# Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Erie Yacht Club May 18, 2009

**Officers Present**: Commodore Dave Amatangelo, V/C Tom Trost, R/C Gerry Urbaniak, F/C Dave Heitzenrater and Secretary/Treasurer Karen Imig

Directors Present: Doug Boldt, Greg Gorny, Matt Niemic, John Orlando, Dave Sanner and Conrad

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**Directors Absent:** P/C Dave Arthurs

**Guests Present**: GM Mike Lynch

The Commodore called the Regular meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**Agenda:** The Commodore called for approval of the Agenda. Secretary-Treasurer Imig asked to add "Item C. Parking" under "New Business." R/C Urbaniak then moved to accept the Agenda as amended and Greg Gorny seconded it; it carried unanimously.

Minutes of the April 20, 2009 Board Meeting: Doug Boldt made a correction to the seventh page of the April minutes, "Membership Committee" to state that Past Commodores Bressler, Schwab and Schuler had been made Honorary Regular, not Honorary Associate members. On a motion by R/C Urbaniak with a second by Dave Sanner the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April meeting, as amended.

Secretary's Report: The following members successfully completed their one-year probation this month and, on a motion by R/C Urbaniak, seconded by Doug Boldt, were unanimously removed from the probationary list: Edward Benevent, Wade Christensen, David Cipriani, Arthur Curtze, Aaron Doehrel, John Franzen, John Jill, David Kaus, Elliott Lasher, David Luke, August Picardo, Jerry Puckley, Michele Butterfield, Paul Kenny, David Robertson, Mary Tellers, Mark Downing, Thomas Dworzanski, Francis Fedorka, Andrew Fritts, Edward Haynor, Kevin Karg, Edward McCormick, Gregory Phillips, Tara Plimpton, Jan Wirtner, Scott Wohlfelder, Robert Becker, Thomas Bloom and Eric C. Tatersall. On a motion by F/C Heitzenrater with a second by John Orlando, the Board unanimously voted that the following members have their probationary period extended for an additional 60 days for having been posted during their probationary year of membership: They will be sent letters explaining the billing process and informing them of their extended probation: John Hromyak, Patricia Rich, Craig Schwegman, Richard Merwin and Laura Ott. On a motion by Doug Boldt with a second by John Orlando, the Board unanimously reinstated John McGrane, who had resigned in good standing in 2005, to Regular membership and then immediately transferred him to Senior membership, effective July 1, 2009. On a motion by V/C Trost with a second by John Orlando, the Board unanimously transferred Paul Otto from Associate to Senior, effective July 1, 2009.

The Secretary's Report also noted that we had received the following correspondence:

- 1. E-mail from P/C John Murosky regarding parking congestion on O-Dock
- 2. E-mail from Mark Scheppner regarding parking congestion on O-Dock

**Treasurer's Report**: The Secretary-Treasurer reported that Bonnie called 27 members on May 11, 2009 to remind them that they had not paid their March charges and would be posted on March 16 if not paid by then. The following members were posted on May 16, 2009: Edward L Beck, Norm Beecher, Chester J. Bixby, Bradley K. Enterline, Frank E. Jarecki, William Makarowski and Craig A. Schwegman. Total indebtedness to the Club on May 16, 2009 for March charges was \$1,075.12.

The following members were sent a courtesy warning letter stating that they could lose their charging privileges if posted again because they had been posted either 2 times in a row or three times in a twelve month period: Frank Jarecki.

