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Special Club Election Issue

**The Many “Lists” of
Boat Ownership**



From the Bridge



As I write this I am profoundly saddened by the loss of members Warren and Nancy Keck. Tragedy struck on September 29 at EYC. I am moved by this, in part, because I am the only Commodore to have survived a drowning. That singular experience - combined with now having a double drowning occur during my watch reminds me just how fragile and special life truly is.

I spent my younger years as a lifeguard on Presque Isle under the legendary Frank Pettinato, and losses like this always hit hardest when they occur during moments of great joy. It is in those times - on vacation, out boating, or simply doing what we love most - that tragedy feels especially painful.

In retrospect, the Kecks were doing exactly what brought them the most joy. I hope that healing will soon touch their family and friends during this time of grief.

And yet, we march on...

The Annual Meeting is just around the corner. Your officers, the board of directors and all of the committees have worked hard for the betterment of the Erie Yacht Club. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to all of the volunteers who dedicate their time and talent - without you, EYC would be a far different place.

Of particular importance to me are the two main resolutions being presented to the membership. The first gives voice to members who travel during the winter. Their rights as members have long been subjugated by a rule in our Constitution and By-Laws. While there may have been a time when traveling to EYC to hear and understand resolutions in person made sense, times have changed. Today we receive information in nanoseconds. It is no longer necessary to restrict or silence a large portion of our membership for reasons that no longer apply. My belief is simple: If you pay your dues and you are a regular member, you should have the right to vote.

The second resolution elevates the rights of regular members' spouses to that of a regular member, with certain limitations as described by the resolutions that are printed in this edition of The Log. If passed, this change will immediately open up our leadership pool by nearly 600 people, wherein talented individuals can contribute to the governance and future of the Club. Both the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors unanimously support this initiative.

Soon, my term as Commodore will come to an end. But my promise to work tirelessly for the Erie Yacht Club will not. I will continue to advocate for what is right for our future, and I encourage every member to support your Bridge and Board as they pursue what is best for EYC.

Respectfully,

Commodore Russ Thompson

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On the Cover...

"In" and the "Out of Water" boating both carry many extensive maintenance responsibilities. When it's too much remember, do you make "The List?"

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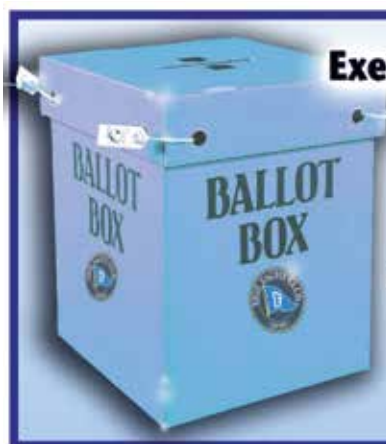
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Exercise Your Membership Rights
Vote at the EYC Annual Meeting!

Friday, November 21st
In the Clubhouse Ballroom

7:30PM - 10PM (Doors open at 7pm)

Only Regular Members are permitted at the Meeting!
No Guests or Spouses Please

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BOAT OWNERSHIP:

The Two Best Days and "THE LIST" In-Between.



There's an old saying that the two best days of owning a boat are the day you purchase and the day you sell. But I would contend that "the list" in between is what makes it all worthwhile

All of us boat owners have experienced "THE LIST".

It includes the obvious:

- The To Do List
- The Sailing Bucket List
- The Shopping List
- The Project List
- The Financial Hit List
- The Pros and Cons List
- The Packing List, and
- The Permanent And Perennial Wish List

Boat ownership offers a series of sea adventures, both its highs and lows. AND of course the bragging rights at the bar. Now, I want you boat owners, and future boat owners, to think of your list. Does any of the following sound familiar?

Let's take launch day as an example...

Many of us think launch day is the most exhilarating and exciting day. That day does not happen without "THE LIST". There are hours of preparation and the testing of our brains to remember the myriads of items that need to be accomplished before the boat splashes into the yacht club basin.

Inspect the engine: oil levels, new filters, cooling system, clean the battery terminals, charge the batteries and of course check the impellers. I had the unfortunate experience of changing an impeller in the middle of the Erie channel. An error I will not repeat.

If that's not enough to remember don't forget safety items such as life jackets. Especially life jackets that people would want to wear, not the moldy ripped ones. Fire extinguishers that are charged and working. A first aid kit that is updated and does not have acetaminophen that is 15 years old. And the one item that the Coast Guard inspectors will always get you on is expired flares.

If that's not enough you need the boat to look decent - the hull needs to be cleaned and waxed including the anti-fouling paint on the bottom. And all the winter mold needs to be removed... remember your boat is not a mushroom farm. After all, you or a guest may want to go below at some point.

Then there's the electronics... certainly the bane of my existence. Every year I seem to have a new Gremlin living in my electronics. I've been down many electronic rabbit holes trying to isolate and capture that gremlin with little or no success. But the essential electronics need to be working such as the navigation lights, communication devices, and the GPS. And it's always nice to have a functional depth sounder. Running aground can be embarrassing and costly.

For those with the extra burden of a trailer there's always those pesky brake lights, functioning turn signals, tires, wheel bearings, and winch straps. All or any of these can get in the way of the successful launch.

Another nuisance factor is registration. It's amazing how my registration sticker hides itself in my office and only after hours of searching does my game of hide and seek eventually bear fruit. Also don't forget your insurance.

For the sailboat enthusiast "THE LIST" would not be complete without NEW lines, NEW halyards, NEW sheets, a few NEW sails, NEW blocks, NEW rigging, and NEW wind instruments. I like to say sailboat ownership is like having Christmas every day with a new daily delivery coming to the house.

There you have the simple list for the for-launch day.

Are you enjoying the adventure so far?

The first journey of the season.

I find even old salts still have a learning experience. There is a saying on my boat that I must make the same mistake 101 times before I learn not to make it again. Therefore, my first journey away from the dock also has "THE LIST".



Check the weather. Lake Erie is notorious for unexpected storms, nothing worse than taking guests through a hair-raising experience. The exception is... if you want to get rid of those guests as your friends.

The right number of life jackets is essential. I got boarded by the fish Commission because they saw 11 people on my boat. They figured I would be good target and collect a fine. Little did they know that the

running joke on my boat is how many life jackets I have on board. We counted 21 that day. But alas, they still gave me a fine because I could not locate my waste disposal sign.

