

NOVEMBER, 1965

# Notes From The Commodore

The 21st annual Snow Ball Regattas for 1%5 are history. They were a big success and on the picture pages you will see some of the scenes and events recorded. The first week end of the Regatta was a tragic one for our Club. P/C Ken Ross passed away on October 8, just the day before the Regatta began. He had rallied in the last few days and was planning to return home on Sunday; however, his wife, Lillian, was called back to the hospital on Friday evening and he had passed away before she arrived. Ken joined our Club in 1958 and served as Sec.-Treas. in 1%0 and '61. He served as Rear Commodore in '62, in charge of the House Committee and Vice Commodore in '63, during which time he wrote the Log. He was Commodore in 1964 and has been a trustee of the Club since that time.

Ken enjoyed his power boat named Sandy Sea and will be missed very much around the Club in the days and weeks to come. Ken was also Exec. Secretary of the O.I.C.Y.A., a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and a member of the U.S. Power Squadron. We extend our most sincere sympathy to his wife, Lillian, and his mother, Mrs. Lula Miller. We share their great loss.

During the second race on Saturday Herb Smith was crewing on Art McCarthy's Highlander #11 with his daughter, Carol, and Mac's son, Richy. After rounding the windward mark for the second time in the race, the spinnaker fouled on the forward stay and Mac asked Richy to go forward and untangle it. Herb told Richy to stay in the cockpit, that he would go forward, and a few seconds later while undoing the brummel hook of the spinnaker tack, he went overboard and was not seen again after a few seconds, when his foul weather gear was visible. His daughter, Carol, jumped in to try to rescue him and was rescued herself by the very quick action of Jim Dressel and Jay Limbaugh, who saw the emmergency and moved quickly to action. Herb was buried on Friday, October 15, in St. Marks Episcopal Church in Arlington, where he had been senior warden. Herb enjoyed sailing and the Club a great deal and we shall miss him. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Mary, and to his lovely daughters, Connie and Carol. All of their many friends share their heavy burden at this time.

On October 15 Ted Eaton, a member of BLYC for over 40 years, passed away at the age of 66. He was an early winner of the Heber award and a Governor of the Club in '39. In 1938 he headed the Regatta Committee; was a trustee in '43 and '49. He was responsible for club rentals and writing the Log in '40 and '41. In the early 20's he sailed with Bob Irwin in a Gaff Rig K boat and has always enjoyed the various club activities until his health failed in recent years. We shall all miss Ted and we extend our heartfelt sympathies to his wife, Mandy.

\*\*\*\*\*\* Commodore George A. Offenberg

It is with pleasure that we announce your new Board of Governors for 1965-1966 Club year.

Commodore George A. Offenberg
Vice Com. David O. Cox - Log & Directory
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Ray L. Walker - Entertainment Committee
Don K. Downey - Junior Program
Gene Hays - Facilities Assignment & Membership

We will again have a very fine Board and another good year under Commodore Offenberg. He has already set a goal of 35 new members for the year, so let's all begin working on our friends who would make good members of the Club.

P/C Paul Holstein, who is Secretary of the Board of Trustees, has informed us that they have unanimously elected P/C Dwight Haggard to serve out the unexpired term of P/C Kenneth Ross as a Trustee. Dwight was Commodore in 1960 and has served the Club in many capacities since and is always willing to step in to the tough assignments that some of us avoid.

Our Entertainment Committee is planning a first-class Halloween party for adults. You will get a flier in the mail soon, if you have not already. It is a costume party and sounds as if Ray Walker and his Social Committee is off to a flying start. Dale Dupler, Chet DeMary, Eddie Ballenger, Woody Johnson, with their wives and others, are going to assist Ray Walker with entertainment this year and you may rest assured it will be a full and good program. We have already heard complaints that it's impossible to tell when we are partying at BLYC and when we are not. Actually, the only difference is that when we are partying, there has been a flier sent out in the mail. The chairmen of the various social club committees have been appointed and are posted on the bulletin board.

WORK DAY will be Sunday, October 31, at ten o'clock. Many hands make the work load light and quick. Let's put those things to bed for the winter that must be cared for, so come springtime everything will be in good shape.

There were 33 Highlanders and 8 Ravens in the first Snow Ball. Unfortunately, none of our Highlander skippers placed in the hardware for their races. Several made very creditable showings, but didn't crash the first three. R/C Russ Luchtenberg won the Raven event and a picture of him receiving his trophy is on the picture page.

There were 54 Lightnings in the second Snow Ball and we are pleased to publish pictures of Jimmy Dressel receiving the award for second place and Bob Spitz receiving the award for third place.

The ladies did their reputation even more good by coming up with two delightful spreads of hors d'oeuvres for the two Saturday evening cocktail parties. Dottie Meacham, President of the Auxiliary, is also pictured.

Our thanks to General Chairman Russ Luchtenberg and to all of his committees who served so faithfully, and without whom such an event cannot be executed.

We are pleased to announce that Dottie Meacham has appointed Joann Downey as editor for auxiliary news. Her first column follows:

At the September meeting the election of officers was held. Elected were: President, Dorothy Meacham; Vice Pres., Arthelda Haggard; Secretary, Bea Dupler; Treasurer, Rusty McGinnis. It was a very impressive installation ceremony, with Catherine Woodward doing the honors in her most gracious and capable manner. Mary Jane Luchtenberg presented Catherine with the Past Presidents' bracelet.

