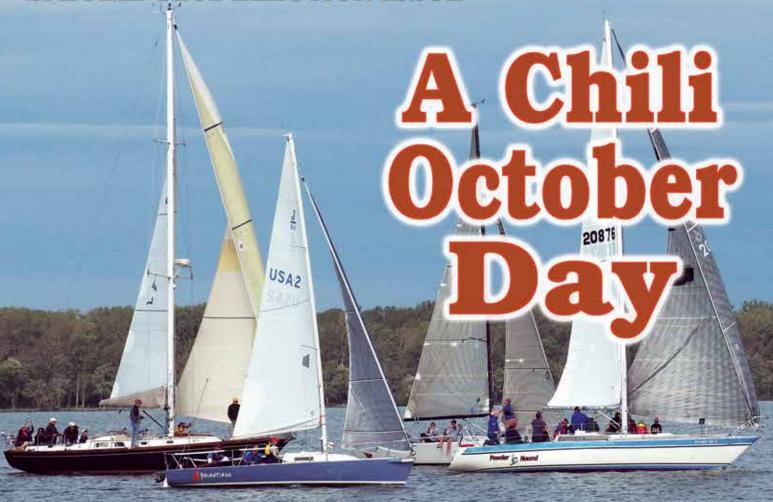
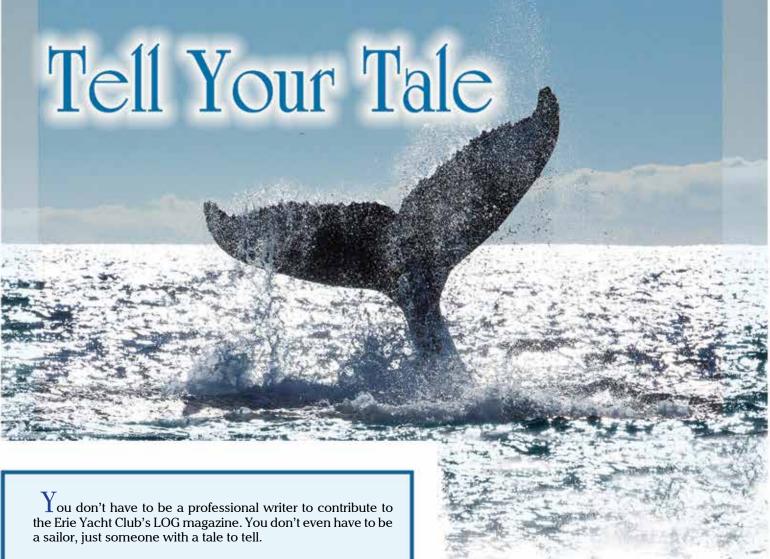
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SPECIAL GLUB ELECTION ISSUE





A tidbit from the history of the Club, an unusual vacation destination, or an epic boat race are all good story topics for your LOG magazine. Interesting stories come in all shapes and

LOG stories can be informational, like how to patch a hull, inspirational, as in the Lake Erie Solo challenge, or perhaps you'd like to call some well deserved attention to another member's generosity to the Club or community. Stories can also be just plain entertaining like surviving that cruising vacation with your

Although a picture is worth a thousand words they are not a necessity when submitting an article to the LOG. (Although if they help tell the story they are still worth at least a couple hundred words!). Pictures are greatly appreciated however, when at all possible, especially when dealing with specifics or a difficult explanation.

There are also no word count requirements, all article lengths are needed. Heck, you don't even need to use proper grammar! The Log staff reviews and will correct any grammatical mishaps. Writers also have the opportunity to review the finished article before it goes to press if they choose. You don't have to be a great author like Mark Twain or William Shakespeare to submit a LOG article, but you may feel like one after seeing your story in print.

So c'mon all the cool kids are doin' it!

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From the Bridge

by Commodore Bill Gloekler

This Issue of the LOG presents candidates who have volunteered to run for office at the EYC. EYC is so blessed to have people willing to step up and offer their time and talent to address the needs of the Club. The fact that we have a waiting list of folks wanting to join the EYC is a testament to your Club's professional management and volunteer leadership.

This article will be the last I write as a Bridge officer and so permit me a few lines to offer a bit of reflection. First of all, know that the Bridge and Board's work is made immeasurably easier by the skill and hard work of our professional staff; Thank you EYC staff for all that you do! I've had the opportunity to serve 3 years on the Board and 4 years on the Bridge and I can tell you it has been a very enjoyable experience which I would highly recommend to anyone interested. During that term we've completed many

projects including; upgrading the EYC gas well, completing the "I" Dock upgrade, reconstituting the Finance Committee, refinancing the Basin Debt, and working with the EYC Safety Committee to create new grounds and house safety manuals. Time has passed quickly and it has been an honor having helped, in a small measure, to provide a steady helm over the past year.

As we enter our 125th year I believe your Club is in excellent financial shape, has an engaged and active membership, and strong leadership to guide it forward. Thank you for the honor of allowing me the opportunity to serve this great Club!

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Boats cross the starting line to begin the eleventh annual EYC Chili Cup race on a beautiful October sailing day.

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This year's edition of the EYC Chili
Cup race is now in the books, and it
lived up to what has become a great
traditional end to the EYC racing
season.

October sailing in Erie is always a
bit unpredictable, and we have had
our share of cold, wind, rain and
fog over the years, as well as some
warm and sunny days. The 2019

Little did I know when I started this event way back in 2009 that it would continue to grow in popularity each year to become one of the most anticipated Fall sailing events at the Erie Yacht Club. There are no glamorous sponsors, and no big cash prizes - just the camaraderie of a sailboat race and a chili cookoff. Plus, everybody gets to eat chili, drink beer, and swap stories - what a great way to spend the first Sunday in October!

October sailing in Erie is always a our share of cold, wind, rain and fog over the years, as well as some warm and sunny days. The 2019 Chili Cup was contested on a day when the weather forecast was calling for overcast skies and up to 18 knots of wind with gusts up to near thirty knots. Thankfully, the weatherman was once again way off, and the race was sailed under partly sunny skies in 10-12 knots of breeze - perfect Fall sailing conditions! Prizes were awarded for both sailing and cooking, and the much-coveted Chili Cup trophy was awarded to the boat with the combined highest score in both racing and chili making.

The race is run under the "Family JAM" rules, and the large fleet had boats of all sizes, including several Windmills. With 25 boats participating, the Race Committee wisely chose to divide the fleet into three separate starts.

A. J. Ficcardi's J-29 "Joker" flew around the course and took first place overall in the race. "Relentless", a J-80 visiting from Canada, took second place, marking this as the first international EYC Chili Cup race! Ron Hamilton and the veteran crew of Powder Hound came in 3rd. Each boat received a prize ribbon and a bottle of wine for their efforts on the race course.