Another first journey must is to brief the crew on safety protocols. I did have the unfortunate experience of having a crew member knocked overboard during a flying gybe. The overboard protocol came in handy, and all ended well. I also have one foredeck crew member who seems to enjoy getting the "mermaid award" at the sailing banquet.

Make sure the dock lines and mooring lines are clear prior to leaving the dock. I have learned first-hand that stanchions; electric cords and the PVC bow line holders are no match for a boat in reverse.

Finally, when leaving the dock make sure you're clear of traffic. I can't tell you the number of times I've seen jet skis, kayaks, small boats, and even very large boats appear out of nowhere as I'm leaving my stall. This can lead to unwanted expletives from all parties.

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Boat Ownership: and "The List"

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Is "THE LIST" getting shorter?

Ahh! All you sea enthusiast let's consider "The List" for tucking the boat away for the winter. It is a time of great despair as the weather is turning. A chill in the air, the wind is rising, and the skies are grey, and there lingers "THE LIST".

- Clean the boat. I must admit this is not one of my points of excellence. I usually put the boat away less than pristine.
- Wash the exterior. Thank God for power washing. The ecosystem that can grow on the bottom of a boat is amazing. It resembles a shag carpet mixed with a biology experiment.
- Inspect for damage. It's good to do a walk around to perfect your skills in procrastination. This year's damage can always be repaired next year.

- Drain all the systems: water, bilge, holding tanks, (I personally had the wonderful experience of a hot water tank rupture and holding tank rupture). The hot water tank was just expensive, the holding tank, on the other hand, was a dreadful cataclysmic devastating calamity. Plus, the boat had an indescribable smell in the spring.

- Stabilize the fuel

General winterizing of the boat includes battery maintenance, changing the oil, flushing the engine and cooling system.

- Store soft goods. Invariably every time I take the cushions off the boat we have a gale.

- Cover the boat. I've long since learned that covering the boat is best done by somebody else. It never fits right it, it's generally a two - or three-man job, and my psychiatrist says it's better for my mental health to hire someone. Unfortunately, my health insurance does not include boat winter cover placement as a covered benefit.

- Remove life jackets and other miscellaneous items like flashlights and other electronics.

- Remove all food items. There is one exception to this rule. That is Twizzlers. I have had Twizzlers spend as much as three winters on the boat and are still edible.

- Clean the fridge. The reason for this item is that invariably hidden in the refrigerator is half used mustard or somebody's leftover yogurt.

- Inspect the security of the boat on its Jack stands or cradle. We've all seen boats no longer upright after a winter storm.

"THE LIST" I have suggested is certainly incomplete. Some might even accuse "THE LIST" as being a title of a Stephen King novel. But that doesn't stop us them being boat owners.

You are probably wondering why anyone in their right mind wants to own a boat. Psychiatrists and Psychologists use a standard manual to classify mental disorders called the DSM or diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders. I am sure somewhere in that manual is a classification for boat owners.

Whether we as boat owners are just crazy, or on the spectrum "THE LIST" is a means to the end that is fulfilling and enriching. It offers a relaxing experience on the water, new adventures, bonding with family and friends, a deep connection with nature, a private retreat, a process of skill development, and multiple other health benefits.

Therefore, I say improve your health on your boat at the Erie Yacht Club.



ELECTION SECTION



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 21st, 2025.

COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

Matt Wolford

VICE COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

Brian Lasher

REAR COMMODORE - ELECT ONE:

Rick Seibel

FLEET CAPTAIN - ELECT ONE:

Ben Cares

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ELECT TWO:

Scott Eighmy

Taylor Hoover

Jon Stull

Ed Verdecchia

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ELECT THREE:

Mike Bane

Sam Colao

Pat Faller

Craig Hill

Frank Jarecki

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 21st, to vote for the candidates of your choice. The doors open at 7:00pm and the meeting starts at 7:30pm.

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:

David McBrier and Tim Weibel.

Also Nominating Committee members:

William Lillis, Jr.- Chair, Carrie Knox, Abbey Busse, David Davis,

Jack Jamison, P/C David Sanner and Commodore Russ Thompson, ex-officio.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The pick up date for financial reports will be available to members as follows:

Unaudited statements are available 11/5/2025

Audited statements to be available after 1/1/2026



COMMODORE MATT WOLFORD

In my Election Statement last year, I reported on progress with the water line replacement project, specifically to reach agreements with Erie Water Works and Erie Western Pennsylvania Port Authority, which effort was coordinated with the City of Erie's planned replacement of the Kawkwa Bridge. Although construction timing did not go precisely as planned, the waterline project was timely completed, the Club received its much-needed Occupancy Permit, and the City replaced the Kawkwa Bridge (with help from the McDonalds). Ravine Drive was in bad shape throughout the summer but was repaved shortly after completion of the Bridge project. In addition, the Port Authority has a contractual obligation to undertake additional upgrades to the road by 2029. All in all, a very good result was achieved for EYC.

Since January, the House Committee has been working hard to oversee and improve clubhouse operations. I want to specially thank P/C Kerry Schwab and Bob Maas for serving as chairs of the Events Subcommittee and Food & Beverage Subcommittee, respectively. I also want to thank Barb Weibel and P/C Jerry Urbaniak for organizing and emceeing another fun-filled Trivia season. We combined the success of Trivia with an initiation fee special to encourage a large number of wonderful members to join as Associates. Welcome aboard! I am grateful for Commodore Thompson's effective leadership this past year. I look forward to working with my fellow Bridge Officers and Board next year and appreciate your vote of confidence. Thank you.



VICE COMMODORE BRIAN LASHER

This past year as Dock Committee Chair has been very rewarding. I greatly appreciate the work of the committee, and especially our dockmaster, Mike Argency, and his assistant, Danielle Adamowicz, who are both consummate professionals. In addition to dealing with numerous member requests and related issues, we oversaw 116 slip changes; we drafted six rule changes for Board approval that, for the most part, simply revised language to meet current practice; and we made difficult decisions due to the rise in labor, material, and energy costs in Docks and Grounds that occurred over the past five years.

