

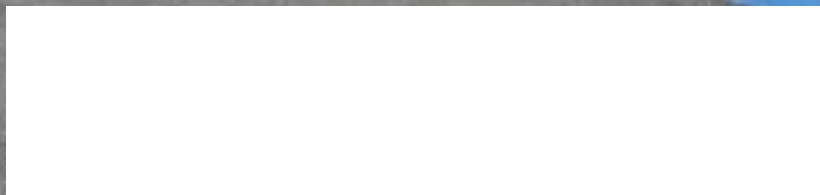
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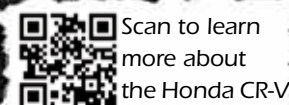


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From the Bridge

by Commodore Edward Schuler

I heard from many Commodores before me that the time flies by. However, it's still hard to wrap my head around the fact that my four years are already gone. Although it has been a commitment, and I have invested a lot of time, it has certainly been an experience that I wouldn't trade for anything. I have enjoyed every minute. I am so proud of the things that we accomplished during my tenure. I was able to finish up several large projects over the years, although I certainly don't deserve the credit for the majority of the hard work. The Erie Yacht Club Foundation completed and dedicated the Rickloff Community Boathouse this year, but there were many others. These projects are the product of teamwork, and many hours worked by our talented membership.

I am grateful to so many for this opportunity, to the members who elected me, the gentlemen that served with me these four years, and the many others who have offered support, advice and expertise. Without you, the membership, we would not be able to do any of these amazing things, or keep the Club competitive in any capacity. My daughter Sam calls the PC's and the current bridge, "Daddy's

Commodores". She has the idea right, but we're all really "The Members' Commodores"! In the last year the Long-Range Planning Committee has reorganized after a few years of inactivity as the basin project progressed. As that comes to a close, they are looking to the future and how to best serve the Club. This is no easy task. In the coming months they plan to conduct an online survey to gauge support for various projects. Please take the time to complete the survey. This information is vital to the long term health of the Club.

I thank you for allowing me to serve your Club for these past four years, and now I can sit back and help to support the next group of members who step up to serve. But first, I'm going to have a relaxing winter vacation!

I urge all of you to come out and volunteer for your Club.



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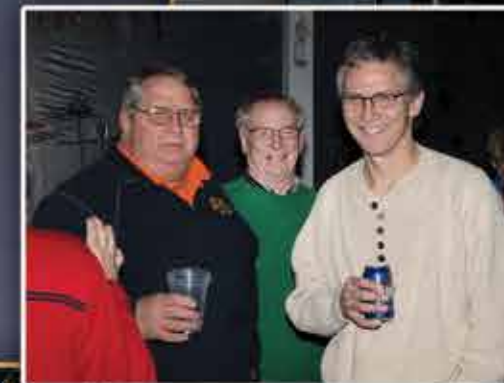


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Sixth Annual Winter Solstice Party on the EYC Deck

by Dan Dundon



Time really flies, eh?

As difficult as it is to believe, it has been over six years since a few of us hatched the idea to use our new natural gas heaters to heat-up-the-deck for a late December Winter Solstice Party. We had heard of Europeans who party-all-night-long with Summer Solstice Parties! Sitting at one of the last summer Thursday Happy Hours on the EYC Deck, we figured "why not continue our deck happy hours on the shortest day of the year?"

All this time the solstice party preparations have been supported by the good work of EYC Dockmaster Bill Vogel who frames-in the south-deck-opening for us. Then P.C. Matt Niemic provides and installs a door and wraps the entire deck in construction plastic. Commodore Ed Schuler brings his heat-gun and shrink-wraps the plastic enclosure to weather-resistance. Day of, Tom Madura and I decorate the plastic with fanciful pictures for the winter solstice. Kudos to everyone for this excellent work so EYC members and guests can enjoy a super party!

By mid-Saturday-afternoon on December 20th, Tom and I will again fire-up the heaters and get creative with our magic markers so the evening crowd can again enjoy hot rum drinks as well as live music by Key West Express.

Who knows what "special surprises" might happen this time around? In previous years, P.C. Tom Trost arranged "something cool"... an appearance by Old Man Winter (Cutter Niemic) and Rear Commodore John Orlando and Skip Grychowski set-up a terrific fireworks display on the lawn for Old Man Winter.

You don't want to miss the tropical-fantasizing folks dancing barefoot wearing shorts and tee-shirts among other people attired for the South Pole!

Come double-celebrate with your EYC friends! Honor the turn-of-the-seasons as well as soon-to-be-increasing daylight hours! In a very short time we will again be enjoying of Thursday Sunset Happy Hours on the EYC Deck!

See you at the Sixth Annual EYC Winter Solstice Party on Saturday, December 20th!



“Chanticleer” pays a visit to the EYC



If you have spent anytime around the EYC docks this summer, you may have noticed a beautiful large yacht taking a few weeks off away from its usual Caribbean home. It was the majestic “Chanticleer” and it was kind of hard to miss.

This 108’ motor yacht carries a great deal of boating history. In 1986 Frances Langford Evinrude, the glamorous singer and entertainer acquired CHANTICLEER. Ms. Langford appeared alongside the likes of James Cagney, Bob Hope, Perry Como, Don Ameche, Jackie Gleason, and other bold name stars. She is most famous for the song “I’m in the Mood for Love” which was written and popularized by her. Later in life she married Ralph Evinrude the outboard motor tycoon.

Originally, the boat had been owned by Ogden Phipps, a famous horse breeder and tennis champ who named her Buckpasser after one of his most cherished thoroughbreds. The yacht was designed by the famed naval architect Jack Hargrave, who began working with Burger Boats in 1957.

During Langford’s ownership the helipad was converted into a dining area with storage aft for two tenders. A cockpit was also added extending the yacht from 98’ to 108’. Frances Langford passed away in 2005 at the age of 92. In 2006, her estate sold CHANTICLEER to a Washington, DC area businessman, Jon Couch who began renovating the vessel, notably, painting her hull Flag Blue.

In 2008, CHANTICLEER was acquired by her present owners, Marty and Lisa Sutter, who have continued to renovate the boat extensively. Although those who remember CHANTICLEER best from her years owned by Frances Langford would be hardpressed to recognize the same vessel today, The Sutters have paid appropriate tribute to her ownership of the vessel by designating the VIP stateroom as the “Frances Langford Stateroom”, where posters of her movies, photographs and other memorabilia are prominently displayed.

CHANTICLEER’s hailing port is Harbor Springs, MI, however she spends most of her year in the Caribbean where she is based at Virgin Gorda, North Sound, British Virgin Islands.

CHANTICLEER is thoroughly a modern yacht that still maintains a connection to her storied past. The layout was modified to reflect a more modern living while maintaining the elegance and ceremony that one would expect of a yacht with CHANTICLEER’s history and pedigree.

This was the first Burger yacht specifically designed to accommodate a helipad. This, along with her beam of 22’ provides substantial deck space throughout the length of the vessel.

The flybridge allows for full operations of the vessel while underway, and includes port and starboard wing stations providing a means for easy and safe docking and maneuvering.

The flybridge and adjacent sun deck provide casual dining for up to 20 people, and lounging and entertainment for at least twice that number. Formal dining for 8-10 people is available on the lower deck aft of the main salon.

Covered walk-around side decks connect the aft (formal dining) deck to the foward bow deck with a large cushioned sun pad. With a generous beam of 22’ CHANTICLEER’s interior spaces are expansive for a vessel her size, but laid out to allow comfort and privacy. Rich sapele, mahogany dominates the main and forward salons, and a rare rosewood sole adds to an atmosphere of casual elegance throughout the vessel.

CHANTICLEER has 4 spacious state-rooms aft accommodating the owners and/or up to 8 guests. The Frances Langford VIP stateroom is a full-beam stateroom tastefully decorated in her honor with photographs, movie posters and other memorabilia of her illustrious career as a singer and movie star.

