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From the Bridge

Commodore Tom Trost

As I write my last "From the Bridge" article I would like to reflect back on the past 4 years, the Officers and Board members that served alongside me, all the projects I have been involved with and how they have improved the quality and excellence of the EYC. From my first Meeting as Fleet Captain when the Bridge & Board turned to me and said we would like a new front gate entrance with landscaping, go get the quotes, and put a roof on the lighthouse.

Other projects you may not be able to see but enjoy: gas well, curtains to block the wind on the deck and lighthouse, a handicapped ramp at the lighthouse, radiant heaters on the deck, training and upgrading our wait staff, hiring a terrific Chef, natural gas to the lighthouse, plumbing for a future rest room near the lighthouse, completion of L, D, E, F & G docks, POS back office system for viewing your bill online, introduction of the EYC Foundation's 501(c)3, new attractive wine glasses and the children's playground.

The Entertainment Committee always had some-

thing happening. Numerous new events were introduced along with the continuation of our traditional yearly activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers. I especially want to thank P/C Murosky, P/C Arthurs and P/C Amatangelo for clearing such a wide path for me. I also thank the Bridge & Board that I worked with for their support. I sincerely wish continued success to our new Commodore Gerry Urbaniak, V/C Dave Heitzenrater, R/C Matt Niemic and the newly elected Fleet Captain. I leave you with a very, very strong and healthy club but I could not have done it without your help. I hope the membership and staff continues to give you the support they gave me.

Sincerely, Thomas Trost



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Hundreds of individual stalls of merchandise in the open air portion of the Bazaar as well. And hundreds of very persistent vendors.

The Greek Islands

by P/C Bob & Mary Morrison, PDYC



"Truth in Advertising" outside the entrance to ancient city of Ephesus.

The Bucket List – things to see before you die – has just gotten much shorter for us, with a gorgeous 10 night cruise in the Greek Islands. We chose our favourite Azamara Cruise line for this odyssey, taking a direct Air Canada flight from Toronto to Athens, Greece, and boarding our home away from home after a 9 ½ hour flight and 7 hour time change. This smaller ship (700 passengers) is perfect for old folks like us who don't need rock climbing, skating rinks, etc, but enjoy pampering and gourmet food.

While in Athens, one MUST see the Acropolis & the Parthenon. So we set off on our first excursion the next morning, on a Mercedes Benz bus, for a tour of the city and the climb up hundreds of steps to the sight of a lifetime. Did I say that it was 104°F on this July day? We

climbed slowly, as did several hundred other tourists, to the crowning glory of Athens, the incomparable Parthenon, the Temple of Athena, and thousand year old relics and ancient theatre. The incredible heat encouraged our decent to the A/C bus, and onward to see the Olympic site of Athens, and the changing of the guard at the Royal Palace. An amazing day.

After travelling overnight, the *Quest* anchored off Nauplion, Greece for the day. Several tours are offered each day, but we opted for a leisurely catch-up-on-jetlag day; short tender into town, stroll about the cobblestone streets, and back aboard for a before and after buffet lunch nap! What luxury!

Santorini, Greece the next day was incredible – a tender to Port and a straight climb up the craggy cliff. Your choices a) the Funicular

(cable car), b) donkey ride up the cliff (you well may smell like a donkey if you even survive), c) walk. We chose the \$4 euro each way funicular (shut your eyes if you're afraid) – for fantastic views and architecture, quaint shops and cobblestone walks.

Overnight, the *Quest* cruised at a peaceful-for-sleeping 8 knots to historic Rhodes, Greece. We chose the walking tour of the magnificent walled city. Strolling through the archway of the Old Town, we saw where the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem lived and worked. In the narrow alleys, you could almost hear the Knights and their trusty steeds galloping up the narrow passageways.

Several special nights were offered by the *Quest* – guests loved the Greek and Turkish buffets around the pool deck and demonstra-

tions by the local dancers (including the most popular belly dancer!). For the traditional, there was always gourmet in the dining room.

A bright red flag, with a giant C and star, greeted us as we arrived in Turkey, the port of Bodrum, the next day. All passengers required a mandatory Turkish Visa, for which the ship made the necessary arrangements, and charged the fee to each onboard account. We received a list of countries and the fees required: 9 were waived, 12 were charged \$20 (including USA), and only Canadians were charged \$60! What? Aren't we nice people? Did we ever do anything to Turkey? To top it off, no one ever looked at the Visa! Anyway, we took a very interesting tour of the waterfront, and photographed their famous "Gullet" wooden sailing craft, beautifully made only

in Bodrum. Then we toured the Castle of the Knights of St. Peter and museum, with gorgeous photo opportunities. There was a large display of ancient Amphoras – amph meaning two, and ora meaning box – the original water carrier. Perhaps the same vessels that Jesus used to turn the water into wine?

Kasadasi, Turkey offered the second Bucket List site – the famous ruins of Ephesus. Way above the site, on the cliff side, we stopped to visit the house of the Virgin Mary, authenticated by a visit of Pope Benedict XVI, with a wall dedicated to prayer requests by visitors. (We were given a crockery urn to gather holy water, but were not convinced that it would survive suitcase plane handling.) Below, we began the incredible tour of the uncovered ruins of Ephesus. Our guide explained, as we

walked, how each small section was excavated after years of effort. As we posed in front of the ancient library – our guide pointed to a derelict site of a former Bordello, and chuckled that they also uncovered a tunnel leading from the library to the Brothel!! "Just going to read for awhile, honey!!" We were enchanted by another room, the Men's Communal Toilets – water flowed under the toilets, and through a trough in front to cleanse the hands - participants enjoyed several hours chatting with friends, sipping wine, and snacking on olives, etc. A whole new meaning to a "Spa" day! Ever wanted to sit on a camel? As we left the site we were offered the chance for only one euro, another photo opportunity.

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This is the famous Parthenon with hundreds of tourists in lines for an up close and personal look.



The excavated ancient ruins of Ephesus, a city of over a million people. Picture shows the original Library pieced back together. Excavators discovered a small tunnel under the library, leading across the street to the brothel! "Just going to read the scroll awhile, honey".



Dolphins cavort near the ancient walled city of Rhodes, Greece, where the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem lived and worked.



Kasadasi, Turkey: High on the Bulbil mountain overlooking Ephesus is the later home of the Virgin Mary. The house was located by a vision of Sister Emmerich, excavated, but determined to be the wrong era. Workers then discovered another house UNDER the first. This one has been verified by Pope Benedict XVI who visited and left a framed rosary.



Men's Communal Toilets in Ephesus: A large room, water flowed under the toilets and through the trough in front to wash. Men enjoyed hours together chatting, drinking wine, snacking on olives, etc. Gives a whole new meaning to a "Spa" day.



Begging at a young age, this sad Busker was probably smiling all the way home with her generous tips - Rhodes, Greece.

Santorini, Greece: Straight up the craggy cliff by Funicular (Cable car) or donkey ride. Walk the narrow cobblestone alleys and quaint small shops in the village of Oia at the top.



I have been wearing out my straw hat all summer.



I thought Michael looked quite stunning in this red piece but he opted for his old ball cap.



Wally is physically attached to his ball caps of which he possesses quite a collection.



This TV reporter is interviewing a couple of bikers. She was one of the best looking gals there.



It was truly great getting back to Port Dover again after a fifteen year hiatus. Seeing so many of my old friends again on their turf for a change was really great.

