

DECEMBER, 1964

# Notes from the Commodore

The BLYC pins for use on caps and blazers are now on hand. These and other items of equipment the Club has available are on display in the lounge. The prices of these items are listed on the display case and can be purchased through Theda Smith ..... Again, we thank Roundy Sproat for his repair work on the lounge furniture..... Fall Work Day was held on Sunday, November 1. The continuing beautiful fall weather was a big help in making the tasks more pleasant. There was a fine turnout of juniors, wives and members, who accomplished the tasks in short order. The following were present:

Roundry Sproat - Tom Boswell - Ginny and Chet DeMary - Lillian and Ken Ross - Maxine and Norm Yoerger - Everett Wood - Kathryn Woodward - Jane and Ken Merrill - June Headlee - Susie and Ivan Rollitt - Judy and Ed Ballenger - Art Schwoerer - George Offenberg - Gladys and Paul Travis - Pete Burns - Jane Holstein - Paul and Vic Doritan - Dewey and Tony Albright - Dale Dupler - Harry Shaw - Jack Schwartz - Bill Rosebraugh - Jennie and Walter Rosshirt - Gil Martinez - Betty, Mikie and Jim McLane - Ed Peters - Russ Luchtenberg - Marty, Greg, Matt and George Fisher - Velma and Russ Lieberman - John Martin - Earl Williams - Rusty and Calude McGinnis - Joe Ann and Don Downey - Jodi and Bob Richards - Ed and Jeff Metzger - Whitey Limes - Cathy Pine

We have tried not to miss anyone and if we have, they were not intentionally overlooked, and we apologize for the omission. We thank you all for your help. After the work was completed, refreshments were served, followed by a fine dinner..... Trophy Day was held on November 8, with most of the sailboat skippers and their crews present. The list of winners will appear later; however, we extend our warmest congratulations to JIM THOMPSON for his award of THE PAST COMMODORES ASSOCIATION JUNIOR AWARD. This award is given each year by the Past Commodores Association to the Junior who has shown the greatest progress in advancement in seamanship and sailing. Again, congratulations Jim, and to Jean and Chet, for their son's achievement.

The last issue of the Log mentioned the names of members and their wives who were enrolled in the fall classes of the Power Squadron. I am sorry that Libbie Waldeck was overlooked. Libbie is in the Piloting class. PWH

# Ladies Auxiliary News

The Ladies Auxiliary meeting was November 10 at the Desert Inn. Thirty-six members were present......The table decoration was a lovely straw basket full of fruit, gourds and bittersweet. It was made by Doris Womeldorf and later raffled off -- the proceeds going to the Ways & Means Committee.....Plans for our annual Christmas party were discussed. Everyone is to bring a \$3.00 gift; cocktails at the home of Gladys Lawrence; and dinner at the Officer's Club.....It was voted to donate \$50.00 to the Marie Wood Cancer Ray......Doris Womeldorf has completed the history of our auxiliary. It is interesting to note that we started with 15 members and now have a total of 93. Our thanks to Doris for a most informative and interesting history..... The Project Committee offered a proposal that we have a cement patio in front of the Club. This project will be given further consideration and discussion at the January meeting..... The Cancer Ray is badly in need of material. If anyone has old white sheets, pillow cases or shirts they no longer use, get in touch with Helen Dressel. .....Our President, Catherine Woodward, had a severe fall a few weeks ago. We are all so glad no bones were broken and she was able to be about in a few days time. ...... Everyone was so pleased to hear from Slim and Harry Nation. A tornado struck Briney Breezes and completely demolished their trailer. The trailer court had been evacuated and no one was injured. It was quite an experience and we hope it will not happen to them again..... The Club was quite festive this Halloween. The Club was decorated for the children's party on Saturday afternoon and needless to say, they had a wonderful time. JoAnn and Don Downey had a big party at their home Saturday night. Everyone was in costume and it was a real fun party. JoAnn served a delicious lunch and Don had plenty of beer for their many guests. Rusty McGinnis

# Notes from Gov. Gil Martinez

We wish to announce that the following new members were admitted to BLYC November 15: Andy Thomas, Dick Leitch and John Ryan. New member applications have been received for the following: <u>WILLIAM W. CLINE</u>, who resides at 2745 Sherwood Road and is a manufacturer's agent for Keller Mfg. Co., Corydon, Indiana. He is proposed by P/C Lowell Frost and seconded by P/C Gus Schell. HOWARD "Whitey" LIMES, who resides at 1491 Miller Avenue and is associated with the Hicks Printing Co. He is proposed by Tom Boswell and seconded by Walter Rosshirt.

