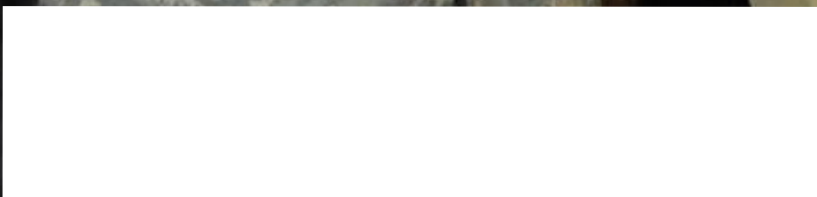


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From the Bridge

by V/C David Heitzenrater

The Erie Yacht Club is a wonderful place. Today, our club is strong and vibrant but much more than a brick building, concrete docks and plastic boats. We are a group of individuals associated together to promote boating and related social activities. We work with professional managers and employees that are second to none. Our 1350 members are of all ages and walks of life in ten separate membership categories from Jr. Family to Honorary. 375 were admitted within just the past three years.

One of our largest assets is our endless group of volunteers who provide the energy and knowledge that propels the EYC ship smoothly forward. These are the numerous individuals who offer their time and energy to benefit us all. Many serve on committees such as the Grounds, Dock, House, Entertainment, Jr Sailing and the Racing Fleet. There are lesser known but equally important committees as

Safety, IT, Nominating, Basin, Long Range Planning, Constitution, Membership and New Member Interview team. Others include Frolic on the Bay and the EYC Charity Regatta.

Serving on a committee is a wonderful, positive contribution to our club. Just as impressive is the individual who takes pride and personal ownership in our club. It's the member who turns off the dripping faucet, picks up the empty water bottle, helps a fellow boater land his craft safely, or who polices the Lighthouse area. It's the one sporting the EYC t-shirt that walks up with a helping hand and a big smile. These are the members; they are the heart and soul of the EYC and make us proud to be fellow members. Commodore Bliss would be amazed!



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The cover story is very significant for it commemorates the events that took place on the infamous date of 9/11 and what followed. EYC's Brian Lasher poses with General David Petraeus.



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9-11 Anniversary

by D. Brian Lasher



The "Strategic Engagements" branch in Baghdad, Iraq. We worked with members of the Ministry of Agriculture, and I also served as the note-taker for religious reconciliation between Shi'ites, Sunnis, and Christians.

"... Those who on September 11 died here – whether civilian or in uniform, side by side – sought not to rule, but to serve. They sought not to oppress, but to liberate. They worked not to take lives, but to protect them. And they tried not to preempt God, but see to it His creatures lived as He intended – in the light and dignity of human freedom."

Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense

Tonight I stand the watch. On this, the Fifth Anniversary of the September 11 attacks, I had the opportunity to visit the Pentagon's Memorial Chapel and the Navy's Reflection Room in Corridor Four. It was here that Islamic terrorists piloted Flight 77 into the southwest face of the building at 9:37 am, through the Office of the US Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and then 85 feet into the Navy Command Center. 184 persons were killed in this event. It is appropriate that we consider the meaning of the events of that day. After five years the number of American servicemen and women killed in this global war approaches the number murdered on that day in New York and Washington. Many blame American policy in the Middle East for inflaming the situation, and argue for our withdrawal from Iraq. The as-

sumption must therefore be that if we leave them alone they will leave us alone, and we can all live in peace.

This assumption does not stand the test of reason. Nothing can justify the slaughter of innocent persons: Not in New York or Washington, not in London or Madrid, not in Morocco or India or Bali. The goal for these extremists is not simply to remove America from the Middle East, but to force all persons to submit to their form of Islam.

It is important to note that one hundred times more Muslims than Americans have been killed in Iraq by these terrorists, not to mention that these "warriors" use their own women and children as human shields. No, the killing will not end if we leave. And we cannot make peace with people committed to

"kill Americans anywhere they can be found" and to "wipe Israel off the face of the map." There is not war in the Middle East because of America; America is in the Middle East because that is where the war has taken us. It was just a matter of time.

It is easy given the rhetoric to place responsibility for the Iraq war solely on the Administration, but consider this: In the October 2002 debate on whether or not to authorize force in Iraq, bipartisan majorities in both the House and the Senate voted for the resolution by margins of 296-133 and 77-23 respectively, with 81 Democrats in the House and 29 Democrats in the Senate supporting the measure. Some of those who have changed their position want us to believe that this vote was due to a misinformation campaign by the President, but the

truth is they all had access to intelligence and the decision was based on imperfect and incomplete information. The responsibility for the war lies on both sides of the aisle.

Iraq may be a war of choice, but it is a consequence of September 11, not the cause. And it did not begin with September 11. Terror grew in the Middle East because peaceful change was impossible. Peaceful change was impossible because of the brutal nature of the authoritarian regimes in the region, so the only place where dissent could find refuge was in the mosques. It was here where this dissent became the seed of the terror we now combat. So Islamic extremism grew out of the political situation, and only a fundamental change in the nature of government in the region could offer the hope of addressing the root cause of the problem. This is why Iraq has become central to the war on terror. If democracy endures in Iraq, Islamic totalitarianism cannot.

Yet what frightens me most is not that we seem to have wished away the threat, but that we are not standing up for our values. Americans appear to have lost our will and our way, blaming ourselves for a problem others created. Note our weak response to the reaction to the Danish cartoons, or the lack of



(l to r) The author, CDR Adams, and the head of the Iraqi Navy.

outrage to the threatened beheading of a Muslim who converted to Christianity. We have avoided standing for what is right for fear of offending the Muslim world. This is shameful. It is time for all Americans to recognize that our Judeo-Christian heritage and the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are worth defending.

We hear from the terrorists that Islam is a religion of justice and peace. As part of our Judeo-Christian heritage, we should remember that Christ and His disciples not only preached justice and peace, they lived it. In contrast, Mohammed and his successors used fire and sword to spread the Islamic faith. This is the model for the modern day jihadists. The Islamic terrorists do not offer a just peace; they demand all "submit" to their view of God, which is what Islam means. In their view, only once all persons submit can there be peace. This is not justice and it is not peace,



General David Petraeus poses for an official photo with me at the Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq.

it is tyranny.

Such thinking is anathema to liberty and we can never have peace with them. This does not mean that all Muslims or even a majority believe this. Muslims pray to the same God as do Christians, and they share the same beliefs regarding charity, fasting, and prayer. But it is striking that virtually every terrorist in this war is a Muslim, and Muslims are not doing enough to condemn their fellow brethren. In the words of Thomas Jefferson, "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man." This is a sacred principle of America and it is not negotiable.

The United States cannot win this war militarily, although the military dimension has an important role to play. It must be won in the war of ideas and by a united front. It is disgraceful that some politicians seek gain from the troubles we face. They should be condemned. More importantly, we must expose these Islamic terrorists for the fascists they are, and American Muslims have a central role in doing this. On this anniversary they should be leading this charge; not applauding leaders like Khatami who claim America seeks world domination. Lest we forget, "every kingdom

divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand."

