

Buckeye Lake Yacht Club



LOG

FROM THE BRIDGE ☆ ☆ ☆

September, 1981

NOTICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP: You are hereby given notice that our Annual Meeting will be held at 3 P.M., Sunday, September 20, 1981. (Article VI, Section 4, of our Constitution.)

On that day you will be asked to select 9 members for your Board of Governors. The candidates will be serving breakfast and campaigning on the porch Sunday morning with the polls being open from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. As in the past, an election eve 'Meet the Candidate' night party will be held Saturday, with cocktails being served by your favorite candidate at 6:30 P.M., dinner at 7:30 P.M., followed by the presentation of candidates at 9:00 P.M. Come out to the Club and join the fun.

This has been a Banner Year for BLYC. Not only did we celebrate our 75th Anniversary, we have welcomed 32 families into membership. Our docks are in good condition through the adherence of a sound maintenance program. Our club has a new roof and reconditioned BLYC sign. The Ladies Auxiliary has donated new ceiling fans. The Bar and Kitchen operation has been superb. The content and quality of our 'Log' has been excellent, and timely. A new 1981 Club directory has been printed. The porch and grounds are well kept and tidy. Our sailboat racing has been keen with a definite increase in participation with the addition of many new boats and sailors. The BLYC spirit was again evident during Junior Bay Week at Put-In-Bay, with about 70 members supporting our team on the island. In my opinion our social events were almost flawless. Our 75th Anniversary weekend celebrated over July 4th and 5th will be unparalleled. BLYC hosted its first Antique Power Boat Regatta in August.

All of the above was accomplished through the direction of your Board of Governors, Trustees, with help from the Ladies Auxiliary and many, many hard working members whose names would be too numerous to mention. To all of you -- a sincere "Thank You." It has been an honor and pleasure to work with all of you.

As my term comes to a close, I would like to wish your new commodore and his board the 'BEST'. My hope is that BLYC will have another Banner Year in 1982.

Jim Dressel
Commodore



Galley Gossip

Gov. JOHN DONEFF



ALL U CAN EAT

Starting Sun., August 2, we will be serving a Super Sunday Dinner Special. ALL U CAN EAT at a Very affordable price (including child portion). A different Special every Sunday. ALL U CAN EAT Special will be served from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M.. Regular menu will be available til 8 P.M.

NEW SUMMER HOURS :

Wednesday thru Friday 4 PM. to 10 PM.

Saturday 9 AM. to 10 PM.

Sunday 9 AM. to 8 PM.

Thank You,

John

**The following have been nominated to run for the Board of Governors
at Buckeye Lake Yacht Club on Sept. 20, 1981.**

★ **Edward Ballenger**

★ **Robert Boehm**

★ **John Doneff**

★ **Gordon Forster**

★ **Frank Foster**

★ **John Hoermle**

★ **Mike Jacobs**

★ **Ed Levison**

★ **Terry Ottenweller**

★ **George Rogers**

★ **Bob Walters**

★ **Robert Zeiher**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Comm. George Fisher

Comm. Gale Roshon

V.C. Ed Ballenger

CRANBERRY BOG

The following is an account of a visit to Cranberry Bog on June 7, 1980 by Charles Goslin and Dr. and Mrs. Hubert B. Eyman of Lancaster. It is reproduced from an article that was published in the Lancaster Eagle-Gazette on June 14, 1980.

Charlie Goslin is a well-known naturalist in Fairfield County and the surrounding area. He has had his articles published in the Lancaster Eagle-Gazette for many years. Several years ago he published his first book "Crossroads and Fence Corners" which was a limited edition and is now sold out. His second book is now at the publishers. The reprint of the article follows:

"Once 50 acres in size - now only 19 - its questionable whether this sphagnum island on Buckeye Lake will survive into the next century.

Cranberry Bog is a floating island that rises and falls with the level of the lake. Anchored by the roots of vegetation growing there, it doesn't float away.

The wakes of speeding motor boats are gradually destroying the edges of the island bog, which is unique to this part of Ohio. To aid in preserving the island, it has been designated a nature preserve under control of the Department of Natural Resources. Permission is required to visit it.