In addition, I was a member on the Grounds, Finance, House, Constitution & Bylaws, and Long-Range Planning Committees. Next year, I will continue Vice Commodore Matt Wolford's focus for the House Committee to develop ideas for events, as well as food and beverage recommendations for the general manager, catering, and chefs to consider. I welcome any suggestions from the membership on how to improve our clubhouse.

I would be remiss if I did not express my gratitude for the superb leadership and mentorship Commodore Russ Thompson has provided throughout his tenure, and especially over the past year. I look forward to supporting Matt as he takes over the helm, and working with all members of the Bridge and Board to meet the challenges before us.

I humbly ask for your vote and support next year as we continue our efforts to represent your interests and work on your behalf.

Yours truly, Brian Lasher



REAR COMMODORE RICK SEIBEL

It's been a pleasure to serve the Erie Yacht Club as Fleet Captain this past year. Although I had been familiar with the Club's inner workings for many years by serving on many of its committees, there was still much more to learn. This experience has been more than I had expected in a very positive and satisfying way.

Among the greatest rewards this year is the opportunity to meet and mingle with other seasoned and new members. Learning more details of Club operations through its working committees gives you a perspective of the volunteer efforts that have made our Club so great.

As I look back at the decision to run for a Bridge Office it is without a doubt a most satisfying outcome. With your support I intend to continue my devoted service to the Erie Yacht Club. Thanks for your confidence. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions to insure the future of our Club.

The Bridge Officers



FLEET CAPTAIN BEN CARES

I'm honored to have been nominated for the position of Fleet Captain at Erie Yacht Club. With a deep passion for boating and sailing, this nomination is very meaningful to me, as it reflects both a recognition of my commitment to the Club and a chance to give back to the community that has been such an important part of my boating life. The many friendships I've made, and hope to make in the future, have provided my wife, Mary Jo, and I with countless opportunities to enjoy all the camaraderie our club is noted for.

I've served on the Board of Directors, been a member of the House Committee for the last 6 years, volunteered on the playground project, participated in twenty plus years of the Charity Regatta and am active in the sailboat race fleet. We hail from Meadville (please don't hold that against me!) where I graduated from Allegheny College, recently retired from my ownership of a commercial photography business and was active as a director and past president of our area YMCAs for many years. We've owned both power and sailboats for over 30 years on Lake Erie, and presently sail our Catalina 320, Catch the Wind.

EYC has a rich tradition of excellence in seamanship, camaraderie, and service, and I'm committed to upholding those values. Serving in this role would be a privilege, and I'm excited about the chance to support and represent the interests of all our members on and off the water. I'm looking forward to the possibility of contributing to this position and would appreciate your vote.

Sincerely,
Ben Cares

**Exercise your right as an
EYC Member and...**



Candidates for Board of Directors



SCOTT EIGHMY

I would like to thank the nominating committee for selecting me for consideration for the board of directors at the Erie Yacht Club. I am honored to get their support and humbled for you to consider me to serve you.

My story and background are one of service and leadership. In 1980, I attended West Point, graduating in 1984. I served in The US Army on active duty for five years, holding several positions of leadership in the XVII Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg, NC. Upon exiting the Army honorably discharged, I served in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard for seven years, commanding two logistics companies.

While serving in the National Guard, I began my career at American Turned Products in Erie, PA. I have held positions as engineer, operations manager, plant manager and now serve as CEO. While working full time and raising a family, I received my master's degree in business administration (Finance) from the Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH in 1999. I have served on numerous non-profit boards, both locally and nationally and served as President of a national trade association.

I love the Erie Yacht Club!! I spend much of my free time on my boat with my family and friends. I welcome the opportunity to help make the EYC the premiere yacht club on the Great Lakes!

Thank you for your consideration.



TAYLOR HOOVER

I am excited and humbled to be running for the EYC board of directors. My history with the club goes back to 2004 as a 12-year-old excited to learn sailing thru the Reyburn Sailing School. In the years to follow, I continued to race for the junior race team and instruct sailing for the yacht club. When I was in college, I sparsely sailed and spent all my spare time trying to figure out how to get back out on the water. After a few years away from Erie, my wife and I moved back to Erie in 2021 and the first thing I couldn't wait to do was get a sailboat and get back involved with the EYC community. I found my boat, On Sail, and started racing that summer. Next thing I knew, I agreed to be the vice for the racing fleet, and then the chairman in 2023.

As our network and community at the EYC grew so did our family. I now am the proud father of two young boys and nothing brings me more joy than getting them out on the water to share what shaped me as a person. My oldest son, Arlo, refers to club has his home and I honestly do think this our home because of the great community and members. Serving on the board of directors, my goal is to promote yachting and family values as I do believe these are what makes our club exceptional.

Thank your consideration and support

Candidates for Board of Directors



JON STULL

I'm honored to be an EYC Board of Directors candidate. My boating life began early, spending weekends aboard our family's powerboat. At age 11, friends introduced me to the EYC and the Reyburn Sailing School, where I discovered sailing and formed lifelong friendships. The EYC has always been a welcoming community, and the facility stands out as a premier yachting/social institution in the region.

I've been coming to the club for 30+ years and became a member in 2011. I actively participate in EY-CRF events, meetings, and served as Fleet Chairperson (2015). I regularly volunteer as race committee and serve as PRO each summer for the ILYA Juniors' Regatta. I helped form the Regatta Committee (2018) and have co-chaired it with my wife, Danielle, since 2019. We both grew up sailing and met at a regatta. We recently purchased a J/29 sailboat and are excited to introduce our two young children to the club and boating.

I'm a lifelong Erie resident, Behrend engineering graduate, and a licensed Professional Engineer, working locally. I'm an intelligent, hardworking, and determined individual with a vested interest in continuing to elevate the standards our members and visitors expect.

The friendships and memories I've made here are thanks to dedicated volunteers. I'm excited to help continue that tradition and ensure the EYC remains an inviting place to come enjoy the wind, water, and camaraderie.

I respectfully ask for your vote and appreciate your confidence in my ability to shape, guide, and expand the EYC's bright future.



ED VERDECCHIA

It The Erie Yacht Club is a wonderland that I have enjoyed as a guest since I was a kid and as a member since 1999. My wife Denise and I have owned a scrap iron and metal brokerage business since 1997 and I have been in the trade for over 40 years.

Our two daughters Nancy and Emma are professionals; Nancy, a first grade teacher in town and Emma, an ICU nurse in Pittsburgh. The family has had the pleasure participating at the clubs facilities in many ways.

