

EGG HARBOR YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Dear EHYC Member,

We hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the beauty of fall in Door County or wherever your travels take you. Summer flew by quickly; we hope you were able to enjoy many of our planned events. The Board has already begun to book our 2018 summer activities!

We celebrate the long history of the Egg Harbor Yacht Club and will be sharing 'snippets' of our history in future newsletters. We begin with this photo of the 1995 EHYC Board.

Have a wonderful and relaxing winter wherever you spend it and check our website often for updates on our winter gatherings in both Door County (January) and Southwest Florida (February).

Your 2017 EHYC Board



1995 EGG HARBOR YACHT CLUB BOARD MEMBERS

Back Row: Tom Knab, **KARL KLUG**, **JOHN PROTZ**, Ken Mathys, Sr., Mike Lindemann
Front Row: Pauline McCallister, **LUCY KLUG**, **SUE WHITTEMORE**, Bod Denniston
(Current members are in **BOLD**)

Fall Dinner Invocation

by member and Past Commodore, Jack Whittemore

Heavenly Father,

This is a family get together. We are a happy family steeped in tradition. Part of that tradition is respect for our past and openness for new friends and new horizons. Of course, we don't mention one of our members on his beautiful sailboat propping up his hatch with a beaten up rusty old Wisconsin beer can for years. Or our finest fisherman showing off doing wheelies in the fastest fishing boat in Wisconsin, all loud engine but not many fish. Shows how diversified our membership really is, all applications accepted. The most handsome man ever in our club was Bill Protz, John Protz's father and yes, prettier than John. Bill and I used to talk down on the dock. He was a B-17 pilot in WW2, shot down, imprisoned by the Germans, survived terrible conditions, and still came back to Egg Harbor. A common prayer for those airmen in those dark days was simple and powerful. "Our Heavenly Father, give us tomorrow." We have members from all walks of life in our family, all with a history of service of one kind or another, and a caring and respect for each other. That's just our tradition.

Whenever you are on a boat approaching our harbor, the first thing you see is the huge American flag flying on the Horseshoe Bay Bluff, and then rounding the point another American flag flying above the dock. That means we are home, our family home. We pray that our family will carry on our traditions, to rejoice in our freedoms, and make these gatherings a place for humor and joy, but always remembering the ones who earned this and brought us here.

Amen

COMMODORE'S CORNER



Dear EHYC members,

As the 2017 season in Door County comes to a close, I would like to share the following with everyone. Our club has 77 memberships. We had six highly successful dockside gatherings of various themes, two family picnics on July 4th and Labor Day weekends, the spring luncheon at Gordon Lodge, and the fall dinner at Horseshoe Bay Golf Club. Our sailboat race committee scheduled 11 Saturday series races; two were cancelled for weather. Additionally, our club hosted the Family Races on the July 4th and Labor Day weekends at the Egg Harbor Marina.

Each of these events were well attended and fun. I wish to commend all those who helped throughout the season to ensure that these events were successful.

As this 2017 season comes to an end, on behalf of your Board, I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season, safe travels where ever you go and of course a healthy and happy New Year, and we look forward to your return to Door County next season.

Ken





Marina Report September 2017 - Bill Freyman

An Update. The season is winding down.

In previous issues, I've written about the management of the marina and in particular about the progress our marina management team, F/3 Marina, is making as they work to ensure that our marina is the best municipal marina on the peninsula. Let's take a look at the year so far and some of the plans for next season.

First, as usual, the marina is full operating at 100% capacity. The slip wait-list is now completely up-to-date and cleared of old slip requests that are no longer viable. Interestingly, it seems that requests for smaller slips are growing and the shift is leaning to the 25' and 30' sizes. This year we added 11 new wait-list customers. And speaking of wait-lists, we currently have 30 hoping to get in the marina for Pumpkin Patch!

Second, work continues on the bathroom moisture issues. Although the rooms have fared better this year, we are looking at long-term resolution of the issue. Condensation from not only interior, but also exterior humid air is our major problem. The bathrooms are unheated and built of concrete block. When the dew temperature is just right, even if no one is showering in the building, we have moisture buildup. The team and the Harbor Committee are researching potential solutions.

Next, we are beginning to work on several long-term maintenance issues. There are three that concern us most. One is the fact that some of the black plastic dock floats have sheared the bolts which hold them in place. As the floats move, the docks become rocky and when ice moves in, we face the possibility of even more movement of the floats. That issue needs to be addressed. We will work with a contractor to find a fix for the issue.

Another is that we were concerned that the docks along the launch ramp were in danger of floating off the tops of the pipes which fasten them to the lake bottom due to high water levels. We were so concerned that we marked the gaps in the docks where the pipes had previously been visible with orange cones so that boaters would not step into the void. Eventually, we extended the pipes adding a couple of feet to the tops solving the problem. (Continued on next page)



MARINA REPORT CONTINUED:

Last, we are beginning to research the effects the high lake levels are having on the harbor wall. As you know, the wall was built several feet lower than initially designed. We are only being prudent by beginning to measure the effects that the high levels may be having on the wall, not only during stormy weather in the warm months, but also during the winter months when ice buildup on the bay could prove problematic. The Harbor Committee and the F/3 team will be tele-conferencing with the wall's designers during the next meeting on September 27th. No one knows yet if there is any reason to be concerned about the health of the wall beyond normal wear and tear. This is a major public investment, so taking care of it is important and proper.