Crews quarters are forward of the engine room and can accommodate a crew of 5. In most every port CHANTICLEER’s crew is approached by people who have known the boat. Those stories are fitting tribute to Langford and her beautiful CHANTICLEER, who she loved so dearly and knew so well.



Chanticleer Specifications:

Main Engines.....	2 x 460hp D343 TA Diesels
Transmissions	Twin Disc Ratio 3:1
Generators	2 Northern Lights 55 KW
Center Fuel Tank	1850 gal 7011.5 liters
Port Wing Fuel Tank	1750 gal 6632.5 liters
Stbd. Wing Fuel Tank	1750 gal 6632.5 liters
Aft. Fuel Tank	1100 gal 4070.0 liters
Forward Water Tank	2200 gal 8338.0 liters
Aft. Water Tank	500 gal 1895.0 liters
Stabilizers	Niad model 525
Bow Thruster	Wesmar 60hp hyd
Electronics	Furuno Navnet plotter, depth Sounder Furuno 72 mi Radar Nobletec Simrad 300 x autopilot Digital Gyro Trac
Cranes and Tender.....	Port side Ideal electric crane Starboard side Ideal hyd crane Nautica 15 wb Tender 90hp Evinrude outboard
Air Conditioning	4 Aqua Air Salt Water Chillers 14 tons

The Making of a Stress-Free Holiday

Ah, the holidays! We pick our way through bumper-to-bumper traffic. Driving up and down jam-packed store parking lots watching for some harried shopper to come out headed to their car so we can snag their spot. We park a seemingly half mile away and then hurry through the snowy slop, deposit a handful of coins into the red rail with a nod to the bell ringer and we're in. Now comes the hard part. AAGGH!

We find ourselves trudging through the Mall being elbowed and dragged along by the crowds. Within minutes we realize that we should have left our coats in the car... there is enough body heat in here to raise the temperature to tropical levels!

But we push on, beads of sweat forming on our foreheads, to find the perfect cardigan sweater for grandpa (which now that it's bought and bagged looks increasingly like the one we saw him in last week). Next are new slippers for

Mom. Let's see, they have to be easy to put on, but not so easy that they slip off, plus they have to be machine washable but have hard soles so she can wear them out to get the mail. Oh yes and they have to be a 9-1/2... *wide!* After searching every shoe store and department store for slippers that obviously do not exist we settle on a pale green nightgown. Close enough, right?!

Now we're off to find a sweater for the niece. This should be easy... except I've been given fair warning by her mother "only solid colors, but no pink or pale blue, no lace, no scratchy materials, nothing tight around the neck". After eliminating what seems like a hundred sweaters, a simple cotton navy blue v-neck is bought and bagged. At least it meets the "sweater criteria".

By now we are hot, tired and frustrated as we move on to yet another store. We repeat the parking procedure only



Are we having fun yet?!

to stand in a mile long line to get the most current iPhone "whatever" for our text-addicted teenage daughter because her phone is "so totally out of date and lame!"

Does this sound somewhat familiar? And that is just the shopping, then of course there are the parties...office parties, friends' parties, family parties, not to mention your own party you are expected to host every year. It seems like an endless series of holiday gatherings.. enjoying the company of some and barely tolerating the presence of others.

Plus add in the over the top decorating, gift wrapping, holiday baking, cooking and let's face it, we're just plain worn out, wondering if it's all worth it! We know how stressed out it makes us yet we seem to do it every year. Perhaps it's time to approach the season another way.

This year, what about focusing on enjoying yourself, instead of feeling *obligated* to do everything you are expected to do. You might feel guilty at first, but you'll be so relieved to realize you still have your sanity and a genuine smile by New Years, that you won't regret it. Plus your loved ones will appreciate the more relaxed, less "Scroogish" atmosphere.

Here are some tips:

SHOPPING

Keep a gift list. If you find that the number of people on your list is greater than you want to handle, think about reducing the size of your list. Be open and honest with your relatives and friends and mutually agree on a plan. You could draw names among your family and friends or, as some families jointly decide, eliminate gift buying for adults altogether and focus solely on the children. You will not only be doing yourself a favor, but will also be helping to reduce the shopping demands on others as well.

Once you have pared your list down to a comfortable number, write down everyone you plan to buy a gift for, no matter how small the gift may be. Include ideas of what to give each person, along with what you're planning to spend. Keep this list with you at all times so when your mother-in-law mentions during a family dinner in late October that she wishes she had a nice large gravy boat you can write it down... *immediately* following dinner. Let's be honest, within a week you'll never remember she wants a d@&! gravy boat!

Start Early. Keep your eyes open all year round for items people on your list would like; it's often when you're not looking for something specific that you stumble across the perfect gift. Come December, you'll be so very glad that you already have some people crossed off your list! Just make sure to keep all these advance gifts in a designated spot so that you don't forget what you bought and where you put it. You don't want to find that preschool game you bought for your four year old nephew when he is thirteen! Plus once you have bought a gift for someone on your list, write it down and move on! And for heaven sakes, *do not* second guess it!

Make it fun. *Don't* go shopping with high expectations of getting everything accomplished in a day. *Don't* go shopping with someone who hates to shop. *Don't* go shopping with young children. *UGH!* Instead, make a shopping day a fun day with family or friends. Go into the day with the attitude that if you even get one gift purchased you are ahead of the game and if nothing else you are spending time with people you care about. Laugh, share a relaxing lunch, help each other make purchase decisions. Enjoy the day!



These ladies know how to shop! Go with people you love, leave your coats in the car, smile and enjoy your time together. They even have matching Black Friday Ts.... how fun!

Shop online. To avoid stores during the holidays, the world wide web is a blessing! Online, you can find a slew of great gift ideas and also great deals. You can get all your holiday shopping done weeks ahead of time without having to leave the house!



If you don't need to touch what you buy (like some of us do!) shop online from the comfort of your couch.

If you've done all you can online, brave the stores at night to pick up anything else you may need. Most stores have extended hours following Thanksgiving. The crowds are smaller, so you'll get more help and check out faster. The best part: many stores restock inventory and do markdowns in the late afternoon. If shopping after dark, however, it is best not to shop alone. It is much safer to go as a group. (Although any mugger would be crazy to mess with a woman who worked all day, went home fixed dinner, fed her family, then ran around to numerous stores for the past 4 hours looking for the newest deluxe Star Trek Lego set. With that much pent up frustration she could probably beat the s#@! out of him!)

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"If your Christmas gift list has taken on a life of its own, perhaps its time to rethink and reduce."

Cyber Monday (the Monday after Black Friday) is the biggest online shopping day of the holiday season—and accordingly, many online retailers offer special discounts on their products. You can find online bargains all year long at Cybermonday.com, the official Cyber Monday website. On the actual day, the site will feature extra discounts and hourly specials to further entice online shoppers.



'Tis the season to be jolly.... Just look at all these holiday shoppers... not a smile amongst them! Lighten up people!

The Making of a Stress-Free Holiday

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Simplify. Despite your best efforts, your gifts may not express your love as well as you hope. Let's face it, most of us have too much "stuff". So, think about what your loved ones truly enjoy. For example, surprise the gang with individually wrapped tickets to a shared activity, like a sporting event or concert. There's nothing wrong with skipping traditional gifts in favor of more unique giving. For example, perhaps a special lunch out together would be appreciated more than a scarf. Or an offer to babysit 4 weekends a year free of charge. Remember sometimes the best gifts cannot be wrapped or bagged... they can only be "given".

If you're creatively inclined, bake a batch of cookies, sew personalized tote bags, or make beautiful earrings for friends and family. A DIY gift can be as easy as a flashdrive loaded with all their favorite music or a photo montage of your family's greatest moments of the year.

