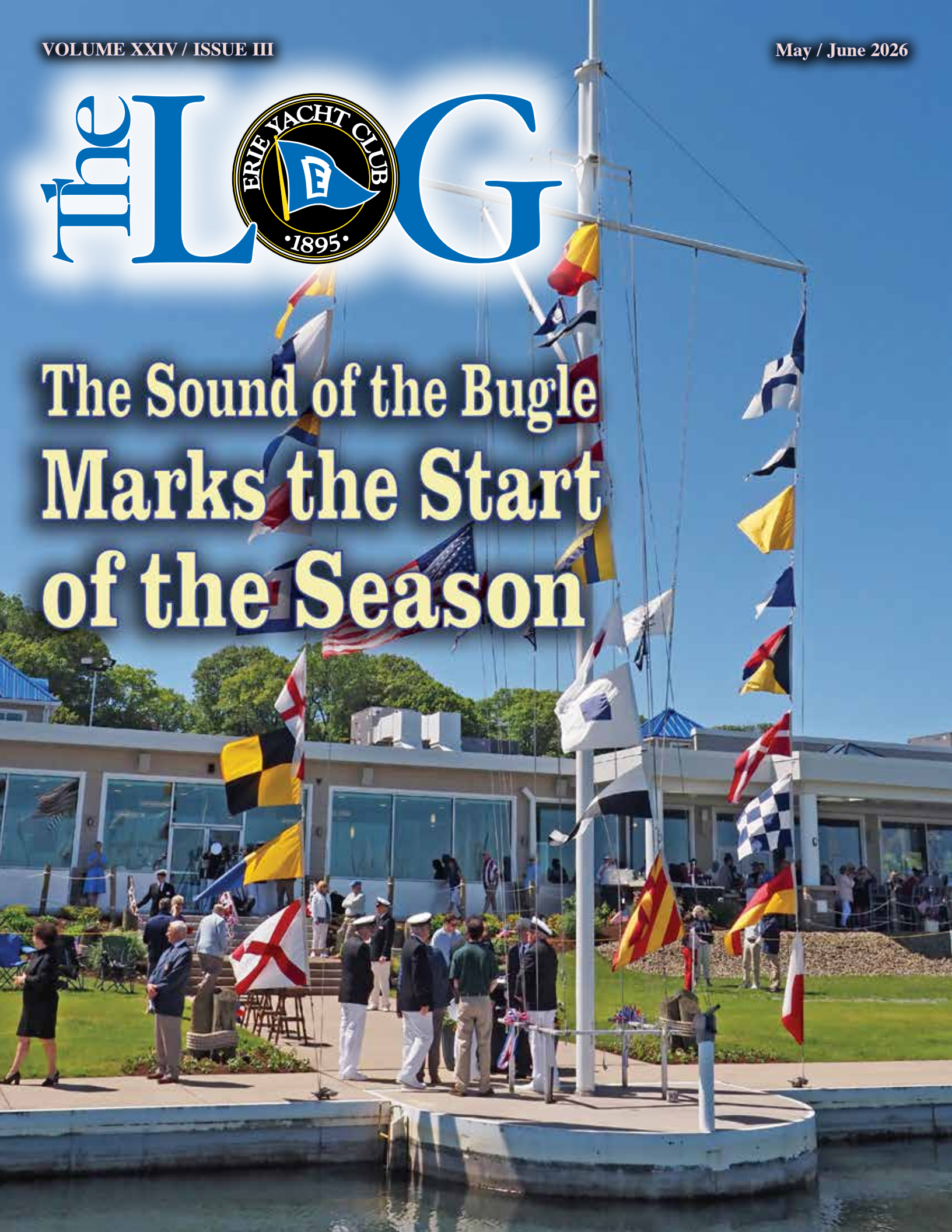


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The Sound of the Bugle Marks the Start of the Season





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From the Bridge

By Fleet Captain Ben Cares

What have you been looking forward to? Unwrapping your boat? Trying out a new piece of fishing gear? Maybe it's sitting at the Lighthouse watching the sunset. Or perhaps it's as simple as heading down to the Clubhouse for a nice meal without having to layer up. Whatever it is that tickles your fancy, it's almost here! Spring launch dates have started and Opening Day is right around the corner.

The bay beckons with longer, warmer days and a renewed energy returns to EYC. The yard is stirring back to life as members work on their boats and reconnect after the long off-season. Conversations pick up where they left off, and anticipation builds for those first outings on the bay.

Our upcoming season offers a full schedule of activities for all ages and interests. From competitive races around the bay to Thursday's Sunset Happy Hours.

The EYC continues to champion both spirited sailing and strong social ties. Whether out on the water or enjoying the Clubhouse, members share in the traditions that define the Erie Yacht Club experience.

What truly sets a club apart is its people. New members here quickly feel welcomed, while longtime members carry a tradition of camaraderie, mentorship, and a shared passion for everything our club has to offer. As we begin this new season, we're reminded that EYC is more than a destination. It's a community shaped by connection, heritage, and a love of the water.

