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From the Bridge

by Fleet Captain Peter Lund

These days "a nickel ain't worth a dime anymore" Yogi Berra. You and I are constantly searching for that added value factor. Take for example that simple cup of joe. Why do we go to Starbucks for that Grande caramel waffle frappuccino with blended creme for beaucoup bucks when we can do our home brew for pennies? People, and I include myself, want that added value of the service, convenience, ambiance, taste and flavor, location, and of course the petty young smiling face behind the counter. We feel it is worth a line of credit to pay for the drink. The alternative is you at home in your bathrobe staring at your mister coffee dripping brown liquid into your cup with the additional insult of dirty dishes from the night before staring back at you.

Alas dear Club members, there is a place on earth where you can get both the added value of a dedicated staff to serve us, the con-

venient location and ambiance of our bay-front, the continued quality of our food and beverage service, and also those young smiling faces behind the counter and that is our Erie Yacht Club.

I did a quick internet survey of Great Lake yachting clubs and we have them beat hands down. In most cases our initiation fees are lower, many clubs have minimums (we do not), our dues are less, dock fees are a fraction of our comparable clubs, and most of all we have membership that is growing young and vibrant. All this for the the price of home brew. What a deal!

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On the Cover...

Opening Day at the EYC brings the promise of another fabulous boating season. With all the fabulous activities planned at the Club for both powerboats and sailboats this promises to be an exciting season. Photo by Tom Madura



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about the Erie
Yacht Club

Let the Season Begin!

Opening Day at the EYC

by Commodore David Haller

Annie and I would like to invite you, the membership, to Opening Day Ceremonies 2017.

Please join us and your fellow members and friends to celebrate the 123rd year of our Club. Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be heard.

I think my most favorite part of the day is the dressing of the ships in the basin. I enjoy seeing all the Flags which mean different things to different people.

I also know that my grandchildren enjoy the 420 sailboat rides which occur after the formal ceremony. Some members simply enjoy the party. The raising of Flags is also very impressive.

The "call to colors" at 11:50 AM is significant to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Flag of the United States is raised to the top of the staff then lowered to half- staff position until 12 Noon. Then it is raised to full staff for the remainder of the day.

Yes, of course there is the line- up of all our past Commodores to whom we owe a great deal for their time and their passion for the Club. Yes, the buglers will sound taps for those who have "slipped anchor" and you will hear some brief comments from a few people. Our Fleet Chaplain will bless the fleet. Come to the Club with Annie and me and open the 2017 season with excitement and vigor.



Commodore David & Ann Haller
Request the presence of
All Members to the
123rd Opening Day Ceremony
Monday May 29, 2017
Call to Colors 1150 Hours
Punch and Picnic Buffet to Follow
Entertainment by Acoustic Gypsies 1100 hours



Photos by Tom Madura

A Decade of Triumphs



by Michele A Curtze & Pat Davis

June 17th, 2017 is the date of our final, "soldout" Bay Swim, a one mile swim across Presque Isle Bay. It will begin at Vista 3 Boat Launch of Presque Isle State Park at 9 a.m. and finish at the northeast corner of the Lighthouse at the Erie Yacht Club.

The Bay Swim began as a "one time" event to celebrate a swimmable bay in 2008. The environmental component was ultimately the reason for the Bay Swim to bring awareness and celebrate the improved water quality of our Bay. Pat Davis and Ned Smith, along with members of the DEP, visualized the original plan for swimmers of the Erie Community to celebrate by participating in a one mile swim across the bay.

Pat ran the idea past Michele Curtze and a wonderful partnership emerged that has lasted 10 years. With that, they became the Co-Directors of the Bay Swim and in 2008 a committee was formed. Some of the same people who were there the first year are still part of the committee such as Dave and Kathy Wagner, Sue and Bob Kline, Bonnie Tansey and Fritz Curtze. Fay Trost, Patty Farrell, Jon DeMarco, Jim Butts, Charlene Shedd, Terry and Dave Grab have joined the committee and have participated for many years.

We have had many other EYC members participate over the years such as Gary and Kathy Smith, Michele and Jimmy Cummings, John Murosky and Mickey McMahon. Many other members of the Erie Yacht Club have taken their boats to line up for the swimmers year after year under the direction of Past Commodore, Fritz Curtze. Jet ski safety has been provided by Past Commodore Richard Vicary along with Mitch Wells and Pete Kubeja. Lynnette Detzel and her team have been organizing the Kline trailer for the past nine years for the swimmers to pick up their post-swim clothing bags at the end of the event.

The Auxiliary has provided a wonderful breakfast for the past eight years and has provided water for the swimmers. Cheryl Winschel has offered CPR courses for the past few years for participants and members of the Club. A special thank you goes out to Billy Vogel and the EYC staff who helps make this event end well every year at the Lighthouse. The same goes out to the John DeMarco and the PIP staff for the start at Vista III. We are so very grateful for ALL your help over the past 10 years.

The Bay Swim was set up and organized by the Presque Isle Partnership in association with the Erie Yacht Club as a non-profit, community service event. That was 10 years ago.

As a bit of history, 2,345 swimmers have crossed the bay from 2008 through 2016. This year, we will add 300 more swimmers to that list. We have only sold out two times in 2012 and 2013 but this year, we had 300 swimmers signed up with a waiting list of 50+ by the end of February.

We were surprised and shocked the event sold out so fast but when people learn an event is ending, they want to be part of it. There might be future open water swims (organized by another group) to look forward to. If so, those events will not be titled "The Bay Swim". We hope to successfully retire a 10 year legacy by 11 a.m. on June 17th with a 10 year total of 2,645 swimmers crossing Presque Bay safely, start to finish.

Emphasizing the safety aspect, when training for the Bay Swim, it's strongly recommended that swimmers plan to actually over-swim the distance at least once in training sometime during the weeks preceding June 17th. Each swimmer should be able to swim 76-80 lengths (non-stop) of a 25 yard pool. The Bay Swim is not for swimmers who "think" and hope they can swim a mile.

Open water swimming is quite different from swimming in a pool. We want people to be comfortable and confident with the safety elements in place but to realize they should not be swimming if they anticipate the need for any assisted help.

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A Decade of Triumphs

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Although wetsuits are permitted, no swim devices (fins, snorkels, hand paddles, other flotation devices) are permitted. Safety kayakers, boaters, lifeguards and jet ski patrols are there to assist any swimmer in need, but the goal for each swimmer is for each to be trained and prepared to cross without assistance.

We have many organizations whose time and help with the event along with the Presque Isle Partnership and Erie Yacht Club help make the Bay Swim happen. Safety is always our number one concern and many of the organizations contribute to the safety of our swimmers. The EYC boaters, who are 20+, line up and provide a safe haven if there is any type of emergency.

The Presque Isle Lifeguard Association, under the direction of John Dahlstrand, Bob North and Steve Dunsmore have participated and their numbers have grown to 28 strong in 2016. They have contributed to the safety of the swimmers by swimming along with them. The Bay Swim Safety Kayak Crew is also an integral part of the safety team, providing 20+ kayaks to help guide the swimmers.

Saint Vincent (Allegheny Health) Sports Medicine, DCNR, UPMC Hamot Emergency Services, Westlake Volunteer Fire Department, Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Department, Millcreek Paramedic Services, EmergyCare, PA Fish & Boat Commission, US Coast Guard Erie Station and the Erie County Sheriff SCUBA Team along with the EYC jet ski brigade. Importantly, EMTA the e,

provides the invaluable shuttle bus service for swimmers, families and friends at the start as well as to EYC and back to Presque Isle at the conclusion of the event.