Shopping can drain the fun out of the holiday season. Don't try to buy happiness with an avalanche of gifts or a gift beyond your budget. People who focus on gifts generally feel less holiday cheer than those who focus on enjoying time with close friends and family. Children will remember the night they were allowed to stay up late and read books with Grandpa and Grandma far longer than they will remember what they received under the tree.



The holidays should be about spending time with loved ones and making memories.



A tree lovingly decorated together, no matter how imperfectly the ornaments may be hung, is a perfectly beautiful tree!

And when recounting past holidays your family's memories of time spent decorating cookies together will be far fonder than memories of the i-pad they received. So don't sweat it. (And remember, there's always gift cards!)

HOLIDAY PARTIES

Learn to say no. Saying yes when you want to say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed. Friends and colleagues will understand if you can't participate in every activity. Attend parties you want to and say "no" to those you don't want to attend.



If this is how you see yourself "enjoying" a party... just say NO!

For those you feel absolutely obligated to attend, show up for a short amount of time and then excuse yourself. (Hate to burst your bubble, but most people probably won't notice!)

Regarding your annual holiday bash, ask yourself who you are having it for. If the answer is your family and friends and not yourself, skip it. To alleviate any questions in the minds of those normally invited, send them each a card stating that this year in lieu of your annual holiday party you have decided to donate your party funds to Make-a-Wish or

some other worthwhile charity. This relieves you of the work and stress of having to throw a bash while putting a positive spin on it and doing some good. (Plus you're letting others off the hook who are trying to reduce their holiday commitments as well!)

DECORATING & GIFT WRAPPING

The biggest thing you need to remember in regards to decorating your home for the holidays is this...it is *not* a competition! Do as little or as much as makes *you* happy and comfortable. Allow your children or grandchildren to help decorate your tree. It may not be "perfect" but if you embrace the imperfection and enjoy your time together you, and they, will see it as one of your most beautiful trees. Hate to break it to you, but you are the only one who really cares how many lights you put up or if your tree has a "theme"!

The same applies to gift wrapping. Be honest, what the receiver is interested in is what is *underneath* the paper, not the paper itself. So keep it simple. Better yet, stock up on holiday gift bags and tissue paper and simply stuff the gift in a bag.



Never again.....

Always wrap and label as you buy so you aren't spending Christmas eve bent over piles of boxes, bags, paper and ribbons frantically trying to wrap all your gifts at one time only to wake up Christmas morning with a stiff neck!

BAKING/COOKIES

When cooking for the holidays, make **use of your freezer**. You can prepare some dishes weeks in advance and freeze them. Stick to a simple menu with one entrée and just a couple of side dishes, and don't hesitate to ask your guests to bring wine or food.

It is also very acceptable to get everyone involved in preparing a meal. Make it fun, give everyone a task. The bottom line is that it's fun to spend time together and enjoy each other. That is really what the holidays should be all about. Cooking together also takes a lot of stress off of one person trying to handle everything themselves.



When people ask if they can help, say yes and hand them an apron.

If your budget allows, save time by ordering food from a caterer or buying prepared dishes from the market. Toss the boring store-bought packaging and place edibles on festive platters sprinkled with nutmeg or adorned with sugar-dusted sprig of cleaned pine. People just want to eat...they will survive if they don't have the same Christmas favorites they have eaten every Christmas for the past 10 years believe me. If you do cook a dinner, but don't have time to whip up homemade desserts, there's no shame in swinging by your favorite bakery.

Cookies are a staple of the holiday season, and can be frozen for a month, preferably unbaked, so that you can fill the house with their appetizing scents come the holidays.

Start right after Thanksgiving, so that by December 15, the mixer can be stowed away. Slice-and-bake cookies can be shaped into rolls and frozen, ready for the oven anytime. For drop cookies, use a small ice cream scoop to shape them before freezing.

You can also have a cookie baking day with loved ones or friends. Make it a very casually get together, with everyone providing ingredients for four or five of their favorite cookies. Throw on some Christmas tunes, pour some wine, and everyone can start making their favorites.



Remember the simple things about the holidays, as they often make the most lasting impressions.

With everyone talking and laughing the baking seem less like work and more like fun, plus after all the baking is complete you can exchange cookies so you each end up with a wide variety. Cookies make great gifts when you drop by friends and neighbors and also make easy gifts for coworkers.

Remember why we all come together for the holidays! Enjoy the reason and enjoy your family. Don't let the idea of how things *should* be overwhelm you. Always do what you can and let the rest just happen. Remember you do not have to be a superhero. Surrender the notion of the 'perfect' holiday and embrace all the imperfections.



Embrace the imperfections! Those imperfections will become some of your most treasured memories.

In the end it will be the imperfections that you all talk and laugh about years later. The best memories you'll create during the holidays is the time you spend together...so do lots of that and let the other worries slide off your back. And remember, the best way to relieve holiday stress is to surround yourself with those that accept you without judgment.

Be happy... and happy holidays!



Calgary Canadian Style

by P/C Bob & P/L/C Mary Morrison - Port Dover Yacht Club

We wanted to celebrate the miracle of being married 50 years, but didn't want the little sandwiches and the tea thing. Instead we decided to "get out of town" and were very pleased to have done it our way.



P/C Bob and P/L/C Mary Morrison celebrate 50 years of marriage.

We took a wonderful West Jet flight from the little airport in Hamilton to Calgary and then a shuttle to our overnight accommodations. That was enough for a couple of old folks for one day.

We were lucky to get the front row seat on the Brewster Luxury Shuttle bus to Banff, allowing us some amazing views of the mountains ahead. In the distance we could see the very scary looking ski jump and the amazing luge run built for the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympic games. For the more daring at heart, we learned that you can now take "the zipline experience" from the top of the ski jump, or a thrilling ride down the bobsled run with a professional driver and three of your closest friends. The package deal to do both is only \$99! Are any of these adventures on your bucket list?

The shuttle dropped us off at our hotel in Banff, the Brewster Mountain Lodge. The hotel was in a perfect downtown location providing an easy walk through the village. After fumbling our way to find the local bus stop the first time, it was actually quite easy and it was only \$1 for seniors. Can't beat that! The bus took us directly to our destination, the Sulphur Mountain Gondola. Despite the long line of summer tourists, we patiently got our tickets and were on our way. The gondolas were well maintained and efficient, lifting us to the summit of Sulphur Mountain at 7,486 above sea level in only about eight minutes. We couldn't believe it when we saw that there were athletes actually *walking* up the mountain trail! We were of the opinion that if you feel the need to walk the trail why not take the gondola up and walk the trail *down*? But then again, we are old folks.



A breathtaking view of the town of Banff, from the summit of Sulphur Mountain.



Rustic Brewster Mountain Lodge in Calgary, Alberta.

From the top of Sulphur Mountain there was a picture perfect view of the gorgeous Canadian Rockies and Banff, far below. From our vantage point we could see the famous Banff Fairmont Hotel, with its beautiful golf course and perfectly manicured grounds. We were glad, however, to have chosen our lodging which was closer to the village and its amenities at a price at least half that of the Fairmont.



Gondola passing a gorgeous view of Banff.

Locals tell of moose walking the streets, but certainly not during the busy tourist season. Maybe they are more sociable during the very popular skiing season.

After our time was up in Banff it was back to Calgary. The great Brewster service picked us up at our hotel and provided another fabulous vista bus cruise back to Calgary, dropping us off at our next hotel, the International in downtown Calgary.

The downtown Calgary location provided easy access to many attractions, including a leisurely stroll through the Stephen Avenue Walk, a totally pedestrian shopping adventure. We also ventured up the Calgary Tower. A visitors' must, the tower provides breathtaking views of the city below. (Only the brave dared the glass floored outer edge however!) While viewing the spread out city vistas we were able to eas-



Downtown Banff.

ily identify the distinguished Saddle Dome, home to the Calgary Flames hockey team.