Here's to fair winds and a great season ahead.



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EYC Bridge officers, members and guests begin gathering for the 2025 EYC Opening Day Ceremony under a beautiful cloudless sky.

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The Sound of the Bugle Marks the Start of the Season

by Commodore Matt Wolford

Erie Yacht Club has a longstanding tradition of marking the official beginning of the summer boating season with our Opening Day ceremony held on Memorial Day. While as a nation we commemorate and honor members of the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country, EYC takes this occasion to also celebrate the service of Past Commodores and pauses to recognize EYC members who “crossed the bar” during the past year.

Our Opening Day ceremony features two of the most familiar bugle “calls” in U.S. military tradition, To the Colors and Taps. These calls serve distinct and deeply symbolic roles, marking both the routine of daily service and the solemnity of remembrance.

To the Colors signals raising and lowering of the American flag, framing the beginning and end of each duty day. Rooted in centuries-old military signaling practices, it evolved from earlier calls like First Call and Retreat before being formally recognized in 1912. Over the years, it has remained an essential bugle call and daily military tradition that reinforces duty, respect, and pride.

The other song played during our Opening Day ceremony is Taps, which is more solemn and contemplative. There are two theories concerning the name’s origin: 1) it is derived from the same source as “tattoo,” which in military parlance refers to “extinguish the lights” at the end of the day; or 2) it is believed to originate from the Dutch word “taptoe,” meaning close the taps (specifically, the beer taps) because it is time for the troops to return to camp.

The modern version was composed during the Civil War by Union Army Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield and was first performed by his bugler, Oliver Wilcox Norton. (For the trivia buffs – of which there are many at EYC – Oliver Wilcox Norton hailed from East Springfield, Erie County, Pennsylvania.) Taps quickly spread across both Union and Confederate forces and later became a standard part of military funerals.

It was officially recognized by the United States Army in 1874. Today, Taps marks the end of the day with “lights out” and also honors those who have served, and is known for being used at military funerals and memorial ceremonies.

Together, these two calls represent different aspects of military life: To the Colors embodies order, routine, patriotic duty, and pride; while Taps expresses closure, reflection, and honor for the fallen. Both calls remain enduring traditions, connecting past and present through simple yet powerful melodies.



This year’s Opening Day ceremony will take place on Monday, May 25th. On behalf of the Bridge and Board, I invite all members and their families to join as we usher in the 2026 boating season. The proceedings will begin at the flag mast at 11:50 am. The Fleet Chaplain will offer the Invocation, and flags will be presented to officers and dignitaries in attendance. A picnic buffet will be available immediately after the ceremony.

I wish you all a safe and pleasant boating season, and may the wind be always at your back!



Photos Courtesy of Tom Madura

Lessons Learned at the EYC Fellowship Dinner: "Water Safety: Common Myths & Misconceptions"

Submitted by Jane Manross, Chair
Erie Yacht Club Safety Committee



On April 15, 2026, members of EYC and guests were fortunate to hear from three excellent speakers. Bob North, Iroquois High School Swim Coach & Presque Isle Lifeguard Manager; Dr. John C. Lyons, Orthopedic Surgeon & past EYC and PA Sea Grant Fleet Surgeon; and EYC Dockmaster Mike Argeny shared their knowledge on common myths and misconceptions in water safety, and how best to remain safe while we live near or on the water. Here are a few key messages from their presentations!

The Key to survival from emergency water events (drowning, electrical shock, hypothermia) is to PREVENT the event from occurring in the first place!

- Wear a life jacket - every time!
- Be aware of your surroundings - trip hazards, such as cleats on docks, uneven or slippery surfaces; alcohol consumption; and the potential for electrical currents in water
- Watch out for those around you - particularly non-swimmers, children and the elderly

Specific to drowning

- Rescue and resuscitation must be IMMEDIATE!
- Revival from near drowning requires intense medical intervention as it affects nearly every body organ and system
- Drowning is a quiet event. The body's progressive reflexes after initial submersion: gasping, aspiration, laryngospasm – do not allow the victim to cry for help (different from the movie depiction of drowning).
- The effect of oxygen deprivation on the brain is time dependent:
1 minute = brain cells begin to die
3 minutes = extensive neuronal damage
5 minutes = death probable
10 minutes = brain death



- Cold water immersion - death most commonly due to cardiac arrhythmia
- Electrical shock - Do not enter water in areas where there is a high chance of electrical currents being inappropriately discharged into the water (marina basin near boats, docks with electrical service, electrical appliances located near water). Symptoms can be from mild tingling to deadly arrhythmias.