The proceeds of Bay Swim X will benefit Presque Isle State Park through the Presque Isle Partnership, the Boys and Girls Club of Erie, the Reyburn Sailing School (scholarships for children in need), the Presque Isle Lifeguard Association, Carli Cummings Scholarship and the Caring Place. All this could not happen without the generous sponsors who have supported the Bay Swim over the years. This year, to date, our sponsors include our predominant sponsor, Industrial Sales & Manufacturing, Inc.

We would like to thank Jim Rutkowski Sr and family for their generous donations. Other major sponsors include Great Lakes Case & Cabinet who have been with us for all 10 years. Thank you to the Lowther family. LECOM Wellness Center has been supporting the Bay Swim for many years including the first. St Vincent (Allegheny Health Network) has been there for us in many ways providing sponsorship and the medical staff.

A special thank you to Dr. Laura McIntosh, MD and her staff. GE Transportation is a major sponsor this year and has been there throughout the years. This is the 7th year for the Carli Cummings Corner which provides scholarships to local swimmers. In the past, UPMC Hamot, Highmark and Erie Insurance donated. We have an anonymous donor from EYC who has made contributions for several years.

WJET and Bob FM have provided coverage and donations throughout the years. Additionally, the Bay Swim X has received excellent coverage from Erie Times and our other local radio and TV stations.

We have many levels of sponsorships and many people who have donated generously over the years and we are grateful we can send their donations to non profits and organizations in our local community. It's not too late to sponsor the Bay Swim. If interested, contact information is listed below.

Bay Swim X continues the celebration of the greatly improved water quality of Presque Isle Bay as well as the health and fitness of those who make it their goal to train and complete the one mile swim. Be sure to find a spot to watch this historic event. It's an amazing sight to behold. All good things should have happy endings.

Please stop by the Erie Yacht Club following Bay Swim X for breakfast which is provided by the EYC Auxiliary for a fee of \$8.00 and open to all participants.

If you are interested in volunteering for Bay Swim 2017, please contact Pat Davis at PiBaySwim@gmail.com for the start at Vista III and Michele A Curtze at mcurtze@aol.com for the Erie Yacht Club finish. Those interested in safety kayaking throughout the Bay Swim X should contact Chris Flynn cflynn@paramountdie.com.

Complete Bay Swim X information and updates will be posted on www.discoverpi.com through June 16, 2017.

Special thanks to John Baker for his dedicated photography.





Boating Regulations UPDATE:

by Waterways Conservation Officer
Matt Visosky assigned to Central Erie County

The 2017 boating season is upon us and once again. I would like to take the time and review some law and regulation changes that have occurred over the past few years. When laws are changed by the PA Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) I feel it's important to get the word out so boaters are aware of the changes. The laws and regulations below are reminders because it is better to remind people so they enjoy their time on the water and avoid any negative interactions with law enforcement.

- Bow Riding regulations changed several years ago now. No person is allowed on the bow of a boat regardless of size while the boat is being operated above Slow No Wake Speed. If a boat has a specifically designed seat on the bow for passengers then these boats are exempt from this regulation. An example of this would be some models of Marinette. Some Marinette's have a built in bench seat on the forward cabin

deck. Bow riding is still being observed fairly often which will result in a law enforcement stop.

- Paddle Boards have been classified as a watercraft. Since paddle boards are a watercraft any person on a paddle board must have on-board a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and sound producing device. We've observed the fanny pack type inflatable to be very popular for this activity and you can attach a whistle right to the strap that goes around your waist.

- Validation Decals - Many boats in Erie are documented vessels and only have to display the validation decals. By Federal and State law validation decals must be displayed on both sides of the bow anywhere from mid-ship forward. So the decals must be affixed on the hull anywhere from the mid-way point forward up to the bow itself. Decals are being observed at the base of sailboat masts, fly bridges, salon

windows, bow pulpits and even on anchors. These locations would all be considered violations of the law. Decals are on two year cycles so please place them on the bow where they are required by law.

- Operating at Safe Speed & Keeping a Proper Lookout - This past summer I investigated two different boat accidents where boats operating after sunset struck the big red and green metal channel buoys out in the lake. When operating after sunset boat operators are required to keep lookout for any object like buoys, unlit boats, logs etc., and be able to stop or change course in time to avoid collisions. If this means operating at a slow speed because you have restricted visibility then that is what's required. State law requires a boat operator to operate their boat at a speed in which they can see objects and take corrective action to avoid a collision.

- Cold Weather PFD Wear - From November 1st thru April 30th all boaters, regardless of age, must wear an approved USCG Personal Flotation Device (PFD) on any boat less than 16 Feet and all canoes and kayaks.

- Inflatable PFD's are not approved to be worn by persons under the age 16 and also not approved for use under the temperature of 32 degrees. You can find these listed on the manufactures label on the PFD.

- Mandatory Safe Boating Certification: Anybody born on or after 1/1/1982 and who operates a motorboat 26 horsepower or greater must obtain a Safe Boating Certification. Anybody who operates a Personal Watercraft (JetSki, SeaDoo etc.) regardless of age must possess a Safe Boating Certification. Safe Boating Courses can be found on the PFBC's website at: fishandboat.com.

- Personal Watercraft (PWC) towing restrictions have changed recently. Prior regulation only allowed one (1) person to be towed by the PWC. The regulation has been changed to allow for the capacity of the PWC because some have a capacity of four (4) or five (5) people. You still must have an operator and observer on the PWC but if its capacity is 5 then you can pull 3 people on a tube.

- Duck Layout Boats: A PFD must be in the layout boat and if it's during 11/1 - 4/30 that PFD must be worn.

- Launch Permits for Unpowered Watercraft and Renewal of Registrations can be done on the Outdoor Shop on our website at: fishandboat.com.

- Senior Lifetime Fishing Licenses: Since 2015 seniors that purchase their Lifetime Fishing Licenses and

wish to fish for trout must purchase a Trout Permit yearly. Senior Lifetime Licenses purchased prior to 2015 are grandfathered in and as long as they purchased the Trout Permit prior to 2015.

- Regular Fishing Licenses for everybody else can be purchased yearly just like before. Licenses can also be purchased for 3, 5, and 10 years. This would save you the transaction fee and issuing fee each year after your initial purchase year.

Please visit the PFBC's website at: fishandboat.com to find any additional information or contact the regional office in Meadville at: 814-337-0444.

The PFBC and I would like to take this time and wish everybody a safe, fun and enjoyable boating season.





Great Lakes Trip Boosts Watershed Protection Efforts at Penn State Behrend

by Robb Frederick,
Public Information Coordinator Penn State Behrend



Below deck on the R/V Lake Guardian, the largest of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's research vessels, Ann Quinn secured what she could, boxing lab samples as the ship see-sawed through rough water.

The Guardian was caught in a 300-year storm. To the south, in Wisconsin, the governor had declared a state of emergency. Two men had died as water swept over the roads, cutting all access to Ashland. A sheriff's deputy, his car carried off by the water, had clung to a tree for two hours until rescuers could throw ropes to him.



Drawbridge was up and we could depart on our adventure from Duluth Port! I learned that getting "bridged" creates some predictable traffic problems in Duluth.

Quinn, the director of Greener Behrend, a student-centered sustainability program at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, would have to ride the storm out. She was four days into the Lake Superior Shipboard Science Workshop, a week-long education program coordinated by Sea Grant's Center for Great Lakes Literacy and the EPA. She grabbed a bulkhead for balance.

"In a storm event, the ship's fog-horn blows every seven minutes," she said. "That night, it was constant, and it went on for hours."

(left) "Greener Behrend" Director Ann Quinn operates an instrument called a Secchi disk which is used to indicate turbidity. (water transparency) Lake Erie is the shallowest of the five Great Lakes and has the most biodiversity. Lake Superior is the deepest, coldest and has low population densities. Which ironically makes Lake Erie superior for fishing..

