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From the Bridge

by Vice Commodore Dr. Peter Lund

"Come hell or Highwater"

This summer the grounds of the Erie Yacht Club have reminded me of the expression "Come hell or High water". At first glance one would think the expression is nautical. In researching, it's seems to come from the cattle drives in the early 1900s. It references the adversities that herders faced driving their cattle from Texas. They needed to forge deep rivers and cross the prairies in the hot summer sun.

The high water this year at the Erie Yacht Club has presented some difficulties. But it has not stopped our Club activities. We are having some record attendance at Club events. June and July were packed with activities such as the July 4 celebration, drive-in movie night, the family picnic, frolic on the bay, the foundation boat house party, Thursday sunset happy hours, several sailing events including the optimist regatta, Wednesday night

jam races, and the lake Erie interclub cruise.

August shows some relief to the high water and our Club activities have not slowed down with Venetian night, Junior sailing banquet, and the Charity Regatta.

Yes, we have had some inconveniences such as temporary shut downs of our fuel dock, an increase in the geese population, and wet feet for those members with boats on I dock.

In the spirit of those Cowboys driving cattle through hell or Highwater our membership continues its mission of camaraderie and friendship, all in the setting of our yachting traditions.

Happy summer boating to all!

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It is always great to see a longstanding EYC tradition make a comeback. The Venetian Night at the Club has done just that. In it's second year back it has quickly become the "must do" event of the summer

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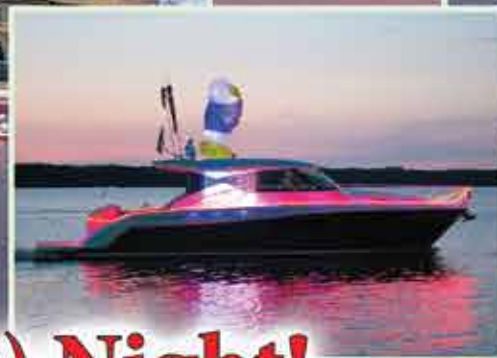
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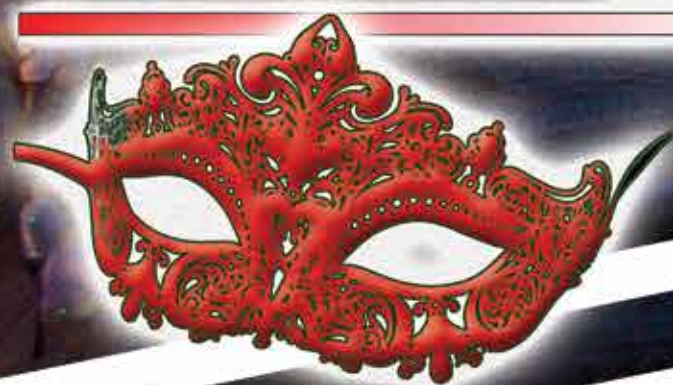
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Oh, What a (Venetian) Night! I love a parade...



by Dianne Cunningham

Gondoliers. Disco Queens. Arabian Knights. Pirates. Elves. Dale Earnhardt and Crew. And a Bald Eagle. These are a few of our favorite things about the (resurrected) 2nd Annual Venetian Night, sponsored by the Erie Yacht Club Cruising Fleet on Saturday, August 2nd.

Highlighting the evening at 2100 hours, was the much-anticipated Boat Parade. Three unregistered boats joined 11 registered boats as they trekked across the bay, past the EYC lighthouse, then further delighting guests as they revisited for a second viewing before returning home to their slips.

The lights! The music! Ah, what a night!

"This was the EYC party of the year," was said, overheard and repeated by the 190 attendees and the more than 50 others that joined the fun after sunset. According to Peter Lund, MD, Vice Commodore, "The party was remarkably fun and entertaining. Amy and I enjoyed ourselves. Kudos to the Committee!"

As Co-Chairs and Hosts for the evenings, Bob Cunningham and I extend our sincere appreciation to this year's Venetian Night Committee members: EYC Secretary, David Wagner and wife, Kathy; Don and Marilyn Russell; Barbara Wathan; and Peggy Schwab and husband, PC Kerry Schwab. Special thanks to EYC members, Valerie Weaver (registration) and Michael and Bradley Wathan (Decorations).

A special salute to fellow EYC member Jamey Stewart (Mega Media Factory), for spending the night with us capturing the highlights through photographs on the ground and with a drone.

Much credit and praise to our talented, Barbara Wathan who championed a beautifully decorated marquee at the entrance of the Club (raising awareness of the event) and evening adornments. The evenings theme was carried out via venetian masks adorning vases of sea grass and colorful sprigs. Additionally, the Wathan's worked hard lighting the tents to ensure that after sunset, the ambiance remained festive and colorful. Barbara also utilized her creative talents in repurposing Reburn Sailing School Opti dinghies, earmarked for the scrap yard.

The colorful, ornamental boats were also part of the evening's decorations. The "garden boats" were raffled off in an effort to defray the cost of the Cruising Fleet's investment in the event.

Of course, the night could not have come together without the hard work and preparations made by the EYC staff, including the kitchen staff and Chef. Speaking of our talented Chef, the food creations consisted of small plates that made quite a meal. Caprese kabobs, Italian paninis, Asian fried rice and sweet and sour chicken (presented in Chinese "take out" boxes), a brisket carving station, and mouth-watering display of fruit and cold salads; to name a few of the guests' choices. The meal was rounded out by a vast array of luscious desserts. Magnifico! "Each and every dish was a treat," said Dan Freeman, with wife, Sherry in agreement.

"What a thrill it was to see the boats all decorated," beamed Mary Lee Cifelli, one of our Ladies of the Bridge. "There was so much work and effort put into the decorations; and the creativity was amazing!" "I actually think that the Captains, Sailors and their crews were even more creative this year than last," she added.

Boats were judged while in the slip and during the parade by the Ladies of the Bridge, in the following categories: Best Sailboat; Best Power Boat; and Best in Parade. After a thorough review of the parade boats, and an off-the-cuff, enjoyable description of the passing boat with a salute to the captain/skipper and crew; Master of Ceremonies, Dave Wagner waited with the rest of the guests for the ballots to be turned in. Guests truly enjoyed the music of the Breeze Band, dancing the time away until the decision of the "judges" (M'Lynn Gorny, Patty Gloekler, Amy Lund and Mary Lee Cifelli) was announced.

I love a parade...