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### Chris Lambrecht's Report - Fifth Cruise of Martini VI

On Friday, September 11, 1964 the yacht Martini VI cast off from New Richmond, Ohio for a 2300-mile cruise through the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers and the Gulf of Mexico to Naples, Florida. Skipper George Crites and his crew ---Navigator Chris Lambrecht and Mates Gus Schell, Ernie Wilson and Woody Johnson -- tied up at their destination after 16 eventful and interesting days. Traffic along the Ohio was light at first, increasing as the Martini VI went downstream. The 11 locks negotiated encompassed a total drop of 149 feet in altitude; passage through five of them was shared with river barges.

The weather progressed from warm and cloudy to cold and clear. Closed in by fog on Monday morning, the crew explored the cave once used by river pirates. Cruising at an average of 147 miles per day, on the evening of the fourth day the Martini VI entered the muddy, driftwoodchoked water of the Mississippi. The only mishap thus far was a brief bout with watered gas. Barge traffic on the Mississippi was heavy. Half-way to the Gulf the river was busy in ocean-going traffic. The weather generally held at warm, windy, humid and cloudy or sprinkling. At Carmen's Marina in Missouri the Martini VI was piloted in to gas up for the long stretch ahead. Docked alongside a barge for the night at Osceola, Ark., the crew fought off a massive invasion of flying insects.

On the sixth day out the Martini VI hit a sand bar. Limping into drydock at Memphis, her damage was assessed at a bent starboard rudder shaft and a bent port propeller. Time out for repairs gave the crew the opportunity to hear Senator Goldwater at the Memphis Yacht Club. Other high spots along the Mississippi: The Old Sprague, largest steel tow boat ever built, now inactive; a wrecked barge, about which report of accident was heard the night before on the radio; the contrast between the old mansions and the squalor of the Negro quarters in Natchez; the 23 miles of terminal docks for ocean-going vessels at New Orleans; the passage through the ship canal in the company of two barges and four cruisers.

After six days on the Mississippi, covering an average of 140 miles per day, the Martini VI proceeded through the Intercoastal Canal to the choppy waters of Lake Borgne and Mississippi Sound. The weather turned warm, but the ensuing nights were generally cool.

The following four days provided the crew with many views of porpoise, schools of fish, bird rookeries, oyster beds and shrimp fleets, and with a surfeit of fish and shellfish at lunch and dinner. On the morning of the fifteenth day out Gus Schell and Ernie Wilson left the boat at Crystal River and headed for home. The next morning, running just ahead of a rain squall, the boat docked at the Skipper's new winter home in Naples, Fla., and the fifth Florida cruise of the Martini VI ended. But the memories of this cruise, so like the others and yet so distinctive in its succession of events, in the sharing of experiences and in the warmness of water-borne camaraderie, will never end.