When I was a kid we would travel to Port Dover on my father's various boats over so many weekends throughout the summertime it was like I belonged there. I have returned many times as an adult but it has always been while racing with the EYC fleet on the Inter-Club Cruise both aboard my sailboat *Abracadabra* or on friends' boats.

This adventure was on a sailboat named *Perseus* owned by a good friend and fellow member Michael Dent with whom I crew in the EYC Racing Fleet. Another new friend who regularly crews with us, Wally

Kerr, was our third crew member. Both Michael and Wally were making their first voyages to Canada's little gem of a port on Lake Erie ... good ol' Port Dover!

The main reason this adventure was undertaken was to live the experience of 150,000 bikers and bikes. That number is what I have been told was reported in all the newspapers. This horde was brought forth from all over the mid and eastern United States and Canada all squeezing into tiny Port Dover.

I can assure you we three sailors did not easily "blend-right-in" as we look more like three summer tourists on vacation in our wild bright shirts, wide brimmed hats and Bermuda shorts. Fortu-

nately we three were very well tolerated by that virtual sea of black shirts, jeans, black leather pants and tattoos all of which did not instill a true sense of calm in we three odd-balls!

This "Friday the 13th" biker rally was sure to be the best of all the fifty previous "Friday the 13th" Biker Rallies ever held over the last 50 such "Friday the Thirteenth's" since it began fifty "Friday the Thirteenth's" ago. Ya got that?

You could not see anything but thousands of both male and female bikers dressed almost entirely in "black biker attire" from stem to stern.

These bikers all seemed to be thoroughly en-

joying themselves as they and their machines filled just about every square inch of Port Dover's available open spaces.

We were joined in Dover by a familiar old friend and his wife, EYC's very own Bill Vogel and his terrific wife, Patty, throughout our time in Dover. We had been totally unaware, or at the very least I had been totally unaware, that they had actually passed us on the sail over from Erie. Although, they remarked emphatically that they were well aware of our presence, as they sailed past us in a flash. The secret of their amazing speed, generated by their smaller vessel was a combination of their sail plan and their huge outboard motor mounted on the transom. Secrets out Bill!

We spent a considerable amount of "hilarious time" with the Vogels both at the PDYC and uptown. This time was worth every min-

ute of the laughter!

Fellow EYC members Rick and Bonnie Santos, each aboard their own motor cycles, were in attendance but placed in the middle of 150,000 bikers we somehow missed them.

As we entered the Port Dover breakwalls, I quickly became aware that fellow EYC member Nick Scott had tied up his boat on the town side pier. That gave the huge biker "throng" a site to behold. I'm sure that was one site they never expected to encounter in Dover!

Later, as we three vacationing sailors strolled amongst the biker horde, we too came upon quite a site. Along the entrance wall a very large sign appeared in front of us which read, "Lake Rides". It wasn't so much that the sign startled us but the sign was smack dab in front of Nick Scott's gorgeous yacht. Now I understand exactly how my old

friend was able to purchased his magnificent vessel! I just never realized that the "LAKE RIDE" business could be so unbelievably profitable!

As we strolled up to the boat I noticed that there were three young ladies with Nick on the bow while some guy with a camera on the dock was about

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Port Dover's 50th

Friday the 13th

by P/C John Ashby



Have you ever gone sailing? Most will of course say yes. Have you ever gone sailing alone? Many will still reply yes. Have you ever sailed over 300 miles alone? Well that question really narrows the field but to pin point the issue even further, add the word "race". Have you raced solo for over 300 miles? Wow! and surprisingly the answer is yes from four courageous members of the Erie Yacht Club.

Brad Enterline, Greg Gorney, P/C David Amatangelo and new club member Allan Belavarac are all proud to reply Yes - Yes - Yes and Yes! Listed here in their respective overall

finish position, each was among the 16 who started the 2010 version of the Lake Erie Solo Challenge on the morning of Saturday August 28th. A mere 312 statute mile (rumb line distance) race that began at Monroe Michigan, traversed the lake east past both the rock infested Pelee Point and the shallow sands of Long Point to a turning buoy near Buffalo, New York and thence southwest to its end at the Erie channel entrance. The exhausted solo racers then rendezvoused at the EYC, submitted their race log books, underwent a required safety equipment check, found their assigned

slip and promptly crashed! i.e. took that long needed nap.

In the meantime, there was a homemade dinner prepared by the wives of the EYC entrants held at our Lighthouse pavilion on the schedule, however unfortunately most racers including the EYC contingent were still on the race course and missed the freshly made pasta, deep thick sauce, delicious flavorful meatballs, fresh baked bread and the wonderful red wine..Yum. Some even made it up the hill for ice cream. Much later, after all of the solo skippers had completed the race

and somewhat recuperated physically, most remained for Wednesday's luncheon and informal award ceremony held in our banquet room. During the beautiful afternoon, the individual boats headed back to their home ports that included Windsor, Toledo, Detroit, Toronto and Collingwood Ontario on Georgian Bay. EYC members should be proud as our club received many accolades for our facilities and hospitality.

These 16 solo racers were quite a cast of characters/competitors as the race took 39 hours for the first boat, a 33' mono hull. But as the fleet

spread out in the lighter winds and later mere zephyr conditions, the last boat finished in 91 hours! Just think, just shy of four days alone on a boat, racing. When was the last time you were alone anywhere for four days? Despite the lower wind conditions for this year's event that was a complete turnaround from the wet, wild and windy 2009 bob sled ride, almost all agreed that the 2010 edition was a wonderful enjoyable sail with clear skies and bright moon lit nights. It was quite a contrast from the 2009 race where the same boat averaged 10.6 mph for 29 ½ hours to win 1st overall.

One might guess from its title that this event is much more than a race, it is a mental and physical test that very few are willing to attempt. It takes a great deal of preparation and perseverance to complete this tenacious trial. Hats off to those who have accepted and met the Lake Erie Solo Challenge !



Solo racers shown just after the start near North Cape YC on the western end of Lake Erie.

Sixteen boats, sixteen total sailors (one per boat), 312 statute miles of potentially treacherous Lake Erie waters and a lot of guts!

Lake Erie Solo Challenge

by R/C Dave Heitzenrater

"Never EVER underestimate Greg Gorny. I led him for most of the race and at times could barely see him. For 36 hours he was the only other boat I saw. I figured I was an hour ahead of him at least. Then, he swoops in at 0415 on Tuesday morning, under the cover of darkness and finishes 5 minutes in front of me. I guess that's not too bad. He's finished that far in front of me on a Wednesday night bay race!"

Brad Enterline

"While Lake Erie may be the shallowest of the Great Lakes, that very characteristic makes for some extraordinarily difficult sailing at times. Winds can produce large, steep-faced waves seemingly in minutes, and summer thunderstorms can turn a placid body of water into a tempest just as quickly."

Greg Gorny

Adrian Van Der Hoven (r) aboard *Ophir II* has raced solo in all 5 great lakes, chats in front of club with Dave Evans (l.) aboard *Ratso*. Evens is a former OSTAR racer.



The solo racers gather at the EYC flag pole after the Awards Luncheon.



EYC four participants Greg Gorny, P/C David Amatangelo, Brad Enterline and Allen Belovarac.



Otis B. Driftwood, 26' Columbia owned by Blair Arden, tied up at the EYC guest dock.