We have a 34' Sea Ray, two jet skis, an ice boat and a 16' Hobie Cat that the only water it's seen in 30 plus years is rain. If you smell gourmet cooking on the west wall, it's the lovely Denise preparing something that is nothing short of Devine on our grill. Hint – B-5. Both daughters high school graduation parties were at the light house. What fun!

All of us have utilized the restaurant, bar, parties and special events for years bringing family and friends to experience the gem that we all know is the EYC including the best view in town. What a venue we all have to cherish and experience.

Denise and I have sponsored many non-members parties over the years as well. My gentlemen neighbors and I have been coming down every Thursday night for at least 25 years for our 'neighborhood watch'... the world is a safer place when we're out of our wives hair and if you want to kill me... you now know where I'll be.

Thank you for your consideration.

Candidates for Nominating Committee



**MIKE
BANE**

I appreciate being asked to run for the Nominating Committee. My journey at EYC began a couple of years ago after partnering on a sailboat which was raced for one season. My sailing journey continued with my wife purchasing a J-22 last fall (aptly named Not My Thing because as

she quickly told me when we initially discussed my purchasing a boat and joining the yacht club, sailing was NOT her thing) which we raced in the 2025 season. Note: Sailing is our thing.

While relatively new to EYC, I have quickly become an engaged member. My fresh perspective and commitment to service will be an asset to the Nominating Committee, and I am excited to contribute to the club's continued growth and success. I am eager to help bridge the gap between seasoned sailors and those who are just beginning their journey with the club and making sure the club continues to be a place where new and long-standing members can thrive. I am ready to help nominate leaders who will best represent the values and interests of the entire membership.

It would be my honor to serve you. Thank you for your consideration.



**SAM
COLAO**

My name is Sam Colao, Thank you so much for this nomination, this is an honor. I look forward to working with the board and all of you to make sure our Club stays a great place to be.

I've been a member of the Erie Yacht Club since 2022 and have been boating more than 30 years. My wife Liz and I have two adult children, Dominic and Emliana. Dominic is a current junior family member. As a family we plan to enjoy the EYC's amenities for years to come.

I bring many years of business management and customer service including the restaurant industry. The last 20 years of my career, I have been with Prosource Wholesale flooring, a locally owned and operated company and am currently the Showroom Manager. The Erie Yacht Club means a lot to me and my family. I am excited for the chance to give back and help keep things moving forward.



**FRANK
JARECKI**

I am honored to be asked to run for the Nominating Committee of the Erie Yacht Club. I am a proud father of two and have been married to Kimberly Jarecki for 29 years. Both my boys, Michael and JP, were sailing instructors here at the club. Deeply rooted in the Erie community and a long-time, second-generation member of the club, I pursued my education at Allegheny College and Penn State Behrend. As President of Jarecki Valves, a local institution since 1975, I lead a team dedicated to producing one of the last 100% Made in America valve product lines, upholding a legacy of quality and local craftsmanship.

One of my favorite aspects of the club is its profound impact on our younger members. These young individuals represent the future of our community, and providing a safe space where they can grow, build confidence, and discover themselves is more crucial now than ever, especially given the distractions of video games and online influences.

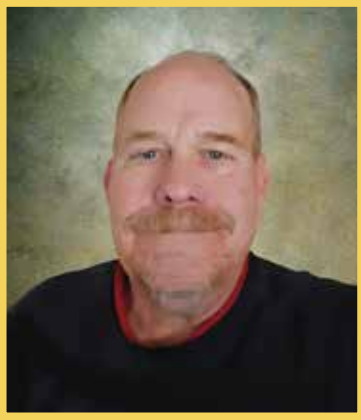
As a member of the Nominating Committee, I'm looking for new candidates who will help our community thrive. We hope to find individuals who are enthusiastic about embracing life, love being active in social events, and have a passion for the water.

Special Resolution Notice:

**PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN
THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE,
YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND
THIS MEETING!**

**THOSE UTILIZING ABSENTEE
BALLOTS ARE ONLY ABLE TO
VOTE FOR THE SLATE OF
OFFICERS, NOT ANY
RESOLUTIONS.**

Candidates for Nominating Committee



**PAT
FALLER**

It is a privilege and an honor to be considered for the nominating committee at the Erie Yacht Club. I welcome the opportunity to give back to a Club that has brought our family and friends so many wonderful memories. On Wednesday nights when I come through the gate and enter

the Erie Yacht Club grounds for the weekly Family JAM race, I often feel as if I am on a mid-week vacation. Our family has enjoyed the Club facilities, boating activities, and sailing school programs since joining in 2002.

Throughout my career in Human Resources I was part of the senior level management team that resurrected Piper Aircraft Corporation from bankruptcy. I have helped source senior level talent for Piper and other Aviation and Aerospace companies to ensure they continued excellence of operations. I feel this is a great opportunity for me to put my 25 years of professional Human Resource experience to work to ensure we select qualified members to fill the slate of candidates. If I am selected to serve on the Nominating committee, I will do my best to aid the committee in identifying the best members to serve the Erie Yacht Club and ensure continued success of our great Club.



**CRAIG
HILL**

My name is Craig M. Hill, and I have been a member of Erie Yacht Club since 2019. I was born and raised in West Virginia, but my family and I have called Erie home for the last 7 years. I am a member of the commercial credit team at Northwest Bank.

My wife, Shelley, is a physician at UPMC Hamot, which is the original reason we relocated to Erie, but it has been a wonderful place to put down roots and raise our two young sons, Ryder (10) and Reylan (4). Since moving to Erie, we have increased both the size of our boat and our family, and love spending summer weekends on the Whiskey Victory, enjoying the beach, the bay, the sunsets, and sleeping out on the water with friends. Ryder just completed his 5th summer at the Rayburn Sailing School and we recently added a small sailboat to our fleet. We're hoping he can teach all of us his new skills, and Reylan can't wait to join him in a few years. As a family, we very much value our time spent at the EYC and are anxious to become more involved and help build a better club community for young families.

Club Offers Absentee Ballot

The 2025 Annual Meeting will take place on Friday November 21st. On October 3rd, requests for an absentee ballot for the election of office will be accepted. You can secure an election ballot by contacting the Club office. The office hours are Monday through Friday from 9am - 5pm. The Club phone number is 453-4931 ext.211.

