

EGG HARBOR YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Dear EHYC Member,

Happy summer!!! We hope you were able to attend our Spring Luncheon on June 3rd at Alexander's in Fish Creek or our first Dockside Saturday Gathering on the 9th.

Our next Saturday Gathering will be at 4:00 p.m. this Saturday, June 23rd. Please bring a snack to share and your own drinks. Our hosts for that afternoon will be Janet & Dick Grota and Jackie & Rich Ritchie and the theme will be 'Cowboy Hoedown.'

The EHYC Annual Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 7th following our '4th of July Family Race' that begins at 10:00 a.m. that morning. Why not come spend the day watching the race and enjoying the company of other members? Please check the dates of our future activities and try to attend as many as you are able.

We hope you are enjoying the beauty of Door County and the company of other EHYC members this summer!

Your 2018 EHYC Board



Egg Harbor – 1950's

A BLAST FROM OUR PAST

Hi,

I am Steve Smith and I have been asked to be the Club Historian. I must be getting old when someone asks me to recall the marina in the "old days" as if I was there.

On page one you saw a picture most members may not have seen. It shows the Egg Harbor Dock back in the 50's, I have been told. You can see the squarish steel breakwall which was the basis of our existing steel structure supporting our small parking lot, bio filter, and fuel dock. The pier on the left was just behind the condos a block north of the new marina. At that time, it was a motel. Egg Harbor was quiet and small back then. Some of the major roads are visible and you can compare them with what we have today.

When we built the new marina, Mike Fitzgerald, the Harbor Committee Chairman asked me to come up with some fitting way of naming our three new piers. I did some research and found that there has been a dock, pier, or marina in Egg Harbor dating back to the Civil War and perhaps longer. They all were called the "Cherry" something. I then decided we should keep that name and perhaps add to it. Apples and Birch trees came to mind. There you have it. Our piers were named, Apple, Birch and Cherry.

Steve

COMMODORE'S

CORNER



Dear EHYC member,

As I watched the weather reports and the continued predictions for cold weather and snow in Door County this winter, I was wondering when spring was going to come. April surprised us with an unexpected snow storm! Whatever happened to "April Showers"? During one week in May we had our spring and now it finally appears to be summer. Thanks goodness!

Last night we had another impromptu Thursday night party. As always, it was great to enjoy our beautiful marina and harbor with our fellow members and guests. We were rewarded with another beautiful sunset.

The slips are almost full as this year's boating season has begun. On June 16th there will be the second race of the Saturday series races. Please come to crew or watch the boats! This event is only one of the many opportunities for you and your family to enjoy the activities that are scheduled for this summer.

Hope to see you soon!

Ken

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JULY 7th!!!

Please call Jackie Ritchie at 262-781-9395 or email her at ritchiejackie3@gmail.com if you can help with desserts, set-up, serving, or clean-up. THANKS!



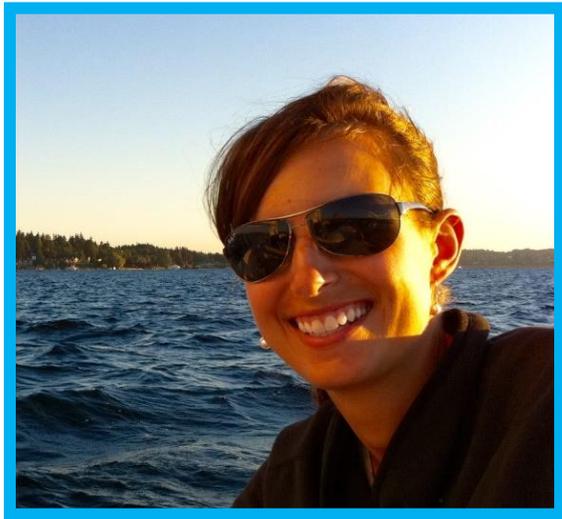
INVOCATION – SPRING LUNCHEON – 6/3/18
ALEXANDER’S – Fish Creek, WI
By: Jack Whittemore

Our Heavenly Father:

Thanks for giving us such a good deal. If we were celebrating a membership in the New York Yacht Club, this brunch would be in the 100 dollars, for each bite membership around \$12,000 a year, an initiation fee of \$25,000, three letters of recommendation, and you have to be sponsored by special invitation. Their invocations would be 30 plus minutes.

You can't buy what we have. Commodore Ken, Lucy and Karl, Pam, are priceless, plus our board, and every member here. No one ever gets cut, and we won't consider trading anyone. The beauty of Egg Harbor is free, your gift. New York's club dates to 1884. We are much younger, vibrant in spirit, with no old grouches in the club. And now we have a cannon. What's not to like. Our best prayer is a simple word, "thanks."