The information center at the Calgary Tower offered a Hop-On, Hop-off bus tour which was perfect for our one day tour of the city. Three hours later we'd seen Fort Calgary, Chinatown, the Zoo, Kensington shopping district and Heritage Park Historic Village among all the other wonders of the city. We learned during the tour that although Toronto has a larger population, Calgary covers more square miles. It's huge!



P/C Bob braves the glass floor of the Calgary Tower.

Alas it was time to return home. During the shuttle to the airport and our entertaining flight home on West Jet, we fondly recalled our tender Alberta beef dinners, the amazing views we had taken in and our chance to see a little bit more of Canada. We both agreed it had been a wonderful way to celebrate our 50 years together.



The famous Saddledome, home to the Calgary Flames in the distance in a view from the top of the tower.

Calgary Tower



If These Docks Could Talk

by P/C Gib Loesel



A few Wednesday nights ago while watching the race from my deck at Ferncliff I tried to count the boats (hard to do when one or two are blanketed) and thinking... Hmmmm if the average number of crew members is let's say 6 and there are 42 boats that is 252 able body seamen or girls as the case may be. Then I got to thinking (again), when I was young the racing fleet only had about 15 boats... and if you wanted to sail on a "big boat" you either paraded yourself up and down the dock with your best looking "gee I want to go face" or have a brother (like me) or a father who was already part of the crew and even then you had to work your way aboard by becoming "Cabin Boy" (that would be one who could fetch cold beer and work his way into very small spaces). In other words a kid who wanted "a berth" had to work his tail off.

In 2007 when the Interclub Regatta celebrated its 50th anniversary, several great "sea stories" were written and published as a special feature for the event. Reproduced here is one which was written by Past Commodore Douglas B. Nagle III who has a unique and fun writing style. Let's call his story "Breaking In On The Good Ship ENIGMA". For those of you who don't know, the ENIGMA was Ken Eckerd's beautiful yawl, the "Gem of Lake Erie."

Interclub Story By Doug Nagle III

If memory serves me right, I think that 1963 was my first year aboard ENIGMA. This was a result of a brief conversation with my Dad that went something like this; "They're looking for a kid to crew on the ENIGMA, you might learn something, would you be interested?"

"Yes," answered the kid, after approximately two and a half seconds of contemplation and a near miss coronary event. True, anyone that had attended Jr. Sailing dreamed of crewing on ENIGMA, but to get a chance? And so it began.

There were three distinct languages spoken on the ENIGMA. First, normal everyday mothers English, like in "please pull in the big white sail on the pointy end of the boat." Second, sailor talk, as in "crank the jib sheet in dummy, can't you see the sail luffing?" And third, a language common to ENIGMA, which we'll call Navy talk, as in "get off your dead @#%, #*#@# head, can't you see the *#@*ing jib needs trimmed?!!!!" (That's the tame version by the way as real Navy talk can't be written here, as you may well guess). It was an awakening, but who's complaining?

I remember when I first boarded the boat and stepped next to the wheel, that ringed stainless steel beauty with the king pin banded under a woven-rope "Turks Head". "Get your #@* away from that wheel kid, the only time you'll touch THAT is when you polish IT!" "Now, bring me a chew, and make it fast!" A what? "Wrigley's or Spearmint?" says the dumbest kid in the universe. I almost found myself back on the dock!

It's warm out as we back the big boat out of her slip for my first Inter-Club Cruise. She backs well to port as the counter-clockwise turning propeller (viewed from the stern, as I found out the hard way) churned up the bottom mud. This is going to be fun, say I.

We slip out into the bay, no outer basin in those days; go head to wind and the mizzen and main, in that order

of course, slowly lift skyward. "Dougie!" says the Captain (he was really just a Lt. Commander then), "quit standing around with your finger up your nose (Navy speak-censored) and feather the prop!". Huh? "In the engine room, turn the shaft until the red marks line up!"

It's hot down there and immediately I burn my arm on the manifold. I line up the marks and ENIGMA lurches forward, free from the drag of the unfeathered prop. It's quiet in there, and the sounds of a wooden sailboat creak and groan. No time for peace and tranquility, however, as "where's the kid?" echoes from above. Out I go, staying clear of that steaming manifold, (ENIGMA was powered by a 6 cyl. Grey marine gas engine, which I became very friendly with) and, squeezing sideways through the access door to the port (sailor talk) of the companionway hatch (boat builder talk), report on deck. "Right here, sir!" says the kid. From somewhere up forward, "he burned his arm on the manifold" and "better call his mommy", etc., etc., etc.

"We'll need big blue on deck, the spinnaker stays'l and mizzen stays'l too" says the skipper, and all eyes glare at the sissy with the burnt arm. "Yes sir!" says the kid thinking he must be talking about sails seeing how we're on a sailboat.

I return down below and I go forward, into the forepeak (sailor talk) for a look around. From above, through the big forward-hatch opening, and from the blue of the heavens' above comes a quite and strangely nice voice. "Big blue is the spinnaker, there; behind it are the two stays'ls. Hand them up like you know what's going on". I briefly look up. It's Gib Loesel, and that voice has been helping me on ever since.

"There's hope for the kid yet" says someone, "he picked the right sails" says someone else, astonished.

The next half-hour is mass confusion as dozens of wooden sailboats maneuver for the starting line in the early morning offshore (sailor talk). In the lingering darkness, running lights are everywhere, like colored fireflies skirting the still water. BOOM!!!, the starting gun roars and grey smoke fills half the line. Spinnakers pop out of yarn stops like exploding sausages, hanging end to end from the masts. This mass con-

fusion now slowly becomes controlled pandemonium as the fleet surges forward. The silence is overwhelming.

ENIGMA hits the line just right, big blue pulling like a steam engine. The two stays'ls' now start upward, blocks creaking as they awaken from slumber. Ten knots, steady southwest, ENIGMA wind. We're to weather (in-shore, sailor talk) of the fleet, Bierig's future sail-loft

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If These Docks Could Talk

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to starboard (green side, sailor talk). No boat catches the big girl in these conditions, and everyone knows it. All aboard are mesmerized by the moment, and the kid seems part of the crew. But only for a second as the public dock is approaching. Everyone waits - the kid thinks some big strategic maneuver, some big time big boat move is about to be made. Anticipation, situational awareness, pure electricity, fills the air!!! We pass the public dock and like clockwork comes the kids' next command.

"Red!, Blue!, Red!, Red!". What the Hell???? "Dougie, can't you hear, you dumb #@** (Navy talk)." Three Reds and a Blue for the #@^*&# Sake!" (they say that name on Sunday, in church). The kid dives down below, not a clue as to what to do. From above, calmly and nice, comes the voice. "Three Carlings and a Kohler, don't pop

the tops; use a can opener on the bottoms, so they can sink the cans when they're done". I look up; Gib's face is in the skylight (sailor talk). He disappears, like an apparition. I get the beers. I open the bottoms with the church key as instructed and deliver them above. "Oh, not bad for a new guy" and "the kids' ok, maybe...." The praise is short lived. "Don't you know anything? I need a cigar!!!" says the Lt. Commander!!!! @#**! (Navy speak, a quick learner, the kid is), says the kid, to himself, as it's just his rookie year on the boat.

We ease off and skirt the inside south channel wall, just missing the rocks tucked below the concrete. No ship dock or Erie Sand and Gravel then, just shoal's south and east of the green entrance buoys.

ENIGMA's moving well and we prepare for a jibe out of the channel. Back then you could steer the course to Long Point, 10 degrees, right out of the channel without hitting Gull point- well, water depth was a bit skinny, but for a center boarder (sailor talk), it was no problem.