Permission was obtained by the Licking County Audubon Society for a visit to the bog, which is in charge of naturalist Tina Takach, Newark. She served as our guide.

On earlier visits, we were required to row out to the island, which was then closer to shore. There is now a pontoon board that can be hired at Cranberry Point by groups with permission to visit.

As guest of Dr. Hubie Eyman, Jr., and his wife, Jeannette, it was a thrill to visit the bog after so many years of absence. It was an enjoyable couple of hours during which we met many friends and became re-acquainted with plants not seen for years.

Enroute by water to the landing spot, great blue herons gathered at the north point of the island. Some passed overhead enroute from the rookery in the woods north of Cranberry Point to feeding areas of shallow water along the shoreline. Tree swallows and purple martins passed overhead as they fed on flying insects. Martin boxes along the lake shoreline attract purple martins who help in keeping mosquitoes under control.

Surrounding the bog at the center of the island is a wide band of trees and shrubs, the tallest of which are the red maples. We watched the trees as we followed the shoreline to the docking place, wondering if some were white (silver) maples. With high humidity and no wind, we did not see the fluttering white of the white maples when there is a breeze.

Growing to the size of small trees, the most abundant shrubs were probably the poison sumac. This poisonous shrub, to the touch, was just coming in flower. Although more dangerous than poison ivy,

poison sumac, with the technical name of *Rhus Vernix*, has clusters of attractive greenish-white flowers at the tips of the branches. *Rhus* is an old Greek word and *vernix* is a Latin name for varnish. Linnaeus, who named this plant, believed it was the source of Asiatic lacquer. The Chinese varnish tree, which is similar in appearance and also poisonous to the touch, is a source for lacquer.

In the center of the island, surrounded by trees and tall shrubs, is the open sphagnum bog. It is here that many unusual and rare plants are growing. Scattered throughout the entire open area are numerous pitcher-plants which have evolved from a plant planted there by Fredrica Detmers about 1911.

Water gathers in the pitcher-like leaves of the plant. Insects tumble into this water and drown. Enzymes produced by the plant slowly dissolve the insects which are converted to food for the plant. The hooded purplish flowers, then in bloom, were scattered over the hummocks of sphagnum moss.

The area is covered with large (American) cranberry plants. It is the fruit that is large, not the plants. Without measuring, the plants appeared to be about six inches tall. The fruit, when ripe, is about the size of store-bought cranberries.

Growing among the sphagnum and the cranberries were small plants of the round-leaf sundew. The round leaf is not much larger than a dime. At the edge of the leaf are small glandular bristles that discharge a clear glutinous fluid that glistens in the sunlight and resembles dewdrops; hence the name sundew. This fluid entraps small insects. It's said this group of plants will make a purple stain on paper. As yet, I have not found this small plant common enough to try that experiment.

In "IN NATURE'S GARDEN" by Netlje Blanchan, there is an interesting account of how the round-leafed sundew entraps gnats and other very small insects. Attracted by the sparkle of the drops, tiny flies become trapped in the fluid. The more they struggle the more entrapped they become. At death there is a complex fluid released by the sundew that, like a gastric juice, digests the tiny fly. It is one of the marvels of nature.

At first glance, one might identify another plant growing on Cranberry Island as Arrowhead, a plant common in shallow water of ponds and lakes. However, it is a species of arrow-arum called tuckahoe, and is related to the jack-in-the-pulpit and green-dragon. In central Ohio, it is known to be growing in only Licking, Perry and Hocking Counties. We have yet to find it in Fairfield County.

The last year's growth of water-willow, known also as swamp-loosestrife, is quite evident along the boardwalk of Cranberry Bog. From the size of the dead stalks, it's a much larger plant than the more common whorled loosestrife. Dr. John Bigelow, in his "*Florula Lancastriensis*," reports this plant as growing in Fairfield County, as do others. However, we have never found it growing in Fairfield County. Cranberry Island is on that part of Buckeye Lake that's in Licking County.

Three species of orchids grow on Cranberry Bog; the calopogon, rose pogonia and arethusa. We were a little ahead of their time for blooming. Only the calopogon, known also as grass-pink, was in bud. It will be late June or early July before the arethusa, known also as dragon's mouth, and rose pogonia, known also as snake-mouth are in flower.