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The first monthly dance instruction night, with Ellen and Lowell Frost officiating, was a huge success. At one time I counted 55 persons participating. There's enough to the Cha Cha to last us all seven meetings during the winter, so come on out and have a ball. Next session is Saturday, December 12. \*\*\*\*\*\* Evelyn and Roy Hazelett and Carrie and Bernie Morgan held a beer bust on Saturday, November 14. A good turnout for this time of year and with a fire in the fireplace, it was very much fun.\*\*\*\*\*
The Commodore has again asked that we remind all members that the handy-man is not to socialize with members during his duty hours. His day off is Monday, \*\*\*\*\*\*\* Each year there is a great difficulty in paying the bills of the Club without cutting into savings accounts that are earning interest. Last year we were successful in getting enough members to pay their dues early to meet the winter expenses. We would again like to request all we can, without hardship, to pay up now rather than wait till May 1st. Your help will be appreciated. \*\*\*\* Gov. Marty Headlee did it again for the kids, with a wonderful Halloween Party. His family gave him much assistance again, and the decorations were wonderful. Twenty-six youngsters showed up for the magician and all the other games, and Carolyn siad it was the funnest party she has ever been to in her life. Thanks Marty, \*\*\*\*\*\*The Snakehunters had their usual winter Friday night dinner on November 7. Twenty were present and we hope next month on Friday, December 4, there will be even more show up. Roundy Sproat was elected Head-Hunter, following Ken Merrill, who now becomes Past Head-Hunter. \*\*\*\*\*\* The Commodore appointed Ken Merrill as the BLYC representative to the Buckeye Lake Chamber of Commerce. Also, Cliff Dum was appointed to represent BLYC at the fall meeting of ILYA on December 5. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*Some members have asked about blazers. Gus Schell can order them thru the Power Squadron or Bob Hill of Hill Tailoring (17th and High) sell them also. Cost about \$37.50 - \$50.00. Any charcoal grey pants will go with it and yachting caps are available from several places. Check with P/C Dwight Haggard. Now this uniform does not gibe with the By-Laws, which still say double breasted, among other things, but we'll bring the By-Laws up to date with what we're using as the BLYC dress. Let's see more blazers around the Club for all occasions. \*\*\*\*\* Vice Com. George Offenberg has named Jack Schwartz, Paul Doritan and P/C Art Schwoerer to his House Committee. Gov. Jim McLane has appointed Zane Sherman as Protest Committee Chairman and Mickie McLane, Walter Rosshirt, Dewey Albright to the Race Committee. Gov. Marty Headlee has appointed George Fisher and Ed Peters to his committee on Junior activities. Gov. Gil Martinez has appointed Jay Limbaugh and Herb Hunt to assist on facilities assignments and membership. Gov. Russ Luchtenberg has appointed Don Downey and Howard Glenn to assist on his committee in charge of docks and grounds. Other appointments will he forthcoming xxxxxxxxx

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#### GIN RUMMY NIGHT - Saturday, November 28

We regret to report that P/C Ken Ross is very much under the weather, and has been for 8 days. We have just talked with him and he really sounds full of infection and his voice was hardly audible. He did request that Pete Burns take over the Gin Rummy Contest. There has been much interest in this and we hope for a good turnout. Pete will definitely present the first trophy on this Saturday night and you may rest assured that the tournament will come to a close by 1:00 AM. In subsequent events, we will try to arrange so that by 1:00 AM the winner for the evening has been determined. Then, there will be a trophy for the fleet champion for the entire season. We certainly wish Ken a speedy recovery.

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On Saturday night, December 5, Gladys and Paul Travis and JoAnn and Don Downey are having free beer at the Club, to be followed by the showing of some movies at 9:00 PM of their Halloween Party. This sounds like another good reason to come to the Club on these winter week ends.

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The number of members who spend every week end at the lake year round has reached proportions, that actually the Club is very much alive with good fellowship winter and summer alike. On the 14th of this month, with the Dance Night, the Club was more alive than it is on many summer Saturday nights. Come on out and enjoy yourself and eat one of Theda Smith's good dinners.

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Eddie Ballenger, the ice boat fleet captain, held a meeting at Reeb's on November 10. Many good rules were laid down for the coming season. Zane, Roundy and Bud Sayre will act as Race Committee and Roundy has already constructed some wonder pylons for markers. Five races per day will be sailed beginning at 12:30 PM on each Sunday. No races after 3:30 PM. Great fun - and Bud Sayre has ice boats ready for immediate delivery. Skippers present were: Greiner, Offenberg, Cox, Limbaugh, Williams, Klein, Butsko, Ballenger and Doc Holzaepfel and Mike Griffith from Leather Lips. All entrants are required to pay \$2.00 to the League for trophey money, which is payable to Fran Sayre, who we hope will volunteer for treasurer. All skippers are also urged to pay their \$1.00 dues to the DN National Association.

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DON'T FORGET GIN RUMMY NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

DON'T FORGET THE FREE BEER AND MOVIES ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5.

DON'T FORGET THE DANCING LESSONS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12. LEARN TO CHA CHA CHA.

WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T FORGET THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY.

LET'S GET MORE NEWS INTO THE LOG EDITOR.

Pop Rosebraugh and Alice are again giving us free parking for the New Year's Eve Party. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to them for this, as well as all the many other nice things they do for us throughout the year.

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