A-men



Dear Egg Harbor Yacht Club friends,

July 16th marks our sweet Melissa's greatest adventure. Our beautiful sailor was killed on that day in a sailing accident. Melissa sailed out of Egg Harbor so many, many times and lived on Yuletide with us many a summer!!!

We hope on this day you will do any adventure you wish: could be watching nature and sipping wine, hiking, biking, being kind to someone who it is hard to do so..... Make A Difference that day!!! We don't want to brag but our sweet Melissa did Make A Difference in the lives of our wonderful youth!!!

If you are looking for a great place for making an impact; her foundation is a great one. Every penny goes directly to the programs our committee chooses!!! I am in awe and have hope in our future through the youth we already have impacted. Any of you that have donated you would be so proud!!! Your every dollar is truly Making A Difference.

We want to sincerely thank you for supporting our family through this process. Our absence at times, and scattered behavior of unbelievable grief, could be weird to observe we are sure! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts....The Protz Family

Fulcrum/Melissa Protz
Make A Difference
[710 9th Ave.](#)
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The season has finally begun and the Egg Harbor Marina is operating smoothly under the direction of our new harbor manager, Ali Gibbs. With ten years of experience at the marina in Waukegan, Illinois she has quickly and professionally stepped into her new role in Egg Harbor. The marina committee enjoyed the advantage of having a professional harbor management team in place late this winter, when our former manager accepted a job much closer to home and husband. F3 Marina's staff didn't miss a beat getting our new manager on the job, the marina open, staff complete, and scheduled dock repairs finished.

So here is a brief update on some of the news from the marina. For those of you who are technical geeks, you will want to know that the new lift pump we installed last year at the pump-out station performed perfectly and was easily removed for winter storage and then reinstalled this spring. Designed to eliminate any damage caused by freezing and thawing, the system worked as designed.

Safety ladders will be added to Apple and Birch docks early this summer. The committee has responded to a concern that if anyone falls overboard inside the marina, there is no good way for that individual to climb back out. The ladders will help. Cherry dock is not too much of a problem because it's close to the launch ramp. Anyone in the water there could walk out once reaching the ramp. Apple and Birch really should have ladders.

In response to a concern about stray electrical currents possibly being present in the marina, we plan to test for stray currents during this summer. We had hoped to complete that testing prior to the opening of the season, but snow and ice delayed all of that. Once we complete the testing, we'll let everyone know what, if anything, we find.

Dock repairs were carried out this spring on the floats which support the docks. Nearly 70 floats had to be reattached to the wooden structure. The floats are connected to the system by a series of bolts which are fastened in grooves on the sides of the floats. If the bolts shear, the floats move beneath the docks and make them unstable. At first glance, it's easy to imagine that this is a design flaw. In fact, ice damage is minimized by allowing the bolts to break. We did not suffer all of the damage we fixed this spring this winter. We had a backlog of floats to reattach and decided to have all of the work completed while we had a contractor available. In the past, any floats that caused individual problems were repaired by our own public works staff.

As usual this winter, the two steel pilings that guide the docks along the launch ramp were pulled from the lakebed by ice. It seems that we have to reset these every year, so we're exploring the idea of installing bubblers along these two pilings to keep ice away from them next winter. We haven't completed our work on this issue yet.

Our new grills are present, and I've passed along the suggestion that we have brushes for scraping the grills clean in place. I'll follow up on that.

Finally, I have to say that the new staff has made a good first impression on me. On launch day, they came down to our boat to see if we needed a hand or any help with the actual launch. They seem to be engaging boaters and visitors, including fishermen, and I've seen them working hard to keep the place clean. I know that Ali has conducted formal training for her staff, so they should be able to perform as expected. If you have any comments about their performance, please let a committee member know how you feel. We won't micro-manage the marina, but we will follow up to make sure the facility and staff meet our expectations.