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"Andycapp" with its "Christmas in August" theme got the nod from the Ladies as Best Sailboat. "No Excuses" with its "Night in Venice" theme took Best Powerboat. And for the 2nd year, "Knot so FAST" was selected as the Best in Parade choice for the evening as it REVVED UP the crowd (and fans) with a "Dale Earnhardt NASCAR" theme!

Details? PC Chris and Kathy Wolford's "Andycapp" with its beautiful red and green reminders of the holidays... highlighting the crew dressed as Christmas Elves; Don and Marilyn Russell's "No Excuses" boasting 2,100 lights, crew dressed as "Gondoliers" with mustaches to boot and a creative Gondola display; and Jason and Vickie Grinarm's "Knot so FAST" boat, converted into Dale Earnhardt's #3 NASCAR race car with silver "wheels" and exhaust completing the transition from boat to race car; as Dale Earnhardt (and crew) all WOWED the audience as they finished first with a checkered flag! ZOOM!

Our Venetian Night Committee MUST give HONORABLE MENTION to Dave and Pam Davis and crew on the "Steel'n Time". The extremely creative "Arabian Nights" showcased Arabian dancers (Pam, Beebe Marin and Tammy Bachelor), a camel ridden by Jose Marin; Michael Batchelor playing the bongos; and a unique blend of lights, tie dye, scarf and bead decorations. Such talent...

(Side note: Pam noted that "Arabian Nights" themed Steel'n Time crew included "different types of EYC members... Marins are sailors; Batchelors are Associate members, but also social members of EYC Cruisers and Dave and I are power boaters. We all truly enjoyed the evening!")

Accolades go to Michele Butterfield's crew and their "Disco Queen" theme, dancing in unison to a variety of hits as the disco lights flashed in the glow of the sunset. Notable is also the extensive pirate display and costumes of PC Fritz and Michaellee Curtze. The Curtze's last minute entry was also truly delightful - especially their costumes.

According to our sources, the Grinarms are already thinking about next year. I spoke to Jason on the infamous night of the 2nd of August, after being told by his friends in "the pit crew", that he had been planning this award-winning boat theme for AT LEAST a FEW MONTHS. According to his good friend, Jason had lost sleep over his creation this year. With a coy smile, Jason nodded and assured me that he takes this Venetian Night Boat Parade very seriously. "I'm fairly competitive," he said. "I wish other EYC members would get involved with the boat parade next year. It's a ton of fun!" (Challenge well-noted, Jason! Congratulations!)

Thanks to all who attended the "party of the year", especially those who decorated their boats either dockside or for the parade. You made the night so memorable! Don't miss the 2020 Venetian Night. . . Saturday, August 1.

The event promises to be a spectacular summer soirée as part of the many ways that EYC will commemorate its 125th Anniversary!





CELEBRATING THE ERIE YACHT CLUB'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

COMMODORE BILL GLOEKLER

Erie Yacht Club will be celebrating its 125th anniversary starting this November 15th. This milestone will be observed over the next 12 months by a wide range of social events and activities. This article will provide you a brief introduction to each major event/activity so you can make your plans to join in the fun.

October thru December, "125th Sweepstakes"

The 125th Sweepstakes is a game of chance limited to 200 ticket holders. Each ticket will cost \$125 and entitle the holder to 5 chances to win \$1,000. All tickets, including prior winners will be eligible for each drawing. Who knows, someone could win all \$5,000 and that winner could be you!

Ticket sales will start in early fall (watch for announcements in the EYC newsletter) and will be limited to 200 total ticket sales. Drawings will be held during Club events throughout the year beginning with the Tom & Jerry Party on January 1st (you do not need to be present to win).

All proceeds will help to fund our Club's yearlong celebration.

November 15, EYC Annual Meeting, "Craft Beer"

To celebrate the start of our 125th year join new Commodore Peter Lund as he hoists a stein of craft beer brewed specially for EYC to celebrate its 125th year. This beer will be available throughout the year.

December 27, "Family New Year's Eve Party"

Please help us ring in 2020 EYC-style with a family-friendly New Year's Eve Party complete with music, dancing, "anchor" drop at 8:30pm and a buffet of family favorites.

May 16, "A Blissful Evening with the Philharmonic"

Celebrate the arrival of spring and the 125th Anniversary in a "Blissful" night of fine dining and music by the Erie Philharmonic. This very special "black tie" event will take place on May 16th. Cocktail hour will begin at 5:00 pm with hors d'oeuvres being served. The four (4) member chamber group will be playing throughout the night and transport you back to the early 20th century. Some Club staff will even be wearing period dress to complete the experience. The outside of the Club will be dressed with a light display and there will be ice carvings and other period decorations.

Your reservation will include an amazing 5 course meal served throughout the evening along with exclusive Chef Michelle's wine selections. There will be breaks between each course to allow mingling at the bar and stepping outside to perhaps enjoy a cigar.

Tickets will be limited to 200 members. Don't miss out in this once in a lifetime event!!!

Summer Date TBD, "Erie Yacht Rocks"

It's time to channel your inner Lionel Richie and join the Club ranks for our first official Yacht Rock Party celebrating 125 years for the EYC. We promise you the "Rains of Africa" and enough Christopher Cross to get your Steely-Dan loving selves all the way through a rough Erie winter and into a fine Erie Summer.

So don your best ascot and nautical jumper, pick up a corn cob pipe, and get ready to party like you're a 70s So-Cal sailor for the best Yacht Rock'n Night of the Year!

August 1, "Venetian Night and Fireworks Display"

The revitalization of the Venetian Night lighted boat decorating and parade soiree has proven to be one of the highlights of the summer sea-

son. And next year in 2020, for the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the Erie Yacht Club, the festivities are already shaping up to be even more spectacular. The party theme and decorations will take on an Italian flair - a true Venetian Night! Not only will there be heavy Italian hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and great music at the EYC Lighthouse from 7pm-11pm, but you can also optionally, decorate and light up your boat with the theme of your choice.

Then, participate in the lighted boat parade past EYC Lighthouse at dusk which is optional but great fun! All throughout the evening you will be able to tour other decorated boats around the Club docks and if your not in the parade yourself, you'll be able to observe the boat parade from the EYC Lighthouse while the party continues. Then the big reveal to see who wins the best decorated boat contest!

But wait, there's more! For the 125th Anniversary, we'll invite our sister Club to the north, the Port Dover Yacht Club, as they celebrate their 75th year as a chartered yacht club! So we will see EYC boats and PDYC boats competing for the best and most clever decorations! What a great way to celebrate our Clubs' mutual long boating heritage!