Safety equipment at the EYC:

- Basin maps are located at the entrance to the facility and on east and west sides of the basin which identify the location of all emergency equipment.
- Fire pull stations located around the marina (topped with a blue light) contain: a throwable life ring, a 10lb ABC fire extinguisher, and a call switch which rings to both the clubhouse AND directly to the local Erie Fire house - giving the specific location of the alarm on the property. In addition, use a cell phone to call 911!
- EYC has throwable life rings (in red plastic cases) and ice crosses (in winter) mounted on 6 transformers around the basin. Throw bags are located in all EYC vehicles.
- There are 54 rescue ladders mounted around the basin. Extendable ones deploy with a gentle tug on the bottom rung. Locations of ladders are indicated by red and white reflective tape on the circular pylon to which they are mounted. NOTE: many boats also have accessible swim ladders.
- In 2026, EYC added 22 additional fire extinguishers in the basin. There are also numerous fire extinguishers located in every building on property and in all EYC boats and vehicles.
- An automated electronic defibrillator (AED) is located in the clubhouse main lobby and in the Rickloff Sailing Building.

Key take aways:

"Throw... Don't go". Do NOT enter the water to attempt to rescue a drowning victim unless you are specifically trained. Often the rescuer becomes a second victim. Call for help - throw a life ring or throw bag.

"Life Jackets Save Lives!" In 2023, of the 564 boating-related fatalities nationally, 75% involved drownings... and of those, 87% were NOT wearing life jackets.

Stay safe - Wear a life Jacket... and enjoy the 2026 Boating Season!

Save the date:

In celebration of National Safe Boating Week which runs from May 16th - 22nd, the EYC Safety Committee will be hosting the following events:

- A CPR/AED course for members and guests on Saturday, May 16th, starting at 10:00 am. There is a fee for this course which can be charged to your EYC account. Reservations required.

• On Sunday, May 17, during launch weekend – in conjunction with the US Coast Guard, EYC will be hosting an Expired Flare Disposal/Demonstration at 12:00 in Slip A#22. Bring your expired flares and US Coast Guard members will explain how best to use each type and give you an opportunity to practice their activation!

• And lastly, the ever popular Life Jacket Happy Hour on Friday May 22nd from 4:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wear a life jacket to the bar and receive a 25% discount off all well drinks, draft beer and house wines! And then wear those life jackets while boating and have a safe 2026 boating season.



ARE YOU READY FOR THE WAKE & WAVE CHALLENGE 2026



SUBMITTED BY MELISSA TROST

We're gathering stories, documents, old newsletters, and memorabilia to help preserve the rich history of The Erie Yacht Club.

Take a look!!

<https://www.erieyachtclub.org/history> and <https://www.erieyachtclub.org/the-log>

We'd love your help. Maybe you are cleaning out or de-cluttering, and you find an older "LOG" or an EYC publication by another name, your contributions could bring our collective story to life.

We are looking to add to our assortment of newsletters. Every piece - big or small - adds depth to our heritage and helps ensure it's passed on to future generations. If you're willing to share, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

What were looking for:

The years of these following issues are NOT at the History Museum or online in the EYC archives.

Years:

1896

1897 - 1913

1920 - 1927

1929 - 1947

1950

1959 -1960

1965 -1969

Please Contact:

P/C Gib Loesel at:
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With anything you might have to help tell the story of the EYC's History and help us Fill in the blanks

Help the EYC Historical Committee "Fill in the Blanks"

There are 2 levels of commitment to this Challenge

Half Challenge: 50-99 days spent on the water

Full Challenge: 100 or more days on the water

To encourage and develop yachting and other aquatic sports, all members in good standing are challenged to spend 100 or more days on the water in 2026. Completers will be formally recognized for all their time on the water if they submit their logs by December 31, 2026.

1. Track your days: Keep a digital or handwritten log. Your log must include the date, vessel & body of water. Taking photographs is highly encouraged!

2. Get out on the water: Go sailing, powerboating, windsurfing, paddleboarding, kayaking, ice boating, take a water taxi or ferry, go on a cruise, anything that involves watercraft! Days on other peoples' boats count too!

3. It's not just the Bay: Snowbirds log your time in Florida or boat rides on vacation; any days on the water count.

4. You must cast off from the dock, even short rides count.



PENNSYLVANIA WATERWAYS RULES & REGULATIONS 2026 UPDATE:



BY WATERWAYS CONSERVATION OFFICER
MATT VISOSKY

The 2026 Erie Boating Season is finally here after a very long, cold and snowy winter. We've been spoiled with some milder winters recently, but this is NW Pennsylvania and Erie can get nasty winters. I know we all are wishing for a sunny, warm and enjoyable boating season, let's hope Mother Nature is kind to us. My hope for this summer is that we have a nice, warm and dry summer to enjoy America's 250th Birthday.

This type of weather will allow all of us to partake in what Erie, Presque Isle Bay and Lake Erie has to offer for our birthday celebration. The water levels this summer are yet to be determined but let's hope they come up but if not please use caution to areas known to be shallower.

I write this article every year to highlight recent changes in law or regulations to get the word out. I also highlight general areas that the PA Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) oversee and some problems that the PFBC encounters. This makes boat operators and owners aware of any recent changes. The laws and regulations below are reminders because it is better to remind people so they enjoy their time on the water and avoid interactions with law enforcement.