Iraq may be a war of choice, but the die is cast. We cannot go back. As General MacArthur said, "a great nation which voluntarily enters upon war and does not see it through to victory must eventually suffer all the consequences of defeat." Victory can only be achieved by winning the war of ideas, and this begins by staying true to our values. May God have mercy on the families of the victims of September 11 and those who have given their lives in defense of our freedom. May He bless us in our endeavor to bring about liberty and justice for all. "May all His creatures live as He intended – in the light and dignity of human freedom." Yes, this is a just war. And tonight I stand the watch; at the Pentagon; as part of the Navy Command Center; for these reasons.

Yours truly,
D. Brian Lasher
September 11, 2006
Navy Command Center, The Pentagon



LCDR Bob Cross (Erie), LCDR Alan Belovorac (Erie), LTJG Matt Hersch (Erie), me, and MGEN Bolden at US Forces, Japan.



“Oh What a Relief This Is”!

New Lighthouse Restrooms Open

After much planning and anticipation the newly constructed restroom adjacent to the increasingly popular lighthouse picnic shelter was officially opened promptly at high noon by Commodore Urbaniak during a unique Sunday ceremony this summer.

The ceremony got underway at 0900 hours with the formal presentation to Commodore Urbaniak of a one gallon jug containing waters gathered from the five Great Lakes. Commodore Urbaniak ceremoniously consumed the water over the next half hour.

After some time had passed, he whispered to the Vice Commodore, “Hey, I’ve really got to go!” “Not yet,” the Vice Commodore retorted. “The ceremony doesn’t start for another half hour. Needless to say, the anticipation of the official opening wasn’t just felt by those assembled for the special occasion, but was especially felt by the Commodore. The wince on his face along with the agitated dancing around said it all.

Meanwhile final preparations continued with special attention being focused on the microphone that had been installed over the urinal in the men’s room. “Testing, testing, testing,” came the signal loudly and clearly over the speakers which had been arranged so one and all could listen to the key moment.

Finally the announcement came, “Two minutes to go.” One could see the palpable relief on the Commodore’s face as he stood poised by the men’s room door.

“One minute to go,” came the final announcement. With that the Commodore opened the door, scampered into the men’s room and took up his final position standing at attention in front of the urinal with his hands at the ready.

“I’m all set,” he shouted out. With that the Vice Commodore began the countdown, “Ten, nine, eight, seven, six...” interrupted suddenly by the Commodore hollering out, “Hey, hurry it up will you!”... The countdown continued, “five, four, three, two, one, GO.”

It was indeed a rare sound, never before and perhaps never to be heard again in the long history of the Erie Yacht Club. The sound of squirting water mixed with a loud sigh wafted over the speakers as the Commodore officially declared the restroom open in a most appropriate manner.

As applause broke out, one prudish lady was heard to utter, “My Gosh, that’s disgusting. And to broadcast it for all to hear.” Folks surrounding her, however, said, “Well it sure beats the standard ribbon cutting ceremony. After all, lady, it is a restroom. And what better way to celebrate its opening than by the Commodore giving it the first use.” Indeed.

By the way, lest anyone be concerned, the microphone has been removed from the men’s urinal.



Having new Lighthouse restrooms located adjacent to the Lighthouse facilities is a welcome convenience.



On the south side of the structure is an outdoor shower ... bathing suits are required for use.



The north side is equipped with hot and cold spigot.



The new facility features a nicely appointed interior.

2011 Oktoberfest

“Are any of these people enjoying themselves”?

by Dan Dundon

On October 22 the Erie Yacht Club will host our 17th Oktoberfest Party!

Annual events like robins-in-spring, the fall harvest and EYC Oktoberfest keep rolling-around and are just as anticipated and enjoyable... year-after-year! EYC members love Oktoberfest! Many return year-after-year because EYC Oktoberfest delivers a Munich beer-hall right to us here on the shores of Presque Isle Bay!

EYC hosts a REAL Oktoberfest party! Authentic German entertainment is delivered in three different ways with minimum downtime between acts. Authentic German dishes prepared following old-world Bavarian recipes fill our terrific buffet. We serve great beer and lots of it!

During dinner, the non-stop entertainment starts

with favorite German ballads sung by Erie's own Siebenbuerger Singers. Then, direct from Pittsburgh, the Augsburg German Band plays a variety of German beer-hall favorites, as well as, traditional German oom-pah music and Kurz and Lang. Alternating hourly throughout the evening with the Augsburg German Band will be The Mad Bavarian. You can expect the Augsburg German Band “to fire us up” and The Mad Bavarian to take us straight to that Munich beer-hall with his one-man show of German music and mirth. During the evening, roving magician, Jim Bush, will delight and amaze with his jokes and tricks! Did you think “Kurz and Lang” was a typo? No! Kurz and Lang is “short and long” from the Schnitzelbank Song lead by Professor Schultz at each EYC Oktoberfest!

On tap in the EYC Beer-hall you will find special beer selections offered only during the Oktoberfest party.

Our scrumptious buffet includes Wiener schnitzel, Sauerbraten, Roasted chicken, Bratwurst, Knockwurst, pumpernickel bread, potato pancakes, Langer Mann, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and red cabbage with black forest cake and apple strudel for dessert! Later in the evening, big soft pretzels are served! Actually, “Langer Mann” is another term from the Schnitzelbank Song! Langer Mann is the tall man, you know, like Commodore Urbaniak!

The Oktoberfest is especially fun with annual and continually wilder crowd-participation! We begin by shoogling. When you lock arms with

one another at your long beer-garden tables and rock to-and-fro or front-to-back, that's shoogling! This prepares us for the Gefährliches Ding battle between the Bavarians and the Tyroleans! Some say Bavaria is the most beautiful region and has the wildest residents. Others say Tyrolea is tops! Come to Oktoberfest, and decide for yourself! “Gefährliches Ding” is the demon dragon in Germany, another line in the Schnitzelbank Song! Oh, yes... there is some beer, too!

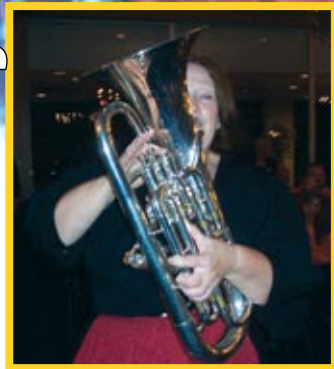
Most years the EYC Oktoberfest has been sold-out, so begin planning now to attend what has become one of our greatest parties of the year. Don't miss being among the many Hin and Her veterans of all 16 Oktoberfests, and the annual stream of new folks who will become repeat Oktoberfest-

tors! “Hin and Her” means back and forth... you know... “shoogling!”

Don't miss your opportunity to play the ten-foot-long Alp Horn like on those European cough-medicine TV commercials.

No run-of-the-mill beer, hot dogs or boring bands! EYC offers something special, a real, established Oktoberfest. We really appreciate the ongoing encouragement and support of many dedicated EYC members who return year-after-year. Also, we could not get along without the help of our dedicated entertainment committee of fellow EYC members.

Come to Oktoberfest! Introduce your friends to the Goddess of Beer and hug the Dicke Frau!