The Capstone for this fun evening will be a professional 12.5 minute fireworks show (get it? 12.5 minutes for the 125th ??!) at 10 pm shot from a floating barge anchored in the Bay.

August 2, "Raft-Up 125!"

Assuming you're not too "hung over" from the night before, a Raft-up of all interested boats will be held at the Marina, aka New Lake at 1200 hrs., weather permitting. Our EYC boating community will replicate a tradition spanning many years by holding the anniversary raft-up. You and your boat will be memorialized in an aerial photo of this event.

Come join in the fun! Libations and snacks are at your discretion... Please bring enough to share. A team will be present to help all assemble for this party and photo shoot.

October 19, "Octoberfest - 125th Fall Festival"

In 1995 we held our Centennial Oktoberfest. This annual event has been going strong since and we invite you to join us for our 26th Oktoberfest as we celebrate Erie Yacht Club's 125th anniversary with a special Fall Festival. We will enjoy non-stop entertainment starting with the Siebenbuerger Singers. Through the rest of the evening, we will enjoy the alpine sounds of the the Bergholz German Band alternating hourly with Bob Hamilton, The Mad Bavarian, with his one-man show of German music.

The Mad Bavarian will lead the Schnitzelbank Song and get us shoogling or trying to play the Alp Horn. Roving through the crowd, look for Bruce Kikola, the Mad Man of Magic. For dinner, EYC will offer an authentic German Specialty Buffet - Wiener schnitzel, Sauerbraten, Roasted chicken, Bratwurst, Knockwurst, pretzels, pumpnickel bread, potato pancakes, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and red cabbage all finishing with a desert buffet of Black Forest cake, apple strudel and other treats. Oktoberfest enjoyment is completed by special hand-picked draft beers. People love a genuine Oktoberfest Party. The EYC has something really special, serving special Oktoberfest beer and lots of it, real German food and top quality German entertainment with minimum downtime between acts. The Oktoberfest crowd seems bigger and more fun loving every year. Don't miss the Fall Festival, "The best Oktoberfest ever!"

December "EYC 125th Anniversary Commemorative Book"

An Anniversary Commemorative Book will be a professionally published bound full color book with text and photos chronicling the events and people of the last 25 years at the Erie Yacht Club (it is a companion book to our Centennial Book available at the EYC store).

This 125th anniversary book will be available for sale/order at the end of 2020 so that events of the 125th Anniversary year may be included.

November 2019 through November 2020, "The 125th Chandlery"

Throughout the year special commemorative items will be on sale. Our team of EYC Chandlery staff have promised to stock the EYC store with some very unique and creative anniversary gifts including; shirts, mugs, jewelry etc.

So be sure and get down to your Club often, and help your fellow members celebrate this milestone anniversary with these fun filled events.

**After all, it wouldn't be a party
without you!**



ERIE YACHT CLUB'S Oktoberfest

25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

by Dan Dundon



While our 125th anniversary celebrations are still a year away, this October we will be holding our 25th annual Oktoberfest. We started planning the 1995 Centennial Oktoberfest in 1993. Every year since, we have been enjoying one of the longest established Oktoberfest parties around.

After our first few parties which were quite successful and well attended, our then (and still) lead entertainer, the Mad Bavarian, told me something like "most such Oktoberfest parties generally fizzle-out after a year or two. It is great the EYC Oktoberfest party seems to gain strength and momentum year after year".

The Mad Bavarian's thought was reflected a few years later by the leader of the band which performed at a dozen EYC Oktoberfests: "People love a genuine Oktoberfest Party. Erie Yacht Club has something special here, a real, established Oktoberfest. You have all the pieces: you serve special Oktoberfest beer and lots of it, your buffet offers real German food (Chef Michelle sure has that dialed in!) and you have top quality German entertainment with minimum downtime between acts. People love Oktoberfest and they will come out if it's the real thing. Regular brews, hot dogs and run-of-the-mill omm-pah bands don't do it.

We suspect you're pretty happy with what you've got. We would be." Since this winning combination has driven EYC Oktoberfest to a solid 25 year history.

Back in 1995, P.C. John Ashby made us a swell banner to publicize the Centennial Oktoberfest, prominently calling the party Okto-BEERfest. Following our late friend John's BEER-theme, as we consider our 25th annual Oktoberfest, maybe a few BEER-facts will heighten our anticipation?

Our Oktoberfest is the Erie Yacht Club's long established full-evening-long fun-festival and beer party held each October in our ballroom, AKA our Beer-hall-for-the-day. More often than not, these Oktoberfests have been sell-outs (over 180 attenders) and have become an important part of our EYC culture.

Speaking of beer, at our Oktoberfest, we routinely offer two or three different brews on-tap, including seasonal special Oktoberfest beers selected to provide attenders with contrasting beer selections.

Speaking of beer here are a few amusing beer facts:

Did you know the pilgrims never intended to land in Plymouth Mass? When they set sail for America, they hoped to reach the rich soils of Virginia. However their provisions, particularly their beer were quickly spent and they decided to cut their trip short.

In 1809, President John Madison made a serious attempt to establish a National Brewery. He went so far as to enlist former President Thomas Jefferson's help. Included would have been the creation of a new cabinet-level position - Secretary of Beer. Sadly, Congress did not agree and the effort failed.

In the centuries before the invention of the thermometer, brewers would test the temperature of their brews prior to adding yeast by sticking in their thumb. Too cold, and the yeast would not grow. Too hot, and the yeast would die. From this practice, we got the phrase "rule of thumb".

During the 1600s midwives in Europe and Colonial America gave delivering mothers "groaning ale" which was fermented for seven or eight months and tapped when the contractions began. After the birth it was not uncommon for the child to be bathed in the remaining ale since it was often more sanitary than readily available water.

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Oktoberfest

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A restaurant-brewery that sells 25 percent or more of its beer on site is called a brewpub. The beer is brewed primarily for sale in the restaurant and bar. The beer is often dispensed directly from the brewery's storage tanks. Where allowed by law, brewpubs often sell their beer "to go" and/or distribute to off-site accounts.

You may have heard of arachnophobia (the fear of spiders) and agoraphobia (the fear of open spaces) and claustrophobia (the fear of confined spaces) and mysophobia (the fear of germs) but have you heard of cenosillicaphobia? That would be the fear of an empty beer glass. Speaking for myself, I am fairly sure PC Gerry Urbaniak and I both suffer from cenosillicaphobia.



This is the EYC Centennial Oktoberfest beer mug.
If you attended the Centennial Oktoberfest in 1995 you may have gotten one.
AND...
If you bring this beer mug to the 2019 Oktoberfest party on October 19th you will get free beer all evening!

