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From the Bridge

By Fleet Captain Russ Thompson



The boating season is in full swing as we open our 127th year. We enter two years of change that will impact everyone. Mike Argeny and his crew are working hard to shore up the east wall from the storm damage and they also have the added workload of fitting all of the yacht club stuff in all the right places to make room for the construction crews in the Fall. We start the season with new floating fuel docks and new, expanded capacity fuel tanks. The east ramp dock replacement is also well under way.

The Canoe House had a main beam failure and thanks to Mike Squeglia for storing the items that were in the Canoe House and to P/C David Haller the beam has been replaced and the building has been repaired and is ready for another season at EYC, its 105th. It was fun looking back to 1991, when P/C Bill Lasher was Fleet Captain, EYC installed a new fire escape in the Canoe House. Not many things are built to last these days but this Canoe House like EYC has all the right materials and with some TLC both will continue to be around and to thrive for a long time to come!

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On the Cover...

The EYC members seem especially eager to get on the water and into the Clubhouse this year, and Opening Day is the perfect start for that brand new boating season... Finally!
Photo by Tom Madura



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Yacht Club

Opening Day

Memorial Day • Past & Present

Memorial Day... A Day of Tradition

Memorial Day, originally called "Decoration Day" and celebrated on May 30th, actually began in 1868 as a day of remembrance for those killed in the Civil War. The actual location of the first observance of the holiday is somewhat disputed, with many cities laying claim to the honor. However, by 1890 every Northern state had adopted it as a holiday. Following the First World War, it became a general day of remembrance for all U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the Armed Forces. In 1971, Congress officially made it a federal holiday known as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May. Memorial Day is also now widely considered the unofficial beginning of summer in the United States.

At the Erie Yacht Club, the official "Opening Day" ceremonies have coincided with Memorial Day since the end of World War I. Prior to that, a "re-dedication" ceremony was held each year in July, commemorating the dedication of the original EYC Clubhouse on July 18, 1895.

Now for over 100 years, the officers and members have gathered on Memorial Day not only to honor those U.S. personnel lost while serving, but also to honor and remember those Erie Yacht Club members who have passed away in the last year. It is also a day of celebration for the club - the unofficial start of summer and the boating season. The day is marked, as it has been for so many years, with the official ceremony followed by a picnic lunch and families gathering on their boats.

So, while we mourn those who have gone before, at the same time we look ahead - to the blessing of having another season of good fun, friends, and family at the Erie Yacht Club.

One last bit of EYC Opening Day trivia for you - only once in the history of the EYC has the Opening Day ceremony been held indoors due to inclement weather - in 1993 when Ron Busse was Commodore.

See you on Opening Day!
-Tom Madura



Memorial Day at the Erie Yacht Club marks the beginning of the boating season. Please join us for the 128th annual opening day ceremonies where we honor our Past Commodores for their service and dedication as well as pay tribute to those members who have passed away during the course of the year.

The formal ceremonies begin with Assembly at the flagpole at 11:40 am followed by the bugler sounding the Call to Colors at 11:50 am. Julie and I would like to invite you and your families to join us for the ceremony. It's always a beautiful sight to look out over the basin and see all the boats flying their flags and burgees as a backdrop to the lineup of past commodores.

The tradition includes the blessing of the fleet by our Chaplin and the presentation of flags to the officers and dignitaries in attendance. Following the celebration everyone is invited to attend a picnic buffet in the clubhouse. The sailing school instructors will once again be providing rides for anyone interested. Julie and I wish everyone a safe and healthy boating season and look forward to seeing you on opening day.

Sincerely,
- David Sanner, Commodore.

and Present



And This year for the first time the Club will be offering Opening Day shirts through the Club's renovated online store! (See page 11 for details)

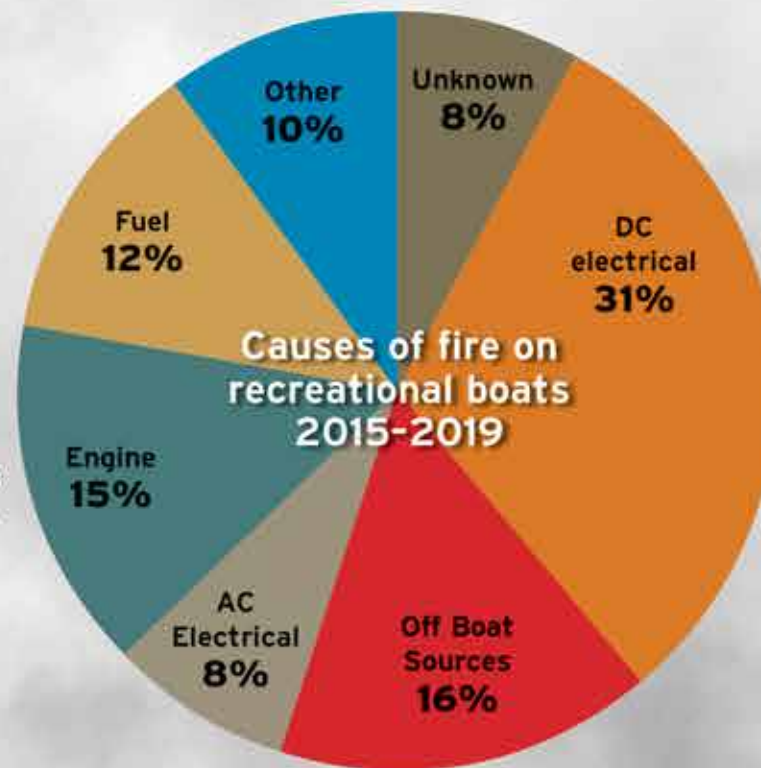
Fear of Fire

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Onboard fires happen more than you'd think. Here's what digging into the GEICO | BoatU.S. Marine Insurance claim files teaches us about preventing them

BY BETH LEONARD, WITH UPDATED 2020 DATA BY MARK CORKE

Fire ranked No. 5 among the causes of loss for GEICO | BoatU.S. Marine Insurance between 2015 and 2019. The majority of these fires started in a few very specific places aboard, with many of them originating in the engine compartment where fuel and an ignition source have a high likelihood of coming together. Maintaining your boat well, particularly with respect to the electrical and fuel systems, is the best way to prevent fires aboard. However, there are five specific areas that lead to most of the fires we see in our claim files. If every boater paid attention to these, we could prevent a third or more of all fires aboard boats.