For the chili cookoff, the Race Committee led by Mike Squeglia once again stepped up to taste and judge a record 31 different chili recipes! After much deliberation, they eventually reached a consensus and awarded first place to the entry from Joker. Second place in the chili cook-off went to Radiance, while third place went to Zapoi. In keeping with the tradition, the prizes for the chili recipes were cooking related - the three winners received stainless steel mixing bowls that they can put to use to try and repeat their success.

With a first place in the boat race and a first place in the chili cookoff, Joker was the indisputable winner of the overall 2019 Chili Cup trophy. This trophy is a sailboat-shaped wooden cutting board with a brass plaque on the front and the names of each year's winner inscribed on the back. It is on permanent display in the EYC trophy case.

The day was not without its challenges - finding a way to plug in 30 crock pots on the EYC Deck was a problem, but as always ingenuity prevailed, and hot chili was available to all! The record turnout also caused a shortage of bowls and a quickly depleted beer keg, but these situations were quickly remedied.

By the end of the day, everyone seemed to have had their fill of chili, cheese, cornbread, and other treats that racers showed up with.

So, a fine day of Fall racing, cold beer, and hot chili - and once again, lots of folks came together at the Erie Yacht Club for a great time. Next October will be here before you know it, so get your chili recipes ready and hopefully we'll see you at the 2020 Chili Cup!





Thursday Night Trivia 2020

The Quizzing Begins January 9th

by P/C Dave Heitzenrater

Nope! No need for 20/20 vision to have an amusing evening at the EYC but a good knowledge of meaningless facts will help your team's score soar. Yes, it is Fun, Easy and there is no cost to participate. Low pressure and entertaining are the antidotes to get us through those long winter months after the hectic holidays. Come and be lifted through those winter blues with friends, food and pleasant competition. Answer a few stimulating questions, smile and laugh which is the formula that will quickly make your winter pass.

As this past March concluded with anxious thoughts of spring arriving, excitement flooded the ballroom for our season's final evening as Quizmaster P/C Ron Busse presented the night's initial question. These slowly spoken words immediately brought the raucous room to silent contemplation. When the seasons quizzing was complete, The Silver Fleet's top teams held the previous week's position with Grand Cru, Joker and Naut a Clu finishing 1, 2, 3 respectively within a span of 5 points.

The Guessmen and Women held off the defending 2018 champs, the Dover Stairmasters who charged hard with the maximum scores in the final three nights of competition. Those guessing men and women out guessed all other teams while dethroning the Dover Stairmasters who have had several championships under their belt.

Congratulations to Team Captain Gary Johnson and the Guessmen and Women team members, our 2019 Champions who accepted the beautifully P/C Matt Niemic created Trivial Trivia Trophy Tray and congratulations to all players who supported EYC Thursday Night Trivia.

Wow, 2020. Time is flying by and it will be here in a nanosecond. The questions get airborne on January 9th, as we unveil our tenth season of EYC Thursday Night Trivia. There are eleven Thursdays of wide-ranging questions that are launched up at 7:00 PM sharp by our infamous quizzing, questioning and inquisitive quizmaster P/C Ronald 'The Riddler' Busse.

What to do:

- Join an existing team or gather up some of your friends and form a team. Trolling in the lounge especially near the bar is sometimes very helpful.
- Experienced and more youthful members of both sexes aids in success.
- A clever name is very important for your team but of course not necessary unless you want to be assigned a name like the Slimy Bottom Feeders or the Sinking See Ray's
- Thursday Night Trivia is very popular therefore weekly reservations are required to guarantee your team a spot on the playing floor each of the eleven evenings.
- Remember, you don't have to place 1st to have fun but scores are noted for those interested and prizes awarded after each topical round of questions.

Question: Which is the only mammal that cannot jump?







Robert Manry's famous 13 foot sailboat, Tinkerbelle, that he sailed across the North Atlantic alone in 1965, came to Erie in the form of a beautiful replica built by Howard Rice. Rice is also well known for sailing adventurers in his own 12 foot boat that he developed and built for long ocean cruises.

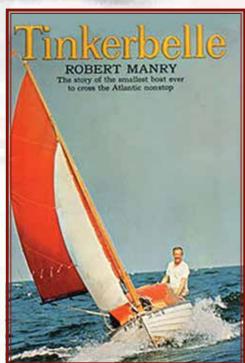
To introduce the Tinkerbelle launching, an award winning documentary film by Steve Wystrach, "In the wake of a Dream, Manry at Sea." time Center. The viewers then gathered at the East Slip to watch the christening and launch of the new decades. Tinkerbelle replica.

Douglas Manry, son of Robert Manry, christened the tiny yacht by pouring champagne on the bow, before it was lifted into the slip waters behind the Bayfront Center.

The Tinkerbelle, Manry's story had many connections to Erie, and for me as well. For years I have been greatly affected by him because of his amazing book, and other personal links. Many years before his famous ocean cruise, Manry had worked at the Erie Times News for was shown at the Bayfront Mari- awhile as a copy editor. I also spent some time there, being employed as a news photographer for three

Howard Rice and Douglas Manry just after christening of Rice's Replica of Tinkerbelle at the Bayfront Center by the East slip this spring.





Book cover of Robert Manry's bestselling novel, Tinkerbelle.

Manry moved with his family to Willowick Ohio, and on May 23, 1965 trailered his tiny boat to Cap Cod to start his famous voyage. A few months later I was also starting a long voyage, as I took Kathleen Knepper as my new wife, being married at Saint Ann Church, in Erie.

My story then fast forwards to 1967, when I was stationed in West Germany working as a photographer for an Army newspaper. At that time I happened to read a book called Tinkerbelle, about a guy from Cleveland who sailed his small sailboat to England alone.



Richard Eisenberg, Executive Director of the Bayfront Maritime Center, and Scott Hitz just after the launch and christening of Howard Rice's replica of Tinkerbelle.

I was no stranger to sailing but only built iceboats at my home, and never had a soft water boat as we called them. After being totally captivated by the Manry voyage, I couldn't wait to get home to get at least a small cabin sailboat.

After reading a story in Mechanics Illustrated with plans for a looka-like version of Manry's Tinkerbell. I wrote a letter to the famous sailor who surprised me with a return note, saying that he knew about the published plans, but didn't think it would be a safe craft for a long ocean voyage. He also mentioned that he was on a new trip in a Tartan 27, sailing around the eastern half of the US with his family. I was amazed that such a celebrity author, and sailor would take the time to answer my letter.