Engine cut-off switches is a newer law that has gone into effect. Any boat less than 26 feet that does not have an in-closed helm / cabin and is equipped with an engine cut-off / kill switch that lanyard must be used. So besides smaller boats those with small dinghy's or skiffs this would apply.

The regulation dealing with Aquatic Invasive Species has been out for several years but still relatively unknown. Boats that are trailered must remove the drain plug and drain any water from the bilge and live wells must be drained of water. Any vegetation or mud must be removed from the trailer or boat. This must all be done before leaving any boat ramp parking lot.

Boat registration renewals can be done online at huntfishpa.gov if you have not done so yet. Print off a copy of the receipt and carry that with you to show proof of registration renewal. Any questions there is a help line to assist you and that phone number is 800-838-4431. Boat Registration renewals now run on the calendar year, so if you see a 26 it expires on December 31st. If still confused look at the bottom of the decal and it will say Expires December 31st 2026.

Fishing licenses can be purchased at many locations and you'll walk out with either a green or off white colored fishing license. The color has changed to the off white but some agents still have a supply of green license paper to use up. Fishing licenses can also be purchased on our website via huntfishpa.gov.

Save the license PDF to your phone and an electronic version of your fishing license is legal. If you still prefer to have a paper copy just print one out and carry it with you. Fishing licenses no longer must be displayed and you can have a digital fishing license on your phone. Licenses and permits can also be purchased for 3, 5, and 10 years. This would save you transaction and issuing agent fees each year after your initial purchase and any license fee increase.

An area of focus is Documented Vessels, and the PFBC is trying to get boats into compliance both state and federally. Many boats here locally are Federally Documented and only display colored PFBC validation decals because registration numbers cannot be assigned. By federal and state law validation decals must be displayed on both sides on the hull anywhere from the mid-way point forward up towards the bow itself.

Decals are being observed on sailboat masts, fly bridges, salon windows, plastic placards affixed to bow rails, bow pulpits and even on anchors. These locations would all be considered a violation of the law. During enforcement actions with these vessels other problems are coming to light. If your vessel is truly and correctly documented the decal that you receive from the PFBC will not have a PA number at the bottom of the decal.

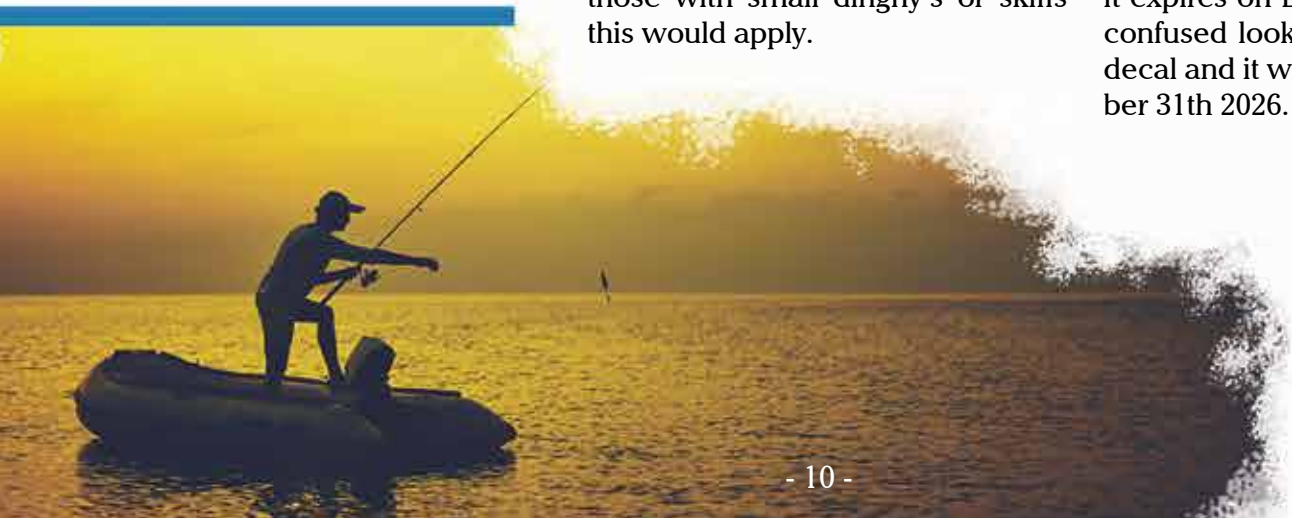
If you receive decals with a registration number, then the PFBC doesn't know your vessel is documented and has it registered as a regular vessel. Another situation we're seeing are owners of Documented Vessels possessing a PA Title. When boats are documented federally a state title cannot be obtained and if one is already in your possession, it must be forfeited back to the state. If you have any of these situations occurring, please contact the PFBC's Boat Registration Bureau at 866-262-8734 (M-F, 8-4) and they'll figure things out for you.