Speaking of snakes, there have been no recent reports of the swamp rattlesnake, known also as massasauga, on Cranberry Island. Although we do not have any information to verify the presence of water snakes there, they could be in residence.

The bog has a plant known to be growing in only six counties of Ohio, one of them Licking. It has no common name. The plant is known to botanists as *Scheuchzeria palustris* variety *americana*. It is a plant named for Swiss botanists by the name of Johann, Jacob and Johann Scheuchzer. *Palustris americana* alludes to a plant off the American marshes. It is a new life plant for us. Like the bird watchers who keep a life list of the birds they see, we have a life list of plants.

On this visit we observed the royal, cinnamon, marsh and sensitive ferns. If the interrupted fern was there, we didn't notice it. All of the ferns are found in bogs, swamps and wet areas.

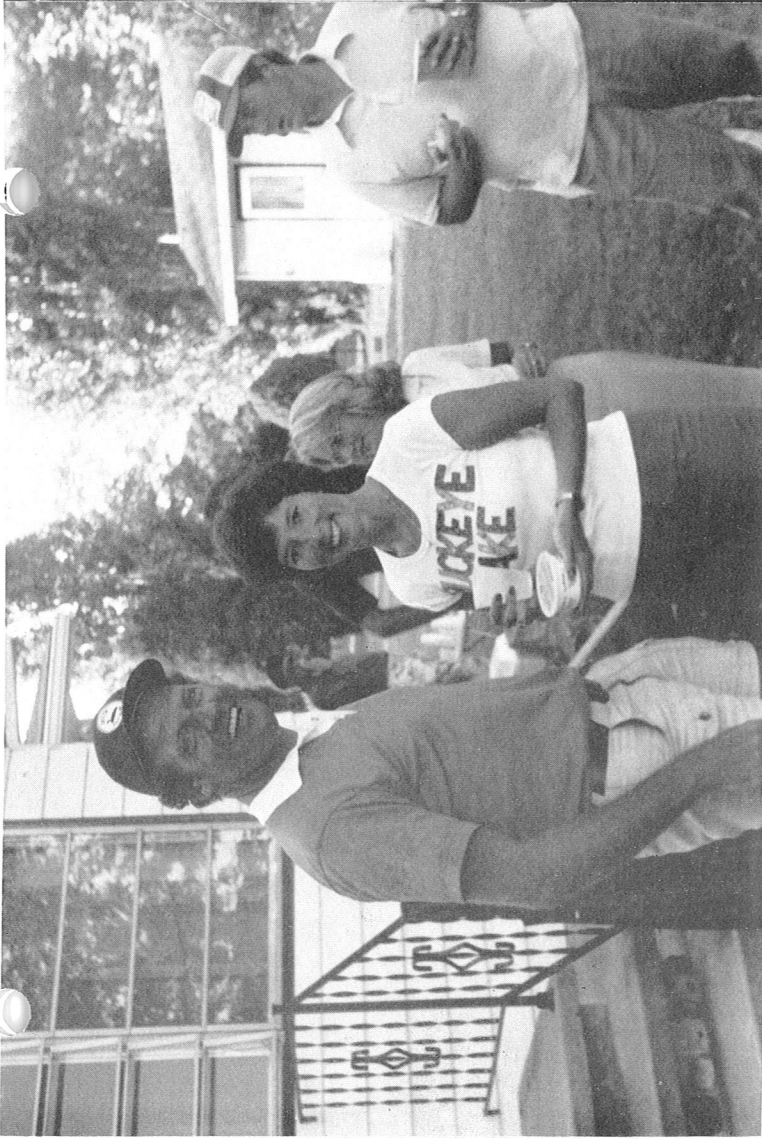
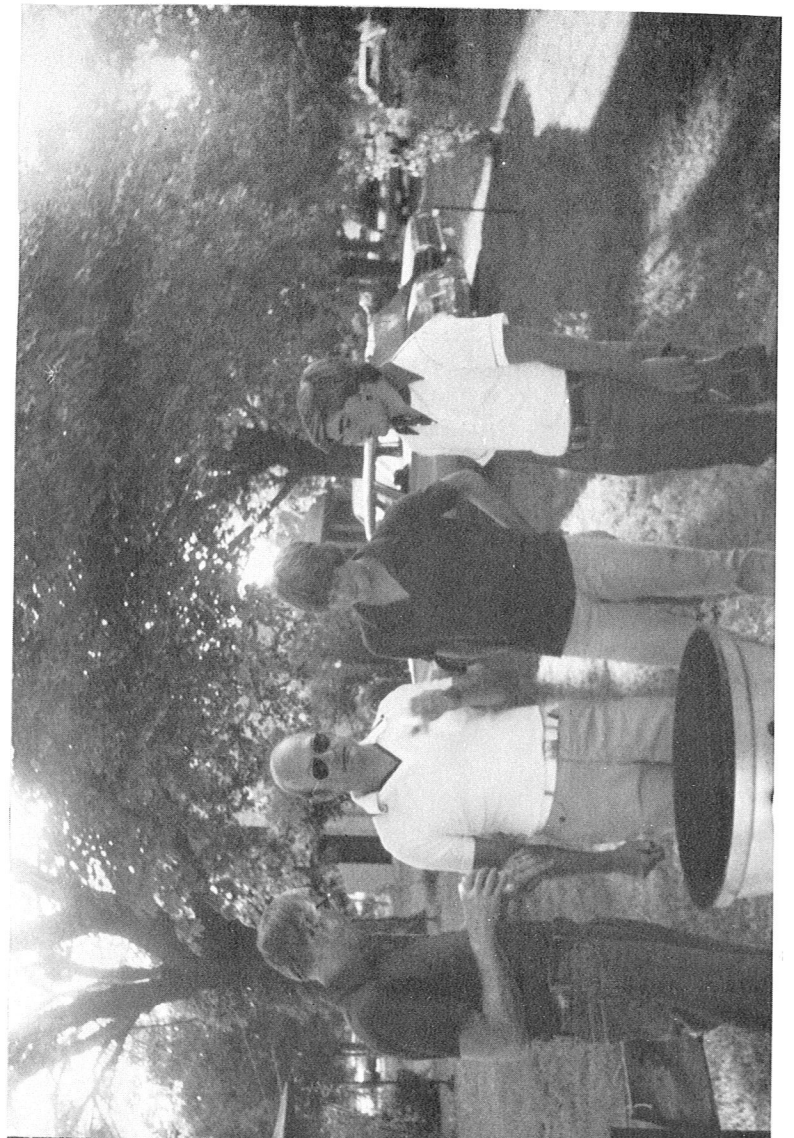
What seemed unusual was the absence of mosquitoes while we were on the bog. Maybe the swallows and purple martins were keeping them in control. The vegetation was so interesting we forgot to listen and look for birds. It was a most interesting morning."