Expelled member Steve Sample paid all outstanding dues/fines on April 28, 2009. After unsuccessfully trying to reach him by phone to acknowledge his payment and discuss his intentions, the Secretary-Treasurer sent him a brief letter outlining the fact that he can reapply in a year but that unfortunately he is still expelled and can't use the Club

## Cash on Hand as of May 12, 2009:

	Current Month	Last Month
Funds in PNC Operating Sweep		
a) Operating Reserve	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
b) Funds available	525,790.48	616,827.11
Funds in M-L Capital		
a) Capital reserve	100,000.00	100,000.00
b) Funds available	84,599.65	74,122.32
Basin Reserve Fund (PNC)	170,276.57	236,783.02
Petty Cash	2,000.00	2,000.00
Pull Tab Bank	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Cash on Hand	\$935,666.70	\$1,082,732.45

#### **Monthly Pull Tab Machine Revenue:**

April 2009 Profit: \$ 1,211

Y-T-D Revenue for Fiscal 09: \$ 2,813

Grand Total Profit: \$88,245

The balance sheet and income statements for April were presented in detail including Mark Eller's worksheets. Mike Lynch's monthly financial critique is filed with the original packet. In it, he stated that overall, the Club showed a profit on the month of \$4,006, which was \$2,971 better than our budget of \$1,035. Year to date we've cut expenses by \$38,840.00 from our budget and 2008 levels. After the first six months of our fiscal year we are currently on budge with a loss of <\$160,556>. This is an improvement over last year by \$20,000. He also provided a mid-year fiscal recap.

General Manager's Report: GM Mike Lynch presented his report, which is filed with the monthly Board packet. In it, he reported the following: 1) He submitted a proposal comparing cost options for going to monthly, quarterly and semi-annual billing of dues, slip fees, and winter and summer storage fees. Going to monthly billing would cost the Club \$4,123. Quarterly billing increases our costs by \$1,136. Semi-annual billing of all fees, including slip, winter and summer storage, increases costs by \$309. M. Lynch also gave a verbal update on Club billing software by Jonas which provides many services including on-line bill viewing and payment.

The Commodore directed GM Lynch to contact Kubinski to see if they are able to update our software to ebilling, on-line viewing and monthly billing and the cost to do so. He is also to arrange a presentation by the Jonas software representative for the Membership, IT and Board Committees for the month of June before the Board meeting.

2) He also reported that Lauren Oldach, our F&B Manager, will be off for maternity leave beginning in September and plans to return after the birth of the baby. Elizabeth Quinn and GM Mike Lynch will cover her shifts with the assistance of two interns and two employees who have been trained in Catering and F&B operations. 3) He reported that our ads for service staff and line chefs netted "tons" of applicants but the line chef positions were weak. We are consequently still short one position. The Kitchen staff will cover until we are able to find a replacement.3) He also commended Doug Boldt, Dave Heitzenrater and all the volunteers for the work they did in organizing the Niagara event. It was a "home run" for all involved.

The GM verbally added that he is ready to pave the D/E dock access area. After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed that the paving of the entire D/E parking lot should be delayed to a future date, possibly until the B/C-dock road is done.

**Officers' Reports:** Fleet Captain's Report: F/C Heitzenrater submitted his report, which is filed with the monthly Board packet. In it, he reported the following:

#### **Current Issues:**

1. <u>Erie Yacht Club Foundation, Inc., A 501c3 entity-</u>The committee members, James McBrier, Julie Arthurs, Karen Imig, John Dunn, Brad Enterline, P/C David Arthurs, Holly O'Hare and myself are excited that the EYC Board approved the formation of the Foundation. Progress continues quickly with the set up of a web site and the selection of an EYC Foundation logo. The organizational meeting of the foundation was held on Tuesday May 12, 2009 with the following officer setup:

Chair:	James McBrier - past EYC Director	3 yr term
Vice Chair:	Julie Arthurs - past EYC Director	1 yr term
Secretary:	Karen Imig - EYC member	2 yr term
Treasurer:	Holly O'Hare - EYC member	3 yr term
Trustee:	Roy Strausbaugh – P/C	2 yr term
Trustee:	John Dunn - past EYC Director	1 yr term
Trustee:	Dennis Markley - EYC member	1 yr term

These individuals will serve until October 2009 when three Trustees will be elected by the EYC Board of Directors to replace the outgoing trustees.