The storm damaged or destroyed 85 boats, most of which had anchored at Saxon Harbor. The Guardian escaped harm. In the morning, the crew resumed its research; for Quinn, that meant lowering a plankton net, hoping to snare spiny water fleas.



Ann ran a mesh net/tube from a tow line off the back of the ship to collect spiny water fleas. With the mesh tube in her left hand she uses the squeeze bottle in her right to release any plankton that was clinging to the mesh.

The fleas, which are native to Europe and Asia, were carried into Lake Huron in ballast water in 1984. By 1987, they had spread to all of the Great Lakes, and to the Allegheny River.

A long, barbed tail protects the flea from small fish. Unchallenged, the species has spread, disrupting the lowest levels of the food web. A study of Harp Lake in Ontario linked the flea to a decrease in zooplankton, a crucial food source for young native fish. Anglers complain about the fleas clumping on their lines, forming masses that look and feel like wet cotton.

Other researchers on the Guardian analyzed the lake's water quality and clarity and searched for invertebrates that live in sediment on the lake's floor. They used a PONAR, a tethered metal claw that clamped shut on lake sediment, which was filtered and rinsed on the ship's deck, and a Rosette, a wire cage holding 12 cylinders that collected water samples at different depths.

"A lot of workshops are kind of fluff and talk," said Lori Danz, a high school biology teacher from Wisconsin. "This was different. This was gritty and hands-on and 'get in there and learn.'"

The group also visited the Stamp sands on the Keweenaw Peninsula, a four-mile stretch of blackened beach. Stamp sand is a byproduct of copper ore processing: Mine operators used stamp mills to crush rock and extract copper, then deposited the remains in or near the water's edge.



Stamp sand is a coarse sand left over from the processing of ore in a stamp mill. In the United States, the most well-known deposits of stamp sand are in the Copper Country of northern Michigan, where it is black or dark grey, and may contain hazardous concentrations of trace metals.

Much of it has since washed onto the Keweenaw, coating the shore with a black sand that contains arsenic and other heavy metals.

"It looked like the surface of the moon," Quinn said. "There's just a long stretch of black beach, totally devoid of life."

The Guardian's shipboard-science trips are designed to build a teaching and research network of Great Lakes educators. Quinn used data from the trip in a presentation at the annual conference of AASHE, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. With Marti Martz, a senior outreach specialist at Pennsylvania Sea Grant, she is now training Penn State Behrend students to serve as Great Lakes watershed stewards, leading hands-on ecology lessons in schools across Erie County.

"Those stewards will go out to K-12 classrooms and build awareness about our watershed," Quinn said. "One of the tools we're developing is a water filter, which will show how pollutants and unwanted substances can be removed from the Great Lakes. When you see that, and you watch it happen, you really do understand why this matters."



Bridge after the 300 year storm in Wisconsin - In other words, there is a 1 in 300 or less than 1% chance that a storm will reach this intensity in any given year (0.33%) .

Okay, so we all know there's not a lot to do at the Erie Yacht Club during the summer. (For those of you from the planet Venus, that last sentence was what we call "sarcasm".)

But last summer, our always deep thinking Club management came up with a bright idea to add even more fun to the summer schedule - four Saturdays throughout the summer were designated "Drive-In Movie Nights".

Once again for the Venusian folks - back in the day a "drive-in" was a venue where one would watch a movie outside, or at least in the confines of the family automobile parked outside.

They were once very popular places for dates, the reasons for which I will leave to the reader's imagination (or memory, as the case may be).

The EYC plan was simple - set up a huge portable movie screen on the west lawn of the Club, hook a computer up to a high definition projector, set up a snack bar complete with popcorn and Junior Mints, and show a classic, family-friendly movie after sundown with Presque Isle Bay as a backdrop! Piece of cake, right? What's not to like about THAT idea? (And why didn't I think of it first?)

But would people come? Would the weather cooperate? Maybe this wouldn't work at all!!

But boy, did it work! All four Drive-In Movie nights were a huge success, with 100 or more people of all ages attending each show. And amazingly, Mother Nature cooperated to provide calm, clear, balmy evenings each of the four nights. Folks sat on blankets or brought their own chairs, and the natural slope of the lawn provided "amphitheater" seating, so adults and kids alike all had a clear view of the 9' x 16' screen.

The first offering of the season, in June, and certainly appropriate for a venue whose members are ALWAYS looking for "a bigger boat", was the blockbuster "JAWS". Rumors that there was a decrease in boating activity at the Club the next day are unfounded, or can be attributed to the "Shark Bite" cocktail being served at the bar.

Prior to the movie, a series of classic countdown "shorts" were shown, along the lines of "six minutes 'til the movie begins - still time to get to the snack bar." These were followed by a genuine Looney Tunes cartoon short, which combined to really enhance the drive-in experience.

The following month, the Auxiliary took over Drive-In Movie Night with a "Christmas in July" theme. The deck was fully decked in Christmas finery, including three Christmas trees. The movie of choice for this festive night? Will Ferrell's "Elf" of course! The movie-goers definitely got into the spirit, with Santa hats scattered throughout the crowd.

The August entry in the film series was the original "Star Wars". Once again, the audience was enthusiastic - Imperial Storm Trooper masks were seen in the crowd, and a fully costumed Darth Vader and Obi-Wan Kenobi duelled with light-sabers across the lawn prior to the start of the movie.

Lastly, as summer wound down and school season loomed, the September entry was "Ferris Bueller's Day Off". What better way to close out the summer season than with the ultimate school-skipping fantasy?

The Club hopes to continue drive-in movie nights this summer, with three dates on the schedule - June 10th, July 8th, and August 5th. Titles have not been decided yet, but you can be sure they'll be enjoyable viewing.

So mark your calendar, grab your camp chairs or blanket, and get ready for a few nights of fun family entertainment under the stars. You'll be glad you did! Oh, and don't forget to bring some pocket money for popcorn and candy.

See you at the movies!



Drive-In Movie Nights at the EYC ...Groovy, Baby!

by Tom Madura

Every time I have a date
there's only one place to go
That's to the drive in
It's such a groovy place to talk
and maybe watch a show
Down at the drive in

"Drive-in" - by The Beach Boys

“Mothers Day”

by Larie Pintea Retired Managing Editor / Erie Morning News



Larie's note: My Father's heavily Romanian accented speech may be a little difficult but give it a try...

Pa was really a funny guy when he was being secretive. He did secrets in super-exaggeration, with a lot of looking over his shoulder, and “shushing,” and whispering in my ear.

One of Pa's whispers could be heard about two houses away. We clearly understood that this kind of deportment was his idea of how “American” secrets were handled, especially since the words were always in heavily accented English.

He came swinging up the street after making the turn by No. 5 firehouse where he greeted all the firemen sitting in the doorway, all of them in mustard-colored coveralls. The big LaFrance pumper in the main bay of the firehouse sparkled like a fine watch.

Some days Pa would stop and talk to them, but today he just waved his lunch bucket and kept going until he spied his son roller-skating on the street.

Pa didn't have to holler for a kid's attention. He just stopped and looked. That meant “I'm waiting and you better get here awful fast.” I skated over, jumped the curb and let my skate wheels sink into the lawn.

Pa went through his “secret” sequence, looked to see if Ma was standing right there (which was hardly likely) and reached into his pants pocket.

“Hair is monee. You go to Laffer's flower shop plect and ged your Mama flowers. Sunday is Mudder Day.” Pa said in a whisper that left my ear ringing.

Now Ma would have to be stone deaf not to hear that, but she wouldn't have let on anyway.

“Can I skate over to Laver flower shop? Pa? I won't get hit.” I assured him.

“Only on sidewalk. Vatch for car. Dan ist okay.” Pa said cramming the money into my shirt pocket and watching until I buttoned it. I tore off down the street with that peculiar “scraech-click-scaech” that iron skates wheels had on a sidewalk.