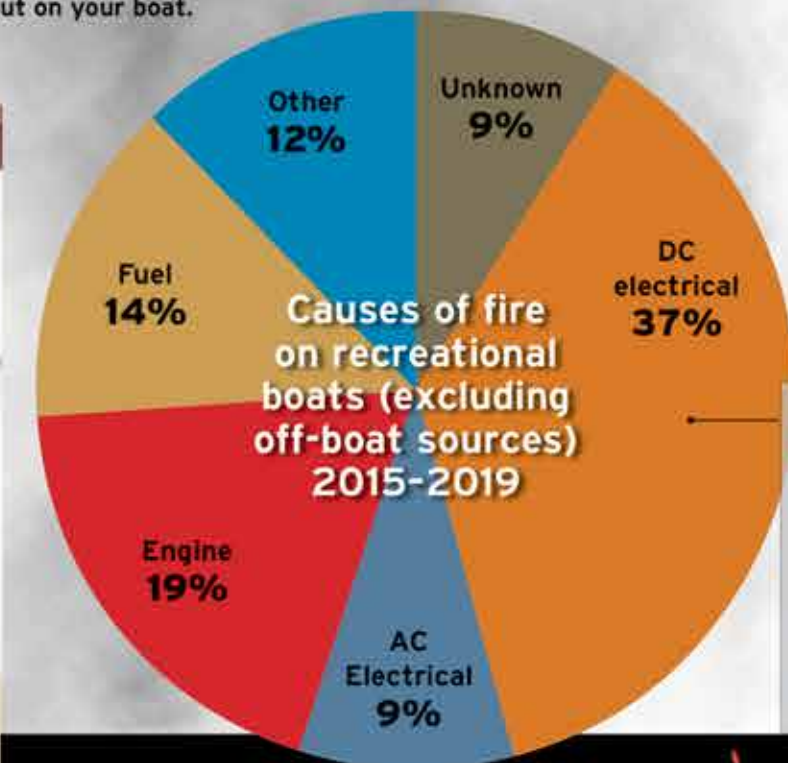


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Expert-Advice for a link to info on what
to do if a fire breaks out on your boat.

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Bringing air conditioning, microwaves, electric heaters, and other AC electrical appliances aboard makes life on the dock more comfortable and convenient but also greatly increases the risk of fire. Most AC electrical fires start somewhere between the marina pedestal and the shore power inlet on the boat. BoatU.S. has long recommended using only marine-grade power cords with proper adapters and replacing them at the first sign of wear on the cord or pitting on the blades of the plug. But an analysis of our fire claims has identified another high-risk area on boats more than 10 years old: the back of the shore power inlet where the ship's wiring connects to the terminals. Replacing the shore power inlet on older boats if it is original, or at least pulling it out and inspecting the connections, could well save your boat.



Subcategories
of the DC
electrical fires

Engine
electrical 21%
Batteries 10%
Other DC 6%



While loose battery connections, chafed battery cables, and aged battery switches can all cause fires aboard, the most common cause of battery-related fires is operator error: reversing the battery cables or connecting them in series when they should have been in parallel or vice versa. If you're disconnecting your batteries for any reason, photograph the configuration using your phone, label the battery cables, and mark the positive lug with red fingernail polish to avoid a shocking experience when you reconnect them.



Any interruption of cooling water can lead to overheating and then to a fire. In this case, a blockage of the raw-water intake caused the overheating. Other exhaust fires are caused by impeller failures due to age or sediment in the water. If your engine overheats, check the engine compartment before getting underway again. Change your impeller every other year, after a grounding, or when operating in particularly dirty waters.