Epilogue:

All of the crew on ENIGMA were required to bring a "ticket" to any overnight or longer race. Prices for "tickets" varied, primarily due to brand name or quantity there-in. A "ticket" was the primary ingredient in a witch's brew of after sailing liquid nourishment partaken by the crew, the crew next door, the crew next next door, the bridge operator, customs guy, fish house employees, the girls over at the chicken slaughtering plant (Mizners), Chief of Police, the guys at Schmooze, Use and Loose LLP, and anyone who spoke English or Canadian or Spanish or Italian or...

If you want to know who really sailed on the ENIGMA, ask them what a "ticket" is. The End!!

If these docks could talk they would say: "Uncle Ken's Enigma turned some Cabin Boys into wonderful sailors and shipmates!!"



"Enigma's Coming Through"

Each spring we would run the heading markers in the New Lake to verify the accuracy of the compass as we had no GPS or Loran on board back then. Before the New Lake was even there, we would check the north/south course by running between Perry's Monument and the flagpole on the public dock.

Anyway, the kid was only somewhat busy on the crossing to Long Point, blue blue cigar, red blue cigar, (he ate them, never smoked them), etc., etc., until just off Long Point. There, things got serious for a moment as we remembered Rip Sawdy with a poke of whiskey, or whatever, as a real "Gold Rimmed" shot glass was dropped over the side. On the bottom, under the entry waters to Long Point Bay, lie quite a few of the ENIGMA's expensive shot glasses.

Our slide to Dover continued as we sharpened up coming around the point, the spinnaker pole eased forward until it barely touched the headstay (sailor talk). If we were lucky we could hold on with all that canvas pulling until the finish line off Dover. In those conditions, nobody could catch us and we would scream over the line just-a-fly'in. We'd clear the sails, coil all lines, covers' on, Homer's BIG Canadian flag gracing the headstay and chug into the harbor. The old small lift bridge would open no wait. "ENIGMA'S coming through" yells the operator. The people would stop and stare, pointing to the sailboat they all recognized. The BIG boat from Erie, the ENIGMA!!!!

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The LOG would like to congratulate all the student sailors of this year's Reyburn Sailing School who successfully completed their courses. We would also like to thank the parents for supporting the program and the instructors for their dedication to passing on their love of the sport.

The young sailors were all honored at this year's annual Reyburn Sailing School Banquet as the season was wrapped up for yet another year. The following are some of this year's special awards presented to deserving individuals.

Opti Cup winners:

- 1st. Anthony Farrar
- 2nd. Aidan Levis
- 3rd. Natalie Bowers

Junior Cup winners:

- 1st. Skipper-Michael Orlando
Crew-Kailey Orlando
Crew - Michael Tseng
- 2nd. Skipper-Evan Sala
Crew-Beau Seibel
Crew-GiGi Riesenberg
- 3rd. Skipper-Tommy McWilliams
Crew-Race Nicolia

Sportsmanship Boy:

Robert Seibel

Sportsmanship Girl:

Halle Myers

Most improved Boy:

Anthony Farrar

Most Improved Girl:

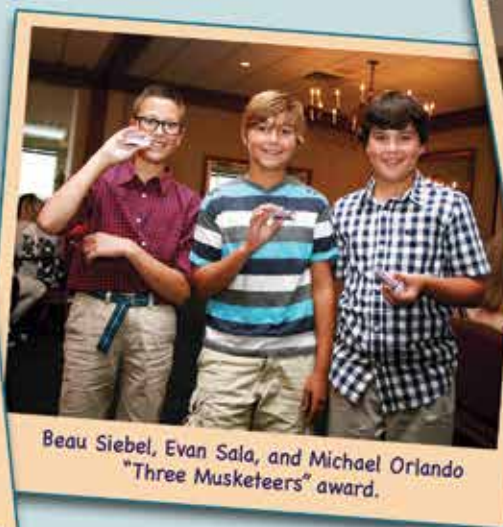
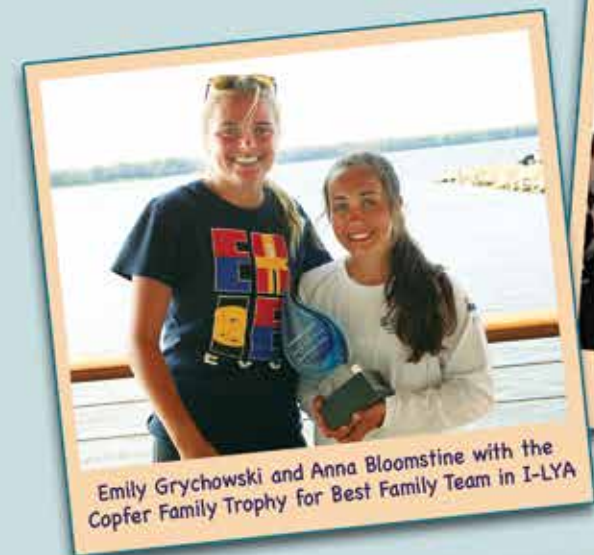
Kylie Levis

Jeffery Potter Memorial Award:

Katherine Faller

Rose Cup winners:

- 1st. Skipper -Evan Johnson
Crew - Caitlin Magley



Commodore's Cup winners:

- 1st. Skipper - Emma Francoeur
Crew - Nick Margay
- 2nd. Skipper - Anna Bloomstine
Crew -Emily Grychowski
Crew - Peter Bloomstine
- 3rd. Skipper - Noah Nicolia
Crew - Jacob Barilla

Instructor Cup winners:

- 1st. Skipper - J.J. Case
Crew - Luca Hokaj
Crew - William McBrier
- 2nd. Skipper - Jacob Stuart
Crew - Emma Carlson
Crew - Kaliyah Edmonds
- 3rd. Skipper - Sydney Weed
Crew -Hannah Zieziula
Crew -Kaiya Kubasik

Optimist Star Cup winners:

- 1st. Railey Kranz
- 2nd. Hayden Franos
- 3rd. Braeden Shilling

Jr Commodore Cup winners:

- 1st. Henry Polaski
- 2nd. Anthony Farrar
- 3rd. Luca Hokaj

Friday Cup winners:

- 1st. Skipper - Garrett Blake
Crew - Mason Presler
- 2nd. Skipper - Jacob Stuart
Crew - Abigail Ferrara
- 3rd. Skipper - Sam Pentz
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Thursday Night Trivia

Do you have the answers?

by P/C Dave Heitzenrater



Last season's Thursday night trivia games ended the highly entertaining eleven weeks in a very close battle before a capacity crowd. One very determined team had been slowly closing in on the two leading teams in the latter half of the season. The season championship actually went down to the final day and the final round of ten questions. Team Grand Cru took the entire evening of 60 intriguing questions to edge up to and match the 633 points amassed by the leading squad.

Wow, Grand Cru had done it and forced a tie. The room was filled with tension as the skillful and entertaining Quizmaster P/C Ronald Busse threw out a series of more difficult tie breaker questions. Both teams failed to be successful after several additional queries however team Dover Stairmasters finally broke the dead lock and outlasted Grand Cru by knowing the name of the highest mountain in New Zealand to take the 2014 championship. Two time defending team Red Herring came in close behind in third place. A great fun night. So if you happen to be heading to New Zealand soon, here is a heads up, its Mt. Cook.

Fun? Yes it was for the players of the 25 different teams with an average 20 teams participating per night. You can be involved in the games by simply gathering a few friends for your own team or simply come on down the hill and join an existing group.

Be prepared for an entertaining evening of exciting questions while enjoying some great food specials and beverages. You don't have to be a genius since the questions are general in nature and are derived from categories including movies, current events, arts, music, literature, sports, geography, science and some history.

It is helpful to have youthful and experienced members contributing in your group but not necessary. You don't have to win to have fun but scores are noted for those interested and prizes awarded after each topical round of questions.

The quizmaster starts quizzing precisely at 7:00 pm on January 8th. Could the initial question be: Which James Bond villain played by actor Harold Sakata, used his bowler hat as a deadly weapon?