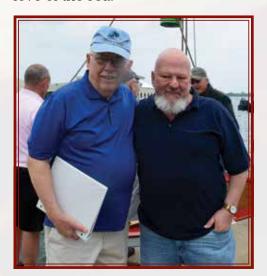
As the years went by my love of sailing grew stronger and I especially enjoyed stories about cruises in small boats. It wasn't just the long dangerous adventures that became my passion but the way many authors told their stories, but Manry remained my favorite.



Howard Rice in his yard in northern Michigan, in the early stages of the Tinkerbelle boat building project, which was hand-crafted to the exact measurements and design of the original Tinkerbelle.

Manry wrote: "I had to concede that my voyage would benefit few persons other than myself, except insofar as it might momentarily, lift some who heard of it, out of the routine of their own lives, but it did give life. me segment of existence that, God willing, I might fashion into something nearer to a work of art than my life on land had been."

Little did Robert Manry know when he wrote this, just how much his story would inspire so many people to take up sailing, and boating of all types, by his artfull writing and deep love of the sea.



Paul Jenkins and Douglas Manry, son of Robery Manry, spent some time talking about the new Tinkerbelle as well as the old one that sailed the Atlantic.

For this old sailor, he opened my world to decades of joy on the water and a passion for wooden boat building, with countless boats and memories that have enriched my

When I first saw Howard Rice's magnificent replica of Tinkerbelle, I got goose bumps to see what the original boat must have looked like, but then I realized it wasn't just the cute little boat, but the unreal achievement of what some would call "an ordinary man that accomplished an extraordinary feat."

Robert Manry, died February 21, 1971 and has shown us that we can also do amazing things if we set high goals and believe in ourselves, as this wonderful man has done.



The EYC Cruisers are a happy lot who always try to make the best of what the weather gods hand them. After a summer of mostly canceled events due to bad weather, 6 brave the northeast pushing them forward vessels made their way to Cleveland, OH to spend Labor Day weekend at the Old River Yacht Club to see the Cleveland Airshow.

Michael Wathan and wife Barbara, captain and first mate of Our Quarters and Dave and Pam Davis of Steel' N Time led the weekend excursion which included Tim and Annalynn Shuttleworth aboard A'Lure, Jason and Trisha Paglia on Knot Normal, Jason Grinarml and Vickie Thomas and Robin Smith on My Girl, Put-in-Bay.

Five of our committed power boaters left in rough seas on the Friday before Labor Day weekend, churning up 4-6 ft swells with wind from to Geneva on the Lake for the night, a welcome stop before heading on to Cleveland on Saturday morning. Shuttleworths didn't stop at Genenight. It was slow going and a bumpy ride but at least we weren't forced to fight the waves for the entire trip.

For those of you who haven't been there, Geneva on the Lake has a very nice and convenient public marina where we were met with valets Clements on Knot So Fast, and Jim in golf carts who offered their assistance. Something else that's unique who joined the group at ORYC on to GOTL is that there is a taxi serthe way back from an earlier trip to vice to take you into town from the marina or next to the marina at the Geneva on the Lake Lodge. These taxis, which are a larger version of a golf cart, run continuously from one end of main street to the other.

Wathans, Grinarmls and Paglias had left earlier in the day on Friday afternoon which gave them the opportunity to attack the infamous GOTL Monster Pub Crawl. This consisted of visiting 9 bars, having a drink at each and getting a card stamped. Your prize: a really nice buzz and a tee-shirt! When Dave va but headed on to Mentor for the and I arrived, harried from the bouncy trip, we met the group at bar #11, where they were attempting to win a second tee shirt. There was no way we would be able to catch up. We heard that we missed quite an afternoon of depravity including some XXX-rated shots, pictures of which now can be used as black mail if the need ever arises. EYC members know how to have fun... that is for sure?

Dave and I set out to find a burger and a beer and ended up at GOTL Brewing. They had a great band playing all our 1970 and 80's favorites. Best part, we were able to grab a seat outside at the bar and see an incredible sunset. Afterwards we walked up the kitschy main street which reminded us of the boardwalk in Wildwood. NJ back in the 70's... the little town is a complete throw back.

We were drawn down an alley to find a Karaoke DJ playing to a few locals sitting at picnic tables... a moppy rag-tag lot, they each got up and sang their hearts out. Have we been deposited on another planet?? On we marched and were again drawn in by the music, this time there was a gigantic screen displaying Bruno Mars with a sand filled dance area full of young people. Everywhere we went there were young women with matching tee-shirts trailing a bride in full veil and sash. I think that this spot must be the choice for lots of pre-wedding parties.

Moving in the direction of the marina, our final stop took us to a lovely out-door garden where on stage was an incredible Motown cover band. What an evening! Something for every musical taste.

Next morning, we woke to overcast skies, waves crashing over the break wall and the threat of storms. We assembled to decide if we should head on to Cleveland. After much talk we took a short ride out of the marina to assess the situation and a few of us decided to just go for it... slowly.

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Best Seat in the House...

EYC Cruisers Attend the Cleveland Airshow

Written by Pam & Dave Davis



EYC Cruisers Attend the **Cleveland Airshow**

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the waves, but we found a comfortable speed and made our way down the Lake. As we came upon was getting started, but it was extremely difficult to be out in the lake and watch because of the waves. We were able to catch a little bit of seas would calm down for better viewing. It was fun going up the Cuvahoga Rriver and we managed to time the bridges perfectly and get to the Old River Yacht Club and into our slip just as the Thunderbirds did Jason and Vicky. their maneuvers overhead.

Shuttleworths and Thomases had already arrived. The 3 boats behind us were held up by the bridges but finally made in into the marina and we helped everyone get settled.

Now it was time to party. We scoped out a spot of grass with a few picnic tables for happy hour. Everyone brought something to share and the EYC Cruisers Club donated mojitos and iced shrimp cocktail. This time we were driving into The pitchers of home-made mojitos were a hit with fresh mint and lots of rum. We had a full crew with many visitors and family joining us, includthe Lakefront Airport, the airshow ing EYC members Ron and Deb Gravatt, Jim's sister and husband from Rochester, his niece who attends Case Western and Annalynn's sister Suzy from Indiana and son James the show, hoping the next day the from Ohio State. These happy hours are great because we get a chance to exchange our trip stories and get to know each other better. It was especially nice welcoming our new EYC Cruisers, Jason and Tricia and

What would a boating weekend be without great food! Barbara Wathan cooked up all kinds of goodies in her galley and made sure no one went hungry. Platters kept emerging full of flatbreads and tacos, including her famous Texas Sheet Cake. Dave made sure everyone got their fill of Urbaniak's sausage and Montreal Salmon. Ice seemed to be the only problem... how does a yacht club run out of ice early in the day of a holiday weekend?