4th Annual Bay Swim

by P/C John Ashby

This is the official time recorded for the 4th Annual Bay Swim's First to Finish participant of sixteen minutes and three seconds.



The popularity of the Annual Bay Swim is certainly not waning away. Each year the number of eager participants grows.

The weather for this year's Bay Swim was absolutely perfect - bright, sunny, warm and calm. I'm sure the weather was much appreciated by the record number of participants who entered the course headed for the Erie Yacht Club.

The course was lined with power boats of volunteers offering the participants a vital reassurance of rescue if any of them should be in need of such assistance. Not only private power and sailboats volunteered to be on station, both as a safety element and rescue service, but the United States Coast Guard was also on station with their forty

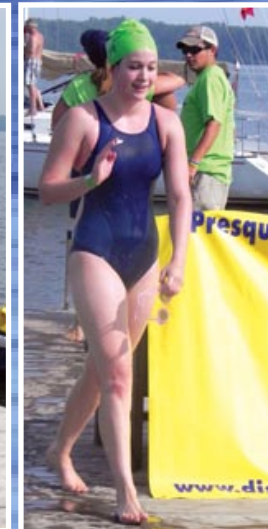
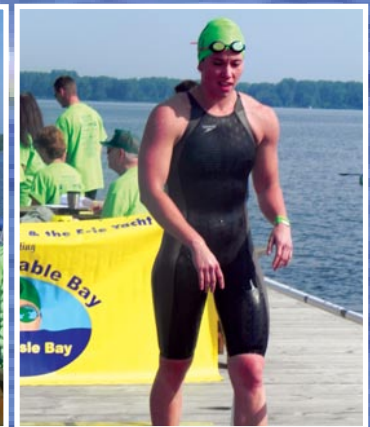
foot cutter.

The swim again went off without mentionable difficulties.

This event has quickly become a highly anticipated spectacle with the number of participants and spectators significantly increasing each year setting records in all areas of participation.

The swim ends at the Erie Yacht Club's north wall where all participants use the club's floating bay side dock to depart the cool bay waters.

I am quite sure that this annual event will continue to grow and, whether you're a participant or spectator, we all look forward to the Bay Swim 2012.



Consider this - it's early June with a rather chilly start to the summer in Erie. So, how do you wakeboard on Presque Isle without actually getting in the water? If you are professional wakeboard rider Jimmy LaRiche, who spends most of his time training in Florida, you stand on one ski boat while holding a tow rope from a second ski boat, then as the boat pulls away you jump off just in time to stay dry!

On June 17th, Hyperlite Wakeboards brought their national tour to the Erie Yacht Club and Presque Isle Bay through Jeff Jones of Elements Board Shop. Professional wakeboard riders Jimmy LaRiche and Clayton Underwood came as representatives to show off the new Hyperlite wakeboards, boots and bindings. About 20 local enthusiasts got a chance to join them on the ski boats and to see the professionals up close, while learning a few new tricks of their own.

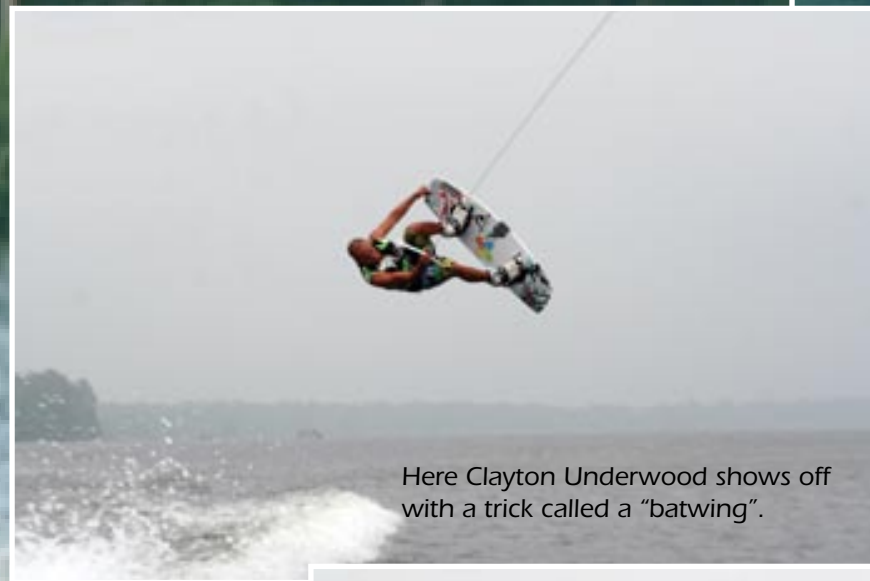
LaRiche, who has been featured in *Wakeboarding Magazine*, placed 2nd on the Australian Pro Tour and at the Air Nautique Wake Games. He and Underwood will both be riding in the 2011 Wakeboard Nationals and King of Wake World Cup competitions.

Wakeboarding Pro Jam

by Aimee Nicolia and Jake Orlando



LaRiche performs a "stalefish" grab on Presque Isle Bay.



Here Clayton Underwood shows off with a trick called a "batwing".



Spinning around twice to complete a 720, LaRiche passes the tow rope handle behind his back.



Pro wakeboard rider Clayton Underwood nails a "whirly bird".

The two riders demonstrated maneuvers such as the whirlybird (a combined back flip and 360), the air raley (a full horizontal body extension, think superman), big batwings (a toe-side raley with an Indy grab) and 720's (spinning all the way around in the air, twice!).

Besides showcasing the best moves in the sport, Underwood and LaRiche made the day a unique and unforgettable experience for the local participants. These two professional athletes, both at the top of their game, made a point of getting to know everyone's name and helping each rider to walk away from the clinic with at least one new skill. It would be comparable to LeBron James coming to your house to help you improve your free throws.

If you're still wondering how LaRiche got back into the boat after wakeboarding without getting wet, the answer is he had the driver turn tight and sling shot him towards the side of the boat as it slowed down and then he hopped up onto the swim platform! (Do not try this one on your own. Leave this trick to the professionals!)



Jimmy LaRiche, a world-class wakeboard rider, visited Erie for the Hyperlite Pro Jam on June 17th.

Beluga a SUPER YACHT!

by P/C John Ashby

The stunning Beluga superyacht won the title of "The Best New Super Yacht Concept" at the 2010 Monaco boat show. This luxury vehicle was introduced by the Aviation and Superyacht division of Belgian design studio, Pure-Sang, in co-operation with Glass-Deco International. And incredibly it is more than a concept. The designers are in talks with a major Dutch yacht manufacturer to produce the vessel for sale at an estimated asking price of a mere \$200 million. (Needless to say you will not be seeing it on many waterways!)

According to Pure-sang, the boat's design is inspired, believe it or not, by Moby Dick and Pinocchio. The inspiration for its unique form comes from the white round-headed Beluga whale in combination with a traditional fishing boat. The luxurious 90 meter long yacht includes two living levels connected by glass staircases and mezzanine. Features include a whisky bar and library made from the latest glass technologies, a green house complete with live palm trees and vegetable garden, and a huge

date a staff of 30 with their own living area and kitchen.

Other features of this modern vessel include ensuite spa, state-of-the-art gym, movie theater, and helipad.