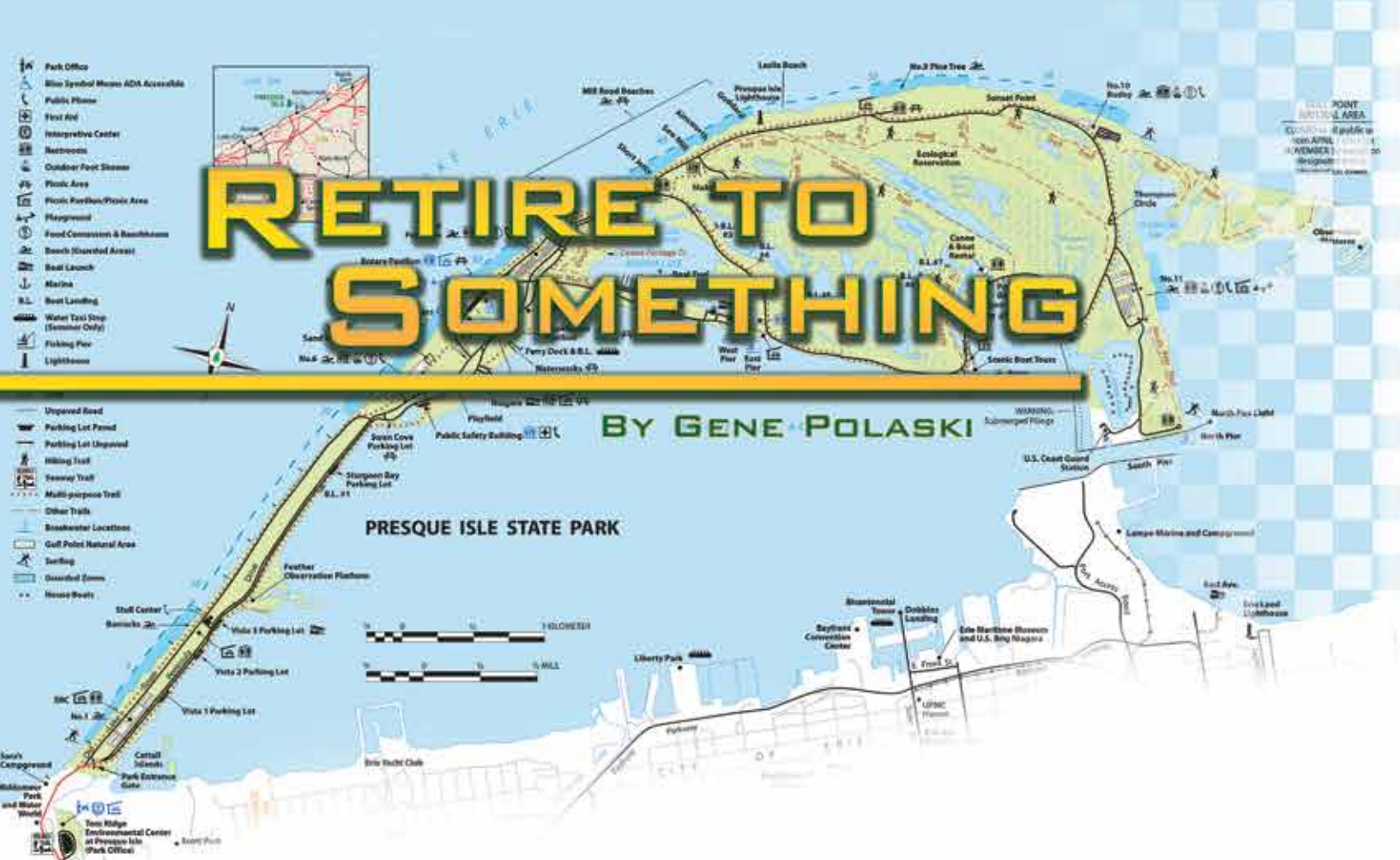
More than a quarter of the time, our insureds' boats burn when something else goes up in flames – the marina, the storage facility, the house, the garage, the barn, the neighbor's house. In more than 70% of those cases, it's the marina that burns. A high percentage of those fires start on someone else's boat. That means that every boat owner has a responsibility to prevent fires on board, not just to keep his or her boat safe, but also to keep the people, boats, and property around it safe.



On older outboards, the voltage regulator is by far the most common cause of fires. The failure rate increases with age after 10 years. So if your outboard is at least 15 years old, replacing the regulator may well keep you from having a bad day on the water.



Wiring harnesses and starters cause a disproportionate number of fires on boats that are more than 25 years old. If you have a vintage boat and those parts are original, consider replacing them. Most of these older boats had relatively simple wiring harnesses, so if the manufacturer is no longer in business or the part is no longer available, a good electrical technician can put one together for you.



When I was about to retire, I was told that I should retire to something, not from something. Good advice. I had spent a lot of my work years giving technical seminars throughout the world so I was comfortable speaking before a group. I also had spent a lot of years in boating, especially sailing and love the outdoors including hunting, fishing, and nature watching. As I considered various options for retirement activities, I ended up volunteering at Presque Isle State Park.

They gave me a boat (driver) and an audience (interpreter) to inform about the history, flora and fauna of the park. It is referred to as the free pontoon boat ride. What a deal! Everything I like to do. As time went on and my training/learning increased, I began to expand my volunteering on the park to other activities.

Usually there are two volunteers on the boat, a driver and an interpreter. You don't need to have boating experience to drive the boat as training is provided.

Also there is a need for volunteers to work at the pontoon boat station signing up visitors, passing out life jackets, loading the boat and maintaining radio contact with the boat so as to meet the boat when it docks to assist in tying it dockside and helping unload the passengers.

Besides giving free boat tours into the lagoons, I use virtually the same script being a "hop-on" bus tour guide. Bus tours from all over the USA visit Presque Isle and I meet them at the Tom Ridge Environmental (TREC) Center, get on the bus, do a narration while informing the driver as to where to go, where to stop and keeping track of the time as they are usually on a tight schedule. Most tours are about an hour.

Sometimes there are more than one bus so there is a need for several tour guides. Scripts are available for training both the pontoon boat rides and for the bus tours. However you are free to add your own pertinent knowledge... maybe even embellish a bit!

There is not a lot of guest activity in the winter and the boat is laid up so I move my volunteering to the inside as a front desk greeter at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC). Here guests are greeted and questions are answered such as "here I am, what can I do?" Again, knowledge of the park and winter activities and explanations of what is available at the center is necessary but is a part of the volunteer training.

During the summer there are thousands of visitors to the park (reportedly +3 million a year!) and besides stopping at the TREC for information, they also stop at the Public Safety Building (Ranger Station). Here my wife and I greet the guests, review the park map, and help them navigate to points of interest such as the Perry Monument, the channel entrance, the houseboats, the kite beach, the lighthouse and of course TREC as they often miss the entrance because their eyes are focused on Waldameer as they drive by the TREC entrance!

