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From the Bridge

Commodore Dave Amatangelo



With the summer season almost upon us, we're all thinking about getting our boats ready, setting up launching dates, anticipating Thursday night happy hours on the deck, and all the good things summer brings to our club.

Not that I don't want to discuss these items, but I think there is something a little more important to inform you about. This past winter, with the help of our Financial Committee, the decision was made to swap out 80% of our variable interest rate line of credit that is currently funding our "Basin Project" to a fixed rate loan. With interest rates at near historic

lows and with all the borrowing and potential future borrowing our government is doing to fight the recession, your Bridge and Board felt it would be prudent to lock in a low rate of interest at this time. In so doing we were able to obtain a 4.82% fixed rate on our loan. We are still only paying interest for the same time frame as was originally set up with the variable rate. Hopefully this action will pay dividends in the future when we will be able to avoid the higher interest rates that are anticipated.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer season.



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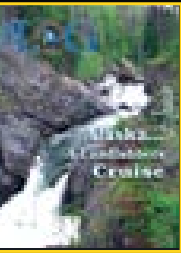
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*I*t was a trip hatched sometime in the Summer of 2007, a few months before my wife Patty was diagnosed with cancer. Patty, brother Gary, his wife Pat, and I, were talking travel. As it turned out, Gary and I shared a desire to experience Alaska, the girls had no interest. Six months later, Patty lost her battle with her disease, and the next day I asked Gary if he still wanted to go. It was at that point our trip plans began. I approached it as fulfilling a life long dream, and a chance to grieve in a very special way.

Knowing that the travel season in Alaska was even shorter than that of Erie, a July start date was established. Then began a search for information that would aid us in making up our itinerary, mostly by going on line and seeking as many brochures as possible, and also collecting word of mouth insight from experienced Alaska travelers.

After our research was in place, we decided

to leave Erie on July 9th, with our first stop in Sheridan, Wyoming for a visit with Patty's brother Mike, and his wife Cean. The Sheridan bonus came with an opportunity to go to the Sheridan rodeo, one of the best in the West. We arrived in Sheridan after two days on I-90, going through Chicago, into Wisconsin, and through South Dakota. This took us to Mount Rushmore, one of the most impressive monuments I have ever seen. Being a proud American made it even more inspiring. On Friday morning, we arrived in Sheridan just in time for the Rodeo parade, a two hour long affair that brought out nearly every resident of town, that is listed as over 18,000. After the parade, we ended up in the "Mint" cowboy bar, and participated in a celebration equal to Sullivan's in Erie on St. Patrick's Day. Two weeks later, our group ended up on the cover page of the New York Times, as part of an article about the "Still Wild West". Check it out on the July

24th issue. I'm the one with the cell phone in my ear.

Sunday, our destination trip began. We drove through Montana and entered Canada via Interstate-15. We traveled straight North through Alberta, past Calgary and Edmonton, and entered Northern British Columbia, and Dawson Creek. This took two days, and we were still 1,500 miles from Fairbanks. British Columbia, I can report, is as beautiful as any geography we experienced, sixty-five miles-long lakes with no cabins, no fishermen, no boats! Unbelievable! We camped beside an emerald green lake, which got it's color from the residue of an old copper mine in the mountain above it. We saw mountain goats, black bear, moose, and bison, grazing next to the Alcan Highway. As it turned out, it was some of the most scenic country we would see in the entire trip.

After British Columbia, we traveled through The Yukon (remember Sergeant Preston?)

with our Alaskan destination now within reach. On day nine of our trip, and 4,275 miles, we crossed the Alaskan border. After another long day drive, we ended up in Fairbanks, the second largest City in Alaska. Fairbanks is the keystone of the Alaskan pipe-line, and with the pending gas pipe-line, it is booming with activity.

After two days in a camp ground, we headed south to the summer home of Patty's sister Kate, who hosted us in her 170 square foot cabin, located on a 2-1/2 acre site in Healy. Healy is most noted for being a few miles north of the main entrance to Denali National Park, and also the site of the movie "Out of the Wilderness." Kate's cabin is a few blocks from the Stampede trail, where the movie took place. We then spent two unbelievable days in the Park, which was the highlight of our trip. Denali is a six million acre splendor, with Mount McKinley as its centerpiece. We took a thirteen hour school bus trip 92 miles into the park, and saw more Grizzly Bear than I can report, including a sow and her two January cubs, that decided to almost crawl into

our bus. From that point, more Bear, Golden Eagle, Fox, Wolf, Moose, Caribou, Mountain Goat, and most spectacularly, a perfect view of Mount McKinley. As it turns out, only about 20% of the Park visitors ever see the Mountain, due to cloud cover, so we were feeling quite fortunate.

After Denali, we traveled South to Anchorage, the only truly metropolitan city in Alaska, with just over 150,000 residence. We then went South onto the Kenai Peninsula, and spent a night on the "spit" in Homer. Homer is a world famous fishing village. We had planned a day trip for Halibut, but as it turned out, the weather was unbearable. The entire trip was cool and wet, the worst summer on record in forty five years, but that's the gamble you take. We then went to Whittier on the east coast of the Kenai, which was one of the typical surprises you get used to traveling in Alaska. Whittier is a deep-water port, accessible by car only through a 2-1/2 mile tunnel, alternating one-way, along with a shared railroad access. Still controlled by the government, there are only 180 permanent residents, all living in a govern-

ment owned high-rise.

Alaska only has four major highways, so we had to back-track through Anchorage, and north to exit from the Alcan Highway. We stayed in Glenallen, Tok, and Haines Junction, in the Yukon Territory, on our way to Haines Alaska. Haines Junction gave us one of the weather highlights of the trip, and sunset at 11:00 PM, with the suns angle turning the green forest into a golden splendor. There was a double rainbow that had clarity of color inexperience in our part of the world. Back through British Columbia, then Alaska, and into Haines, the "Bald Eagle capitol of the world". After a couple days camping, and a day trip to Skagway, we put the truck on a ferry to Juneau. Juneau is the capitol of Alaska, which is only accessible via water.

Juneau has only 30,000 residents, and is built on the side of a mountain. There were five cruise ships in port, so tourism is a big part of their economy, as it is for the entire state. Skagway for instance, has 750,000 visitors

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ALASKA

"A Landlubber's Cruise"

by Randy Brown

Few visitors ever see this view of Mount McKinley due to the heavy cloud cover that you can see directly over the mountain which lifted just for our LOG reader's pleasure.



I jumped out of the car to play "tag" with a couple of buffalo but they would not play!



This is the Mint Bar in Sheridan, Wyoming in which we had our picture taken after the rodeo that ended up on the cover of the New York Times.



Gary and I with Pittsburgh native and Fritz Curtze's hunting buddy Frank Fauth in Wyoming. Frank was at the EYC with Fritz last summer.



The rodeo in Sheridan, WY is a big time event in the west and fun too.



Another of the cozy camp sites we enjoyed throughout our five week adventure.



The cub is confused ... "NO HIKING OFF ROAD", he wonders why?



This is Frank Fauth's trophy room in his home that his liberal friends refer to as the "killing room".



Scenes like this are repeated thousands of times throughout this magnificent state.