Please state the address to which you would like your ballot mailed. Ballots will be mailed on Monday, October 28th, which is 25 days prior to the Annual Meeting on November 21st.

The office will keep a list of those members to whom we send a ballot. Once we mail you a ballot, you will not be eligible to receive another ballot.

So if your plans change, and you come to the Annual meeting in person, you will not be given another ballot. **Vote with the ballot you were sent!**

Once you receive your absentee ballot, please mark it and return it to the Club in the specially marked envelope as soon as possible. The returned ballots will be placed under lock and key in the office until the night of the meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer will then give all returned ballots to the Head Teller to be tallied with those cast at the meeting. You may return your sealed ballot to the Club as late as the start of the meeting on November 21st, 2025 @ 4:30.

Any questions? Feel free to stop by or call the Club office.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 1

Proposed Resolution #1: to amend rights and privileges of member spouses

“Resolved, that the rights and privileges of the Auxiliary Membership class be amended as set forth herein.”

This proposal provides for a small number of changes to the EYC Constitution and By-Laws to be approved in its entirety. As a result, passage of the Resolution will require a vote of three-fourths of the Regular Members present at the meeting.

By way of background, the definition of “Auxiliary Member” is set forth in Art. III, Par. 6 of the EYC Constitution, as follows:

“Auxiliary Membership shall be limited to unmarried children of Members (other than Honorary Members) under the age of 21 living at home and spouses of Members (other than Honorary Members).”

No change is being proposed for the above definition. However, to permit spouses of Regular Members to attend meetings and run for elected office, the following amendments are proposed:

Proposed Changes:

Amend Article IV, Par. 8 of the EYC Constitution:

ARTICLE IV **Membership Privileges and Powers**

.....

8. Auxiliary Members shall have the following same rights and privileges ~~as Associate Members:~~ a) unmarried children of Members under the age of 21 living at home shall have the same rights and privileges as Associate Members; and b) spouses of Members shall have the same rights and privileges as their Member spouses, subject to the following limitations: (i) in all elections and votes of the Membership, a Regular Member and his or her spouse shall together be entitled to only one undivided vote; and (ii) only one spouse may serve in any elected position of the Erie Yacht Club at any given time.

ARTICLE XI
Elections Voting

Prior to all elections at Regular or Special Meetings of the Membership of the Erie Yacht Club, there shall first be called the role of Regular Membersship and their spouses, and any Past Commodore, regardless of membership classification, having all dues and indebtedness to the Erie Yacht Club paid in full, and who shall be the only persons entitled to vote. Each Regular Member and his or her spouse shall together be entitled to only one undivided vote. to be cast by either the Regular Member or the spouse, but not both. The voting shall be taken by ballot, with no voting by proxy allowed except for those members voting by sealed absentee ballot, and in the absence of a special provision to the contrary, the majority shall control.

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Amend Section III, Par. 1 and 2 of the EYC By-Laws:

By-Laws

SECTION III
Docks, Slips, Moorings, Lockers

The Dock Committee, having the Rear Commodore as its Chairman, shall be in charge of the allotment, allocation, or renting of slips, docks and moorings, and to determine the charges for the same, and including the initial cost of obtaining a mooring, dock or slip. Winter Storage rates are also determined by the Dock Committee. The point system will be used in determining the space available according to fair and equitable methods as follows:

1.

Each Regular Member shall be allocated one (1) point for each year of continuing Regular Membership. Junior Family Members shall be allocated one-half (1/2) point for each prior year of continuing Jr. Family Membership if said Membership was maintained until they become Regular Members. Auxiliary Member spouses of Regular Members shall not be allocated points.
2.

Each Regular Member shall be allowed two (2) points for each year of slip or dock occupancy, i.e., whether the Member was paying the Club rental for either a slip or dock. Each Regular Member will be allowed ½ point for each year of keg occupancy. No Member shall receive more than 2 points each year for slip, dock or keg occupancy. Auxiliary Member spouses of Regular Members shall not be allocated points.

RESOLUTION #1 (CONTINUED)

Rationale: This proposal replaces the previous Joint Membership proposal, which has been thoroughly discussed in various venues. Two main objectives of the Joint Membership proposal were to allow spouses of Regular Members to attend Annual/Special Meetings and run for elected office. A number of concerns were expressed about the Joint Membership proposal as presented, including concern about effectively eliminating the Auxiliary Member class (which has a rich tradition at EYC) and consequences of Joint Membership status in the event of divorce. This greatly simplified proposal leaves the Auxiliary Member class intact while authorizing spouses of Regular Members to attend meetings and hold elected office. The rights and privileges of Auxiliary Members who are “unmarried children under the age of 21” and/or spouses of Associate Members remain the same. Notably, anything not specifically addressed in the proposal remains unchanged, including but not limited to the consequences of divorce. The Board agrees with the Membership Committee that this new proposal accomplishes the most important goals of the original proposal in a much simpler manner, while also preserving the Auxiliary Member class. Also, as a housekeeping measure, the word “Elections” is being added to the title of Article XI to more accurately reflect the subject matter.



RESOLUTION #2

Proposed Resolution #2: to allow absentee mail-in voting on Resolutions to amend the Erie Yacht Club Constitution and/or By-Laws.

“Resolved, that absentee mail-in voting, which is currently allowed for voting in elections, be extended to also allow for voting on proposed Resolutions to amend the Erie Yacht Club Constitution and/or By-Laws.”

This proposal would amend both the Constitution and By-Laws. The proposed amendment to the EYC Constitution will permit absentee mail-in voting on Resolutions to amend the Constitution and requires approval by three-fourths of the Regular Members present at the meeting. The proposed amendment to the EYC By-Laws will permit absentee mail-in voting on Resolutions to amend the By-Laws and requires approval by a majority of the Regular Members present at the meeting. Because the proposed changes are being presented as one Resolution, passage will require a vote of three-fourths of the Regular Members present at the meeting.