“Hide em ven you ged beck,” Pa said in his stage whisper when I was about four houses down the block. Then he turned and whistled that off-key, timeless whistle that he did when he was doing something secret.

Sunday morning Pa was up early, stomping his straight razor with the ivory handle, taking his time to get an extra close shave. The night before he had gone to Paroby's crowded barber shop and his ears were a good inch lower that when he sat down in the barber chair.

Pa and his son left early for church, earlier than the rest of the family. Pa took care of all the candles in church and I would pull on a white altar boy cassock. Ma was waiting at the door as we left the house and pinned on the flowers, a ritual that only she could do.

As we walked along East Avenue, I suddenly noticed something different. Every year Pa and I wore red carnations. Ma explained that a red carnation meant your mother was alive.

Pa saw my puzzled look and asked Vat's mettarr?”

“Pa you have a white carnation this year. How come? Did they run out of red ones, Pa?”

Pa reached down and took my hand. He knew I didn't like my hand held but he was holding it so tight I couldn't pull it out of his big, calloused mitt.

“Dis yars I am vere vite flowers. My Mama ist die.” Pa said walking along, looking straight ahead, holding my hand. Now I understood that Pa's mother lived in what everyone one in our neighborhood called “The Old Country,” and that Pa had never seen her since he was 15 when he came to America by himself.

“How do you know she died, Pa?” I asked, watching his face. “I ged latter from brodder. He say my Mama ist die.” Pa said his voice getting sorta soft and shaky. “How come you didn't go to the funeral, Pa” I asked trying to wiggle my crushed fingers a little.

Pa didn't say anything for about a half-block. “Ven man come to dies country he leaf family fareffer. Ist too far go back. His femly ist hair in Amerika.” Pa told me speaking slowly. He dropped my hand and rested his heavy hand on my shoulder.

“Did you have a good mother, Pa? I asked, suddenly realizing that Pa was looking the other way.

“Yah, sure. I am hav bast Mama. Gut vooman.” Pa almost whispered and I saw his huge left hand reach up and brush across his eyes. “she vas chantle ledy. Mek me studie buks. Ven my Papa vant spank me, she tail heem ‘no, he ist my boy. I spenk heem. She geet to me gut vans and she was cry too.”

I looked up and I could see that Pa's eyes has tears in them. I never saw my Pa with tears ever! “Are you crying? Pa?” I asked, incredulously.

Pa took out his neatly pressed white handkerchief, blew his nose and quickly wiped his eyes. “Whose kry? Tuff guys don't kry. I tail you dat lonk time ago. You and me are tuff guy. I em hev somethenk een my eyes. Dat's all,” Pa said almost buckling my shoulder with a whack reserved for “tuff guys.”

It was many years later and the old man in the hospital bed was in a coma. He was at least 84 but that was his secret. And despite his years, his hair was still mostly black, his arms and chest still showing the muscle of a younger man.

Dr. D'Angelo met me at the door to the room. He shook his head, “Not this time Larie.”

Ma and I stood beside him and watched his labored breathing. He seemed to struggle to say something and I bent close, sure that I would hear Pa say my name or the name of his beloved Sylvia. Pa said one word before he died. He opened his eyes just for a moment and said the word “Mama.”

I learned something in that moment, something about the priority of love. A single last word that was a message, an endearment, an order, a benediction.

And this year when I wear a white corsage for the first time. I will remember what Pa said. “Tuff guy don kry.”

And I'm almost as tuff as Pa.



This Heartfelt Mother's Day Column won Larie the Pennsylvania Distinguished Writing Award in 1982.



EYCRF Member Profile

A.J. Miceli

by P/C Dave Heitzenrater

The EYC Racing Fleet is comprised of many sailors from many walks of life and various life experiences. A continuing question that always strikes my mind is just how a particular individual became a sailor and how did they get involved in our racing fleet. Our latest fleet member inquisition spotlights "The Mighty Quinn" aka A. J. Miceli.

A.J. who despite having four children and eight grandchildren, holding various demanding occupations, including being an originating partner and president of ErieNet, Erie's first Internet Service Provider, spending countless hours volunteering to form and coach the Gannon University Sailing Team (GUST) and starting a new local sail making business, he still has time to own and race his Hunter 27X in our racing fleet. Here is AJ's story:

Q: Hello A.J. Please tell us about yourself.

A: I'm a child of the Great Lakes. I was born and raised in Chicago, graduated from the University of Detroit, and moved to Erie in 1972. My wife, Susan Buseck Miceli, is an Erie native. We have four children and eight grandchildren. For 41 years I was professor of Communication at Gannon University, but I've worked in media and advertising professionally through most of my life. Some might remember me as "The Mighty Quinn" on WJET-AM and Froggy 94. For many years I produced and hosted the high school quiz show "Academic Challenge" on TV.

Q: Obviously you love boating and the boating culture. How did all of that come about?

A: My wife and I took the adult sailing class at the EYC in 1977 and I've been hooked ever since. I went through several sailing dinghies in those days. In the 1980's I raced my Mirror Dinghy (there was active fleet at the time), and I cut my big boat teeth crewing on Finesse (C&C 41') with P/C Doug James. I did my first several Interclubs on Finesse (as a college professor I had some free time in June).

Q: How did you get involved with and join the EYC racing fleet?

A: My work and family took me away from racing for several years until the late 90's when I bought a C&C 24 and joined the fleet as skipper. Then I traded up to a C&C 33 -- Websailor; and now my Red Herring is a Hunter 27X. I love the camaraderie of the fleet, and racing makes sure we use the boat. Because of the fleet we go out in conditions that would keep fair weather sailors at the dock.

A.J. and crew competing in the Eckerd Cup race #1 off Dobbin's Landing in Presque Isle Bay..



Q: Do you have any memorable sailing/racing experiences you would like to share?

A: Double-handing the Transerie Race in 2009 provided enough stories for a good night at the bar. The delivery to Gross Isle was "fraught" in many ways (ask me about our arrival at Put-in-Bay someday). When we arrived at the Detroit River we were in six-foot seas. Most members will know the entrance to that river is no place for a 27-foot boat in six-foot seas! The race was a breezy downwind run. At almost the stroke of midnight as we were on a broad reach with the A-Sail up, a squall came through and snapped our carbon fiber bowsprit. At 6:00 AM as the sun was coming up another storm came through and three water spouts developed about two miles ahead of us -- we have pictures. We finished the race in about 28 hours.

Q: Can you tell us about your endeavor with American Cruising Sails? What got you started in this new career?

A: I'm a "serial entrepreneur" -- ErieNet in 1994 and Wild Blue Media in 2001. And from 2003-2013 I worked with FishUSA.com. The crew of Red Herring and I had been looking into sail making for about the past 10 years. Time passed as we did our research. We went slowly because of our respect for Dave Bierig, whom everyone recognizes as a master sailmaker. About three years ago the timing looked good for the opportunity to slowly build a new sail making business in Erie.



A.J. receiving the 3rd place Class C championship award at the annual fleet banquet.

So we got a space on 8th and Mohawk close enough to the Yacht Club and to other local marinas. There are four partners in the business and we started part-time, working nights and weekends. About a year ago Kim Yamma started working full-time, and I joined full-time in August when I retired from Gannon. Dave Bierig has been a gentleman through this time, providing tutorials and training when needed and starting to refer things like repairs to us. We can't say enough about how grateful we are for Dave's friendship and mentorship.

Even though we have designed and built a few racing sails for local sailors we chose to target the "cruising" sailor. That's why we put the word "Cruising" in our name. When we're out sailing on a weeknight or on weekends we see plenty of boats with old, blown out sails. You might think it's silly, but we think those



In race mode, skipper Miceli with the Red Herring crew, (l to r:) Kim Yamma, Rosemary Briggs, Mark Platteter

boats (and their owners) would feel happier with crisp new sails. Because we believe that every boat deserves new sails, and because we know that many skippers sail on a budget, we strive to price our sails lower than the big brand name lofts.

