of the season is behind us, and we can all look ahead to Spring, and rest assured that the next wonderful boating season will be here before you know it!

See you in the Spring!





Scotch Tasting 2022

by Capt. Eric Marshall, P/C Gerry Urbaniak & Dave Cipriani

Tucked away in the far north-eastern corner of Scotland is an area, bounded by the mountains of the Highlands to the west, the fertile and bountiful farmlands of Aberdeen to the east, and whose land is quenched by the multitude of springs and the sparkling river called Spey. This beautiful region, a fly-fisher's dream, teems with flora, fish and fauna. Oh, and whisky. You see, this place know as Speyside, is home to nearly 60 distilleries, dedicated to the country's greatest industry: making Scotch.

The combination of the hearty flavor of the local barley, and the cool, crisp waters of the river Spey conjure up a spirit that is unmistakably classic in it's flavors and tasting nuances. Names like Glenlivet, Macallan, Glenfiddich, Balvenie, and Glenfarclas are but a few of the world famous distilleries that call Speyside 'home'. As they say in the world of Scotch: "You've not had whisky" 'til you've had a Speyside whisky".

To the west and south of Speyside lies another epic Scotch producing region: the Highlands. Truly breathtaking with it's beautiful vistas, ragged peaks. Lush green valleys, fields of golden barley, and shimmering streams and springs, this terrain lends a plethora of natural forces which shape the flavors of the whisky.

As the water of the mountains filter through miles of granite and shale it becomes ultra pure, sweet and clear, a substance unparalleled on this planet, contributing the perfect ingredient for the perfect spirit. Some of the more popular distilleries of the Highlands include Oban, Glenmorangie, Dalmore, Clynelish, Royal Brackla and Old Pulteney.

As many of the islands around Scotland have had their own unique distilleries, they have watched in sadness, the disappearance of most of them. Natural market forces, thinning revenues, expensive transportation, and a dwindling labor market have taken a toll on these companies. But those that remain offer the boldest, smoky and peaty whiskies in the world. The salt infused breezes of the North Channel, and the briny springs and streams of these islands make their mark on island Scotch's. And no other island has a collection of these distilleries like Islay.

Just the mention of Islay conjures up images and flavors that are so unique, and so memorable. A pot-pourri of geographic marvels, Islay is decorated with rugged mountains on the eastern coast, heavily wooded forests on the south coast, and many bays and lochs to the west.

Of course then, it stands to reason that all of these unique topographical variations will contribute even more unique flavors to the whiskies of their area.

The fact that Islay is surrounded by water explains the abundance of swampy bogs, which after centuries, develop the layers of peat which is harvested and used to fire the drying ovens found under the malting floors of the distilleries. As the peat burns in these huge ovens, the smoke emanating from them infiltrates the malting barely which absorbs that characteristic smoky flavor loved by so many. Some of the most coveted Scotch distilleries in the world call Islay home. They include: Ardbeg, Bowmore, Bruichladdich, Bunnahabhain, Caol Ila, Kilchoman, Lagavulin, and Laphroaig.



The characteristics of the Highland malts differ as one travels southward. Where the northern Highlands offer a sweeter, more floral and full bodied Scotch, the southern Highlands are more akin to the flavors of the Lowlands; more mild, lemon-grassy and orangey, with hints of vanilla and other spices.

The Speysides are both light and floral, yet crisp and fragrant with a clean, fresh aftertaste. One can often taste the flavors of honey, pears and caramel. The Islay Scotch's are in a class of their own. Oily, smoky, deeply gratifying, warm, peppery with hints of leather, and honey, are the hallmark of these whiskies. They say that Islay whiskies are an acquired taste. Perhaps so, but let each person judge for themselves. There are those that love them, while others run from them. So for our Scotch Tasting 2022, we will be selecting a well-known whisky from each of these regions.

A little history of the distilleries, a story or two and a pairing with food for each will be offered. Rumor has it that some Haggis might be involved, along with an Oscar-worthy presentation by renowned professor Dr. Tim Thompson. Some delicious Shepherd's Pie made with fresh lamb is on the menu as well. Throw in a bagpipe, and some military background tunes and we'll all have an evening to remember.

And this year, something sensational. Your Scotch Tasting Committee is researching and will present a rare, premium Scotch for all to try. Yes, a world class Scotch here at the Erie Yacht Club.

If you've got a kilt, please wear it, same goes for the sporran and sgian-dubh. Festivities begin a wee bit later this year: 7:00 p.m. The date is Saturday, April 30th.

As you know, this event sells out quickly, so please call in your reservations as soon as you can. A great, Scottish night will be had by all...