"This year's 2010 Lake Erie Challenge was a spectacular event. The host for the start at North Cape Yacht Club could not have been more gracious to the participants as they cooked and served a wonderful turkey with mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, we're talking the works. It was a great meal before the start of the race which can take 2 to 5 days."

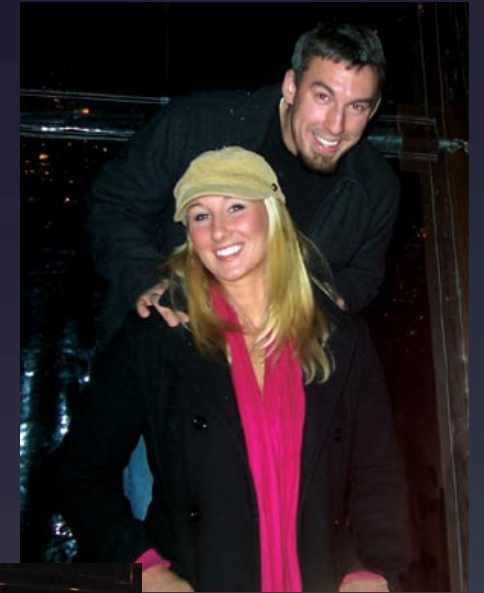
P/C Dave Amatangelo

"This year's race was a challenge not because of 30 knot winds and surfing at 12 knots like last year. It was gorgeous with sunshine and moonrises and stars. But there was fatigue. 66 hours and a dead battery. No auto helm hours before the finish. Hand steering and what appeared to be my sister-in-law sitting on the fore deck?! I have never been more tired in my life."

Brad Enterline

Winter Solstice Happy Hour

scribed by Dan "the Party Man" Dundon



At one of the summer's last Thursday Night "Sunset on the Deck" Happy Hours, part of a gone flapping mad in the night, we had our "First Annual Winter Solstice Party" and "by the sound of a brass monkey's frozen gonads clanging in the wind, it was a solid and true, not soon to be forgotten, resounding success. We had impressed EYC Dockmaster Bill

Vogel into service to frame-in the Club's party deck. Then our fine F/C Matt Niemic provided and installed a door and shrink-wrap over the whole shabang and "WOW" ... what a fine cozy spot to crank up a party! So, thanks to all this excellent effort provided by both Bill and Matt everyone enjoyed our First Annual "Super Winter Solstice" party in a heavenly state of an

almost July warmth persuasion.

By mid-Saturday-afternoon on December 18th, 2010 we will again unroll the curtains and fire-up the heaters as another party thirsty EYC crowd will again partake of both food and drink specials as well as live music by Key West Express at our second celebration.

At this 2010 Winter Solstice Party who knows what "special surprises" might happen? With Tom Trost's uncanny abilities and his multi-phenomenal list of personal friendships, he just might convince his old buddy and close good friend "Old Man Winter" to not only attend again this year but also fire up another terrific fireworks display on the lawn even if it's

color turns to white this year! You don't want to miss dancing among barefoot folks wearing shorts and tee-shirts and our cold blooded members attired for a polar expedition!

We can double-celebrate both the turn-of-the-seasons as well as soon-to-be-increasing daylight hours! In a very short time we will again be enjoying of Thursday's Sunset Happy

Hours on the EYC Deck! Woo-hoo!

So see you at the Second Annual EYC "Winter Solstice Party" ... don't miss this one ... come warm up your winter with us!





Erie Regatta Ya Gotta Love It!

by Michelle Orlando and Aimee Nicolai



It was a gusty day for spin-nakers, but Jack Niemic gets ready to set the spinnaker pole as he and Noah Nicolai approach the windward mark.



Keeping a close eye on their competition, Karly Kneidinger and Hanna Marchant sail downwind towards the finish line.



The competition was close, really close, in the 420 division of the Erie Regatta, but Sean Bloomstine and Emily Grychowski still pulled off a first place finish overall.



Hiking out on an upwind leg, Joe Bloomstine expertly steered his boat to a third place finish in the Laser division.



Lasers and 420's go head to head on the downwind leg in a series of races at the Erie Regatta.



Reyburn sailing instructor Phil Mashyna drove one of the "chase boats" at the regatta, assisting boats that were in trouble, or in this case, kids whose boats were beyond repair to continue racing.



No rest for the wicked. The Race Committee had to set and reset the anchor at the starting line of the 420 and Laser fleet racecourse to keep up with the day's wind shifts.

This summer, students and race team members of the Reyburn Junior Sailing School didn't have to travel far to get a chance to test their skills against some of the best young sailors along Lake Erie. That's because race team coach Sam Wagner, along with the Sailing School Board were able to bring us the Erie Regatta, on Saturday, August 14th, as part of the I-LYA Traveler Series.

The youngest and smallest of the racers were found on the Opti Prams, sailing a course at the west end of the bay. Meanwhile, in the center of the bay, the older kids sailed a course on 420's, Lasers and Laser Radial sailboats. P/C Bill Lasher served as our PRO, setting the racecourses and heading up the race committee. The races began at 11 am and continued throughout the day until late afternoon.

Over sixty-five boats participated in the event, with competitors coming from several different sailing and yacht clubs including Buffalo, Edgewater, Hoover, North Cape, Put-In-Bay, Berlin, Sandusky and Mentor Harbor.

The kids faced challenging weather conditions for small boats, with wind speeds reaching up to 20 knots, causing frequent capsized and turtled boats. But our EYC racers still man-

aged to bring in some terrific overall finishes. Sean Bloomstine and Emily Grychowski captured first place overall in the 420 division. Joe Bloomstine placed third in the Laser division. And Michael Orlando took third overall in the Opti Green division. Congratulations to them and all of the Erie junior sailors who did such an outstanding job!

The race day concluded with a "grill out" and

awards ceremony on the Yacht Club deck, with awards presented by Sam Wagner.

The Junior Sailing Program and the Board would like to thank the Erie Yacht Club and the sponsors, including Jerry Urbaniak Meats, and McDonalds for making the event possible. And thank you to the many, many volunteers who made the day a real success.

We look forward to hosting this race again

next summer. It has proven to be a great way to get our local sailors interested and involved in regional competitions. Please come down and join us for next summer's Erie Regatta to take part in all the excitement and cheer on our junior sailors!



My 1949 Ford Convertible

“that sweet little candy apple ragtop”


by Paul Jenkins

It's funny how certain things trigger old memories. Parked next to my truck in a supermarket parking lot recently was a bright shiny convertible decked out in candy apple red paint. It wasn't so much the slick new car but the deep metallic red paint that took me back to 1957 and my 49 Ford ragtop that was the pride of my teenage years. That little bomb had the lines of a shoebox but it was the candy apple paint that made it so special. It all brought back the summer when my old Ford got its custom paint job. The hood was molded in and all the chrome was stripped off, and the bumpers were replanted with 53 Plymouth custom jobs. The time finally came when I had saved enough for a real paint job at Banka's Auto Body on East 9th Street. Actually I hadn't saved very much but Frank Banka was known as a pushover for a kid with an old car but little money. The best part was that Frank was a master at his trade and did the best auto painting in town. When I asked Frank if he had candy-apple red, he just smiled and said, "There's no color that I can't mix but here's the deal kid, you have to do all the prep work, if you want a fancy color like that." That didn't sound too bad until I found out just what the prep work consisted of. First I had to wet sand every inch by hand. Then came several coats of primer and more sanding between each coat. Then came the work of: taping, tack ragging, and air cleaning, to remove all dust. The air hose was also used to remove dirt from under the trim. It took an entire Saturday to do everything Frank insisted on. Finally he told me to pull the car into the spray booth and wet down the floor to reduce dust. I watched with great anticipation as Frank finally filled the spray gun and donned his painter's mask. My heart raced as I watched the master painter test the nozzle with a few short blasts. This car was sure to be the envy of all my motor-head buddies. Wait 'til they see my custom machine. I even had a new set of Full Moon hubcaps for the finishing touch. Frank was a big guy with the arms and shoulders of a wrestler, but as the cloud of red mist flowed from the sprayer onto the little Ford, Frank glided over and around the car with the grace of a ballet dancer and the skill of an accomplished



