



# BAY BREEZE DECEMBER 2009

*The wind and the waves are always on the side of the ablest navigator. - Edmund Gibbon*

Happy holidays. This newsletter is being prepared in the midst of our first winter storm. It's truly beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Best wishes to you and yours during this very special time of year.

## Recap of fall club activities:

The **closing party** at the club was the lobster dinner which was a big hit as usual. The reservation list closed out at 60 people, and the lobsters arrived from Maine on time for this end-of-the-season celebration. Thanks to all who helped including Mara & Mike Manning, Todd Hurley, Chip & Mary Kay Cipolla, Don & Barb Pfothenauer, and all others who jumped in to help.

The **Board of Directors** has been meeting each month throughout the fall. The treasurer's report shows the club in the black with enough money raised through rentals to continue future capital improvements.

**January Annual Meeting & Banquet.** This year, the history of the club will again be celebrated in part by returning to the venue commonly used by the club in the past. The party will be held at the House of Ludington on January 23, 2010. The Board has decided to try to hold costs down to \$20.00 per person. Details are in the enclosed notice. Although it will likely be a cold night, please come join in the fun. Skippers and sailors please note that sailing awards will be presented during the banquet, so please come and consider encouraging your crew to do the same.

**New News at the Harbor.** As most of you know, Tom Penegor and Dick Solka will no longer be managing the harbor. The City of Escanaba has hired our own EYC member, Larry Gravatt, as the new Harbor Master. Larry is anxious to begin his duties and has plans and goals in mind to improve things at the harbor and make your stay there as enjoyable as possible. Congratulate Larry when you see him.

**2010 Officers and Directors:** The officers and directors of the club have been somewhat static over the past few years, but the Board wants you to know that others have been encouraged and invited to become more actively involved. As no one stepped forward following those requests and similar requests in past years, the bylaws were reviewed, and it was determined that a slate of officers be chosen by the Board. If there are any members at large who wish to be involved in either an officer or director position, please contact any Board member by December 22nd. Your wish may be able to be accomplished with a reshuffling of positions or the addition of a position which is possible. As it stands, 2010 officers and directors are:

Commodore:	Don Pfothenauer	Social Director:	Open
VC Sail:	John T. Anthony	Directors:	Dan Branson (past Commodore)
VC Power/Cruise:	Open		Chip Cipolla
Treasurer:	Dave Anthony		Larry Gravatt
Secretary:	Mike Manning		Kris Pfothenauer
		Club Rentals:	Roxanne Branson

**Intrepid EYC Members Cross Atlantic:** Lucky sailors Dan Branson and Bob Johnson are currently on a trans-Atlantic delivery with former Escanaba resident, Mark Meyer. Mark took a new job on a different Oyster 62 sailboat which had been cruising the Mediterranean. The boys picked up the boat in a small town near Marsailles, France, in mid-November, worked on the dry-docked boat for a week, then headed south through the Strait of Gibraltar, along the coast of Morocco, then out to the Canary Islands and are now nearing St. Lucia, their final destination. Hopefully we can get a presentation or at least some good stories of this adventure upon their return.