- 2. EYC Racing Fleet Liaison to the Board-The *Flagship* was cleaned, launched and the bay marks have been positioned. Fleet racing is now in full swing with the first race held on Wednesday May 13. The EYC Board approved construction of the ADA ramp at our Lighthouse Pavilion. The EYC racing fleet has begun their volunteer construction of the ramp. The work is moving along quickly under the direction of Board member Matt Nemic and is expected to be completed prior to Opening Day at a large dollar saving to the EYC.
- 3. <u>Bay Swim II</u> -Meetings and plans continue to move forward for the 6/20/2009 swim. The Committee has placed safety as a priority for the event. There will be an instructional class in "open water swimming" for the competitors as well as numerous safety boats planned to border the swim course with kayaks and lifeguards present. The safety team will conduct several safety planning sessions and are considering having an EMT and equipment on hand during the event. The process of obtaining insurance for the event remains open at this writing. Volunteers are still needed to serve as safety boats. The event is expected to be well covered by the media which will provide positive advertising for the EYC in the region.
- 4. <u>Niagara Fund Raising-</u>We recognized the need to support the Flagship Niagara due to the short-sighted decision of the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission to cut funding for the ship's sailing program. Doug Boldt, at the Fleet Captain's request, stepped forward to chair a committee involved in

investigating how or what we can do in supporting the Flagship Niagara with the Flagship Niagara League. This is a natural association that offers a great opportunity to further promote the Erie Yacht Club in the region while pursuing our marine related chartered purposes. Doug Boldt took on the challenge and did a masterful job in organizing the committee including Brian Scott, President of the Flagship Niagara League, Capt. Wesley Heerssen, Senior Capt. Walter Rybka, and several league volunteers plus P/C Ron Busse, P/C John Ashby, Commodore David Amatangelo, V/C Tom Trost and the Fleet Captain from the EYC to plan the cocktail party/auction event. As you may know, it was very successful razing about \$35K for the cause. The successful docking of the ship at our Club raised much attention to the EYC. The newspaper and electronic and television promotion of the event helped showcase the EYC throughout the region. Due to careful planning and the super work by our staff and the Niagara volunteers, there is little negative to report. One item however was noted when he was in our crowded dining room, he received a call from Karen Imig who was in her car near 6<sup>th</sup> street. She wanted to let me know there was a line of cars up the hill and beyond waiting to get down to the Club. Yes, we did have a full house and the event far exceeded the expectations of the organizers. The event was a success for both the Niagara and the EYC. Financially our house revenues were about \$4,200 above normal for the evening. Doug Boldt will give a more detailed summary of the event during the meeting. Thank you, Doug.

Vogel, John Orlando and F/C Dave Heitzenrater, chair. At their last meeting they discussed the following: 1. Ravine Drive Cleanup-May 2, volunteers consisting of the Grounds Committee with the assistance of several young men from the Harborcreek Home for Boys as well as V/C Tom Trost conducted a cleanup detail on both sides of Ravine Drive and our south fence area east to Ferncliff and west to the bay. This is a rather muddy job as was noted by the condition of their shoes and clothing. After the clean-up, the Club provided lunch to all. The employ of these young men on our grounds has several advantages. They are very efficient as they attempt to see who can collect the most trash. It helps them see and experience what life might offer, earns them community service hours and provides them with a great lunch in an atmosphere they are not accustomed to. Most importantly, their help was the answer to a payer for some of

Grounds Committee is comprised of members Scott Heitzenrater, Doug Boldt, Matt Nemic, William

great for the Mother's Day crowd.