If These Docks Could Talk

The Voyage of Ginger

by P/C Gib Loesel

The last story on Byron Cooley's paintings brought a lot of positive comments and interest in his wonderful artwork, it also brought forward several paintings that I had been looking for and one or two that I didn't know existed. Additionally, there were a few stories about the man Cooley and his relationship with Schuyler Family which got me to thinking (again) at least one of these stories should be told, so here we go... "The Voyage of Ginger."

It is important to note that the Schuyler Family is now in it's third generation of membership at the EYC, not sure of the exact date but it has been longer than I have been alive, 80 plus years, Tom Schuyler the oldest son of Cort and Ruth and I played together as little boys. Tom's son Tom is the proud owner of "Infinity" which is well known in the racing fleet, brothers Stan can be seen daily in the summer cruising the bay and lake in his 28' Freedom 28 Cat Ketch, "Anomaly" which will lead us to brother Bob, read on. Sorry Brother Steve and Sister Ann you didn't make the story.



Stan Schuyler's Anomaly.

This story started because many of Cooley's paintings were of his beloved catboat "Ginger" (soon to be displayed on the lobby bulletin board) in various points of sail and places in and around our local sailing area. Most of them show two people on board, Skipper Cooley, and his Crew Cort Schuyler, who incidentally was the Scribe of our LOG for many years!

When Bryon was about 67 or 68, he was thinking about "Swallowing the Anchor" (retiring from sea life), so he sold his little Yawl Penguin and like many of us who have sold our "pride and joys" (not our kids) he was suffering the boat-less blues.



Ginger with Bryon Cooley at the helm note: old EYC in background and my house!

Perk up folks, here it comes! Byron had his eye on a Fenwick Williams catboat design, but how was he going to turn this drooling dream into a reality, stumped him due to his age and limited retirement income? One night at the old club house bar, probably after Wednesday night Pinnacle and a few Blues a/k/a Koehler's he and Cort hatched a secret plan, e.g., they did not tell Cort's wife Ruth.



Bob Schuyler and partner Rich - rebuilt Ginger.

Cort would help get the financing by co-signing the loan, and further to buy the boat from Byron ten years hence for the price Byron paid. The clock would start in 1955 when the keel was laid. Fortunately, when the appointed time arrived in 1965 Byron at the age of 79 was still actively sailing Ginger, and Cort bought her as agreed for \$3,500.00, and the two continued to sail as a team. Happy ending here, it turned out Ruth "wanted this catboat"!!

In 1969 a squall blew up and Cort was transferred to Worchester, Mass and Ginger became a saltwater boat that sailed in and around Narragansett Bay with the occasional cruise to Maine.

Many saltwater miles passed under Ginger's keel and at age 81 Cort decided to "Swallow the Anchor". He gave Ginger to his son Bob in 1996. On the next leg of this journey, she was returned to fresh water, always a delight. Saltwater had done a number on the galvanized fastenings which were replaced in the 80's.



Ginger at her new fresh water home in Michigan.

The problem with this story is all the “players” keep getting older. Brother Bob developed a partnership with his friend and neighbor Rich De-comer, who was anxious to sail, and he helped rebuild and maintain this beautiful catboat known as Ginger. Bob will have sailing rights until he decides to “Swallow the Anchor”. I am happy to report at age 80 Bob is still at the helm of Ginger.

I would like to thank Brother Stan for offering the details of this delightful 67-year voyage of Ginger. The Picture (circa 1957) of Byron at the helm of Ginger also the picture of the rebuilt Ginger at her new mooring, and Brother Bob, and his partner Rich.

As in the past some of these type stories became the subject of the famed EYC Punk Poems (no proper use of English aloud) Please enjoy “Sidewheelers” a/k/a Lew Klahr account of Ginger and Cort., which appeared in the LOG, Vol. 1 No.3 from 1969, Cort Schuyler was the “Scribe”.

If These Docks Could Talk, They Would Say, “What would life be without stories, even for a boat”



GINGERALE AND SALT

‘Twas on a crossing to Stanley
That their thirst put them in at Burwell
Their thoughts were of the ale house
But it rained and it stormed like hell.

A night aboard “Ginger” the catboat,
18 feet stem to stern
Designed by Fenwick C. William,
Catboats – his main concern.

Next day the crossing to Erie,
The south wind blowing wild,
The double reefed sail they carried
So comfortable – completely beguiled.

‘Twas then his love was established
This tiny boat and the sea,
“This 18 foot catboat of Byron’s
Is surely the boat for me.

She handles much easier than “Iris”,
No jib to worry about,
No Sevens breathing down my neck
In the early spring fitting out.”

