



BAY BREEZE

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"Who is staring at the sea is already sailing a little." -- Paul Carvel

It must be true . . . winter is really over. The ski hill in Marquette closes on April 12, and the ice left the bay late last week. It's a downhill slide from here into a wonderful U.P. spring. While you've been busy shoveling snow, planning for the upcoming EYC season has been ongoing. A proposed calendar of events is included with this newsletter. Please keep it handy for your review this summer.

Banquet recap: On January 24, 2009, the annual EYC banquet was held. Participants were treated to historical stories recapping some of the history of the first 75 years of the club.

What's Happening at the EYC?

- ▶ After last year's season, major work was done by Chip Cipolla and Larry Gravatt, primarily on the interior of the club. The walls of the main room were repaired and painted, new wood trim was constructed and installed throughout the main room, electrical problems which have plagued the club for years were resolved, and other general upkeep was performed. Please thank these very active members the next time you run into them.
- ▶ A project is underway to cover the window and light valances in the main room with Sunbrella® fabric emblazoned with nautical/club graphics.
- ▶ Proceeds of last year's club rentals have been calculated and will allow for club improvement to continue over the next calendar year.
- ▶ A website is being prepared for the club. John T. Anthony has taken charge of the project. Thus far, a domain name has been secured which is www.escanabayachtclub.com. It is hoped that a site can be up and running during the 2009 boating season. Any expertise or ideas for John can be directed to him at janthony@andex.net. We hope to include photo uploading, events calendars, racing results, historical information and other fun information.
- ▶ Also on the technology front, we request that all members provide the Board with e-mail addresses for ease of information distribution. **Please e-mail your address to Board Member Chip Cipolla at chipusmc@hotmail.com**. Also, enclosed is a "Member Information Form." It would be very helpful if members would send this in so that we may compile information to prepare a membership booklet. We've not had a booklet for several years, and it's high time.
- ▶ 75th Anniversary event planning is ongoing.

- ▶ **It's Spring cleaning time** – and a time to remind all EYC members that the Escanaba Public Library is always grateful for donations of nautical charts which are no longer being used. Barb Joran says that the chart collection is used regularly throughout the year, and is very much appreciated by the library users. The donated charts can be from anywhere in the world, and of any vintage. If EYC members have not browsed the chart collection, take some time on a rainy day or dark evening and dream of boating.
- ▶ The Board invites club members to have input on all aspects of the club. Board of Directors meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2009, at the clubhouse.
- ▶ Club Rentals: The enclosed calendar indicates those dates currently booked for 2009 club rentals. Should you wish to book the club, the contact person for 2009 continues to be Roxanne Branson who can be reached at 280-0859.
- ▶ Membership report: As of the printing of this newsletter, approximately 30 members have paid their dues for 2009. In 2008, we had a total of 53 paid memberships. Understandably, many members were not able to make it to the January banquet due to weather and other commitments. The membership fee continues to be \$75.00 (cheap!) **Please send your check made payable to "E.Y.C." to Treasurer David Anthony at EYC, P.O. Box 70, Escanaba, MI 49829.** Upon receipt of your dues, your membership cards will be mailed. Remember that the EYC is a member of a reciprocal yacht club organization allowing you to use the cards for entry to private yacht clubs throughout the country.

See you all at the boatyard or the first party.

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