Proposed Changes:

Amend Article XIII of the EYC Constitution

ARTICLE XIII Amendments

The within Constitution may be amended at any Regular Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose; provided, however, that the Board of Directors has submitted the amendment to the Regular Members by United States mail (e-mail shall be acceptable if specified by the member) at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting date and that any such amendment receives a vote of three-fourths of the Members present at the meeting. The Regular Members may submit proposed amendments to the Board of Directors provided those amendments are presented in writing signed by ten (10%) percent or more of the Regular Membership at least sixty (60) days prior to the Meeting date. Regular Members in good standing should have the opportunity to vote for Amendments to this Constitution. Absentee mail-in balloting for such Regular Members who cannot be present at the vote is permitted and shall be administered in the same manner and procedure as absentee mail-in voting for elections under Article XI herein.

RESOLUTION #2 (CONTINUED)

Amend Section VI of the EYC By-Laws

By-Laws

SECTION VI Amendments

The within By-Laws may be amended at any Regular Annual Meeting or any Special Meeting called for that purpose; provided, however; that the Board of Directors has submitted the amendment to the Regular Members by United States mail at least twenty (20) days prior to the Meeting date and that any such amendment receives a vote of a majority of the Members present at the Meeting. The Regular Members may submit proposed amendments to the Board of Directors provided those amendments are presented in writing signed by ten (10%) percent or more of the Regular Members and at least sixty (60) days prior to the Meeting date. Regular Members in good standing should have the opportunity to vote for Amendments to these By-Laws. Absentee mail-in balloting for such Regular Members who cannot be present at the vote is permitted and shall be administered in the same manner and procedure as absentee mail-in voting for elections under Article XI of the Erie Yacht Club Constitution.

Rationale: Many of our Regular Members spend winters away from Erie. At the present time, these members – who are paying full dues and assessments – are not permitted to vote on Resolutions to amend the Constitution and/or the By-Laws unless they return to Erie to attend the Annual Meeting in person. A number of Regular Members have voiced concern that this is an unnecessary restriction on their right to vote, especially given that Resolutions to amend the Constitution and/or By-Laws cannot be modified at a Meeting due to advance notice requirements. The Board of Directors supports Regular Members being given an opportunity to consider and vote on this proposed change.



Ravine Drive is Now Smooth Sailing



The EYC would like to thank everyone involved in the Ravine Drive repaving project for their hard work and patience.

The City of Erie, in collaboration with the Port Authority paved and striped the road which we can all agree was a project that was long overdue. 340 tons of asphalt was used to pave Ravine Drive, with over 100 tons used on the lower section alone.

Whether you were someone who worked directly on the repaving or someone who had to wait which seemed like forever on Ravine Drive to get to or from the clubhouse to allow the workman to do their job. I think you will all agree that the finished result was worth the inconvenience.

The paving is a temporary paving job but it is way better than what we have been dealing with and hopefully it will last a couple of years. A paving that is a more permanent paving is to occur some time in the next 4 years based on a contract that we have with the appropriate parties.

Your patience was appreciated but remember the speed limit on Ravine Drive and the Clubhouse grounds is 15 mph even with a nice smooth road!



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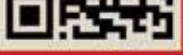
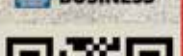
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What is that UFO: & why did it land in Marina Pond?



**Submitted by:
Mark Middleton**



Remote Operations Center

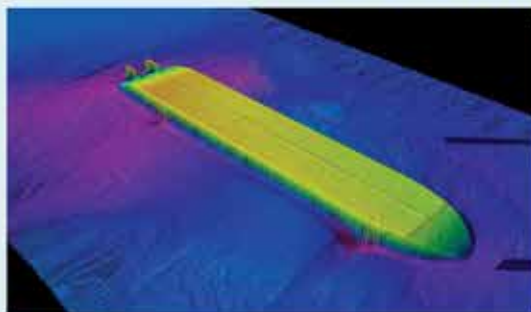
A UFO (Unidentified Floating Object) landed at the Presque Isle boat launch ramp on Thursday, October 2, 2025. I joined many volunteer staff of the Erie Maritime Museum to meet and greet the drone craft's crew at their mobile Remote Operations Center (ROC) set up at Niagara's currently empty pier-side. We learned it is here to survey our lake bottom with the latest technology. Ours was "a close encounter of the best kind."

The Ocean Exploration Cooperative Institute, funded by NOAA and the Center for Coastal Ocean Mapping at the University of New Hampshire, is performing operations to map and explore Lake Erie's lakebed using state of the art technologies for marine robotics and underwater mapping. Chance Maritime Technologies of Louisiana provided the robotic vessel and operations expert to do useful research work while sea testing marine robotics and performing maritime research and exploration. The craft will survey and map the lake bottom at 7 knots during the first half of October.

Surprisingly, marine cartographers have never fully mapped the Great Lakes in detail. Though many charts of the Great Lakes show the shape and depth of our lake floor, they were based on decades old data with low density resolution with depths measured by lead lines.

The Chance L30 USV serves as a diesel-powered platform for the project's research equipment and can travel at a top speed of 12 kts for up to 14+ days with a maximum range of 2,150 nautical miles.

ROC Image SS Howard Gerken on
Lake Erie Bottom



S.S. Howard Gerken-T.P. Phelan





It is 30 feet long with narrow 6.5 foot beam and a draft of 3 feet and has climate-controlled spaces, a payload rack, keel cooling, and an active gyrostabilizer. The team has mounted several remote cameras. As her first operational test, the vessel captured a lake-bottom image of the dredge S.S. Howard S Gerken, lost in a storm seven miles off Erie on August 21, 1926.

This UFO is for Real!



(Submitted by author with a literary S.T.E.M. nod to his collegiate science advisor Dr. J. Allen Hynek and filmmaker Stephen Spielberg)

