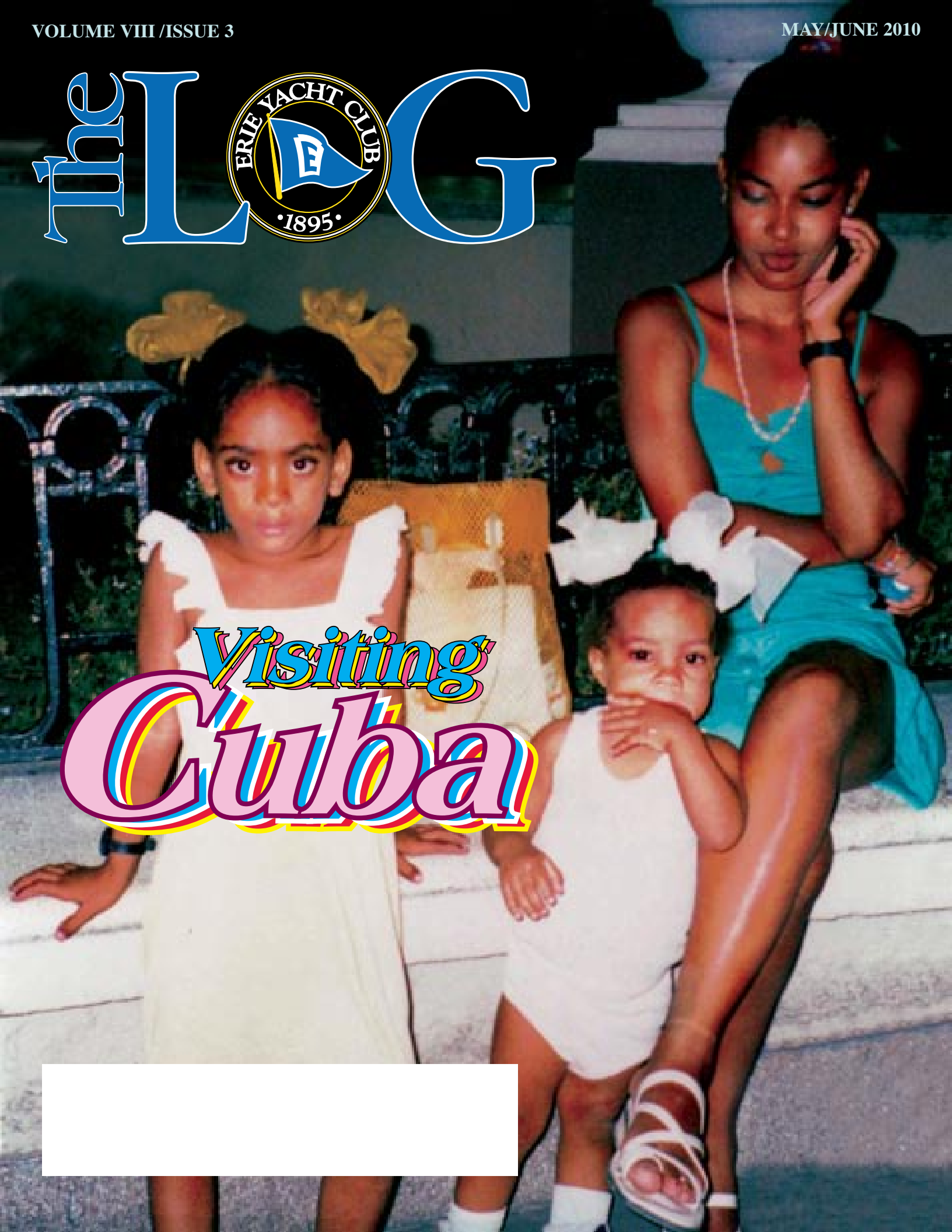


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From the Bridge

Fleet Captain Matt Niemic



"The Best Club!" I am amazed with the fact that there is always something going on at our Club. I'm not talking about all of the Parties, Functions, and Events we have come to expect those things. It's the constant progress of upgrading and improving the Club for the members. The Basin Reconstruction, Medina Gas Well, Front entry make over, Light house deck improvements, Wireless Internet connections throughout the entire basin, Computer System upgrades and these are just a few of the more recent items. The really great part is most of this is done by member volunteers.

We even have a member that volunteers to inspect the Clubs trucks, and lets not forget all of the people that help make the Log possible.

From what I see this trend is likely to continue for a long time. So "thank you" to the membership for making this the best Club of any kind anywhere near or far.

With the coming of warmer weather and a new boating season I hope all of you will take some time to enjoy our wonderful Yacht Club that you have helped to build.

See You on the Water!



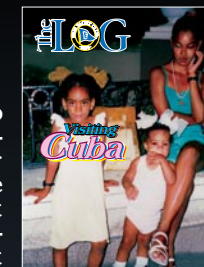
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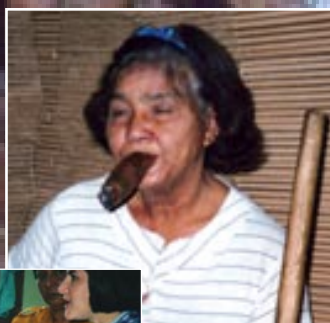
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Visiting Cuba

by P/C Bob & Mary Morrison, PDYC

That huge cigar is the “perk” for this cleaning lady who works at the cigar factory.



Cuban cigar factory workers hand rolling the merchandise but note their preference is unfiltered Camel shorts.

white ibis, locally called Coco (coconut) birds for which this island is named. It is also home to over 30,000 pink flamingo! So as you can expect they are pretty much everywhere.

As we were bussed over the long peninsula to our first resort, our tour guide told us of the “Castro Cows”. To make a long story short, milk and beef are scarce in Cuba and Fidel Castro has had various ideas about creating a better cow for a long time. So cows are very sacred beings in Cuba. So much so that it is against the law to kill one, even accidentally under penalty of fine/jail/death! So DO NOT DARE drive yourself alone at night!! On the

brighter side, we don’t know from where they import their beef, but the food was fantastic at our first stop, the 900-plus room Hotel Tryp Resort. It had numerous pools, all inclusive bars and many a la carte restaurants. The trouble was that they were WAY, WAY OVER THERE – or WAY OVER THERE. The place was very large and there were lines. So it was often suggested that we could wait in the lounge. It was interesting to watch guests that had waited too long in the all inclusive lounge, and reports that some had swayed into the hedges on their way back to their rooms (WAY OVER THERE).

After a week, we transferred to the smaller 500 room Iberostar Daiquiri (what could be wrong with a place called Daiquiri?). It had the same gorgeous beach, fantastic weather, and of course colorful (but stinky) flamingos. From here, we took a day tour to the town of Moran by buggy with youngsters bicycling alongside to beg for money or gifts, a quick trip to the People’s Market, and a boat ride through the Mango swamp.

Our second visit to Cuba was a one day stop-over in Havana during a cruise, where we were greeted by barely covered dancing girls waiting for the ship at the wharf. Our city tour

I felt like Cinderella on my way to a Ball instead of just sightseeing the old fashioned way.



This coastal lagoon, formed by a river emptying into the ocean, is one of our aerials from our helicopter.



“This was a tentative boarding of an old Sakorsky helicopter for an apprehensive flight to Santiago de Cuba”.



included the Capitola, a tour of a cigar factory (it’s amazing how many cigars a single worker can roll in one day!), many statues, forts, churches, and our first view of the vintage 50’s and 60’s cars. Since the embargo, it has been impossible for the Cubans to get new parts, but these gorgeous “memory” cars are kept running by “making” parts to fit. It is amazing how they can keep them mobile! A popular mode of transportation is the bicycle, but they take it to new heights, with 3, 4, or 5 people all piled on one bike! The mode for the masses is a humped up double height bus, called appropriately the Camel.

Although our later solo vacation to the resort town of Varadero, with its perfect beaches and Sandals Resort Hotel, was amazingly relaxing, with pampering, gourmet dining, and luxurious accommodation; it was our two-week investigation of Santiago de Cuba that was the best.

Santiago de Cuba Province is in south-eastern Cuba on the Caribbean. We were fortunate to find a cozy hotel that was once a hospital, perched high on a hill. The Las Gallions had only 36 rooms and offered a small pool, hot tub, a la carte dining, plus the option to shuttle to her larger,

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Morocco

“Concordia in a Sea of Sand”

by Caleb “Cal” Pifer

Preface

I have made the decision to continue my column that chronicles Class Afloat’s 2007-2008 voyage onboard the S/V Concordia for the EYC LOG. This decision is based on the fact that Class Afloat will continue its operations as the world’s premier floating school and will be utilizing a leased vessel for its program in the fall.

As many of you are aware, the S/V Concordia, the ship that has been featured in my articles over the last six months, sank off of the coast of Brazil in February. Due to the exceptional

training and rigorous risk management procedures that Class Afloat utilizes, all 64 students, teachers and crew were rescued safely by the Brazilian Navy. The Concordia was knocked down by what is known as a “Micro Burst,” which is defined by NOAA as “a very localized column of sinking air, producing damaging divergent and straight-line winds at the surface that are similar to but distinguishable from tornadoes which generally have convergent damage”.