Game night dates for 2015 are:
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February 5, 12, 19, 26
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Merry Christmas & Other Good Words

by Dan Dundon

Thanks to all the Erie Yacht Club
members who sent me quotations!
Thanks especially to Tom Madura
(who apparently likes winter more
than I) for these inspiring words
about the season:

People don't notice whether it's win-
ter or summer when they're happy.
- Anton Chekhov

If Winter comes, can Spring be far
behind?
- Percy Bysshe Shelley

O Winter! ruler of the inverted year,
... I crown thee king of intimate de-
lights, fireside enjoyments, home-
born happiness, and all the comforts
that the lowly roof of undisturb'd re-
tirement, and the hours of long unin-
terrupted evening, know.
- William Cowper (1731 - 1800)

Winter, which, being full of care,
makes summer's welcome thrice
more wish'd, more rare.
- William Shakespeare (1564 - 1616)

I fell on the ice and told Tom
Madura that Andy Williams was
wrong... "It's NOT the most wonder-
ful time of the year." Tom told me
I was a grumpy old something.

In closing here are some Christmas
gift suggestions from Oren Arnold:

To your enemy, forgiveness
To an opponent, tolerance
To a friend, your heart
To a customer, service
To all, charity
To every child, a good example
To yourself, respect

So, Merry Christmas and Happy
Winter Holidays to all! We hope to
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Club Offers Absentee Ballot

The 2014 Annual Meeting will take place on Friday November 21st. At this time, absentee ballots for the election to office are available. By notifying the Secretary-Treasurer that you would like an absentee ballot for the candidates for election by either emailing secretary@erieyachtclub.org or stopping by or calling the EYC office during business hours. The office hours are Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4:30PM and Saturday 8AM to 3PM. The Club phone number is 453-4931.

Please advise the office of the address to which you would like your ballot mailed. Ballots won't be mailed until 25 days prior to the Annual Meeting on November 21st, 2014 so that we can accommodate anyone who may choose to run by petition.

The office will keep a list of those members to whom we send a ballot. Once we mail you a ballot, you will not be eligible to receive another ballot. This is because to keep the ballots "anonymous" we would have no way to ascertain whether you had already returned your ballot. If your plans change and you are able to attend the meeting, you will only be given a ballot for any resolutions to be voted on that night. It is one ballot per Regular Member in good standing.

Once you receive your absentee ballot, please mark it and return it to the Club in the specially marked envelope as soon as possible. The returned ballots will be placed under lock and key in the office until the night of the meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer will then give all returned ballots to the Head Teller to be tallied with those cast at the meeting. You may return your sealed ballot to the Club as late as the start of the meeting on November 21st at 7:30.

Any questions? Feel free to stop by or call the Club office.



The following regular members of the Erie Yacht Club have been nominated for the indicated office. The following Slate of Candidates is for consideration by the regular members at the Annual Meeting on November 21st, 2014.

CANDIDATES

COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:
Bradley Enterline

VICE COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:
John Orlando

REAR COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:
David Haller

FLEET CAPTAIN - ELECT ONE:
Greg Gorney

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ELECT TWO:
Andy Fritts
Vince Ciffelli
Rich Speicher
Harvey Downey

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECT THREE:
Dan Dundon
Doug Loesel
Gary Borowy
Mike Squeglia
Ron Geronio

To assist you in your evaluation of these candidates, each of the nominees was asked to prepare a statement for your consideration. These statements follow. Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on Friday, November 21st at 7:30pm to vote for the candidates of your choice.

The Officers and Board of Directors thank the following Board members who have completed their terms on the Board for their dedicated service to the Club:

DAN DUNDON, MICKEY MCMAHON AND P/C MATT NIEMIC

Also Nominating Committee members:

P/C BOB ALLSHOUSE, P/C DAVID AMATANGELO, P/C TOM TROST, JOE NAGLE,
BOB NELSON, P/C DAVID HEITZENRATER AND COMMODORE ED SCHULER, EX-OFFICIO

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting and the 2014 complete Financial Statement will be made available for members to pick up on November 10th, 2014 in the Club's front office.

In addition an abbreviated version of the financial report will be available on the Club's website in the "Members' Only" section and be emailed to those members with an email address on file.

The Bridge Officers



COMMODORE BRADLEY ENTERLINE

I would first like to express that it has been an honor to serve as an officer on the Bridge. I do not take this responsibility lightly and as Commodore, I will be committed to continuing the positive leadership and positioning us as a strong and vibrant yacht club. I am grateful for the volunteers who continue to serve this club in an unselfish and sacrificial manner, and I am impressed with the number of members who have offered their support. I believe this is what makes our yacht club so great!

When I travel to other clubs, I am struck with the realization of how blessed we are here at the Erie Yacht Club. Coming down to the Club produces a similar feeling as does coming home from a long day. A sense of comfort, rest, peace and joy waits just through the gate. While there are always challenges to face, I am confident that as a club we will pull together and make good sound decisions honoring the tradition of the Erie Yacht Club. It has been a great pleasure to work with my fellow officers, and a very dedicated and talented board and staff.

I look forward to serving you in the coming year and vow to use my best efforts at the helm to keep us on a steady and true course. Most of all, I look forward to enjoying our home away from home, in your company, for the coming year.

The Bridge Officers



REAR COMMODORE DAVID HALLER

The Fleet Captain's position is a very eye opening experience, even when one has board experience for three years. We on the Grounds Committee, Bill Vogel and crew, had a very interesting and surprising year. The new signage, the rework of the East boat storage area, the new pump out station, the repair of Ravine Drive ice problem are just a few of the problems we handled. The "piggyback parking" scheme appears to have been a success and we will continue it for next year. I, of course, thank the Bridge, the Board, the Grounds Committee, the membership and all the dedicated Yacht Club employees who supported me as Fleet Captain.

The Boathouse was one of my favorite buildings to complete. It speaks for itself. The Jr. Sailing School was again a great success this year and will continue to be a stellar asset to the Club.

As your Rear Commodore, I will pursue my responsibilities with the same vigor and enthusiasm as in the past, and I ask for your vote for this office. The honor of serving the Club is my pleasure. I wish to thank my wife Ann for supporting me all the time I have spent away from home.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J Haller
Fleet Captain



VICE COMMODORE JOHN ORLANDO

Thank you for your support during my term as Rear Commodore. It is an honor to be elected to serve on the Bridge and give service back to our Club. My duties this year included dock committee chairman among many others. It was a pleasure to work with this committee consisting of many members who have served on it for years. We had the welcome task of assigning slips to members in what turned out to be a sold out basin. We also spent a great deal of time trying to accommodate the many requests by the slip holders. The new docks continue to hold up well and weathered a tough winter with no issues to speak of.

Early in the summer I worked along with the Fleet Captain and Dock master on improvements to the dry sail area. We resurfaced the area across from the launch ramp with a limestone based material which eliminated low spots and provides a more stable ground for both the dry sail boats and the winter stored boats. This option was a more cost effective solution at this time and didn't require the installation of drainage as paving would have. The cranes in the dry sail area were also reconfigured to allow both to be used at the same time. This was done in house by our own capable grounds crew at a substantial savings to the Club.

I would like to thank the dock committee as well as the many members who I've worked with this year on other projects who are dedicated to improving our Club. I look forward to your continued support as Vice Commodore.



FLEET CAPTAIN GREG GORNEY

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for giving me the opportunity to run for Fleet Captain of the Erie Yacht Club. I recognize it as a great honor and am truly excited to have the opportunity to serve the Club in this capacity. The Erie Yacht Club has been an important part of my life, first as a Junior Family member and then a regular member since 1976.

In my years as a member, I have served as the Erie Yacht Club Racing Fleet chairman, been a member of the Board of Directors and the chairman of the Nominating Committee, built floating docks, and participated in many volunteer efforts at our club. As Fleet Captain I promise to add to the continuous improvement process of the Club by working closely with the Bridge and Board, our numerous committees, and our great staff.