2. <u>Americans with Disabilities Act Ramp at Lighthouse Pavilion</u>- The Board approved construction of the ramp which has begun and is expected to be completed by Opening Day. The plans drawn by Board member, Matt Nemic have been approved and stamped by the city zoning/planning office.

us older committee members who would have had little chance of scaling the muddy hills above Ravine Drive for that lonely paper cup without skidding on our backside down to the pavement. The area looked

- **Dock Master**: F/C Heitzenrater met with Bill Vogel to discuss ongoing and new issues. The following items were reviewed and discussed:
- 1. <u>Trees</u>-Bill and his staff have trimmed back the tree in the entrance island and the willow on the west property. These presented a problem interfering with boats and rigging when moving boats on the grounds. The willow was in bad shape with many broken branches.
- 2. <u>Gate-</u>The new spare entrance gate has been completed and is stored on the property behind the locker house. It was obtained to help secure the grounds in the event a current gate is inoperable. The spare is constructed so it may be used on the entrance or exit.
- 3. <u>Tractor</u>-The original demo tractor approved for purchase by the Board has been sold. Kafferlin Sales, the best of 3 bidders has obtained a similar new tractor within the budgeted cost however and although not required at this time, it will not have the front-end hydraulics of the demo model. The tractor is expected to be delivered on Thursday May 14, 2009 and put is service immediately. The old tractor, now with a leaking fuel tank was used as a trade-in.
- 4. <u>Launching</u>-The launching of the EYC fleet is behind schedule. Bill and his staff will do their best to accommodate launching but members are reminded that no boats will be launched on Saturday and Sunday May 23 and 24, Opening Day weekend.
- 5. <u>Basin-</u>The basin update work continues with the Bill's crew sharing duties between the basin project and their normal spring duties. Note that the basin project does not interfere with the boat launching schedule and basin man hours are charged to the basin project.

- 6. <u>Sinkhole-</u>Caution is to be used in the G-dock area. A sink hole has developed in the drive way to the lift well adjacent to G-dock. It has been well marked and will be repaired a.s.a.p.
- 7. <u>Lift Station-</u>The City of Erie will be up grading the sewage lift station starting on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>. They will replace the system as well as its surrounding fence however thankfully there will be no expected interruptions in our sewer service. The fence entrance will be moved to the north side of the pumping station which better accommodates our boat winter storage system. There will be much equipment and truck activity there next week so caution is needed when near the area.
- 8. <u>Paving</u> -A bid has been received for driveway and parking lot asphalt paving scheduled to be completed in June.
- 9. <u>Shrink-wrap recycling continues-Members are reminded to fold and place their shrink- wrap in the bin</u> by the garage.
- 10. New signs have been ordered to identify the fuel dock to guests and reflective EYC logos for front gate for better visibility.

Rear Commodore: R/C Urbaniak submitted his written report and it is filed with the original Board packet. He stated that Galley sales continue to be very strong. 09 sales are outpacing our budget by \$13,388, and YTD (year to date) sales are a whopping \$54,624 ahead of last year, same period.

Angelo's food costs are hovering around 39%, (3% under our optimum target) which is near an all time low for this time of year, considering last year at this time, our food costs were almost 57%. Catering is \$2,000 over budget too. Some numbers are a bit lower in the Lounge, but this is certainly a result of the fact that we have 48 less members than last year this time. As we approach our busy season, we can rest assured that our financial position in the House will be strong.

The April Wine tasting was a great success. Thanks go out to Mike, Elizabeth and Staff, with a special thank you to Dr. Dennis Borczon for another exceptional and successful event. Much to everyone's surprise (and pleasure!) the wine tasting actually turned a small profit or \$425.26 for the Club. Our first Scotch Tasting event was a great success too! Many participants commented on the excellent job done by EYC member Eric Marshall, as he explained how the Single Malt Scotch flavor nuances are influenced by geographical circumstance. The food provided by Angelo and crew, and the exceptional attention to detail provided by Mike and Elizabeth, made for an event that will certainly be repeated in the future. The event did cost the Club \$(102.52) but the sales of the remaining Scotch should bring us up to even as it is sold in the Lounge.