For future reference... This is the first time that many of us stayed at Old River Yacht Club and we got an eyeful and an earful. Jim's slip was the first right off the pool deck where a band played, and people partied into the wee hours. He had a few visitors looking to get their beer cooled and needing a pair of pants? Still trying to figure out what that was all about. Let's just say, EYC and our membership are one class act. Hoping to do this trip again but we all said we'd try a different yacht club next year.

Sunday morning, we woke to overcast skies, but the forecast seemed to be improving and Lake waters settled down, so we were able to head out into the lake and throw an anchor in front of the airport. What a thrill it was to have the Thunderbirds overhead and buzzing our boats, at what seemed like arm's length. The city of Cleveland made a beautiful backdrop for all the excitement. It was a truly thrilling day for all of us.

That evening a group of us called an Uber and went to The Harp, an Irish Pub, for dinner and again exchanged stories about our adventures from that afternoon. This is what makes traveling with the EYC Cruising Fleet so great. Even though we aren't together 24/7 we have each other to talk to and help and share the fun with. Everyone was friendly and happy to be there.

The weather forecast for Monday looked like it might be bad, so we all agreed that when we got up, whatever time that might be, we were going to leave. I think that Dave and I were the first out, but the others were not too far behind. Heading west was a little easier because the waves were behind us.

We stopped at Mentor to get gas, and as we were leaving, we saw three others duck in for the same. We decided to stop in Conneaut for lunch at Breakwall Barbeque. We were in no hurry to get back and the weather was clearing up. I always taught my kids... "it's the journey, not the destination." It's easy to pull up and dock at Breakwall Barbeque and always delicious!

Got home about 2:30 and all the other boats were safely tucked into their slips. It was another exciting and successful EYC Cruising Fleet event.



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As I often do, I was on a "Dock Tour" checking things out and admiring some of the beautiful boats here at EYC. If there are no girls sun bathing, "older" boats tend to catch my eye, in this case it was Bob Arlet's Westerly which got me to thinking (again) what ever happened to the Lake Erie Monster that once adorned her bowsprit??

Now you are thinking Lake Erie Monster? I never heard of such a thing!! Here is the very abbreviated Ice Age story: When the ice age started about a zillion or so years ago there was a mighty river that flowed eastward through what is now Lake Erie... when it was all over one of the creatures that had been roaming the earth was trapped right here in what is now Lake Erie.

This large ugly, frightful scaly fellow with a large tongue and bulging eves has been roaming around our waters ever since... scaring the "tar" out of those who have sighted it, or ing of the Lake Erie Monster for his so they say! (For a more accurate accounting of the Ice Age consult Wikipedia.)

Moving Forward: Our beloved Chet Curriden (of Tom and Jerry fame) and Captain of P/C Lawrence Nagle's yacht Eleanor III, claims his father Charles sighted a huge scaly monster with large mouth and curling tongue. At the time (1913) he was working as a watchman during the raising of the Niagara in Misery

Chet remembered the story well. On stormy nights when the Eleanor would be all snug in her slip at the Club, Chet would recount the sightaudience one of which was young P/C (1959) Doug Nagle Jr, later owner and Master of the Westerly.

The following appeared in the EYC LOG July 1972:

"Stories of the sighting of this monstrous creature have intrigued Doug Nagle since he sailed his first small boat on the waters of Presque Isle Bay. Now the Skipper of the yacht Westerly, has decided to call attention to the Lake Erie Monster so that it might be suitably remembered by those who know so little concerning its existence.

He commissioned a fellow-sailor. Paul Brugger, to prepare a drawing of the Monster's head based upon all of the reliable information available. From this drawing the artist (Paul was also a Master of Casting in the Lost Wax Technique) made his pattern, and had the head was cast in bronze to fit the bow of the Westerly. The complete figurehead weighs 108 pounds and is 46 inches in length. The Monster's mane is flying, its exophthalmic eyes are set deep in the head, jaws are wide open, fangs bared, lips curled, nostrils flared and a tongue that lashes forward with scales and spikes that cover the face. Is truly a work of art, and a fitting monument to the Monster of Lake Erie."

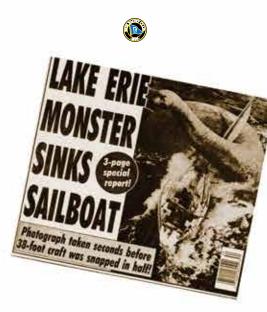
P/C (1987) Doug Nagle III tells me that at the time of the pour it was the largest single bronze piece ever cast in one pour. He also said it took two pours as the mold broke on the first attempt. In order to attach the Monster to the bowsprit a special bolt had to be made. The Westerly was pulled up tight to the header dock and the Monster was attached very carefully with the use of planks. block and tackle, man power and love.

When Westerly was sold and departed Erie in 1992 the Monster was taken off and placed in storage. There was talk about loaning it to the Maritime Museum for a display, but nothing ever developed.

When Bob Arlet rescued Westerly from a barn near Warren, Pa that had collapsed crushing her super structure (good for another story) he declined the offer to use the Monster as a figurehead.

At a sprawling 108 pounds it is a difficult piece to display unless you just happen to have an old boat bow laying around, so the Monster is safely tucked away just waiting for the opportunity to surface and continue the legend of the Lake Erie Monster!!

If These Docks Could Talk, they would say: "Rumor has it, with a little luck there will be sighting at the Tom and Jerry Party 2020"





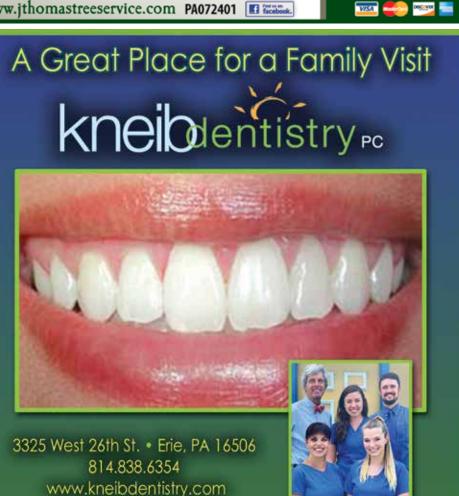




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Here is a mix of quotations to help us wrap-up another year of Good Words. I hope y'all enjoy reading these as much as I enjoy putting them together for you. Somebody named "anonymous" had a lot to say, so here are more "good words" from him or her for us to ponder:

When you carry a grudge it is like drinking poison and expecting the other guy to get sick.

The best time to plan a tree is 20 years ago. The second best time to plant a tree is now.