The outpouring of support that Class Afloat

has received by current students, alumni, and their families has truly been remarkable. Similar to the reaction to last year’s miraculous landing in the Hudson River by US Airways Captain Sully Sullenberger, the vast majority of individuals recognize that Mother Nature cannot be controlled, and sometimes produces meteorological abnormalities that simply cannot be avoided.

I am thrilled to learn that Class Afloat will carry on its mission and continue to offer the types of life changing educational experiences

that Mark Twain invokes in his famous quote: “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

In a Sea of Sand

Shouts of joy and jubilation could be heard from one end of the ship to the other! Muffled only by the sounds of splashing and swishing water, Concordia’s first at-sea swim call was taking place off of Ibiza in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. After eight solid days of classes, the one hour swim break was a welcome reprieve from the daily routine of class work and sail maneuvers on our twelve day passage sail from Sicily to Morocco. In order for our students to complete their necessary class hours, we operated on a full seven day a week school schedule while we were at sea. This non-stop work made our arrival in port all the more special.

Morocco was an intoxicating mix of diverse

cultures, and striking topography. The country is made up of a unique blend of both Berber and Arab cultures. Much of the country appeared to be a in a time warp, as donkey and carts were a usual sight, as well as women carrying date palms on their heads. There was an electric feel to the place, yet at the same time, it remained mysterious, ancient, and striking.

Our Moroccan visit started in the port town of Agadir on the south coast of the country, 200 kilometers away from the famous city of Marrakech. However, our port program was designed to take us well into the heart of the country. We began our program by traveling on a one lane windy road to Zagora, the last town on the edge of the Sahara Desert right before the Algerian border. The road twisted and turned over mountains and across huge plains. It was identical to scenes portrayed in the movie, ‘Babel’, with Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett. ‘Babel’ was actually filmed on this exact stretch of road. Our British tour guide, Tim, was the army medic in the movie and a stunt double for Pitt.

Just before Zagora, we stopped at a beautiful palm oasis that is well known for dates. We bought a kilo of fresh succulent dates for

the equivalent of a mere U.S. dollar. As we were enjoying this early snack before dinner, we watched the sun set over the Atlas Mountains. The sun looked simply amazing when it reflects off of the rust colored mountains! That coupled with the cobalt blue sky made for fantastic imagery - some of which I caught on camera. We finally made it to Zagora and feasted on a huge traditional dinner of “Tangi”. This is the traditional Moroccan dish which consists of fresh vegetables, couscous, and beef. You eat with your hands and bread; no silverware required. We began the following day on a camel ex-



There is more to education than just books... like for instance learning how to ride a camel!

cursion into the desert. We rode the camels throughout the day and finally reached a small collection of Berber tents by sunset. The site was amazing, located right in the middle of the desert with nothing on the horizon except for the seemingly endless Saharan sand dunes and mountains. The tents had woven rugs on the ground as the desert gets quite cold at night time. Additionally, there was a huge dining tent which also had rugs and pillows to sit and eat. The sensational sunset that we had all witnessed that evening over the giant sand dunes will forever be seared in our memories. The sky was so clear that we could practically see the border of Algeria. The colors that the sunset reflected over the desert are hard to describe. Shades of orange, terracotta, and rust that made the earth look like it is on fire!

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I’d meet you in Casablanca if I could read Arabic.

A perfect day for diving off the bow for a swim in the Mediterranean.

I noticed this strange looking guy riding along beside me!

Moroccan 2 wheeled 4 hoof powered Pinto.

Young Moroccan Girl returning from a day at the village school.

Some of our students take a break atop a dessert sand dune at the end of a long day.



I'm a stranger in town. I moved here just a short time ago. I know I few people, those at my new job and a couple of neighbors. I'm learning my way around. I've been down on the Bay front highway, found my way to the hospital and Dobbins Landing. I've been past the Warner Theater. And, of course, I've visited the mall. No, I didn't 'visit' the mall -- I spent an entire day there and still didn't get to every part of it. I drove out to North East and enjoyed a wine tasting at one of the local wineries. I like wine and I've learned that North East is



We live in a time when casinos are popping up like dandelions in the spring. Erie has a very successful and expanding casino and thoroughbred race track with an amazing restaurant where patrons quickly become regulars.

I drove through another small town, Union City. I turned right onto Route 8 and continuing past a golf course and a lot of countryside, I went through a little four corner town called Centerville, then Hydetown and then Titusville. Titusville was a little bigger but seemed very old like all the rest that I had driven through. I paused to ruminate on the fact that other than the mall in Erie, there didn't seem to be a lot of progressive building going on. Oh, that's not true, the Casino and the bay front looked



Titusville, Pennsylvania became famous around the world when Col. Edwin Drake drilled the world's first commercially successful oil well in 1859.



Above is Erie's Centennial Tower on Dobbins Landing. Below is an Erie landmark the palatial Warner Theatre built in 1921.



A Treasure Beyond Treasures

Reflections of New Erieites

by Toni Armstrong Sample



The Erie County area boasts several excellent wineries with a variety of wines to satisfy the most discriminating tastes.

Whether he has slept there or not George "our beloved" Washington is watching over the community positioned next to the hotel in Waterford.



very quaint and lovely. It had a park right in the middle. I could imagine it on the 4th of July with a band playing in the little kiosk and kids running around with sparkers. There is a corner with a very old Inn on it. I think George Washington may have slept there -- but, then, where didn't George sleep? My mind moved to pondering if there had been a media blitz environment then like there is now in this country and the world ... well, let's not go there. Let's let where ever George slept, and with whom ever George slept, remain George's secret.

The Eagle Hotel built from locally quarried stone in 1826 in Waterford, Pa is just south of Erie. Served as an office for a stagecoach line for travellers between Erie and Pittsburgh. It is on the registry of historic buildings yet still serves as a restaurant today.



rather progressive. The area was rather like a comfortable old shoe.

I headed back home and in Union City took a left on Route 6N I guess that meant I was heading north. The next town of any size that I came to was Edinboro. I turned onto a road in the middle of a lot of sports fields and newer buildings, which I was to find out quickly was the campus of Edinboro University. Winding my way out of the campus I ended up on the main drag through town which was the site of a number of older campus buildings. I think

this used to be called Edinboro Normal School, probably when those first buildings were the only one's that existed. Now it's a University.

Staying on 6N by taking a left turn in the center of town on the corner of diner and gas station, I came to another folksy town called Albion. Each little town was beginning to look a lot like the last. That was the charm and beauty of this area, predictability. I stopped at



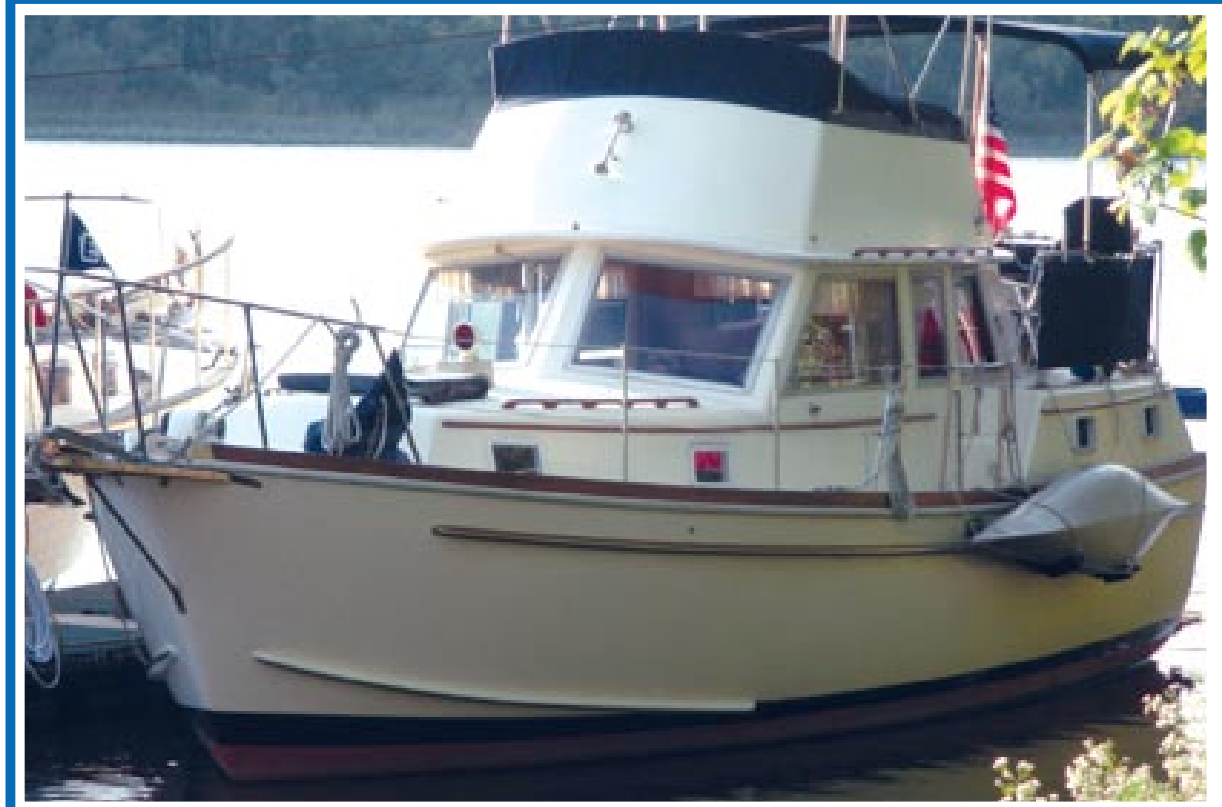
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EYC Burgee Proudly Flies on the Hudson River

by P/C John Ashby

I shot this background photo of the .5 x 1.5 mile Island which was created when they dredged the east side of the river to deepen the freighter lanes back in the 1960s. This island is located just a quarter mile off Athens on the Hudson's west bank. There is very little traffic on the island's west side which makes it great for boating!