- The US Coast Guard amended the CFR dealing with fire extinguishers on vessels and the new changes went into effect 4/22. Vessels meeting requirements to need fire extinguishers must have and meet the following. Any vessel 2017 or newer must have extinguishers with the new wording i.e 5-B:C or 10-B:C. The older wording would have been B-I or B-II. Vessels built prior to 2017 can still have fire extinguishers with the older wording and be legal.

All fire extinguishers now have an expiration date of 12 years after it was manufactured. The date will either be on the label or stamped on the bottom of the extinguisher itself. If it's stamped with a 10 then it was manufactured in 2010. If you carry fire extinguishers that are inspected yearly and have an affixed inspection tag then as long as they pass and are tagged their legal. The USGC has informational pages and a great Q&A page on their website. The other legal requirements still apply as far as how many, being mounted etc.

- Guidelines for reporting boat accidents: Any accident that results in a death or disappearance the PFBC must be notified immediately and followed by a written boating accident report within 48 hours. If an accident results in an injury that requires treatment beyond 1st Aid, a written boating accident report must be submitted within 48 hours. If an accident results in damage to the vessel or other property exceeding \$2,000 or if there is a complete loss of the vessel, a written boating accident report must be submitted within 10 days.

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2026 PENNSYLVANIA WATERWAYS RULES & REGULATIONS

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This may sound confusing so let me explain it further. The boating accident report is a form that the boat operator and owner complete on their own and is confidential and forwarded directly to the PFBC and used for statistic etc. Depending on the type of accident when it occurs the PFBC and Station Erie will respond to assist with the situation. The PFBC will then investigate because most incidents will result in more than \$2,000 in damage. The easiest way to call for help is to contact 911 and they'll dispatch all the local responders to help.

- Bow Riding - No person is allowed on the bow of a boat regardless of size while the boat is operated above Slow No Wake Speed. If a boat has a specifically designed seats on the bow for passengers then these boats are exempt from this regulation. An example of this would be some models of Marinette. Those Marinette's have a built in bench seat on the forward cabin deck. Sun cushions on the bow do not fit the seating requirements so passengers cannot sit on them while above slow no wake speed. Bow riding is still being observed which will result in a law enforcement stop.

- Paddle Boards have been classified as a watercraft. Since paddle boards are a watercraft any person on a paddle board must have on-board a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and sound producing device. We've observed the fanny pack type inflatable to be very popular for this activity, and you can attach a whistle right to the strap that goes around your waist.

- Operating at Safe Speed & Keeping a Proper Lookout – When operating after sunset or in general boat operators are required to keep a lookout for any object like buoys, unlit boats, logs etc., and be able to stop or change course in time to avoid collisions. If this means operating at a slow speed because you have restricted visibility then that's what you need to do. State law requires a boat operator to operate their boat at a speed in which they can see objects and take corrective action to avoid a collision.

- Cold Weather PFD Wear – From November 1st thru April 30th all boaters regardless of age must wear an approved USCG Personal Flotation Device (PFD) on any boat less than 16 Feet and all canoes and kayaks.

- Inflatable PFD's are not approved to be worn by persons under the age 16 and also not approved for use under the temperature of 32 degrees. You can find these listed on the manufactures label on the PFD.

- Mandatory Safe Boating Certification: Anybody born on or after 1/1/1982 and who operates a motorboat 26 horsepower or greater must obtain a Safe Boating Certification. Anybody who operates a Personal Watercraft (JetSki, SeaDoo etc.) regardless of age must possess a Safe Boating Certification. Safe Boating Courses can be found on the PFBC's website at: fishandboat.com.

- Personal Watercraft (PWC) towing restrictions have changed and the prior regulation only allowed one (1) person to be towed by the PWC. The regulation has been changed to allow for the capacity of the PWC because some have a capacity of four (4) or five (5) people. You still must have an operator and observer on the PWC but if its capacity is 5 then you can pull 3 people on a tube.

- Duck Layout Boats: A PFD must be in the layout boat and if it's during 11/1 – 4/30 that PFD must be worn.

- Senior Lifetime Fishing Licenses: Since 2015 seniors that purchase their Lifetime Fishing Licenses and wish to fish for trout must purchase a Trout Permit yearly. Seniors can purchase Trout Stamps for up to 10 year's out. Senior Lifetime Licenses purchased prior to 2015 are grandfathered in and as long as they purchased the Trout Permit prior to 2015.

Please visit the PFBC's website at: fishandboat.com to find any additional information and a complete list of law and regulations. You can also down load the PFBC APP (FishBoatPA) for information. The regional office in Meadville can be contacted at 814-337-0444 and any and all questions can be answered or your questions will be forwarded to me and I'll contact you with answers.

The PFBC and I would like to take this time to wish everybody an enjoyable, fun and safe 2025 boating season.



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If These Docks Could Talk

Big Bob's "Boy"

by P/C Gib Loesel



Meeting Lady Liberty



Kate, Chris, Patty, Julie & Carrie



The Knox Girls

Not too long ago I saw a very pretty picture surrounding the corner of the EYC bar, it was none other than five of the six Knox Girls!! Well of course this got me to "thinking" again, this time about how the EYC is celebrated as a family club, and the pleasure that the club has brought to so many boating families over the past 125 plus years!