Just as the current TV sandwich commercial promotes, it's a real deal. Yes, just \$25 dollars gets you season long entry into the racing fleet if you are a first timer! Entry not only puts you on the starting line in 23 jib and main races, but gives you much, much more. The 2009 season is packed with races, educational and social events. The planning began shortly after the 2008 campaign culminated in the annual November awards banquet and dance with several sessions by the fleet committee. March brought a wonderful program offered by Bob Arlet, the US Brig Niagara's chief carpenter and local sail maker David Bierig both long time EYC members. The very interesting power point program described the rescue and restoration of their original 1929 55' Alden

ketch named *Dreamer*. David's colorful considered descriptions and Bob's ability to simplify the technical made for a very enjoyable fun evening. Next up was the North-U educational seminar studying the changes in the 2009-2012 sailboat racing rules for our serious racers. The one day program featured Brad Dellenbaugh, Sailing Director of the New York Yacht Club's Newport, RI. station and former sailing coach at Brown University and the U.S. Naval Academy. Sailboat racers from the tri-state region attended the March event held at our beautiful EYC facility.

The jam packed 2009 season schedule includes the 52nd Interclub Cruise that explores the eastern ports of Lake Erie commencing at the EYC. This annual late June event has

been described as a six day soirée interrupted by five sailboat races. Don't believe that, it's all very serious, both the parties and the races. The Snipe North American Championship will again be held here at our spacious EYC venue after a very successful 2007 EYC sponsored event.

2009 plans include the all women crew Le Femme Race and new this year Junior Racers Cup for our junior sailors and prospective crew members. Other familiar races are the very popular Night Lighthouse race with its sunset start at our EYC light, then to Presque Isle light and finishing just off our lighthouse deck. This is a great one described as four races in one which is scheduled to give the competitors the rush of racing under the huge

romantic full moon. Others include the Mork Trophy, Governor's Cup, Mayor's Cup, Eckerd Cup, Annette Cup, over night Koehler Cup to Port Dover and back as well as the Bluff Bar race for the beautiful Wolford Trophy. There are many other events as well including the local race schedule which is separated into groups of three races. Each series is associated with a sponsor who provides awards which of course must be distributed at a party complete with food, beverages and spirited camaraderie all FREE to the racing crews.

Join now ! If you are a newbie not to worry, we will assign you to a class matching your ability and boat speed potential and all at less than \$1 per event, a deal you can't refuse. I forgot to mention the chairman's party at the

lighthouse pavilion, the great chili race off, the reverse race, the Maxi race, the raft up, the ... etc., etc., etc.

You can view the complete schedule, print an application and get all of the details at erieyachtclub.org. Volunteers and prospective crew members are cheerfully encouraged to join in. Check out the accompanying John Orlando & author photos for yourself. Chairman Tom Madura, the officers and members thank the following 2009 sponsors and supporters of the racing fleet:

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2009 Promises a Great Season for Erie Yacht Club Racing Fleet

by F/C Dave Heitzenrater



The matriarch of the EYC Racing Fleet is *Dreamer*, a truly beautiful 1929 ketch designed by Sparkmen & Stephens.



There have actually been six ships in the United States Navy named *USS New York*. The first was a “gondola” that was built on Lake Champlain in 1776. She saw action in the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Valcour Island. The second *USS New York* was a 36 gun frigate that was built and commissioned in 1800. She was actually built in New York City and paid for by contributions from its citizens. She was commanded by Captain Richard V. Morris



This is the replica of the first USS New York a gondola which fought in the Revolutionary War.

who sailed her to the Mediterranean in 1802 where she served as the flagship in the historic war against the Barbary Pirates. Morris took her through two battles in which she helped defeat the enemy Tripolitan gunboats. She returned to the Washington Navy Yard in 1803 where she remained for 11 years until she was burned by the British on August 24th, 1814.

The third *USS New York* was a 74-gun “ship of the line”. She laid down in 1820 but never left the stocks and was burned in 1861. After the War of 1812, Congress authorized the construction of 9 ships of the line as a potential deterrent to future war with Britain. War never came and so the *New York*, whose keel was laid in 1820 and was ready for launching in 1825, never left the stocks. On 20 April 1861, this 74-gun ship-of-the-line was burned by Union forces to avoid capture by encroaching Virginians at the start of the Civil War.

Our fourth *USS New York* CA-2, her keel laid in 1890, was an armored cruiser commissioned in 1893. She saw action in the Spanish-American War as the Flagship for Admiral Sampson in the battle of Santiago when the

American Squadron destroyed the Spanish fleet in 1898. She was later renamed the *USS Saratoga* in 1911. This ship was renamed again in 1915 as the *USS Rochester* and decommissioned in 1933 and scuttled in 1941.

The fifth *USS New York* (BB-34) was a battleship that saw action in both World War I and World War II. On 11 September 1911, the battleship *New York* was laid down and then



This is the bowplate which was carved out of wood and painted then attached to the bow of the cruiser *USS New York*.

USS New York

by P/C John Ashby



This is the armored cruiser the *USS New York* which was the flagship in the Spanish-American War.

commissioned on 15 April 1914. She served as flagship of Battleship Division 9 in World War I supporting the British Grand Fleet in the North Sea with blockade and escort missions. The *USS New York* was present when the German High Seas Fleet surrendered on 21 November 1918. After the War, *USS New York* was decommissioned on 29



The fifth USS New York was built in 1914 and saw action in both the First and Second World Wars.

August 1946 and sunk as a target ship in 1948. There was also a nuclear powered attack submarine, *USS New York City* (SSN 696) that was commissioned in 1979 and decommissioned in 1997.

Today's LPD 21 *USS New York* will be the longest and widest ship to bear the name New York weighting within 2,000

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“NEVER FORGET”



Coming soon to your favorite yacht club, for the 114th time, we join together to celebrate our Opening Day Ceremonial Event. Experience all the splendor and pageantry we've amassed since our founding fathers first celebrated opening day way back in 1895.

Come and join Commodore Dave Amatangelo with your friends, family and your fellow members to pay tribute to our departed members and the brave souls who put their lives on the line in defending and securing our great freedoms. The solemn moments and the sound of trumpets. The laughter and cheer of both family and friends will ring out in our legendary celebration to be held on Monday, May 25th ... the official start of summer 2009.

Again this year instructors from the EYC Reyburn Sailing School will be available for sail rides for those interested in participating in any one of this year's "Learn to Sail" programs.

Don't be late for the "kick off" of the summer as trumpets will sound our "Call to Colors" at 1130 hours. Be Here!

114TH MEMORIAL DAY OPENING CEREMONIES



The Land of Michilimackinac

by P/C John Ashby

This is the world famous Grand Hotel best known for its 19th century flare and a front porch which is a quarter of a mile long.

aboard another neat craft, a flush deck Ericson 39 which carried the monicker "Aquila". Again I was pressed into service, as a much more seasoned mate, by *Aquila's* skipper my longtime friend Roger Zurn. Both these adventures created some lifetime memories balanced somewhere between an awesome racing experience and a few equally memorable moments of terror. But then that's sailboat racing.

Anyone who has ventured to this enchanted island, no matter the mode of transport, has encountered a voyage into the late 1800's. This quaint throwback in time to the days of horse drawn buggies and bicycles, as the only modes of transportation, with its vintage architecture offers visitors an opportunity to bask in a somewhat Victorian lifestyle.

I began thinking that you may enjoy a little history lesson about this jewel of the Great Lakes as much as I did in doing the research.