The Beluga superyacht, also called "Emperor of the Seven Seas", with its distinct appearance and design is truly a modern masterpiece. And just think for as little as \$200 million you could call this baby your own!



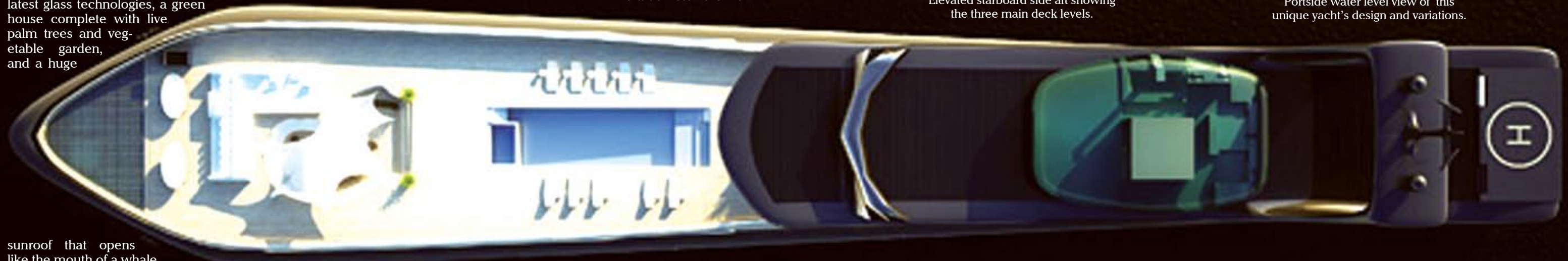
Portside water level view.



Elevated starboard side aft showing the three main deck levels.



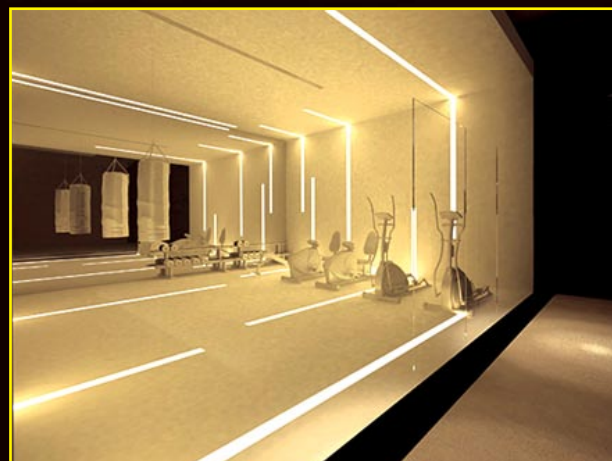
Portside water level view of this unique yacht's design and variations.



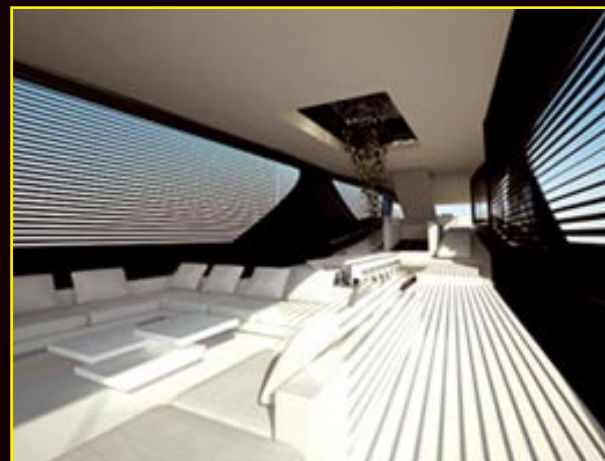
sunroof that opens like the mouth of a whale.

Head of design, Will Erens dedicated the entire foredeck to entertaining. It features a complete beach club with 14m long swimming pool with jacuzzi, cocktail bar and two-leveled lounge area. In addition, the tender garage, which has the capacity to hold two custom made trailers, can easily turn into a drifting state of the art nightclub with a glass lit dance floor and a high end Function One sound system. Party on!

The very fortunate owner of this amazing vessel will enjoy a master suite located on the roof in an oval glassed room. Guests will find accommodations in the belly of the Beluga which offers five luxury suites with extendable balconies, as well as, separate facilities to accommo-



A view of the exercise area through a glass wall.



Interior main saloon in dramatic black and white motif.



The captain's master stateroom.



A view of the open stern section from the interior of yacht.

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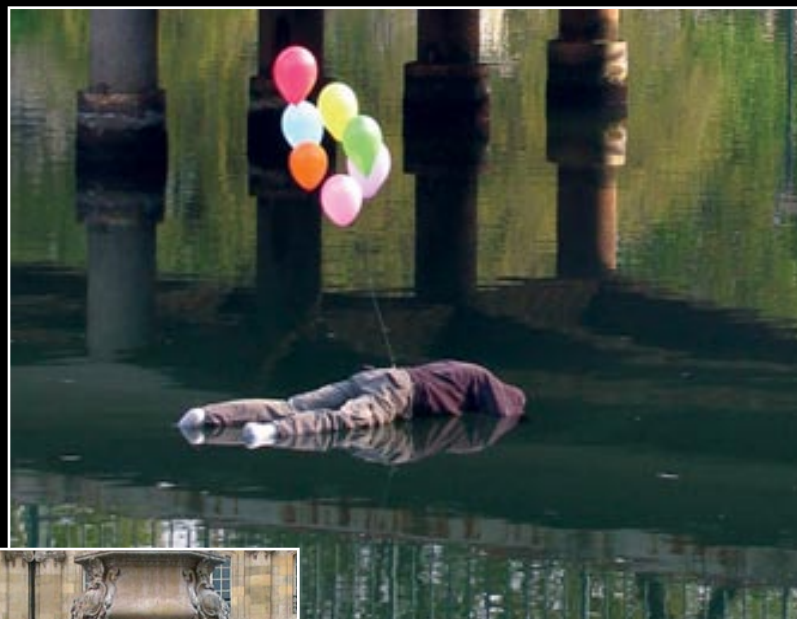
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Mark Jenkins

A Truly Creative Artist



Mark Jenkins was born in 1970 in Fairfax, Virginia. Today he is as an American artist most widely known for the street installations he creates using box sealing tape. In addition to creating art, he also teaches his sculpture techniques through workshops in cities he visits. He currently lives in Washington, DC.

Jenkins uses packing tape to create his base forms using a casting process in which the object is first encased in plastic wrap and then in tape. Jenkins' practice of street art is to use the "street as a stage" where passersby become actors. Many of his installations have resulted in intervention by the authorities whom he also regards as actors. Most of his early outdoor works were non-commissioned.

Jenkins said the following about the illegal aspects of street art during an interview with art critic Brian Sherwin. "There is opposition, and risk, but I think that just shows that street art is the sort of frontier where the leading edge really does have to chew through the ice. And it's good for people to remember public space is a battleground, with the government, advertisers and artists all mixing and mashing, and even now the strange cross-pollination taking place as street artists sometimes become brands, and brands camouflaging as street art creating complex hybrids or impersonators. I think it's understanding the strangeness of the playing field where you'll realize that painting street artists, writers, as the bad guys is a shallow view. As for the old bronzes, I really don't see them as part of what's going on in the dialogue unless addressed by a new intervention."

