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## From the Bridge

by Commodore David Heitzenrater

Aaah, November, the end of another wonderful boating season at our beloved EYC. 2012 marks one of the best weather seasons that can be remembered here. The hotter and dryer weather only heightened the enjoyment we had boating and attending the countless events. The EYC was a very busy place. I congratulate our great professional staff for running a grand EYC ship but also thank the many volunteers who continue to give their time and expertise giving direction to our Club. Yes, it is the vast number of volunteers who are helping our ship but most important is the Club membership engine that powers it. Your continued enthusiastic support keeps us afloat and propels us "all ahead-full". Absent membership support, our ship would flounder and sink.

This being my final bridge article, I note some accomplishments we have seen in recent years: Ravine Drive completion, Establishing the EYC Foundation, Upgrades to our information technology systems: wire-

less network, weather station, web site, web cam, public computer, TV's, overhead computer projector, juke box, front lobby announcement board, plus the Jonas billing and member information system. Also the basin project with a new school facility in our west water lot. Yes, volunteers were behind these improvements with the most notable being your Bridge and Board members. I thank my fellow volunteer officers V/C Matt Niemic, R/C Ed Schuler, F/C Brad Enterline and P/C Gerry Urbaniak for their support.

The Erie Yacht Club, what a wonderful place, Commodore Bliss would be amazed.



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A beautiful photo of some of the EYC marina surrounded by one of the most gorgeous sunsets on the planet. Photo courtesy of John Baker.



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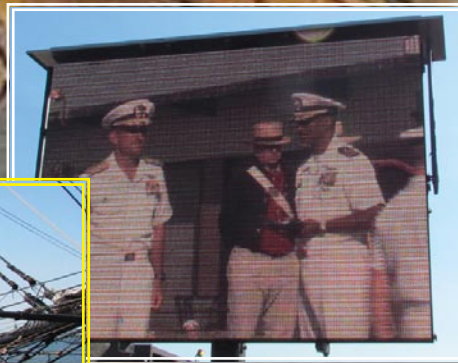
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# Transfer of Command

by Commodore Dave Heitzenrater



EYC Bridge Officers were privileged to attend the Transfer of Command Ceremony and reception held on August 30th, 2012 in Cleveland's inner harbor. The ceremony was centered on direct descendent Oliver Hazard, Perry Cabot, who made the transfer of the "Don't Give Up the Ship" burgee struck from the high rigging of the 1813 Flagship Niagara replica to the modern Oliver Hazard Perry class frigate, the USS DeWitt.

You might remember that during the Battle of Lake Erie, Commodore Perry made the daring and likely desperate transfer of command from the devastated Lawrence to the undamaged Niagara during the height of this deadly 1813 naval battle accompanied with the famous "Don't Give Up the Ship" battle flag. Niagara was relatively undamaged because she positioned herself to the rear and

out of range of the British Flagship Detroit's long guns. Once in command of the Niagara, Perry boldly sailed forward and engaged the remaining British squadron including the Detroit to triumph in this famous naval battle. The victory secured control of Lake Erie by the United States of America and helped turn the tide in the War of 1812.

Cabot, of Jefferson, Va. perched aboard the ship's cutter was lowered into the calm blue water and was rowed from the Niagara across Cleveland's inner harbor to the awaiting officers and crew on main deck of the USS DeWitt. This short voyage happened during a mock hail of fire from the Niagara's cannonades with similar return fire from shore side. Two pounds of black powder with no shot was stuffed into the replica guns resulting in a great reenactment of the original scene

with the authentic thundering blast and large volume of smoke encompassing the Niagara giving all an actual sense of the historic moment. Cabot was piped aboard and presented the flag to Commanding Officer, Joseph C. Thomas who accepted and promptly ordered it hoisted above his ship. The symbolic transfer of command to the modern US Navy had now been completed after 200 years.

Cabot was dressed in a period uniform of cap, jacket and tails with a double row of buttons, officer's sword and tall black sea boots and whose physical appearance resembles his famous great grandfather. Graciously attending and fulfilling the character, O. H. Perry Cabot in reality was an intelligence officer who retired as a lieutenant colonel after 28 years in the US Army.

Just in case you were wondering, the USS DeWitt is a 453' guided missile frigate commissioned in November 1983. She is equipped with a 3 inch gun capable of shooting 80 rounds per minute, a Phalanx rapid-fire 20mm radar guided six barreled gun able to fire more than 3,000 rounds per minute plus a pair of Sikorsky SH-60 Seahawk helicopters and two triple tube anti-submarine torpedoes launchers.

The two-masted, square-rigged wooden sailing brig Niagara was launched July 4th 1813. She was 198' at her spar length with a crew of 155 officers and sailors armed with 18 carronades and 2 long guns. She was constructed here by Erie citizen, Captain Daniel Dobbins. Dobbins had traveled to the Capital in Washington to persuade the Navy of the need for an American naval force on Lake Erie and of the suitability of Erie as the place to build and base the squadron.

The current vessel, also hailing from Erie, was built by Melborne Smith and launched in 1988 as the third reconstruction of the Niagara. Both the original ship and the sailing replica were built just a short sail down the bay front from the Erie Yacht Club.

The Niagara was under the command of tall ships Captain Wesley Heerssen with a working crew of about 25 for this event plus help from a group of sailors also on board from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard and the Royal Canadian Navy. These active duty sailors were present as crew of their respective ships representing their governments for the Navy Week celebration also on Cleveland's waterfront.

The Navy Week event helped highlight the distinct differences between the equipment used in the naval war 200 years ago and current times. Absent two centuries ago was air

support. This celebration between peaceful borders on Lake Erie included an exciting performance by the Navy's Blue Angel flight team who soared and roared high above the modern ships and the historic rigging of the brig in their beautiful powerful F/A-18 Hornets.

The appearance of the Niagara was underwritten by the Perry Group, organizer of the 2013 bicentennial celebration of Perry's victory. The Perry 200 Commemoration locally unites us as citizens of Erie, Pennsylvania, United States of America. Future bi-centennial plans include a four day Tall Ships Festival September 5th – 8th 2013 on our waterfront at the Erie County Convention Center.





# THE DAY AFTER THE END-OF-THE-WORLD PARTY DECEMBER 22, 2012

by Dan Dundon & Tom Madura

In spite of the on-going success of our annual Winter Solstice Parties, it came to our attention 2012 might be an even bigger event, as the world will be coming to an end. We have never been ones to let trivial details such as the apocalypse interrupt our beer-drinking time. We know we can count on our fellow EYC members to support us on this. We've never let cold weather bother us! Who is afraid of planetary alignments?

In case you need something else to worry about... oops, we mean another reason for a party, December 21, 2012 at 11:11 p.m. Universal Time ends the count-down to this mysterious - some even call it apocalyptic - Mayan date when their "Long Count" calendar marks the end of a 5,126-year era. Among the non-celebratory predictions are "widespread catastrophe", a restoration of a "true balance between Divine Feminine and Masculine" (hmmm another party idea?) and "a change in the nature of consciousness".

Some experts believe humanity is creating its own ecological disasters and desperately needs ancient indigenous wisdom. Part of the appeal of the Mayans is the notion that we need to reconnect with the Earth in order to save ourselves. Mayan civilization, known for advanced writing, mathematics and astronomy, flourished for centuries in Mesoamerica, especially between A.D. 300 and 900. Their Long Count calendar,

which was discontinued under Spanish colonization, tracks more than 5,000 years, then resets at year zero. For the ancient Mayans, it was a huge celebration to make it to the end of a whole cycle.

Whether it is doomsday or a moment of cosmic shifting, we chose to zero-in on the "huge celebration" concept. Actually astronomic conditions will find the sun aligned with the center of the Milky Way for the first time in about 26,000 years. So, whatever energy typically streams to Earth from the center of the Milky Way may indeed be disrupted at the winter solstice.

No matter! In the days leading up to the Solstice, V/C Matt Niemic and Dock Master Bill Vogel will again frame-in in the south end of the deck. R/C Ed Schuller and his volunteer crew will shrink-wrap the entire deck.