craftsman. A good painter must use flowing strokes that evenly mist the car so that the paint doesn't run. Frank was an artist at his trade, but there was something wrong - the paint seemed transparent. It wasn't bright red, and the black primer was still very visible. When he turned off the sprayer I asked him why it looked that way and he just shook his head. "Don't worry son," he said, "that's only the first coat and that paint will take at least five or six coats. You might as well go home and come back Monday." That night I had trouble sleeping. All I could think about was my cool little rod. They were the kind of dreams kids have on Christmas Eve, and this special gift was something I had dreamed of for a long time, and the benefits would be awesome. There was little doubt - at least in my mind - that the girls at school would be standing in line for rides home, and begging me to put the top down. Then I would crank up the flathead mill and rap off the dual pipes just for effect. Everyone near the school parking lot would know that I had the meanest rod at East High School. Even the jocks with the letter sweaters would be green with envy. The next morning, while walking home from Sunday church with my friend Gary, we stopped by the body shop, but the place was locked up tight, and we couldn't even find a window to get a glimpse of my car. Then we noticed a row of high windows in the area of the paint shop. My friend hoisted me up onto a low roof so I could peer in. I wiped off the dirty windowpane and squinted in at the dimly lighted room. There it was, glowing like a big ruby, as it reflected the sunlight from a single light shaft that streamed in from a south window. Even with the chrome still taped, and windows covered with newspaper, it looked fantastic. The dream may be even better than I had imagined. The year that followed turned out to be one of my best my teenage years: thanks to a kindly body shop guy named Frank, lots of hard work with my friends at the pizza shop and that beautiful little candy apple Ford ragtop that I'll never forget.



An aerial photograph of a massive American flag planted in a field. The flag is composed of red and white stripes and a blue field with white stars, all created from millions of small flowers. The flag is situated in a green field, with a residential neighborhood and trees visible in the background.

For Our Soldiers

submitted by Adrienne Lewis

THE ONLY FLAG THAT DOESN'T FLY !

Between the fields where the flag is planted, there are 9+ miles of flower fields that go all the way to the ocean. The flowers are grown by seed companies. It's a beautiful place, close to Vandenberg AFB. Check out the dimensions of the flag. The Floral Flag is 740 feet long and 390 feet wide and maintains the proper Flag dimensions, as described in Executive Order #10834.

This Flag is 6.65 acres and is the first Floral Flag to be planted with 5 pointed Stars, comprised of White Larkspur. Each Star is 24 feet in diameter; each Stripe is 30 feet wide. This Flag is estimated to contain more than 400,000 Larkspur plants, with 4-5 flower stems each, for a total of more than 2 million flowers.



Erie's Proud Naval Tradition:

Vice Admiral Thomas Weschler

by Calib "Cal" Pifer

The first time that I met Admiral Weschler occurred when I was a guest speaker at the American Sail Training Association's annual summer bash in Newport, Rhode Island. When I finished my remarks, a distinguished looking gentleman approached the podium and thanked me for my speech. There was something special about this man in which he exuded a strong sense of presence that commanded respect. Only later that evening did I discover that this gentleman was Vice Admiral Thomas Weschler, the highest ranked admiral that Erie has ever produced, and an international leader in the tall ship community. Through the subsequent years, I have come to know Admiral Weschler and his wife Katrina (Quinn) quite well. They are regular fixtures of the Newport social and sailing scenes, and even at 93 years old, the Admiral maintains a busy schedule of meetings, parties, and engagements.

Born and raised in Erie, Tom Weschler graduated from Cathedral Prep and later the United States Naval Academy in 1939. He first worked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Wasps before moving to the Pacific-based Destroyer fleet, partaking in almost every landing of the 3rd, 5th, and 7th fleets. Weschler then attended MIT, where he earned a MSEE in missile guidance.

After duty in cruisers and battleships and a brief tour in the Korean War, Weschler became the personal aide to the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Arleigh Burke.

Weschler also served on a guided missile cruiser as XO before putting in three years with the Polaris Missile submarine program as the head of fire control and guidance. After



Vice Admiral & Mrs. Thomas Weschler

further study, he joined the Pacific Amphibious Force for four years. Here, he commanded the USS Montrose.

Weschler had an opportunity to help produce the next generation of destroyers and so designed the SPRUANCE class destroyer. A subsequent return to Newport saw him command a destroyer flotilla and later a Cruiser Destroyer Force-US Atlantic Fleet. Selected for his third admiral star in that position, he and his family moved to Washington, D.C. for a final tour as the Director, Logistics Joint Staff, JCS.

Weschler then returned to Newport with Trina in order to become the Director of Continuing Education at the U.S. Naval War College, and then the Director of Operations for the college. Both he and his wife served on the boards of many organizations in Newport, with Admiral Weschler becoming particularly interested in tall ships. He has been involved with the international tall ships festivals in Newport from 1976 until 2007, always in a key leader-

ship position. His involvement with the ships, including Erie's own Flagship Niagara, has led to the Admiral becoming well known in tall ship circles around the country. In fact, when a person mentions that they are involved with tall ships in Newport, they are often greeted with the response "Well, you must know the Admiral!"

Weschler is currently the Chairman Emeritus of the Oliver Hazard Perry Foundation, a group that is building a reproduction of the HMS Detroit which fought against the Niagara in the Battle of Lake Erie. When completed, the ship will be one of the largest ships to sail under a U.S. flag.

Another interesting connection between Perry and Weschler goes back to the statue of Perry located on Perry's Square. The statue that commemorates Perry is exactly the same as its counterpart in Newport. Working in conjunction with Frank Zurn and Tom Hagen, Admiral Weschler facilitated the copying of the dye in Newport and brought the statue to Erie in the 1980s.

The Weschlers are proud parents of two children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Even after seventy years of living away from Erie, the Weschlers make it a point to visit every summer for the traditional Quinn family get-together and BBQ. When the Admiral speaks about Erie, it's with enthusiasm in his voice and a smile on his face. While he has served at the highest levels of our military over a long and illustrious career, it is clear that Erie will always have a special place in the Admiral's heart. He is a native son of which Erie can truly be proud.



Life is Uncertain Best Friends



Submitted by Robert Way, Jr.

Two 90-year-old women, Rose and Barb, had been friends all of their lives.

When it was clear that Rose was dying, Barb visited her every day.

One day Barb said, "Rose, we both loved playing women's softball all our lives, and we played all through High School. Please do me one favor: when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's women's softball there."

Rose looked up at Barb from her deathbed and said, "Barb, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favor for you."

Shortly after that, Rose passed on.

A few nights later, Barb was awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to her, "Barb, Barb."