Woo-hoo!

At EYC Oktoberfest, complimenting the beer, attendees enjoy non-stop entertainment which starts with ballads and seasoned German folk-lore tunes sung by Erie's own Siebenbuerger Singers. Then the Bergholz German Band takes over with traditional German oom-pah music and a variety of German beer-hall favorites. Alternating hourly with the Bergholz German Band will be Bob Hamilton, The Mad Bavarian, with his one-man show of German music and fun. Look for Bruce Kikola, the Mad Man of Magic roving through the crowd.



The Mad Bavarian and the Siebenbuerger Singers have entertained at every EYC Oktoberfest. Bruce and the Bergholz German Band were new to our Oktoberfest in 2017. The Band has toured Europe visiting Germany, Austria, Switzerland and The Netherlands. In Munich, the Band played in the famous Hofbrauhaus, and in the Lowenbrau tent during Oktoberfest.

Our EYC German buffet includes wiener schnitzel, sauerbraten, roasted chicken, bratwurst, knockwurst, pretzels, pumpernickel bread, potato pancakes, german potato salad, sauerkraut, and red cabbage. Our desert buffet includes black forest cake, apple strudel and other treats.



EYC Oktoberfest presents a terrific German buffet, wild, non-stop entertainment, and lots of beer all supported by the wonderful behind-the-scenes efforts of the EYC staff.

The Oktoberfest crowd seems wilder and wilder every year, as well, and the whole place becomes the most roaring party of the year. Every year, folks tell me "This was the best Oktoberfest yet!", and every year, I sure think the same thing myself!

Since I've seen them for 24 years, I am sure many veterans of every previous EYC Oktoberfest will be in attendance on 19 October 2019. Additionally, I am sure to also see many new faces, many of whom will become repeat Oktoberfesters. Some time ago, we were warned such events die-off after a few successful years. Maybe so for some other folks, but not for us here at the Erie Yacht Club!

One last and maybe encouraging (for us) beer fact:

According to Queensland Brain Institute director Professor Parry Bartlett, drinking alcohol does not kill brain cells. He found that the human brain replenishes cells every day, and that there is no evidence that consuming alcohol negatively impacts the regular cycle or leads to damage on its own. Instead, when taken in moderation, alcohol has been shown to have a positive impact on brain function.

Rats... There is that word: "moderation", again.

Anyways, like many years in the past, EYC Oktoberfest could again be a sell-out, so begin planning now to attend one of our best parties of the year!

See you all there!



Your Commodore's Ball -2019-

Commodore Bill Gloekler

All EYC Members and their dates are invited to this year's Commodores Ball to be held October 5, 2019.

Patty and I have been most fortunate to have had the opportunity to cruise on the many grand rivers of Europe.

The culture and the foods from these countries are simply magnificent and so this year we thought it would be fun to share a bit of these experiences with EYC members.

Catering Manager Elizabeth and Chef Michelle have put together a fabulous menu!

The Ball Room will be divided into 5 sections each containing foods specific to a region of Europe.

Food dishes are planned from... Paris, Prague, Frankfurt, Munich, Vienna, Budapest, Serbia, and Croatia.

After this fine dining you can dance the night away to the music of "The Chance"

I hope to see you all October 5th as we enjoy "Cruising the Great Rivers of Europe"



MODERN AIR TRAVEL AND OLD PASSENGERS

BY PAUL JENKINS

“That’s it!, I’m going to give that ticket clerk a piece of my mind, if that doesn’t help, I’ll be talking to the airport Manager,” Wife Kathy grumbled as she stomped off for her third visit to the hapless ticket lady. When my sweetie is on a mission, you better watch out.

Our recent Airplane trip started after we were forced to make a last minute booking and had to settle for reservations that included changing planes three times before arriving in Erie after 11:30 PM.

Air travel these days is much improved, even if us old folks still remember flights on Allegheny Airlines that some called, Agony Airlines. The Agony name was often used after flying over the Pennsylvania mountains in Allegheny’s small prop-jet aircrafts in conditions that they called “bumpy air.” A better description might be, “a bucking horse ride.”

Our adventure started in Fort Myers, Florida at 11:00 AM, under beautiful cloudless skies. Before our huge silver jet took off, the pilot spoke on the speaker about the flight to JFK in New York, and said things couldn’t look better for the 200 people on board and we would arrive about 5:30 PM.

After landing, we took a shuttle bus to another terminal with no problems, and then found a seat at a busy restaurant bar. JFK is always a fun place for people watching because of the melting pot of colorful passengers that fill the hallways.

About halfway through our overpriced Cuban sandwich and fries, my wife’s I-Phone warned that our connecting flight was being held up for a maintenance problem... Not Good!

If we took off late from JFK, we might also miss our connection from Detroit to Erie. Wife Kathy is not a person to sit back and take bad news in stride. “They can’t do that to us!” She said. “I’m going to talk to the lady at the ticket counter,” she grumbled, while bolting off like a beagle chasing a rabbit.

I took my usual casual approach by asking the bartender for another diet Coke and some more French fries. Watching from about 50 yards away, it was fun to see Kathy dig into the hapless flight clerk. There was lots of finger pointing and head shaking as my usually kind-hearted spouse turned into a feisty Bull Dog.

When she returned there was a serious look on her face. “You won’t believe what the ticket lady said, We will most likely miss the Erie flight, but worse yet, we may have to sleep in the Detroit airport.” When a bartender heard our conversation he started laughing and shaking his head.

Excuse me, he said,” don’t worry,” that lady sometimes says things like that, but when people miss a flight and it’s the fault of the airline, they will give them a free room, and there’s a nice hotel right in the Detroit airport.”

My wife’s frown quickly turned to a smile, But in a few minutes that pesky I-Phone went off again. This time it said that parting Detroit flight would be leaving an hour later than previously announced. Now we would be two hours late flying to Erie.

“That does it,” Kathy said as she shuffled off again towards the gate clerk, while muttered something about going to the airport manager next. “Well here we go again,” I thought, “it’s time for me to take some action of my own.” It really wasn’t fair of me to do nothing to help, but what could I do? After careful thought I decided on a course of action, it was time I ordered another diet coke.

A few minutes later the stupid I-Phone spit out another flight alert saying that the Detroit flight would be leaving only an hour late after all. I decided it was time to turn that crazy phone off for good.

When Kathy returned the third time she asked if the phone had any more warnings, and I said, “no dear,” but under my breath I whispered, “you can’t always believe those stupid contraptions. If it rings again I going to throw in the trash.”

