



# BAY BREEZE MAY, 2010

*It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so! ~Mark Twain*

Welcome to the 2010 boating season. After early nice weather, then bad, the circle is finally complete, and it's really starting to feel like early summer. The harbor is half full of boats already and filling fast.

**2010 Calendar** - Enclosed is the EYC 2010 Calendar, suitable for keeping in an important spot so that you can refer to it throughout the summer. Upcoming events are:

**Club Clean-Up on May 22** which is being coordinated by Chip Cipolla. The primary work has already been coordinated by Chip. However, if you'd like to check with him to see if there is anything you can do to help out, he may be reached by e-mailing him at [chipusmc@hotmail.com](mailto:chipusmc@hotmail.com) or calling him at 789-0334 or 241-8247.

**Opening Party. On Friday, June 4**, the first party of the year will be held. Cost is \$9.00 per person. Delicious hors d'oeuvres by a professional caterer will be provided, so bring your own drinks (we'll provide ice & mixers) and come down to see old friends. This is a good time to bring guests as it is the same night as the Fun Run parade, so hundreds of classic cars will be passing right by the Yacht Club during the party. We'll begin the party at about six o'clock. The parade starts at seven, and the cars begin to line up early, so be sure to get to the club before the first traffic jam of the year in Escanaba.

**Wednesday night June Series Racing** begins June 9 for five consecutive weeks. Information packets will be sent out soon to skippers by Vice Commodore of Sail, John Anthony.

**Harbor News** - As you all know by now, EYC member, Larry Gravatt is now the Escanaba Marina Harbor Master. A quick trip to the harbor will give you an idea of how things are looking up. Larry has a nine-person staff in place who have been working hard over the past couple of weeks to powerwash the docks, get the landscaping ship-shape, and assess and prioritize necessary repairs to docks and other equipment. Several of the removable piers located in front of the club were fixed this spring by wrapping new metal on the bottom of those docks. That project will continue as money allows to address the deteriorating dock problem that's been plaguing the harbor for years. The L dock project has been pushed back to fall, but is proceeding. Larry is welcoming suggestions, so feel free to talk to him at the harbor.

At least two boats have moved from Gladstone, and other new boats have entered the harbor, so the scene at the marina has certainly changed for this season. One more new boat will be joining the crowd in a couple of weeks as EYC members Todd & Mary Hurley have acquired a boat that's located in the Long Island area of New York and, Captain Todd will be delivering it back to little ole' Escanaba with a couple of other EYC members. Good luck, "Solvation," on your transit westward.

**Membership Report** - Our membership is holding steady at a higher-than-historical average point. We had a record number of attendees - 92 people - at the 2010 January Banquet/Annual Meeting. Many people paid their membership dues of \$75 at that time. If you have not yet paid your 2010 dues, please send a check payable to "Escanaba Yacht Club" to P.O. Box 70, Escanaba, MI 49829, and Treasurer Dave Anthony will get your membership cards out to you.

**Use of Clubhouse** - As you can see from the calendar, there are approximately four days on which the clubhouse has been rented for private parties. All other days are open for the use of the members. Should you wish to schedule a non-exclusive gathering, please mark your event on the calendar at the clubhouse. Also, it would be appreciated if you would contact Roxanne Branson at 280-0859 to let her know so that she can take that into consideration when scheduling rentals.