I have watched our Club grow and prosper over the years and will work hard to be a factor in its continued success. I believe the creation of the Finance Committee this past year is just one excellent example of the foresight of the current EYC leadership that will carry us into the future on a solid fiscal foundation. It is ideas like this that will assure our continued success.

I appreciate your vote and look forward to seeing you all at the Club.

**Don't Forget to Cast your Vote
On Friday, November 21st at 7:30 PM**

The Bridge Officers



VINCE CIFELLI

Hello fellow Yacht Club members,

My name is Vincent Cifelli (Vinnie). I am honored to have been chosen by the Nominating Committee to be on our ballot for Board of Directors. I have been a member of Erie Yacht Club since 1998, I own & operate Cifelli Auto Sales & Service & Cifelli properties along with my wife of over 24 years Mary Lee (Lee).

Along the way some of my experience include working with customers, employees, contractors, vendors, banks, accountants, lawyers, state and local government officials, and many more people and agencies. I call the Yacht Club "My Happy Place" and as a Board Member I would work to keep our Club the best on Lake Erie and in tact for future generations. Please Support your Club by attending the annual meeting and voting for the candidate of your choice.



RICH SPEICHER

I want to thank the Nominating Committee for placing my name in the running for a seat on the Erie Yacht Club Board of Directors. I consider it a distinct honor to have been asked.

I have been a member for over a decade and in that time have enjoyed boating in Erie as well as participating in many social activities where I can display my questionable dancing skills! One of the most enjoyable efforts was working on the committee to develop the Basin Improvement Plan while creating numerous alternative layouts and options for consideration. Many of my closest friends are now drawn from the membership.

I was introduced to sailing at age 12 at Freeport in North East and sailed an OK Dinghy through my college years and then eventually transitioned to a powerboat. I am architect with nearly 40 years of experience and have been a Principal of Weber Murphy Fox, a regional design and construction management firm, since 1984. Currently, I serve as our Erie Office General Manager and Treasurer. As treasurer my responsibilities include all financial operations, human relations and IT and design software systems as well as leading projects in our institutional, recreational and hospitality sectors. I am also fortunate to serve the City of Erie as Chairman of the Planning Commission and have served on the Design Review Committee since its inception. The Bridge and Board face the need to respond to a changing environment while maintaining the traditions and ethos that make the Erie Yacht Club dynamic and vibrant.

I believe that my planning experience, my problem solving experience and my business experience will help me confront both the challenges in maintaining the EYC's momentum as well in addressing the issues present in any large organization. I would appreciate your vote.



HARVEY DOWNEY

My good friend, PC Pete Gorny once shared a comment with me that essentially went - "It's a volunteer club, someone has to do it..." I agree with my old pal Pete, and while every member may not have the time or capacity to volunteer, I do at this point of my life, and I'm happy to be running for the Board of Directors.

As owner & CEO of NaviTek Machining Corp, I have experience in managing both a business and financial statements. I have sat on numerous for-profit & non-profit Boards over the last twenty years. The Boards include INRANGE Systems, The Erie Conference, Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership (Board member & Chairman), and the Economic Development Corporation of Erie County.

I currently sit on the Fairview Township Planning Board, and am an advisor to the Board of Directors for INRANGE Systems. The membership is fortunate to have such a great line up of volunteers for this year's election, and I'm honored to have been asked to join this slate of candidates.

Respectfully submitted by Harvey E. Downey



ANDY FRITTS

First, I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for another opportunity to run as a candidate for the Board of Directors. It would be an honor to serve and support the members of the Erie Yacht Club.

As a life long boater and Erie native, the Club has been a great part of my life on the water. I have spent the last 20 years sailing Wednesday night races with my brothers and father, as well as competing in the annual Lake Erie Interclub Cruise. My wife Molly and I regularly spend summer nights at the Club with our two children, Jacob and Henry, enjoying quiet evenings relaxing on our boat and watching the great sunsets.

Since joining the EYC in 2007, I have been very impressed with the level of commitment, support and overall camaraderie demonstrated by both Club members and the staff of this fantastic place. I have served on the House Committee for the past three years and now have a better understanding of Club operations, which I plan to leverage if elected to ensure the EYC remains a well-run, family-friendly place.

I feel my business experience as President & CEO of fh group, an integrated marketing and web technology firm, will bring a new perspective to the EYC Board that I believe will be beneficial to our membership base and the Club organization as a whole. I thank you for your consideration and look forward to your support.

Candidates for Nominating Committee



**GARY
BOROWY**

I am thankful to have been asked to run for a seat on the nominating committee. I have been a member of the Erie Yacht Club since 2006, however I have boated my entire life. My Dad taught me to row a boat before I was out of diapers. I love Erie, and have lived here my entire life. After graduating from college, I began a career in the insurance industry, and have owned and operated Borowy Insurance Agency since 1974. I love dealing with people, and feel I would be able to help select quality candidates to serve this wonder club of ours.

I currently serve on the Board at Harborcreek Youth Services, and Supportive Living Services. I understand how Boards operate, and have been successful in working with others to guide organizations to operate efficiently, while providing the best possible service to our clients. If elected, I promise to help put forth a slate of candidates who will best serve you.

Thank you for considering me for this committee.

Best regards,
Gary



**DOUG
LOESEL**

I am honored to be nominated to run as a candidate for the Nominating Committee. I have been a member of EYC all of my adult life. My family has been a part of EYC for over 100 years now. My father and uncle both served as Commodore. I served 6 years on the Board of Directors and several committees over the last 35 years. I have worked with members of the Safety Committee to address concerns at our great Club as well as mixing up your Tom and Jerry's on New Years' Day.

I am acquainted with dozens of Past Commodores and understand the type of individual it takes to successfully lead our club. If elected, I will work with the other members of the Nominating Committee to search out the most qualified candidates to run in next year's election.

I do appreciate your consideration for a vote at the Annual Meeting. I will give my best effort to this position.

Thank you,

Doug Loesel

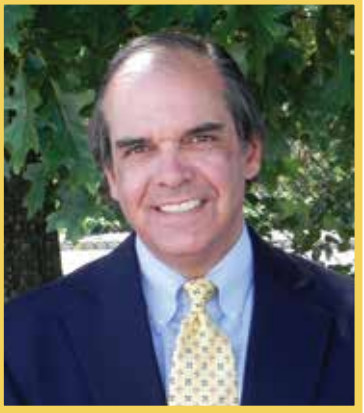


**RON
GERONO**

A native Pittsburgher, I came to Erie to attend Gan-non College. It didn't take long to discover the differences between living on a lake shore and living on a river bank. Lake wins ! After graduation, and marrying Erie native, Elaine, we purchased Paris Cleaners and settled into life on this beautiful south shore. Boating became our major family recreation and we were accepted into membership in EYC in 1988. That was the most fortunate event in our boating lives. To this day, even though our children are scattered around the U.S., any time they make it home between May and October the first request is to "go down to the Club and take the boat out."

It is an honor to be asked to run for a position on the nominating committee along with these notable members. If elected, I will serve with pride, diligence and enthusiasm for the best interest of the Club.

Thank you
Ron Geroni



**MIKE
SQUEGLIA**

Dear Fellow EYC Members: I am honored to be considered a candidate for the Nominating Committee. I have been a member of the Erie Yacht Club for 17 years. During that time, my family and I have enjoyed the EYC social activities and camaraderie afforded us.

Both my son and daughter participated in the Reyburn Sailing School and enjoyed the children's holiday events, while I have been active in the Race Fleet crewing on several boats and have chaired the Race Committee for the past five years.

Professionally, I am the President of B.F. Fields Moving & Storage, I have been a member of the Board of Directors of the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority for the past 15 years, and served as a past Chairman of the Board of Harborcreek Youth Services.