AND THE FUN BEGAN...

Bob, who liked to call himself "Big Bob", taught all six of the girls to water ski along with several of their friends, so the boat was alive with all sorts of activities. Each of the girls was taught the rules of the road and some attended EYC's sailing school. Big Bob also taught the girls how to operate the boat and function as Captain. A new page for their log began. Without Big Bob being on-board, the legend of The Bikini Boat started!



(L to R) Marge & Bob Knox with Chris.

Bob Knox and his wife Marge ended up with six daughters, Kate, Chris, Patty, Carrie, Julie and Amy. After six girls in a row they decided to get "themselves" a boy and they did what any logical couple who loved boating and wanted a boy would do. They launched a boat and christened her Boy!!



Marge Knox and Pat Mehl on the upper deck, and (L to R) Carrie, Amy, Chris & Kate with Big Bob below.

days the Coast Guard monitored the boat traffic in and out of the channel from a wooden tower. Each of these young men who were on duty used a powerful set of government issued binoculars, and as the Big Bad Wolf said, "the better to see you with my dear". After a few rescues at sea by the "Coastie" boys the bikini clad ladies had become quite "famous".

When the boat did have a mechanical issue, the Coast Guard showed up immediately, and towed the boat in. (Since when do they tow boats in?) And of course, they had to have a few gents stay on the broken boat with the girls. One of them confessed that every time "Boy" was spotted driving through the channel, they would yell out "BOY COMING!" and they would run to the windows.

So now the girls knew why they were getting pulled over frequently and were saved within moments of engine trouble. "Smart Girls, Lucky Boys!!"

As the family and friends grew "Boy" got smaller, and a new boat was launched and christened "Big Boy"! Neither one of the Knox boats sat around gathering cobwebs, Big Bob's mantra was "Let's have some FUN, FUN, FUN!"

One of their first trips was to the Thousand Islands, they teamed up with the Fred Curze family and their family crew of four to tour the islands, swim in the pools, fish and just have fun! Big Boy also cruised to Georgian Bay and spent many Labor Day weekends partying on Seagull Point long before it became a sanctuary.



"Big Boy" wasn't an apt name when traveling through the Intracoastal Waterway and mooring on Captiva Island, FL. (It's the small boat on the lower left).



Big Bob with a beer on the left, and "Big Boy" (the tall boat in the center).

Big Boy later made several waterway trips to Florida, Big Bob as Captain and brother-in-law Brub Mehl as navigator (long before GPS). They later learned it was quicker and easier to "sail" by "truck."

The Knox girls are, as the old saying goes "thick as thieves," if you are fortunate enough to know them, you will understand what I mean. If you are not, do yourself a favor and make six new wonderful EYC friends.

Telling stories and writing for me is like sailing a boat dead downwind with a big spinnaker flying steady as she goes when out of nowhere a big blast of wind sets you on a new course, well here it comes.

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If These Docks Could Talk

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As stated in the beginning there have been several other families who have had multiple young lady skippers, one of these was the McDougale family who among many other things were active boaters and racing sailors.

Without going into a lot of detail, they raced a Seagull Class boat, a small sloop with classic lines in the club's Open Class division. The oldest sister Jan was one of the first full-time sailing instructors for Reyburn school.

Over time and after their parents went on to the "Fiddler's Green" the girls put down new anchorage in various parts of the country. Sister Jan recently passed and the family gathered back in Erie to celebrate her life. In the process of helping Sister Martha make EYC dinner reservations for the Wake, she told me Jan's daughter Nan was the current Commodore of the Detroit Yacht Club and wondered if a burgee exchange would be possible. Commodore Matt Wolford was very receptive to the idea, thus the picture to the right.

In 1955 Sister Martha and I along with Skipper Ted Schuler (P/C Ed Schuler's Uncle) were the sailing team that represented EYC in the Wakefield Cup.

It started at the Mentor Harbor Yacht Club; the finals were sailed at the Devils Lake Yacht Club in Michigan. Martha later went on sailing and racing from New York to California and Skipped a Soling on a national circuit to qualify for the Olympic. This along with the rest of her sailing resume would make a great future story, adding to the Club's extensive list of accomplished sailors.



Recently passed Jan McDougale's daughter Nan (the current Commodore of the Detroit Yacht Club) and the EYC's Commodore Matt Wolford exchanging club burgees.



The tradition continues as the family keeps growing...

If These Docks Could Talk, they would say; "The More We Get Together the Happier We Will Be."



Amy, Patty, Chris, Carrie & Kate on "Seasters".



The Family Flotilla

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Summer at the Erie Yacht Club means a lot of things are going on, but one thing we all look forward to is the Thursday Sunset Happy Hours! An almost-30-year tradition, Sunset Happy Hours at the EYC have become legendary - "THE" place to be on summer Thursdays in Erie for music, drinks, food, and an unbeatable waterfront view of the famous Erie sunsets!