Jenkins' first street project was a series of clear tape casts made from his body that he installed on the streets in Rio de Janeiro (2003). This was followed by the Storker Project (2005) where tape "babies" were "dropped" in different cities around the globe. In 2006 Jenkins began dressing his self casts to create hyper realistic sculptures. (Embed Series).

Other outdoor projects include Meterpops (2005), Traffic-Go-Round (2007), and Flower-signs (2007).

He has collaborated with Graffiti Research Lab and Greenpeace.

In 2010 he curated Les Grandes Traversees public design festival in Bordeaux, France which showcased 15 artists including Evan Roth, Theo Watson and Aakash Nilhalani.

Indoors he has shown at galleries and museums as well as unconventional settings including a cafeteria, high school locker, and a toilet.

Jenkins workshops which teach his sculpture and installation techniques have been held in North and South America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Jenkins teaches the casting technique on his website tapesculpture.org.



As I looked over my album of old sailing pictures I found some rather interesting shots of the high water at EYC in 1997. The boats looked as if they were riding on the sidewalks and roadways. The water had crested at the top of the break walls and the ducks were swimming in front of the boats where the land between the bow of the secured boat and the sidewalk would normally have sprouted lovely green grass. It was scary to me to walk down the piers and have the water at the level of my shoes.

In the years I boated at the club, since 1983, I had seen many lake level fluctuations but this had seemed to me, at the time, to have been the highest level I had personally witnessed. There was a lot of speculation as to what was causing this phenomenon. We were accustomed to higher levels when the ice was melting and moving down the lake toward Niagara Falls, but this was July.

The tie lines on the boats were needing to be adjusted constantly and the club saw an un-

usual amount of activity by owners and Captains as they visited sometimes three and four times a day to observe their lines and make the necessary adjustments to prevent damage to their hulls or to the docks. The boats of those members who were out of town were being looked after by fellow sea men (and ladies). It was a time of unusual conditions when everyone pitched in to do what was necessary for each other and the club.

I decided to do a little research for this article and so I share with you the following interesting information gleaned and edited by me for 'size' from a 2009 article titled "Lake Erie Water Levels" by D. Mark Jones".

"Lake Erie's water level constantly undergoes natural fluctuation, daily, seasonal and long-term. Human activities and technology do not have a large impact on the lake levels. Erie's levels are the result of complex interactions between climate, wind, precipitation, bathymetry (the shape of the lake bottom) and the levels of the upper lakes (Superior,

Michigan, and Huron). The key concepts of this are simple.

The five Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair, which contain 95% of the fresh water in the U.S., are connected by rivers and over that 2,000 mile stretch has a fall from Lake Superior to the Atlantic Ocean of about 600 feet. The land surface (basin) that drains into the Great Lakes is about twice the surface area of the Great Lakes.

A lake of any size is a dynamic system, subject to constant change. Sometimes slightly more water comes in than goes out, or vice versa, and the lake level changes in response. The main reason for these changes is precipitation (rain and snow) from as long back as an entire year before the precipitation manifests itself in changes in lake levels. Evaporation also affects lake levels. With 100,000 square miles of surface area the Great Lakes lose a significant amount of water to evaporation, up to 36" a year. Evaporation is greatest when the temperature difference between the wa-

ter and the air is greatest, usually in the fall and throughout the winter when the air cools and the water remains warmer.

Lake Erie, the shallowest and southernmost lake, is also the warmest and does not always freeze over. If ice cover is not significant, the open water continues to lose vapor to the dry winter air, dropping water levels. Water levels tend to be higher in the spring and summer—a response to winter snowmelt and spring runoff—and lowest in the winter due to summer and fall evaporation.

Strong winds blowing for an extended period (several hours or more) can produce the tilting of a lake's surface. On Lake Erie that occurs when storm winds coincide with the lake's southwest-to-northeast orientation. Southwesterly winds can pile water up at the Buffalo end, leaving the Toledo end with lower water. A nor'easter will reverse that affect. When the storm winds subside it takes about twelve hours for the waters to reverse and 'seiche' occurs, raising the levels at the

opposite end of the lake from abnormally low to abnormally high. The sloshing back and forth continues until the lake's surface returns to equilibrium. That's part of what happened to create the high water in our EYC basin in 1997.

Human-causes that have a very minor effect on Lake Erie levels include dredging (silt removal), diversion (the Welland canal which lowered the level of Lake Erie about five inches and the Erie Canal which has little effect on the level of Lake Erie), and flood control. The flood controls on Lake Superior and Lake Ontario, the only two great lakes with flood control structures, do not affect the water levels on Lake Erie.

Currently, the three power generation facilities at Niagara take water from the Niagara River above Niagara Falls and discharge it below the Falls using only the natural elevation drop to generate power which does not utilize damming of water and therefore does not affect the water level of Lake Erie.

Geological evidence shows that in the past 5,000 years the water level of Lake Erie has risen 46 feet. It is believed that climate had the most significant influence on that change (that 0.1 inches per year).

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Suppose that every day, ten men go out for beer and the bill for all ten comes to \$100. If they paid their bill the way we pay our taxes, it would go something like this...

The first four men (the poorest) would pay nothing
The fifth would pay \$1
The sixth would pay \$3
The seventh would pay \$7
The eighth would pay \$12
The ninth would pay \$18
The tenth man (the richest) would pay \$59

So, that's what they decided to do. The ten men drank in the bar every day and seemed quite happy with the arrangement, until one day, the owner threw them a curve ball. "Since you are all such good customers," he said, "I'm going to reduce the cost of your daily beer by \$20". Drinks for the ten men would now cost just \$80. The group still wanted to pay their bill the way we pay our taxes. So the first four men were unaffected. They would still drink for free. But what about the other six men ? How could they divide the \$20 windfall so that everyone would get his fair share? They realized that \$20 divided by six is \$3.33. But if they subtracted that from everybody's share, then the fifth man and the sixth man

would each end up being paid to drink his beer. So, the bar owner suggested that it would be fair to reduce each man's bill by a higher percentage the poorer he was, to follow the principle of the tax system they had been using, and he proceeded to work out the amounts he suggested that each should now pay. And so the fifth man, like the first four, now paid nothing (100% saving). The sixth now paid \$2 instead of \$3 (33% saving). The seventh now paid \$5 instead of \$7 (28% saving). The eighth now paid \$9 instead of \$12 (25% saving). The ninth now paid \$14 instead of \$18 (22% saving). The tenth now paid \$49 instead of \$59 (16% saving). Each of the six was better off than before. And the first four continued to drink for free. But, once outside the bar, the men began to compare their savings. "I only got a dollar out of the \$20 saving," declared the sixth man. He pointed to the tenth man, "but he got \$10!" "Yeah, that's right," exclaimed the fifth man. "I only saved a dollar too. It's unfair that he got ten times more benefit than me!" "That's true!" shouted the seventh man.