The May House Committee meeting covered several important topics:

- Erie County Health Dept Inspection found several non-critical and one critical violation. Many of these are certainly avoidable and the House Committee will be working with the kitchen to pinpoint the 'hot-spots' which trigger the violation action. An 'Inspection Action Sheet' will be developed to provide guidance in determining compliance issues and their probable symptoms.
- Sunday Brunch at the EYC is a topic which is drawing increased interest. Brunch in general, takes on several components, a 'breakfast component' for those that enjoy a luxurious breakfast, and then a 'Sunday Lunch' component for those that enjoy a substantial 'out of the ordinary' lunch selection complete with several hot entrees and a carving station. The Club currently offers a sampling of each, and for the cost is doing a great job. Exploring a reasonable alternative to the existing menu is something worth reviewing.
- The Beer selection for the Summer will see some minor, but popular changes. Our 'Cool weather Brew' *Guinness* will be replaced with the traditionally popular *Yuengling*. *Hook and Ladder*, which was the winner of a recent beer tasting will remain on tap since sales are very strong for this choice
- The House Committee reviewed some dining room complaints sent to House Committee members. We will be reviewing them with Mike and the kitchen staff.

- Our Food and Beverage Manager Lauren Oldach, will be taking Family Leave in early September, well after the busy season is over. Mike and Elizabeth will be covering for her, and as well, we may have several interns if Mike can make the arrangements. With typical family leave duration, Lauren will be back for the busy Holiday Season. We all wish her the best!
- Our Staff Meeting was a great success, and we will be discussing another one in the future

Many thanks go out to all of our Board Members and fellow EYC members for contacting us with their concerns and interests. Any ship is only as good as its crew, and we encourage everyone to help with guiding comments. The House Committee, the Management , and Staff of the Erie Yacht Club will continue to provide all of our members with the best that we have to offer.

House Committee meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m. These dates follow: June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13 and November 10.

<u>Vice Commodore's Report:</u> V/C Tom Trost submitted his report which is filed with the monthly Board packet. In it he reported that all but two (2) docks have been filled for the season. The two docks that are not filled are small 20-foot by 8- foot slips. At this time we will have one large boat stationed at the guest dock for the season. The weather has slowed down the completion of D- and E-docks. Boats are now moving into their new slips and we are very confident that all of the slips on these docks will be completed by Opening Day. He thanked all of the members for their cooperation both last Fall and this Spring with the moving of their boats once or twice enabling the demolition crew and assembly crew to help keep the basin project on time. To all members on docks A, B, C, G and H: hang in there. The volunteer crews are coming. Hew closed by wishing everyone a safe and fun 2009 boating season!

<u>Commodore's Report</u>: Commodore Amatangelo submitted his report and it is filed with the monthly Board packet. In it, he stated that these last 4 weeks were special. He said he couldn't remember a time when the Club had so many large activities, and that they came off as well as they did. Not in any particular order: # 1 The "Scotch Tasting:" this was outstanding, the food was superb, different but superb. Eric Marshall and Gerry Urbaniak did a great job putting this together.

#2 The "Niagara Event:" this event was larger than anyone anticipated and, as you know, generated a great deal of money. The Erie Yacht Club gained great publicity and good will for its involvement. Thanks again to Doug Boldt, F/C Dave Heitzenrater, P/C Ron Busse, and Jim Finn as well as our staff who juggled an event not knowing how big or small it would be.

#3 "Kentucky Derby Day:" the Club was packed He heard nothing but good things all day long. Again many thanks to the staff.

#4 "Mother's Day:" What a great day! The food was wonderful, the tables looked great, the service was outstanding.

We're lucky to have the staff we have. "Thank you," Mike, Lauren, Elizabeth, and Angelo. Please pass this on to your staff.

### **Committee Reports:**

Basin Committee: P/C John Murosky submitted an update via email which stated the flowable fill on J/K/L-docks is poured, fill dirt around the new power station was delivered this morning, they have four finger piers finished on D-dock and the power will be on on D-dock today as well. We will be able to start putting boats on D-dock as early as Thursday if need be! Mickey McMahon will be touching up the line holders on the mid-pilings of D/E-docks and the plumber will be working on the water to the power pedestals soon. The new ramp for D/E-docks has also arrived and will be installed after the construction work is done so as not to damage it during the processes. Cross your fingers for nice weather so they can continue to pour concrete! The finger piers on E-dock except one are poured and ready for use minus water but there will be more done by Monday afternoon. There will be no volunteers needed this Saturday! Whoo-hoo! Enjoy!