It is Machinac's location that has determined the Island's long and intriguing history. In prehistoric times, 11,000 years ago after the last great glaciers retreated farther north, prehistoric aboriginal inhabitants of the mainland ventured out to this mystical island and found it to be just that. Located on the Straits between two great bodies of water, Lake Huron and Lake Michigan, Machinac Island totally in-

trigued and mystified these early visitors.

Machinac's unusually high bluffs fascinated and sparked religious fervor among these explorers and they saw religious meaning in its raw limestone landscape such as "large reptiles" or "turtles". Native Americans traveling the Straits region likened the shape of the island to that of a turtle's back and named it Michilimackinac, "Land of the Great Turtle". Hence the modern name "Machinac". So under the Island's near mystical allure they began burying their dead in Machinac's limestone caves.

Mackinac Island, by virtue of its location in the center of the Great Lakes waterway, became a tribal gathering place where offerings were made to Gitchie Manitou. According to

The main harbor is lined by a quaint village scene and is a great spot for anchoring while visiting Machinac Island.



Anishinaabe-Ojibwe tradition, Mackinac Island is populated by the first people and was home to the Great Spirit Gitchie Manitou. Therefore, tribes would bury their chiefs there to honor this Great Spirit.

In 1634 the first white man to set eyes on the island is believed to have been a French-Canadian named Jean Nicolet while he was on a mission of exploration for the Governor of Canada, Samuel de Champlain.

During the War of 1812, the Fort on Machinac Island, originally held by the Canadians and British, was subsequently given to the Americans by way of the War's Treaty in 1815.

After the War the island became the center of John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company and for the next thirty years was employing



Hotel guests are involved in an exhausting high intensity game of croquet while enjoying the beautiful landscaping of the "Grand".



This is but one of the famous limestone landmarks that has tantalized the eyes of visitors since the first aboriginal Indians stepped ashore.

large numbers of German immigrants for trapping beaver pelts for hats so favored at the time.

In the 1860's, the island processed an enormous catch of white fish and lake trout for the flourishing northeastern markets. This thriving industry helped replace Astor's fur business which had long since moved on to the west-

ern mountain's abundance of available beaver pelts.

Not until the 1880's did the tourist trade begin to flourish in the form of sport fishing. The island waters around Machinac offered sportsmen a bevy of perch, black bass, and had pike grounds that marveled sportsmen who traveled. **The island's fleet of horse drawn carriages actually do sport roofs "with fringe on top"!**



eled by train to the Straits aboard the Michigan Central.

A unique feature of Machinac Island in the mechanized age of motor transportation is that all visitors and residents alike travel by foot,

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"For the Short and Tall
... We've Got It All!"



Bring the Kids & Have a Ball!

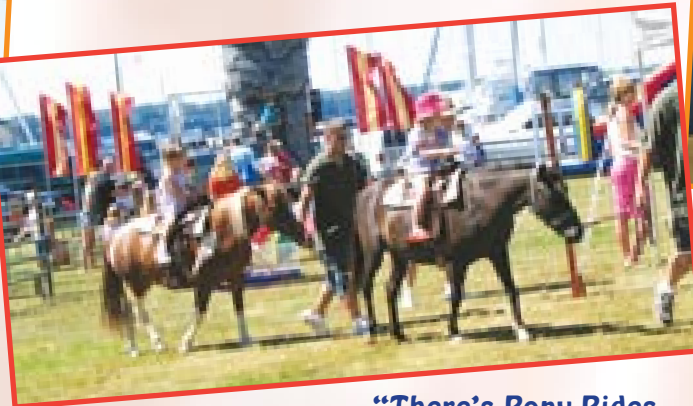
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under the Sun!"

... so be here on Sunday, July 5th

by Janet Stachelek



"You Can Climb
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Way Up in the Sky!"



"There's Pony Rides ...
with Mom or Dad at Your Sides!"



"You Scream, I Scream,
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and We Got That Too!"



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there's rabbits and chickens
and several goats "Woo" ...
and it's all for the Little Kids ...
and You Big Kids "Boo Hoo!"

"You Can't Find a Grump...
when Having Fun on
Our Dyno Jump!"

"Kid's Food Too ...
and maybe an
Adult Drink for You!"

The festivities begin at 3:00 p.m. and last until 6:00 p.m., a short window of time for you to experience one of those days at the EYC when EVERYONE is smiling, and not just the kids. It is a day for parents, grandparents, current friends, and also, a day for you and your kids to make new friends. Meet some of our newest members, introduce your children to their children, and then sit back and watch all the fun.

What fun? Well, let's start with the pet-

ting zoo which all the kids love. In the past we have had a dromedary, llamas, a bison, several goats, rabbits, and exotic chickens. Each year the list varies, but it is always a hit with the young and old.

Then there are the pony rides. The kids are always so thrilled to be on horseback, but a word of caution, that pony may end up being the bane of your existence when your kids start asking for one at home.

There is a train designed specifically for

our smallest passengers that tours around the EYC grounds. For those a bit older, the Jr. Sailing program provides short boat trips around the basin.

Back on land, there are clowns, face painters, caricature artists, balloons, games, and usually, the "Dyno jump" to bounce around in, or the rock wall to climb. But best of all is the food! The picnic buffet has plenty to satisfy all ages, from popcorn, sno-cones, burgers and

dogs, to salads, sides, and the pièce de résistance, the ice cream bar.

So mark your calendars. This is one event that you and your family do not want to miss. It is a fun-filled party done just right with all of the attention to detail that has become a hallmark of the EYC staff. I'll see you there!



EYC Annual Family Picnic



Change is in the Air

Here's What's New in the Reyburn Sailing School for 2009

by Aimee Nicolia

New! Before and After Care

For the first time ever, the Reyburn Sailing School will offer a "Before and After Care" option for students needing to arrive earlier than the regularly scheduled 9:00 am start of class, or stay later than the 4:00 end of class. We expect this to be a much needed and much appreciated service provided to working parents or parents who otherwise need to have their sailors spend a little extra time with us. Instructors will be available to supervise children before class as early as 7:30 am and after class until 5:30 pm. The cost of the "Before and After Care" is \$20 per day.

This summer, Peter Lund, Jr. returns to the Reyburn Sailing School for his second year as director of the program. With his experience in running the program last season and talking with many of the students and their parents, Peter is excited to begin implementing some changes that will improve upon the program in addition to building upon the positives changes that he began to set in motion last summer. Here are some of the new things you'll see this year.

New! Saturday Afternoon Adult Session

Another exciting addition to this year's program is a new third session for the adult classes. As in the past we will offer two four-week sessions in the evenings (this year the evening classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 pm until sundown). But new this year, we will also have a Saturday class from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm running for 6 weeks. This will be a great option for folks who can't break away from work early enough to make the evening classes, or folks who just prefer the more kicked back pace of a Saturday afternoon of sailing on the bay. We also expect this to be a nice choice for "big boat sailors" who might want to try their hand at small boat sailing once

a week. Either way, all adult students including non-members will be welcome to enjoy the use of our fabulous clubhouse or deck to relax and unwind after class.

New! Private Lessons

This year we're offering something new for adult and junior students who either can't join us during regularly scheduled classes, or who simply prefer the specialized level of instruction available through private lessons. Students can arrange for the lessons through Peter Lund, Jr at lundpsjr@yahoo.com. The cost of private lessons is \$35 per hour with a minimum of 3 hours for a lesson.

With all the new changes and offerings this year, there's sure to be a course that's right for any sailor. For sailing class applications, please visit our website at erieyachtclub.org/reburn/reburn.html or contact the Erie Yacht Club office at 453-4931.