Other volunteer activities that are available include working at the gift shop both at the TREC and the lighthouse, helping maintain the wild flowers outside of TREC (weed warrior program). One volunteer is a roving ambassador. He spends a lot of time taking photographs which are used for various slide programs by the park environmental educators. Because he sees a lot of visitors, he carries maps and other literature with him and will approach the patrons to help them navigate the park.

So, if you are looking to share some of your time as a volunteer, consider doing so for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) at Presque Isle State Park. It will give you the opportunity for continued learning, socializing, and being a part of something special in Erie. Applications are available at their offices at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center or online at <https://www.volunteers.dcnr.state.pa.us/VolunteerApplication.aspx>



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Logistics Plus, an Erie-based global transportation company, has established a relief fund for Ukraine and has raised over \$600,000 from employees, friends, and Erie community members.

To date the fund has helped relocate half a dozen LP employees from Ukraine and has paid for the shipping of multiple containers of relief supplies including food, diapers, personal care items and medical supplies.

Logistics Plus has established a warehouse in Poland near the Ukraine border for the distribution of all donations coming from Erie. They are also coordinating truck transport from Poland to Ukraine.

Logistics Plus is covering all overhead, so every donation goes to purchasing needed items, and to freight costs for shipping goods.

100% of your donations go directly to those in need!

Please donate at:
<https://lpukrainerelief.com/>





Boathouse Party & Online Auction



You and the EYC Foundation Make a Difference...

It will be a busy next few months for the Erie Yacht Club Foundation. First up will be the review of the grant applications that were submitted to the Foundation in April for funding. The Foundation Board will vote on the recommendations of the Grant Review Committee as to which applicants meet our criteria and are deemed appropriate for funding. Thanks to the success of last year's Boathouse Party and Online Auction, the Foundation will have over \$30,000 to award to those successful applicants. We look forward to sharing the outcome of our grant review in the coming months.

In order to enable us to further increase our grant making abilities, the Foundation will be initiating a planned giving program to encourage gifts from estates, trusts and retirement accounts. A key component will be the establishment of a planned giving society which we are calling the "Burgee Society". We look forward sharing more information on this program

We're also happy to share that The Boathouse Party will again be held this summer. Mark your calendars for Friday, July 8th to attend what has become a highlight of an Erie Yacht Club summer for many. This magical evening is also a major fundraiser for the Foundation and allows us to support a growing list of organizations that meet our mission.

The event will again have music by Mambo, an open bar, and gourmet hor's d'oeuvres, including the tasty oyster bar. For those of you who aren't fans of shellfish, don't fear. There will be plenty of other delicious foods for you to munch on! As in the past, there will be a tent to allow for social distancing.

The Online Auction will also return this year using the same format that was a success last year. It will begin earlier in the week and will end on Saturday, July 9th. We welcome your in-kind donations, whether a fishing trip, boat rides, use of a vacation home, gift certificates, custom creations or artwork would all be appreciated and sought after. Have spare boat parts that are still in good shape that you no longer need? Donate them! If you are a professional artist and would like to reserve a commission on your work? We'll work with you...



As mentioned, The Boathouse Party provides significant funding to support the Foundation's mission of advancing maritime education, promoting youth and intercollegiate sailing competition, and expanding opportunities in boating. The Foundation has already committed to fund 8 scholarships for students at Strong Vincent Middle School at the Reyburn Sailing School this summer. We are very excited that one student who took lessons for several years is now joining the race team. Other applicants have addressed underserved teens, research on shipwrecks and the benefits of boating to mental health.

You, yes you, can help make the Boathouse Party a success.

Please...

- Consider being a sponsor at the level that best fits your means. Visit our website eriyachtclubfoundation.org/boathouse-party for more information.
- Ask your employer to sponsor the event or match your donation.
- Donate an item for the online auction.

And lastly, come and bring your friends, family and dock neighbors. We know you'll have a good time while supporting a worthy cause.

Char Mashyna, Chair
Erie Yacht Club Foundation



EYC SOUTH!

BY KAREN CARNS

We all know that Erie winters can be rough. Many of our EYC friends have become "snowbirds" who fly south for a month or two or more... but how often do they all convene in one place? Well, this past March, it seemed that Stuart, FL was THE PLACE to be! Our Commodore and First Lady, Dave and Julie Sanner escaped to warmer climes as evidenced by the above photo.

An EYC soiree was hosted by former EYC Secretary-Treasurer Karen Carns and husband Brad on March 10, 2020 at their condo in Stuart. In attendance were 23 Erieites, most of whom were EYC members.

Back Row from L to R: Dan & Becky Veith, Patty Moody, Mike Haggerty, Carrie Knox, Neal and Pam Baker, Jan and Dave Schlabaugh, Commodore Dave Sanner and First Lady Julie Sanner, Gary Schonthaler and Katie Openlander, Jeff Eastman, Chris Sechrist, Dan Byler, Ellen Richards, Neala Eastman, Rob & Lynne Doyle. *Front Row:* Lou Richards, Karen and Brad Carns.

A few others visited around the same time but could not make the soiree. Just three days prior, P/C Fritz and Michalee Curtze were on nearby Singer Island.

Rob and Lynne Doyle treated some of the group to a pizza party at their place and an ICW cruise aboard the beautiful KINSALE, their 50' Grand Banks which had spent the summer of 2020 docked in Erie on I-dock.

It's been a great winter season but we'll all be back at the beautiful EYC for OPENING DAY and look forward to continuing our friendly camaraderie on the waters of Presque Isle Bay and Lake Erie!