The electrical work for Nick Scott, Sr is nearly finished and will be complete by Opening Day.

Membership Committee: The membership makeup before and after this meeting was as follows:

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	As of 4/20/2009	As of 5/18/2009	2009 Budget	Caps
Regular	686	686	705	768
Associate	212	211	197	240
Special	54	54	58	
Senior	87	87	86	
Junior. Family	135	135	134	
Junior	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>25</u>	
Total	1201	1200	1205	1240
Non-Resident	22	21	25	
Honorary Associate	44	41		
Honorary Regular	1	4		
Grand Total	1267	1266	1230	

The membership Committee Report noted the death of Regular member Thomas Karle.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Niagara Fundraising: 1) May 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 - Pull Together Erie: Doug stated that he was pleased to report that our first Flagship Niagara fundraiser for this year was a huge success. The EYC hosted a casual evening cocktail reception in our Ballroom and Bliss Room which featured a live and silent auction to help lead the charge to save the Flagship Niagara's sailing programs. P/C Ron Busse served as our MC and did an excellent job. Jim Finn donated his professional auctioneering skills, which was a major help. C.A. Curtze Company donated some hors d'oeuvres for the event, which was appreciated very much. Entertainment was provided free of charge by Marty O'Connor and John Dauber, the program layout was created by P/C John Ashby, and the printing was donated by EYC Member Steve Hanks at Emerald Printing. Speeches were given by Commodore David Amatangelo, Flagship Niagara League President Brian Scott, Cathedral Prep Headmaster Father Jabo, Niagara Sr. Captain Walter Rybka, and Captain Wesley Heerssen. The Erie Mayor sent an emissary to speak as he was unable to attend the function. She delivered a Mayoral proclamation commending the EYC for outstanding community support and initiative, which Doug suggests we have framed to display in our lobby. Artwork and Niagara related items were donated by EYC Members Sue Busse, Thomas Halmi, and Kitt Kershaw. Additional items were donated by Ronald Rasmus, Great Lakes Towing, Samsel Supply Company, Gregg Koski at Ullman Sails, The Forester Society, John Baker Photography, and many others. Framing and matting was provided in part by Kada Gallery and U-Frame It - The Poster Annex. -The event raised over \$35,000 in net cash in just under 3 hours, and saw a \$1,200 per student pledge from Cathedral Prep's Father Jabo for 20 of his students to annually train and sail on the Flagship Niagara to earn school credits. By all measures it was a very good night, and the EYC continues to enjoy the positive media coverage. 2) July 4th 2009 -Niagara Parade - Don't Give up the Ship Burgee Fundraiser: The Flagship Niagara League is encouraging boaters in the Erie community to support the ship this July 4<sup>th</sup> by purchasing and flying the "Don't Give up the Ship" burgee to be displayed during a boat parade led by the Flagship Niagara. Burgees are available at the Erie Maritime Museum gift shop, and we are working on getting a few for our own gift shop for the convenience of our members as well as placing them at other Clubs and marinas. Please consider supporting the Niagara this summer by participating in the Niagara Parade, and purchasing a "Don't give up the Ship" burgee for your vessel. 3) August 9<sup>th</sup> 2009 - First Annual Niagara Cup Regatta: The Niagara is scheduled to serve as our committee boat for the Mayor's Cup and Governor's Cup races this year, and will award the overall winner the Flagship Niagara Cup at the awards ceremony.

It's a very beautiful trophy which will live in our lobby's glass display cases, and will be awarded annually. The Flagship Niagara League has already shored up some corporate sponsors for the event, and will host a dinner at the Bayfront Convention Center later that evening to raise additional funds. More information to come as it becomes available.