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USS Brig Niagara ...under *fire* again!

by Douglas Boldt

“Don’t Give Up the Ship!” Oliver Hazard Perry’s famous battle flag and quote has become a line synonymous with Erie and the Flagship Niagara. The quote is incredibly appropriate to the City of Erie today, as the community is in jeopardy of losing its tall ship and key cultural icon.

Due to budgetary changes at the State level, the sailing program of the Flagship Niagara remains in a precarious state. Without additional support from the local Erie community, the ship will cease to sail, and will remain tied to her dock, unable to carry out her economic and educational mission throughout the region.

Nearly all of the Flagship Niagara’s funding over the last twenty years has come exclusive-

ly from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The agency that oversees funding for the ship, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), is funded through real estate transfer taxes. Due to the downturn in the real estate market, PHMC has reduced funding to all of its sites around the state, including the recommendation to close six museums. In order for the Commonwealth to allow the ship to continue to sail, PHMC is now asking Erie to step up to the plate and show that the Flagship Niagara is important to the community and worthy of local support.

Recognizing the need to show local support, the Erie Yacht Club has committed to holding both an informational cocktail reception and

a fund raising regatta that will assist the Flagship Niagara financially and symbolically. Commodore Amatangelo invites the EYC membership and members of the community to “Pull Together Erie”, an Evening Benefit for the Flagship Niagara to be held Tuesday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the ballroom of the Erie Yacht Club. The evening will include a cash bar with hors d’oeuvres, a silent auction of Flagship Niagara artwork, and a keynote address from noted maritime historian and Senior Captain of the Flagship Niagara, Walter Rybka. The media and local politicians are also expected to be at this special event.

The Erie Community sits on the threshold of a very important question. Are Erieites comfort-

able with the status-quo of possessing a museum ship that so many communities across the country already boast? Or, does Erie value a truly unique and bold asset that puts Erie well outside of a national caliber and into the international sphere? From an economic, commercial, business, educational and tourism perspective, the Erie Yacht Club believes that Erieites value the latter. We believe that the Erie community wants to keep their tall ship and their international icon active and on the water sailing. The EYC’s Board of Directors sincerely hope that the membership and their friends will consider attending “Pull Together Erie”. Let us show our support for one of Erie’s finest assets, one of the premier tall ships not

only in the United States but the entire world and stand behind our Flagship Niagara to keep her representing her Erie heritage.

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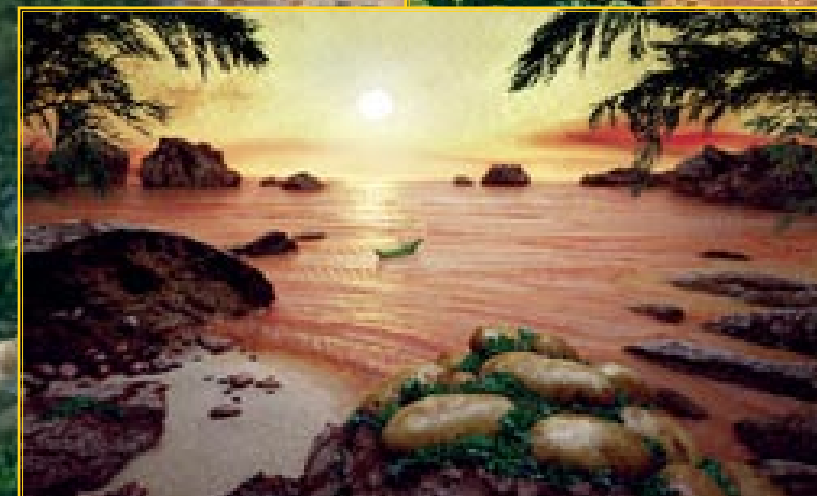
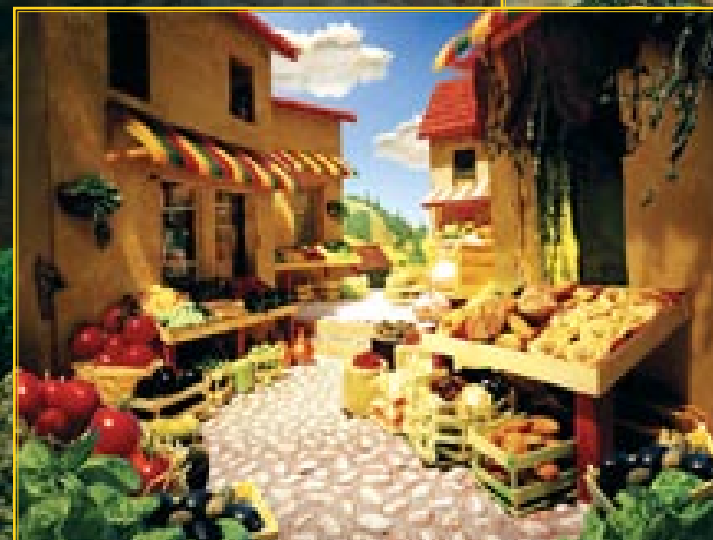
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Racing Team Fundraiser Huge Success

by Aimee Nicolia



The Reyburn Sailing School Committee sends a heartfelt thank you to all those who helped make the Race Team's fundraiser event on Thursday, February 19th a huge success and to all the EYC members who supported the raffle by purchasing tickets. We truly appreciate the time and talents of all the fine celebrity bartenders who served up the brews, as well as Monica Bloomstine and Colleen Bloomstine who organized the beautifully displayed Chinese Auction, and all the folks who donated items for the Chinese Auction.

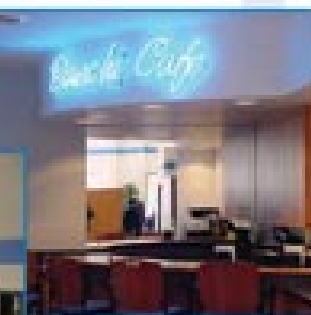
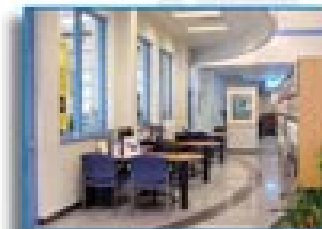
And finally, a very special thanks goes to Gary Boldt, the grand prize winner of the evening who donated his winnings to the Race Team. The proceeds for the night will be used to defray costs incurred by the Race Team to represent the Erie Yacht Club at local, regional and national regattas.

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ALASKA

"A Landlubber's Cruise"

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a year. We found a beautiful campground just outside town, on a lake adjacent to the Mendenhall Glacier. As we found in most of Alaska, campgrounds are very available, and mostly first class. The Mendenhall Park was



Mendenhall Glacier is one of Alaska's thousands of beautiful "millennium old" glaciers found throughout the state..



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at the top of the list. There was a terrific view of the Glacier, and we found a bonus in that using floating glacier ice kept our beer cold for days because of it's 80% density. The magnificent "blue aura" it radiates is visible to both the naked eye and it shows up beautifully in photographs as well.