The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.

When we are unable to find tranquility within ourselves, it is useless to seek it elsewhere.

A tactful truth is better than a friendly lie, every time.

When considering what is enough, consider what's making you think you need more.

If giving of yourself does not hurt, then what are you really giving?

If you were arrested for kindness would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Every passing day is one that is gone forever. Make sure it is one in which you have done something for others, especially those who cannot do for themselves.

The best way to forget your problems is to help someone else solve theirs.

No matter what other nations may say about the United States, immigration is the sincerest form of flattery.

Heaven-sent calamities you may stand up against. Much worse, are those brought on by yourself.

It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.

Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.

If I say "yes", I'm dead. If I say "no", my spouse tells me I am lying. You may be only one person in the world, but only you may mean the world to one person.

I hope among these quotations you heard a few new ones? How about you? Don't you have some favorite quotes or such words-of-wisdom? Why not send them to me:

(dandundon@gmail.com) for us to maybe include in future EYC Log articles?

In closing...

When the decision is between your money and your character...

Well, you can always make more money.





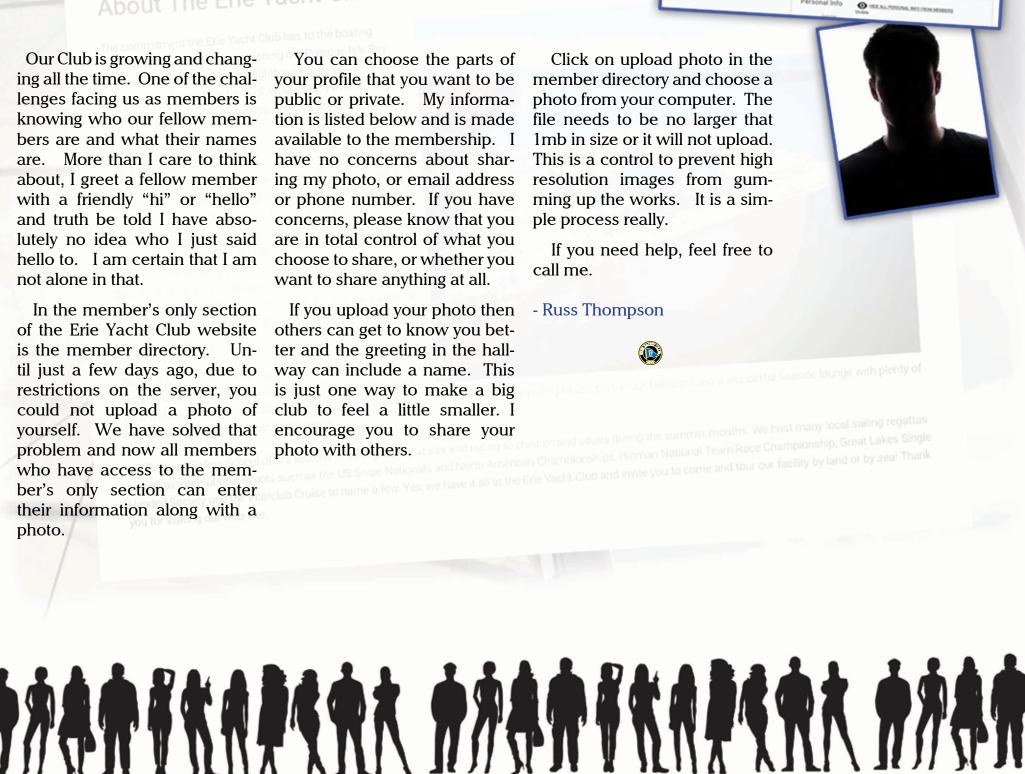




Getting to Know You...

by Russ Thompson

About The Erie Yacht Club



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During the days following last vear's event. I lost track of how many people told me 2018 was the best Winter Solstice Party ever. Just to be sure. I checked with Old Man Winter (who has attended all ten events). Sure enough, Old Man Winter confirmed last year's party was the best ever!

In case you find yourself among those who have vet to enjoy this quirky gathering, among the things you have been missing are the great tropical sounds of Erie's own Jimmy press, heat provided by EYC's own deck enclosed and decorated by EYC's own members and staff, Hot tenders and an appearance by our good friend, Old Man Winter!

At the last Thursday Happy Hour on the Deck in 2008, some of us were trying to figure out how to squeeze out a little more partying on the deck rather than waiting "forey-Buffet tribute band, Key West Ex- er" 'til the following summer. After some beer-drinking and puzzling, gas well and deck furnaces, the we experienced the eureka-moment to use our just-installed natural gas heaters to warm our deck to Buttered Rum from EYC's own bar- tropical temperatures and celebrate the longest night of the year with a Winter Solstice Party.

As we do annually, we thank our small army of workers for their good efforts preparing our deck for these parties. EYC Dockmaster Mike Argenv sees the deck is clear of snow and frames-in the south-deck-opening for us, complete with a nice door and test-fires the deck heaters to assure us toasty-warm conditions.

Then PC Matt Niemic, Cutter and crew make the tricky job of enclosing the entire deck in construction plastic look easy assisted by PC Greg Gorney, and PC Tom Trost. Later, PC Ed Schuler brings his heatgun and shrink-wraps the plastic enclosure. Day of, Tom Madura, Jim McBrier and I decorate the plastic with seasonal and goofy drawings to set-the-mood for winter solstice celebrations. Old Man Winter tips his hat to all these good folks for pitching-in so everyone has a great time enjoying a super party!

Come double-celebrate the turnof-the-seasons as well as soon-tobe-increasing daylight hours with Old Man Winter and your EYC friends! Wear your best Siberian explorer gear, grass skirt or ugly sweater! Have fun with your attire! In no time at all we will again be enjoying summer Thursday Sunset Happy Hours on the EYC Deck!

Old Man Winter and I look forward to seeing you at the Winter Solstice Party on 21 December!





November 2019

Dear Members,

The members and employees of the Erie Yacht Club have maintained a proud tradition giving back to our community. With Christmas, the *true* season of giving is fast approaching, the Erie Yacht Club continues with its support of our community with our annual Shining Star gift tree in our Club lobby. As we have for more than twenty-five years, we again will assist the *Saint Martin Center* in their efforts to provide a blissful Christmas morning for the underprivileged children of the Erie community.

By Tuesday November 26th the lobby Christmas tree will be decorated with assorted stars. On the back of these star ornaments will be the name of a child, their age, and a gift idea. Pick the star you like, purchase the gift, wrap the item and return the gift to the Club and place it under the tree with the star ornament taped on top.