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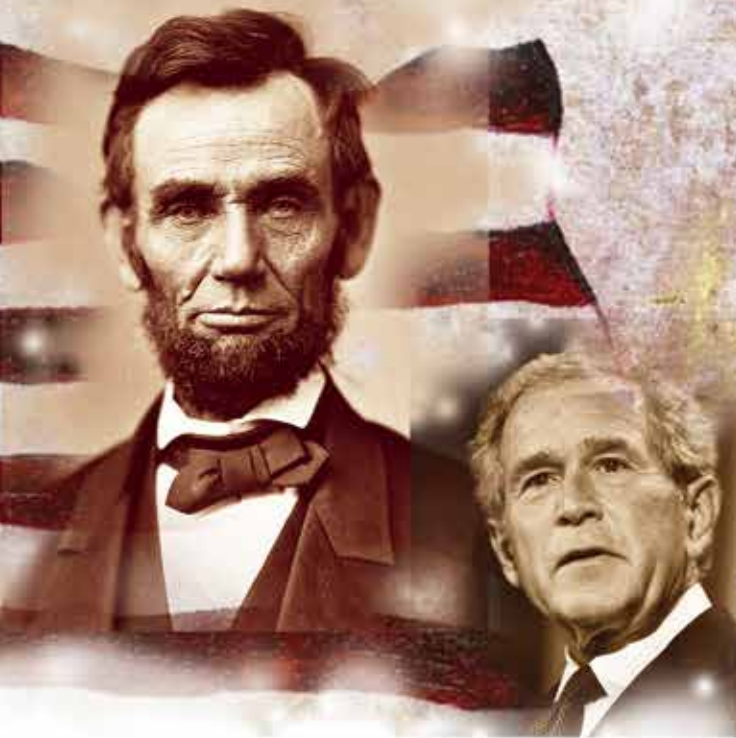
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What's the Good Word?

by Kathy Dundon



In the wake of this election season it only seems fitting to pull some words of wisdom from our most famous elected officials. These U.S. presidents were not only the foundation of our great country but have offered up some great words of wisdom that get us through our day to day lives as well.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

- John Quincy Adams

I walk slowly, but I never walk backward.

- Abraham Lincoln

Change is the law of life and those who look to the past or present are certain to miss the future.

- John F Kennedy

The best way to predict the future is to create it.

- Abraham Lincoln

Always stand on principle... even if you stand alone

- John Adams

Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose.

- Lyndon B. Johnson

When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on

- Abraham Lincoln

Try and fail, but don't fail to try.

- John Quincy Adams

It is easier to do a job right than to explain why you didn't

- Martin Van Buren

Life takes its own turns, makes its own demands, writes its own story, and along the way, we start to realize we are not the author.

- George W. Bush





Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction

- John F. Kennedy

To be good, and to do good, is all we have to do.

- John Adams

The circulation of confidence is better than the circulation of money,

- James Madison

If you always support the correct principles then you will never get the wrong results,

- Andrew Johnson

So, I hope you enjoyed these GOOD WORDS! Don't forget to send your favorite quotes and words of wisdom to: kvdundon@gmail.com for me to maybe include in future EYC LOG articles.

Now for one closing thought:

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If These Docks Could Talk

Leo's Landing

by P/C Gib Loesel



Do not ask me why but for some reason I have a small collection of OLD Erie Postcards with some delightful pictures, one of the things that amazes me is the quality of the pictures, all before old Captain Al was around!! The other day the picture of Leo's Landing with the Erie Yacht Club in the background popped up for sale, I invested \$12.95 which got me to "thinking" again, about our wonderful Peninsula.

So, I started looking at my small collection and a few other pictures that are on my computer, mostly forgotten like the other "Gazillion" that come from our amazing phones and cameras. A few of them are featured below, each one has a story.

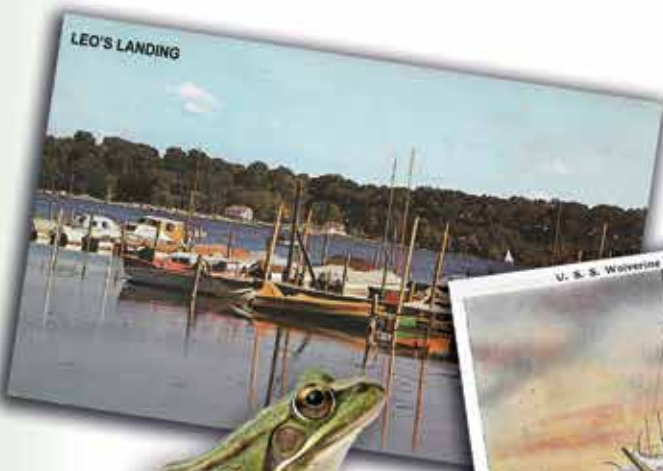
As usual when I think something relates to EYC I look back at the 100 year history book, and sure enough on page 108 there is a brief mention of Leo Hess and now that I am thinking about Leo, it seems strange that we didn't write more about him. (There is always more to a story)

As a Canoe House Brat, I remember when Leo became the "Day Man" (the title of Dock Master had not yet been invented) and of course we all knew that he operated Leo's Landing just across the bay. Leo was also a retired U.S. Navy Chief Bosun Mate with an extremely deep raspy voice and played a saxophone in one of the local dance bands. With his deep raspy voice and a retired navy Chief, when he barked at you, you jumped and "turned to."

In 1904 our EYC Commodore was William L Morrison who later became the first superintendent of the Presque State Park. According to Mr. Google he did not have, so asked for money in his budget, and in 1930 he created a marina by ordering a single pier jutting out into Presque Isle Bay. At first it was just called Morrison's dock.

After he left the park, the pier fell into disrepair. By 1944, the park management decided that the park needed a second boat concession, so it was rented out and repaired. In the mid-1950s, Leo Hess took over the boat livery from the original concessioner Carl Alstadt. He named it Leo's Landing; it lasted for about 20 years at that location.

If you look closely at the map above "cut out" picture, note the small bay next to Leo's, which for a long time was known as "Stink Hole". So named because it is where the carcasses of now deceased Sturgeon were burned after they had been stripped of their eggs and used for Caviar. (today's price 3 oz. \$250.00)



When I start a story it often takes a crooked turn from its original thought process, for example, I intended to recall some of my fun "Lighting Sailing Days" and how we beached boats next to Leo's to wash the bottoms by pulling on the main halyard to tip them on their sides, and clean the bottoms but once again my mind started to wander, thinking about the other marinas that were part of the bay or lagoons.

In or about 1957 the beautiful anchorage (New Lake, my words) in the middle of Presque Isle was being dragged to use the bottom sand to help build up and preserve the beaches on the lakeside. The "New Lake" also became the site for The Presque Isle Marina which now has 400+ slips! There is also a large Marina at the head of the bay behind Sarah's. I also stumbled across the sign for Denmark's Marina in the lagoons. Do not ask me why but I remember his first name was Cy.

So, as I grow to the end of this rambling, I also wanted to share with you the postcards of the U.S.S. Wolverine moored in front of Perry's Memorial and of course the fact that P/C Morrison was her Captain. And the post card from the channel where the Coast Guard Station is located but was then known as a "Life Saving Station."