Even though our sails are "cruiser-priced" we don't skimp on quality. We use professional design software, a state of the art plotter, and the same quality sail fabric as other lofts.

Q: Can you explain a little more about the business, its challenges?

A: We're in our third year at American Cruising Sails and we are busy making new sails, doing repairs, making custom items out of repurposed sail material under the name Vela Bags, and we are starting to stock sailing "convenience" items like flairs, sailing gloves, winch handles, repair tape and more. The local sailing community has been learning about our existence and we're growing.

Q: You are highly involved in GUST. I know this is entirely a separate topic in itself but can you briefly describe it. How did it start, your personal involvement, its future?

A: A little while ago I wrote a short article about the start of college sailing for The Log. The Gannon University Sailing Team (GUST) - is close to my heart. Working with the Erie Yacht Club Foundation has been one

of the most fulfilling parts of my EYC membership. Most of the students on GUST have never sailed before. As all EYC members know, we are giving them a gift that will last them a lifetime. What could be more valuable than that?

Q: Is there anything else you would like to share, thoughts, goals, bucket list, planned activities?

A: Sue and I have a lot of living planned: More travel (we're going to Italy in May and Ireland in June this year) and spending more time with our children and grandchildren who all live out of town. Then there's American Cruising Sails and GUST...

Here's one my favorite motivators from H. Jackson Brown's "Life's Little Instruction Book" (that the Internet wrongly attributes to Mark Twain if you Google it):

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than 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."



It's the Best Part Of the Head Start To Your Weekend

Thursday Sunset Happy Hours Are Back!

by Dan Dundon Photos by Tom Madura

What is your favorite part of Erie Yacht Club's Summer Happy Hours on the Deck?

Is it the great drinks specials?

Maybe it is the super entertainment?

It could be the wonderful food specials?

Or maybe it is when you combine all three and then "shake it up" with your good friends at the EYC. Finally, top it all off with one of the most beautiful sunsets in the world!

Whatever your "best part" is... the best news is... it is almost time for another wonderful warm summer on Presque Isle Bay!

After that long, cold winter, we sure are ready for another season of Thursday Evening Happy Hours on the EYC Deck. We already know that EYC members don't really need

a "reason" to party! Every year the Happy Hour party crowd on the EYC deck gets bigger and bigger. As the word spreads of the good times and camaraderie.

Besides enthusiastic crowds, great weather, and "the world's most beautiful sunsets" we have those other three ingredients to assure all-summer-long good times:

Great Drink Specials

Of course, every Thursday Happy Hour will include drink specials! Among these, watch out for drinks like Cuba Libre, Bay Breeze, Frozen Daiquiri, Purple Peach, Our own EYC Relaxer, Frozen Margarita, Jingle Juice, Southern Belle, Banana Hurricane and Planters Punch.

I don't know what is in some of these either, but, they all sure sound good, eh?

Super Entertainment

Still another time, we will be enjoying the excellent live entertainment of great bands like The Sam Hyman Band, Salmon Frank, Uncharted Course, The Doug Phillips Trio, Rankin and Schell, Mambo, Doggone Good Band, and Encore.

Scrumptious Food Specials

Sure, every Thursday Happy Hour will include tempting food and snacks specials! We can look forward to our traditional complimentary snacks like pizza logs, mozzarella sticks, nachos, fried ravioli, Buffalo chicken dip, mac-n-cheese bites, potato skins, or mini-eggrolls.

So, as we try to answer the question: What is the best part of Erie Yacht Club's summer Happy Hours on the Deck?

Did you come to the same conclusion as me?

It sure looks like the fun is in the mix. Enthusiastic crowds, great drink specials, super entertainment, wonderful food specials and of course those beautiful sunsets. All combine to give us a summer of good times that is impossible to beat on the shores of Lake Erie!

Keep your eye on the EYC web-site and check the EYC lobby easels or the LOG Calendar for this summer's entertainment and drink and food specials.

See you on the deck!



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What You Didn't Know About The Erie Western Pennsylvania Port Authority

By Gene Polaski

Located at the foot of Holland Street is an architecturally unique building where the offices of the Erie port authority which is officially known as the Erie Western Pennsylvania Port Authority, are located.

The Erie Port Authority (EPA) was created in the late 1950's when the St. Lawrence Seaway opened. Later, in 1974, the Erie City Council authorized the existence of the Erie Western PA Port Authority.



The Erie Western PA Port Authority building is unique in that its roof is designed to simulate the look of waves rolling in off the lake.

The authority is composed of 11 board members. Nine members are appointed by the mayor of Erie, 1 appointed by the governor of Pennsylvania, and one by the Secretary of Transportation. They serve 3 year terms but without any limit as to the number of terms.

Among the efforts of the EPA in preparing the port for shipping with the opening of St. Lawrence seaway, was the acquisition of a large 200 ton crane (largest lifting capacity on the Great Lakes) for use at the Mountfort Terminal and operated by Carneuse Lime & Stone. The name Mountfort is reportedly the maiden name of the wife of Sydney Smith, former owner of Erie Sand and



The Port Authority owns and leases over 70 properties along Erie's bayfront.

Gravel also operated by Carmeuse. Carmeuse North American headquarters are in Pittsburgh with world headquarters in Louvain LaNeu in Belgium.

The EPA owns and operates the Lampe Marina and the old ore dock property (east side of DonJon Shipyard). In total, they own 72 properties along the Bayfront and lease them to DonJon, the Bayfront Maritime Center, and yacht clubs/marinas (Erie Yacht Club owns its own property.) They provide miles of bike trails, operate transient docks and the water taxi, and are responsible for the "8 Great Tuesdays" free concerts at Liberty Park where Highmark Inc. is sponsoring a new amphitheater. Watch for its appearance this spring!

The building which houses the offices of the Port Authority at the foot of Holland Street is very interesting. The roof represents waves and the facility was originally built to be a cruise ship terminal. Presently only one Great Lakes cruise ship

visits Erie, the 184 foot, 84 passenger, Grand Caribe. However, starting this summer a second ship is being planned by the ship owner. The cruise ship company (Blount Small Ship Adventures based in Rhode Island) believe that many Americans will start vacationing in the USA as opposed to going to foreign countries due to the overall political status of the world.



In the winter, the firm plans to send its ships south to run cruises to Cuba, perhaps from Florida. The ships that visit Erie such as the Grand Caribe and the research vessel RV Muskie, utilize Dobbins Landing which is also controlled by the Port Authority.



The 184 foot Grand Caribe is currently the only Great Lakes cruise ship utilizing Dobbins Landing, hopefully that will change with more domestic travel anticipated in the upcoming years.



The Port Authority is now the only occupant of the building and are looking to lease office space with a new view! Contact Brenda Sandberg the executive director, for more information.

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Erie Yacht Club

Erie Yacht Club's Seasonal Reminders

- Schedule your Spring Launch date by calling the Club office, 453-4931
- Dock Rule 2. To summarize, this stipulates that any vessel Winter Stored on Club property not in its slip by Opening Day will be fined \$250.00. While this fine may not necessarily clear the property of the winter stored boats, it certainly will catch the attention of the owner to get moving in the spring. The majority of the members make a concerted effort to make our boats ready during launch season but there are too many others making no effort at all.

Trailers

- Trailers will no longer be stored on the Club grounds during the summer for members who do not pay Winter Storage for their boats.
- Slip holders with trailered boats who winter store off Club property can bring their boats to the Club after April 15th. The empty trailers must be off the property within 48 hours of launch.
- "Box" trailers are not permitted to be stored on Club property. "Box" trailers approved prior to September 2015 are grandfathered and will continue to be issued Summer Dry Sail and Winter Storage stickers. All "box" trailers will be located in an area designated by the Dockmaster.