A deal was made with Cooley
Over many a bottle of beer
With a promise made by Schuyler
No Cooley left on the pier.

He cruised and enjoyed his catboat
On the beautiful water of Erie
Until last fall he got a call
From his management - mighty dreary!

“We like your work, Cort Schuyler
A place in our organization
An advancement for you plus a dollar
or two
But it requires a relocation.

So pack your things and come on
To the beautiful city of Worcester
The golfing there is great,
And far surpass what you’re useter.”

“Golfing! Worcester! No water there
(But enough for a highball I hope)
With Erie this can’t compare,
A decision with which I must grope.

After many discussions with Ruth
Regarding what course to sail
After riding out many a squall
Only on course seemed to prevale.

With sails all full and drawing,
A decision was made by our Scribe
(former that is)
It was time to drop centerboard and start
To prepare the ship for a jibe.

So “Ginger” will be heading for saltwater
At Jamestown on Narragansett Bay
Hauled overland in embarrassing style
By someone like Gordy The Way.

But when she arrives she’s in glory
Many catboats so very much similar
No chasing big racing machines
With their large oversize spinnakers.

Our loss will be Jamesgown’s gain.
May your sailing be smooth and carefree
May the storms and roaring gales
Find you snug in sheltered lee.

Who is this man Cort Schuyler?
We’ve known him for many a year,
We’ve thoroughly enjoyed discussing
This over many a beer.

A friend, a ship, an actor,
The Locker House or the drunk in Jack Tar,
A pinochle – a recorder player
He’ll leave a lonely spot at the bar.

We remember him last as our Scribe,
Handling the LOG at our EYC,
A thankless job done well,
When he’d druther been at sea.

So many friends – so many memories,
So many talents to share with us.
Because of you, Cort Schuyler,
Our LOG records a plus.

By which name shall we remember him
When a catboat sails by?
We’re honored that we know him,
A Shipmate – one helluva guy.

“Sidewheeler”

CAUTION ADVISED...

Cruising Fleet Fun Ahead



by Karen Carns



PLEASE PROCEED WITH CAUTION

If you are someone who does not want to meet new people with a shared interest in boating. Or if you are not someone who wants to expand your circle of Erie Yacht Club friends. Or if you are someone who just plain doesn't want to have any fun on or off the water. Or perhaps you are someone who does not want to use his or her boat to travel and raft and enjoy the wonderful Erie summer.

If this is you, then please be advised: do not read any further. This article and the EYC Cruising Fleet is not for you.

However, if you are one of those people who wants to meet new friends, who enjoys boating, who wants to spend time with your Yacht Club mates and attend fun parties on and off the water, who wants to cruise to interesting destinations and raft up with your boating pals, then please read on because the EYC Cruising Fleet is definitely for you.

Begun in 2015 by Brad and Karen Carns and Bob and Dianne Cunningham, the Erie Yacht Club Cruising Fleet has certainly become a fixture at the Erie Yacht Club. Each year our membership grows and the attendance at our events keeps getting larger and larger.

Karen and Brad Carns decided on a whim to go to Dover one Wednesday in the late summer of 2015. When we got there, lo and behold, whom did we find but Bob and Dianne Cunningham and the 'Richie Sea'. So the two boats docked on the wall... the best place to be if you want to have some fun at the Dover Yacht Club and we spent a couple of fun days together along with our Canadian friends. (Can't wait to do that again... but that's another story for another day.) While the guys were musing over a cocktail and a cigar, thoughts turned to our power boating friends and discussion ensued about how we could organize some events that everyone might enjoy.

Here's what Brad says about his first ideas to start up the Fleet...

"Originally my thought was, wouldn't it be good if we could start a power boat group that could inspire the friendship and sharing of knowledge that I saw on my occasional outings with the EYC Racing Fleet. Discussing this idea further with Bob and Dianne Cunningham and my wife Karen aboard 'Richie Sea' while at the Dover Yacht Club began the process to bring an EYC sponsored Cruising Fleet into being. To see it grow from a small group of like-minded yachtsman to the still growing Fleet that it is today shows what our great Club can provide when a worthy idea is put forth."

Brad Carns - 'Lucky Star'

The following winter, we contacted Elizabeth and booked a breakout in the Ballroom, hoping maybe a showing of 8-10 people might be great. Our first meeting on a snowy March in 2015 was attended by 25-30 very interested Erie Yacht Club friends! Needless to say, we were thrilled.

We started by asking everyone to give input as to where they would like to go and what they would like out of the group. Mentor YC was selected as our first destination, and the group has evolved since that first trip. It was the start of many memorable times ahead.