Long time member, off and on, John Franzen proudly flies the EYC Burgee on his beautiful GULFSTAR 36' trawler "*Pearl*".

John purchased this fine little ship from the former VP of Sales at Lewmar Marine Products Corp., Richard Rath. Rath has sailed and raced all over the world and with some "cloth jockeys" of notoriety such as former British Prime Minister Edward Heath. Rath is also a highly renowned watercolor artist.

Today, Franzen has *Pearl* moored on the mighty and historic Hudson River at Athens, New York a total of three blocks from his home. And I thought I lived close to the EYC being in the Frontier area.

John grew up at the EYC as one of the canoe house gang with John Schuler, Roger Zurn, Jack Schultz, myself and a raft of other kids who are all going to ask me why I did not mention their names as well. So how

about Jerry Emling, Dave Strong, Doug James, Jr., P/C Harold Will, George Currie and my older brother David and younger brother Ed to name but a few others.

John Franzen's father was a member as was my dad and as were most all the other guy's dads listed above. To us the EYC was our summer playground with our headquarters being the Canoe House, (that's the "Canoe House" Bill Vogle, not the "BOAT" House), as someone we all know and love refers to it!

Well, back to the Burgee on the Hudson. John "Jeff" Franzen, John V. "Jack" Schultz and myself John, "it's just John no "appellation" for me" at least that I can mention here, Ashby all joined the Club at the same time during the summer of 1965.

Nick, the EYC bartender at the time, informed us that we could not have a second beer at the bar. His reason being that we were not mem-

bers. Nick knew all three of us very well as he did our parents. Our parents memberships, became our excuse for obtaining another beer. But that didn't move, shift or budge old Nick one iota of an inch. He could tell that the three of us were getting desperate so his solution was, "well at least you guys should have membership applications filled out"!

Hallelujah a solution to serious problem or was it a "condition"? So the three of us happily followed Nick into the club's tiny little office under the second floor staircase and he handed out membership applications to the three of us.

Now the challenge to obtain another beer had fallen entirely in our collective laps, so out of the clubhouse we flew like three sea gulls in dire need of three dead minnows for our tongues were getting as dry as the sand on Gull Point.

Within ten minutes we were all

re-perched upon those same three bar stools signing our names on our membership applications in happy expectation of our cold wet reward. And that was way back in 1965. Wow ... Schultz and Franzen are really getting old.

To the three of us taking this action was no big deal since we had all planned to become regular members someday just not necessarily that particular day.

To say the least those next couple of beers certainly tasted good to we three new members! And yes we did enjoy another magnificent beautiful day in Erie, PA at the EYC bar.

Well, then reality set in and life started up for all of us which included, college degrees, wives, kids along with all the responsibility, then there is work to finance all this responsibility so in Franzen's case a stint in the military as a Navy officer. He took the easy way out in

comparison!

After the Navy, Franzen went to Law School and ended up settling in Athens and "lawyer'ing" for New York State in the capital at Albany 20 miles north of Athens also on the Hudson. He was a little late getting started but he has four great kids, as does Schultz and I've been blessed with three.

After years sailing small boats he bought an Evlin 28 before moving to his "cushy" 36' trawler.

When he retired he decided to begin cruising as soon as Pam (his "much" better half) decides to call it quits as a nurse and "powers" off on a thousand adventures aboard *Peril*. Heading back home stands high on his list of must do's and bringing his *Pearl* to EYC for a month or two is a priority which he hopes to begin soon. With all these plans being conjured up a priority was first re-joining the Club which I believe this

summer will account for his third year back. So nothing could stop him from proudly flying his EYC Burgee on the bow mast of *Pearl* for the last couple of years.

I look forward to having John and Pam finally make that trip up the Erie Canal on their way to lovin' life at our beautiful Erie Yacht Club.

I would sure like to hear from all those other EYC members who proudly fly their EYC burgees on their "float-a-bouts" wherever they make home port on lakes, rivers or oceans on the planet. And that's easy too with my contact info found on page three of the LOG.

There is a wealth of great, interesting and adventure oriented articles cruising around out there all proudly flying their EYC burgees and I hope to hear from all of you soon with your stories of the life and times a cruiser makes!



Looking back at a fishing season several years ago, I will probably never forget the day a fish almost caught me.

The outing started out as a relaxing morning of crappie fishing then turned into a challenge between me and a strong willed, nasty fish, that really tested this old fisherman.

I'm not what you would call a trophy fishing type of guy. I never go for large steelhead, record sized muskies or hard fighting northern pike. I just enjoy catching a nice mess of perch or crappies. Last fall I launched my 13 foot aluminum fishing boat in the Presque Isle marina which is not far from my home. With the help of my fishing camera I eventually found a nice sized school of crappies and went to work trying to get them interested in my live minnow bait. It was only the second year that I had used the under water camera but quickly found it to be a very handy device for locating the elusive crappie who often school up in calm water about 8 to 10 feet deep. They also seem to like areas with sandy bottoms. As I divided my time between looking through the camera and jigging my minnows on a light and a heavier rod, a dark green shadow flashed by my camera lens and the school of crappies darted away. What had spooked the fish?

When I found them again they would bite for a while, but then dashed off as if being chased by the devil himself. Was it my camera lens? Maybe I should try an artificial jig or use another type of bait? Every time I located the school, the same thing happened. What the heck was going on? After much frustration and lots of stolen minnows, I lost the fish for good.

Because it was early spring and the weather was off and on, crappie fishing depends on good weather, I wasn't able to get back out for another week.

When I launched my 13 footer early the next Saturday morning, I kept thinking about the long green fish that had spoiled my crappie fishing the week before. Question was "would he be there again"? I certainly hoped not.

Again I let down my fishing camera lens, just above the bottom and the visibility was better than ever. The area was a short distance off shore and there were only a few sprigs of seaweed here and there. Now where were the little guys feeding? I twisted the power cable of my lens and got a great 360-degree view of the bottom and there they were again. A nice big school of good-sized crappies, only a few boat lengths away. Quickly rigging up two poles and baited up with some fresh minnows. I slowly rowed toward the fish. With the camera tightly lashed to the rear seat, I lowered the lines and peered through the finder. Several crappies spotted my bait and swam over for a better look. The only thing more fun than fishing, is being able to watch fish go after your bait. It's interesting to see that most fish attack the bait head on. As with perch and crappies,

they seem to mouth the minnow carefully before turning to swim away. That's when you set the hook.

A good-sized crappie hit hard and seconds later I had the first pan fish in the boat. This was going to be fun. While I fiddled with removing the fish and putting the rig back in, the lager pole flipped straight up the air, but I luckily grabbed it.

This was no crappie! The line got very tight and pulled hard under the boat, but quickly tingled with the other line. All I could do was release the drag and hope the line didn't break. What a mess! Two tangled lines and a fish that wanted to run. After letting out lots of line, the fish slowed down but when I tried to take up some slack, it became apparent that there was no way I could reel in the messed up tackle. I would just hope the irritated big guy didn't snap my 12 pound monofilament. Maybe I could gently pull it in hand-over-hand. That's what I did, being careful not to horse it too much.

Eventually I was able to get the thing close to the boat, but with one last burst of energy, the green monster started ripping out all the line. In desperation I dropped the large pole at the back of the boat and jammed it firmly against the transom with my foot. Amazingly, the line didn't break, but when it was tight again the boat started to be towed by the determined fish.

Was this really happening? The big green thing I had caught was now showing me that he had actually caught me and wasn't about to let go. For a few minutes the boat moved toward deeper water and I started to laugh.

Who would ever believe this fish story? I decided to just hold on for a while and let the determined fish pull as long as he wanted. As it turned out, my tow ride didn't last very long but the sheer will and stamina of that mighty pike was truly astounding. It also made me wonder how Mr. Tough Guy would react when I tried to boat him without the help of a landing net, that I had forgot to bring along.

Finally I was able to coax the big fish close enough to the boat to reach out and grab the top of the crappie rig, and hoist in. It turned out to be a 27 inch Northern Pike, that stretched the full length of my transom. Actually it wasn't as big as I thought it might be but it certainly was a fish with an attitude.