"Who is it?", asked Barb, sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?"

"Barb -- it's me, Rose."

"You're not Rose. Rose just died."

"I'm telling you, it's me, Rose," insisted the voice.

"Rose! Where are you?"

"In Heaven," replied Rose. "I have some really good news and a little bad news."

"Tell me the good news first," said Barb.

"The good news," Rose said, "is that there's softball in Heaven. Better yet all of our old buddies who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always springtime, and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play softball all we want, and we never get tired."

"That's fantastic," said Barb. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?"

"You're pitching Tuesday."

Life is uncertain - eat dessert first.



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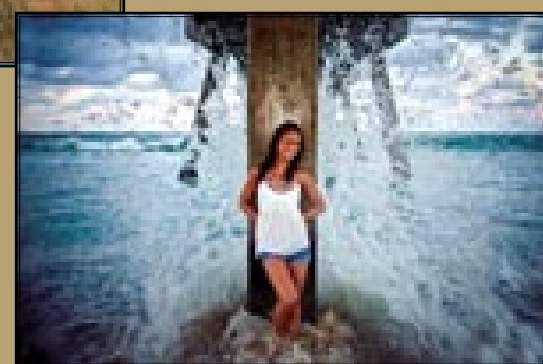
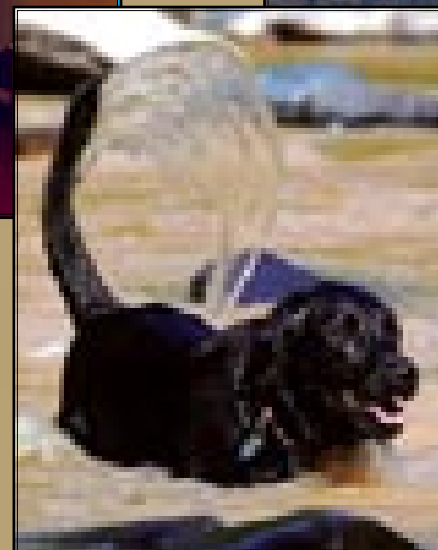
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Look at the throng of humanity just on Dover's entrance pier. Wally shot this from Nick's bridge.

Friday the 13th

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to snap a picture of the four of them. Nick sure looked like he was popular in good ole Port Dover.

As we passed this sight I just had to yell up to Nick, "how much you charge for one of those lake rides, mister". Ignoring my non-sensical ridiculous question, he immediately invited us aboard for a drink and we spent an hour or so touring the vessel and engaging with his out-of-town guests who coincidentally were also old longtime friends of mine. This was a highlight of the trip for me, not just seeing Nick's boat "up close and personal like", but the opportunity to catch up with his guests Cindy, (previously "McTaggart") and her new husband (I'm terrible with names) and Helen and Bill Conner, also longtime old friends".

We three amigos had sailed to Dover on Wednes-



This shot was from the Lynn River's bridge of a really unique home located on the PDYC entrance road that actually has a swimming pool between it and the river. Beautiful!



A large group of bikers were even camped out by the water tower.

Billy loves it when Michael asks his wife for the next dance when they are up to their necks in Lake Erie!



Nick's photo is taken by the guy in the black shirt in front of Wally and myself. See, there is the sign I talked about in the article!



In a sea of two wheeled transportation, here is a very unique custom three-wheeled two person that caught an eye or two itself.

day and had planned to return on Sunday but high winds "on-the-nose" so to speak, held us up until Tuesday. We all were able to endure this unexpected delay without any tribulations and then got the "crap slapped out of us" anyway on the return trip between Long Point and our Presque Isle. This was not really a problem for Michael and I having had plenty of previous such conditions while sailing but it was an excellent opportunity for Wally to learn while strengthening his skills. So we sat back and just hung on while letting Wally do most of the helm work on that stretch of the lake.

This trip for me was much more fun and interesting than I could have imagined. Like seeing all my old Canadian friends, finally touring Nick's beautiful yacht and seeing my old friends from Erie. Also, I enjoyed that great motorcycle extravaganza, all the changes everywhere I looked in Port Dover and a beautiful young bartender I met at the PDYC! Great Trip!

Yes, I am extremely happy that I have finally made a return trip to Port Dover after my long, long fifteen year hiatus. Ya' gotta love Dover ... I sure do!



This is a new entrance sign to the PDYC but then again it could be old. How would I know. I have not been here in 15 years!

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November Calendar of Club Events

- 1st Monday Night Football Wings, Pizza, Hot Dogs! All for \$5.00 at Halftime
- 3rd Board of Directors Dinner
- 6th EYC Racing Fleet Banquet Club Closed for Food Service in the PM Entertainment by Sam Hyman
- 7th Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm • \$12.95 NFL Football with the NFL Ticket
- 8th Monday Night Football Wings, Pizza, Hot Dogs! All for \$5.00 at Halftime
- 13th Wine Tasting Dinner
- 14th Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm • \$12.95 NFL Football with the NFL Ticket 1pm All Games are on!
- 15th Monday Night Football Wings, Pizza, Hot Dogs! All for \$5.00 at Halftime
- 17th Turkey Bawl • Live music 6-9pm with the Breeze Band Dinner Specials all \$11.00 Complementary Hors d'oeuvre
- 19th Annual Meeting 7:30pm Food Service until 7:00pm
- 21st Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm • \$12.95 NFL Football with the NFL Ticket 1pm • All Games are on!
- 22nd Monday Night Football Wings, Pizza, Hot Dogs! All for \$5.00 at Halftime
- 25th Thanksgiving, Club Closed
- 28th Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm • \$12.95 NFL Football with the NFL Ticket 1pm • All Games are on!
- 29th Monday Night Football Wings, Pizza, Hot Dogs! All for \$5.00 at Halftime



December Calendar of Club Events

- 4th Members Christmas Party with Live music & dancing by Rhythm Nation \$32.95 per person • Call to reserve
- 5th Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm • \$12.95 NFL Football with the NFL Ticket 1pm • All Games are on!
- 6th Monday Night Football Wings, Pizza, Hot Dogs! All for \$5.00 at Halftime
- 11th Breakfast with Santa • Gifts for Children & Photos with Santa 10am • \$9.25 • Call to reserve
- 12th Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm • \$12.95 NFL Football with the NFL Ticket 1pm • All Games are on!
- 13th Monday Night Football Wings, Pizza, Hot Dogs! All for \$5.00 at Halftime
- 14th Dinner with Santa Gifts for Children & Photos with Santa • 6pm \$13.99 Adults • \$9.25 Under 13
- 18th Winter Solstice Party on the Deck Music by Key West Express
- 19th Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm • \$12.95 NFL Football with the NFL Ticket Club Closes at 4pm No Dinner Service
- 20th Monday Night Football Wings, Pizza, Hot Dogs! All for \$5.00 at Halftime
- 24th Christmas Eve, Club Closes at 4pm
- 25th Club Closed • Merry Christmas!
- 26th Champagne Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm \$12.95 NFL Football with the NFL Ticket 1pm • All Games are on!
- 27th Monday Night Football Wings, Pizza, Hot Dogs! All for \$5.00 at Halftime
- 31st New Years Eve Party • Party Favors Hors D'oeuvre Buffet • Blackjack with Live music from Manhattan \$26.00 per person • Casual Dress

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The Greek Islands

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Of course, you can't go all the way to Turkey without a demonstration of the making of their famous rugs; so after a complementary snack and drink, our guide pulled out the gorgeous carpets, and explained about thread count, knots per inch, etc. There was also free shipping anywhere in the world. We enjoyed the snack.