Of course the day we were to depart, Lake Erie was very angry. So we delayed our departure one day and our first Erie Yacht Club Cruising Fleet land-based party took place! Then Dock Master Bill Vogel wheeled the grills over to the picnic shelter. Barbara and Michael Wathan went down early and decorated all the tables. Everyone brought food to share. We had a signature rum punch drink and we proceeded to have a great "Grill Your Own Meat and Bring a Side Dish and Appetizer to Share" dinner (that's a mouthful) which has become a hallmark of the first night at each one of our cruising destinations. The next morning eight boats headed to Mentor had a great ride up and a wonderful time. The rest is history.

We've been to Dover and what a party we had there with our Dover Yacht Club friends. We've been to Dunkirk, we've been to Geneva, we've been to Ashtabula, we've been to Grand Island, we've been to Cleveland, we've been to North East! A flotilla of Cruisers was invited to serve as escort boats for the Tall Ships Parade in Presque Isle Bay in 2019. We resurrected, sponsor and plan the Venetian Night Party and Lighted Boat Parade each summer. And of course we have our monthly Cruise-Day Tuesday get-togethers, always the third Tuesday of every month.

During the winter, you can find us at the Yacht Club in the bar and in the summertime, usually out on our boats rafted up or cruising together to one of our local restaurants downtown or at somebody's dock where we gather and enjoy. In the fall after the boats are on the hard, we often meet at the Lighthouse or the Rickloff Boathouse.

I've written about some of our land-based parties and I have to say that we have had some good ones. We have had very festive Christmas parties, we have had a wonderful Oktoberfest at the Club Lighthouse. This past fall we had a top notch clambake. All of these events are attended by 40 to 50+ EYC Cruisers and everyone has a great time. Our annual Soup Cook-Off in October has become a "don't miss it" event and was a big hit this last year. I think we had 20 soups and 50 tasters!

But rather than me telling you over and over how wonderful the Cruising Fleet is, I thought I'd ask some of our members what they thought. Here are the thoughts of some of the Fleet...

"We have met so many nice people and always have fun at raft ups, picnics and trips. Thanks so much to the Carnses and Cunninghams for having foresight to bring Cruising Fleet to life."

Marilyn & Don Russel - 'No Excuses'

"Barbara and I have enjoyed our experience with the Cruisers. It has given us a chance to meet many new acquaintances. We have especially enjoyed the raft offs and the Tuesday night functions."

Michael Wathan - 'Our Quarters'

Barbara added more about what they like about the Fleet, "Michael and Barbara Wathan enjoy new friends. Expanding our boating skills and discovering new destinations. Each social gathering has been outstanding. The Cruising Fleet brings many memorable and delightful days and nights to the EYC venues. 'Our Quarters' is stay-cation during the summer season. We love having members join us on 'Our' dock G14' Our' front porch May through October."

Barbara Wathan - 'Our Quarters'

"The Cruising Fleet has given us the opportunity to meet and socialize with fellow power boaters, along with enjoying the various 'cruise destinations' the Fleet has organized."

Neal and Pam Baker - 'Bird's Nest'
(winners of a year's free dues compliments of the EYC Cruising Fleet Venetian Night)

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Cruising Fleet Fun Ahead

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"We like the Fleet because we have met members that we might not have otherwise. We enjoy the camaraderie and fun events. Cruising when possible, is a great way to explore new locations and activities."

Commodore Dave Sanner & EYC First Lady of the Bridge Julie Sanner
'Really No Name Yet'

"Dave and I purchased 'Steel 'N Time' about 6 years ago and lucky for us, a hard working group was putting together a brand new 'EYC Cruising Fleet'. We had another smaller boat for 28 years and never really spent much time with other EYC power boaters. We participated in sailing events but there wasn't an organized 'group' of power boaters for us to cruise or 'play' with. We have really enjoyed getting to know everyone and especially have enjoyed the times we were able to cruise the Lake to other yacht clubs. The camaraderie and friendships we have made have enriched our boating lives and beyond. We always love to cross the Lake to Dover and hope we will be able to do so again soon."

It's hard to pick just one trip as a favorite; all have been unique and we have many stories from each one. We also have enjoyed participating in Venetian Night that the EYC Cruisers have resurrected. Thank you to our fearless leaders for bringing us together!"

Pam Davis - 'Steel 'N Time'

"Been boating since 1990. Last two years, boat not in water, won't go there. Cruisers still worked for us! Boat, no boat, it's all good! We were invited to boat with many cruising friends while we were boatless."