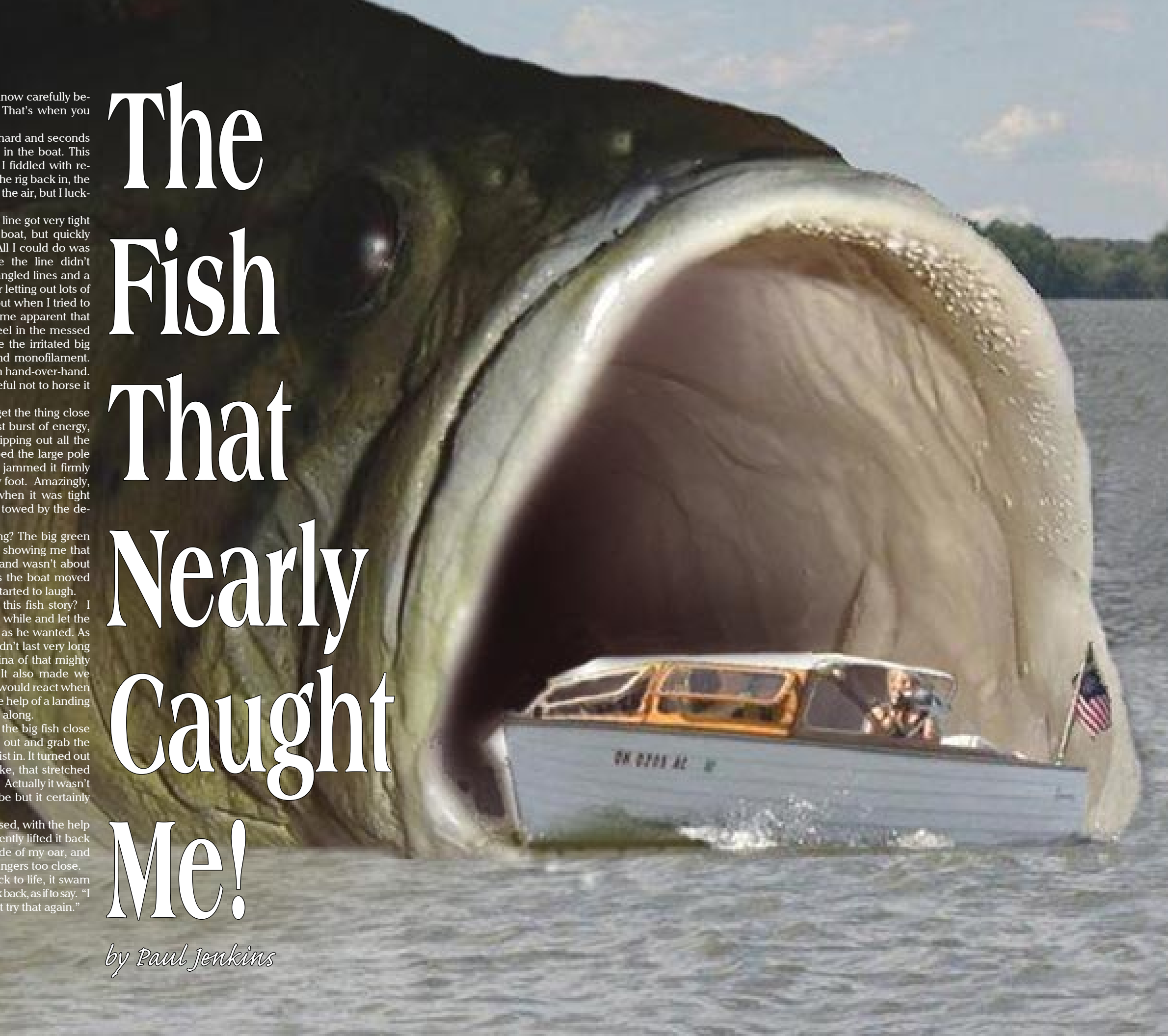
When the hook was released, with the help of my needle nose pliers, I gently lifted it back into the water, using the blade of my oar, and being careful not to get my fingers too close.

As the angry fish came back to life, it swam away slowly and seemed to look back, as if to say, "I let you go this time, but don't try that again."



The Fish That Nearly Caught Me!

by Paul Jenkins





International Tall Ship Conference hosted in

Istanbul

by Calib "Cal" Pifer

Beauty, grandeur, and timelessness are words often used to describe the world's magnificent fleet of tall ships. Additional phrases such as international ambassador, cultural icon, and character laboratories have been a part of the tall ship culture's lexicon for over fifty years. It has only been in the last decade that the public has caught on to the fact, that tall ships represent much more than beautiful sailing behemoths. The ships, like their historical predecessors, are instruments of change and commerce. They sail to foreign ports representing their country's culture, language, value system, and economy. Perhaps this is why "Sail Training International", a non-profit organization based in England that represents the international tall ships fleet, had been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006. It is also why Istanbul, Turkey, the European Union's Capital of Cultural for 2010, chose to make a tall ships festival the city's hallmark cultural event. Of all festivities and special



This is a typical tall ships presentation being professionally delivered on this magnificent stage.

events planned for 2010 in Istanbul, the culminating experience will take place in early summer when the international tall ship fleet will converge on the city.

Since Istanbul has never hosted the tall ships before, city leaders decided to showcase their city to the international fleet. They attended

the International Tall Ships Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia in November of 2008, and announced that they were to host the conference the following November. I knew at that very moment that I wanted to attend, as I knew that it would be a conference not to miss. I had heard of the famed Turkish hospitality and wonderful cuisine, and marked off my calendar well in advance.

Upon arriving at the airport, it was clearly evident that Turks speak very little English. Turkish is such a unique language that finger pointing, hand gestures, and even drawing pictures were necessary to convey to the taxi driver where I wanted to go. We finally took off from the airport and entered into traffic that appeared to be absolutely chaotic. There were several times where I thought we would side swipe the car next to us, but we kept right on going, rushing down crowded streets filled with pedestrians at sixty miles an hour! It appeared to be a cloudy day, but I later learned that the clouds were simply smog.



People praying inside the Blue Mosque - I'm not sure if I was even allowed to take this photograph!



The author trying to convince part of the Swedish delegation that they should bring their tall ship to the Erie Yacht Club.

One of the first aspects that one is struck by at an international tall ship conference is the sheer number of people, in contrast to the relatively modest fleet of tall ships. Hearing the multiple accents and languages spoke at one of these conferences helps one to realize just how diverse and vibrant the fleet really is. One of the conference themes had to do with lessons and ideas that could be drawn from other non-sailing adventure organizations. I was asked to make a presentation on the outdoor adventure organization, Outward Bound, which I was a lead instructor for while in college. I attempted to make a fairly provocative presentation in which I made the claim that Outward Bound creates a far better experiential education experience than most of our tall ship organizations. My goal was to encourage attendees to strengthen their experiential education offerings.

This background structure is called the "Aya Sofia". It was built in 523BC by the Emperor Justinian and was considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World. At that time it was the Christian Cathedral of Constantinople until being converted into a Islamic Mosque in 1453.



Sailors mixing and mingling with each other from around the world at one of the many receptions.

The famous Blue Mosque where the call to prayer is broadcast five times a day throughout the city.



Immediately upon arriving at our conference hotel, I wasn't disappointed by what I saw. Keeping true with their famed hospitality, door men came running out to collect bags, open doors, and escort me past security. Due to terrorism, Turkey has armed guards at the entrance of almost every important public building. It was certainly one of the most lavish conference hotels that had ever hosted the tall ships conference. Sail Training International is not a particularly well funded organization. The City of Istanbul, however, paid for almost the entire conference, and even subsidized our hotels rooms. Attendees had the privilege of staying in a four star room at the price of a hostel.

Highlights of the conference included the presentation of a newly released paper from the United Nations' International Maritime Organization. The paper, entitled "Go to Sea", highlights an ever growing critical shortage of qualified officers in the world's shipping fleet. In an economic climate where we have grown accustomed to hearing about industries and sectors shrinking, it was welcome news to hear about this shortage and how tall ship community can help to mitigate the problem. Another

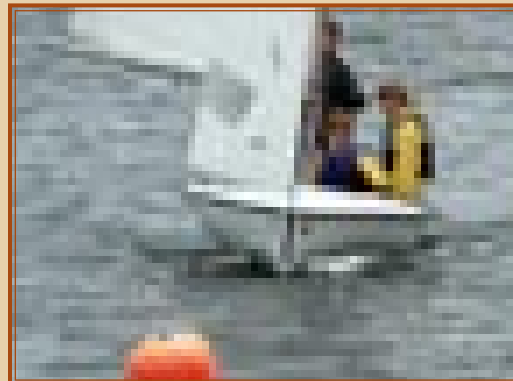
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EYC Foundation

Year 1

by R/C Dave Heitzenrater



The EYC Foundation, Inc., off and running quickly and successfully, celebrated its very first birthday just a few days ago. You may recall that it was registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State and was officially recognized as a nonprofit corporation on April 30, 2009 under entity #3880929. Just one short month later the young foundation was approved by the IRS as a section 501(c)3 qualifying corporation meaning we now had a vehicle that donors may make tax free contributions to boating activities. This EYC affiliated organization is under the control of an independent Board of Directors. These clever directors moved fast and accomplished much in this their initial year.

First Years Accomplishments:

1. Granted summer scholarships to 10 Perseus House students to 2009 Reyburn sailing school.
2. Formed the Commodore's Fund, a permanent unrestricted fund to support annual programs and projects in the Erie area boating community.
3. Established the Reyburn Sailing School Fund which specifically supports the educational programs scholarships and other needs of the Reyburn Sailing School at the Erie Yacht Club.
4. Developed the Annual Fund that will select various worthy projects each year as grant recipients.