In the evening, passengers were treated to the ship version of Dancing with the Stars, with their own Dancing with the Stripes. Contestants were "volunteered" early in the voyage, and had several short practices with the Officers (stripes). Both the panel and audience cheered for their efforts – an entertaining evening.

We awoke the next morning anchored off the beautiful island of Mykonos, Greece, and were tendered ashore for an island tour, a chance to dip your feet in the Aegean sea, and a visit to an ancient Monastery. The included Greek snack and tasty Ouzo topped off a glorious visit.

Guests were encouraged by the Captain to arise early the next morning, and watch from balconies, as we cruised through the famous, narrow Dardanelle passage and into just-awaking Istanbul. We could hear the Call to Worship being broadcast from minarets across the city. Our city tour began with the renowned Blue Mosque, the only one in the world with six minarets (calling towers). Guests were required to remove their shoes before entering, and those not appropriately attired (no knees or shoulders showing) were given a sheet or shawl to comply. Inside was a vaulted ceiling marvel, completely covered in blue, white and grey tile. A golden triangle design on one wall pointed the way to Mecca. And then the grand finale, a visit to the Grand Bazaar, where hundreds of tiny stalls, packed with every saleable item known to man was available. Unfortunately there were hundreds of over energetic sales people as

well, to hound you into looking, dickering, and buying their stuff! It was an amazing sight, but not being shoppers, we were glad to escape with our lives, and rest in the shade, with the local brew Efes.

Disembarkation came far too soon, our traditional "Day from Hell" getting home was aptly named, but the memories of the best trip ever will linger for a very long time – The glorious Greek Islands.



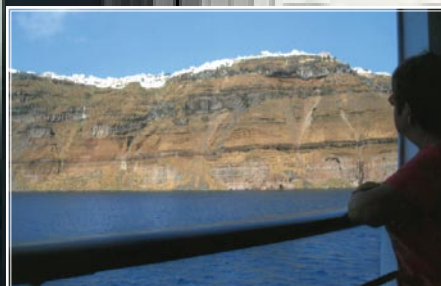
P/C Bob about to enter the covered portion of the famous Grand Bazaar of Istanbul, established 1481.



The main gate into the Old Town, where brave knights and their trusty steeds galloped the narrow passageways - Rhodes, Greece.



Crowds climbing to the Parthenon.



Beautifully white washed houses crowd the top of the cliff at Santorini, Greece.



Ancient theatre in Ephesus: after excavation many entertainers have appeared here, including Pavarotti, who performed before thousands

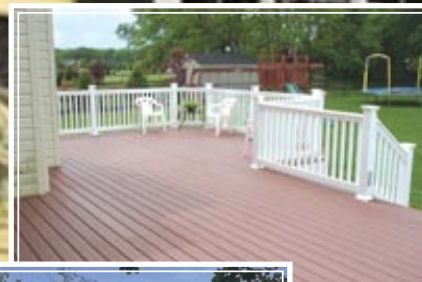
The Guard at the Athen's Royal Palace (our son suggested that they'd never catch him in those shoes!).

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Junior Sailing Banquet

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Siblings Kailey and Michael Orlando share smiles over their respective achievements this summer. Kailey won the Optimist Star Trophy and Michael placed second in the Opti Star Cup.



Second Mate, First Mate, Skipper? Commodore Tom Trost and Sailing School Director Chris Grychowski passed out the ratings to this year's junior sailors.

It was a perfect evening to cap off another fun filled and adventurous summer for the Reyburn Junior Sailing Program. The annual sailing banquet was held on Tuesday, August 17th at in the Erie Yacht Club. Sailing school director Chris Grychowski kicked off the awards presentation with a recap of the sailing season.

Coach G, as he is known to the junior sailors, along with Commodore Tom Trost and the sailing instructors presented the students with their ratings for the year. Racing trophies to be displayed in the EYC trophy case were awarded to the following students:

Commodore's Cup 1st Place
Sean Bloomstine

Opti Cup 1st Place
Abby Grychowski

Opti Star Cup 1st Place
Kailey Orlando

Friday Cup 1st Place
Skipper - Race Mahoney and Crew
Hannah Marchant and C.J. White

Instructor Cup 1st Place
Skipper - Jula Polaski and Crew
Andrew Polaski and Emily Popoff

Junior Cup 1st Place: Skipper
Noah Nicolia and Crew Jack Niemic

Several students received special recognition awards, which also are displayed in the EYC trophy case. They are:

Sportsmanship Boy: Ethan Jones

Sportsmanship Girl: Hannah Marchant

Most Improved Boy: Ryan Gevirtz

Most Improved Girl: Karly Kneidinger

Jeffrey Potter Memorial: Phil Mashyna

Instructor Phil Mashyna awarded the coveted, and very heavy, Junior Cup Trophy to Noah Nicolia and Jack Niemic.



Chris (Coach G) Grychowski presented at the Junior Sailing Banquet, sharing some of the program's adventures this summer, achievements of the race team, and even some funny stories from the season.

The instructors finished off the night with the traditional fun awards, followed by an awesome slide show of a "day in the life" of the sailing program produced and presented by instructor Phil Mashyna.

The Junior Sailing Program and Board would like to thank all of the parents who entrusted their children to us this summer and the instructors for teaching the children how to sail and making their summer so much fun. Special thanks to the Erie Yacht Club members, Bridge and Board for all the support they gave our program throughout the year.

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Santa can be found this December at the EYC!

by Elizabeth Dougan

Each year the Erie Yacht Club hosts Breakfast and Dinner with Santa for children of all ages. Not only are children delighted with an excellent meal, complimentary Christmas gift and candy canes, but they also have the pleasure of posing for a picture with Jolly Old Saint Nick.

The Club's elves then magically print the pictures for each child to take home that day! Santa makes his special trip to the Yacht Club for two days in December to greet all the club's children and hear their Christmas wishes. And yes, sometimes he even listens to the parents' wishes too!

So when making your holiday plans this season, don't forget to mark your calendars for Breakfast and Dinner with Santa at the Erie Yacht Club, scheduled for Saturday December 11th and Tuesday December 14th, respectively. And for the adults; don't forget about the Members Christmas Party, Small Company Christmas Event, and New Years Eve.

It's not just the children who get to enjoy Holiday fun! Happy Holidays! Contact the Erie Yacht Club front office for reservations at 453-4931 or Catering Manager Elizabeth Dougan for further info.



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“OLD” IS WHEN...

submitted by P/C Dick Waller



“OLD” IS WHEN - Your sweetie says, “Let’s go upstairs and make love,” and you answer, “Honey, I can’t do both.”

“OLD” IS WHEN - Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you’re barefooted.

“OLD” IS WHEN - A sexy babe catches your fancy and your pacemaker opens the garage door.

“OLD” IS WHEN - You don’t care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don’t have to go along.

“OLD” IS WHEN - You are cautioned to slow down by your doctor instead of the police.

“OLD” IS WHEN - “Getting a little action” means you don’t need to take any fiber today.

“OLD” IS WHEN - “Getting lucky” means you find your car in the parking lot.

“OLD” IS WHEN - An “all nighter” means not getting up to relieve yourself.

“OLD” IS WHEN - Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.