Finally it was time to board the plane departing for Detroit. The flight only took an hour and a half because of a strong tail wind. We asked the stewardess if we would make it to Detroit on time to catch the Erie flight. She said, You should be able to make it, but we would really have to hustle to the next gate which was a considerable distance away. Once again my bold spouse piped up with another request. “Can you change our seats so we are closer to the front, to save time when we land. “The stewardess didn’t say anything but simply disappeared to the back. “Wow!” I said to Kathy, maybe you are being too pushy by being so bold?

I think the Stewardess may have to get permission from the pilot because these are our assigned seats. Shortly the stewardess returned and said to follow her to the front of the plane. Once we settled in, Kathy chuckled and mentioned that her bold move may have saved us from being late to the next gate. What could I say, I couldn’t even order another diet coke.

When the plane door finally opened, we jumped up with bags in hand and I asked to slip by the people in front of us so we could rush to the next gate.

It was time to run for our lives. The bold one was leading our mad dash, and made it to the concourse before me. I didn’t know she could move that fast. We were at gate 26, and we had to run to gate 46. When the bold one finally ran out of steam, I noticed a moving sidewalk ahead, which would really help, especially if I kept trotting. That’s when I heard a faint voice from Kathy saying, “go on ahead and ask them to wait for me.”

Good idea. It was time to put on my last minute kick. Soon I saw that wonderful number 46 gate sign, with passengers still waiting to board. We made it... Alleluia!

When I got in line, I looked for Kathy and she was just coming up on the moving sidewalk, but wasn’t trotting or even walking, just smiling.

The flight home was short but what a relief to know that we were back home, in good old Erie, Pa. It was time for one last diet Coke, or maybe a Rum and Coke would be even better.



Working Boats:

DREDGING UP THE PAST

There are so many things around us that we take for granted on a daily basis. Clean drinking water, Cars that start when we turn the ignition key, the household appliances that make our everyday lives so much easier and open waterways that allow boats and ships access to the places that they want to go. Dredging makes that happen. Dredging is by definition an excavation activity usually carried out underwater, in shallow seas or fresh-water areas with the purpose of gathering up bottom sediments and widening or deepening waterways. This technique is often used to keep waterways navigable for both commercial and recreational boats by creating an anti-sludge pathway. It is also used as a way to replenish sand on some public beaches, where sand has been lost because of coastal erosion. Commercially, Fishing dredges are used as a technique for catching certain species of edible clams and crabs.

Most importantly for our EYC members dredging keeps are waterways, bay and lake accessible and usable for our sail and powerboats.

As with the tugboats different types of dredgers are used for the different types of dredging that is needed, so lets first look at the types of dedging jobs that they preform:

Capital: dredging carried out to create a new harbor, berth or waterway, or to deepen existing facilities in order to allow larger ships access. Most capital works usually involve hard material. This work can often include drilling and blasting. The work is usually done using a cutter suction dredge or large trailing suction hopper dredge, (That will be explained later in this story) but for rock works, drilling and blasting along with mechanical excavation can also be used.

Preparatory: Includes excavation for structures to be built on or around the water. Future bridges, piers and docks are the primary beneficiaries. This work is often connected with foundation work.

Maintenance: This type of dredging is used to deepen or maintain navigable waterways or channels which are threatened to become silted with the passage of time. This is often carried out with a trailing suction hopper dredge. Most dredging is for this purpose, and it may also be done to maintain the holding capacity of reservoirs or lakes.

Beach nourishment: mining sand offshore and placing it on a beach to replace sand eroded by storms or wave action. This is done to enhance the recreational and protective function of the beaches, which can be eroded by human activity or by storms. This is typically performed by a cutter-suction dredge or trailing suction hopper dredge.

Contaminant remediation: Helps to reclaim areas affected by chemical spills, storm water surges, and other soil contaminations, including silt from sewage sludge and from decayed matter, like wilted plants. A high priority in this process is the proper disposal of the excavated contaminants.

Cleaning: often done in combination with maintenance dredging, this process removes non-natural matter from the bottoms of rivers and canals and harbors. Most recently bringing to light the need for more thorough plastic recycling measures.

Drainage & Flood prevention: this process helps to increase channel and canal depth and increasing it's capacity for carrying water and larger ships.

Oyster dredging and harvesting: in states with salt water estuaries that can sustain bottom oyster beds. A heavy metal rectangular scoop device is towed astern of a moving boat with a chain bridle attached to a cable and winch which scoops up oysters as it drags along the bottom. After harvesting the oysters they are sorted and packaged for shipment to an oyster processing facility.



The non-propelled Barge Load Dredger Robert de Brus and the steam hopper barge H.P. & H.C. No.6 working in the entrance to Hartlepool Harbour. The CMEW hammerhead crane can be seen in the background.

There are many other specific types of dredging not mentioned here, but those discussed make up the bulk of most dredging type operations. Without these dredgers and almost non-stop dredging operations worldwide, much of the world's commerce would be impaired, or come to complete standstill within a few months. Most of the world's goods travel by ship at some point, and so does the need to access harbors or seas via channels. Recreational boating such as access to your Club would also be restricted to only the smallest of vessels.

The majority of marine dredging operations (and the disposal of the dredged material) require the appropriate licenses and permits, which are obtained from the relevant regulatory authorities. Dredging is usually carried out by harbor companies or corresponding government agencies.

The aforementioned dredging categories use a specific process to carry out their tasks, and to carry out those specific jobs that often require a specific type of Dredger.

Suction:

One of the most commonly used forms of dredging. A plain suction dredger has no tool at the end of the suction pipe to disturb the material.

Trailing Suction:

The trailing suction hopper dredger (TSHD) trails its suction pipe when working. The pipe, which is fitted with a dredge drag head, loads the dredge spoil into hoppers on the vessel. When the hoppers are full, the TSHD delivers it to a disposal area and either dumps the material through doors in the hull or mechanically pumps the material out of the hoppers. Many of these dredges can also self-offload using drag buckets and conveyors.



The snagboat Montgomery on the Apalachicola River during the early 1900s.

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Typical Cutter-Suction Dredger.

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Cutter-suction:

For harder material the cutter-suction dredger's (CSD) suction tube has a cutting mechanism at the suction inlet. This cutting mechanism loosens the bed material and transports it to the suction tube. Then the dredged material is sucked up by a centrifugal pump and discharged either through a pipe line or to a barge. These types of dredgers are used for hardened materials where a suction dredger would be ineffective. Innovations to these dredgers with more powerful cutters have been built in order to excavate harder rock without the need for blasting.