If These Docks Could Talk, they would say, "Old post cards captured some great history and memories." For a complete history of Presque Isle, EYC member Gene Ware is the author of "A History of Presque Isle"




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EYC Donates "Turbo Draft" to Erie Fire Dept.



On September 18, 2025 the Erie Yacht Club held a luncheon for Erie Fire Dept. leadership and crew from the Station 11 fire house.

During the event, EYC donated a "Turbo Draft" to the EFD. This equipment had been purchased to meet fire codes prior to the implementation of our new sprinkler system.

A turbo draft establishes a water supply for a pumper from distant or hard-to-reach water sources, like ponds or lakes, without requiring traditional drafting. It operates by using pump pressure which creates a powerful water jet, drawing a large volume of water from the static source and supplying it back to the fire truck through a large diameter hose.

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November Calendar of Club Events

- 7th "Sweata Weatha" Happy Hour
6pm - 9pm • Pull on your coziest knit and join us for crisp drinks, warm bites, and autumn vibes. Live Music with Riffriders Remix Wear your coziest sweater and get 25% off House Liquors, House Wine, & Draft Beer 6pm-8:30pm
- 14th Wine Tasting Dinner • 6pm - 9pm
Join us for a chef crafted wine dinner featuring a delectable menu paired with complimenting wines! Reservations Required 453-4931 x210 Limited to 32 Seats • \$129.95 per person
- 21st EYC Annual Meeting
Clubhouse Ballroom • Doors Open 7pm Meeting Begins 7:30pm
Only Regular Members can attend
No Guests or Spouses Please
Regular Dinner Service available at the Clubhouse from 5pm-9:30pm
- 26th Topsy Turkey Happy Hour
6pm - 9pm • Gobble 'til you wobble with us on Thanksgiving Eve! Live Music with Shoreline Drink Specials 25% off House Liquor, House Wines, & Draft Beer 6-8:30pm (regular dinner menu also available)
- 27th Happy Thanksgiving!
Best Wishes to Our Members & Their Families
Club Closed for the Holiday

EYC's Traditional Tom & Jerry New Years Day Event

**Ring in the New Year
with your Officers
& Dare the "Nog"!**

See Club Website Social Calendar
for details as available

• Club Closed Otherwise •

Dining Features



EYC's A la Carte Brunch

Every Saturday & Sunday! 11am - 2pm
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Reservations Not Required
Lunch Menu Also Available

Not Available on Specialty Brunch Buffet
Sunday's or Club Events



Tacos and Tequila Tuesdays!

Every Tuesday Night October 7th through
November 18th from 5pm - 7:30pm

Enjoy 3 Signature Tacos, Rice, Beans,
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Pairs well with our Margarita Specials!



Walleye & Whiskey Wednesdays!

Every Wednesday, October 8th
through November 19th from
5pm - 8:30pm

Dive into a new walleye special -
something different each week,
always delicious!

Pair your catch with our whiskey spe-
cial, the perfect match for midweek
flavor.

• \$\$ Market Price \$\$ •



Twist & Twirl Pasta Night!

Every Thursday October 9th through
November 20th • 6pm - 8:30pm

Thursday nights stop in and enjoy a
hearty pasta station with your choice
of a house salad & dinner roll.

End your evening with an indulgent
slice of Nona's Tiramisu • \$18.95!

Pair your Favorite House Wine for a
25% off discount... Magnifico!

**Remember:
The Grill Room is closed
every Monday**

December Calendar of Club Events

- 4th EYC 2nd Annual Holiday Sip & Shop
6pm - 8pm • Make Your Holiday
Shopping a Breeze with over 24
Vendors & Join us as we Sip &
Shop for the Holidays!
- 6th The EYC Holiday Ball Returns!
"Mingle with Kris Kringle" • 6pm-
Complimentary Cocktail Hour
with Hors D'oeuvres,
7pm Formal Sit-Down Dinner
\$75+ + per person
Music with The Groove at 7pm
Reservations Required x209
- 12th Rum Rum Rudolph Happy Hour!
6pm - 9pm • Join us and your
fellow members for some
pre-holiday cheer!
Live Music with Acoustic Gypsies
25% Off House Liquor, Draft Beer &
House Wines 6pm - 8:30pm
- 13th Breakfast with Santa Brunch
Buffet • 10am - Noon
Magic Show! Balloon Animals!
Visit with Santa with a Treat Bag
for all those on the Nice List!
Reservations Required x209
- 19th A Dickens Strolling Carolers Night
5pm - 9pm • Step into the spirit
of Dickens and toast the season!
Carolers to perform at 6pm
25% off House Liquor, Wine, and
Draft Beer from 6pm - 8:30
Regular Dinner Service,
Reservations Strongly Recommended
- 24th - 25th Club Closed for the Holiday
- 26th Ugly Sweater Happy Hour!
6pm - 9pm! • Bring us your worst!
Live Music with Just We Two
25% Off House Liquor, Draft Beer &
House Wines 6pm - 8:30pm
- 31st Noon New Years Eve Kids Party!
11am-Brunch Buffet
Recommended for Kids 12 & Under
Reservation Required x209
- New Years Eve Dinner
6pm - 12:30am • Ring in the New
Year as we say goodbye to 2025 &
welcome 2026 in with style!
Music with Denny & Heather 6-9pm
DJ Duane 9pm-12:30am
Reservations Required x209

EYC 2nd Annual Holiday Sip & Shop!

Make Holiday Shopping A Breeze & Join Us!
Thursday December 4th • 6pm to 8pm
In the EYC Ballroom



- Over 24 Featured Vendors •
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- Reservations NOT Required, No Entrance Fee

Mingle with Kris Kringle

The EYC Holiday Ball Returns!

Saturday, December 6th

6pm Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres

7pm Formal Sit-Down Dinner
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Saturday, December 13th

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Rum Rum Rudolph Happy Hour!

Friday, December 12th • 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Live Music with Acoustic Gypsies 6pm-9pm
25% Off House Liquor, Draft Beer & House Wines

Reservations Recommended



Ring in the New Year At the EYC!

Enjoy Special
Features as well as
the full Grill Room Menu

Live Music with
Denny & Heather
from 8pm-9pm
Dancing with DJ Duane
9pm-12:30



Reservations Required