- Any Dry Sail craft, box trailer, or trailer that is not winter stored at the Club cannot be brought to the Club prior to April 1st and must be removed by October 31st.

Club Rule Reminders

- 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.
- Kayak racks are reserved for those that requested a slot on a rack. If you need a slot for your kayak see the front office. DO NOT place your kayak on a rack if it has not been assigned to you.
- All disposable winter tarps are to be disposed of in the large roll off container located by the Locker House. Do not use the Galley dumpsters.
- Remembers 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 have a medical reason for 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.

- Remember: If your boat is still on the grounds on our Opening Day and the yard crew had to move your boat to prepare for Opening Day. The owner will be charged \$40.00 for the move plus the \$250.00 fine. To avoid the charge please schedule your launch as soon as possible.

- Control your car speed to 15 mile per hour.

- No swimming in the Club Basin.

- Tie back all halyards. This is very annoying to members sleeping nearby.

- Please police your dog's deposits.

- Children under the age of 12 must wear a PFD when near the water. All children must be supervised.

- Dispose of all oils, old paint cans and batteries etc. in the area located next to the maintenance garage.

- Fishing -Fishing off the Erie Yacht Club property is reserved for members and their guest only. Members MUST be present whenever a guest is on the property. Please help your Club police this by not sending friends and family to the Club to fish without you.



Membership Dues and Assessments

The second half of the 2017 Club dues and Assessment will be in your May statement and are due by June 30th.

Piggy Back Parking

The Club Grounds Committee is well aware of the parking issues along many of our parking areas, particularly on race days. While the Club maintains a policy that all members are free to park anywhere they wish, non-members and non-member crew are still restricted to parking in the main Clubhouse parking lot. We ask all members to enforce this policy and police their own guests and crew for the convenience of our fellow residents.

At the same time, the Committee is implementing a "piggy back" parking policy. Piggy back parking is simply pulling forward on to the lawn or stones to allow for another family member or crew vehicle to utilize the same parking space. If all members apply this piggy back parking method, we will gain additional parking spaces.

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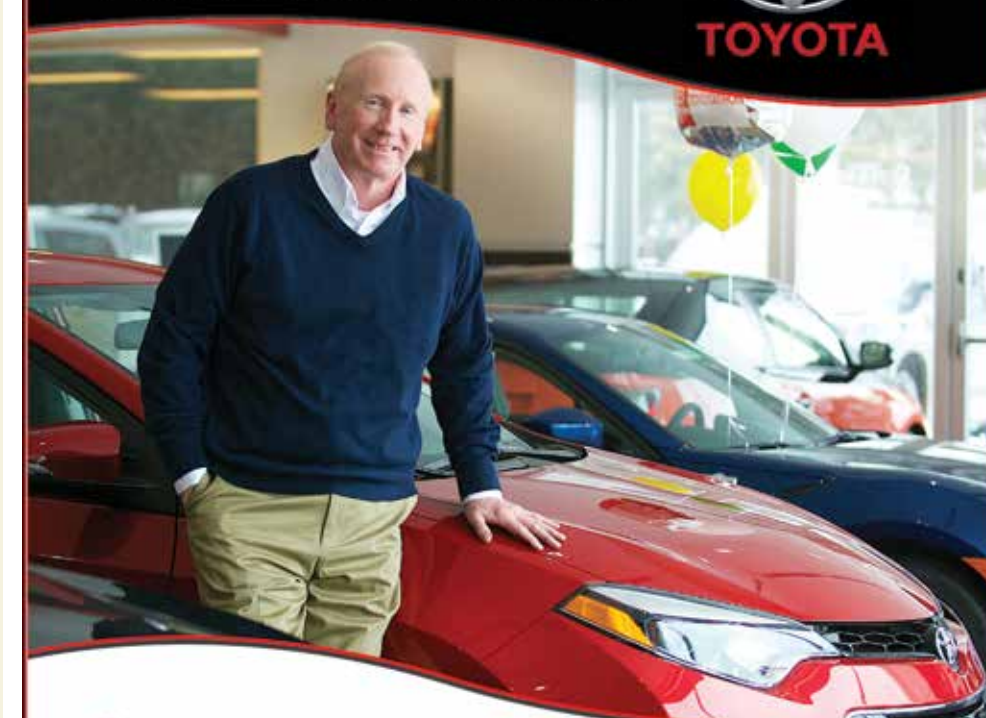
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Welcome to Season II EYC Cruising Fleet

by Bob Cunningham

EYC Cruising Fleet held its second meeting of the year on March 29th at which time part of the agenda was to elect officers for the upcoming 2017 boating season.

The following officers were elected for a one year term:

Co-Fleet Chair Couples:
Bob and Dianne Cunningham
and Brad and Karen Carns

Vice Chair Couple:
Dave and Julie Sanner

Secretary: Annalynn Shuttleworth

Treasurer: Dave Wagner

Thanks to everyone who has attended the first couple of get togethers for 2017. We've had great meetings with definite plans to have picnics, raft ups and trips both long and short.

On the immediate schedule is a picnic on the EYC deck (or Reburn Building if inclement weather) on May 18th.

Next up is a raft up in Marina Bay on May 28th. All EYC members, both power and sail are welcome. See Club calendar for times. Let's all welcome in the new season!

Volunteers from the cruising fleet are in the planning stages of trips to the North East Marina and its new restaurant; Conneaut, Ohio and its lakeside restaurants; Geneva, Ohio wineries; and a longer trip to Cleveland, Vermilion, Sandusky/Cedar Point and the Islands.

This looks like it could be one of the most memorable years we have ever had at EYC for both power and sail boaters.

We want everyone to know that just being part of the cruising fleet does not mean you own a power boat nor does it mean you have to travel far distances. Just being involved with activities around the Club and at Presque Isle area will be a lot of fun and a chance to meet new friends.

Please consider joining us!



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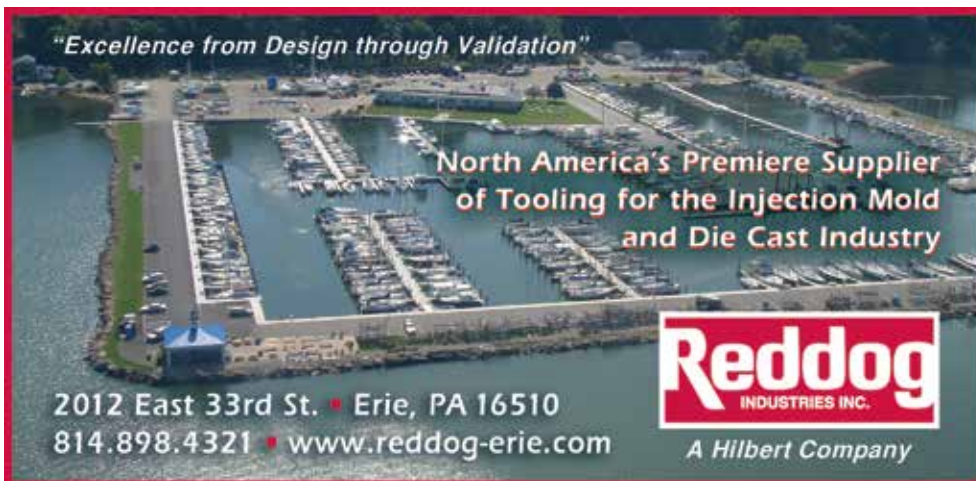
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**What's
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Word**

"The Wisdom of the East"

by Dan Dundon

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In the spirit of anticipating another great boating season as well as suggesting reflections for quiet times aboard our boats this summer, this installment of Good Words will offer thoughts from some mystics of the East.