Auger suction:

Similar in concept and application to the cutter suction dredger, but where the cutting tool is a rotating Archimedean screw set at right angles to the suction pipe. Popular in the early 1980's these early models used cables to guide the nozzle head, but in 1996, IMS Dredges introduced a self-propelled version of the auger dredge that allowed the system to propel itself without the use of anchors or cables. In the early years of the auger suction dredger they were primarily used for sludge removal from waste water treatment plants. Over the years this auger dredger has taken on a wider variety of uses which now include river maintenance and sand mining.

Bucket dredging

Probably the first method of Dredging was by using bucket dredger which is equipped with a bucket dredge, a device that picks up sediment by mechanical means, often with many circulating buckets attached to a wheel or chain. Some bucket dredgers and grab dredgers are powerful enough to rip out coral to make a shipping channel through coral reefs.

Clamshell

These grab dredgers pick up seabed material with a clam shell bucket, which hangs from an onboard crane or a crane barge, or is carried by a hydraulic arm, or is mounted like on a dragline. This technique is often used in excavation of bay mud.

Backhoe/Dipper

The backhoe/dipper dredger has a backhoe as with some excavators. A crude but usable backhoe dredger can be made by mounting a land-type backhoe excavator on a pontoon. The six largest backhoe dredgers in the world feature barge-mounted excavators. Smaller backhoe dredgers can be track-mounted and work from the bank of ditches. A backhoe dredger is equipped with a half-open shell. The shell is filled moving towards the machine. Typically this dredged material is loaded into barges. This configuration is mainly used in harbors and other shallow water operations.

Water injection

Similar to a pressure washer the water injection dredger uses a small jet to inject water under lower pressure into the seabed to bring the sediment in suspension. This lower pressure prevents the sediment from exploding into the surrounding waters. This suspension then flows away down slope, is moved by a second burst of water from the dredger or is carried away in natural currents. This water injection results in a lot of sediment in the water which makes measurement with most hydrographic equipment difficult.

Krabbelaar

The Krabbelaar was an early type of dredger that was used in shallow water in the Netherlands. It was a flat-bottomed boat with spikes sticking out of its bottom. As tide current pulled the boat, the spikes scraped the seabed material loose, and hopefully the tide current washed the material away, to deeper water. Krabbelaar is the Dutch word for "scratcher".

Snagboat

Although maybe not a true dredger as it is used for above water operation. The snagboat is designed to remove big debris such as dead trees and parts of trees from rivers and canals to keep them clear. Generally any large ship retrofitted with a crane qualifies for this designation.

Amphibious

As it's name suggests that some Amphibious dredgers can operate on land or in water. They can also be pretty much any style of the aforementioned dredgers. It operates by extending legs, also known as spuds, so it stands on the seabed with its hull out of the water. Many of these are land-type backhoe excavators whose wheels are on long hinged legs so it can drive into shallow water and keep its cab out of water. Some of these may not even have a floatable hull and therefore cannot work in deep water.



The dredge drag head of a suction dredge barge on the Vistula River, Warsaw, Poland.

Fishing

If you love seafood you can thank a fishing dredge. Fishing dredges are used to collect various species of clams, scallops, oysters or crabs from the seabed. These dredges have the form of a scoop made of chain mesh, and are towed by a fishing boat. With careless dredging being destructive to seabeds, some scallop collection dredging has been replaced with scuba diving.

Police drag

There are even times when dredging is called upon to help solve a crime. A small dredge (sometimes called a drag, and sometimes pulled by persons walking on shore) can be used by investigators to find and recover bodies or evidence from rivers or small lakes, case closed...

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An offshore clam-fishing vessel, the E.S.S. Pursuit. Those heavy steel boxes connected to the stern are hydraulic dredges that are used to fish clams by dragging them along the ocean floor behind the vessel after the clams in sediment have been dislodged via water injectors. A disputed technique for collecting seafood citing the damage this does to the environment.



Old Dutch bucket dredging vessel "Hollandsch Diep 4"

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Dredging although a simple mechanical operation has benefited from technology as well. Some Dredgers are equipped with dredge monitoring software to help the dredge operator position the dredger and monitor the current dredge level. The monitoring software often uses GPS satellite navigation to accurately record where the machine has been operating and to what depth the machine has dredged to.

In today's day and age there is a higher awareness of the proper disposal of excavated material, and the proper management of contaminated sediments is a significant concern. Extra steps have been taken to ensure that the environment is not harmed. To process the thousands of tons of sediment new methods of decontamination are being used to re-use once contaminated material. A variety of processes are being used for this purpose.

Trailing suction hopper dredgers or "trailers", are self-propelled ships with hoppers, which are storage areas in the hull for keeping dredged material.



The National Dredging Museum is based in a beautiful historic building situated along the Molendijk in Sliedrecht. The museum is unique and offers the opportunity to learn about the past and present of dredging where it all started, in the cradle of Sliedrecht.

It begins in a "hopper dredger" where the dredged material is loaded into a "hopper". These hopper dredgers usually have doors at its bottom for easy emptying. Others empty their hoppers by splitting the two halves of their hauls on giant hydraulic hinges. Either method allows the water to escape while the solids settle to the bottom of the hopper. Not only does this reduce the weight of the load but also the volume. This of course increases the amount of "slurry" that can be carried to the dump site.

These hopper dredgers work every bit as hard as their dredging brothers. They can load and unload via pumps from above, or through pipes to nearby land. Yet other times the slurry can be pumped on to barges designed for this purpose (also called scows). Yet another step in the process used to reclaim the dredged material is dewatering. This is especially important when dealing with dredged materials that are possibly contaminated. A number of vessels, notably in the UK and NW Europe de-water the hopper to dry the cargo to enable it to be discharged onto a quayside to dry. This is achieved principally using a self discharge bucket wheel, drag scraper or excavator via conveyor systems.

For many projects, slurry de-watering is performed in large inland settling pits, although as mechanical de-watering techniques improve this is becoming less and less common.

The U.S. Clean Water Act requires that any discharge of dredged or fill materials into "waters of the United States," including wetlands, is forbidden unless authorized by a permit issued by the Army Corps of Engineers. As a result of the potential impacts to the environment, dredging is restricted to licensed areas only with vessel activity monitored closely using automatic GPS systems.