As was the case in most of our travels, an American Legion, or a Moose Club, turned out to be a fine source of food and beverage, along with wonderful friendly companionship. I was most excited, however, to have a chance to

host my brother at the Juneau Yacht Club. As it turned out, it was closed, and apparently only open for catered parties. I wanted to share a pennant, but left empty handed. After three days in Juneau, we began our trip home via the Alaskan Highway, an 1,100 mile ferry boat ride back to the "lower 48." We visited several towns, including Sitka and Ketchikan, which represented the true flavor of the Alaskan



This is Whittier, AK which is only accessible by a 2.5 mile tunnel that cars share with trains or by water. Note the size of the "spectator deck" on this cruise ship ... it's wider than the ship!



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fishing industry. The ferry boat was a wonderful highlight, with miles of serene water, and many sightings of Humpback and Killer Whale. After nearly four days on the boat, Bellingham Washington was our re-entry port into the USA mainland.

Although Alaska is famous for having the most spectacular geography in the world, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the people of Alaska.

Living where summers last two months if you're lucky (and we complain about living in Erie), and having to endure the long cold and dark winters, takes a very special person.

We found that most of the inhabitants fall into three categories. First are the native born residents. This would include Eskimos and Indians, and the sons and daughters of early pioneers. The second group includes all of the new pioneers, hunters, hikers, and military personal, who found that Alaska got into their blood and stayed or returned to live the Alaskan life style. Lastly, there are the misfits of society, that ventured to Alaska to get away from something or someone. Regardless, each has a story, and they are all eager to share them with you. We certainly met some very unforgettable characters.

The trip home was highlighted by a full day in Yellowstone National Forest. This is a much

This is the "Red Dog Saloon" in Juneau. It was crowded, even during the day, with locals and tourists. Great people ... great time!



I was looking forward to taking Gary to the Juneau Yacht Club with our EYC reciprocal membership privileges but it was "Closed" !

more attainable trip, and offers some wonderful sights only a few days drive from Erie. We then headed south and took a new route home, Interstate 80. We drove hard, missing our families and friends, but still managed to see several million corn stalks, and found out personally why there is this term "fly over country"... it's straight, flat, and really boring. After two 800 mile days, we arrived back home, tired but happy. The entire trip lasted one day shy of five weeks, and it was truly a once in a lifetime "Land Lubber's Cruise."



What a spectacular site to see. Elk visiting this valley in Yellow Stone and they've been doing so for thousands of years long before man settled here. We were just lucky enough to show up at the same time. What a spectacular sight.



What I was after here is a commodity that is an absolute when camping and only readily found in Alaska ... "glacier ice" for our food and there is nothing quite like it for really ice cold beverages.



This is the densest and coldest ice anywhere and it casts a "hue" of beautiful blue color.



This Husky training camp was the home of the late Susan Butcher, winner of four Iditarod dog-sled races. Her husband continues to raise and train the dogs near Fairbanks.



We tucked away the SUV in the belly of the "Inland Waterway Ferry" for a 4 day beautiful breathtaking cruise from Juneau to Bellingham, WA. Many tourists camped out on deck ... we took a cabin!"





Gary and I take a relaxing dip in the 110 degree waters of a sulfur hot spring in British Columbia. It felt truly wonderful but it stunk like rotten eggs yet it was all well worth the odor.




In Sitka, Gary could not resist buying some Jelly from three beautiful little sales ladies. They were the sweetest three sisters we met in Alaska.



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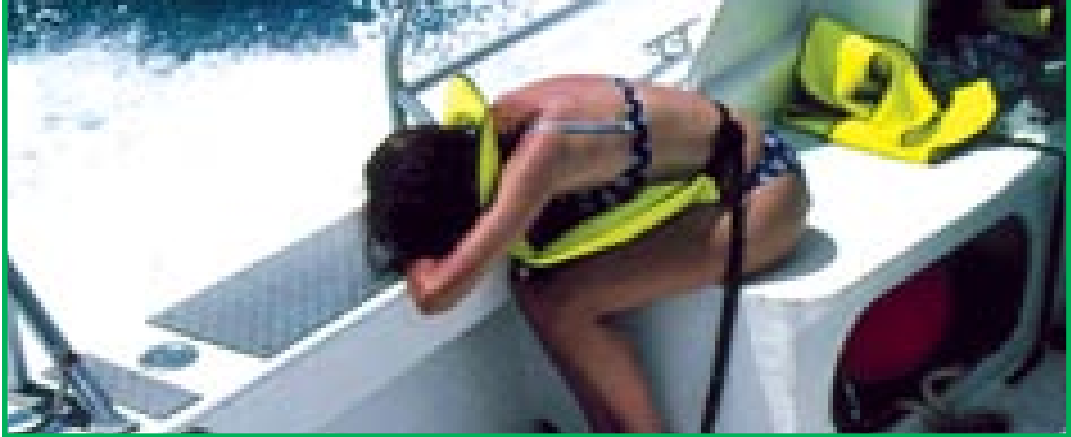
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During most of our many sailing voyages I have been able to go below - pump, prime and pre-heat the alcohol stove - and heat up Dinty Moore Beef Stew or Snow's Clam Chowder while under sail in a full (well, almost full) gale. This did require some interesting contortionism, like wedging myself between the stove and the sea-water sink



No No's When Your Seasick!

in a wide-legged stance using my knees for extra balance. Uncomfortable? Yes. But ultimately preferable to being thrown across the main salon when the bow whacked into the valley of a cresting wave. I have also successfully heated a kettle of water and made huge mugs of real French Press coffee or 'hot buttered rum' (Dave Murphy's or Buck Wamsley's recipe). Once or twice I turned green and a couple times I scurried up through the companionway a little rubber-legged, but I have never been sea-sick.

My following accounts of sea-sickness are from first hand witness of others whom have sailed with us. Names have not been used to protect the embarrassed. Don't worry, whatever happened on Soiree (most of the time) stayed on Soiree. Fact: It's a long distance, in time, from Erie to Port Dover on a sailboat - but it feels like an eternity in hell when you're sea-sick.

1. Don't eat a large Mexican or Indo-Pak meal before going sailing. Actually any large meal isn't good but especially spicy food containing such things as Jalapeno peppers or Curry. It's great tasting but extremely 'foreign' when it's crossing the border from the other side.

2. Never get on the boat drunk. If you think the room "spins" after drinking too much on land - can you imagine how it feels when your bobbing up and down in a small container out in the middle of the lake - and you can't get off the boat!

3. Don't Go Below. Staying in the 'fresh air' is a better alternative to going below. Even when you're not sure which is rocking harder - your body from the extreme shivers of frigid cold or the boat from the waves, it's easier to keep your stomach from roiling when you feel the 'breeze' and gulp some fresh air.

4. Don't stare at the water. Watching the wave action only enhances nausea and dizziness. Stare at something that doesn't move - like a building on land (the IP or GE stacks are a good landmark). If you can't see land - stare at the horizon (pretending that you're not wishing the ship were sailing into the mouth of a whale). Remember, slow deep breaths.

5. Don't hang off the transom breathing in the engine fumes. Someone very dear to me sat on the back of Soiree turning greener and greener from the choppy water and the rising diesel engine fumes. Crossing to Port Dover that day the wind was blowing directly on our nose making sailing impossible. We motored most of the way until we rounded Long Point and found a point of sail. Water and diesel oil fumes do not mix!

6. Don't "up-chuck" over the side without someone holding on to your belt. If you think being sick is no fun on the boat - it's even less fun in the frigid water. Falling overboard is not an option! If the Captain hasn't had a recent "man-overboard" drill with the crew this may not be the best time to practice one. You're chances are always better if you can stay in the boat until it docks.