Few among men are they who cross over to the further shore. The others merely run up and down the bank on this side.

Holiness comes by holy deeds. Not starving flesh of daily needs.

The reverse side also has it's reverse side.

The bird in the forest can perch but on one bough. This should be the wise man's pattern.

Even as a rock is unshaken by the wind, so are the wise unshaken by praise or blame.

Foolish friends are worse than wise enemies.
- Confucius

To win one hundred victories in one hundred battles is not the highest skill. To subdue the enemy without fighting is the highest skill.
- Sun Tzu

To the mind that is still, the whole universe surrenders.
- Lao-tzu

He who knows others is wise. He who knows himself is enlightened.
- Lao-tzu

If you don't believe in the gods, leave them alone.

Do not seek the truth. Only cease to cherish opinions.
- Zen Saying

True words are often not beautiful, just as beautiful words are often not true.
- Japanese Proverb

He who knows he has enough is rich.
- Tao te Ching

So, I hope you enjoyed these Good Words! Don't forget to send me your favorite quotes and words-of-wisdom (dandundon@gmail.com) for us to include in future EYC log articles!

In closing:
To know the road ahead, ask those coming back.
- Chinese Proverb

Better to argue with a wise man, than prattle with a fool.
- Chinese Proverb



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If These Docks Could Talk

"The Circle"

by P/C Gib Loesel

In 1995 during our 100th year celebration Lou Richards was given the awesome responsibility of shooting video of all the 100th year celebration activities. These included many parties, several dances and a ground breaking for the clubhouse addition. When it was all done he had hours and hours of video (we use to call them movies) which was going to take hours and hours to edit and transfer to digital. Keep in mind this is history and not everything happens overnight.



A video capture of the EYC's Time capsule that looks quite similar to a casket being filled with items representative of boating at the Club in 1995.



Recently (two months ago) everything was sent away to a company who had the proper expensive equipment and it was converted to digital which eliminated miles of tape. Here comes the interesting part, these historical events now reside on our brand new Three Tera-bit disk drive (I don't know what a Tera-bit is... I only know it is a lot!!!). Now for the really interesting part, at our last History Committee meeting we had a little preview and one of the scenes we watched was the burying of the Time Capsule in the Old Circle. And this is what got me to thinking (again) about the circle. See I told you this was going to get interesting so here goes.

A few years ago I wrote a story about the old Club House which opened up with the words, "Have you ever wondered why the circle inside of the gate is where it is? Seems like an odd place when you consider the yard crew and large trucks having to maneuver their large equipment and boats around it."

The circle marked the front door entrance which was a covered drive through (porte-cochere I think you call it) and the pillars rested on the circle.



The anchor from Commodore William "Cap" Morrisons boat "Miriam" ensures the circle will remain stationary.

Our "Circle" is not just an ordinary circle, on the South side it is the home to a wonderful flower display that welcomes all the members and their guests. Next to that a modern flag pole (should be an old wooden spar) proudly displaying "Old Glory" and announcing when one of our members has "slipped their anchor" by flying at half mast. It is also an ideal spot to place welcoming signs and directions for the various regattas and other events hosted by EYC. Lastly it is where Commodore William "Cap" Morrison's (1904-5) anchor from his yacht Miriam now resides, after hitting bottom for its final "drop".



On the North side there is a little noticed grave marker with a bronze casting which states "ERIE YACHT CLUB CHARTERED MAY 16, 1895 IN CELEBRATION OF 100 CONTINUOUS YEARS OF YACHTING THIS TIME CAPSULE DEDICATED MAY 1996 TO BE OPENED MAY, 2095".

When I have stopped to read this (not every day) I envision a capsule... and to me a capsule is "something small that you can cram lots of stuff in". For example I wrote a letter of greetings telling 2095 members how I viewed the EYC in 1995 and included something from my father's collection of EYC memorabilia.

What I don't know is, where I was that day in May 1996 when the "capsule" was buried, for sure I was not at the burial or I would have remembered that this capsule was in fact a full sized burial vault properly sealed with argon gas. All of which was orchestrated by Paul Brugger and the Brugger Funeral Home.

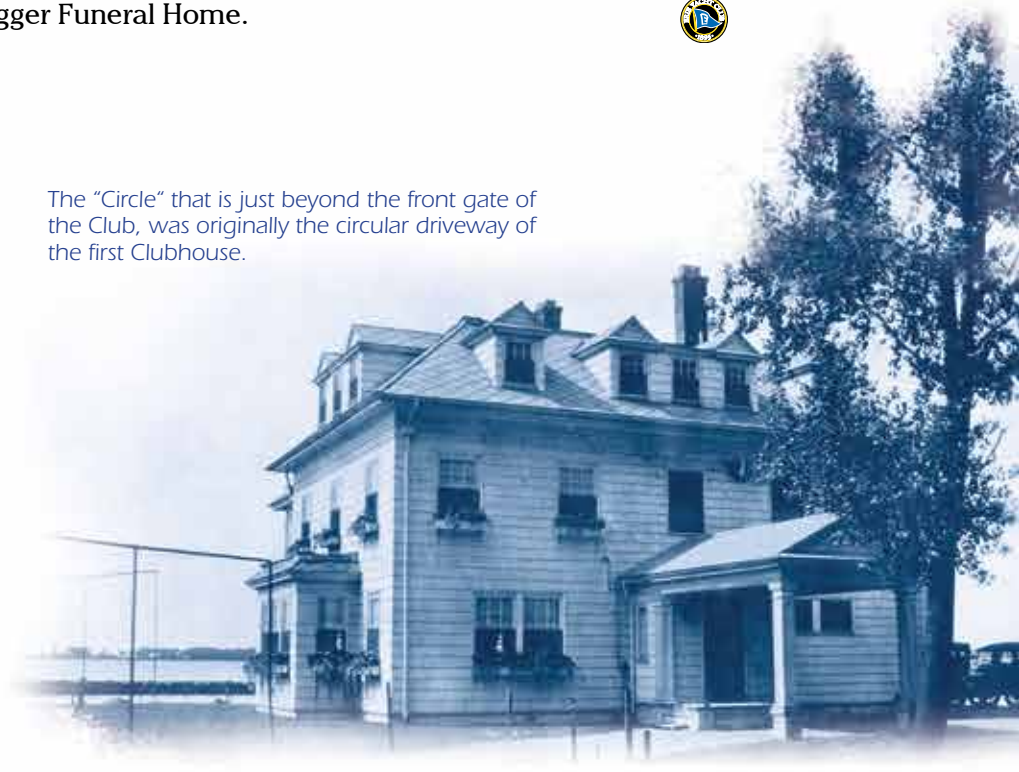
As you can see from first picture there are many items which were contributed in an effort to give the members of 2095 a tiny look at life here on the docks in 1995.

If These Docks Could Talk, they would say "Attention all members if and when it is ever decided to move the "Circle" remember there is buried treasure there, as they say X marks the spot!! Be careful!"

Closing Note: Keep an eye on the lounge TV. Historic clips will soon be appearing from the 100th year celebration video.



The "Circle" that is just beyond the front gate of the Club, was originally the circular driveway of the first Clubhouse.




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"A Return to Sea"

The St. Petersburg to Havana Race Returns



by George Rickus

On February 24th, 2017 the sailing vessels began to arrive at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club for the revival of the original St. Petersburg to Havana, Cuba race, which was first held in 1930. My wife and I were there for the festivities as enabled by the reciprocal agreement between the St. Petersburg Yacht Club and the Erie Yacht Club.



Preparing to race in 1938 at the St Petersburg Yacht Club..