Egg Harbor Yacht Club is a Door County Maritime Museum Day Sponsor

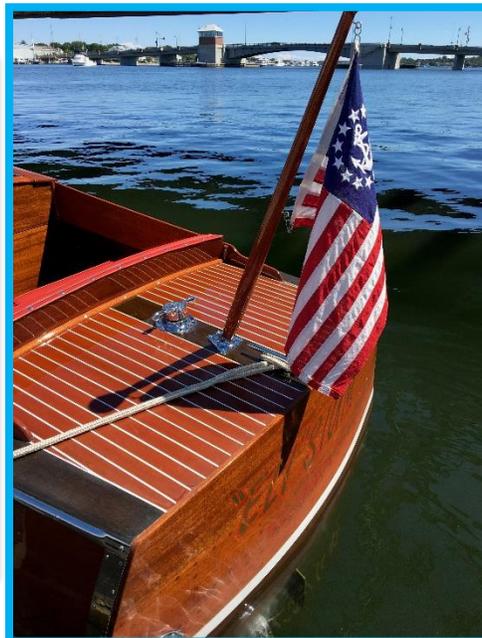
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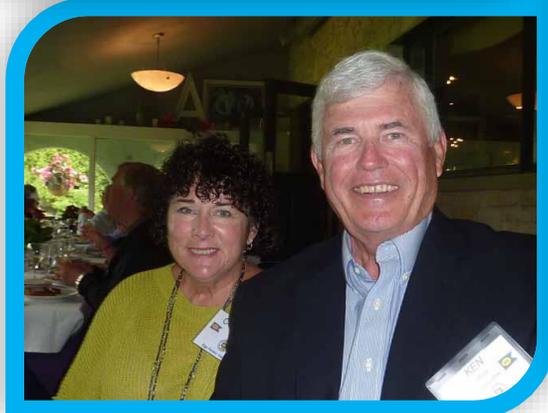
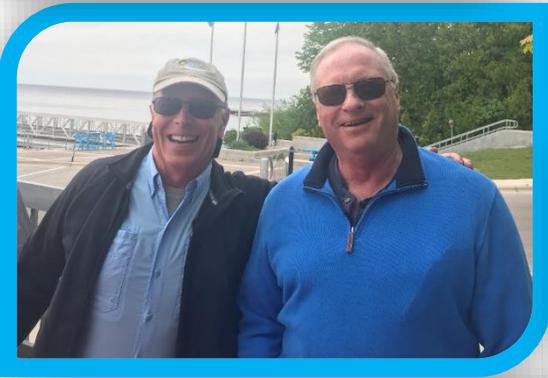
Once again this year, the members of the Egg Harbor Yacht Club have joined with other boating enthusiasts to support the mission of the Door County Maritime Museum by becoming a Day Sponsor. The club donated \$250 and is again the official sponsor for Sunday, August 12th the second day of the Door County Classic and Wooden Boat Festival. The EHYC joins The Glacier Lakes Chapter (Wisconsin) of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, which has sponsored Saturday, August 11th, the first day of the festival.

With our sponsorship, EHYC is being recognized at all three museum locations, Sturgeon Bay, Gills Rock, and at the Cana Island Light Station. Our participation will appear on the museum's website and Facebook page with links to our website. We will also receive recognition through the museum's Mari-Times newsletter and electronic bulletins to museum members. Members should feel good about stepping up to help preserve and maintain the boating heritage of Door County.

August 12th is a great day to attend the Classic and Wooden Boat Festival, and EHYC members should plan to drive down and enjoy the event. It would actually be fun to meet there and experience the day together. Not only will there be terrific classic boats to view, great food, and fun for all ages, but Sunday brings the conclusion of the Sikaflex Challenge. It's an in-the-water timed race of the hand-built boats constructed by two person teams on Saturday. Some of the imaginatively-decorated boats will actually finish the course, others may not. It's great fun to watch the chaos.

For information about the event, visit www.doorcountyclassicboatfestival.com. The museum's website is www.dcm.org.





Sailing the Sea of Abaco Bahamas

By Jackie and Rich Ritchie

The Abacos..... are in the northeastern **Bahamas about 185 miles from Florida.** The Sea of Abaco is protected from the Atlantic by the third largest coral reef in the world. The normal water depth is 7' and varies from 3' to 15', nerve racking shallow water sailing. There are marked cuts in the cays (keys) to reach the Atlantic. The waves are one foot to one and a half feet in high winds.

Late last September while in Milwaukee, our neighbor Jan invited Jackie and friend Linda for a sail out of McKinley Marina. During the pleasant cruise Jan mentions organizing a catamaran sail for Spring 2018. We'll be sailing on a 48-foot cat with 2 Volvo Penta diesels, one gas generator, main sail and jib, 4 cabins each with a head.

The crew includes captain Jan retired RN, her husband Mark retired financial planner, Karen retired MD her husband Ron retired IT professional and sailing instructor, Linda retired flight attendant and her husband Bill retired actuary and Jackie retired teacher and husband Rich (somebody must keep working... software business).

After a fun-filled weekend stay in Naples with three EHYC couples, Sandy and Bill Ward and Pam & Mike Plamann, which included a boating day from Bonita Springs to Fort Meyers hosted by Pete & Cheryl Tedlie, we capped off the weekend with a spirited bon voyage party at Linda & Bill Koenig's (see pictures below).