Key West Express will provide tropical tunes while we will fire-up the heaters. It will almost feel like a summer Sunset Happy Hour! The deck will be crowded with brave souls in shorts and tropical shirts, as well as others bundled up to face the worst arctic blizzards.

Who knows? Maybe we will see things liven things up even more as John Orlando and Skip Grychowski work their pyrotechnic magic over the Erie Yacht Club basin?

The mystical flavor of the evening may well include a visit from Old Man Winter himself, here to congratulate EYC members for our tenacity in surviving the apocalypse! Perhaps this personal appearance will be arranged by P/C Tom Trost and his band of cohorts. Old Man Winter is always popular, passing out candy and good cheer as he has his picture taken as all the women crowd around him. There is little truth in the rumors that Old Man Winter resembles P/C Dick Robertson.

Some scholars doubt the ancient Mayans extrapolated great meaning from anticipating the alignment - if they were even aware of what the configuration would be. University of Florida anthropologist Susan Gillespie says the 2012 phenomenon comes "from media and from other people making use of the Mayan past to fulfill agendas that are really their own." Well, apparently Susan has found us out? We really don't want the world to end anyways 'cause we are too much enjoying all our good times at the Erie Yacht Club!



## How to face the Apocalypse EYC Style

By Tom Madura

*The world will end, so some folks would say,  
This very December, on the twenty-first day  
"Why now?" You may ask, as you ponder your fate  
"Are you so very sure of this upcoming date?"*

*The Mayans have said it, and they were quite wise,  
They spent so many lifetimes just studying the skies.  
Their calendar spans five millennia plus,  
And its end falls in this year - that's bad news for us.*

*Some would dispute these notions as fact,  
But if it is true, there's still time to act.  
But what should we do, as the end comes our way?  
Should we hide in our houses, and worry and pray?*

*No! We should not! For we are EYC members,  
We don't hide away, just because it's December!  
The end of the world may scare the less hardy,  
We'll do what we always do, and have a big party!*

*End of the world? We scoff at such news!  
Let's hire a band and break out the booze!  
We'll drink toasts to those Mayans, and then we can dance  
Because if they're right, it'll be our last chance!*

*So celebrate life! Eat, drink and be merry!  
Then if the end comes, it won't be so scary!  
Hang out with your friends - and I may as well say it -  
Run up a big bar tab - you may not have to pay it!*

*But what if they're wrong, those ancient forecasters?  
What if December brings no disasters?  
So what if they are? The party's still on!  
We'll just have more reason, to welcome the dawn!*

*So whether or not The End comes a-knockin'  
The EYC Deck will still be a-rockin'!  
And when it's all over, one way or the other  
If this isn't the Last Party, we'll just have another!*



# 'Tis The Season...

## Some Nautical Gift Ideas for that Boater on Your List

I know it's hard to believe but the holidays are almost upon us. That time of year when we try to come up with the perfect gifts for family and friends. Fortunately for those of us shopping for boaters, fishermen or for those who just plain love being around the water, there is a huge variety of products out there in every price range sure to please. Here are just a few products found while surfing the web which might help you get those gift giving idea wheels turning!



### Waterproof Camera

Many memories are made while boating and it's great to capture those memories but it can also be risky taking an expensive digital camera out on the water. One solution, the Fujifilm FinePix XP50 waterproof digital camera. This durable camera is waterproof to a depth of 16.5 ft. and can capture both movies and still images underwater. The camera's casing will withstand shocks or drops from a height of 5ft., can withstand temperatures down to -10°C and is dustproof. It has a performance oriented 14 Megapixel CMOS sensor, a FUJINON 5x wide optical zoom lens and a high contrast 2.7" LCD screen which can be used even in the bright sunlight.

If you are looking for an affordable (under \$200) good quality digital camera that

would make a good gift for a boater, then the FujiFilm XP50 Digital Camera may be exactly what you are looking for.

### Unique Boat Fenders /Fender Covers

There's some cool boat fenders out there that not only help protect the boat, but are great conversation starters too. Like these soft white vinyl Mermaid Fenders...everyone will want to know where you got her! Or how about an Octopus!

You can also find novelty fenders sporting the logos of NCAA teams perfect for your proud alumni boater.

Or you can customize existing boat fenders with personalized covers embroidered with a boat name or logo. You can find them in UV resistant, non-marking material that is incredibly durable yet soft enough to baby a boat's hull. They are supposedly easy to use, easy to clean come in numerous shapes and sizes and make a perfect personalized gift!



### Personalized Boat Mats Boarding Mats

Another idea is a custom embroidered boat mat or boarding mat. They can be personalized with a boat name, personal message, or graphic. Be sure to look for those made from durable marine grade materials that are mold, corrosion and UV resistant with a backing specifically designed not to slip or leave any marks. Great way to keep a boat clean, provide a safe point of entry on to the boat and make a boat feel even more like a home away from home. Great gift for any boat owner!



### Customize a Life Ring

A life preserver is not only an important safety item to have onboard, it can also be personalized to be a decorative addition to a boat, or home if the person you are gifting it to has nautical decor. There are kits available that enable you to easily customize a life ring with a boat name, family name or favorite saying. ("Uh Oh!" would be my choice!) For example the Taylor Made Lettering kit includes 2" black letters and numbers (4 ea.) plus symbols. Each is constructed from waterproof marine-grade 4 mil. vinyl, resistant to fuel, chemicals, fading and scratching. The kit also includes an application template to make it easier for the "do-it-yourself impaired" among us.



### Boarding Handle

A great practical gift is a boarding handle. OK so you don't think your boat owner friend or relative needs one, but for many, particularly elderly guests, children, and those new to boating, this makes it a lot safer getting on and off a boat.

An example is this Windline Boarding Handle. It slides into any standard fishing rod holder for a secure grab that is easily removable. It's also useful to feed hoses or shore power cables through to keep them from getting pinched between boat and dock. It's constructed of clear anodized aluminum and breaks down into two pieces for compact stowage.



### DryCASE (or 2 or 3!)

It seems we "need" to take our electronic gadgets everywhere. That's why I think a DryCASE is a safe gift for anyone. A DryCASE is a flexible, crystal clear waterproof case that lets you use a phone, iPod, digital camera, iPad or Kindle while keeping

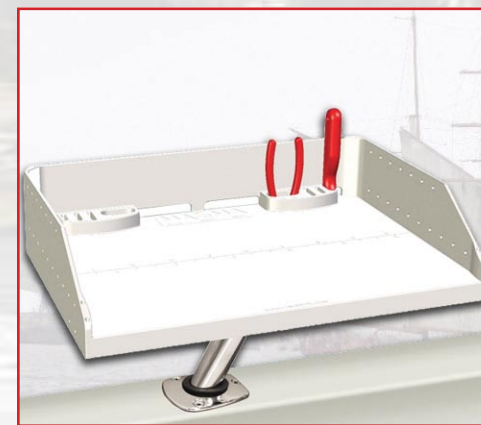


it dry and clean. They come in a variety of sizes and you simply place your favorite "gadget" in, vacuum out the air with the included hand pump, and the case seals in its contents for complete protection even when submerged underwater. The

case shown features a stereo headphone/mic jack, and comes with neoprene activity arm band for use with water sports.

### Fish Cleaning Station

For your fisherman, this Magma Small Tournament Series Fish Cleaning Station has a stainless steel base which fits right into the rod holder and tilts for easy drainage of fishy mess and for cleaning. Includes a place to put your knife and pliers and even has a ruler molded right in so your boat owner can measure his fish. It's UV-stabilized and designed to not rot away in direct sunlight and it won't hold fish odor either which is a large relief. Plus it stores flat!



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# SUNSET WALLEYES

by Paul Jenkins



There are lots of good fishing trips stored up in an old fisherman's memory but only a few that really stand the test of time.

For me one such trip started this summer when I bumped into my old friend Kevin Soles in a supermarket parking lot. Kevin is an avid Walleye angler and we had been trying to hook up all summer, (excuse the pun), but just hadn't found the right day.