The Dredging process in general on any level is done much more carefully these days in regard to affecting the environment. If not done correctly dredging can disturb aquatic ecosystems and can dislodge long buried chemicals residing in benthic substates and reintroducing them into the water column. Even Short term increases in turbidity, can affect aquatic species metabolism and interfere with spawning, therefore suction dredging activity is allowed only during non-spawning time frames as set by the fish and game commission.

So a tip of the hardhat to the dredgers and the people that run them. Keeping our shipping lanes, recreational boating areas and even our own EYC lagoon wide and deep.



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If These Docks Could Talk

Who Are They?

by P/C Gib Loesel

The annual sailing banquet is where many of the beautiful trophies displayed in the front lobby are awarded. Well at least most of them, there are others that are awarded at the Club's annual meeting in November and of course the sailing school also has a good number that are in use and awarded at their party at the close of the school year in August.

Last year I was lucky enough to join the Raven crew at their table and watch and listen to the various presentations which got me to thinking (again) who are these "people" whose name are engraved on these flashy and interesting looking pieces of hardware.

I believe (or at least I think I do) that most members would recognize names like Eckerd (drug store fame), Koehler (beer "here") and Zurn (after all that name is on plumbing hardware around the

world). But what about Thompson, Gail Garren, John D. Schaal, George Rose, Chuck Lund, Gus Mork, and Wolford... Who are They?

One of the larger trophies displayed is the Thompson Trophy (the one with a Ship's Wheel), where did it come from, who is it awarded to and why? Back in 1954 a group of EYC members decided to keep the memory of Joe and Mid Thompson alive, Joe and Mid were from Port Dover where they operated a boat livery and store, always making sure EYC members were welcome.

All of this is interesting in as much as I don't believe there is any of our members who can honestly say they remember Joe and Mid. None the less, each year a committee of Club members is formed and they chose a recipient who is a person that has made the life of yachting a better place. This year 2019 it will have the 69th name added to it.

What would sailboat racing be without a Race Committee? Of course the answer to that is "not much". They are the dedicated members who for whatever reason, spend countless hours organizing and planning for the benefit of our Sailing Fleets.

In 1973, the Highlander Fleet #38 took the effort to recognize Gail Garren for his many years of dedication to competitive class boat sailing. Now the trophy is given to (in the Race Committee's opinion) the person who has contributed the most during the racing season through outstanding achievement, consistent participation and sailing sportsmanship. This year it will have the 47th name added to it.

Most trophies seem to celebrate remembering the person named because of their successes in our world of boating and fun however that is not always the case.



The Gail Garren Trophy

In 1976 John Schaal who was just 28 years old went for an early morning ice boat ride and very unfortunately he went alone. Freightier repairs were still being done at the foot of Cascade Street (where the condos are now located) during the night one of them had been moved breaking up the ice where the day before ice had been.

At what was surely a high rate of speed John did not recognize that the ice had been disrupted and sailed of the edge. A very tragic ending to a young life. The John D. Schaal trophy is the large wooden plaque used for ice boat competition.

The George Rose trophy (plate pictured to the right) has sat laying flat and mostly unnoticed (will be now be in a plate stand). Many long years ago the Club cook resided on the 3rd floor of the old clubhouse in the early 50's. George's father and mother lived there while they operated the "galley" at EYC.

When they left the Club and opened their own restaurant in the West Erie Plaza little Georgie was born. The Rose's became Club members and son George took a keen interest in sailing and flying.

This trophy was gifted to the club by his parents and is inscribed with these words,

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WHERE NEVER LARK OR EVEN
EAGLES FLEW
PUT OUT MY HAND AND
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The George Rose Trophy

I didn't forget the other pre-mentioned (but no less important) names that these trophies were named after. Who are they? Chuck Lund, boat builder Lund Boat Works; Gus Mork, a local pediatrician who gave freely his professional services for the benefit of the community youth and Wolford, from an EYC sailing family who has supported sailing for years.

If These Docks Could Talk, they would say, "Ice Boaters, keep John Schaal in mind at all time you are on the ice, be safe"




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The season begins mid-September and continues through April. We bowl every other Friday evening (starting at 6:30 p.m.) at Rolling Meadow Lanes located at the corner of 32nd and Zuck Rd.

No experience is necessary as we use a handicap system which affords the inexperienced bowler to compete on par with the more experienced bowlers. As far as equipment required, balls are available free of charge and shoes are available for rental at a nominal fee.

Rolling Meadow has a snack bar available for food purchases (pizza, etc.) and league members may bring their own adult beverages.

We understand that everyone has busy calendars, but it is not required for each couple to attend every scheduled night. We establish a substitute list of members who are willing to fill in for bowlers who may be out of town or have another commitment. We also have a handicap system for absent bowlers so that their team doesn't have to forfeit points.

The league includes a season ending awards banquet (there is a trophy in the EYC lobby trophy case) and a late summer get-together brunch which are paid for by the EYC League fees.

So come and have fun with your EYC friends and make some new ones along the way by joining up!

Just contact one of the league officers below:

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**What's
the Good
Word**

by Dan Dundon

As we look back at another great boating season and maybe remember the beers many of us enjoyed, these Good Words will review the words of what some famous (and maybe not-so-famous) people had to say about the golden nectar so many of us enjoyed this summer and will enjoy again at Oktoberfest...BEER! As always, these are intended to amuse rather than to suggest overdoing anything is ever a good thing.

A man has no more right to an opinion for which he cannot account than for a glass of beer for which he cannot pay.

- Anonymous

May you always have love in your heart and beer in your belly.

- Anonymous

Not all chemicals are bad. Without chemicals such as hydrogen and oxygen, for example, there would be no way to make water, a vital ingredient in beer.

- Dave Barry

There is no such thing as bad beer. It's that some taste better than others.

- Billy Carter

Whenever beer is brewed all is well. Wherever beer is drunk life is good.

- Czech Proverb

Nothing ever tasted better than a cold beer on a beautiful afternoon with nothing to look forward to but more of the same.

- Hugh Hood

Beer, if drunk in moderation, softens the temper, cheers the spirit and promotes health.

- Thomas Jefferson

Well, there's that word "moderation", again!

It's very hard to get pretentious about beer. You can become knowledgeable and start talking with a highfalutin' vocabulary but you can only go so far with beer and I've always liked that.

- Fritz Maytag

I am allergic to grass. Hey, it could be worse. I could be allergic to beer!

- Greg Norman Professional Golfer

Whiskey and beer are man's worst enemies... but the man who runs away from his enemies is a coward.

- Zeca Pagodinho

There is nothing in the world like the first taste of beer.

- John Steinbeck

Everything revolves around beer. When you drink beer, everything revolves. Therefore beer is the center of everything.