This program is open to all members, their guests and all employees of the Club. You may take as many stars as you like. If you would rather make a cash donation, feel free to do so. Make your check payable to "Saint Martin Center". Leave all cash donations with the Front Office or place it in the mail slot in the front office door.

We do ask that if you take a star, *please* follow through with the gift purchase. If you can't, please return the star ornament to the tree, someone else may be looking for an ornament tag.

Remember, gifts must be returned to the Club by Thursday, December 12th.

Thank you for your continued support of this great event and I wish you and your families a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Respectfully,

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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 15th, 2019.

CANDIDATES

COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

Peter Lund MD

VICE COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

Vincent Cifelli

REAR COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

David Sanner

FLEET CAPTAIN - ELECT ONE:

Harvey Downey Andy Fritts

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ELECT TWO:

Neal Baker
Jeffrey Benson
Michael Mashyna
Timothy Shuttleworth

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECT THREE:

Sharon Dale P/C Andrew Hanks John Schultz III Richard Seibel James Taylor, Jr.

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 15th 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:

P/C Greg Gorny, Gary Borowy, Christopher Grychowski Also Nominating Committee members: P/C David Arthurs- Chairman, P/C Matthew Niemic, Carrie Knox Karen Imig Carns, David McBrier and P/C David Haller

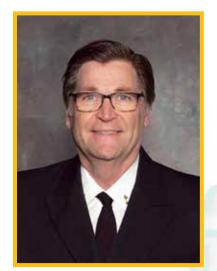
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting and the 2019 complete Financial Statement will be made available for members to pick up on November 5th, 2019 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 will be emailed to those members with an email address on file.

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COMMODORE PETER LUND MD

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as one of your bridge officers for the past three years. This past year as vice Commodore we have seen a substantial uptick in the utilization of our clubhouse. The membership has enjoyed over 120 events. This has set all time records in the patronage of our Club. This surge in activity, environmental events, and normal aging and depreciation of our Club assets has shown us some obvious challenges for the future. The incomplete list includes fuel tank replacement, ongoing repair of our break walls, and future Club house renovations. Therefore, as we go into this year of celebration, we will also need to keep our eye on our future. We have had 125 years of existence supporting a venue for fellowship, education and camaraderie around the maritime experience. This has occurred because of excellent and insightful past leadership looking at our needs at that time and stepping up to those challenges. I want to personally thank our current Commodore, Bill Gloekler for all his work and devotion to our Club. He has been an immeasurable assistance to me on the bridge and as a good steward he has left the Club in an excellent position. My mission for this next year is to support and hopefully inspire our member's vision for the Erie Yacht Club. Thank you for the opportunity,



VICE COMMODORE VINCENT CIFELLI

Hello Fellow Members, I would like to begin by thanking my Dock Committee members for serving this past year . As a Committee we were able to assign docks to all applicants , and fulfill a large number of requests for transfers along with working with the Safety and Grounds Committee to amend some rules to enhance the safety of our Club . This past year I have worked with the Jr Sailing Committee , Grounds Committee and the House Committee. I had the pleasure of working on a Safety Boat for some of the Regattas , and worked with the Foundation to purchase 2 more J22 boats for the Fleet. Along with sailing poorly on race night.

With your support I look forward to serving as Vice Commodore for the upcoming year . It has been a great experience working under Commodore Gloekler this year , he has been a strong and dedicated leader this past year ,and a mentor to us all , Thank you Bill .

I also look forward to working with the upcoming Bridge and Board members along with the current members that work as a team to keep our Club the best it can be.

Once again ,Thanks Lee for allowing me the time and giving your support always.



REAR COMMODORE DAVID SANNER

Thank you for your support during my term as Fleet Captain. It is an honor to be elected to serve on the Bridge and be able to give back to the Club. I especially want to thank the Grounds Committee along with Dockmaster, Mike Argeny, and his excellent staff for all their hard work. This past year was a challenging one with the problems created by the prolonged high water levels. Efforts are underway to shore up the outer basin walls as well as modifying our fuel pumps to keep them above the water. Besides dealing with the water, several other projects have been completed. New roofs were installed on the guard house and the canoe house.

Two new pieces of equipment were purchased, a telehandler and high lift which will provide more flexibility and higher efficiency for the grounds staff. Ravine Drive was repaired and additional gravel added to the east dry sail area. Plans are being reviewed to replace our existing fuel tanks with higher capacity ones. New solutions are presently being implemented to deal with the geese problem. I look forward to passing on the Grounds responsibility to the new Fleet Captain and welcome the responsibilities of the Docks as your Rear Commodore.

Thank you again for your support.

The Bridge Officers



FLEET CAPTAIN ANDREW FRITTS

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

As an avid sailor and power boater, our fine Club has been a great part of my life on the water. I have spent the last 25 years sailing Wednesday night races with family and friends, as well as competing in the annual Lake Erie Interclub Cruise. My wife Molly and I regularly spend many days and nights at the Club with our three children, Jacob and Henry and Harper, enjoying quiet evenings relaxing on our sailboat, Hat Trick, and watching the great sunsets.

Since joining the EYC as a member in 2007, I continue to be 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 Board of Directors and on the House Committee for three years. I also enjoy volunteering for various Club events, too.

I feel this direct, hands-on Club involvement has allowed me to gain a better understanding of Club operations and finances, which I plan to leverage if elected as your Fleet Captain. These experiences, along with my business ownership and professional background, have prepared me to act on behalf of the Club membership to ensure the EYC remains a fiscally responsible, family-friendly place for all to enjoy.

I thank you for your consideration and look forward to your support.



FLEET CAPTAIN HARVEY DOWNEY

I would like to first thank the Nominating Committee for their vote of confidence in asking me to run for the position of Fleet Captain. It is an honor to have been asked, and it would be a true honor to have the opportunity to represent your interest in this great Club. Since I joined as a regular member in 1995, my family and I have enjoyed all of the Club's amenities, many social functions and countless days on the water. Over these past twenty-four years, I have served on the Club's Board of Directors, Grounds Committee and Safety Committee. Both of which, I still sit as a committee member.

Outside the Club, I am the President & CEO of NaviTek Machining Corp. NaviTek provides precision machined components to all types of industries that include aerospace, medical and defense, just to name a few. I have also served on several Boards over the years, for both profit and non-profit organizations, and held the position of Chairperson on several of them. I am currently serving my second term as chairperson on the Fairview Township Planning Board.

During my tenure as an EYC Board member, we discussed significant long range topics. Some of which included renovations to the clubhouse, new fuel storage tanks, and the inevitable retirement of our Club Manager. None of which currently have any committed deadlines, but all will one day require substantial discussion and responsible execution. If elected Fleet Captain, I will work hard during my years on the Bridge to dutifully and financially represent your interest on these, and future items that present themselves to our Club.