7. Don't "lose-it" on the boat handler. "Hurling" on or directly in front of the Captain, First Mate or Helmsman is not a good idea. "Throwing up" is a lot like yawning - one person yawns and it affects everyone who sees it. Of course, your idea of a good time might be a boat full of friends circling in the lake praying that God will just let you all die as soon as possible.

What you may do when you've been sea-sick - is kiss the ground as soon as the boat is safely tied up to anything remotely reminiscent of land. (I have witnessed this ground worshiping exercise.) Remember, it's always prudent to take a preventive sea-sick medication before you go sailing.



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of \$1000. These openings are available on a first come, first serve basis until the cap is met. An associate member who obtains a boat at a later date may transfer to regular membership with this initiation fee credited towards the regular initiation fee.

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The 2nd Annual Presque Isle Bay Swim II

by P/C Fritz Curtze



Since last year's Bay Swim I was such a rousing success, our committee has agreed to have a 'second annual event': Bay Swim II

The Second Annual Bay Swim will take place on Saturday, June 20, 2009 with a start time of 9 a.m. The noncompetitive swim will start at Vista 3 parking lot, Presque Isle, to the Erie Yacht Club's lighthouse ... a distance of 1.1 miles.

Check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Presque Isle State Park, Vista 3, across from the Stull Interpretive Center. Participants: Please park in the Beach 1 parking lot.

I need boats to line the swim course as visual aids for the swimmers as we did last year. All interested power and sail boaters can contact me (Fritz) at (814) 450-4319. Let's not let the swimmers have all the fun and thank you all in advance for your help.

Pat Davis and, my wife, Michele, are Co-Chairs again this year so come on all you boaters help me out here!

The 2009 Bay Swim will be limited to 300 total swimmers so don't waste any time getting your registration in.

Download the event application and waiver form at both: www.DiscoverPi.com and go to "Special Events", then to "Bay Swim" and then click: bayswim09.app.waiver or the Club's website at www.erieyachtclub.org and let's "get 'r done"!

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A typical scene for island life as tourists and bicycles and horse drawn carriages vie for space on a downtown street.

bicycle or horse drawn carriage. This tempo is more resonant of the 19th century creating a much more relaxed slower pace that most visitors can achieve on their vacations ... and you would love it!

Machinac's laid back charm is protected and preserved by an act of Congress when in 1875 portions of the island (equalling 80%) where given protection as was America's first public park, Yellowstone, only a few years earlier in 1872. Other than a small number of land leases for the sites of bluff cottages, all development was stopped and control today by preserving for prosperity Machinac's charm and mystic allure. That Victorian era can still be experienced by strict observance of periods settings, guided tours, reenactments and limits on private development and leaseholder's to maintain Machinac's Victorian architecture on the Island.

In the post-Civil War, visitors traveled to Machinac Island from Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago and Detroit by large excursion boats for the cooler climate that the island offered them.

To accommodate this influx of sportsmen, vacationers and the growing population of local residents, the overnight boat and railroad companies built summer accommodations, such as the famous 19th Century Grand Hotel



A favorite stop for visitors is at the Cannon Ball for a lunch break while taking a bicycle tour around the island.

that sports the world's longest, a quarter of a mile long, front porch. Other facilities including restaurants, antique and souvenir shops were added for the tourist to enjoy as they waltzed the nights away or strolled along the Machinac board walk.

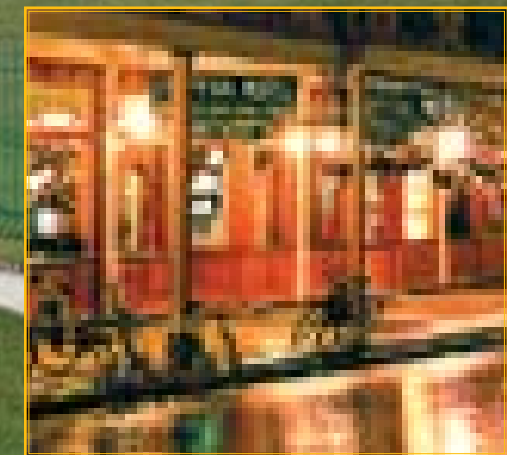
In the 1890's, wealthy Midwestern industrialists, wanting to spend more time on the island, constructed summer cottages on the east and western bluffs. Soon the social life included tennis, hiking and bicycling. Shortly after the



This is the "limo" so to speak and the pride and joy of the Grand Hotel's fleet of horse drawn transportation.

turn of the century the Wawashkamo golf course was constructed and Machinac settled into the unique relaxed and tranquil lifestyle that remains today.

Through its early Victorian history, Machinac Island has been haven for poets, writers and entertainers such as Henry Longfellow, Edward Everett Hale and entertainers such as Mark Twain, who ventured to Machinac in July 1895 on his world tour trying to recoup his fortune. Twain was paid an astounding \$345 per speaking engagement. In 1946, MGM filmed a romantic tale of lost and found love called "This Time for Keeps" starring Esther Williams and Jimmy Durante. Also, in 1979, Jane



Since feet and bicycles are the main mode of transportation, the wheeled versions become parked in front of favorite watering holes.

Seymour and Christopher Reeves made the romantic movie "Somewhere in Time". The Grand Hotel again being utilized as the film's main setting.

Well, it has been nearly fifty years since the Zurn brothers first introduced me to the mystical Land of the Great Turtle. So, I think it is about time I get back to "Michilimackinac" to find out if it is still that mystical paradise overlooking the Straits for all who sojourn there



“It’s a Water Thing!” New Member Tom Bloom



Tom Bloom just can't help himself, "he loves the water". Tom and his wife Nancy, having recently joined the club, feel very much at home already having met many members and have enjoyed several club functions to date.

It's a water thing. That probably is why Tom and Nancy Bloom ended up joining the Erie Yacht Club as Associate members. You see, Tom grew up in Erie on Dunn Blvd. just a stones throw from the Lake. His dad would not let him go to the lake until he learned how to swim at the YMCA. From then on, the draw of the water continued to call him back. As a 12 year-old, the fun meant they had to find small boats to get 300 to 400 feet off shore to

find clean water because of the black soot that fell on the water from nearby plants.

The whole water theme stayed with Tom as he competed on the swim team and water polo teams during high school. As a young man in the 1950's, Tom joined the Navy and was a Flight Engineer on a seaplane. Later, in the 1980's Tom bought a 100-year-old houseboat in Horseshoe Pond. The barge and house were subsequently replaced and Tom and his

by Brad Enterline

family continue to enjoy being on the water (literally!)

Many readers who have been around awhile would probably recognize his boat as well. Even if you did not see it coming you would hear it! It is a 24-foot Carrera, first popularized on the hit TV show "Miami Vice". The boat is the former "Thumper" and has undergone an extensive overhaul to keep her running strong.

In addition to his love of the water, Tom also keeps busy as the VP of engineering at Erie Specialty Products where he has worked since 1984. He does confess that he no longer works full time, and who can blame him!

So, I was still a little curious, why would Tom want to join the EYC? He virtually lives on the water in the summer and can tie up his boat right alongside. But Tom told me he and Nancy were amazed at how many people and friends they discovered here. As members, they both love to come down to mingle, have a drink or enjoy one of the special parties and events. In Tom's words, "It was the one of the best moves I have made in my life". Well, Tom, I agree!



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Due to other pressing responsibilities, last year's Frolic Chairman Marty Ferrall, a long time volunteer and major financial contributor, has forced him to turn over his responsibilities to our new Chairman Dan Dundon.