The race was held annually from 1930 until 1941 and then from 1946 to 1959 with World War II accounting for the break. Then it was discontinued due to strained relationships between the United States and the Castro controlled Cuban government. The regatta was one of four pre-eminent races in the United States in the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's. It was originally established in an effort to bolster the area economy during the Great Depression.

More than 80 boats registered for this year's race. A buffet dinner with cocktails kicked off the festivities with more than 500 people in attendance. The Commodores from both the St. Petersburg Yacht Club and the Hemmingway Yacht Club in Cuba were the keynote speakers as well as members of the McMasters family. A family which had at least one family member in each race from 1930 to 1959, and had spanned three generations the last of which participating in this year's race.

Commodore Richard Winning, whose father was also Commodore of the SPYC at the time the races concluded in 1959, stated "Our vision is to create a fellowship between the Tampa Bay area, Cuba and the entire yachting world". Many of the people who attended the dinner were crew members of this renewed race, which made for many interesting and entertaining conversations over dinner.



The start of the race on route to Havana (1941).



A member of the McMasters family has participated in every St. Petersburg-Habana Race since its conception. Here Lew Master (black shirt) with the crew of Marelen II in 1953.

The race itself starts at the municipal pier in Tampa Bay and goes down the west coast of Florida around the Dry Tortugas to Cuba. These are the same start and finish lines that were used since the 1930 to 1959 races. The entire course was 284 nautical miles to Morro Castle an 18th century fortress at the entrance to Havana Bay in Cuba.

This year's race was won by Lloyd Thornburg who captained the 40 foot boat FOMO. The winning boats time was 1:17:00:32. Thornburg is the founder of internationally known yacht racing team Team Phaedo 3. Nearly 675 sailors from the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, France, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands participated in this year's race.

Of the 80 boats that entered the race, only 22 remained in contention by the race's completion. Winds remained scarce from the very start in Tampa Bay until the completion of the race in Cuba, with many of the boats exchanging their sails for motors in order to reach Havana. All the boats left the starting line (which had to be moved five times due to scarce winds) on February 28th with the majority of the boats arriving in Cuba on March 3rd.



The 284 nautical mile race could be followed via AIS (Automatic Identification System) on the St. Petersburg Yacht Club's website at www.spyc.com, under the Habana race tab > Race information > Click to View Race Course. A time lapse version was still available of the 2017 race as of the printing of this LOG issue.

At the conclusion of the race the crews were hosted for 3 days before returning to St. Peterburg. Many of them flying back only to return to retrieve their boats when weather conditions and their schedules were more accommodating.

The history of this race has brought international acclaim to St. Peterburg, and there are plans to continue the race as an annual event. These plans are speculative of course, contingent on the political relationship between the United States and Cuba.

Qualifications for the race specify that any "Seaworthy" single hull sailing craft representing a recognized yacht club and that is safely outfitted and manned for the sea are welcome. Craft and crews unsuited for offshore conditions do not qualify. The decision of the Race Committee shall be final.

To check the status of race possibilities in 2018 and how to register if desired, check the St. Peterburg Yacht Club's website at: www.spyc.org



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POSTER DESIGN

The EYC History Committee will be looking for a new Poster Design to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Club.

We will be looking for a graphical depiction of the tradition, generosity and camaraderie of the EYC.

• Watch for more Details •



Junior Membership Recap

The Club has a membership program available to the children of our members. The Club's Junior Membership program is available to both Regular and Associate children between the ages of 16 and 34. Our Universal Initiation Fee and Dues Schedule make it more affordable for our children when that day comes when mom and dad are no longer paying.

The Erie Yacht Club is a family club and a good number of our current members were themselves, children of members. Many of our current officers and Past Commodore's all got their start as junior members.

It's our hope that the next generation of families will come to enjoy the Club and the wonderful yachting heritage we have. To that end, we want to make you aware of the tremendous benefit available for the children of our members.

- Initiation fees are discounted. Even free to those between 16-20 years of age.
- For children of Regular members a ½ point toward acquiring a slip is earned each year.
- Dues are also discounted based on age.
- Dues are payable in one, two and in 2018 three annual installments.
- Junior Members receive their own member number and membership card.
- Automatic transfer to Regular or Associate membership in the year of their 35 birthday.
- Fee Schedule;

Age	Initiation Fee	Dues
16-20	\$0.00	\$78.50
21-25	\$450.00	\$196.25
26-30	\$1,125.00	\$392.50
31-34	\$2,250.00	\$588.75

You can see what a great opportunity this plan offers our young people while enabling them to start their own sense of history within the Erie Yacht Club. You should also be aware that if you have a child that has, or is about to reach the age of 21, they will not be permitted to use the Clubhouse on their own or use your member number. For additional details please login to the Club web site at: www.erieyachtclub.org/membership/how-do-i-join-eyc.

We are extremely proud of our Club. With our diverse membership, our beautiful facilities, it's considered to be among the finest on the Great Lakes. We hope your children will join us and continue the tradition!

- Erie Yacht Club Membership Committee



May Calendar of Club Events

- 6th EYC Kentucky Derby Party
Party Starts at 4:30
Race Coverage begins at 6:00
6:34 - They're Off!
Spectacular 12 foot screen in the Ballroom with tables by reservation
Grill room's multiple screens
first come - first serve
Limited Seating
- 7th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 14th All Day Mothers Day Celebration
Brunch Buffet • 11am - 2:30pm
Musical entertainment by guitarist Mike Leslie

Dinner Service • 5:30 - 7:30
Ala Carte Menu with Mothers Day Specials and Entertainment by Keys & Strings
Reservations required for both dining options at 453-4931
- 21st A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 28th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 29th 123rd Opening Day Ceremony
Buglers Call to Colors 1150 Hours
Punch & Picnic Buffet
Entertainment by the Acoustic Gypsies

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Nominating Committee
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Your Nominating Committee started meetings in March, seeking qualified candidates for the offices becoming available in November.

- All Erie Yacht Club regular members in good standing are eligible to run for any of these open positions:
- One open seat for Fleet Captain. The Fleet Captain routinely advances each November through each of the bridge offices and becomes Commodore.
- Two open seats on the Board of Directors. These are three year terms.

Three open seats on the Nominating Committee. Two will be one year terms. The nominee who gets the most votes will serve a three year term and chair the committee during that third year.

You can read position descriptions and responsibilities in the by-laws on the EYC web-site. If you are interested in serving and would like to be more engaged in administering your Club please feel free to contact me dandundon@gmail.com or 969-8631 or one of the other Nominating Committee members:

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Please consider getting involved and help make our Club continually better and better.



June Calendar of Club Events

- 1st Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Kickoff with Cuba Libre Drink Nite"
6pm - 9pm
Complimentary French Fry Bar
Music by Uncharted Course
- 4th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 8th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Relaxer Nite" • 6pm - 9pm
Complimentary Fried Pickles
Music with Salmon Frank
- 10th Drive In Movie Night
Bring your blankets and lawn chairs
Clubhouse West Lawn for a feature film under the stars!
Show starts approximately 9:45
This months feature "Indiana Jones - Raiders of the Lost Ark"
Free & weather permitting
- 11th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 15th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Moscow Mule Nite" • 6pm - 9pm
Complimentary Mini Quesadillas
Live Music with Encore
- 17th Bay Swim Breakfast Buffet
9:30 - 11:30 • Hosted by the EYC Auxillary • \$8 per person
Bayside Ballroom - Clubhouse
- 18th Fathers Day Brunch • 10am - 2pm
Traditional Champagne Sunday Brunch • Reservations at 453-4931
- 22nd Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Rum Punch Nite" • 6pm - 9pm
Complimentary Buffalo Chicken Dip
Music by the Sam Hyman Band
- 23rd Inter-Club Regatta
Entertainment by Smokin Section
More information visit:
www.erieinterclub.com
- 25th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 29th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Sangria Nite" • 6pm - 9pm
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