In 2020, I will be enjoying my 25th year as a member of this fine Club, and the Club will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary. Many men and women have given much of their time over those years to make this the best Club on Lake Erie. I promise I will continue that effort for you and the future members of the Erie Yacht Club. I respectfully ask for your vote for Fleet Captain.



Candidates for Board of Directors



NEAL BAKER

It is an honor to be a candidate for a position on the EYC Board of Directors. I see it as an opportunity for me to contribute to the direction and continued success of the Club. Having been a Club member for close to 30 years and a previous sail and now power boater, I have seen the positive results of quality leadership displayed by the members of the Board.

My professional experience managing multiple healthcare facilities has provided me with a good understanding of the importance of strong leadership. My work background should allow be to be an active and contributing member of the Board.

The Baker family over the years have enjoyed the many benefits the EYC has to offer. Our three grown children first learned to sail with the Reyburn School, and when in town, make sure they spend some quality time with us at the Club. My wife Pam and I are members of the Cruising Fleet and on our third boat named "Bird's Nest".

I appreciate this opportunity and ask you to consider me for a position on the Board of Directors.



JEFFREY BENSON

I am truly honored to be asked to run for a position on the Board of Directors. Having served our Club on the Nominating and Grounds Committees, I know firsthand the privilege of being asked to serve on the EYC Board and the importance of all members working together to continue our Club's successful tradition as a premier yachting club. As a second generation member of the Erie Yacht Club, I grew up on the docks at the EYC, learned to sail at the Reyburn Sailing School and joined as a junior family member at age 16, almost 50 years ago. Over the years many treasured family memories have sprung from EYC events and activities. On most Wednesday evenings during the summer, you will find me and my wife, Karen, racing our sailboat, "Scorpio" in the Erie Yacht Club Racing Fleet of which I am presently fleet chairman; or afterwards, in the bar expounding on my limited sailing prowess.

I have seen many positive changes in our Club throughout the years. This is a direct reflection on the past and present leadership, the excellent management and exceptional employees. For many years, I have benefited from the efforts of others and now welcome the opportunity to give back to the Erie Yacht Club. As the owner of a long standing successful orthodontic practice, I understand the importance of strong leadership and future planning. I have experienced the past, am proud of the present and want to be a part of the future at the Erie Yacht Club. I graciously ask for your vote.

Thank You.



MICHAEL MASHYNA

It is an honor to be considered a candidate for serving on the Erie Yacht Club Board of Directors and I thank the Nominating Committee for selecting me for this position. I welcome the opportunity to serve.

The Erie Yacht Club has been an integral part of my life since my wife Char and I joined the Club in 1982. Our children, Phil and Caroline have grown up at the Club, both as students and then instructors at the Reyburn Sailing School, and are now Junior Family members. Char has assisted with Frolic on the Bay for several years and is now a Board member of the Erie Yacht Club Foundation.

My family and I are avid sailors and I am happiest when on the water. After a few years of sailing a Lightning, we moved up to a Laser 28 and now a Farr 30, both named "Outlaw". We are active participants in both the Spinnaker and JAM racing fleets and I have been part of the committee that plans the season for many years with the responsibility for the various awards.

I served on the Club's Nominating Committee twice in the past and as the former owner of a picture framing business, often assisted with decorating projects at the Club. In 2006, I became a hospital pharmacist with an irregular schedule that made it difficult to get involved. I have recently retired from full time employment and am now ready to meaningfully and enthusiastically contribute to the Club that has meant so much to me over the years. I thank you for your consideration of my candidacy and would appreciate your vote.



TIMOTHY SHUTTLEWORTH

While not new to boating I am a recent member of the Erie Yacht Club.

Since joining the EYC, I have been impressed by the Club and its vitality; the EYC is equally welcoming to both boaters and non-boaters and is a social crossroads in the Erie community beyond boating. From my impression the club is well run and well governed. I have enjoyed and participated in the newly formed Erie Yacht Club's Cruising Fleet as well as used the club for private/family occasions. I have never been disappointed in the Club's services.

I am interested in serving on the board only to contribute in whatever ways possible to the continued success of the EYC. I have experience running a manufacturing business albeit in a completely different industry. Possibly some of those experiences are helpful to the success of a yacht club. I am willing to serve on any committees where I might contribute, and if not elected this year, possibly in the future.

Thank you for considering me for a board position.

Don't Forget to Cast your Vote On Friday, November 15th at 7:30 PM

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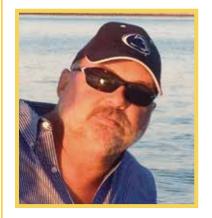
Candidates for Nominating Committee



SHARON DALE

I am honored to be asked to run for the Nominating Committee. I am an active member of the Erie Yacht Club Racing Fleet and serve as the faculty advisor for the Behrend Sailing Club. Identifying talented and committed leaders for the governance of the Erie Yacht Club is the commit-

tee's chief responsibility. I have served many years as a program chair at Penn State Behrend in Arts Administration, and Digital Media, Arts, and Technology, and have both led and served on scores of search committees for faculty hires. In addition, I have served as president of the Erie chapter of USA Dance and vice president of the Meadville Market Authority. I am currently a board member of WQLN. Volunteer experiences have given me insight into recruitment and retention of board members and finding the right person for the job at hand. My strongest qualification is organizational ability. I recently coordinated volunteer positions and development for the Battle of Lake Erie, the college regatta held at the Erie Yacht Club on September 14. Volunteers, participants, and guests complimented us on a job well done. I hope to apply the same skills to the Nominating committee and ask for your vote.



P/C ANDREW HANKS

I attended the Commodores appreciation party recently. It's amazing to me the number of volunteers that attended and that was not half of the volunteers. The task of the Nominating Committee is to search out qualified Regular Members with the skill set, talent and dedication to fill the open

slots on the election slate. I was asked to run for one of those open positions on the Nominating Committee. As a Past Commodore in 2004, a regular member for 31 years and having sat on nearly every committee possible over the years I feel well qualified for the job. The confidence of the current Nominating Committee in me is very much appreciated. I intend to carry out the above task with an eye on the future of our great Club. I respectfully ask for your vote.

If you are in town, please take the time to join us at the annual meeting.

Regards, P/C Andv



RICHARD SEIBEL

It is an honor to be considered to serve on the Club's nominating committee. I've enjoyed the Club's offerings for more than 50 years in both power and sailboats. Each member of my family enjoys a different aspect of the water, which allows me to experience it all.