This Year Have Your Christmas Party with Us!

by Elizabeth Dougan

Another Christmas party season is fast approaching! The Erie Yacht Club is the perfect location for your business or organization’s Christmas party. Not only will you enjoy beautiful panoramic views of Presque Isle Bay from our Bay-side Ballroom, but the clubhouse is sure to be adorned in plenty of holiday spirit.

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!



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 19, 2010.

CANDIDATES

COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:
Jerry Urbaniak

VICE COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:
Dave Heitzenrater

REAR COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:
Matthew Niemic

FLEET CAPTAIN - ELECT ONE:
Bradley Enterline
Edward Schuler

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ELECT TWO:
Bob Cunningham
Jack Gordon
Dave Haller
Pete Sitter

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECT THREE:
Matt Bacon
Greg Gorny
P/C Dick Robertson
Rick Speicher

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 19th at 7:30pm to vote for the candidates of your choice.

The Officers and Board of Directors thank the following Board members who have completed their terms on the Board for their dedicated service to the Club:
P/C JOHN MUROSKY, BRAD ENTERLINE AND SAM "RUSTY" MILLER
Also Nominating Committee members:
CHAIRMAN P/C FRITZ CURTZE, MICKEY MCMAHON, JOHN BAUMAN,
ANDY KALIVODA AND MATT WOLFORD

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting and the 2010 complete Financial Statement will be made available for members to pick up on November 8th, 2010 in the Club’s front office.

The Bridge Officers



GERRY URBANIAK, Commodore

On the advent of my seventh year of service at the Erie Yacht Club, I would like to express my gratitude to so many of you who have offered support, suggestions, and constructive criticisms. I am amazed at the number of members who care deeply for the welfare of our Club.

I am proud to be a part of a dynamic team of Directors and Bridge Members who have worked hard to improve our slips, grounds and house. For the past several years I have had the opportunity to work closely with the house and kitchen staff. We have vastly improved profitability, cut our spending, eliminated unnecessary categories and have made wise purchasing decisions. Our food costs are among the lowest in the nation for full-service restaurants and clubs, while our menu and service remain excellent. And despite all of these instances of cost cutting, our Club is more fun than ever with live music and entertainment, and an array of activities that last all year long.

From my position of Chairman of the Membership Committee I have seen so many of our new members, anxious to participate, making great use of our boating facilities, so many of our amenities, and our great food service. As well, there is a resurgence of traditional members visiting their Club, too.

In these trying financial times, I will also stress to Bridge and Board the importance of holding the line on members' dues.

I ask for your continued support, and for your vote for the position of Commodore of this great Club.



DAVID HEITZENRATER, Vice Commodore

I believe it was an honor to have been nominated and elected to the Bridge and serve you, the membership. I have been very fortunate to work with a group that has no personal agenda except for the absolute improvement of our club while keeping within our financial means. Our success is measured by your enjoyment of our facilities and ongoing activities. The past year brought an abundance of thought by this dedicated group to keep our experiences here, both marine and shore side as terrific as possible within the budgeted limitations. I am proud to be a member of the team.

My duties included dock committee chair which among the many considerations made, the most important was the landmark decision for the elimination of double dockage fees and the transition to charge by slip size for new boating members commencing in 2011. Our plan has met the difficult challenge of protecting members who have paid double dockage, remain very competitive locally regarding slip fees and attempt to retain revenues formally derived from double dockage.

I look forward to the difficult challenges of Vice-Commodore and continuing to serve you, the membership. I welcome your thoughts and support.



MATTHEW NIEMIC, Rear Commodore

I have enjoyed my term as Fleet Captain and being Chairman of the Grounds Committee. This past year we accomplished much in the way of repairs and maintenance to our Buildings and Grounds. The Canoe House looks sharp with its fresh coat of paint.

The Clubs children have been enjoying our new Playground; we have applied for a grant that will allow us to replace the current pump out tank with a new state of the art system. With the completion of G&H docks Basin reconstruction keeps moving along. Future reconstruction will see new facilities for our Junior Sailing Program. Beautification of the entrance island with a lighted Flag Pole and new plantings will welcome members with a fresh look. Rest room facilities at the increasingly popular Light House Pavilion will hopefully be realized this Fall and Spring. I will continue to be progressive in my approach to upgrading and maintaining our club. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to serving you.



EDWARD SCHULER

I have grown up at the Erie Yacht Club, participating in every Club activity possible and serving on more committees than I can count over the past 38 years. As a third generation member, with both my father, John, and my grandfather, Ted, proceeding me, I grew to love the EYC.

I operated the Club's Fuel Dock from 1985 to 1989, served on the Fuel Dock building committee and was coordinator for Ground's Committee volunteers who cleaned up and reclaimed the Club property outside our entrance gate as part of a Safety and Beautification Project in 1992. I have served as a volunteer for the MS Regatta, now the Red Cross Regatta, since its inception in 1984, and have always been active in the Frolic-On-the-Bay program for special needs children. I volunteered for the Centennial Light House Deck Beautification Project, have been a participant in, or member of, every Club activity and committee that exists, from the current Basin Upgrading Project to a three year term on the Board of Directors as an advocate of fiscal responsible on behalf of the membership.

As President of Boats Inc. I have regularly donated my company's services and equipment to the Club. I am also a member of the United States Power Squadron and hold a United States Coast Guard Master's Captains License.

To put it simply, I have spent much of my adult life not only at the EYC but also in the service of the EYC and its members. Therefore, running for Fleet Captain is only a natural progression in my desire to further serve the Erie Yacht Club and you, its members.

I ask for your support now and in the future should you elect me. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to the challenges in serving you as your Fleet Captain and member of the Bridge.



BRAD ENTERLINE

I am honored to be nominated for the position of Fleet Captain. My love of the Erie Yacht Club goes back to my days as a youth. I began my quest to learn to sail in what then was then the Junior Sailing program. As a family we cruised and raced and my love affair with the water began. During my summers in college I worked on the grounds crew and also was a bartender where I learned that a perfect Manhattan is always made only one way... just how the member likes it!

I have been a member for over 25 years. I have served on the Historical Committee, LOG Committee and Constitution and Bylaws Committee, which I currently chair. I contribute to the LOG and volunteer for the basin reconstruction project. I completed a 3-year term on the EYC Board in 2008, which allowed me to work on many important issues.

I am a Family Law attorney and Mediator with a wide background in other areas including Employment Law, Real Estate, Civil Litigation and Zoning.

My wife Lauri and I have four children and two grandchildren. In my personal and civic life I am active in my church, and in civic and nonprofit organizations.

We love racing at the Club, cruising on Lake Erie and attending many of the great events and parties at the Club or just coming down for dinner. Most recently, I completed my 3rd Lake Erie Solo Challenge.

As your Fleet Captain, I promise not to go solo. I will seek out your opinion and input and work with the Bridge and Board as a valuable crewmember. I will ensure that as a club, we utilize our multiple talents to provide excellent service at competitive prices, remain fiscally sound, and continue to be the best Yacht Club on the Great Lakes!

**Don't Forget to Cast your Vote
On Friday, November 19th at 7:30 PM**

Candidates for Board of Directors



BOB CUNNINGHAM

I am passionate about the EYC!

Ask my wife, Dianne, as she knows this firsthand. A member for 23 years, I've missed many family dinners while serving on the Long Range Planning Committee, including two as Chairman. Those were formidable times as we committee members investigated the possibilities of renovating the docks and other future endeavors that have since come to fruition. I went on to serve an additional seven years as a Dock Committee member, as well as other committees through the years. I've also enjoyed helping with the bay swim and most recently with the Red Cross Regatta.