Kevin knows that I'm more of a perch fisherman and I prefer the steady action of pulling in lively pan fish over long hours of trolling for the lunker walleyes. After agreeing on a time later that day, Kevin said, "Oh Yeah, Big Daddy will be joining us."

"Great" I said, it really doesn't matter if we catch a lot of fish, because there is nothing better than fishing with good friends." Big Dad's real name is Bill Brown and Bill and I have been fishing and hunting together since

grade school. One of Bill's favorite sayings is, "Fishing isn't a matter of life or death, it's actually more serious than that."

When I arrived at Kevin's house, his big blue truck was hooked up to his 19 foot bow rider and everything was ready to go. After picking up Bill we headed for the East Avenue boat ramp and were motoring over a two foot lake chop on a north east heading. After passing Gull Point we made our way out 3 or 4 miles to a depth of about 55 feet.

Because Bill and Kevin are very experienced walleye anglers, I got the job of steering the boat, as they went about choosing the lures, rigging the plainer boards, lowering the downriggers, and setting the Dipsy Divers.

Even though it doesn't take many fishing skills to steer the boat it's a very important job. I frequently got loud orders from the back of the boat. "Jenks, just keep it into the wind,"

Bill would say, "Turn right! So the lines don't cross," Kevin would bark out. "Watch your speed!" someone might say, or how many fish are we marking?" Being the captain you have to have a thick skin and not be offended by the orders that often come with little time for politeness.

After about two hours of trolling and only a few junk fish to show for it, Kevin asked to take the wheel. Oh good, now I could watch the poles and have a little fun by shouting a few orders of my own. "Kevin keep it into the wind! Kevin, steer to the right, slow it down, you're going too fast!"

For the first few hours the two foot waves would occasionally hit us with a three footer but Kevin's heavy duty 19 foot Sea Nymph, took them in stride. After several hours and no keepers to show for it I took a few jabs at Kevin with some pointed question like,

"How many perch would we have by now if we were using minnows?"

Finally we got two knock offs at the same time. Both Bill and Kevin eventually pulled in some nice walleyes. Not what you would call lunkers but very nice 20 inch fish. Maybe we were starting to see those Sunset Walleyes that we talked about. During the action I may have been a little careless in my captain's job so Kevin asked to take the wheel for a while. About then Bill handed me a rod that seemed to have a good sized fish on.

Yes! Yes! This felt like super fish and maybe the best of the evening. "Jenks! "keep the tip up," Bill said. "Don't reel too hard, just nice and steady," Kevin tuned in. This was no sheephead. It had to be a monster walleye and I was determined to get this fish in the boat. I'll show these guys that this old perch guy can pull in the big ones... I hope!

Then the big green fish rolled over on top of the water well behind the boat. This big guy could make me look good or send me back to steering wheel for the rest of the night. I had to get it in without a last minute blunder. Kevin had the long handled net well past the transom and I held my breath as he skillfully scooped the big fish from the green water. As he lowered the walleye over the deck, the fish gave one last wiggle and fell free inside the net. Time to breathe again. It seemed that a single hook was barely lodged in the big fish's top lip.

"Nice job Jenks, what a great fish!" Bill said. "That's the whopper of the night," Kevin said. "Ah, nothing to it. I had lots of help from you guys," I said. When I was actually thinking, boy was I lucky. Only one hook left in it's lip and it only held to the last minute.

As the evening went on we were treated with another beautiful Erie sunset. We pulled in a few more sunset walleyes but only two around the size of the whopper fish that measured about 27 inches and about 7 lbs. We ended up with a total of 7 fish.

We sure had a lot of good eating in the box but size and numbers are only a small part of a memorable fishing trip. To me it's just as much about spending great time on the water with good friends and creating some Lake Erie Sunset fishing memories. As Bill likes to say, "fishing is not a matter life and death, it's more serious than that" but I would add, "especially when you enjoy it with good friends."





# If These Docks Could Talk

by P/C Gib Loesel

As I have written in the past, the Tom & Jerry party was started by Rip Sawdey who lived in a shack just West of the Canoe House (Rip appeared in the Canoe House Story last issue). One New Year's Day he invited the officers to his shack for a Tom & Jerry's. The intent of the party was to share memories and toast the New Year.

As other members heard about the party it grew and grew and finally moved to the Clubhouse and was hosted by the Club officers. Only members were invited, no guests, no wives.

Rip always made the "batter" (secret formula) but before he "slipped his anchor" he passed the formula on to his apprentice Chet Curriden who became famous as the "head mixer". Chet in turn trained other "mixers" and the secret and party go on and on.

While the history is important, what I am trying to get to is a few of the very funny, strange and interesting things that have happened over the years. For those of you who have never had an EYC Tom & Jerry keep in mind that there is a fair amount of booze in each serving!!!

The "mixers" are Club members and as part of the "show" they do their mixing close to the serving line, that way (especially in the "old" days) their boat buddies could come over do a little "kibitzing" shake hand and wish each other a Happy New Year. In thinking about these stories; keep in mind several things (1) Chet was the head mixer for about a zillion years and was extremely popular with everyone; (2) he would have a "blast" or two to start the party (blast a shot) to get the morning started; (3) he was the central figure of the "show"; (4) the base of the secret formula is eggs (with a little snuff mixed in); (5) the eggs are mixed after the white and yokes are separated; (6) Chet always mixed the whites; (7) in the "old days" members dressed up, most wore suits and ties for the occasion... Got the picture???

Now picture this: each year Dr. Henry Baker would arrive dressed to the "9's" in a beautiful blue suit complete with neck tie. The first thing the "Doc" would do is head to Chet to shake hands and wish him a Happy New Year. One year Chet pulled the electric beater out of the whites to wipe his hands and shake with the "Doc", that's when this amazing spray of egg white plastered "Doc" from stem to stern. The wet towel used to wipe off the suit didn't help any. Each year after that we would wait in anticipation but he was too smart for a repeat performance.

When our current Clubhouse was new we had spray flying again. P/C George Sipple, who was in the electronics business (long before modern day computers), arrived with a "silent whistle switch". This little gadget was used to turn lights on and off without getting out

George Loesel & Bob Chambers, Great Grandfathers of Derek, Donovan & Olivia Loesel future members of EYC, enjoying a Tom & Jerry.



Left to Right: Ed Irvin, Marty Pormorski, P/C Bob Way, Lou Faulhaber, Chet Curriden, John Hall, Don Daley and R/C George Sipple. P/C Bob Way stood in for Commodore Deike.

of your chair. Fortunately, we also discovered it worked quite well on Chet's electric beater. Admiral Charles Curtze who was not clued in to the prank was watching. George would hit the "whistle switch" and stop the beater, Chet would pull it out of the mixing bowl to look at it and George would turn it back on sending the batter flying every which way! This happened several times and the Admiral was convinced that something was wrong with the new electrical system and/or the extension cord. Crawling, he would examine the length of the cord and each time he would pick it up George would do his magic again stopping the beater. Finally he placed a plate under the cord where the beater plugged in and it never hap-

pened again. He was happy, Chet was happy, however no one ever had the guts to tell Chet or the Admiral the real reason for the "electrical problem".

From time to time a member would show up at the Tom & Jerry party with a little fuel left over from New Year's Eve. One year a "nameless" "loaded" member was sitting in the lobby waiting for the mixers to arrive and start the party. His Cadillac was parked, doors locked, keys inside and the motor running. Oh well it was a good way to keep a drunk off the highway and eventually it ran out of gas.

Then there was the year Commodore Deike could not make it from Pittsburgh and P/C Bob Way stood in for him to place the paprika on as the last part of the drink. Bob, however, decided to substitute Chet's snuff in the paprika shaker...amazingly no one was the wiser and no one got sick (at least from the snuff!). I am sure there are many more T & J stories that I have never heard but if "These Docks Could Talk" who knows what trouble they could stir up???



Left to Right: Chet Curriden, Rear Commodore Ed Schuler's grandfather Ted Schuler, Rear Commodore George Sipple,, and Vice Commodore Rich Loesel in 1969 the first new year in the new Clubhouse.