Dan, another EYC member and longtime Frolic volunteer has many year's experience as both Chairman and as a volunteer on a host of Club Projects and Committees. He affords us the confidence that the Frolic program is in very capable hands.

The Frolic event is an activity that encompasses not only the EYC as host club, but many other

by Jim Finn

Frolic on the Bay

•Monday, July 13, 2009•

(Skipper and Volunteer Picnic Lunch held on EYC lawn at conclusion of event.)

clubs including Commodore Perry, Presque Isle and the Zem Zem Sailors Yacht Club's which rounds out the organizations that participate in Frolic on the Bay event.

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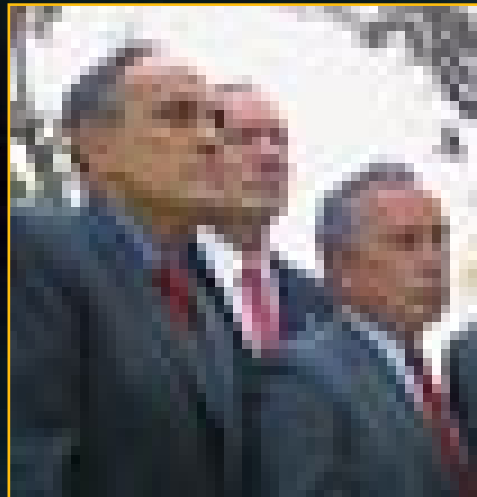
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USS New York

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tons of having the same displacement as the Navy's battleship behemoths.

New York Governor George E. Pataki wrote a letter to Secretary England requesting that the Navy revive the name USS New York in honor of September 11's victims and to give it to a surface warship involved in the war on terror. In his letter, the Governor said he understood state names presently are reserved for submarines but asked for special consideration so the name could be given to a

911 New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, former New York State Gov. George Pataki and the current Mayor of New York City Michael Bloomberg at a solemn moment.



NASDAQ helped celebrate the launch of the *USS New York* with an "Opening Bell Ceremony". Note the official seal of the ship with her motto "NEVER FORGET".

surface ship. The request was approved August 28, 2002.

Governor Pataki hailed the Secretary's decision to name a new LPD-17 class amphibious transport dock the *USS New York* in honor of the heroes who died on September 11, as well as to honor the courage and compassion shown by countless New Yorkers in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks.

At the *USS New York*'s christening "The *USS New York* will ensure that all New Yorkers and the world will never forget the evil attacks of September 11, and the courage and compassion New Yorkers showed in response to terror," said Governor Pataki. "I want to thank Secretary England for taking this extraordinary step and agreeing to pay special tribute to all New Yorkers

by giving our name to a ship that will play an important role in the war on terror," the Governor said. "In addition, I look forward to the *USS New York*'s first visit to our great City and State for Fleet Week." "We're very proud that the twisted steel from the World Trade Center towers will soon be used to forge an even stronger national defense," said New York Gov. George Pataki. "The *USS New York* will soon be defending freedom and combating terrorism around the globe, while also ensuring that the world never forgets the evil attacks of September 11, 2001 and the courage and strength New Yorkers showed in response to terror."

The *USS New York* is the fifth ship in the LPD 17 San Antonio class of amphibious transport dock ships. The keel was laid for the *New York* on September 10, 2004. Oddly enough, a previous holder of the name, *USS New York* (BB-34), had its keel laid on September 11, 1911, exactly 90 years to the day before the WTC was attacked.

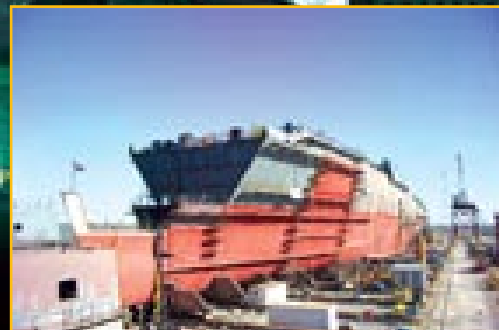
LPD 21 *New York* went under construction at Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, Avondale Operations, greater New Orleans area, Louisiana. NGSS' Avondale Operations, which is located on the banks of the Mississippi River approximately 12 miles upriver from downtown New Orleans, has been in continuous operation since 1938 and is Louisiana's largest manufacturing employer with more than 6,000 employees. Avondale has direct access to the Gulf of Mexico via the Mississippi River and is easily accessed by the nation's Interstate highway system and by rail. She is reported to have a crew of 360 sailors and various other appropriate member's of our fighting force.

The *USS New York* propulsion system includes four Colt-Pielstick PC2.5 STC Turbo-charged Marine Diesel Engines with Inboard Rotating Rolls-Royce Controllable Pitch Propellers. The 16-cylinder Colt-Pielstick PC2.5 STC engine is intended for use on ships requiring high propulsion power combined with a lightweight installation. The engine was selected by the U.S. Navy to power all the LPD-17 San Antonio Class vessels. Four engines are installed per ship, two per reduction gear, with each shaft driving controllable pitch propellers. Each engine is rated at 7755 kW at 520 rpm. Her home port is Norfolk Naval Base.

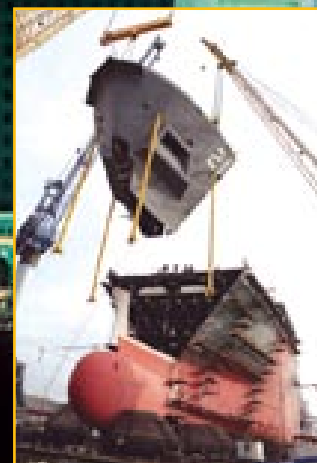
The ship will be used to transport and land Marines, their equipment and supplies, by embarked air cushion or conventional landing craft and Expeditionary Fighting Vehicles amphibious assault vehicles, augmented by helicopters or vertical take off "Osprey" aircraft and landing aircraft. *USS New York* will support amphibious assault, special operations, or expeditionary warfare missions throughout the first half of the 21st Century.



The scrap steel from Towers was recycled and used in the building of the *USS New York*.



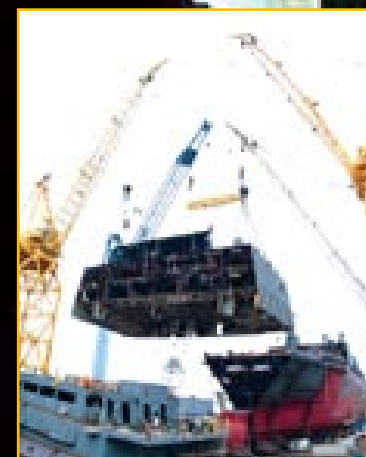
911 steel is in the very core and soul of this beautiful new warrior of the sea.



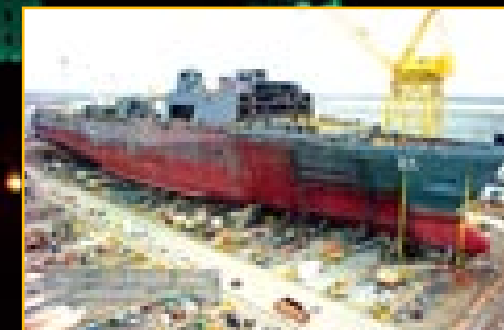
The final nose section of the hull is lowered into place.