#### **New Business:**

EYC/Richards Property: F/C Heitzenrater displayed a drawing showing proposed landscaping and a gate for the area of Richard's property which borders the EYC to the west. On a motion by Doug Boldt, with a second by V/C Trost, the Board voted by majority to approve the request by Rodger Richards to encroach on the southwest corner of the Club property to plant his shrubs and flower beds in exchange for which, Mr. Richards will pave the area on the west side of the maintenance building. R/C Urbaniak was opposed. It was noted that Mr. Richards has agreed to continue to allow the Snipe Regatta participants to camp on his property to the southwest of the picnic shelter.

IT Update: Doug Boldt provided an update from the IT Committee which stated the following: 1) New Wireless Bridge Installed: P/C John Murosky and Doug installed another wireless Internet bridge on the east wall this month which provides stronger coverage for users on M/L- and J/K- docks. It will also cover the dry sail area where we sometimes get RVs during special events. We will perform a site survey in the coming days to determine where our dead zones are, and will add more bridges and adjust the existing antennas as needed to maximize coverage. EYC Member David Freeman has offered to provide any additional Cisco Aironet hardware to the EYC at his dealer cost, which is a considerable savings. Mr. Freeman serves on the EYC IT Committee and is the owner of Erie Computer. 2) Erie YachtClub.com Domain Name: This domain name was being squatted on by a Australian who had set up a website full of yachting ads, and was ranking on the front page of Google for the name 'Erie Yacht Club' just under our official website. Doug contacted the squatter and negotiated the purchase of the domain for \$100 USD. After the six-month hold period is over, Doug will transfer the domain ownership to the EYC. www.erievachtclub.com has been configured to redirect to www.erieyachtclub.org and Google has since dropped the spammer's site from its index, eliminating the confusion. 3) EYC Online Photo Gallery: An experimental online photo gallery has been created at http://gallery.erieyachtclub.com/ (will move to .org when Choice One sets up the DNS for us, and we will then redirect the .com). EYC members may request access from Doug Boldt or Hollis O'Hare and will be able to upload their own EYC photos directly. Doug has populated the website with his photos from the last two years EYCRF sailing banquets. P/C Ron Busse also provided photos on CD from previous events. 4) New EYC E-mail Service: We have migrated the EYC e-mail services to Google. This change gave our employees web-based access from any computer, while retaining their outlook installation on their office desktop computers. Officers who would like an erieyachtclub.org email address for official duties may contact our GM or Doug and we'll be happy to set one up for you to use. It might look better on our website, too, instead of our personal email addresses. 5) New Office PC Suggested: The computers in our F& B, Catering, and Chef's offices are getting old and need to be replaced soon. The IT Committee will assist in the upgrade if and when the Board approves the purchases. Doug stated that he feels they are cutting into the productivity of our employees, and have long outlived their expected usage.

EYC Parking: The Board discussed the parking issue on the outer walls. Signs will be made and posted indicating the areas as a "No Parking Zone for non-members." The Board asked GM Mike Lynch and Racing Fleet Communications representative, F/C Heitzenrater to continually remind members and racers of the parking rule - Grounds Rule 4. which states, "Guest cars must be parked in the Main Parking Lots. No guests, including crews, shall park their cars anyplace but in the main parking lot. The size of our Membership dictates that this rule be enforced. Please - we do not want to embarrass you or your guests." While the Board is sympathetic to the parking congestion on the outer walls, especially on race night, they remind all members that we do not have a rule which entitles slip holders to a parking space next to their slip. Slip holders on J/K and D/E must walk to their boats. The Board also discussed other means of controlling the situation such as

stickers, notices posted on cars and towing unauthorized vehicles. At this time, as a first step, they will post signs and begin an education program about the Club's parking rule while continuing to monitor the situation.

<u>Adjournment</u>: Doug Boldt made a motion that we adjourn the meeting; R/C Urbaniak seconded it and it carried unanimously. The time was 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Imig Secretary/Treasurer