5. Completed a successful end of year donation appeal that raised over \$10,000 for programs at the EYC and in the greater Erie boating community that resulted in funding its Annual Fund \$2,990, the Reyburn Fund \$4,080 and the Commodore's Fund \$2,325. \$700 was also designated for Boating Safety and Scholarships. Gifts totaled \$10,095 for a quick first year.

Also the Foundation recently partnered with the Junior Sailing Committee to establish the Reyburn Sailing School Endowment. This endowment was seeded with monies raised by the Reyburn School Race team under the guidance P/C Chris Wolford and member Monica Bloomstine through the former "365 Raffle," thanks to the past generosity of the EYC membership.

These funds will be combined with donations raised in 2009 for a total Foundation endowment of over \$15,500. Each year the EYC Foundation will provide a grant to the Reyburn Committee to be used to best benefit their programs.

Prospective donors should be aware that the EYC Foundation is available for tax free contributions made "In Honor Of" and "In Memory Of" or may honor a birthday, retirement or graduation or may be designated as a memorial gift for an avid boater. Gifts to the Foundation can include stocks, annuities, in-

kind property, checks or cash. You can also direct your contribution to a qualifying regional maritime organization or activity such as the Bay Swim or the Bayfront Center for Maritime Studies or even the Flagship Niagara. Another example suggests an initial contribution of \$10,000 with which could establish a new maritime special purpose fund, or a fund in someone's memory or honor which you could annually designate where a portion of such funds could be disbursed.

One long term project currently being discussed is how to best house and support the Reyburn Sailing School in a new home in conjunction with the EYC Basin reconstruction plan.

Similar to an infant child, it is very exciting to see our newborn endeavor grow but it will continue only with your involvement and support. We are expecting more exciting worthwhile projects and your continued support in the coming year but in the meantime Happy 1st Birthday to our baby! The complete list of foundation trustees, possible donation vehicles and other important information is available on the website at erieyachtclubfoundation.org or from the link on the club site.



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There were Crazy Things Going On at the EYC deck during last summer's Thursday Evenings Happy Hours. As promised, we paid close attention to your participation in the Crazy Contests! Your really good efforts to make up especially striking and imaginative entries sure paid off!

Many people showed up for Crazy Hat Night competing with several really creative entries. Especially imaginative where the "stealth" hats worn by a few serious competitors. The "people's choice" Crazy Hat Contest was judged by (see photo? Bridge officer. .). It was a tough call with so many great crazy hats! Charleene Shedd with her crazy "ready-to-dive-into-the-Margaritta-blender" one-of-a-kind hat won the "Dinner for Two" Gift Certificate.

At Hawaiian Shirt Night, many folks wore flowery and tropical shirts. Contributing to the "island atmosphere" was tropical music provided by (Erie's own Key West Express? John - Check the photos. . I think Sunny Jim White was playing?). The competition was fierce among several cabana boys as well as a few island girls. Like Crazy Hat, the winner of Hawaiian Shirt Night was selected by people's-choice (applause volume). It took a few go-a-rounds, and Bob McGee's black shirt with yellow flowers and stuff earned him a "Dinner for Two" Gift Certificate at EYC. Many people came all the way from the EYC bar to participate in our contest!

The third terrific contest of 2009 was the EYC Mask Contest. Many people participated in this second annual EYC Mask Contest. Several serious competitors wore a variety of beautiful and intriguing exotic masks. A real crowd-pleaser was this year's winner Goldberg! who

Sunset on the Deck '10

by Dan Dundon



won a "Dinner for Two" Gift Certificate at EYC. In case you don't know, in addition to being quite a good looking fellow, pro-wrestler Goldberg sometimes crews in the EYC Sailboat Racing Fleet. After scaring too many small children, last year's winner Freddy Krueger, was afraid to show his face around the EYC again.

An idea started in 2006, which has been gaining momentum ever since, is for the Erie Yacht Club to invite local special-interest

automobile clubs to join our Happy Hours. In 2009 we also invited the Beaner-run Hot Rod Club. So, this coming summer look forward to dazzling displays of special automobiles and motorcycles as we share Happy Hour evenings with The Lake Erie Mustang Owners Club, Presque Isle Corvette Club, Erie Harley Owners Group, Lake Erie Classics, and Tri-state Mopars.

If you know of other automobile or motorcycle clubs that would like to participate, by all means let us know! Call Dan Dundon 455 - 6672.

Of course, every Thursday Happy Hour will include drink specials!

Interspersed among evenings with traditional free snacks will be nominal-cost-specials such as Shrimp-on-the-Barbie, grilled Urbaniak's Bratwurst, BBQ Ribs, and Specialty Burgers.

Look forward to enjoying live entertainment at every Thursday Happy Hour with great groups like Key West Express Mini, Steve Brownell, Rob Vance and Suzi, The Sam Hyman Band, Uncharted Course, Acoustic Gypsies, Mark and Emily, Ron Yarosz & Vehicle, and Abby Road!

We intend to continue the Thursday-on-the-Deck-Happy-Hour-Contests tradition. As we did in 2009, you can be sure we will be paying close attention to your participation in these contests with prompt "people's choice" selection of the winner and quick presentation of a "Dinner for Two" Gift Certificate at EYC.

Watch your summer 2010 mailings and check the EYC web-site and lobby easels for this summer's contests, entertainment and food specials. Hope to see you there!



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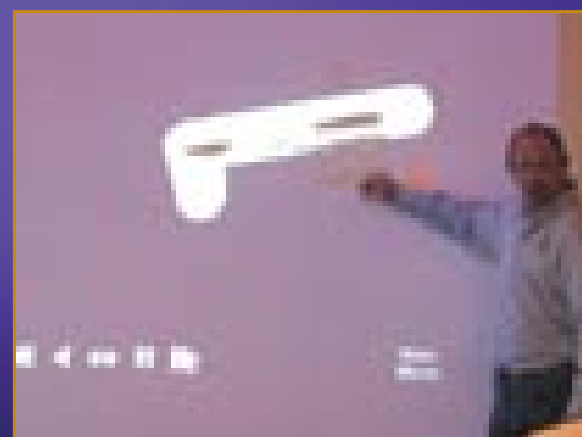
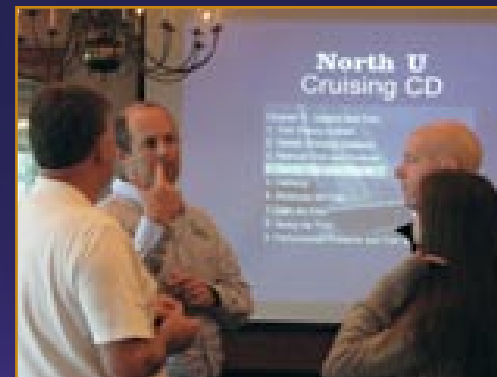
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Twenty-Ten Racing!

by R/C Dave Heitzenrater

Boat of the Year Trophy



The Erie Yacht Club Racing Fleet's schedule is complete, the boats are being launched and the teams are readying for the drop of the checkered flag to begin the 2010 racing season. The first official race commences at exactly 7 pm GPS time on May 13th directly in front of the club at our lighthouse deck. You should be there as a participant, a helper or even as an observer but you should be there!

The racing fleet organizes sailboat races by design, hence the name however the group through its members and volunteer officers does much more throughout the year. This year's busy pre-season included a very worthwhile one day seminar here at the EYC, sponsored by the racing fleet and presented by North Sails U entitled Cruising & Seamanship

on March 14th. The course included a number of interesting subjects for everyone from sails and sail trim, to heavy weather sailing and heaving to with safety and emergency procedures as well as night sailing, anchoring and engines. Boaters from Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Dubois joined the locals for entertaining discussions and illustrations from docking in tight quarters to knots. Professional sailor and World champion J-80 racer Steve Lemay from Texas and the Houston Yacht Club presented the six hour course in a very entertaining manner. All were satisfied as they could now cruise with greater confidence with a fully stocked operable cooler and a roller furling jib.

Another preseason program included an enjoyable presentation on February 10th by three

time around the world alone on a sailboat racer Robin Davies with a spectacular slide and video presentation of adventure, sailing, the ocean and wildlife.

Also in the queue was a program on March 10th packed with the upcoming out of town racing opportunities for the fleet. These included representatives from three of the largest regattas in the region who describe the complete details of their respective events. The regattas include the Lake Erie Championship at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, The Lake Ontario Championship surprisingly being held on Lake Erie in Buffalo NY, co-sponsored by the Erie Yacht Club, our own 53rd Annual Interclub Cruise series plus the annual Erie Yacht Club Charity Regatta for the American Red Cross.

The 2010 schedule includes all of the usual local races, parties and events with around the buoys racing and several point to point and overnight races. A night race hopefully under that big beautiful full moon, races in tribute to the Governor, Mayor and the Flagship Niagara. Then there is the Eckerd Cup, Koehler Cup and the Zurn Trophy among many others but ultimately the spinnaker division racers will be seeking possession of the 2010 Boat of the Year award currently held by William Hertel and his J-35 Magic as the 2009 title holder.

Yes, and it is all there on the racing fleet's page on the club web site. Check it out! www.erieyachtclub.org.





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Opening Day

Monday, May 31st

Come celebrate Memorial Day, the Unofficial First Day of Summer at the EYC's 115th gathering to be held on Monday, May 31st.

Join Commodore Tom Trost and his Officers as we join together to commemorate all those who have fought, given their lives and continue to protect all the blessings of the great freedoms we Americans enjoy.