(Submitted by George Rising

LADIES AUXILIARY

Pat Ottenweller
Secretary

The August meeting of the ladies auxiliary was held on August 12th with 27 members present. A delicious luncheon was served by John. Catherine Woodward was our hostess and her centerpieces of wine and fruit were won by Helen Chase and Catherine Cooper. Jane Langley reported that the profit from the Cancer Ray Party was over \$1000.00. Thanks to Catherine Woodward for providing her home for this successful and worthwhile party as well as thanks to all who contributed in so many ways. The ladies will be providing window treatments for the main room of the yacht club and these are on order - we will all look forward to seeing this beautiful addition to our club.



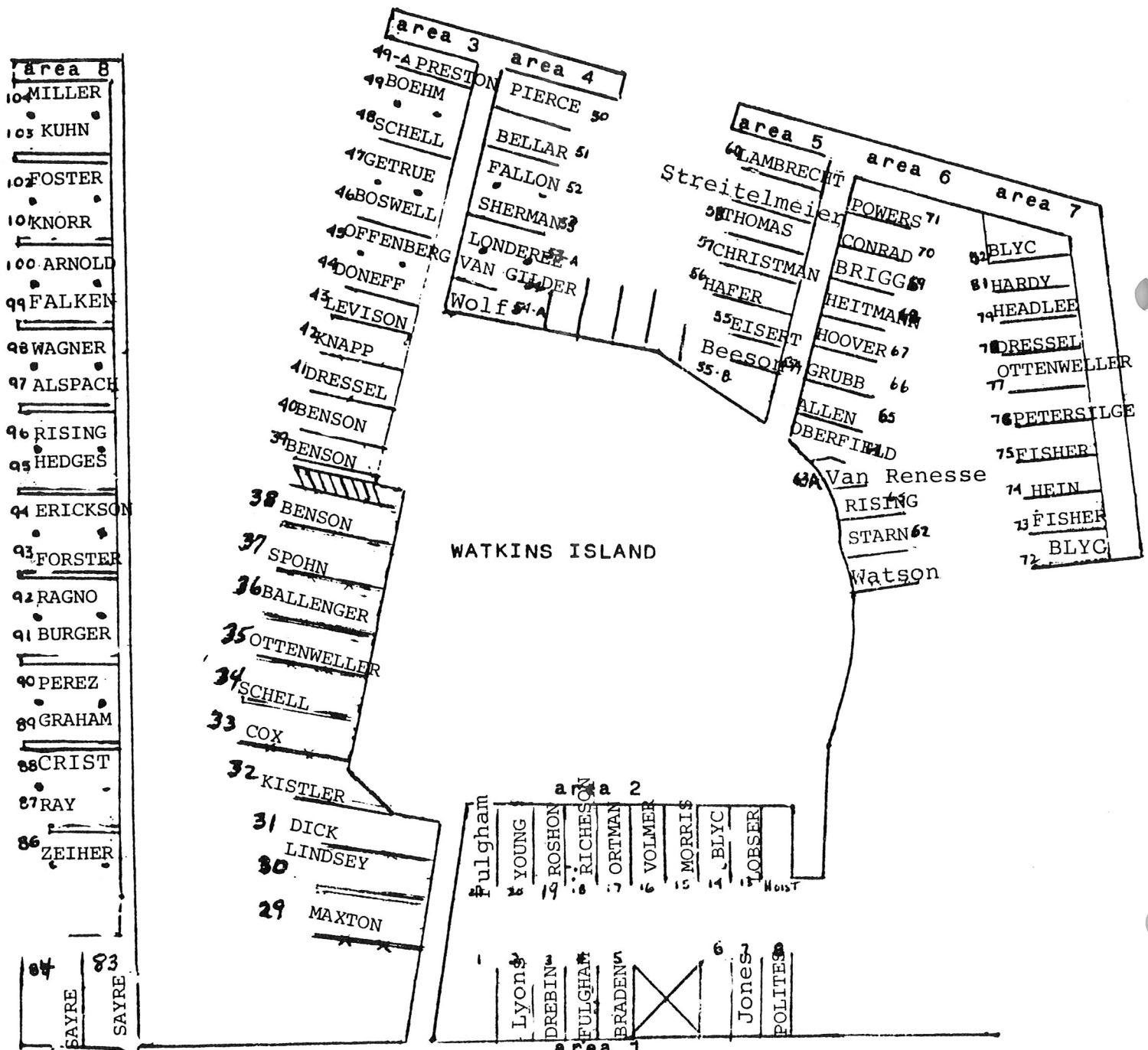
DOCKS & FACILITIES

R.C. FRANK FOSTER

The following is an updated chart of the dock assignments. It does not include the four people we had no slips for and who I therefore told to tie off of Area 8. Those who had a request in and were assigned a slip not really appropriate for their boat were given temporary assignments and their names are retained on the priority list.

This summer I have been forced to tell several people that we would have no dock this year for them if they joined. I said they should join and get their names on the priority list. We need more docks.

I am also publishing the dock request priority list in this log.



