



BAY BREEZE

JUNE 2009

*There is nothing more enticing,
disenchanted, and enslaving
than the life at sea.*

- Joseph Conrad

Welcome, Summer! Our early Memorial Day marked the unofficial start of summer, and boating and social activities are now in full swing. Yards have greened up, flowers abound, and boats dot the lake's horizon. This is the time of year we've waited for so long. Get out and enjoy it.

There is a lot of news to report:

Opening Party - The social season started off with a bang at the clubhouse on May 29. Chip Cipolla took the reins and put together a great event. Beautiful weather and the Fun Run classic car parade brought out over 60 people who enjoyed fabulous hors d'oeuvres prepared by caterer Loretta Albert. It was a great mix of old and new members and a beautiful setting for this first party.

Membership report - Several new members have joined the club, and renewing members have been getting their dues and member information forms in. If you have not yet done so, please send \$75 to Treasurer Dave Anthony at EYC, P.O. Box 70, Escanaba, MI 49829. Member information forms should be returned to Mike Manning at 524 Ludington Street, Suite 101, Escanaba, MI 49829.

The move into the 21st century - A project spearheaded by John Anthony and Amber Lippold has come to fruition; www.escanabayachtclub.com is now a reality. John and Amber did an excellent job and, even at this early stage have a quality site online. Please visit it, then say thanks to John and Amber next time you see them at the club or by "contact us" e-mail. The site contains great reference information such as the 2009 calendar and other up-to-date information which is now at your fingertips. Also included is a ShutterFly link so that your boating-related photos can be easily uploaded for all to enjoy. Please consider contributing.

Yet more improvements at EYC - Recent improvements include the completion of a window project on the old front porch; Sudy Gravatt completed fabric covers for the light valances with nautical-themed embroidery which you should certainly look for the next time you're in the club. Also, a committee led by Larry Gravatt and Chip Cipolla did extensive work to refurbish the race committee starting stand which is located at the tip of the point as you leave the harbor. Thanks to all involved in continuing to physically improve the club. Please know that all capital improvement is funded by money raised with clubhouse rentals.

Upcoming events:

Our friends at the Gladstone Yacht Club are having a music festival soon which will raise money for the Gladstone Schools fine arts department. The festival takes place on June 13 & 14 at their club and involves about eight bands. Get out and have some fun and show our support of their effort..

EYC sailboat racing starts next Wednesday, June 10. The skippers' meeting will be at 6:00 p.m., and the start is scheduled to be approximately 7:00 p.m. A social hour with snacks will follow each race. There will be a five race series in June and July, and the Stoll race will be held on June 20th. We hope to see many folks out there. If you have any questions, contact Vice Commodore of Sail, John Anthony. Skippers please note that the 2009 Notice of Race, PHRF ratings, and the racing rules are now online at the club website.

The Commodore's dinner is tentatively scheduled for June 19. However, our intrepid commodore may have a conflict in his schedule, so watch carefully for more information and any updates on that event.

Please remember that as members you may use the club at any time in a non-exclusive manner so long as a club event or rental has not been scheduled. If you have any questions, please ask any board member for further information.

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