EYC's Reyburn Sailing School instructors will again be giving sailboats rides to all those interested in joining this years "Learn to Sail" program.



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Visiting Cuba

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sister resort the Sierra Mar for reciprocal privileges, bigger beach, entertainment, and restaurants. It was paradise, except for the 292 steps down to the secluded, private beach, with lounge chairs and tiny beach bar with limited lunch options (remember that they, too, have to carry everything down 292 steps!) Again, with our friends Gerry & Carol, we opted to “do something” every other day. At the Sierra Mar, we rented a jeep for a fun trip up the mountain to overnight (at our expense) at a mountainside resort. This was offered as a group tour, but cancelled shortly after our experience. We set off on a trail that rapidly became narrower and narrower. Winding up the mountain, the road withered to a thin strip. Those who smoked, lit up constantly! We joked about how, if we went over the edge, nobody would ever even know that we were missing! Finally we took off our seat belts, figuring that we might be able to jump free of the jeep as it careened over the cliff! Our hearts finally slowed, as we made it to the El Salton, our oasis on the mountain top. An amazing waterfall dip awaited, with refreshments and dinner – and a promise to go home a different route!!

Our next adventure was a city tour of Santiago de Cuba, but with a twist, it started with a helicopter ride. There was apprehension as we approached the antique Russian Sakorski helicopter, held together with what appeared to be baling wire and screws, plus the ominous puddle of oil beneath. But we lifted off successfully, and when the nerves calmed, we were offered a chance to move to the open door jump seat to take pictures. The males of the species grabbed this opportunity, and survived to get several photos of the countryside. In a typical city tour we were then shown statues of their hero Che Guevara, President Fidel Castro, historic buildings, and as an interesting aside, the guide pointed out the central park,



This is our Las Gallions retreat where we enjoyed these magnificent flowers and the view of the Sierra Maestra Mountains.



Bob loved all the attention from the pretty mud bath attendants.



This is not your normal “spray-on sunscreen” ... it’s more like “cake and bake”!



These are the colorful dancers and singers entertaining at the Santiago de Cuba open air Night Club Show.



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This is EL Salton our beautiful oasis after our harrowing jeep ride up the mountain and that’s our jeep to the left of the sign.

where residents were sitting, waiting for an opportunity to trade houses! No one can own their house in Cuba. Older folks wanting to downsize would trade with younger couples who needed more room. It is anticipated that “under the table” money may have discretely changed hands.

Another day, we rented a car for a leisurely drive up the coast; and as we cruised, commented that we were going to drive through a tunnel. However, as we approached, found that the road swerved just before this tunnel. We were curious, and got out of our car to check it out. It was actually a hidden missile site from the 60’s, not visible from the air. It was that close!!

We also enjoyed a spa day, complete with mud bath (and a challenging clean up with only one small outdoor water tap) and rejuvenating massage. Something that we needed after all our excitement.

The Cubans are very poor people, even a lawyer makes only about \$20 a month, but education is free and they are very clean, tidy, and proud. Instead of tipping with money, we made advance trips to our local Dollar Store, and each morning left a little gift for our maid. Even if they had some money, there was nowhere to buy stuff. We left coloring books/ crayons and toys for their children; and it was gratifying to see how happy a pair of nylons, hair clips, or nail polish made the waitresses. In our last few days, we even drove through the tiny village (the locals were not allowed to come up the hill to the resort), and gave out little cars and trucks to any kids that we could find and other little gifts to the waiters, etc. So much happiness for so little cost!

We really enjoyed our trips to Cuba. It’s a great place to visit and hope you can all go some day!



We survived to play another day ... “is it 5 o’clock yet ... well who cares it is somewhere”!

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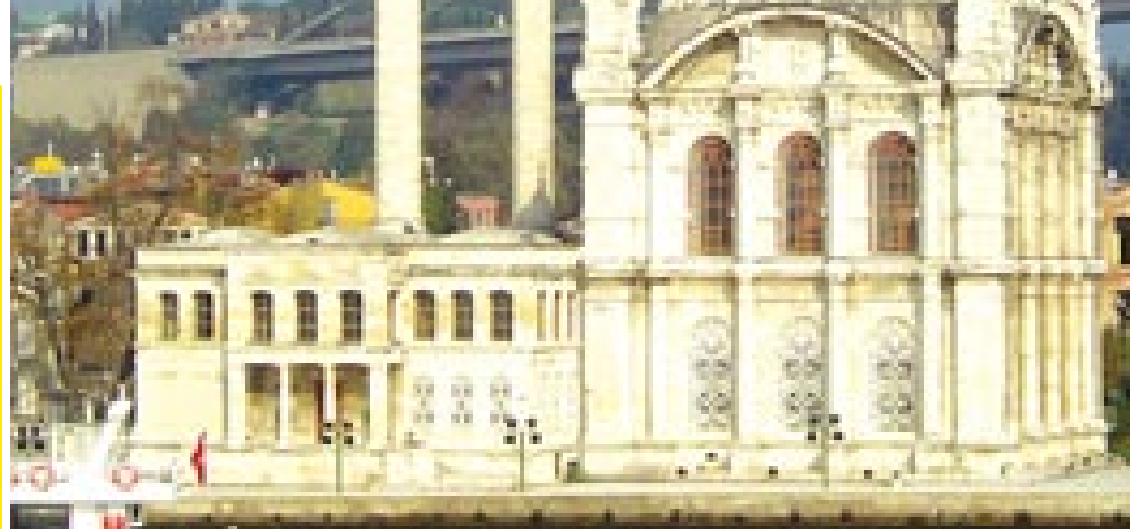
Istanbul

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fascinating presentation unveiled the 2009 TALL SHIPS ATLANTIC CHALLENGE maritime festival "visitation and economic statistics". The City of Erie should take its cues from these statistics. Due to the prevailing economic concerns, the City of Boston predicted that only three hundred thousand to five hundred thousand people would most likely attend the summer's tall ships event, expecting to only generate a marginal amount of business activity. The event, however, exceeded all expectations, with actual attendance numbers turning out to be closer to three million people, generating over one hundred million dollars of economic activity for Boston. In Belfast, Northern Ireland, eight hundred thousand people attended their tall ships festival. The population of Northern Ireland is only 1.2 million people. In short, tall ship festivals draw massive crowds, and fill local restaurants and hotels. They are good

for business and great for local economies.

The City of Istanbul wine and dined us for three days, provided free city tours, and a harbor cruise of the Bosphorus. The Bosphorus is a beautiful stretch of water that connects the Black Sea with the Mediterranean. Istanbul's strongest asset is its unique history and culture. The city's history is a blend of Roman, Ottoman, and Arab cultures. In the old town, historic mosques, and Roman statues dot the landscape. There is even a Roman Cistern that holds a perfectly preserved head of Medusa. Of course, a trip to Istanbul is not complete without a visit to the Spice Market and Grand Bazaar, where, hundreds of people and merchants barter back and forth for goods and services. I love the traditional ritual of bartering and spent my last afternoon making a purchase via a half hour long bartering session. It is such an involved process that the shop merchants usually will serve you tea as you sit on a stool and discuss life, your family, and business. In the end, I secured the shirt that I wanted. I paid a bit more than I planned on spending, but then again, it was truly a fine cup of tea!



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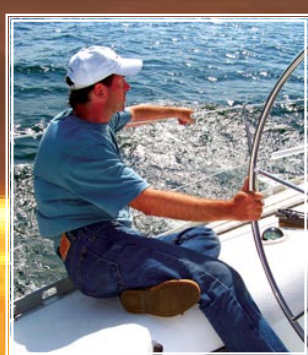
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2010 Inter-Club Cruise What's New

by Heather McBrier & Diane Mitra



Break out your crusty sailing gloves, get your beer koozie off the shelf and start daydreaming about fried perch, because it is time to ready yourself for the Lake Erie Interclub Cruise. If you haven't participated in this weeklong pirate vacation, you are greatly missing out on over fifty years of traditions and stories, competitive Corinthian racing, and friendships that last a lifetime. After five days with over 300 sailors representing yacht clubs from Canada, New York, and Pennsylvania, you will have your own Interclub story to tell.

Now, without further ado, it is with great pleasure that we invite you to the 53rd Lake Erie Interclub Cruise. Preparations are in full swing to make this regatta a great experience again.

This year is a reverse year, which means all of the boats will start at the Buffalo Yacht Club on the morning of Saturday, June 26th and end in Erie on Wednesday, June 30th.

The Buffalo Yacht Club is celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year, making it the third oldest yacht club in continuous operation in the United States. BYC will have live music and a raw bar on Saturday night to celebrate and kickoff the Interclub festivities. This year the Buffalo Harbor Sailing Club daiquiri party will also be held in Buffalo on Saturday night. (This party is normally held in Dover – not this year!)

We hope that all the Erie sailors will participate in a fun sail down to Buffalo on Thursday morning as a feeder to get your boat from Erie

to Buffalo. The feeder race will start Thursday, June 24th at 7AM at the Erie Yacht Club Light House.

Registration and check in for the Interclub Cruise will be from 4:00pm-7:30pm Friday night, June 25th at the Buffalo Yacht Club with a skippers meeting to follow. We encourage all sailors to register online at www.erieinterclub.com.