Ellen & Lou Richards - 'Addiction'

"We look forward to all of the Cruising events throughout the year! It is fun to catch up with friends and to meet other boaters. We always leave an event saying, "We had such a good time and enjoyed being with a great group of people! It is great that members of the Cruising Fleet work together to plan various types of fun events!"

Kathy & Tom Dailey - 'You Name It'

"We love to meet new people and enjoy being with our old friends as well. The events that the Fleet has put together ensure a fun filled summer. Getting together throughout the year helps get us through our long winters in Erie! Always a fun time!"

Karin & Tim McNair - 'Jolly Mon'

"I love the Cruising Fleet! We've met so many fun, nice people and have enjoyed the land and sea get-togethers. Looking forward to another great year on the Lake! Thanks for all you do to make our summer a time to look forward to!"

Joe & Barbara Brown - 'Knot 2 Old'



So what are you waiting for? We'd love to have you join the fun. Next up will be our February and March Happy Hours on 2-15 and 3-15 respectively. Stop down at 5:30 and say "Hi!" Or For more information about the Fleet, contact one of our organizers, Don and Marilyn Russel, Dave and Kathy Wagner or Bob and Dianne Cunningham or call or email Karen Carns at 814-881-5367 or Brad at 814-881-5052. My email in karenlynnarns@gmail.com.

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PRESQUE ISLE

Memories

by Paul Jenkins



My Mom and Dad both liked boating but my mother loved it most. This photo was taken while we enjoyed an outing in my 17 ft. wooden boat about 1975.

I think most Erie people like Presque Isle State Park and feel it's a great place for swimming, fishing and many other enjoyable activities, but for me Presque Isle was, and still is a magical place that has added so much to my life.

It all started when my Dad became a Presque Isle motorcycle policeman in 1950, and was assigned to the Water Works beach area which was the busiest part of the park. This is how he told the story of his new career.

"When I worked at the Erie Water Works, at the foot of Chestnut Street, my boss came to me one day and said I would be transferred to a new job on Presque Isle State Park working as motorcycle policeman at the Water Works beaches. I told him I had never rode a motorcycle and had no experience in police work. "Don't worry, he said, the policemen there will give you a short course to get you started."

The next day Father got some practice riding around the Water Works parking lot, at Chestnut Street. Soon after that it was time to ride the tattered old Indian motorcycle to Presque Isle to meet the members of the small police force and start his training. Not long after that he was sent to the Coast Guard rifle range for firearms training. Dad didn't own a pistol so he borrowed a 45 caliber revolver from a friend. My father seemed to thrive on this part of his new profession. He had always been a hunter, so shooting was nothing new. When it came to motorcycle riding, Dad said it was lots of fun and much like riding a regular bike except that it had a motor instead of pedals

During the summer Dad was allowed to ride the clunkie Indian cycle home and didn't even have to give any tickets along the way.

When I was 5 years old I used to wait for him to ride into our driveway on lower Dunn Boulevard so he could lift me on to the big black bike and give me a ride around the boulevard... What fun!



The policeman on the old Indian motorcycle is my father at police headquarters which is now the Stull Interpretive Center near the third parking lot on the bay side road.

After a few years of waiting for the old Indian to chug down the street, I saw a motorcycle policeman a few blocks away, but something looked strange. It was Dad alright but the cycle seemed different. It was a little quieter but had a nice sounding rumble. It also had a brilliant white paint job and the closer it got the faster my heart started to beat. Finally I knew it was my favorite policeman, and he was smiling from ear to ear. He was riding a brand new Harley Davidson that was decked out with sparkling chrome, and had 3 head lights next to the handle bars... My ride around the Boulevard that day was the best one ever.

As the years went by our family visited the park almost every weekend because the Waterworks area was always busy with bathers and picnickers, and being the only Water Works cop, Dad had to be there.

When I was old enough to swim, we went to visit a park policeman friend of my father's named Joe Peganoff. Joe owned a cute little, well kept houseboat moored on Misery Bay. One day when we were visiting Mr. Peganoff, he strapped me into a life jacket and let me float around the houseboat while tied to a short rope. It was the first time I swam in water over my head. Well, it was almost like swimming... What a thrill!

As the summer crowds started to thin out after Labor Day, Dad often took me for rides on the back seat of his Harley and I held a long stick that was used to smack the large garbage cans that lined the picnic areas and wooded paths. We called this game, "Coon-In-The-Can". To see the startled look on the little critters faces as they scrambled from the cans with pieces of garbage hanging from their mouths, was hilarious. They never got hurt and they always returned for another free meal soon enough. No one complained about a big friendly cop having some fun with his kids. Actually what good would it do? Because my Dad took all the complaints at Water Works anyway. Luckily this harmless game was played before the animal rights organizations came along.