# Holey Chute!

by Dr. Peter Lund



Summer is but a memory and we all agree that summers in Erie are glorious. Like many of you, I find every day out on a boat a gift. However, human nature being what it is, we always want more. If you are a fisherman out trolling you are probably thinking, planning, or dreaming of your next outing. If your vice is motor-ing around our beautiful Presque Isle Bay, then you are looking ahead to the next great adventure exploring the shoreline. If it is the tranquility of sailing using Mother Nature's breeze to power up your sails, you are probably contemplating the next spectacular sunset sail. All of these experiences have their own zen-like qualities that nourish the body and the soul.

Then there is that psychiatric condition called sailboat racing. For those not familiar with medicine or the multitude of different mental disorders there is a psychiatric manual called the DSM IV (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders) which categorizes and defines all psychiatric illness. As of this moment sailboat racing does not have its own unique category. However, after a thorough review of the manual, boat racing is a mixture of bipolar, manic depression, sadomasochism, and intermittent bouts

of psychotic euphoria. This leads me to the medical advice from your Fleet Surgeon and to amplify this bit of advice, let me present it through a short story.

For the last 12 years, Taz and crew have participated in the Youngstown, NY Levels Regatta on Lake Ontario. This regatta has offered some of the most competitive sailboat racing. I must admit our past performances have been in the middle of the fleet and for those of you in academia or in the world of teaching I would call it a gentleman's grade of C+.

What drags us back each year is that psychological disorder of sailboat racing, the thrill of competition, the camaraderie of old friends, and a two-day break from reality. This year was no different. We had a great team—Bill Lasher, Brian Lasher, Dave Warner, Jerry Kerner, Aaron Hertel, Dan Romance, and David Haller along with Amy Lund as our coordinator. Our competition this year, as in years past, was excellent. We had great expectations plus, who knows? Every dog has their day.

Unbeknownst to us, the stars were aligned, the boat bottom was clean, and all the extra gear was off the boat. We had an excellent crew and they were so-

ber. Bill Lasher had perfected our rig tuning and we had a set of crisp, barely used regatta sails including a new spinnaker.

The first day of the regatta the crew was all business and the excitement was palpable. At the start the wind was blowing 12-14 knots. Aaron Hertel calling the start and Dave Warner on the bow allowed us to be a bow ahead of the fleet at the start. The upwind beat was incredible with Bill Lasher working on boat speed and Brian Lasher and Dan Romance allowing our tacks to be seamless and professional. It seemed like boat and man were working as one.

This is where the psychotic euphoria comes in. We were first at the windward mark. I was so excited. Not only were we first at the windward mark but now for the coup de grace. I had a big, new red spinnaker to put up for our downwind leg. Our foredeck of Jerry Kerner and Dave Warner whose combined age approaches almost 120 years, had a flawless launch of our chute. Amongst all this perfection and my euphoria, I suddenly sank into disappointment and depression when I realized my new spinnaker had multiple holes and a dead mouse was found on the deck.

I realized I had to take ownership for the only mistake in our otherwise uniquely perfect race. I was the one responsible for storing the regatta sails including the new spinnaker in my gardening shed which was obviously infested with mice—hence the dead mouse and the holes in the spinnaker.

At this point I am sure you are wondering where is the medical advice in this story? This is not a warning about sailing and related depression or other mental disorders. I also hope the PETA group (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) understands that this was not intended as an animal experiment.

Everyone must please heed this warning because the results are indisputable: Nylon if taken internally or ingested can be hazardous to your health!



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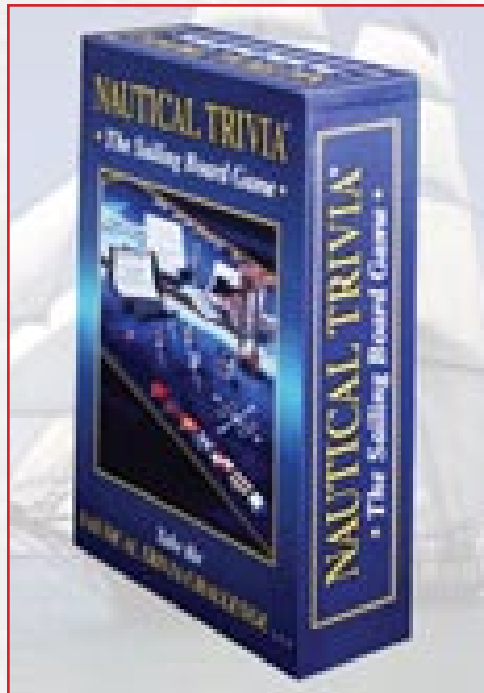


## 'Tis The Season

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### Nautical Trivia Game

If you're looking for a gift for sailors, this would be a great gift for the entire family. Nautical Trivia combines America's Cup and Trivial Pursuit® into one game designed to challenge sailors of all ages and anyone with a desire to experience the sport of sailing. Nautical Trivia offers you all of the exciting elements of actual sailing by simulating the sailing elements of changing winds, changing tides, tacking, racing strategy (block your opponent's wind!!) and nautical knowledge.



Every aspect of the game from the nautical graphics, the pewter playing pieces, the challenging nautical trivia questions, the unpredictable chance cards, and its exciting play... was created and designed for those who demand quality.

Nautical Trivia's challenging questions test your knowledge of nautical history, the America's Cup, historic lighthouses, navigation, boating safety, famous shipwrecks, infamous pirates and world geography. The "Jolly Roger" and "Treasure Chest" chance cards are designed to impact the outcome of the race with unpredictable variables based on actual sailing situations.

Nautical Trivia is played with one player (captain) for each sailboat or groups may divide into crews for each boat and choose a captain. Two, three or four sailboats may compete in a race. Great for after race sailing parties!



### WindPaddle Sail

If you're looking for a gift for a "paddler" this looks like great fun. WindPaddle has a series of lightweight easy-to-use sails for canoes, tandems, inflatables and kayaks. The WindPaddle was developed to quickly and easily connect to the deck of any boat with simple to use clips on the mounting harness. If your boat has anything that can be clipped to - including deck lines, cleats, bungees, pad eyes, fairleads, thwarts, handholds on the gunwale or bench seat - you can attach a WindPaddle sail to it.

All WindPaddle sails launch and fly from the on-deck or in-boat position. They can be set-up for instant self-launching either before sailing or while out on the water, so there's no need to return to shore to launch the sail. When not in use the sail stows on deck in a small folded coil.

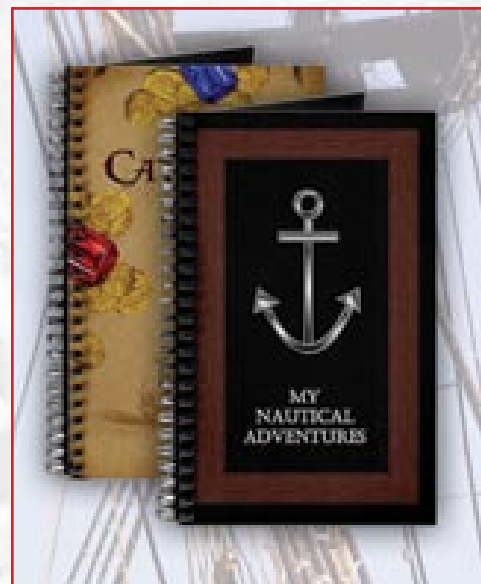
WindPaddle sails are made by a sailmaker combining modern materials, technology and proven sail design for high-performance sails that boast durability and ease-of-use.

The example above shows the large window in the center panel of the sail for visibility. A continuous sheet (or steering line) allows the paddler to control the sail while keeping their paddle in their hands for bracing and steering.

WindPaddle puts the sail's center-of-force down low - at about the same level as the paddler - making the boat/sail combination incredibly stable and easy-to-use. As wind speed increases, the center of effort remains fixed and doesn't move up or down. To depower the sail instantly - just drop the lines - you're always in control. The WindPaddle looks like a fun approach to small watercraft sailing!