Interclub Cruise Dates -- It starts on Saturday, June 26th with a triangle race in Buffalo and a great party to follow, Sunday, June 27th is Buffalo to Port Colborne with the Colborne steak dinner and live music, Monday, June 28th will be a long day from Port Colborne to Port Dover and party under the stars at the Dover Yacht

Club, Tuesday, June 29th is a Triangle Race on Long Point Bay and the famous fish fry at the Dover Yacht Club then our finish on Wednesday, June 30th with a rockin' party in Erie and trophy presentation following.

Please note that there has been a change made to the Cruising fleet. Starting this year, we will no longer present trophies to the Cruising class. This is an effort to put those that wish to race in the racing classes and reserve the cruising class for those boats that want to follow the fleet as cruisers. The cruising fleet will have a designated start time and will be required to finish according to the cruising rules either under sail or power. A participation plaque will be given to all entries but no score

will be recorded by the Race Committee.

Port Colborne will be the first Canadian port of entry and Canadian Customs & Immigration will be on the docks to greet us. Each member of your crew will be required to present a passport or other valid form of identification for entry into Canada and the United States. Make sure you and your crew has the right documents so that the customs check in goes smoothly.

Lastly, if you have sailed in the Interclub for 25 times or more we encourage you to sign up to become a member of the LONG POINTERS CLUB. Applications are available online. The interclub has a special party every year and they would like to welcome you into the club.

The Interclub Cruise is a wonderful sailing tradition with great stories and experiences that keep Lake Erie sailors coming back year after year. We look forward to seeing all of our good friends the last week in June. Cheers!

From the Interclub Cruise Event Committee written by, Heather McBrier

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Frolic on the Bay!

by Dan Dundon

This is the 20th annual Frolic on the Bay to be hosted by the Erie Boating community held at the Erie Yacht Club. Every year the generosity of the Presque Isle boaters brings a raft of fun, loads of laughter and a ray of sunshine to the scores of children with physical, chronic and life threatening conditions and their families on this special day. Once again we are offering this special opportunity to the clients of MECA/United Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Make-A-Wish Foundation, The Achievement Center, Great Lakes Diabetes Institute and Mercy Center for Women.

How does it work? Skippers make it possible by donating their boats and time to this great event. The Erie Yacht Club hosts the event with the terrific support of Commodore Perry Yacht Club, Presque Isle Yacht Club and the Zem Zem Sailors. In addition to the on the water ride provided by you the skippers, the event includes box lunches for all the clients and family escorts and a special "burger & dog" barbecue lunch for all the skippers and volunteers after the event. The volunteers assist the boaters on the docking, boarding and unloading of guests and the coordinating of all aspects of the event.

Volunteers & Donations call Dan Dundon, Chairman at 455-6672



Monday, July 12th, 2010
11:30 am til 5:00 pm
*Children will be arriving at noon.



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A Treasure Beyond Treasures

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a diner for a cup of coffee and while talking to some locals found out that there had been a really bad tornado here some years back. I was beginning to be comforted by the number of friendly people I encountered no matter where I stopped.

Once again behind the wheel of my car I watched my compass wanting to keep moving in a north easterly direction. After all, the shadows were getting long and it was time to head home. I turned right at a corner onto Route 20. I saw a "Welcome to Girard" sign and as I drove past the town center I noticed a statue of some clown, no really, I mean a real clown. I remember reading about it when I was thinking about accepting the job in Erie. What was his name? Hmmm, my mind slowly went through the filing cabinet of my brain. Someone who wintered here, I think his name was Dan Rice? Well, something like that.

My mind came back to the present and leaving Girard in my rear view mirror I began to anticipate what would come next. Only a few miles from Girard was Fairview, which seemed to be of little consequence since I was through it in less than a minute, and I wasn't speeding. Out of the window on the drivers side of my car I noticed a lumber yard and then a sign on

a small store that said "Homemade Cookies, Pies and Cakes. Fresh Daily". Being unable to resist I stopped and purchased a dozen Snicker Doodles. I didn't even reach the car before my hand had extracted one from the bag and I was nibbling away on it. It brought back memories of my childhood when Mom would always keep the cookie jar full of cookies, usually either peanut butter or sugar cookies.

Pulling back out onto 26th Street I drove past a couple interesting little bar/eating places. I tucked those away in my mind vowing to return to try out the 'Broasted Chicken' and 'The Best Hamburger In Town' that was touted on the marquees. When I reached the corner of Sterretania and 26th Street I turned left and found myself driving down a rather steep hill and onto a peninsula jutting out into the Lake. I didn't grow up on water. Well, that's not actually true. I grew up on a creek in the country and I did have a row boat and I swam (with the mud puppies). I pulled in to the first parking area. There was a walking path. I got out of my car, locked it, grabbed my camera and began walking north, or west. I think it was north. I looked off to my right and saw masts rising from what appeared to be a boat basin. Spars I believe a sailor would call them. One mast right after the other, like a

row of soldiers. There was a light breeze and I could see the masts swaying slightly. I couldn't tell how tall they were or how big the boats might be to which they were attached. It must be a big marina, though, to have that many boats in it. "I'm gonna have to find that place and see what's there." I keep walking and my eyes keep going back to the boats. The water is sparkling as the sunlight dances across it's surface. It's blue like the sky. There are a few soft white high clouds. Continuing my glance down the bay I see what looks like a narrowing and maybe a channel. That must be how you gain access to this delightful bay. Then my head was beginning to put it all together. This is the bay that I drove past when I went

down the Bay front Parkway. This bay is big. It must be at least, what? Five miles long, ten miles. Well, it wasn't little but it didn't seem to be very wide. Between where all the boats were moored and the other side, where I was, couldn't have been more than maybe a half mile. Still, what a wonderful protected area for the Ski Doo's and smaller boats that were currently enjoying this beautiful day.

After an hour of strolling I decided to hunt down this place I had been admiring from the peninsula. I drove up the hill, turned left at the first street and drove until I saw a sign that said "Erie Yacht Club". This must be it. I turned left, made a few turns here and there and began my descent down into a rather strange little gully.

It was dark on this narrow, pot holed road, lined with trees emanating from humey soil created from years of fallen leaves. The road had rather large ditches on each side. I could imagine when there was a heavy rain the water coursing rapidly through those trenches. I came around one turn and was delighted to see an overpass. Driving under it I looked up and saw some kids leaning over, waving. The road continued it's curvy downward spiral. My car slowly came out of the dark into the light and there in front of me was a most spectacular view. Maybe it was made more spectacular because of the dark drive down the hill. It's rather like a dark picture frame that encases a painting resplendent with flash and shim-

mer. My breath took a deep inward gasp and I could feel my pulse quicken. How could anyone come down this hill and not be thrilled by this miraculous metamorphosis from dark to light? I had come home, no longer a stranger in a new location. This is what I had been searching for. I knew that no matter what this place was I would be here many times -- a life time -- in reality, or in my dreams and memories. How very fortunate the people were who could enjoy this anytime they wanted. It reminded me of a sign I had seen once in a little gift store, "If You're Luck Enough To Be Near The Water, You're Lucky Enough". That said it all. This was a treasure beyond treasures. It will remain forever in my heart.



This sign is at the entrance to Erie's wondrous peninsula jutting out into Lake Erie. There's terrific woods for hiking, large wildlife areas and over seven miles of beautiful beaches for swimming and picnicking.



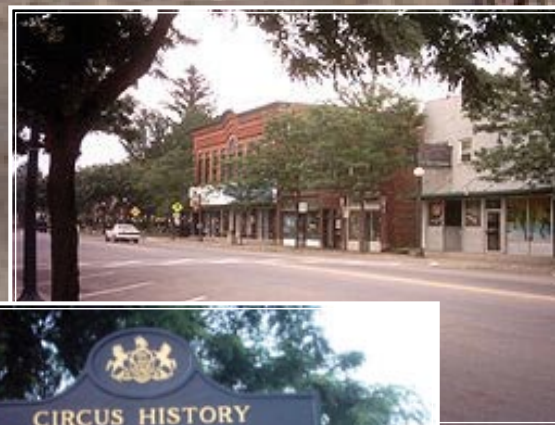
Edinboro, located just south of Erie, is home to Edinboro University, and Edinboro Lake both serve thousands of part time residents year round.



Albion, nestled in the west county, is a small community that boasts having the third oldest carousel in the country. In 1985, Albion suffered a direct hit by a devastating Tornado doing extensive damage and the taking of life.



Girard, a growing west county community, was home to the most famous clown in the 19th Century Dan Rice. Today it is a manufacturing as well as an agricultural center.