See you on the water!



Celebrate the 2022 Season with an Opening Day Shirt!

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New & Improved Updated Rules & Regs for 2022

By Waterways Conservation Officer
Matt Visosky

The 2022 boating season has arrived with much anticipation for a sunny and enjoyable boating season. Once again events effecting the entire world are effecting us here at home. The Canadian Border is open if you like to travel without having to test. Canada still does however require people entering the country to be vaccinated. The price for fuel on the water is anybody's guess where it will end up and this will effect traveling or even just how much you us your boat. This summer the tall ships event will be returning to Erie's Bayfront in August. My hope for this summer is that we all get to enjoy what Presque Isle Bay and Lake Erie has to offer.

If you've haven't sent for your registration renewal yet it can be done online at huntfishpa.gov. Print off a copy of the receipt and carry that with you to show proof of registration renewal. Any questions there is a help line to assist you and that phone number is 800-838-4431. Fishing licenses can be purchased at many locations and you'll walk out with a green colored license. Fishing Licenses can also be purchased on our website via huntfishpa.gov. Save the license PDF to your phone and an electronic version of your license is legal. You can pif you choose to have a paper copy as well to catty with you.

Still an area of focus is Documented Vessels and the PFBC is trying to get boat owners into compliance both state and federally. Many boats here locally are Federally Documented and only display the PFBC validation decals because registration numbers cannot be assigned. By federal and state law validation decals must be displayed on both sides on the hull anywhere from the mid-way point forward up to the bow itself. Decals are being observed on sailboat masts, fly bridges, salon windows, plastic placards affixed to bow rails, bow pulpits and even on anchors. These locations would all be considered violations of the law.

During enforcement actions with these vessels other problems are coming to light. If your vessel is truly and correctly documented the decal that you receive from the PFBC will not have a PA number at the bottom of the decal. Another situation we're seeing are owners of Documented Vessels possessing a PA Title. When boats are documented federally a state title cannot be obtained and if one is already in your possession it must be forfeited back to the state. If you have any of these situations occurring please contact the PFBC's Boat Registration Bureau at 866-262-8734 (M-F, 8-4) and they'll figure things out for you.

I write this article every year to highlight recent changes in law or regulation to get the word out. This gives boat operators an awareness of any recent changes. Below I would like to take the time and review some laws and regulations that seem to be less known by operators. I feel it's important to get the word out so boaters are aware of any changes or just some laws or regulations that they may not know. The laws and regulations below are reminders because it is better to remind people so they enjoy their time on the water and avoid interactions with law enforcement.

- The US Coast Guard amended the CFR dealing with fire extinguishers on vessels and the new changes went into effect 4/22. Vessels meeting requirements to need fire extinguishers must have and meet the following. Any vessel 2017 or newer must have extinguishers with the new wording i.e 5-B:C or 10-B:C. The older wording would have been B-I or B-II. Vessels built prior to 2017 can still have fire extinguishers with the older wording and be legal. All fire extinguishers now have an expiration date of 12 years after it was manufactured. The date will either on the label or stamped on the bottom of the extinguisher itself.

If it's stamped with a 10 then it was manufactured in 2010. If you carry fire extinguishers that are inspected yearly and have an affixed inspection tag then as long as they pass and tagged their legal. The USGC has informational pages and a great Q&A page on their website. The other legal requirements still apply as far as how many, being mounted etc.

- Engine cut-off switches is a newer law that took effect on 4/1/2021. Any boat less than 26 feet that has engine thrust of 115 lbs. which is more or less a 3 hp. motor and built after 1/1/2020. If you fall into this category the engine cut-off switch must be used. This law is brand new and articles can be found all over the internet explaining it better than I can. The USCG has a Q&A section covering this law and the what if's.

- PA Fishing Licenses are no longer required to be displayed on an outer garment. You may now have them in your wallet or on your phone.

- Guidelines for reporting boat accidents: Any accident that results in a death or disappearance the PFBC must be notified immediately and followed by a written boating accident report within 48 hours. If an accident results in an injury that requires treatment beyond 1st Aid, a written boating accident report must be submitted within 48 hours. If an accident results in damage to the vessel or other property exceeding \$2,000 or if there is a complete loss of the vessel, a written boating accident report must be submitted within 10 days. This may sound confusing so let me explain it further. The boating accident report is a form that the boat operator and owner complete on their own and is confidential and forwarded directly to the PFBC and used for statistic etc. Depending on the type accident when it occurs the PFBC and Station Erie will respond to assist with the situation. The PFBC will then conduct an investigation because most incidents will result in more than \$2,000 in damage. The easiest way to call for help is to contact 911 and they'll dispatch all the local responders to help.

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Updated Rules & Regs for 2022

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- **Bow Riding** - 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. Sun cushions on the bow do not fit the seating requirements so passengers cannot sit on them while above slow no wake speed. Bow riding is still being observed 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.

- **Operating at Safe Speed & Keeping a Proper Lookout** - When operating after sunset or in general boat operators are required to keep a 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's what you need to do. 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 changed a couple years ago now. 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.