- University of Waterloo Engineers

So, I hope you enjoyed these Good Words! I also hope to see you at Oktoberfest! See the article on page 10 and the EYC Website for details

Don't forget to send me your favorite quotes and words-of-wisdom (dandundon@gmail.com) for us to include in future EYC log articles!

In closing, here is another thought to ponder, especially when you consider how many of us may well be thinking the same at Oktoberfest!

Beer, it's the best damn drink in the world.

- Jack Nicholson



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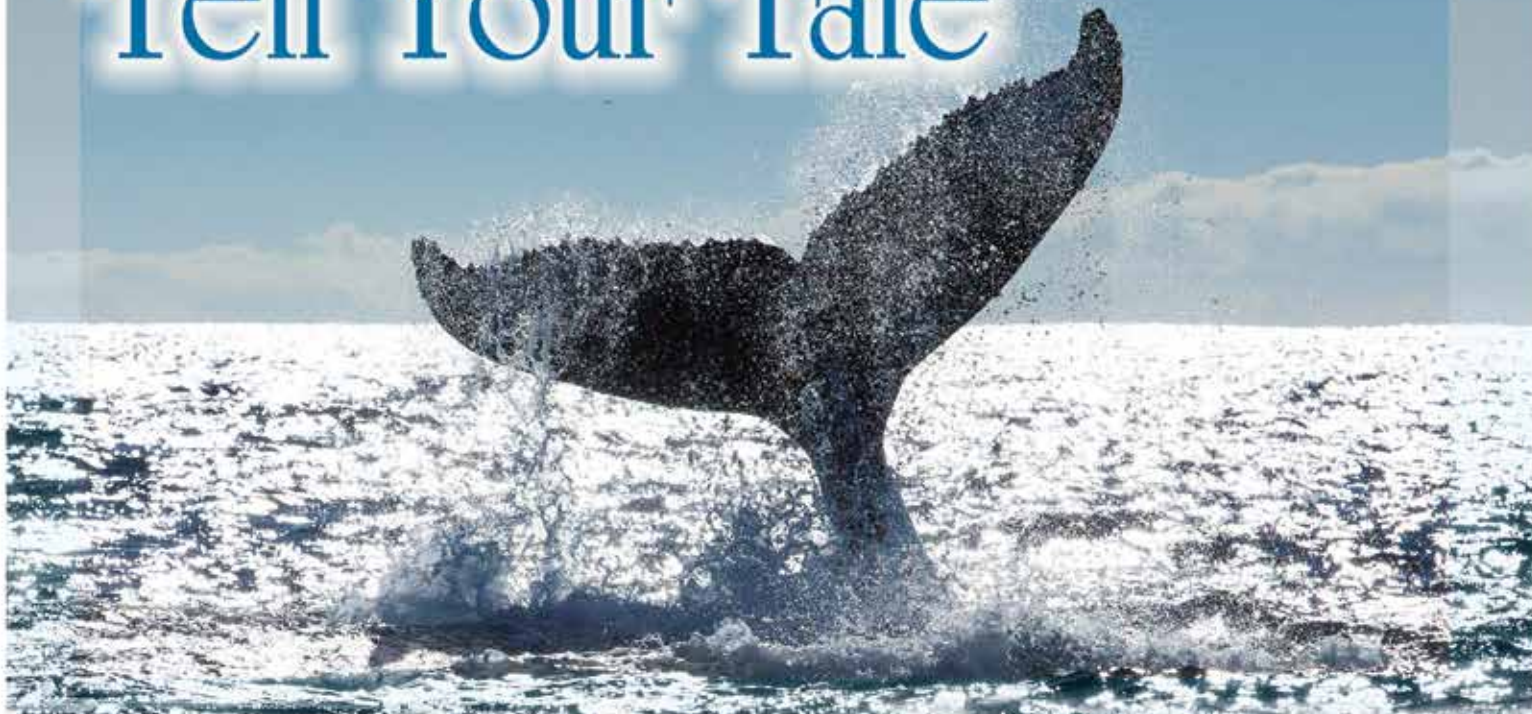
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LOG stories can be informational, like how to patch a hull, inspirational, as in the Lake Erie Solo challenge, or perhaps you'd like to call some well deserved attention to another member's generosity to the Club or community. Stories can also be just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

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!



September Calendar of Club Events

- 1st A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 2nd Labor Day
Club Open for Lunch & Dinner
- 5th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Cherry Limeade" Drink Special
Complimentary Mac & Cheese Bites
Music by The Jays
- 8th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 12th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Orange Whip" Drink Special
Complimentary Reuben Bites
Music by Salmon Frank
- 15th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 19th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Cuba Libre" Drink Special
Complimentary Pretzels
Live Music by Encore
- 22nd A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 29th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm

Fall Haul-Outs Final Day

Make your plans to prepare your boat for winter storage by scheduling your haul-out date before the final day, which is scheduled to be Sunday November 3rd. Appointments for haul-outs can be made with the Club office by stopping by or calling 453-4931, Ext. 210.



October Calendar of Club Events

- 5th The Commodores Ball
"Cruising the Great Rivers of Europe"
Cocktails 1930 Hours
Black Tie Optional
Hors d'oeuvres • Dessert Buffet
Music by The Chance
Members & their dates only
Limited Seating Available
- 6th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 13th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 19th EYC's 25th Anniversary Oktoberfest
Classic German Celebration • 6pm
German Dinner & Beer Specials
Commemorative Mug including all you can drink beer for \$11
Continuous Entertainment with The Siebenbuerger Singers, The Mad Bavarian and the Bergholz German Band
Reservations Required at 453-4931
- 20th Spooktacular Breakfast Buffet
10am - 2pm
Kids Halloween Party • 11am - 1pm
All activities are Free
Spooky activities include:
The Jungle Terry Show
Arts & Crafts
Treasure Hay Pile
Decorate a Donut
(no Ala Carte Breakfast • Buffet Only & Buffet is not included with the party)
- 27th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm

Notice:

Slip Applications for the 2020 season will be mailed in September and are due by November 1st. If you want to secure your slip for next season remember to return your form with the appropriate insurance verification.

Halloween Happenings Kids Party

**Sunday
October 20th
11am - 1pm**

Arts & Crafts Treasure Hay Jungle Terry Show Decorate a Donut

**Serving a
"Spooktakular"
Breakfast Buffet
in the Grill Room
Starting at 10am**

No ala carte breakfast available,
Breakfast Buffet only.
Buffet is not included with the party
All activities are free



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