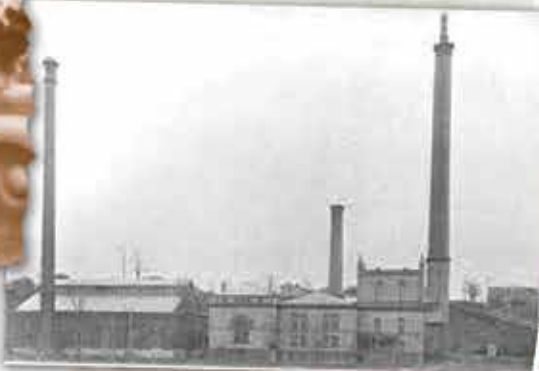
One night in January Dad came home a little later than usual and was covered from head to toe with snow and ice. Mom was surprised at the way he looked and was worried about what changed Dad into a human icicle. "What ever happened to you" She asked. Father explained that our car wouldn't start so he had to ride the motorcycle home and decided to take a shortcut. Now Mom asked the obvious question, "What shortcut is there from the park to the eastside of Erie." Grinning through his icy face he said, "I rode the bike across the frozen bay ice... and It really wasn't too bad with the help of the side car."

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STATE TROOPER HENRY JENKINS stops traffic at the five girls from Misery Bay as they cross the highway on their way to the beach. Due to strict enforcement of speed laws, a 25-mile-an-hour speed limit, and a no-passing regulation, the number of accidents on the Peninsula is kept at an amazingly low figure with a large number of cars.

My Dad often got his picture in the Erie Times because Water Works had the busiest beaches and they were close to the ferry landing. The young guys especially liked it because the girl watching was great.



Presque Isle Memories

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Through my high school years most of my time at the park was spent fishing, boating and duck hunting with my buddies.

In those days most of the house boats were owned by Russian guys and many of them were related and lived in the neighborhoods near the Parade Street Bayfront. Because I went to East High several of my friends families owned house-boats and we allowed to swim and fish from their boats, as long they weren't being used. Of course being fun loving teens, we took it one step further, such as diving off the roofs.

Another fun thing fishing through the outside toilets that emptied directly in to the bay. Now days the EPA would give you big fines for polluting like that.

When I was in Art College I met the love of my life and summers in Erie were a time for beaches, convertibles and boat rides. Our first date was memorable but predictable for the guy who loved boats and motorcycles. We took a ride on my 250 Suzuki scrambler. Our next date was a boat ride around Presque Isle.

Fifty six years later my wife Kathy and I are still taking boat rides but she doesn't want me on a two wheelers at my age, so I'll have to be satisfied with a four wheel ATV for off road riding.

Nothing is more fun than a rumbling machines that makes smoke.

I guess I never got over those rides around the boulevard.



The young lady in the swim suite is at Presque Isle about 1967. I tell her 56 years of marriage she hardly looks different. She tells me that I'm due for glasses changed.



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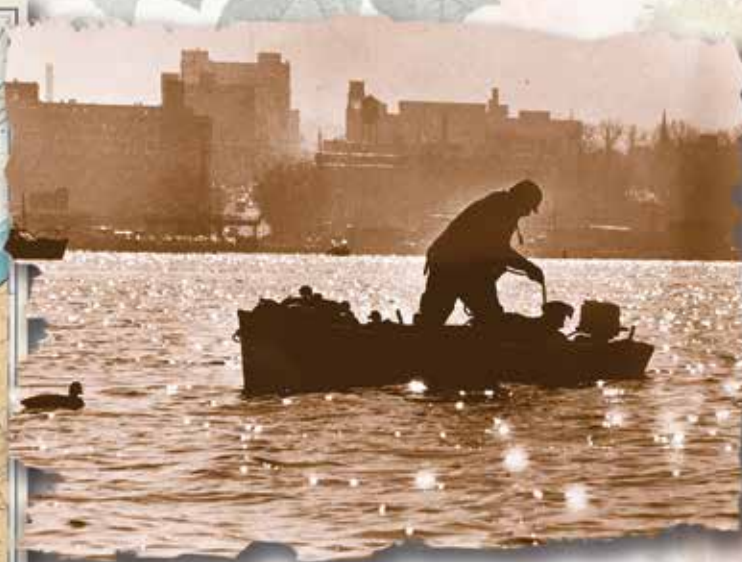
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Duck hunting was one of my favorite sports on Presque Isle. My buddies and I sometimes slept on a friends houseboat overnight so we could get an early start in the morning. Those houseboats were the best hunting camp that anybody could have.