One of her four massive engines glides through the air and into the engine room.



One of the last sections of the deck housing is swung into position.



The superstructure is nearly completed as hundreds of workers toil to beat her estimated launch date.



She sits proudly at her launch site ready to go to sea ahead of her scheduled completion date.

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May Calendar of Club Events

- 1st Scotch Tasting Event 7pm - 9pm
\$30 p.p. plus tax & gratuity
reservations 453-4931
- 2nd Kentucky Derby Day
Fun begins at 5pm race at 6pm
- 3rd Champagne Sunday Brunch
11am - 2pm \$12.95
- 10th Mothers Day Dinner Buffet
• Option 1: 11am - 3pm
Marty O'Conner & John Dauber
• Option 2: 5:30 - 7:30pm
Carla & Todd
- 17th Champagne Sunday Brunch
11am - 2pm \$12.95
- 24th Champagne Sunday Brunch
11am - 2pm \$12.95
- 25th 115th Opening Day Ceremony
10:30 - 2:00 • Matt Kramer's G3
- 31st Champagne Sunday Brunch
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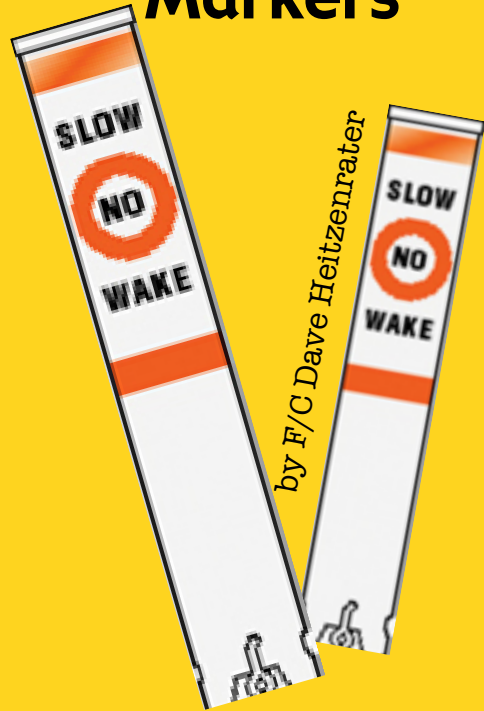
June Calendar of Club Events

- 4th Sunset Happy Hour 6pm - 9pm
Entertainment by Boyd Baker & Bongo Bob
- 7th Champagne Sunday Brunch
11am - 2pm \$12.95
Great American Whiffle Ball Tournament
Sunday Night Lighthouse Happy Hour 6pm - 9pm
Entertainment by Endless Summer
- 11th Sunset Happy Hour 6pm - 9pm
Lake Erie Mustang Owners Club Night
Entertainment by The Night Cruiser
- 14th Champagne Sunday Brunch
11am - 2pm \$12.95
Sunday Night Lighthouse Happy Hour 6pm - 9pm Entertainment by G3
- 18th Sunset Happy Hour 6pm-9pm
Entertainment by Acoustic Gypsies
- 19th Dock Party • G, H, I, J, K
- 21st Fathers Day Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am - 2pm \$12.95
- 25th Sunset Happy Hour 6pm - 9pm
Entertainment by G3
- 26th Inter-Club Regatta Night #1
Entertainment by Sam Hyman Band
- 27th Inter-Club Regatta Night #2
Entertainment by JJ Swing
- 28th Champagne Sunday Brunch
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Saturday, May 2nd

“SAFETY NOTICE” New Club “No Wake” Markers



The club intends to place two “Slow No Wake” buoys outside the club’s basin entrance marking both sides of our channel entrance. The buoys will be placed approximately 100’ off of the entrance and will be equipped with automatic solar powered lights visible for approximately one mile.

The buoys are intended to slow water traffic in the vicinity of our busy entrance to avoid an unfortunate accident in the area. The EYC safety committee has noted boat traffic passing close by and those entering our basin are often traveling with excessive speed. Some have been observed riding their own wake into the entrance disturbing the calm of the basin and boats of their fellow members resting in their slips. Please be aware that we have young children in small dinghies, kayakers, canoes, small outboards, the Reyburn School boats, large sail and larger power boats all sharing the same limited area.

Boaters are reminded to please be cautious as well as courteous to your fellow boaters and obey the no wake rules throughout our basin. Thank you for your cooperation.



Wine!

by P/C Dick Robertson

...and you thought I only knew about kitchens and starboard tacking and stuff.



Dear Fellow People of Good Cheer,

To my friends who enjoy a glass of wine.. and those who don’t. As Ben Franklin said: “In wine there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom, in water there is bacteria”.

In a number of carefully controlled trials, scientists have demonstrated that if we drink 1 liter of water each day, at the end of the year we would have absorbed more than 1 kilo of Escherichia coli, (E. coli) - bacteria found in feces. In other words, we are consuming 1 kilo of poop.

However, we do NOT run that risk when drinking wine & beer (or tequila, rum, whiskey or other liquor) because alcohol has to go through a purification process of boiling, filtering and/or fermenting.

Remember:

Water = Poop,

Wine = Health

Therefore, it’s better to drink wine and talk stupid, than to drink water and be full of s__t.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information: I’m doing it as a public service.

Dick



Fuel Warning! Fuel Warning! Fuel Warning! Fuel Warning!

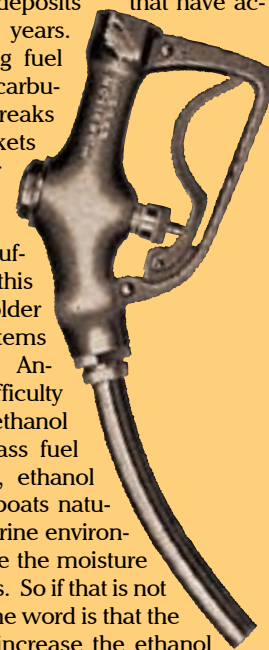
by F/C Dave Heitzenrater

EYC members are warned regarding the current EPA requirement adding up to 10% ethanol to gasoline known as e-10. In some cases this alcohol laced fuel finds its way into marinas and yacht clubs. The problem is ethanol is a solvent and if it gets into older fuel systems it can break loose deposits that have accumulated over the years. This debris will clog fuel filters, pumps and carburetors but worse it breaks down rubber gaskets and parts in older fuel systems. Older 2 cycle outboard engines appear to suffer the most from this problem however older inboard engines systems are also affected. Another disastrous difficulty is that over time ethanol will dissolve fiberglass fuel tanks. Additionally, ethanol absorbs water and boats naturally being in the marine environment can exacerbate the moisture problem in fuel tanks. So if that is not enough bad news, the word is that the EPA now wants to increase the ethanol content in gasoline over time to 15%.

EYC members have been protected in that our fuel supplier has provided mid-grade alcohol free gasoline to our tanks and will do so as long as possible however there is no guarantee this will continue. Obviously boat owners especially with older engines and fuel systems should be aware of this situation and act accordingly when and where they purchase fuel. Cheaper fuel may not really be such a bargain.

You can take these steps to help solve the problem: Keep fuel filters clean; install a water-fuel separator; for older systems replace suspect rubber parts in your carburetors and fuel system; always add fuel stabilizers to your gasoline especially if you are not refilling your tanks often; to help prevent absorption of moisture fill the tanks for winter storage and during long periods when not in use and finally, buy ethanol free fuel if possible. Good luck.

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