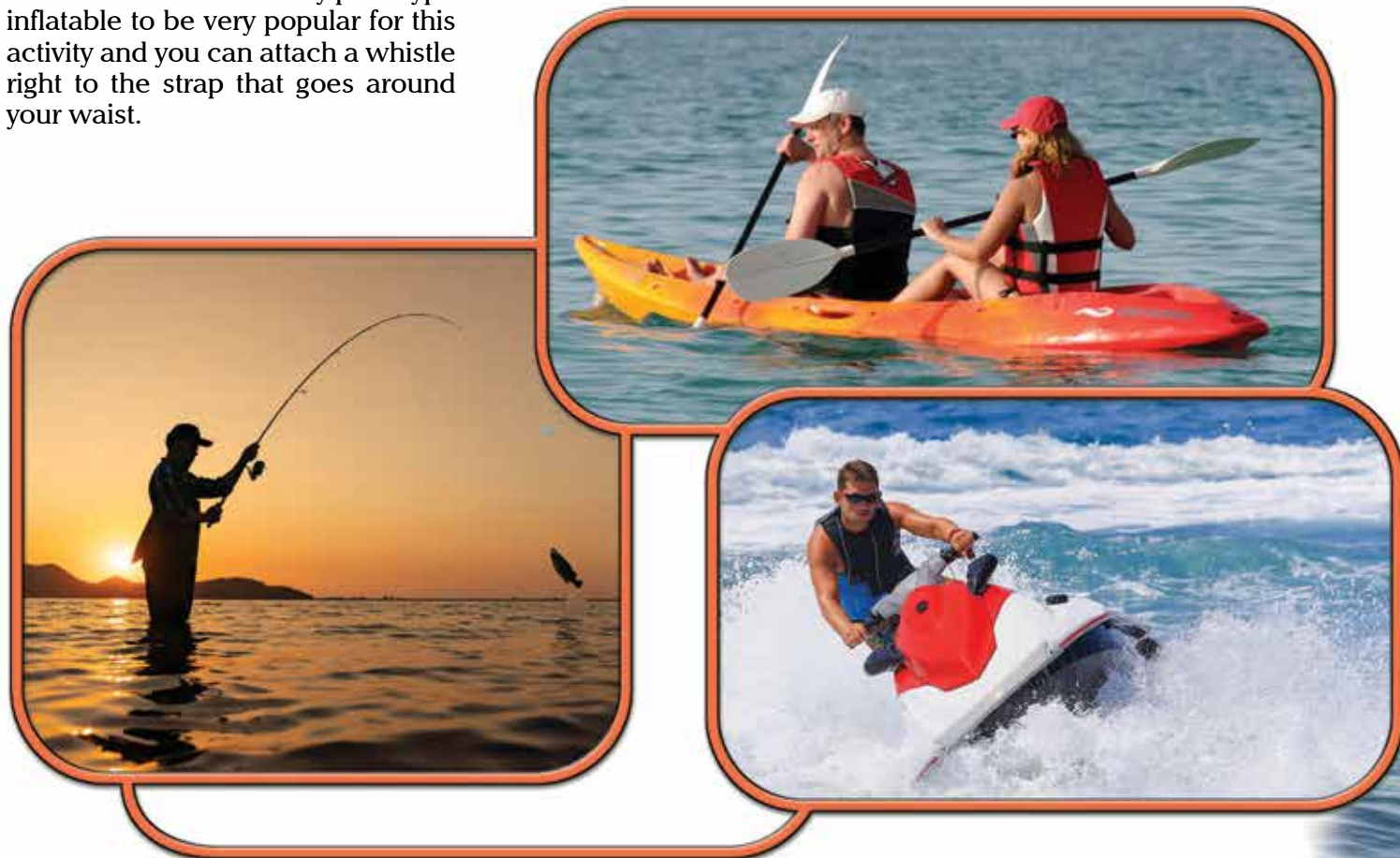
- **Duck Layout Boats:** A PFD must be in the layout boat and if it's during 11/1 - 4/30 that PFD must be worn.

- **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. Seniors can purchase Trout Stamps for up to 10 year's out. 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 1, 3, 5, and 10 years. This would save you the transaction fee and issuing fee each year after your initial purchase year and any license fee increase. If you misplace a license you can go to any issuing agent and pay \$6.97 or you can go online and reprint it for free.

Please visit the PFBC's website at: fishandboat.com to find any additional information and a complete list of law and regulations. You can also download the PFBC APP (FishBoatPA) for information. The regional office in Meadville can be contacted at 814-337-0444 and any and all questions can be answered or your questions will be forwarded to me and I'll contact you with answers.

The PFBC and I would like to take this time to wish everybody an enjoyable and fun 2022 boating season and a safe season as well.





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If These Docks Could Talk

EYC's WWII Flying Ace Robert M. Fry

by P/C Gib Loesel



As we start the planning of our new space for the Club expansion project, one of the History Committee's concerns is how will our wonderful models, trophies and pictures be displayed? In the past when our treasurers have been taken down for whatever reason, they are stored and often forgotten. For example, after it was gifted to the Club the tiller from Commodore William Morrison's yacht "Miriam" was proudly displayed in the front lobby, it was taken down a few years ago (for what reason I know not) and tucked away in the basement doomed to be "tossed overboard", currently it is hanging from the ceiling in my kitchen, for safe storage, tagged property of EYC.

Well, you know me, this got me to thinking (again) what happened to the beautifully framed story about Club member Lt. Robert M Fry WW II Flying Ace that use to hang in the hallway until many renovations or wall changes ago? Over the decades the EYC has had far too many to Patriots to mention by name, men and women who have served our country with valor, they ranged from common Navy Seaman to High-Ranking Admirals, Army Green Berets, Navy Seals, Viet Nam and Korean veterans, and the Commander of the Wolverine, William Morrison. Heroes all, and the list goes on and on. With the above said, I want to tell you about Flying Ace Bob Fry.