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What's The Good Word

By Kathy Dundon

As we look forward to the beginning of spring and the warmer weather that follows and begin to fix up our boats for the season, I will take another opportunity to share some Good Words about life on the water. In following with the tradition of previous years it is time again to open the file marked "nautical quotes".

The following quotes are taken from the submissions of our friends Brooksie (Dave Brooks) and P/C Gib Loesel. We hope you enjoy these Good Words and join us in thanking Gib and Brooksie for their interest and encouragement.

He that will not sail 'til all dangers are over must never put to sea.

- Thomas Fuller

The pleasures of being becalmed had been worn threadbare; there is a limit to untutored star gazing...

- Charles Landry

Always sail defensively in fog. Keep in mind that you may run across people who don't know what they are doing.

- Perry Lewis

I want a boat that drinks six, eats four and sleeps two.

- Ernest K. Gann

Nobody has found a substitute for the sweet chuckling of water like the laughter of young girls that you hear outside the hull while lying in a small yacht's bunk.

- Samuel Eliot Morison

The wonder is always new that any sane man can be a sailor.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Of course I am lonely at sea, but one suffers less on the ocean in that respect than in the heart of London.

- Sir Walter Raleigh

The sea lures the unwary with the promise of freedom, but it harbors great risk.

- Hayden Stone

The sea belongs to us all, and every aspect of it, from halcyon calm to howling hurricane, is fraught with beauty.

- Samuel Eliot Morison

Land was created to provide a place for boats to visit.

- Brooks Atkinson

Will anyone dare tell me that business is more entertaining than fooling around among boats? He must never have seen a boat, or never seen an office who says so...

- Robert Louis Stevenson

I advise all sound cruisers to anchor properly in a harbor, not tie up at a "marina", the yachtmen's slum.

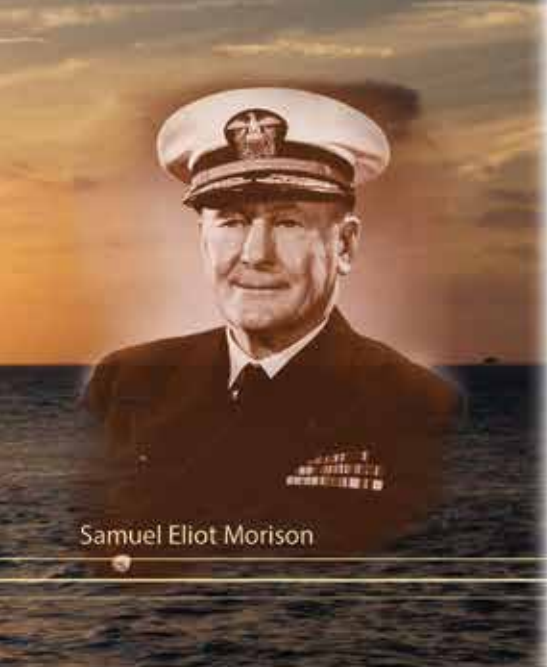
- Samuel Eliot Morison

We hope these include a few you never heard before? Be sure to send a favorite of yours to us:

(kvdundon@gmail.com) to maybe include in future EYC LOG articles?

When we take quotes from Gib and Brooksie's book, the selections are more-or-less random. Since by happenstance three were from Samuel Eliot Morison, we thought maybe we would learn a little more about him?





Samuel Eliot Morison

Samuel Eliot Morison (1887 - 1976) was an American historian noted for his works of maritime history and American history that were both authoritative and popular. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1912, and taught history at the university for 40 years. He won Pulitzer Prizes for Admiral of the Ocean Sea (1942), a biography of Christopher Columbus, and John Paul Jones: A Sailor's Biography (1959). In 1942, he was commissioned to write a history of United States naval operations in World War II, which was published in 15 volumes between 1947 and 1962.

Over the course of his career, Morison received eleven honorary doctoral degrees, and garnered numerous literary prizes, military honors, and national awards from both foreign countries and the United States, including the Legion of Merit, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Here is a good "closing quote" sent our way by William Beyer:

There are a lot of mysterious things about boats, such as why anyone would get on one voluntarily.

- P. J. O'Rourke



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That is the mission of the Erie Yacht Club Foundation. Since its inception, the Foundation has raised funds to build the beautiful Rickloff Community Boathouse and made grants to numerous local nonprofit organizations whose programs met our mission. Since we're uncertain if EYC members are aware of the impact of the Foundation on the community, we thought we'd share with you a couple of grants we have made.