CURRENT DOCK PRIORITY LIST 8-11-81

Priority Date	Member	Slips Requested
1967	Ed Metzger	39-42
8-21-78	Jack Beeson	Area 8
1-15-79	Tim Squires	Covered
2-15-79	Gale Roshon	Covered
4-22-79	Joe Correll	Any sail
8-20-79	John Doneff	Covered
10-10-79	Don Hardy	Area 8 or slips 45-49
3-15-80	Jim Bellar	Area 3 (25' sail)
4-30-80	Virgil Bateman	Covered
6-12-80	Ron Churtz	Any area 26' Cruiser
6-30-80	Tom Boswell	Covered
7-10-80	Howard Braden	22' Venture
8-14-80	John Watson	Venture 21'
10-11-80	Loren Briggs	Area 8
10-25-80	David O. Cox	Slip 31
11-12-80	Charles S. Allen	Area 8
11-16-80	Don Hardy	Slip 44
1-24-81	Harry F. Kempke	MacGregor 25
3-20-81	Paul Doritan	Slip for 14' outboard
3-20-81	George Rising	Switch 63 to 72
4-9-81	John E. VanGilder	Slip for Raven 24'
5-14-81	George Harding	25'
5-31-81	George Zukovs	25' Venture Area or anything
5-31-81	Dick Wolf	Highlander, lift preferred
6-11-81	Al Lyons	22' Sailboat

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Proposed New Members:

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4901 Fuller Dr.
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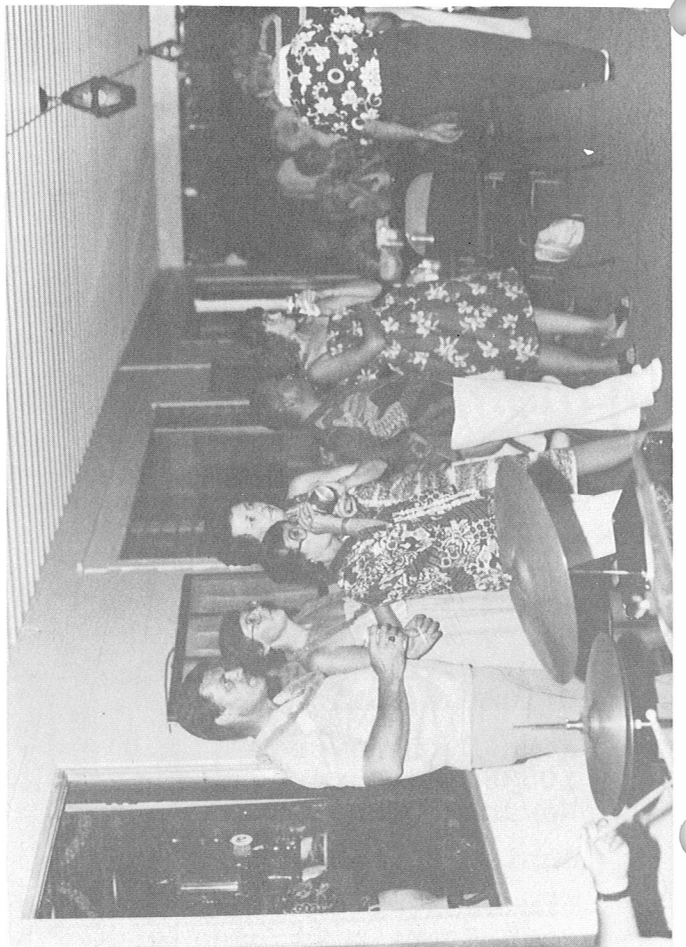
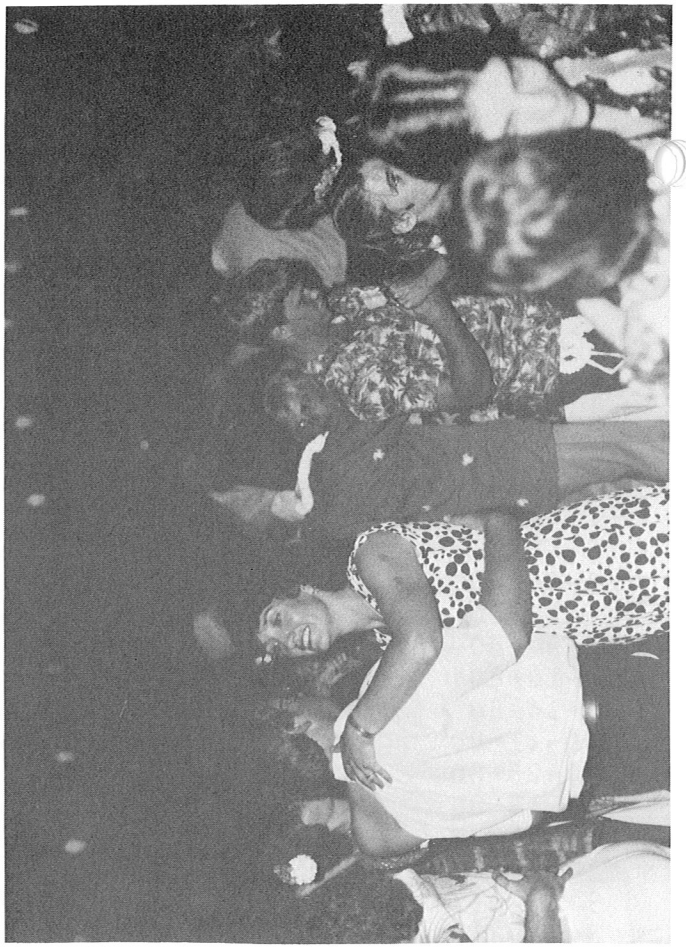
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10638 Eddyburg Rd. Lane
Newark, Ohio