Colonel Robert M. Fry was as I have referred to in the past a "Canoe House Brat" hanging out and sailing with the other kids like Past Commodores Bill Walker, Frank Zurn, Dr. Doug Nagle, Dirk Braggins and Rich Loesel. If these PCs were still onboard, they would tell you Bob was one of the finer sailors to come out of EYC. After his retirement from the military Bob would often return for the Dover Series and later was part of P/C Bob Way's crew aboard Masker and Escapade in the SORC. Bob married his EYC sweetheart P/C Andy Shafer's daughter Betty Lou, they had two sons who both served in the military. Bob was honored July 3, 2012, when his picture was added to the Erie Aviators Wall of Fame at the Erie International Airport. Personally, I had the pleasure of being his shipmate onboard the Enigma.

The American Air Museum in Britain records:

Robert Mac Donald Fry was a non-graduating member of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Class of 1945. During World War II he shot down two enemy aircraft on July 18, 1944, then shot down two more on an air mission on October 21, 1944, for a total World War II Victory Score of four enemy aircraft destroyed in aerial combat.

"The Presidential Citation states that: The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Captain (Air Corps) Robert MacDonald Fry, United States Army Air Force, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. While serving as Pilot of a P-47 Fighter Airplane in the 388th Fighter Squadron, 365th Fighter Group, ninth Air Force in aerial combat against enemy forces in the European Theater of Operations, during World War II. Captain Fry's unquestionable valor in aerial combat is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects major credit upon himself, the ninth Air Force, and the United States Army Air Forces."

In addition to the above he was awarded the Silver Star, Soldier's Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Air Medal with 25 Oak Leaf Clusters, the British Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Belgium Croix de Guerre.

If These Docks Could Talk, they would say: Let's take care of our treasures so all members in the future will know and appreciate who and how this wonderful Club, "came to be"!



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EYC's Seasonal Reminders for 2022



I think everyone is especially looking forward to getting back on the water this year. Getting out of the Covid crisis and what seems like an especially long winter has got everyone especially anxious this year, so be sure and schedule your spring launch ASAP to get your earliest launch date possible. If your the last minute type the last date for launching is Friday May 27th.

Also be sure and get your Dock Box order in as soon as you can if needed. There are two approved styles available that can be ordered through the Club website. These uniform looking dock boxes will provide a complimentary look in line with the Club renovations for years to come. Also be aware that Dock padding will also need to comply with the new standards set forth by the Club to complete this beautiful uniform look to all the docks. This dock padding is also available to order through the Club's website in varying quantities depending on the size and configuration of your dock.

- Schedule you Spring Launch date by calling Dockmaster Mike Argeny at: 814-453-4931 ext. 215

- 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

A) Trailers will no longer be stored on the Club grounds during the summer for members who do not pay Winter Storage for their boats.

B) 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.

C) "Box" trailers are not permitted to be stored on Club property. "Box" trailers approved prior to September 2015 is 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.

D) 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.

- 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 or 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 miles 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.

- 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 you Club police this by not sending friends and family to the Club to fish without you.

Have a Great Year at the EYC!



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What's the Good Word?

by Kathy Dundon

Here are some more thoughts to ponder during times of relaxation and reflection as we enjoy our time on Presque Isle Bay this summer. Much of what has been compiled here are more "words to live by" and don't have known authors.

Wherever you go, there you are.

When you awake alive in the morning, be grateful for it.

Make time to meditate, sit in silence, and nurture your spirit.

Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

Avoid negative thoughts on things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.

In other words, Richard Carlson said, "In order to experience a feeling, you must first have a thought that produces that feeling. It is your thinking that is negative (or positive) not your life."

No one is in charge of your happiness except you.

Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

Dream more while you are awake.

Forgive everyone for everything. Don't remind your partner about his/her mistakes of the past. It may ruin your present happiness.

Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.

Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.

Call your family and friends often.

Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.

Each day give something good to others.

What other people think of you is none of your business.

Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.

However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

When life isn't going right, go left.

"Everything you want to be, your al-reay are. You are simply on the path to discovering it." Alicia Keys

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

- Carl Bard

Maybe the message here is we need to expect change in ourselves before we can expect change in the world or in other people? We only have control over ourselves. How we use this control shapes how the world responds to us.

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

Winston Churchill said "Of course I am an optimist. It does not make sense to be anything else". Winston would probably like these closing Good Words!

"The best is yet to come."



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The last issue of the LOG featured a bleak, snow-covered EYC landscape on the cover. Thankfully, all that is now far behind us, and it's time to turn our attention to Summer!

And for all of us at the EYC, few things (other than boating) signal the arrival of Summer more than the Thursday Sunset Happy Hours. These traditional Thursday night outdoor gatherings were begun over 20 years ago by the late P/C John Murosky, and have developed over the years into a don't-miss weekly event.

Starting the first Thursday in June and continuing until mid-September, each Thursday Sunset Happy Hour features a different live band and drink specials available at the outdoor bar, and of course the best view in town of the famous Erie sunsets! The lawn provides plenty of room for dancing, or just having a cocktail or two with your friends. If you're in the mood for outdoor dining, table service is available and weekly food specials will definitely tempt you to partake.

The bar specials usually tend toward the tropical, which just enhances the "summertime" vibe. Mojitos, Sangria, Beach Punch, and Watermelon Margaritas are just a few of the drink specials offered up in the past – who knows what creative concoctions the bar staff will come up with this year.

Speaking of being creative, look for some fun "theme nights" and other plans this year to amp up the fun! (Christmas in July, anyone?) Some of these ideas are still in the development stage, and under strict secrecy, so I won't spoil the surprises – you'll just have to show up and see what's in store!

Details on the theme nights, as well as each week's bands and drink specials will be available in the EYC e-mail newsletter as well as on the updated EYC website.