Did you know that the EYC Foundation has provided scholarships to attend the Reyburn Sailing School? The original scholarships went to youth through the Caring Place and now we are funding 8 students from Strong Vincent Middle School through the United Way's Community Schools program. If you were at the annual meeting, the impact of that funding was clearly shown in the enthusiastic comments by the young sailors in the video. The video is now available on our website and soon will be shown on the TV in the Grill Room. Seed money as well as ongoing support has also been provided for local intercollegiate sailing programs. Guided by A J Micelli, this program has grown from just Gannon to now include Mercyhurst and Penn State Behrend Universities. A one-day regatta expanded into 2 days with 9 universities participating from around the region; creating an economic impact and putting our Club and its amenities on the map.

Another organization funded by the Foundation is the YMCA. For the past 2 summers, youth from their Y-Teen program have spent time at the Bayfront Maritime Center. There they have learned how to kayak, paddle a canoe, tie knots and work on the "Porcupine". According to Joey at the "Y", the kids who participate would never have had this opportunity and it's one they won't forget.

Our past successes have led the Board to begin discussions as to what more we can do. Are there other larger needs that fit our mission that we can help to meet? Some of the discussions of late have centered around boating and mental health, establishing a high school sailing program, creation of a rowing center, and scholarships for students interested in becoming boat mechanics.

These conversations will continue over the next few months. If you have an idea, we would welcome your input. Send an email to: info@eriejachtclubfoundation.org or contact any of our Board members listed below and we'll be in touch!

Thanks to our fundraising efforts in 2021, we will have over \$39,000 available for grants this year. The next grant cycle will open on March 1, 2022 with applications due by April 30. Should you know of a non-profit with programs that meet our mission, please direct them to our website.





Naturally, continued funding of the programs that we currently support as well as some of the concepts being discussed will require additional funds. We thank those of you who contributed through our yearend appeal and hope that you will again support the Boathouse Party and Online Auction. In addition, we're developing a program to encourage planned giving to the Foundation. More information should be available on that by May.


On behalf of the Board listed below, I thank you for your interest in the Erie Yacht Club Foundation. We appreciate your support!

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The successful candidate would work from home and must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel and experience in QuickBooks is preferred. Hours are flexible and cyclical in nature revolving around the activities of the foundation and are typically in the range of 5-20 hours a month.

Interested persons should submit their resume to:
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THE EYC CREW

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March Calendar of Club Events

- 9th Fellowship Dinner • 6pm
“A Modern Erie Fish Story”
Presented by Dan Bensur
Reservations Required ext. 202
Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 8pm
Any Burger & Any Draft Beer - \$14
- 12th It's Sippin' Saturday • 5pm - 9pm
When it's Time to Wine Down
The Grill Room Gets Dressed Up!
Wine Bottle & Burgee Entree Features
Reservations not required
- 13th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm
Family Fun Nite with BINGO • 5:30pm
EYC Celebrity Bingo Callers
Family Fun & Prizes
Reservations not required
(See back cover for more details)
- 16th Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 8pm
- 19th It's Sippin' Saturday • 5pm - 9pm
- 20th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm
Family Fun Nite with BINGO • 5:30pm
- 23rd Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 8pm
- 26th It's Sippin' Saturday • 5pm - 9pm
- 27th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm
Family Fun Nite with BINGO • 5:30pm
- 30th Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 8pm

Annual Club Shutdown

February 28th - March 7th
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April Calendar of Club Events

- 2nd It's Sippin' Saturday • 5pm - 9pm
Wine Bottle & Burgee Entree Features
Reservations not required
- 3rd Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm
Family Fun Nite with BINGO • 5:30pm
EYC Celebrity Bingo Callers
Family Fun & Prizes
Reservations not required
(See back cover for more details)
- 6th Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 8pm
Any Burger & Any Draft Beer - \$14
- 7th Happy Hour to benefit the
Reyburn Sailing School • 5pm - 8pm
- 9th It's Sippin' Saturday • 5pm - 9pm
- 10th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm
Family Fun Nite with BINGO • 5:30pm
- 13th Fellowship Dinner • 6pm
“USCG Operations in South China
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Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 8pm
- 16th Kids Easter Party • 11am
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Bunny Brunch Buffet
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It's Sippin' Saturday • 5pm - 9pm
- 17th Easter Sunday Brunch 10:30am - 2pm
Music by Americana Songbook
Reservations Required
(Club Closes at 3pm)
- 20th Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 8pm
- 23rd It's Sippin' Saturday • 5pm - 9pm
- 24th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm
Family Fun Nite with BINGO • 5:30pm
- 27th Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 8pm
- 30th Scotch Tasting Night • 7pm
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