### Captain's Log

A nautical-themed journal is a great gift for someone who might like to record all of their boating/sailing adventures. It could also be used as a boat guest book, place to keep boat maintenance records, or to simply write down important stuff like to-do lists, recipes, addresses, and more. Great nautical gift for the boat or home.



### Re-Chargeable Dehumidifier

Anyone who is a boater or who lives near the water knows that unwanted moisture can be a problem. There are numerous products out there that can help, but I think this one is a cute way to get rid of excess moisture in smaller spaces. Just set one of these Pingi products where you have a problem and it lowers the relative humidity of the surrounding area and fights musty odors and mildew.



The great thing about the Pingi products is they can be recharged and reused many times. A moisture indicator lets you know when it's time to recharge, then you simply place it in the microwave for 3 to 12-minutes and it's ready to go back to work. Pingi is kid safe, pet safe, and good for the environment. The Pingi bag comes in small, medium and large for use in different size areas and then of course there is the little penguin Pingi that covers up to 350 cubic ft - What a cute little practical gift!



### Nautical Cell Phone Cover

The cell phone has become a part of many of us (and has become a permanent appendage for many teens and young adults!). Covers like this two-piece hard case for your iPhone protect plus add some nautical flare. The case does not obscure controls, but is easy to slide on and off for docking. The felt-lined in-

terior prevents scratches and the exterior soft-grip prevents the phone from slipping out of your fingers. Great gift for any cell phone owner who likes to show their love for all things nautical.

### Sailor's Bracelet

An interesting and attractive gift for a special sailor in your life is this cord bracelet. Made of heavy cordage and sturdy clasps in bronze or silver, and featuring the simplicity of a reef knot, these bracelets are available in a wide range of colors and sizes. Great for both men and women. Those in the know about sailing knots are sure to compliment you when you're wearing one.



### Personalized PhotoBoat

The Personalized Photoboat (by Devisal) is a unique way to display a great vacation, boating or family photo. The Photoboat displays your favorite photograph on the silk main sail and your name or message on the jib sail. The silk sails are set in position and the boat base sits at an angle to create a wind blown appearance. You have four colors to choose from: white, natural wood, walnut, or blue. You will receive a proof of both the main and jib sail for your authorization before the photoboat is built so you don't have to worry about heads being chopped off or copy



being wrong! A unique personal gift that is perfect for any occasion.



### Personal Yacht Club Wall Sign

As we all know, a yacht club is a place where we can gather and enjoy ourselves with fellow boaters and friends. Add someone's name to a sign like this and turn a room in their house into their own club for their family and friends.



### High Back Go Anywhere Chair

This comfortable, cozy chair by West Marine will become anyone's favorite place to sit on the boat. Even on the bow in rough seas, it boasts a comfortable ride. With very thick padding, this portable chair is great for boating but also for camping, concerts, you name it. Plus you can set the back to any recline, including flat!

Again these are just a few ideas to get you thinking. There are thousands (and I mean thousands) of nautical gifts out there - some practical, some decorative, some personalized, and some just plain fun.

Of course, before you look anywhere else, stop by the EYC gift shop. You'll find a wide variety of great gift ideas like EYC shirts, hats, blankets, sweaters and more.

So happy shopping, but remember don't let shopping stress ruin your holiday... it really is the thought that counts, right?!





# And the Winners Are...

By Aimee Nicolia & Chris Grychowski (Coach G.)

The Reyburn Sailing School capped off the 2012 season on Tuesday, August 14th, with its annual Junior Sailing Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Program Director Chris Grychowski and the sailing instructors presented awards for the following categories:

## Opti Star Cup

The Opti Star Cup is a fun, introductory race series for the youngest and newest kids to the Reyburn Sailing Program. These children are working their way up to become future "stars" in the Opti Prams.

- 1st Place - Arden Ryan
- 2nd Place - Emma Whiteman
- 3rd Place - Michael Grychowski

## Opti Cup

In a slightly more competitive race series for the daytime Opti students, the children compete in the Opti Cup.

- 1st Place - J.J. Case
- 2nd Place - Luca Hokaj
- 3rd Place - Ridgeway Case

## Junior Cup

The daytime Junior Sailors race on 420's and Flying Junior sailboats. The top boats in the Tuesday/Thursday class and Monday/Wednesday class compete against each other in the Junior Cup.

- 1st Place - Skipper Jack Niemic; Crew Sylvia Grack and Claire Tushak
- 2nd Place - Skipper Louis Margay; Crew Nick Margay
- 3rd Place - Skipper Robert Schneider; Crew Kaitlyn Kneidinger and Hannah Marchant

## Instructor's Cup

The Instructor's Cup gives racers who are working their way up a chance to compete in a less competitive fleet for the Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday students.

- 1st Place - Co-Skippers Michael Orlando and Kailey Orlando; Crew Beau Seibel
- 2nd Place - Skipper John Wolford; Crew Ben Semple, Ryan Harvey and Daniel Wolford
- 3rd Place - Skipper Jacob Stuart; Crew Katie Hanes, Lenore Noe and Samuel Pentz

## Friday Cup

Students who take the Friday lessons have a race-off on 420's and Flying Junior sailboats in the Friday Cup.

- 1st Place - Skipper Rob Schneider; Crew Hannah Marchant
- 2nd Place - Skipper Michael Jerecki; Crew Jacob Barilla
- 3rd Place - Skipper Andrew Schultz; Crew Maria Borst

## Commodore's Cup

The Race Team members complete their season with the Commodore's Cup, a highly competitive race on 420 sailboats.

- 1st Place - Skipper Geoffrey Wells
- 2nd Place - Skipper Noah Nicolia
- 3rd Place - Skipper Jake Orlando

In addition to the race cups, the following special awards were presented to these individuals.

## Sportsmanship Boy

Max Myers

## Sportsmanship Girl

Kailey Orlando

## Most improved Boy

Louis Margay

## Most Improved Girl

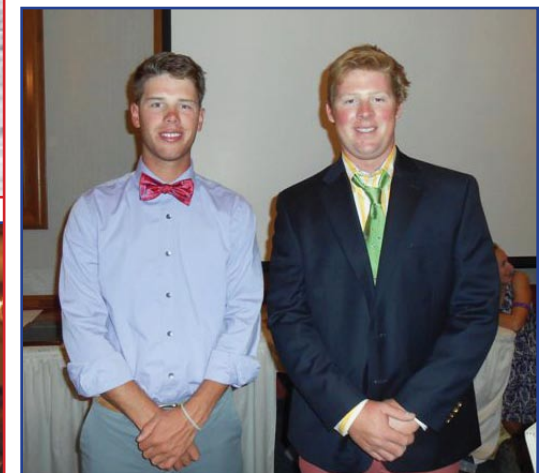
Lilly Myers

## Jeffery Potter Memorial Award

Brian Lasher and Cutter Niemic



Jack Niemic skippered a 420 in the Reyburn Sailing races to win the Junior Cup, shown here with crew Sylvia Grack and Claire Tushak



Sailing instructor Cutter Niemic (on right) was one of this year's recipients of the Jeffery Potter Memorial Award, for his contributions to the Reyburn Sailing Program. Cutter is shown here with Phil Mashyna (on left) who was last year's recipient of the award. Also honored this year was Brian Lasher (not pictured) who is the Committee Chairperson.



The Commodore's Cup, a race series between the Reburn Race Team members, was won by Skipper Geoffrey Wells with crew J.T. Timon.



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A big "Thank You" to all the contributing EYC Photographers for your submissions.

Nice work and keep those beautiful photos coming! All you have to do is send your photos to: [info@ashby-adv.com](mailto:info@ashby-adv.com) and remember to include your name and any caption if needed.

Submitted by Dan Dundon



BJ Lechner's big catch. A perch double caught on the Great White this July. Rumor has it, seeing how it was his first, he is getting them mounted.