Once again, the Club management team has put together a summer schedule sure to please and provide all the fun things we've come to expect from the Sunset Happy Hours - live music, great food, and a full-service outdoor bar for all your libation needs, including featured drink specials every week. Of course, the live bands are a huge part of the Sunset Happy Hour experience, and this year's lineup looks to be as good as ever - including some returning favorites, plus a few exciting new bands.

Here's the full list so you can look forward to your favorites!

- May 28th - Riffriders
- June 4th - Uncharted Course
- June 11th - Carnival Brothers
- June 18th - Key West Lite
- June 25th - Grizzled
- July 2nd - American Pie
- July 9th - Encore
- July 16th - Lace Bass & Rhythm
- July 23rd - Key West Lite
- July 30th - 3WR
- August 6th - Rankin & Schell
- August 13th - Just We Two
- August 20th - Optimistic Apocalypse
- August 27th - Jess Royer
- September 3rd - Denny and Heather (Acoustic)
- September 10th - Riffriders

Also returning this year are several popular "Theme Nights"

- June 18 is the Rubber Ducky Happy Hour
- July 23 is Sand Castle Happy Hour
- August 27 is the Pirate Night Happy Hour! Arrrr!

So, for that "summertime" vibe, don't miss the Thursday EYC Sunset Happy Hours -9 the fun begins this year on May 28, and continues every Thursday through September 10th.

Check the Social Calendar on the EYC website or the weekly e-mail newsletter for details on each week's food and drink specials and band listings. Come every Thursday for the food, the drinks, the view, the dancing, or just to hang out with all your EYC friends. And remember - there is no better seat in town to watch those spectacular Erie sunsets with a cold beverage in hand!

Hope to see you on Thursdays!



Summer Thursdays Mean Sunset Happy Hours at the EYC!



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What's the Good Word?



Finally... It's that time of year again. When skippers and crew members alike get that little bounce back in their step. Yes, I'm talking about Opening Day! Sure that means a little bit of work, some painting, some sanding, some polish here, check the oil in there but it is all a "Labor of Love" as the saying goes, and somehow you remember why its all worth it, when you take that first cruise into the bay.

So when your prepping your boat this year for a long fun summer ahead, maybe a few of the following quotes will help get you through your tough tasks until your back on the waves and your boat itself can take you to your happy place.

In summer, the song sings itself.

I expect some new phases of life this summer, and shall try to get the honey from each moment.

Summertime is always the best of what might be

- Charles Bowden

Good times and tan lines.

I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it is always June.

- L.M. Montgomery

If you're not barefoot, then you're overdressed.

You can't buy happiness. But you can buy a boat.

Give me a boat, a lake, and a drink in my hand and you will make me the happiest girl in the world.

Boating is my favorite season.

I'm ready to make poor life choices disguised as great summer memories.

Sailing is the only sport where you get excited when the wind picks up, and terrified when it doesn't stop.

By Kathy Dundon

In life it's not where you go, it's who you travel with.

Cause a little bit of summer is what the whole year is all about.

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

Now for one closing thought...

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EYC Awarded Commodore Perry Trophy



At the annual meeting of the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society this year, the Erie Yacht Club was awarded the Commodore Perry Trophy. It was given to show appreciation for the effort EYC puts into providing the sailors participating in the Lake Erie Solo Challenge safe dockage and hospitality at the end of the Challenge. It was my honor to receive the trophy on behalf of our yacht club. The trophy is displayed in the case on the south wall of the Grill Room.



By Jack Jamison

This year will be the 20th Lake Erie Solo Challenge. It promises to have a lot of participation. The Challenge begins on Saturday August 8th and the sailors will begin to arrive on Monday and Tuesday the 10-11th. The solo sailors are a friendly group. They enjoy talking to club members about the event, their boats, the weather, etc. Feel free to walk the transient dock and take a look.

I encourage all sailors to consider doing the Lake Erie Solo Challenge. Those of us that have completed the Solo(s) have a unique sense of satisfaction. Sailing a course with a crew is great, but sailing the same course alone is very special. Anyone interested in participating can feel free to contact me. All the details are at solosailors.org.