So, beginning June 2, and through September, you know there's no better place to be than the Erie Yacht Club. Come for the food, the drinks, the view, the dancing, or just to hang out with all your EYC friends. You'll have a good time for sure, and you may even get to see a spectacular sunset!

As an added incentive to attend this year - this will be the last year of Sunset Happy Hours with the existing deck. While Sunset Happy Hours will continue into the future and keep getting better, the deck is scheduled to go bye-bye as part of the clubhouse renovations starting this fall, so come and experience it this summer while you can!



It's Time for Sunset Happy Hours!

By Tom Madura

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EYC's Rental Program Prepares for a New Season

By Danielle Adamowicz

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When
Memorial Day through Labor Day. Daily hours are coming soon, please refer to Club website for the most current hours of operation

How
Reservations are made by a third-party booking website or by calling the Rental department. Visit the rental page on the EYC website to make a reservation online. Call Rentals at 814-453-4931x221.

EYC members are responsible for the reservation and equipment. Members may bring non-members to rent, however, members must be present for the entire duration of the rental period and non-members are not permitted to be on the property without the member. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18 for the duration of the rental period. Pontoon renters and operators must be 21 years or older. Operators born after January 1, 1982 must possess a Pennsylvania Boaters Safety Education Certificate OR be temporarily certified by EYC staff. Operators born before January 1, 1982 do not need to be certified. Pontoons are limited to two operators at a time for each rental period. No more than 10 occupants are to be onboard a pontoon.

J22 skippers must be pre-qualified. This means a qualified sailor that is capable of safely and responsibly operating the J22 files a resume with the Rental Department. Resumes are found on the rental page on the EYC website.

Kayaks are available to be rented by any member. We have a variety of single (one person) kayaks and also offer a double (two person) kayak and a triple (three person) kayak.

Planning on renting more than once a season? We offer packages so members can get multiple rentals in one summer at a discounted rate.

Visit:
<https://www.erieyachtclub.org/rental-program> or call Assistant Dockmaster Danielle at 814-453-4931x219 for more information.



The Erie Yacht Club is looking for a Seasonal Rental Attendant for 2022

The season will be May 27th - Sept. 5th. The hours will range from 8am - 9pm, Wed. - Sun. This position is paid hourly.

Primary job duties and responsibilities include:

- Renting out kayaks, J/22 sailboats, and a 24' pontoon to Club members and their guests/crew as well as assisting with the check in/out process
- Maintaining and cleaning the rental equipment (life jackets, sailboats, power boats, kayaks, paddles, outboard engines, Avon, etc.). This includes proper rigging and operation of a J/22 with a 2 hp outboard engine
- Setting up and conducting sailboat races and courses
- Operating a tender with an outboard engine
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- Enforcing rental and club rules at all times
- Operating an iPad, rental booking website, Microsoft word, and Microsoft excel
- Keeping rental areas and office clean and orderly
- Monitoring weather conditions at all times
- Assisting the Fuel Dock with tasks

- Job requirements:**
- Must have sailing experience and knowledge OR must have boat operation experience. If applicant does not have a Pennsylvania Boating Safety Education Certificate, applicant must complete online course after hiring and before first scheduled shift
 - Must work scheduled shifts
 - Must be friendly and personable
 - Must have reliable transportation
 - Must be comfortable working near and on the water
 - Must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions
 - Must be able to provide working papers if necessary
 - Sailboat racing experience and knowledge is preferred

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May Calendar of Club Events

- 1st Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm
Family Fun Nite with BINGO • 5:30pm
7 total Games & 50/50 raffle
Family Fun & Prizes
Reservations not required
(See back cover for more details)
- 4th Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 8pm
Any Burger & Any Draft Beer - \$14
- 8th Mothers Day at the EYC
Brunch Buffet • 11AM - 2PM
Entertainment with Mike Leslie
Dinner Service • 5:30 - 7:30
Entertainment with Keys & Strings
(reservations required for both meal options)
- 11th Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 8pm
Any Burger & Any Draft Beer - \$14
- 15th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm
Family Fun Nite with BINGO • 5:30pm
- 18th Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 8pm
- 20th Special "Life Jacket Appy Hour"
Celebrate Life Jacket Awareness by
wearing your PFD during Appy Hour
to receive Half Off Drinks, 4PM - 6PM
- 22nd Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm
Family Fun Nite with BINGO • 5:30pm
- 25th Burger & Brew Night • 5pm - 8pm
- 28th Alumni Regatta "Save the Date"
Check EYC website for details
- 29th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm
- 30th EYC Opening Day Ceremony
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June Calendar of Club Events

- 2nd Thursday's Sunset Happy Hour • 5PM
West Lawn & Patio
Live Music from 6PM - 9PM
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- 4th EYC Open Regatta • 2 Day Event
(See Club Website for Details)
- 5th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm
Summer Family Fun Night • 5PM
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- 9th Thursday's Sunset Happy Hour • 5PM
- 10th Yacht Rock Party at the Lighthouse
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- 12th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm
Summer Family Fun Night • 5PM
- 16th Thursday's Sunset Happy Hour • 5PM
- 19th Fathers Day Buffet Brunch
11AM - 2PM • Complimentary Draft
Beer or House Beverage
- 23rd Thursday's Sunset Happy Hour • 5PM
- 24th Interclub Regatta Night
Live Entertainment
- 26th Ala Carte Brunch • 10am - 2pm
Summer Family Fun Night • 5PM
- 30th Thursday's Sunset Happy Hour • 5PM

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Fridays & Saturdays
In May
4pm 'til 6pm

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Entertainment by Keys & Strings

Check Website for Details & Reservations



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