If elected to serve on the Nominating Committee, I will use my business and board experience and ethics in selecting candidates who will, first and foremost, endeavor to promote and maintain the Erie Yacht Club as one of the best on Lake Erie.



**DAN
DUNDON**

For thirty-three years, my wife Kathy, children Laura and Chris and I have sailed our Catalina 25, Ariel, from L-dock. During this time, we have certainly come to think of EYC as "home". Over these years we've made efforts to see EYC is even more of a special place for family, friends and fellow members.

P.C. Gerry Urbaniak and I co-chaired the Centennial Oktoberfest in 1995 which is one of EYC's most popular annual events. In 2001 Pete Traphagan asked me to head the Entertainment committee. I have been doing so and have been an active member of the House Committee, since. Among additional events we have planned are the 100 Days 'til Summer Parties, Thursday Happy Hour on the Deck and the Winter Solstice Parties.

For many years, I volunteered at the Frolic-on-the-Bay. I took over as Frolic chairman seven years ago and continue to chair this community-oriented event. For the past three years, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the EYC Board of Directors. I crew with Dave Heitzenrater on Raven. I have been an active member of the EYC racing fleet for over thirty years. Four years ago, I retired after 37 years of helping architects design hospitals and health-care facilities.

I thank the 2014 Nominating Committee for their confidence in me and look forward to serving on the 2015 Nominating Committee.

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November Calendar of Club Events

- 1st EYC Racing Fleet Banquet • 9pm
Entertainment by Smoken Section
- 2nd A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
Sunday NFL Football • 1pm
the EYC has the Sunday Ticket for
all your favorite games.
- 3rd Monday NFL Football at the Club
7pm • Pizza, Hot Dogs! only \$4
- 9th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
Sunday NFL Football • 1pm
the EYC has the Sunday Ticket for
all your favorite games.
- 10th Monday NFL Football at the Club
7pm • Pizza, Hot Dogs! only \$4
- 16th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
Sunday NFL Football • 1pm
the EYC has the Sunday Ticket for
all your favorite games.
- 17th Monday NFL Football at the Club
7pm • Pizza, Hot Dogs! only \$4
- 21st EYC Annual Meeting • 7:30pm
Only regular members permitted
at meeting - No guests or spouses
Dining room opens at 5pm
- 23rd A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
Sunday NFL Football • 1pm
the EYC has the Sunday Ticket for
all your favorite games.
- 24th Monday NFL Football at the Club
7pm • Pizza, Hot Dogs! only \$4
- 26th EYC Turkey Bowl • 5-9pm
Drink & Dinner Specials
Complimentary Hors d' oeuvres
Entertainment with Encore
- 27th Happy Thanksgiving • Club closed
- 30th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
Sunday NFL Football • 1pm
the EYC has the Sunday Ticket for
all your favorite games.

KEEP CALM AND LET THE EYC HANDLE YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Another Christmas party season is fast approaching! The Erie Yacht Club is the perfect location for your business or organizations Christmas party. Not only will you enjoy beautiful panoramic views of Presque Isle Bay from our Bayside Ballroom, but the clubhouse is sure to be adorned in plenty of holiday spirit.

Red and Green embellishments throughout the clubhouse provide a joyful, sophisticated setting for your upcoming Christmas party. We take the worry out of decorating, and are certain to provide enough Christmas feast and yuletide to satisfy any occasion. Whether large or small, casual or formal, the Erie Yacht Club has all the options for your holiday festivities.

Although weekend dates are filling quickly, we are still accepting reservations for weekdays and Sunday afternoon or evenings. Please remember, these dates will fill quickly so be certain to call today and reserve a date!

Please contact our Catering Manager, Elizabeth Dougan, either at 453-4931 or catering@eriyachtclub.org.

Happy Holidays!



December Calendar of Club Events

- 1st Monday NFL Football at the Club
7pm • Pizza, Hot Dogs! only \$4
- 6th Members Winter Wonderland
Dinner Dance Christmas Party
7 - 12pm with music by Manhattan
- 7th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 8th Monday NFL Football at the Club
7pm • Pizza, Hot Dogs! only \$4
- 13th Breakfast with Santa • 10am
Visit with Santa • Kids decorate an
ornament from Claytopia
Entertainment from the Collegiate
Academy Vocal Jazz Band
- 14th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 15th Monday NFL Football at the Club
7pm • Pizza, Hot Dogs! only \$4
- 16th Dinner with Santa • 6pm
Kids decorate Claytopia Ornament
Visit from Santa • Entertainment
from the Collegiate Academy
Vocal Jazz Band
- 20th Winter Solstice Party On the Deck
6-10pm • The Band, the Bar the
Members! • Drink Specials
Entertainment by Key West Express
- 21st A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 22nd Monday NFL Football at the Club
7pm • Pizza, Hot Dogs! only \$4
- 24th Christmas Eve Club Closes at 2pm
- 25th Merry Christmas! Club closed
- 28th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 31st An EYC New Year's Eve • 7:30pm
Music with Street Level begins at 9pm
Hors D' Oeuvres • Party Favors
Champaign Toast • Casual Dress
reservations at 453-4931

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We are very, very appreciative of our ongoing LOG contributors. I'm sure you will agree that they do a great job. However, I'm sure you will also agree that it should not be left up to the same Club members every issue to provide content. All of you have something to contribute! You do not need to be a writer. You do not need to use proper spelling or grammar. All you need is a story to tell, or a collection of photographs to share, or some words of wisdom to express and we can assist you in putting it together correctly for a future LOG.

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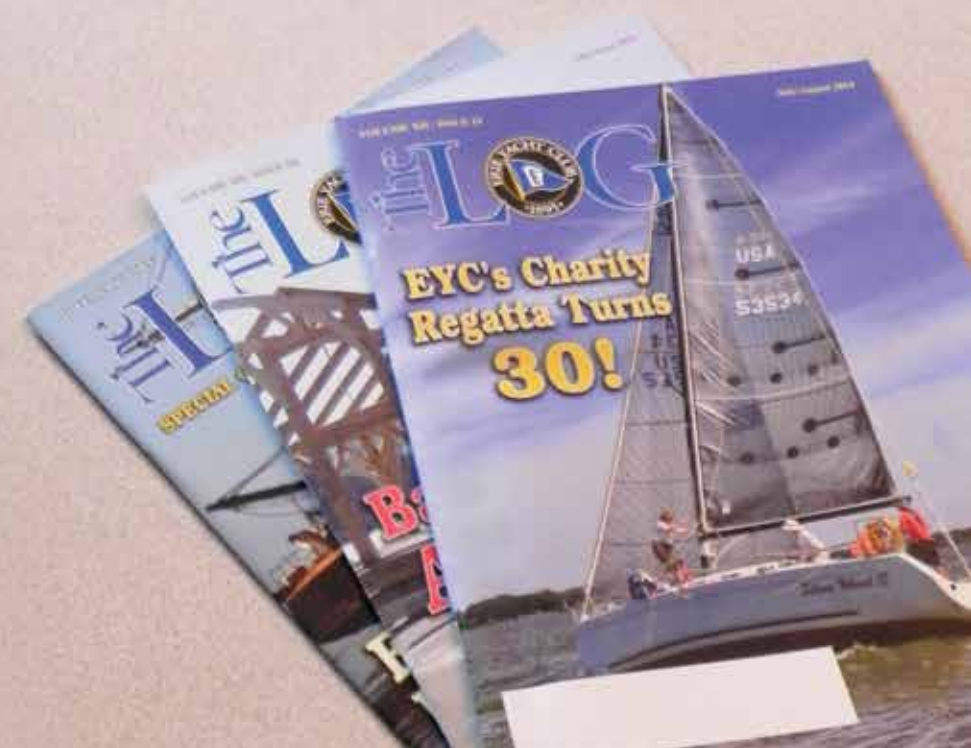
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