Submitted by: Robert Hornak



EYC alive with activity  
Submitted by John Baker



Submitted by Boyd Bert



Skipper Geoffrey Wells and crew JT Timon, members of the EYC Race Team, sail a Flying Junior out of the basin.  
Submitted by: Geoffrey Wells



Russ Wallace an EYC member, took these beautiful Fourth of July fireworks photos this year from the East pier looking East.  
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Governor Tom Corbett, Commodore Dave Heitzenrater and Niagara Capt. Wes Hearson.  
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# What's the Good Word?

by Dan Dundon

Thanks to all the EYC members  
 who sent me quotations!  
 Thanks especially to  
 Don Richwine who submitted  
 this quotation from  
 John Lennon:

“When I was 5 years old,  
 my mom told me that  
 happiness was the key  
 to life. When I went to  
 school, they asked me  
 what I wanted to be when  
 I grew up. I wrote down  
 “happy”. They told me I  
 didn’t understand the  
 assignment. I told them  
 they didn’t understand  
 life.”

So, I’d never heard this quotation  
 before. How about you?  
 Don’t you have some favorite  
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# What's In A Name

The 10 most popular boat names each year for the past decade are...

## 2011

Seas the Day  
Nauti Buoy  
Aquaholic  
Dream Weaver  
Pegasus  
Serenity Now  
Second Wind  
Liquid Asset  
Miss Behavin'  
Blew ByYou

## 2010

Aquaholic  
Andiamo  
The Black Pearl  
La Belle Vita  
Mojo  
Island Time  
No Worries  
Second Wind  
Serenity  
Ohana

## 2009

Second Wind  
Seas the Day  
Lazy Daze  
Jolly Roger  
Bail Out  
On the Rocks  
Pegasus  
Zephyr  
Namaste  
Comfortably Numb

## 2008

Seas the Day  
Summer Daze  
Second Chance  
Aqua-Holic  
Wind Seeker  
Dream Weaver  
Black Pearl  
Hydrotherapy  
The Salt Shaker  
Sea Quest

## 2007

Black Pearl  
Liberty  
Second Wind  
Amazing Grace  
Aquaholic  
Knot On-Call  
Second Chance  
Wanderlust  
The Dog House  
Carpe Diem

## 2002

Liberty  
Victory  
Aquaholic  
Bite Me  
Endless Summer  
Seahorse  
Footloose  
Sliver Lining  
Miss Behavin'  
Moondance

## 2003

Happy Hours  
Carpe Diem  
Reel Time  
Sea Biscuit  
Freedom  
Summer Wind  
Aquaholic  
Serenity  
No Worries  
Mental Floss

## 2004

Aquaholic  
Island Time  
Hakuna Matata  
Happy Hours  
Fish Tales  
Liberty  
Seas the Day  
Freedom  
Ohana  
Summer Wind

## 2005

Seas the Day  
Aquaholic  
Island Time  
Dragonfly  
Pura Vida  
Encore  
Black Pearl  
Destiny  
Serenity Now  
License to Chill

## 2006

Aquaholic  
Second Wind  
Reel Time  
Hakuna Matata  
Happy Hours  
Knot Working  
Life is Good  
Plan B  
Second Chance  
Pura Vida

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# The Treasure of Presque Isle

Blake Ragghianti

Where juts an isle with crooked bend  
I furled my sails to later mend

Once in the bay, an oval loam  
My ship t'was safe, from froth & foam

Ashore I searched for treasures rare  
Though no pirate coins be buried there

Then in the eve, hope all but gone,  
A westward turn t'ward evenings gawn,

And there within my seaward glance  
Saw I gilded wind on wavelets dance

In tears of joy my eyes were blind  
As my fortune shimmered with sea  
entwined

But I had no chest the size to hold  
That sea I saw of liquid gold

So my ship I brought abreast the shore  
And from her hull the planks I tore

I cut them up to proper size  
Inspired by my secret prize

And built a home upon that shore  
Where I'll be rich forevermore.



The following regular members of the Erie Yacht Club have been nominated for the indicated office. The following Slate of Candidates is for consideration by the regular members at the Annual Meeting on November 16th, 2012.

## CANDIDATES

COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:  
Matthew Niemic

VICE COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:  
Edward Schuler

REAR COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:  
Bradley Enterline

FLEET CAPTAIN - ELECT ONE:  
John Orlando

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ELECT TWO:  
Bill Gloekler  
Tom Madura  
Jack McKibben  
Jamie Taylor

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECT THREE:  
P/C David Amatangelo  
Norbert Dunn  
Ron Gerono  
Clarke "Hopbo" Kuebler  
Bill Lillis

To assist you in your evaluation of these candidates, each of the nominees was asked to prepare a statement for your consideration. These statements follow. Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on Friday, November 16th at 7:30pm to vote for the candidates of your choice.

The Officers and Board of Directors thank the following Board members who have completed their terms on the Board for their dedicated service to the Club:  
EUGENE WARE, ROBERT NELSON AND P/C GERRY URBANIAK

Also Nominating Committee members:

CHAIRMAN P/C PETER GORNY, GREG GORNY, P/C BOB ALLSHOUSE, DAVE SANNER,  
P/C GIB LOESEL, P/C TOM TROST AND COMMODORE DAVID HEITZENRATER

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting and the 2012 complete Financial Statement will be made available for members to pick up on November 5th, 2012 in the Club's front office.

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



# The Bridge Officers



## COMMODORE MATTHEW NIEMIC

I would like to thank all of you for the support and many positive comments over the past several years. Much has been accomplished by our dedicated members and staff. New roads, docks, and buildings, as well as improvements to our infrastructure and ever-changing food menus are just a few of these accomplishments. As your Commodore I will continue to keep the constant improvement of our club at the forefront of our mission.

One of the great things our membership committee hears over and over from new and prospective members is how much their experience at the Reyburn Junior Sailing School influenced their decision to join the Erie Yacht Club. I hope all of you will join me in supporting the Erie Yacht Club Foundation's plans for a new education building to be built on the recently completed west pier to house the Reyburn Sailing School.

Once again thank you for your support and I look forward to having another year of fun with you here, at the best Yacht Club in the world!

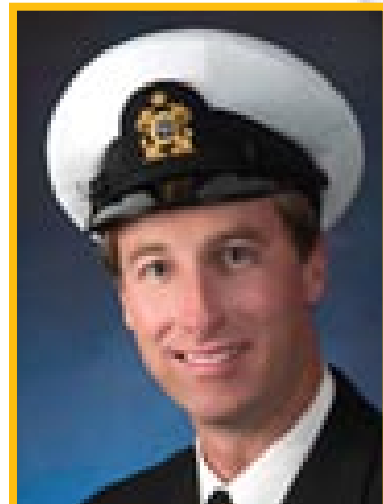
Sincerely,  
Matthew Niemic

# The Bridge Officers



## REAR COMMODORE BRADLEY ENTERLINE

Thank you for all of your support during my term as Fleet Captain and Chairman of the Grounds Committee. Much work was accomplished on and around the grounds this year. Completed projects include the basin reconstruction at A-Dock, and its completely refinished road. The grass area was graded and seeded along with the completion of the pier that will be the new home for the Junior Sailing facility. Junior Sailing was moved mid-summer from the guest dock to their new home, along with completion of the wave attenuator, which has provided safety and protection for the junior and adult sailors. Ravine Drive was cleaned up and has now been completely repaved with additional drainage. To date, it has held up well against the (few) rainstorms that we had this summer. Security was increased at the gatehouse in an effort to ensure that only our members and guests are utilizing your Club. Some additional speed bumps have been placed in an effort to provide safety for all members, their families, and guests. The lighthouse deck has a new nighttime look with additional lighting for safety and appearance so we can continue to fully utilize this beautiful spot for catered events and for the benefit of members and guests. One of my goals this year was to determine which areas needed attention, and what matters could wait, with a constant eye toward fiscal responsibility. I look forward to serving you as Rear Commodore and pledge to continue to work hard to serve you and our Club.



## VICE COMMODORE EDWARD SCHULER

I am thankful for your continued support in electing me as your Rear Commodore last year. I especially enjoyed this year because I was able to put my long experience on the dock committee to great use.

Rebuilding of A - Dock was completed this season; this included reinforcing the bulkhead, all new power, and the addition of floating docks. This is an excellent addition to our basin renovation, although the project is not quite complete. There are several more areas to upgrade, for example replacement of I - Dock.