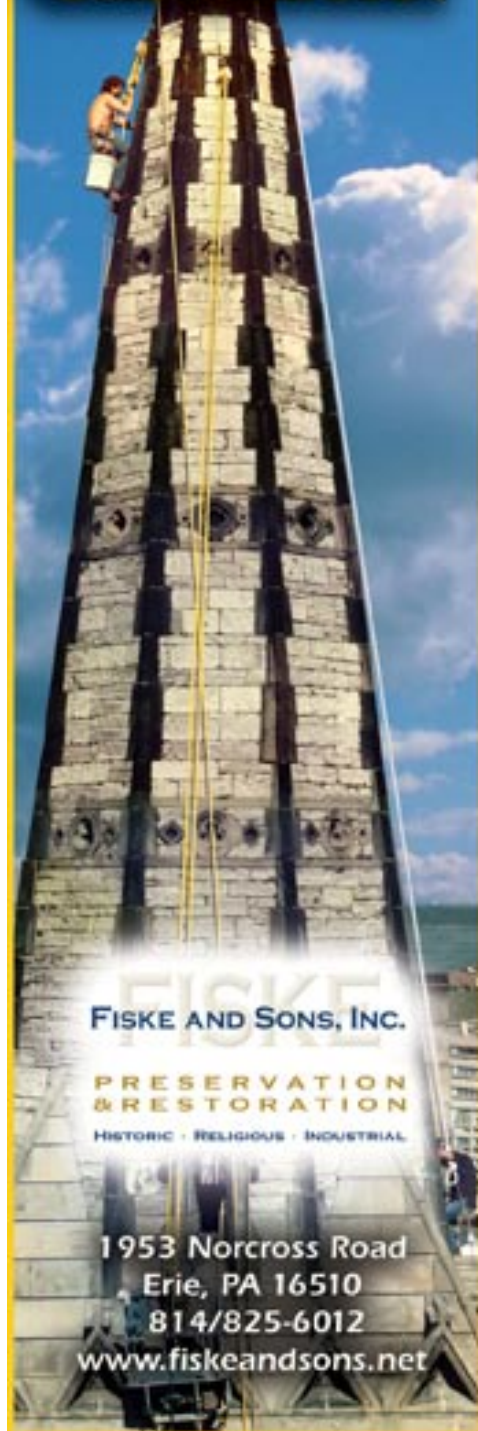
Located just west of Erie is Fairview, another growth area boasting both industrial and consumer business development.



May Calendar of Club Events

- 1st Kentucky Derby Day
4:30 pm - The Fun Starts!
5:30 pm - Dinner Service Begins
6:00 pm - The fastest 3 minutes in sports
Reservations for Ballroom Seating Only - Grill Room limited seating
First Come First Serve
- 2nd Champagne Sunday Brunch
11-2pm • \$12.95
- 9th Mothers Day at the EYC
2 ways to Celebrate:
Special Brunch Buffet 10:30 - 3pm
Entertainment by Marty O'Conner
\$18.50 Adults 16 & over
\$11.95 ages 11-15 • \$8.95 ages 5-10
4 & under free
Traditional Dinner Menu
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Chef Angelos Mothers Day Specials
Entertainment by Keys & Strings
- 14th Scotch Tasting Party 7-9pm
Sample single malts from each region of Scotland - A few select hor d'oeuvres to include Haggis & Shepherd's Pie will be offered with each selection. Hosted by Rear Commodore Gerry Urbaniak & Captain Eric M. Marshall USN, Ret. \$32.00 per person plus tax & gratuity • Reservation 453-4931
- 16th Champagne Sunday Brunch
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- 19th Spring Launch Ball 5-9pm
Complementary Hors d'oeuvres
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Live Entertainment with The Breeze Band
- 23rd Champagne Sunday Brunch
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- 31st 116th Opening Day Ceremony
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June Calendar of Club Events

- 3rd Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
6-9pm • Entertainment with Uncharted Course
- 6th Great American Whiffle Ball Challenge • 1pm on EYC lawn
Sailors vs. Powerboaters
All Ages Welcome Kids Encouraged
reserved deck seating available
Champagne Sunday Brunch
11-2pm • \$12.95
- 10th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour 6-9pm
Lake Erie Mustang Owners Club
Entertainment with Night Cruisers
- 13th Champagne Sunday Brunch
11-2pm • \$12.95
Sunday Lighthouse Happy Hour
6pm-9pm • Entertainment with Endless Summer
- 17th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour 6-9pm
"Crazy Hat Night"
Entertainment with Sam Hyman
- 18th Dock Party L, M, N, O,
- 20th Fathers Day Champagne Sunday Brunch • 11-2pm • \$12.95
- 24th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
"Brat & Brew Night"
6-9pm • Entertainment with G-3
- 26th Bay Swim III • 1 mile swim
Preque Isle State Park to EYC
9am Start - Info & registration:
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- 27th Champagne Sunday Brunch
11-2pm • \$12.95
- 30th InterClub Regatta
Entertainment by The Porcelain Bus Drivers



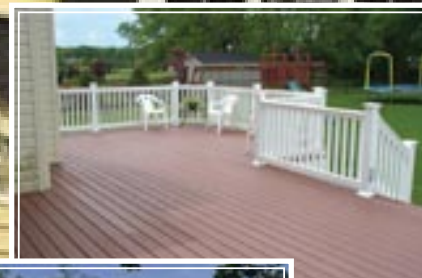
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Concordia in a Sea of Sand

Morocco

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Traditional tribal Berber musicians playing for us in the desert.

Filling up our water bottles at a mountain waterfall on Grand Canary Island.

Village women doing the weekly laundry in the stream.

Hiking up a narrow mountain trail on Grand Canary Island.

Our camel train... straight from the pages of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves.

Our entire student body at a desert oasis...best dates we have ever eaten!

Soon after the sun set, the merrymaking and dancing began. A local family played their traditional music while the students danced around the giant bonfire in the middle of the campsite. The stars were magical; by far the most that I have ever seen. Even though it was a freezing night, I decided to wrap up in blankets and sleep under the stars. I must have counted close to twenty shooting stars that night. You could see all of the constellations and swirls in the sky without a trace of any light pollution at all.

We awakened the next morning to a giant breakfast, and then made our trek back across the desert to Zagora. We had a long journey ahead of us, but we made several stops in the small towns along the way. Morocco was

definitely a highlight port for me on the voyage, and a place in which I will retain vivid and colorful memories.

Following Morocco was a short, two day sail to the Canary Islands. Our university students took their final exams for the fall semester during the sail. Similar to traditional university students on land, they were pulling all-nighters, and were studying in every inch of available quiet space on the ship.

The Canary Islands were like no other place that I had ever visited. The topography on Gran Canary is like that of a mini continent; highly varied and diverse. I have never seen so many different types of geological features on such a small landmass. Massive sand dunes, mountains, semi tropical forests, creeks, ravines, and miles of beautiful beaches are just some of the unique areas that we visited. Similar to our experience in Sweden, we partnered with a local school, which allowed our students to interact with local high school students of the same age. We spent two days with the school. The first was spent hiking up a mountain to the island's tallest peak, above the cloud line. We then hiked down into a ravine with semi tropical vegetation that looked like a scene in Robert Louis Stevenson's book, "Treasure Island". At the bottom of the ravine was a stream that flowed right out of the mountain. We all filled our water bottles here as the water was cool, clear and delicious. In all, our hike was over ten miles through the diverse countryside. The second day was spent visited the stunning campus of our partner school "Colegio Arenas", which was perched on the cliff side over looking the turbulent Atlantic waters. Our students were given a unique demonstration in Canarian wrestling, and then engaged with the locals in a variety of sporting competitions. This allowed our students to truly immerse and appreciate more of the local culture.

Please stay tuned for my next update that will describe our Christmas humanitarian initiative in Dakar, Senegal, West Africa; and the subsequent twenty-one day trans-Atlantic sail to Salvador, Brazil, where Class Afloat's fall semester will officially conclude.

CHEERS' THEORY OF INTELLIGENCE

"Sailors have known this truth to be self-evident for thousands of years."



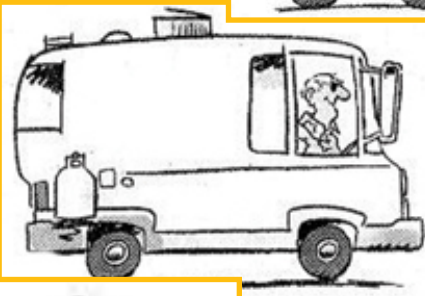
Mailman Cliff explains his theory of intelligence to Norm.

"Well you see, Norm, it's like this: A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Now, as we know, excessive intake of alcohol kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine.

And that, Norm, is why you always feel smarter after a few beers."



The Wheels of Life



OK...Let's Offend Everybody!

submitted by Bob Way, Jr.

Q. What's the Cuban National Anthem?
A. "Row, Row, Row Your Boat".

Q. Where does an Irish family go on vacation?
A. A different bar.

Q. What did the Chinese couple name their tan, curly-haired baby?
A. Sum Ting Wong.

Q. What do you call it when an Italian has one arm shorter than the other?
A. A speech impediment.

Q. Why aren't there any Puerto Ricans on Star Trek?
A. Because they're not going to work in the future either.

Q. Why do Driver Ed classes in Redneck schools use the car only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays?
A. Because on Tuesday and Thursday, the Sex Ed class uses it.

Q. What's the difference between a Southern Zoo and a Northern Zoo?
A. The Southern Zoo has a description of the animal along with a recipe.

Q. How do you get a sweet little 80-year-old lady to say the 'F' word?
A. Get another sweet little 80-year-old lady to yell, 'BINGO!'

Q. What's the difference between a Northern fairytale and a Southern fairytale?
A. A Northern fairytale begins, 'Once upon a time' while a Southern fairytale begins, ... 'Y'all ain't gonna believe this shit.'

Q. Why doesn't Mexico have an Olympic team?
A. Because all the Mexicans who can run, jump or swim are already in the United States!



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