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Tim Wachtel
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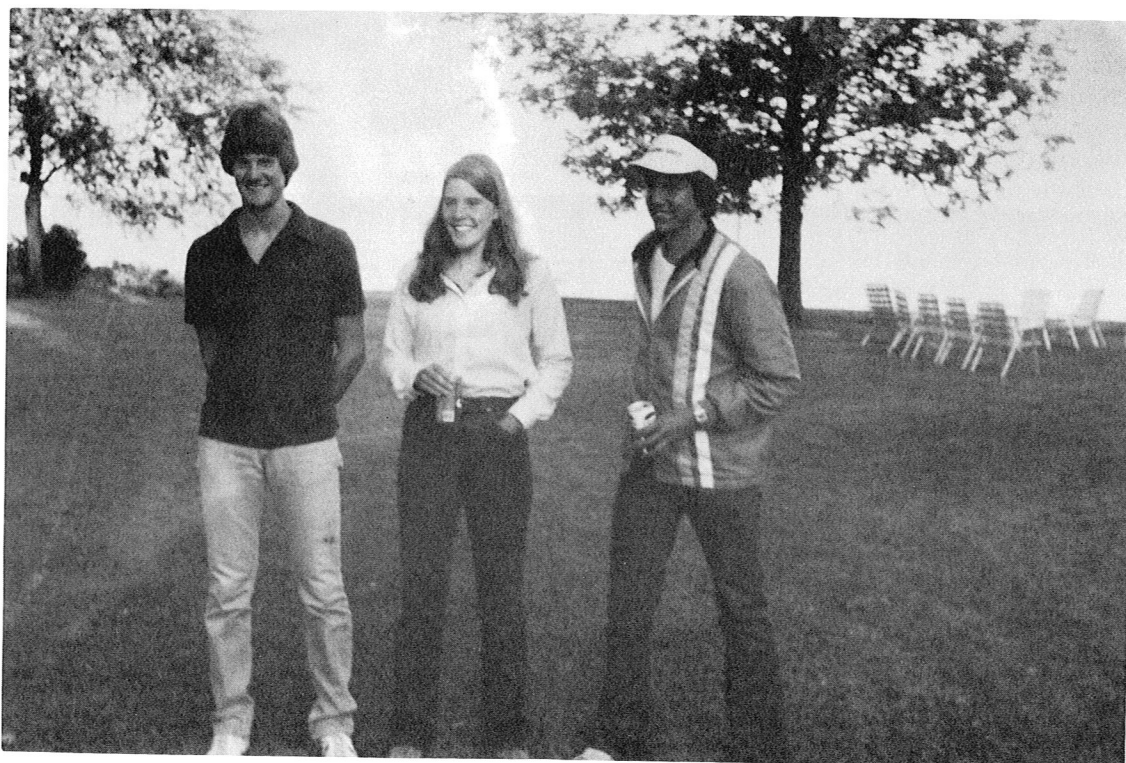