Last year the Dock Committee attempted to create a new slip fee structure for the 2012 boating season. The task proved to be quite daunting and they could not come to an agreement that was felt to be fair to the slip holders'. This year, after much work, we came up with a new formula based on lineal feet for slips and winter storage. Our main goal was to simplify the formula and keep the changes revenue neutral for the Club. We succeeded on both counts.

We, your Bridge and Board, are constantly looking at ways to improve the club and I hope that you, the membership, are proud of the projects we completed this year. As an officer of the club, I am duty bound to be fiscally responsible with our available assets and to look forward to continue making this one of the best clubs on the Great Lakes. I will continue to do both as your Vice Commodore.



## FLEET CAPTAIN JOHN ORLANDO

Dear Fellow EYC Members,  
It is my distinct honor to have been nominated to represent the members of the Erie Yacht Club as next year's Fleet Captain.

In 1995, L. Tim Brugger opened a whole new realm of my experience when he introduced me to the wonderful culture and traditions of this great club. I was immediately impressed by the people, programs and amenities that the Club had to offer and realized that I wanted to become an active part of this fine establishment. My then future wife, Michele, a lifetime EYC member and competitive sailor, further intensified my newly acquired interest in the world of boating. What began with a mutual enthusiasm for racing on Wednesdays in the summer, soon branched out into power boating on those windless days and iceboating throughout the winter. Not surprisingly, our two children, Kailey and Michael, share our same love for Lake Erie and can't get enough of the EYC lifestyle.

Over the past ten years, I have served on numerous committees within our club. These include the Grounds, Docks, Race and Regatta, and Jr. Sailing. I served our club on the Board of Directors from 2008-2011 and in 2010 I was chairman of the Erie Yacht Club Racing Fleet. As Fleet Captain, I will work diligently to uphold the integrity and values that have been set in place since 1895. I will also encourage our members to share their thoughts and ideas with the Bridge and Board so that we may continue to maintain a strong membership base and provide an extraordinary environment for future generations. My wife Michele and I, along with my father Michael, currently own and operate the John R. Orlando Funeral Home, Inc. I feel my many years of business experience and dedication to the families we serve will also prove beneficial for this position. I look forward to contributing to the success of our highly respected organization.

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to your support.

**Don't Forget to Cast your Vote  
On Friday, November 16th at 7:30 PM**

# The Bridge Officers



# Candidates for Board of Directors



**BILL GLOEKLER**

It is an honor to be nominated to run for the Board of Directors of this fine Club! Thank you. My first memories of the Club date back to the mid 60's when my brother Jim and I would come down "devils backbone" at the foot of Lincoln Ave. to go fishing off the rubble pile forming the new east wall of the expanded basin. Shortly thereafter I was invited to go sailing on our neighbor's C&C sailboat and from then on I was hooked on boating. Today you will likely see me sailing with my family on our Beneteau 36.7 "Valkyrie".

I have been a member of EYC for more than 20 years and active in the sailboat racing fleet. Four years ago I traded my snow skis for a bowling ball to participate in the EYC bowling league and have been fighting to hold my last place position in the league ever since.

During my professional career I have served as a Vice President at Zurn Industries and Copes-Vulcan and for the past 10 years Owner/President of SEPCO Corporation, a regional sales/distribution firm with offices in Pittsburgh, Erie and Rochester.

Most people in the Sailing and Bowling community have met my oldest son Geoff who has Down Syndrome. Thirty-two years ago we were "adopted" by the folks at the Gertrude Barber Center who offered our family much needed advice and support. Since then my wife and I have worked to repay this gift by serving in a number of volunteer roles at the Barber Center. Today I am honored to serve as Chairman of Board of this fine organization. If elected to the EYC board I promise to work hard to continue the boating tradition of this club and build on the foundation provided by those who served it so well in the past.



**TOM MADURA**

I wish to thank the Nominating Committee for placing me on this year's ballot for Board of Directors.

Whether spending my summers on the beach or fishing from my father's 17 foot runabout, my favorite childhood memories revolve around Lake Erie and Presque Isle Bay. As I got older, joining the Erie Yacht Club just seemed like the natural thing to do to allow me to fully appreciate the advantages of our wonderful lake and bay. Since joining in 2003, I have been continually impressed by the friendliness, enthusiasm, and passion for boating shared by all of my fellow EYC members.

My wife Cindy and I thoroughly enjoy the social aspects of the Club, attending as many functions as we can, and also spending time on our sailboat, "Good Vices", whether we're out day-sailing, racing, or just relaxing aboard and enjoying the spectacular Erie Yacht Club sunsets!

It was a great pleasure for me to serve as the Chairman of the EYC Racing Fleet in 2009, and I continue to serve on its Executive Committee. I am also currently a member of the Club's Entertainment Committee, contributing to the great parties that we all enjoy year-round. I am especially proud to have helped develop the successful seasonal Wine and Beer Tastings and the popular Winter Solstice Party. I am a frequent contributor to the LOG, and truly enjoy my role as contributing photographer.

In my professional life as a Quality Engineer for BASF Corporation, I have developed teamwork, leadership, and decision-making skills which also serve me well in many areas of my private life. I am also a member of the American Society for Quality, and served for many years on their local chapter's executive board.

I would be honored to be able to put these skills and my enthusiasm for the EYC to work as a member of your Board of Directors, continuing to make the Erie Yacht Club the best on the Great Lakes!



**JACK McKIBBEN**

My sailing experience began at a Boy Scout camp. Sailed great downwind but had to be towed back since I hadn't mastered sailing upwind. The next few years were spent getting an education at the State University of NY and grad school at Penn State where I met my future wife Judy. After a few years in the Navy, Judy and I married and began our boating life with the purchase of a Sunfish. In the 70's Judy and I joined her parent's family business in Erie.

From 1978 to 2012 Judy and I ran Clark-McKibben Safety Products, Inc. In February of this year we sold the business to one of our long time employees. Now that I am retired I hope to get involved in the youth sailing program next summer. From 1976 to 1989 Judy and I raced one-designs at Pymatuning Yacht Club and various national regattas on the East coast and Mid west. During that time we also bare boated sailboats in the Newport, RI and Annapolis, MD areas. In 1989 we discovered the lake just minutes from our home in Erie and bought our current power boat and soon after joined EYC.

Since joining EYC I have been on the Safety Committee and helped build the new dock system. I have been a Power Squadron member since 1979 (AP). Many of you may not know me. My family has enjoyed the Club for years. My dedication to the Club has often been behind the scene.



**JAMIE TAYLOR**

Fellow EYC Members:

My name is Jamie Taylor and I am asking for your vote to be elected to the Board of Directors. I have been an EYC member for 33 years and it would be an honor to serve on the Board.

At a young age, I was fortunate to grow-up with the junior sailing program, go boating with family & friends and Club involvement has forever made the EYC a part of my life. Sailing and racing here and throughout the Great Lakes, it's easy to understand how blessed we are to have facilities like the Erie Yacht Club. My wife and I have also enjoyed mooring our sailboat and current powerboat at the club for over 12 years.

I have served on the Nominating Committee (2 terms), Dock Committee, Reyburn Sailing School committee, new dock construction volunteer and a Club representative for the Lake Erie Interclub Cruise committee for over 25 years.

If elected, my commitment to the membership would be of fiscal responsibility and a common sense approach to Club operations and planning.

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



# Candidates for Nominating Committee



**P/C DAVID  
AMATANGELO**

As always it is a privilege to be asked to be a candidate, especially for the Nominating Committee. I believe this is one of the most important committees that the Erie Yacht Club has due to the long term effects that can take place from the personnel selected. Our history

has indicated that this committee has done a very good job in selecting candidates that will have the best interest of the Club in mind at all times. My history of serving on the Bridge and Board as well as being active in a wide variety of other committees, I believe gives me the tools necessary to evaluate potential candidates for positions on our Bridge and Board. My primary concern will be to insure we select individuals that will continue us on the path of prosperity and growth, while maintaining our traditions.