Fisher-Henery-Wood Cancer Ray will meet Wednesday, October 27, at the home of Mary Jane Luchtenberg. Work session will start at 11 o'clock, followed by a luncheon. They are in desperate need of sheets, shirts and pajamas. If you have any of these items, contact any past president BROADMOOR MARKET
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and they will pick them up, or bring them to the Yacht Club or to the monthly auxiliary meetings.

Attention all card players!!! The 'Horse Thief' fever has taken over and now there is a weekly card game at the Club on Wednesday. Those attending so far are Dorothy Meacham, Jodi Richards, Ella Woolley, Bernie McAllister, Carrie Morgan, Mary Jane Luchtenberg, Helen Newkirk, Cec Graham and Joann Downey. Come on gals'. — let's have some more players, get up a car pool! Usually they have lunch about 12:00 — then the 'fever' takes over.

We have a queen mother in our midst. Bert and Bernie McAllister's daughter, Linda, was chosen Homecoming queen at Millersport.

I would like to take this opportunity to gratefully extend my thanks for all the wonderful help and cooperation given to make the cocktail parties for the Snow Ball Regatta a success. Without the help of each and every one, it could not have been possible. Again, thank you.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be held at Presutti's. Maxine Yoerger is chairman.

Jodi Richards has already started the ball rolling. As chairman of Ways and Means, she held a Tupper ware party at the October auxiliary meeting.

## \*\*\*\*\*\*\* Joann Downey

Dale Dupler gives us more detail on the Saturday night, October 30th, Halloween Harvest party. Dress in costume - Four prizes given - original, humorous, unique, prettiest. Round and square dancing - caller and all. The price in costume - \$1.50; price out of costume - \$2.50. Swing around pokes! - and let's have a square dance.

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Gov. Don Downey is planning a Halloween costume party for the juniors on Saturday, October 30, from 1:00 to 3:00. He hopes to have a nice turnout. There will be prizes for the most beautiful costume, the most comical and the ugliest.

There will be a junior sailing program in the spring. Max Slaughter has a lot of good ideas going. More news from Gov. Downey on this to follow.

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# Gun Club Notes from Jodi Richards

The BLYC Gun Club got off to a roaring start Sunday, September 26, with a beer bust and member registration. Thirty-four members were signed up, 12 of which are new members. Anyone wishing to join, see President Paul Travis. The members nominated for election to the governing board are posted on the bulletin board. Election will be held the last Sunday in October. All Gun Club members are urged to be at the Yacht Club for voting at 1:00 P.M. October 31. The Gun Club has adopted a constitution and with the election of new officers, will be organized for many enjoyable afternoons all winter. It is hoped that our first shoot will be November 7. The safety rules will be posted on the bulletin board soon and will be rigidly enforced. We hope to have many more enthusiastic members to participate in this exciting winter activity.

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P/C Holstein has sent us a copy of a letter from Mr. Rebholz, the Chief of the Department of Natural Resources, indicating that they have acted favorably upon his request to lower the lake 48 inches this year. They will begin drawing it down on November 1 and the refill will start not before February 1. This means less damage to docks for everyone and safer ice boating and ice fishing for those who tread on thin ice. We are grateful to Mr. Rebholz and to Jack Steele for the many fine improvements that are taking place at Buckeye Lake. They also plan to remove all obstructions that are visible above the ice, providing there is sufficient ice to permit safe working.

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Rusty McGinnis just received a letter from the wife of one of our past commodores, Charles Fast, and would like to pass the news along to all BLYC members.

"Would you please notify the editor of the Log that Friday, October 1, our Charles was admitted to the new Convalarium of First Community Village — a new type of nursing home for this part of the country. He is getting wonderful care and is adjusting very well. After a few more days, I think he would enjoy callers. Also, cards would help his morale. The address is 1812 Riverside Drive, Room 25, Columbus 12."

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In the everyday hustle and bustle of working hard and playing hard, we sometimes miss the significance of some of the things around us. In an emergency such as that experienced on the 9th when Herb Smith was lost, the outpouring of friendship and helpfulness is enough to give anyone renewed interest in the human race. So many times we hear the bad things about people and so seldom do we honor the vast reservoir of generosity and good will that prevails in the membership of our Club. One measure of life is certainly the passage of time and as we spend time together in BLYC activities month after month, there is a fellowship and fraternalism which is very real and very true, and which tangibly pours forth in times of an emergency to one of our members. We should all be proud to be a part of such a fine group.

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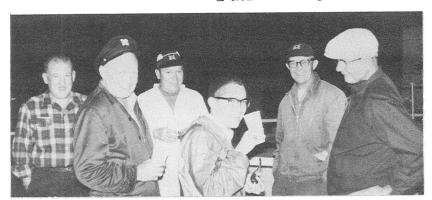
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P/C C. Kenneth Ross 1909 - 1965



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Jim Dressel receiving 2nd place Lightning trophy - Crew - Steve Johnson & George Brown



The New Commodore



Bob Spitz receiving 3rd place Lightning trophy



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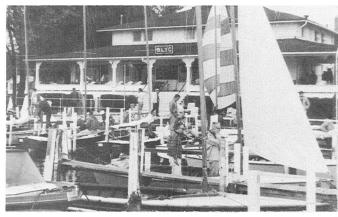
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Snow Ball scene



Race Com. members Bob Richards, Zane Sherman, Walt Rosshirt - Gov. McLane also served.



Bea Dupler & Arthelda Haggard passing out crew trophies



Bea Dupler's Champagne Party