I have had the opportunity to serve the Club as a member of the Finance Committee, Reyburn Sailing School Committee, and in regards to special tasks requested of the bridge. Most recently, I chaired the Optimist Great Lakes Championship regatta hosted by the Club.

Born in Erie, I am a Mercyhurst College grad, a CPA, and recently retired after a fulfilling 32 years in banking. Volunteering is inherently my nature; I receive much pleasure in giving back to the community.

I believe I can effectively serve the Club in this capacity by applying my professional training and experiences. I have witnessed firsthand the impressive evolution of the grounds and facilities over the past 50 years. Its continued improvement and the sustainability are of my utmost desire. With your confidence I will be able to contribute to the Club's success.

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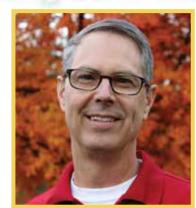


JOHN SCHULTZ III

I am excited to be asked to run for the Nominating Committee of the Erie Yacht Club in this upcoming election. Being a 3rd generation member, I have spent my entire life around EYC, and would love nothing else then to help preserve and advance the Club for my two children

who are now 4th generation members. I grew up in the EYC Sailing School, both as a student and an instructor. I served on the Reyburn Sailing School Board for many years as well as the Ere Yacht Club Foundation.

I have developed lifelong friendships and have many fond memories of sailing with my parents and siblings. Now I am sailing with my wife Kelley and our children Hayley and John Andrew, who are also both sailing instructors. With my brother Matt, I own and am co-president of the John V. Schultz Company founded by our grandfather in 1940. As I am humbly grateful for the impact EYC has had on my life, It would be a privilege to give back to our Club by sharing the experience I have gained by running a successful business and helping to select individuals with talents that would benefit our Club for generations to come.



JAMES TAYLOR, JR.

Fellow EYC Members:

My name is Jamie Taylor and I am asking for your vote to be elected to the Nominating Committee. I have been an active EYC member for 40 years and it would be an honor to serve again on this committee.

As a past member of the Nominating Committee (2 terms) and EYC Board of Directors, I have experience with the selection process for the yacht Club's future leadership.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Erie Yacht Club.

Sincerely, Jamie Taylor

Club Offers Absentee Ballot

The 2019 Annual Meeting will take place on Friday November 15th. On September 17th, requests for an absentee ballot for the election of office will be available. You can secure an election ballot by contacting the Club office. The office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 AM-4:30 PM and Saturday 8 AM-3PM. The Club phone number is 453-4931.

Please state the address to which you would like your ballot mailed. Ballots will be mailed on Tuesday, October 22nd, which is 25 days prior to the Annual Meeting on November 15th.

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. So if your plans change, and you come to the Annual meeting in person you will not be given another ballot. **Vote with the ballot you were sent!**

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 15, 2019 @ 7:30.

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











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The Erie Yacht Club and the publishers of their LOG magazine would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to all the advertisers in the LOG magazine both past and present. It is through your advertising that we are able to put together this informative magazine and bring it to the members and guests of the EYC.

The LOG is a bi-monthly magazine that has nearly 2,000 copies distributed via mail to the members and in complimentary display racks at the Club. The magazine documents the activities at the Club, as well as the adventures of its individual members and boating groups. While doing so, it provides insight into the history of the Club and it's evolution through the years.

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November Calendar of Club Events

- 2nd EYC Racing Fleet Awards Banquet
 Club closed at 2pm
 6pm Registration & Cocktails
 6:45 Dinner Buffet \$25 per person
 8pm Awards Presentation
 9:30 Entertainment & Dancing by
 Smoking Section
 See registration form on the Club's
 website
- 3rd A la carte Breakfast 10am 2pm
- 9th American Harvest & Wine Tasting
 Dinner Seating 6pm Dinner 6:30
 5 Course Dinner \$75+ per person
 Seating Limited to 30 guests
 Reservations Required
- 10th A la carte Breakfast 10am 2pm
- 15th EYC Annual Meeting 7:30pm Only regular members permitted at meeting - No guests or spouses Dining room open 5pm -7pm
- 17th A la carte Breakfast 10am 2pm
- 24th A la carte Breakfast 10am 2pm
- 27th EYC Turkey Bawl 5pm 9pm Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres Drink Specials • \$15 Dinner Specials Entertainment by Encore
- 28th Thanksgiving Day Club Closed

Making Reservations for Club Events has Just Gotten Easier!

You can now make your reservations to your favorite Club events through the EYC website at erieyachtclub.org or they can still be made over the phone at: 453-4931 ext. 202

Remember due to demand cancellations made less than 24 hours before the event may be billed.

Take the Hustle Out of Your Holidays



The Holiday Season is fast approaching! Along with all the aggravation and running around involved in planning and executing the perfect holiday party. This year why not skip the hassle and let the EYC help you cross about 20 things off your holiday "to-do" list. The Erie Yacht Club is the perfect location for your business or family holiday 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.

We take the worry out of decorating, and are certain to provide enough Christmas feast and yuletide spirit 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 week-days 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@ erieyachtclub.org.

Happy Holidays!



December Calendar of Club Events

- 1st A la carte Breakfast 10am 2pm
- 7th Members Christmas Party and Dinner Dance 6:30 Cocktails & Hors d' oeuvres Entertainment by Manhatten \$36 per person + tax & gratuity Reservations at 453-4931 Ext. 202
- 8th A la carte Breakfast 10am 2pm
- 14th Breakfast with Santa 10 am
 Visit with Santa & Kids can decorate
 an ornament from Claytopia
 Entertainment from the Collegiate
 Vocal Jazz Ensemble
 \$14 plus tax & gratuity
 Reservations required
- 15th A la carte Breakfast 10am 2pm
- 17th Dinner with Santa •6pm
 Visit with Santa & Kids decorate
 an ornament from Claytopia
 Entertainment fro the Collegiate
 Vocal Jazz Ensemble
 \$16 Adults \$10 Under 13
 Under 5 Free plus tax & gratuity
 Reservations required
- 21st Winter Solstice Party 6pm 10pm Join Old Man Winter & fellow members to celebrate the longest day of the year! Drink specials and entertainment by Key West Express
- 22nd A la carte Breakfast 10am 2pm
- 24th Christmas Eve; Club Closed
- 25th Christmas Day; Club Closed
- 27th Family New Year's Eve Party 6pm - 9pm • Buffet • Mocktails• DJ Dancing • Balloon Drop \$18 adult • \$15 Child Reservations Required
- 29th A la carte Breakfast 10am 2pm
- 31st EYC New Years Bash! 9pm -1am Hors d'oeuvre Buffet • Party Favors Champagne Toast • Casual Attire Music by Street Level \$30 • Reservations Required

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