Thank you for your consideration.



**NORBERT  
DUNN**

Erie Yacht Club Members, I am privileged and honored to have been asked to run for a position on the nominating committee. The selection process of qualified candidates for various governing officers is vital to the continued success of our club. Those selected will continue

to assist and uphold the integrity of the Erie Yacht Club.

As a lifelong resident of Erie, I have experienced many aspects of our community and can appreciate how well organized establishments benefit from core ethics instilled in its leadership and membership alike. I will utilize my management experience and community involvement to select honorable members for these desired positions.

My family and I have enjoyed the many amenities this great club offers, and I look forward to the responsibility of providing you with the people that will carry on the Club's traditions and successfully manage the future operations of this great organization.

With your best interest in mind, I would appreciate your consideration to be elected to the nominating committee.

Sincerely,  
Norb Dunn



**RON  
GERONO**

A native Pittsburgher, I came to Erie to attend Gannon College. It didn't take long to discover the differences between living on a lake shore and living on a river bank. Lake wins! After graduation, and marrying Erie native, Elaine, we purchased Paris Cleaners and settled into life on

this beautiful south shore. Boating became our major family recreation and we were accepted into membership in EYC in 1988. That was the most fortunate event in our boating lives. To this day, even though our children are scattered around the U.S., any time they make it home between May and October the first request is to "go down to the Club and take the boat out."

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

Thank you  
Ron Geronio



**CLARKE  
"HOPBO"  
KUEBLER**

Dear fellow members, I am pleased to have my name placed on this year's ballot for consideration to the Erie Yacht Club nominating committee.

The Kuebler families have been proud members of the Erie Yacht Club for three generations. I learned to sail in the Junior

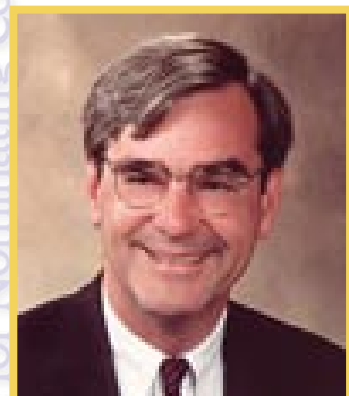
Sailing Program, become an instructor; and became a Club member when I turned 21. My wife Sue and I held our wedding reception in the Club 32 years ago; held baptismal brunches following the births of our three daughters and recently celebrated another significant event at a Sunday Brunch following our daughter Emily's wedding this September.

I sailed many one design boats including our family Lightning, eventually sailing throughout the Great Lakes on many local boats, most notably, the various versions of "Diablo."

If chosen to serve, I will do my best to nominate candidates who will respect the Corinthian ethics of our Club's founders and who will strive to keep the EYC one of the finest yacht clubs in the Great Lakes.

I look forward to giving back to the club I have enjoyed for many years.

Thank you for your consideration.



**BILL  
LILLIS**

I've been hanging around the Erie Yacht Club since age 10 when I first began to learn about life in the Canoe House at the feet of the legendary I Martin Pomorski, past Dockmaster. I've been fortunate to sail on a lot of different boats, from Blue Js to Big Boats with Past Commodores Zurn and Way but

mostly on a succession of boats owned by Jim McBrier. For the vast majority of my life I've never lived more than five minutes from the Club.

Excluding dinghies, I've owned three sailboats and three powerboats (I tend to rotate from one to the other), unfortunately never more than one at a time. Although I tend to hog the wheel or tiller, my wife Linda is a very agreeable and capable shipmate.

Three of my children took Junior Sailing and two of them were Instructors. One has returned to Erie, and my son Bill and his wife Cynthia are Junior Family Members. Professionally I continue to be quite busy with Lillis, McKibben, Bongiovanni & Co., an insurance and employee benefits firm which has occupied the majority of my time over the last several decades.

I love the EYC and would welcome an opportunity to serve on the Nominating Committee.

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Please advise the office of the address to which you like your ballot mailed. Ballots won't be created and mailed until 25 days prior to the Annual Meeting on October 23, 2012 so that we can accommodate anyone who may choose to run by petition.

The office will keep a list of those members to whom we send a ballot. Once we mail you a ballot, you will not be eligible to receive another ballot. So if your plans change and you are able to attend the meeting, you will only receive a ballot for any resolutions. To keep the ballots "anonymous" we would have no way to ascertain whether you had already returned your ballot so it is one ballot per Regular member in good standing.

Once you receive your absentee ballot, please mark it and return it to the Club in the specially marked envelope as soon as possible. The returned ballots will be placed under lock and key in the office until the night of the meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer will then give all returned ballots to the Head Teller to be tallied with those cast at the meeting. You may return your SEALED ballot to the Club as late as the start of the meeting on November 16, 2012 @ 7:30.

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by Elizabeth Dougan



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

Although weekend dates are filling quickly, we are still accepting reservations for weekdays and Sunday afternoon or evenings. Please remember, these dates will fill quickly so be certain to call today and reserve a date! Please contact our Catering Manager, Elizabeth Dougan, either at 453-4931 or catering@erieyachtclub.org.

*Happy Holidays!*



## November Calendar of Club Events

- 3rd EYC Racing Fleet Awards Banquet
  - 6pm - Registration/Cocktails
  - 6:45pm - Dinner Buffet
  - 8pm - Awards Presentation
  - 9:30 - Entertainment by Smokin Section • \$20 pp (see website)
- 4th Champagne Sunday Brunch  
11am - 2pm • \$12.95
- 5th NFL Monday Night Football  
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- 11th Champagne Sunday Brunch  
11am - 2pm • \$12.95
- 12th NFL Monday Night Football  
Pizza, Hot Dogs - All for \$4 !
- 14th EYC Turkey Bowl • 5-9pm  
Motown Music with the Breeze Band
- 16th Annual Meeting • 7:30pm  
Only Regular Members permitted  
Club Dinner Hours 5:30 - 7:30 Only
- 18th Champagne Sunday Brunch  
11am - 2pm • \$12.95
- 19th NFL Monday Night Football  
Pizza, Hot Dogs - All for \$4 !
- 25th Champagne Sunday Brunch  
11am - 2pm • \$12.95
- 26th NFL Monday Night Football  
Pizza, Hot Dogs - All for \$4 !

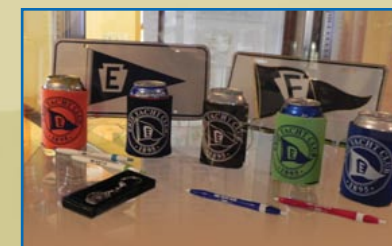
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**Notice:**  
2013 Slip Applications are due  
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haul-outs is Sunday  
November 4, 2012  
Please call the Club office to  
schedule your haul-out date.

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## December Calendar of Club Events

- 1st Members Dickens Christmas  
Dinner Dance • 7pm  
Music by The Dorals  
Reservations: 453-4931
- 2nd Champagne Sunday Brunch  
11am - 2pm • \$12.95
- 3rd NFL Monday Night Football  
Pizza, Hot Dogs - All for \$4 !
- 8th Breakfast with Santa • 10am  
Collegiate Academy Jazz Ensemble  
Gifts for Children • Photos with Santa  
Reservations 453-4931
- 9th Champagne Sunday Brunch  
11am - 2pm • \$12.95
- 10th NFL Monday Night Football  
Pizza, Hot Dogs - All for \$4 !
- 11th Dinner with Santa • 6pm  
Collegiate Academy Jazz Ensemble  
Gifts for Children • Photos with Santa  
Reservations 453-4931
- 16th Champagne Sunday Brunch  
11am - 2pm • \$12.95
- 17th NFL Monday Night Football  
Pizza, Hot Dogs - All for \$4 !
- 22nd Day after the End of the World Party  
6pm - 10pm • On the Deck  
Drink & Dinner Specials  
Music by Key West Express
- 23rd Champagne Sunday Brunch  
11am - 2pm • \$12.95
- 30th Champagne Sunday Brunch  
11am - 2pm • \$12.95
- 31st EYC New Years Eve  
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Dance Band





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