Fourth, let me point out that a number of projects have been completed or are nearing completion. The playground fence has been replaced. No more rotten posts! The new WiFi equipment is up and running and assuming it works as designed we can begin phasing out the cable TV system. And the staff seems to have enjoyed a good season with positive comments about their work not only with boat handling but also maintenance of the facility. As I continue my weekly "dock walks" talking to visiting boaters, I am getting nothing but positive comments about our little marina and its staff. There will always be problems here and there, but they appear now to be pretty isolated events and not institutional failings.

Fifth. One item that is disappointing is the fishing issue. We have been able to reduce the number of problems with our new signage and fisherman etiquette education efforts, but our decision to restrict fishing from certain dock areas ran into a problem. The conditions imposed on the facility when we used certain public grant funds for its construction prohibit us from restricting public access for certain activities like fishing. We had planned to stencil the docks to designate no-fishing zones, but that won't happen. We'll keep monitoring the issue.

Sixth. One other issue we're monitoring is the parking situation. We will be looking back on the season as we wrap up for the year to review how our new efforts to manage parking have worked out. If you have any insights to share in that regard, let Bob Dunworth, Karl Klug, or me know so that we can share them with the committee.

Next, let me mention a few items that we're looking at for next year. First, we plan to replace the grills. We've tried fixing them, but it isn't working. Second, we plan to add several emergency ladders to the docks so that anyone who falls in can climb out. Third, we'll be upgrading the office printer, cleaning up the landscaping, and promoting the marina to encourage greater transient use.

Finally, at the end of July, the marina was slightly behind its revenue targets for the season and expenses were also down. The fact is that May and June were miserable boating months. Our income loss due to the weather not counting fuel sales was nearly \$10,000 due to cancelled and shortened transient reservations. The good news is that July was terrific. Revenue for July increased \$60,000 over June and was \$5000.00 higher than July 2016. What that means is that as of July 31st, we were only \$5000 behind our targeted revenue expectations. Let's hope August was strong.

Please remember that EHYC has three members sitting on the Egg Harbor Harbor Committee. If you have any ideas, questions, concerns, please pass them along to us. We are all committed to maintaining and constantly improving the finest municipal marina in Wisconsin.



WOMEN AT THE HELM RACE

Our Annual 'Women at the Helm Race' was held on Saturday, August 5th. It was a fun afternoon with fair winds. Coleen Ulrich and her crew on Salem Witch took first place with Captain Marty Moravec on Rainbow's End coming in second. Third place went to Jackie Ritchie and her crew on Blue Run. Sixteen-year old Alex Rapp earned the 'Young Skipper Award.' Shawn Mathys on Mariah received the Helmswoman Award and Gwen Porter on Sabbatical earned the Yachtswoman Award. Congratulations to all these Skippers and their crew.



COMMODORE'S OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Our Fall Dinner and Annual Member meeting was held on Friday, September 15, at the Horseshoe Bay Beach Club. It was a relaxing evening with delicious food, wonderful company, and a great way to end our 2017 boating season. Four long-time members of our club were honored with the 'Commodore's Outstanding Service Award' in appreciation for their many years of loyal and dedicated service to the Egg Harbor Yacht Club, as well as, Lifetime Membership Awards. Karl & Lucy Klug, members since 1976, and Jack & Sue Whittemore, members since 1981, received this well-deserved award. CONGRATULATIONS!!



ROCK N ROLL 50'S



PIRATES OF DOOR COUNTY



BLOODY MARY



MARGARITAVILLE

OUR THEMED SATURDAY DOCKSIDE GATHERINGS

HAWAIIAN



NAUTICAL



2017 SATURDAY RACE SERIES RESULTS

Below are the final results for this summer's race series. Congratulations to Steve Smith & Jim Rapp on 45 North for placing first, Ken Ulrich on Salem Witch for placing second, and John Protz on Yuletide for placing third. It was definitely a competitive and fun-filled summer of sailing! Hats off to all skippers and their crew.

Boat	6/17	6/24	7/8	7/15	7/22	8/5	8/12	8/19	8/26	Total
45 North	8	7	8	10	10	9	9		9	70
Salem Witch		10	7	8	6	4	8	9	10	62
Yuletide	9	6	10			10	10	4	7	56
Blue Run	6		5	7	3	8		5	6	40
Door 1		5	9	6	9			3	8	40
Joet de Mer	10		4	9	5		6	6		40
Rainbow's End		9		5	4	6		8	5	37
OO7		8		3	8		7	10		36
Mariah	7	4	3	4		7	5			30
Sabbatical			6		7	5		7		25



Our 2017 NEW MEMBERS!

- Susan & Carl Becker
- Eileen & Ronald Dimick
- Mindy & Bo Ellis
- Beth & Bob Faucett
- Elizabeth & Michael Maves
- Mary & Jim Myrland
- Carol Van Der Perren & Don Pamperin
- Sandi & Lynn Rowe
- Gail & Bill VandeCastle



BURGEES



The club has burgees available. They can be purchased through Karl Klug, treasurer. The cost is \$20 each. kjkk@dcwis.com



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