"Why should he get \$10 back, when I got only \$2? The wealthy get all the breaks!" "Wait a minute," yelled the first four men in unison, "we didn't get anything at all. This new tax system exploits the poor!" The nine men surrounded the tenth and beat him up. The next night the tenth man didn't show up for drinks so the nine sat down and had their beers without him. But when it came time to pay the bill, they discovered something important. They didn't have enough money between all of them for even half of the bill! And that, boys and girls, journalists and government ministers, is how our tax system works. The people who already pay the highest taxes will naturally get the most benefit from a tax reduction. Tax them too much, attack them for being wealthy, and they just may not show up anymore. In fact, they might start drinking overseas, where the atmosphere is somewhat friendlier.

David R. Kamerschen, Ph.D.
Professor of Economics.

For those who understand, no explanation is needed. For those who do not understand, no explanation is possible.



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Did You Know...

- Lake Erie is the 12th largest lake in the world (by surface area). It has a surface area of 9940 square miles.
- Lake Erie is the 4th largest Great Lake in surface area but the smallest by volume.
- Lake Erie is 241 miles long and 57 miles wide at its widest point.
- Lake Erie is the shallowest, warmest and most biologically productive of the Great Lakes.
- Lake Erie's average depth is 62 feet, maximum depth 210 feet.
- It is the only one of the Great Lakes with a floor above sea level.
- About 34 to 36 inches of water evaporate from Lake Erie each year.
- Over 3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves are located under Lake Erie.
- Wind pushing water from one end of Lake Erie to the other have produced short

- term water level differences between the eastern and western ends of the lake of more than 16 feet.
- There are 24 islands in Lake Erie, 9 of which belong to Canada.
- 95% Of Lake Erie's water inflow comes from the Detroit River - water from the upper Great Lakes, the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair and numerous tributaries - the rest come from precipitation.
- The outlet for Lake Erie is the Niagara River - it is Lake Erie that feeds the water to Niagara Falls.
- Lake Erie has the shortest retention/replacement time of the Great Lakes at just 2.6 years.
- Lake Erie was the last of the Great Lakes to be discovered by Europeans. A French explorer, Louis Joliet, discovered the lake in 1669.



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Remarkable Survival of Mrs. Appleby

The following newspaper clippings from 1833 and 1878 provide an interesting chronicle of the amazing survival of Mrs. Mary Appleby, a passenger on the schooner New Connecticut. Mrs. Appleby later penned a narrative of her experience.

Cleveland Weekly Herald -- September 7, 1833 p.2 col.3

We learn from the Conneaut Gazette that on Wednesday last, the schooner NEW CONNECTICUT of that place capsized off Northeast, Pa. A Mrs. Appleby was drowned, the remainder of the persons on board, were saved by taking to the boat. She was loaded with flour and wheat, which it was feared would be lost.

Cleveland Weekly Herald -- September 14, 1833 p.3 col.1

REMARKABLE PRESERVATION

It will be recalled that, in giving, in our last, an account of the accident that befel the schooner NEW CONNECTICUT, we stated that Mrs. Appleby who was on board was drowned. We have since learned that she has, after the lapse of five days, been taken from the vessel alive. The following particulars of this wonderful preservation we extract from the Conneaut Gazette.

“When the vessel filled, which it seems she did before she capsized, Mrs. Appleby was standing in the companion-way, and the water forced her back into the cabin, where she floated about until she found herself in an upper berth, on the larboard side. When the vessel capsized, she lay on her starboard side, which left the berth occupied by Mrs Appleby, partly out of the water. In this situation she lay from Wednesday until Saturday, when the vessel being partly righted up, it filled the berth, and Mrs. Appleby only found space to keep her face out of the water by lying on her back. Not succeeding in righting the vessel on Saturday, she was let down again, which gave Mrs. Appleby a little more room. On Monday last, the vessel was again righted, when Mrs. Appleby seeing a small light at the companion-way, made an effort by diving under the water to get out, and on the second trial she succeeded. Her only food for five days, was one small biscuit. She supposed that the crew had not abandoned the vessel, and would probably succeed in effecting her rescue. The vessel

has been taken into Portland, but we are sorry to learn is very much damaged.”

Sandusky Weekly Journal -- Thursday, June 20, 1878

A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE - A Woman's Experience on Lake Erie Years Ago.

Somebody who remembers things of the past contributes the following to the columns of the Erie Dispatch:

I propose now to give an instance in which a human being was shipwrecked on Lake Erie, remained in the water five days, and was finally rescued alive. In the autumn of 1833 Capt. Gilman Appleby, of Conneaut, Ohio, was captain and part owner of the schooner NEW CONNECTICUT. A steamboat was then being built at Conneaut (the NORTH AMERICA), of which Captain Appleby had charge, and was for many years her master. An aunt of his, then residing at Black Rock, below Buffalo, was at Erie on a visit, staying with a brother who was then a resident of the town. The lady went to Conneaut in company with a nephew to visit her brother there. After remaining for some time she became exceedingly anxious to get home.

Captain Appleby, who was busy with the steamboat, endeavored to dissuade his aunt from taking the home journey until he should be going out with his vessel, when he would take her home. His efforts in that direction, however, were unavailing, and he had her taken on board the schooner to go to Buffalo in charge of the crew.

The vessel being light and the time of the year August, the Captain had entire confidence in the ability of the crew to manage the craft and land his relative safe at her destination. Everything passed off quietly until after the vessel had passed Erie, when a sudden squall struck and rolled her over upon her side, when she nearly filled with water, but continued to float. The crew, loosening the vessels yawl, jumped in and headed for the shore, leaving the woman in the cabin, as they supposed drowned. The party landed at or near Portland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and made their way, the best they could back to Conneaut.

Three days after the accident Captain Wilkins, of the steamboat WILLIAM PEACOCK, in coming down from Detroit, was besought by Captain Appleby to board the wreck if he saw it, and if possible get the body of his aunt out of the cabin and convey it to Buffalo. Cap-

tain Wilkins discovered the disabled vessel drifting down the lake, and after coming along side, Captain William Henton, the first mate of the PEACOCK, boarded the wreck and made search.

The schooner lay upon her side, and, to all appearance, was full of water. A pole was employed, and it was supposed every part of the cabin was touched, and as no object in the shape of a human body was felt, the conclusion was reached that the remains had floated out of the cabin into the lake, hence further search was given up.

Two days afterwards Captain Appleby came down with a vessel with facilities to right the schooner and tow her into the nearest port. The drowned woman's son being along to assist in the recovery of the body.

The vessel was finally righted, and when the cabin door had nearly reached a level position the woman walked through the water and came up the stairs upon deck. She was caught by Captain Appleby and supported, while her son wept and the sailors screamed.

Five days and nights had she been in the water, while a portion of the time she was up to her armpits. She could not lie down and what sleep she got was in that position and all the food she had was a solitary cracker and a raw onion, which floated on the water. She stated that after the vessel capsized and was abandoned by the crew, she found herself alone in water waist deep. The cabin door was open but the flood was two feet above it, and the sea made constant changes in her position.