Although the club is my recreational devotion, professionally, I am an advocate for Alzheimer's patients. In my role as an Advisory Board member of the Alzheimer's Association, I serve to educate the community about the disease.

Currently, my wife Dianne and I own Home Instead Senior Care. It's my financial skills, straight forward thinking, and strategic planning experience that have helped tremendously in steering our business in the right direction. Yet it's my empathy and desire to serve others that means the most to our success.

I am the proud father of Lisa and Christopher, and step-children, Alyssa, Christian and Bryan. For them I have promoted a love and respect for the water. For me and Dianne, beginning ten years ago as we married on the club grounds, EYC had been the center of many happy memories. I have enjoyed sharing my love of EYC with our family!

I humbly ask for your vote. EYC is in my blood. Ask fellow members who know me. You can count on me to serve you well.

Thank you.
Bob Cunningham



JACK GORDON

I am pleased to be considered as a candidate for the EYC Board of Directors. I have served and continue to serve on several boards throughout the Erie community. I recently fulfilled my term as the President and service on Board of Governors at The Kahkwa Club. My experience in business and affiliations with other clubs and organizations has given me insight into what makes an organization successful, both socially and economically.

I became a regular member of The Erie Yacht Club in 1982 soon after my 21st birthday. Racing MORC sailboats and owning several power boats through the years, I had the opportunity to learn boat handling from several of the EYC's "great yachtsmen". My family, wife Sue and boys Patrick and John have enjoyed both sail and power boats over the years and now that our children are off to college, Sue and I are enjoying the sailboat of our dreams almost daily. I earned a Master Captain License in 2007. I now spend some of the off season delivering boats up and down the Atlantic coast, Central America and into the Caribbean islands. I continue to make boating a significant part of my life through cruising, racing, deliveries and bareboat vacations.

If chosen to serve on the Board, I would work with the Bridge, Board, membership and management to assure EYC continues to be a premier yacht club in every respect. My focus would be to continue to improve our facility so that the members, their families and visitors will fully enjoy the dining, socialization and experience the pleasures of both power boating and the competition of sailing.

Respectfully,

Jack Gordon



DAVE HALLER

My Name is David Haller and I am running for election to your board of directors. My Family purchased a 14' water ski boat when I was a kid. I gradually became more involved with Erie's great waterfront and progressively became involved with the Erie Yacht Club.

You have probably seen me around the club when there is sailing, fishing or ice boating to be done. I have served as the Racing Fleet chairman and board member for a number of years and I have helped build a number of items you see around the grounds including the Rayburn Sailing School shed which stores all the junior sailing gear.

Along with several other yacht clubs in Erie, as chairman, I was instrumental in creating the JAM Family Wednesday Night Racing program which now attracts as many as 60 boats in the summer. I serve now as committee member and Protest Committee Chair for the Lake Erie Interclub Cruise.

I would like to thank the Erie Yacht Club for asking me to serve on the Board of Directors. I bring to the table my 30 years of experience operating a small custom remodeling business. I have been a member of the board of the Builders Association in past years.

These experiences will enhance my commitment to make the difficult decisions which need to be made by our bridge and board. Looking forward, I continue to see a bright future for the Club, its facilities, and its ability to attract new, young and ambitious young people.



PETE SITTER

I'd like to thank the committee for nominating me for this position and the opportunity to serve our club. Anyone who knows me knows I am passionate about the Erie Yacht Club. Our club has been the center of boating and maritime activity for over 110 years. We are one of the oldest organizations in our region.

I have been involved as a volunteer at the club even before becoming a member - as chaperone of the Junior Racing Team that my sons were involved with. I have been a regular member for ten years and since then I have served on the Nomination, Dock and Standardization Committees.

From my vantage point, the club's success is inseparable from the engagement of its members. If our members participate in club activities, trust us with their patronage, and care enough to volunteer to make the club a better place, our club is sure to continue to be vibrant. Holding on to member participation and patronage is dependent on living up to their expectations day in and day out.

Continually feeling the pulse of our membership will ensure the Erie Yacht Club is our member's first choice not only for boating but for all the amenities the club has to offer. My goal will be to ensure EYC is a place where members are club ambassadors, proud to introduce friends, neighbors, relatives and coworkers to our club, and do so often.

EYC is our club. And as an officer of the club I will ensure that the voice of the member will be heard loud and clear.

Candidates for Nominating Committee



**MATT
BACON**

I have been asked to serve on the nominating committee and it would be an honor for me to serve in that capacity. As a member of the nominating committee, I would look forward to the challenge of finding new candidates to help lead and guide our club into the future.

My family and I have enjoyed this great club for over 25 years. During that time I have served as a member of the Board of Directors and on numerous committees. I would appreciate your vote in this year's election. Thank you for this opportunity to serve your club.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Highest Regards, Matt



**RICK
SPEICHER**

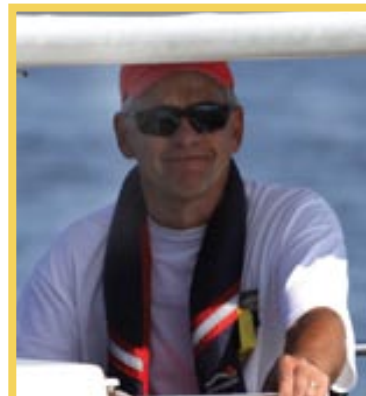
I have been a member of the Club since 2003. While I was a dinghy sailor growing up my wife, MC Gensheimer, and I currently enjoy power boating in the Bay and local waters.

I have always believed that members should be actively involved in a club. This is the best way to ensure a close alignment between the club's direction

and a member's interest. In my short tenure, I would say that the EYC exemplifies this. PC Gib Loesel recruited me to help with the early Basin Committee and I am proud to see the positive change that this effort has had on the Club. When Mickey McMahon approached me earlier this year about my willingness to stand for election, I responded that I would be honored to run for any position the committee thought appropriate.

While the charge of the committee is simple enough - to nominate a slate of members to run for various offices - the task, to recruit interested and committed members that respect the Club's history and traditions, membership interests and have the foresight to navigate the future is not simple.

If I am selected by the membership I will work diligently to accomplish this task.



**GREG
GORN**

As a member of the Erie Yacht Club for over 40 years and an active participant in the EYC Racing Fleet, I am honored to have been asked to run for the Nominating Committee. As a past member of the Board, I believe I have the experience required to help select candidates for office that will continue

the success and traditions of this club.

I believe that the Nominating Committee has a great responsibility to the members in this regard. I will only bring candidates to the membership that I believe will build on our past successes, make responsible financial decisions, and continue the energetic and forward thinking our officers have shown in the past.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope to have the opportunity to serve on the Nominating Committee.



**P/C RICHARD V.
ROBERTSON, JR**

After two terms of being Commodore I thought my service to the club would end; but I'm still involved and probably will be till the end. We need good qualified people to fulfill the duties of the offices.

These candidates should be elected on their qualifications to perform these tasks and not by a personality test. I am willing to

help find these individuals and feel my experience as a director in the 80's and a Bridge member makes me very well qualified.

Having participated in most of the club functions and being one of the older guys around the club I personally know a great majority of our members.

Please come to the annual meeting.

Thanks,
Dick



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