May Calendar of Club Events

- 6th Balloon Workshop • 5pm - 8pm
Looking for a unique Mother's Day Gift? Or to learn a fun new craft? Class • Begins at 5:30pm \$75pp- Includes Instruction, Balloon Bouquet Supplies, and Complimentary Light Hors D'oeuvre.
Reservations Required, Seating Limited (24) Please RSVP to Casey at 453-4931 x209
- Wine Pairing Dinner 6pm - 9pm
\$129.95 per person
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- 10th Mothers Day Brunch 11am - 2pm
Celebrate Mom at the EYC!
Live Music / Guitarist Mike Leslie
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- 15th EYC's Launch Weekend!
15th - 17th • Happy Hour on Friday & Saturday with Live Music • EYC Flea Market & Vendor Show on Sunday (check website for more details as they become available)
- 16th EYC CPR & AED Training Class
10am - 12pm • Save a Life!
Cost \$55.00 pp • Reservations are Required
814.453.4931 x210
- 25th EYC Opening Day Ceremony
Join us for the 132nd Annual EYC Opening Day Ceremony!
Grill Room Bar Open at 10am Assembly at 1140AM, Call to Colors 1150AM
Picnic Buffet Lunch to Follow
- 28th Sunset Happy Hour • 5pm - 9pm
Drink Features • Live Music @ 6pm with the Riffriders
Limited Outdoor Menu
Entrée Menu ONLY available indoors!
Sunset Happy Hours are NOT open to the public & are for EYC Members and their invited Guests only... • All invited Guests must also depart with the Member.

**Remember:
The Grill Room is Closed Every Monday (& Tuesdays Until May 19th)**



HAPPY HOUR

AT THE EYC!

Sips & Sliders Happy Hour

Friday, May 8th

There's nothing like a Burger & Brew!

25% off house spirits, wine, & drafts from 6 - 8:30pm
Jason Lawergren from 6pm - 9pm
Plus, enjoy complimentary Burgee Sliders while they last!

Sailors Social Hour

Friday, May 15th

Celebrate all the finest treasures of life under the sail.
Good winds, great company, and the joy of the water.
25% off pricing from 6pm - 8:30pm
Live Music from Encore from 6pm - 9pm

Power Boaters Dockside Happy Hour

Saturday, May 16th

Where the throttles are up, the drinks are cold, and the good times cruise in fast. Celebrate everything we love about power boats, speed, sunshine, and smooth sailing on the bay!
25% off pricing from 6pm - 8:30pm
Live Music with 100 proof from 6pm - 9pm

Life Jacket Happy Hour

Friday, May 22nd

Cap off National Safe Boating Week with EYC's Annual Life Jacket Happy Hour!
Live Music with Rankin & Schell Special Time 4pm - 6pm
Wear a Life Jacket & Receive 25% off all well drinks, draft beer and house wines!

June Calendar of Club Events

- 4th Sunset Happy Hour • 5pm - 9pm
Drink Features • Live Music @ 6pm with Uncharted Course
Limited Outdoor Menu
Entrée Menu ONLY available indoors!
Sunset Happy Hours are NOT open to the public & are for EYC Members and their invited Guests only... • All invited Guests must also depart with the Member.
- 11th Sunset Happy Hour • 5pm - 9pm
Drink Features • Live Music @ 6pm with The Carnival Brothers
Limited Outdoor Menu
Entrée Menu ONLY available indoors!
- 18th Sunset Happy Hour • 5pm - 9pm
"Rubber Ducky" Happy Hour
Drink Features • Live Music @ 6pm with Key West Lite
Limited Outdoor Menu
Entrée Menu ONLY available indoors!
- 21st Father's Day Brunch • 11am - 2pm
Celebrate Dad at the EYC!
Enjoy a Hearty Buffet Selection of Dads Chef Crafted Favorites
Complimentary Beverage of Dad's Choice
Live Music with Mike Leslie
Reservations Required x201
- 25th Sunset Happy Hour • 5pm - 9pm
Drink Features • Live Music @ 6pm with Grizzled
Limited Outdoor Menu
Entrée Menu ONLY available indoors!

Be Sure to Check the EYC Social Calendar Online for the Most Current Updates & Details on All Club Events

**Save the Date
Fireworks Happy Hour!
July 3rd • 5pm - 9pm
Drink & Food Specials
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Celebrate Dad at the EYC!

Sunday, June 21st • 11am-2pm

Enjoy a Hearty Buffet Selection of Chef Crafted Favorites

Complimentary Beverage of Dad's Choice

Father's Day Brunch

Live Music with Mike Leslie

Reservations Required x201

Thursday Sunset Happy Hour



See you on the West Lawn & Patio

Dining Service Begins at 5PM

Live Music 6PM - 9PM

Reservations Accepted for Indoor Dining Only

SSHH is NOT open to the public and is for EYC Members & their Invited Guests Only

EYC CPR Class

May 16th • 10 am - 12pm

EYC CPR and AED Training



Confidence in CPR training & new techniques could mean the difference between life and death.

Join us and instructor Dan Kiel in learning techniques and how to handle emergency situations on and off the water.

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Captain's Clearance Market

EYC Garage Sale & Market



Rickloff Community Boathouse
Sunday, May 17th • 12PM - 5PM

Join us for a fun afternoon at the Club during Launch Weekend as we host Shop boating items, treasures, & unique finds while supporting fellow members & enjoying the excitement around the Club.

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Wine Pairing DINNER

Friday, May 8th • 6pm-9pm

Experience an exquisite evening of fine cuisine & perfectly paired wines



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Celebrate Mom at the EYC! Mothers Day Brunch Buffet

May 10th • 11 AM - 2PM

Live Music with
Guitarist Mike Leslie



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