When Captain Wilkins stopped she could hear the boarding party talk and walk on the vessel, and although she used her voice to the utmost to attract attention, she could not make them hear. She saw the pole thrust into the cabin door by Captain Henton and asked if she should hold on it and be pulled out, but no answer came, the Captain hearing no noise other than the splashing of the water, and having not the remotest idea that the woman was there, alive or dead. This event occurred forty-five years ago, and I have never heard of a parallel case on the lake or other waters, and her salvation from drowning may be regarded as little less than a miracle.

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As much as we enjoy those shimmering, sultry days on the lake, we know crisper air will soon be blowing in. We anticipate the familiar story of seasonal change. Now, it seems that brides-to-be are embracing this time of the year. According to BRIDES magazine, "autumn is quickly becoming the new spring."

Along with the trend towards fall weddings, come new looks for bridesmaids – including short dresses in jewel tones; as well as new looks for brides – including tiered, ruffled dresses topped with a fur scarf for chilly fall days.

For women dreaming of a wedding resplen-

dent in hues of mocha, gold and magenta, the Fall Bridal Show at the Millcreek Mall is a must-attend event. On September 10, from Noon to 5PM, prospective brides will be able to immerse themselves in the most sumptuous selection of gowns, bridesmaid's dresses, men's formalwear, cake designers, honeymoon planners, musical talent and other wedding day "must-haves."

The show will feature local and national vendors mall-wide, showcasing the latest trends, accessories and ideas for the bridal season.

As for the wedding reception, BRIDES magazine says to expect to see jewel tones and rich

hues in the table décor for autumn weddings. And what could be a more perfect location than the EYC to overlook the beautiful changing leaves of Presque Isle State Park with a one of a kind Erie sunset as the backdrop. But no matter what the season, brides planning a reception at the Erie Yacht Club will get just the help they need from banquet manager Elizabeth Dougan to achieve the very look they desire.

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"Be Limber"!

THE SENILITY PRAYER :
Grant me the senility to forget the people
I never liked anyway,
the good fortune to run into the ones I do,
and the eyesight to tell the difference.

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.



"Coach Football"!

Reporters interviewing a 104 year old woman: 'And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?' the reporter asked. She simply replied, 'No peer pressure.'



"Entertain"!

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, 'For fast relief.'



"Smoke and be 100"!

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.



"Ponder Life"!

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.



"Have Any Fun"!

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.



"Be Manly"!

I've sure gotten old!
I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes plus I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts.
Have bouts with dementia.
Have poor circulation;
hardly feel my hands and feet anymore.
Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92.
Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.



"Be In Love"!

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart. 'Wal-Mart?' the preacher exclaimed. 'Why Wal-Mart?' 'Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week'



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Don't Let the FLU Bug You!

"Campaign Gears Up"

by Mary Walker, RN

Sally Schuster, RN, will again be one of the team leaders for ECHA's (Erie Center on Health and Aging) flu immunization campaign - dontlettheflubugyou.com - this fall, as she has for the past 12 years. What motivates Sally, and dozens of other area nursing professionals, to volunteer their time? They want to ensure that all adults are protected against viruses that will be threatening their health and productivity in the year ahead.

"Immunizations help keep people healthy, as well as preventing the spread of disease from one person to another," says Sally. "As a registered nurse with years of experience, I am able to counsel patients on why vaccines are important, ensure they are healthy enough to receive the vaccine, and answer any questions they may have. Since many of the folks who come to our clinics are my friends and neighbors, I can provide reassurance, and a level of trust is present that is not always found in other community settings."

"It is important to me to help carry on the work that was so important to Theresa" says Flo Wilkosz, a new nurse volunteer this year. Her friend, and EYC member, Theresa Byrd who passed away last year, was instrumental in ECHA's immunization campaigns for most

of its 26 year history. Theresa's dedication, and the dedication of hundreds of local nurse and administrative volunteers, has protected more than 275,000 Erie area citizens in that time!

Those citizens have their own reasons for coming back to ECHA clinics year after year for their flu shots. The immunizations are given at a wide range of sites and times throughout Erie and Crawford counties; there are no long lines and no up-front costs. According to Irene Barstow, the flu shot she receives each year at the Union City Senior Center has helped keep her healthy: "I haven't had so much as a cold!" And ECHA's LifeWorks Community Center members know that by receiving their annual flu shot at an ECHA clinic, they are helping to support the LifeWorks programming that ECHA provides for adults throughout the Erie area all year long.

So who needs the sneezing, body aches, chills, fevers, headaches, sore throat, stuffy nose, chills and fatigue that accompany a case of the flu? NOT YOU!

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Roy Rogers Museum Closes Its Doors Forever

The Roy Rogers Museum has closed its doors forever. Here is a partial listing of some of the items that were sold at auction.

Roy's 1964 Bonneville sold for \$254,500, it was estimated to sell between 100 and 150 thousand dollars.

His script book from the January 14, 1953 episode of This Is Your Life sold for \$10,000 (est. \$800-\$1,000)

A collection of signed baseballs (Pete Rose, Duke Snyder and other greats) sold for \$3,750

A collection of signed bats (Yogi Berra, Enos Slaughter, Bob Feller, and others) sold for \$2,750.

Trigger's saddle and bridle sold for \$386,500 (est. 100-150 K)

One of many of Roy's shirts sold for \$16,250 and one of his many cowboy hats sold for \$17,500.

One set of boot spurs sold for \$10,625. (He never used a set of spurs on Trigger.)

A life size shooting gallery sold for \$27,500. Various chandeliers sold from \$6,875 to \$20,000. They are unique and artistic in their western style.

A signed photograph by Don Larsen taken during his perfect game in the world series

against the Dodgers on Oct. 8, 1953, along with a signed baseball to Roy from Don, sold for \$2,500

Two fabulous limited edition BB guns in their original boxes with numerous photos of Roy, Dale, Gabby, and Pat sold for \$3,750.

A collection of memorabilia from his shows entertaining the troops in Vietnam sold for \$938. I never knew he was there. His flight jacket sold for \$7,500.

His set of dinner ware plates and silverware sold for \$11,875. The Bible they used at the dinner table every night sold for \$8,750.

One of several of his guitars sold for \$27,500. Nellybelle sold for \$116,500.

A fabulous painting of Roy, Dale, Pat, Buttermilk, Trigger, and Bullet sold for \$10,625.

One of several sets of movie posters sold for \$18,750.

A black and white photograph of Gene Autry with a touching inscription from Gene to Roy sold for \$17,500.

A Republic Productions Poster bearing many autographs of the people that played in Roy's movies sold for \$11,875.

Dale's horse, Buttermilk (whose history is very interesting) sold below the presale esti-

mate for \$25,000. (est. 30-40 K)

Bullet sold for \$35,000 (est. 10-15 K). He was their real pet.

Dale's parade saddle, estimated to sell between 20-30 K, sold for \$104,500.

One of many pairs of Roy's boots sold for \$21,250.

Trigger sold for \$266,500.

Do you remember the 1938 movie *The Adventures of Robinhood* with Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland? Well Olivia rode Trigger in that movie. Trigger was bred on a farm co-owned by Bing Crosby. Roy bought Trigger on a time payment plan for \$2,500. Roy and Trigger made 188 movies together. Trigger even out did Bob Hope by winning an Oscar in the movie *Son of Paleface* in 1953.)