The sailing crew flew to Marsh Harbor, Bahamas for the Dream Yacht Charter company boat briefing and to provision the boat for 8 days of sailing. Plenty of cash was collected for the \$50 per case of local "Sands" beer along with a much-needed variety of libations and some food and water. Karen is a gourmet cook, we ate like kings.

We cast off for Bakers Bay, our first anchorage. With winds gusting to 29 knots motoring was the only option for this 3.5-hour journey. Bakers Bay used to be a Disney cruise overnight destination, it now has a private landing strip, sea port, first class golf course and lined with mansions own by professional golfers including Tiger Woods. With steady 24 knot winds anchoring was a challenge when the anchor bridle broke. Ron and Rich made a make-shift bridle out of the dock lines. It was a sleepless night, but the anchor held.

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(Abaco trip continued)

Next day we headed under power for Man-O-War Island, a safe harbor where we luckily snagged the last mooring. With strong winds, heavy rain and lightning we held up here for two nights. Man-o-War was settled in 1785 by British Loyalists. Like Ephraim, a dry town dotted with church steeples. Fortunately, we were well stocked. The town people were friendly, plus we enjoyed exploring their beautiful Atlantic beaches, taking long walks gathering washed ashore pieces a coral.

Hope Town, another safe harbor, was Friday's destination reached under power due to 25 knot winds. It is a beautiful settlement, nice restaurants, lots of quaint lodging and shops. We explored the island which included hiking to the famous Candy Stripe lighthouse. We befriended a local who is a 3rd generation descendant of the British Loyalists. She lived all her life on the island and has relatives living in Racine and Green bay. She's a big Packer Fan!

Tahiti Beach, known for beautiful sand strips, was our destination for the next night. At last we hoisted the sails (only 18 to 22 knot winds) for two hours. This was our only sail of the trip and we were being chased by thunder, lighting and rain. From here we motored back to Marsh Harbor, in the rain for our last night on the boat.

Jackie's warm-weather vacation curse was with us. She has brought unseasonable rain, wind, hail, hurricanes and forest fires to Hawaii, Mexico, Grand Cayman, Colorado, Florida (evacuated), Saint Thomas, California, and now the Bahamas. Who wants to plan their next warm-weather trip with Jackie?

During this 8-day cruise we had the best time ever!!!! Everyone hugged goodbye with memories of laughter and camaraderie.



UPCOMING EHYC SUMMER EVENTS 2018

DOCKSIDE SATURDAY GATHERINGS

June 23
July 21
August 4, 18

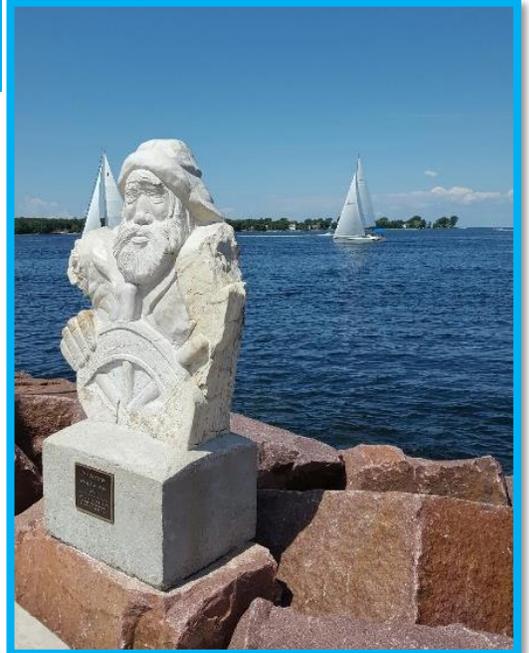
SATURDAY RACES

June 16, 23, 30
July 14, 21, 28
August 4, 11, 18, 25

Women at the Helm Race: Saturday, July 21, 2018 1 PM

4th of July Family Race & Picnic: Saturday, July 7, 2018

Labor Day Family Race & Picnic: Sunday, September 2, 2018



VILLAGE OF EGG HARBOR EVENTS 2018

Independence Day Celebration: July 3-4,
Fireworks on July 3rd

Classic Car Show: August 11th 10-3PM

Labor Day Weekend September 1-3

Egg Harbor AleFest: September 15

Pumpkin Patch: October 6-7



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

**Jeanine Brennan
Susan & Bishop Gallagher
Elaine & Charles May
Denise & Jim Ostrander (returning)
Kay Fry & Thomas Peterson
Judy & Chuck Kranzusch**



**Happy 90th
Birthday to
longtime
member, past
commodore,
and current
treasurer, Karl
Klug!**

**Thank you for
all that you do
for the EHYC!**

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