It is extremely sad to see this era lost forever. Despite the fact that Gene and Roy's movies, as well as those of other great characters, can be bought or rented for viewing, today's kids would rather spend their time playing video games. Today it takes a very special pair of parents to raise their kids with the right values and morals. These were the great heroes of our childhood, and they did teach us right from wrong, and how to have and show re-

spect for each other and the animals that share this earth.

You and I were born at the right time. We were able to grow up with these great people even if we never met them. In their own way they taught us patriotism and honor, we learned that lying and cheating were bad, and sex wasn't as important as love. We learned how to suffer through disappointment and failure and work through it. Our lives were drug free.

So it's good-bye to Roy and Dale, Gene and Hoppy, The Lone Ranger and Tonto. Farewell to Sky King and Superman and Sgt. Friday. Thanks to Capt. Kangaroo, Mr. Rogers and Capt. Noah and all those people whose lives touched ours, and made them better.

It was a great ride through childhood.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS, MY FRIENDS!
A time in history, never to be seen again, but what a ride it was...

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU!

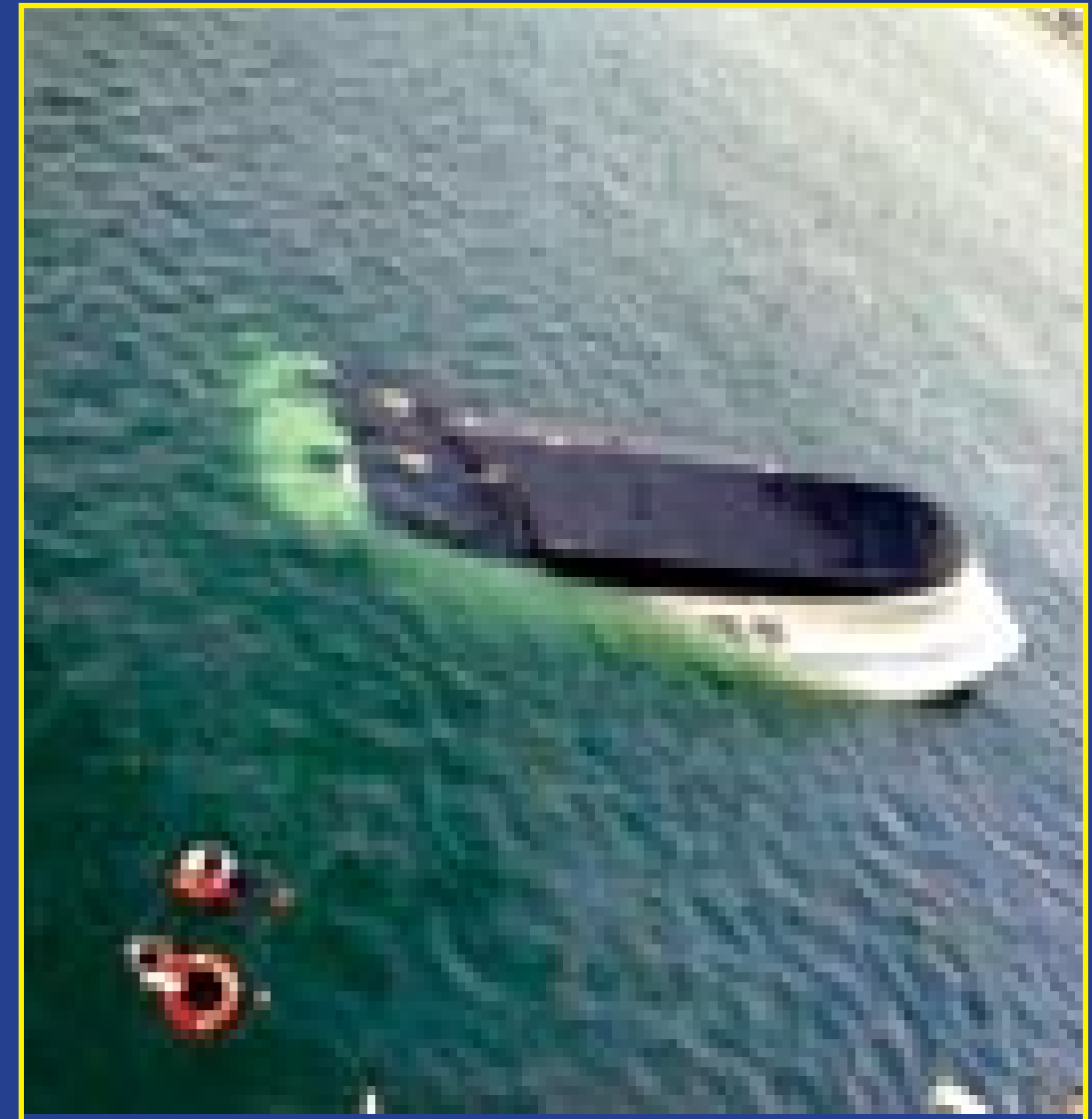


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September Calendar of Club Events

- 1st Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
Lake Erie tri-State Mopar Club
Drink Specials • Music by Endless
Summer • 6pm - 9pm
- 2nd Lobster & Clam Bake
Served on the Club Lawn music by
Rythm Nation
- 8th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
Beatles Night • Drink Specials
Music by Abby Road • 6pm - 9pm
- 11th Champagne Sunday Brunch
11-2pm • \$12.95
- 12th Monday Night Football at the Club
8:30pm • Beer Special
- 13th Past Commodores Dinner • 6:15
P/C's should R.S.V.P. to office
- 15th Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
1/2 Way to St. Patricks Day!
Drink Specials • Music Uncharted
Course • 6pm - 9pm
- 18th Champagne Sunday Brunch
11-2pm • \$12.95
- 19th Monday Night Football at the Club
8:30pm • Beer Special
- 22nd Thursday Sunset Happy Hour
Autumn Equinox Night
Drink Specials • Music by G3
6pm - 9pm
- 25th Champagne Sunday Brunch
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- 26th Monday Night Football at the Club
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October Calendar of Club Events

- 1st Commodore's Ball "From Sea to
Shining Sea" with Cruisin' • 7pm
- 2nd Champagne Sunday Brunch
11-2pm • \$12.95
- 3rd Monday Night Football at the Club
8:30pm • Beer Special
- 9th Champagne Sunday Brunch
11-2pm • \$12.95
- 10th Monday Night Football at the Club
8:30pm • Beer Special
- 16th Champagne Sunday Brunch
11-2pm • \$12.95
- 17th Monday Night Football at the Club
8:30pm • Beer Special
- 19th Haul-Out Blues Bawl • 5pm - 9pm
Drink & Dinner Specials
Music by Sam Hyman
- 22nd Ocktoberfest with the Mad
Bavarian & the Augsburg German
Band • Festivities start at 6pm
Call for Reservation
- 23rd Champagne Sunday Brunch
11-2pm • \$12.95
Kids Halloween Party
11am - 1pm • Jungle Terry Show
Arts & Crafts • Treasure Hay Pile
- 24th Monday Night Football at the Club
8:30pm • Beer Special
- 30th Champagne Sunday Brunch
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