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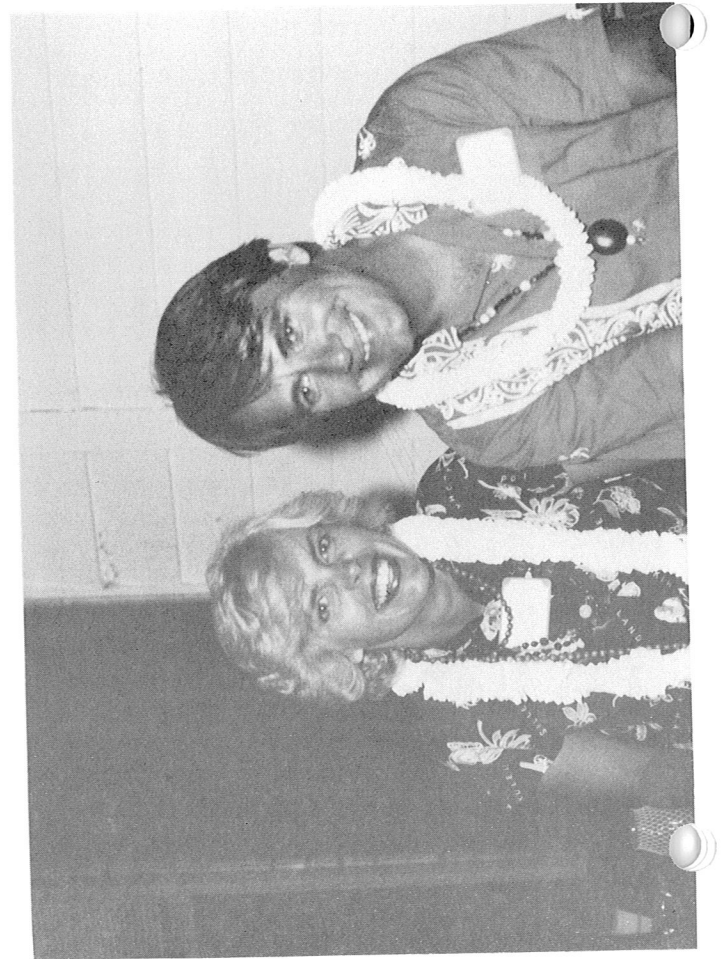
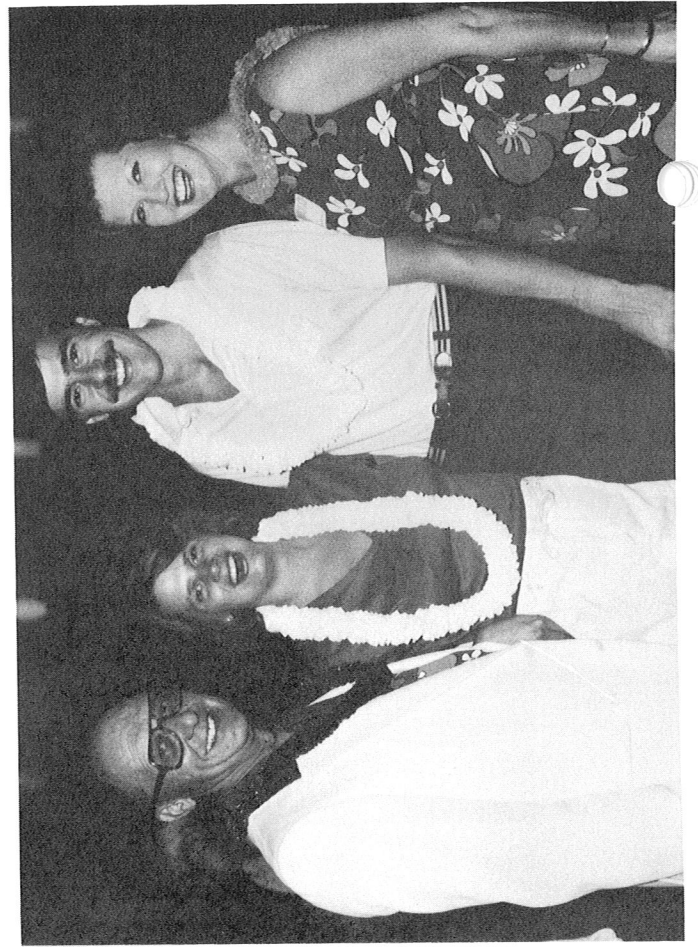


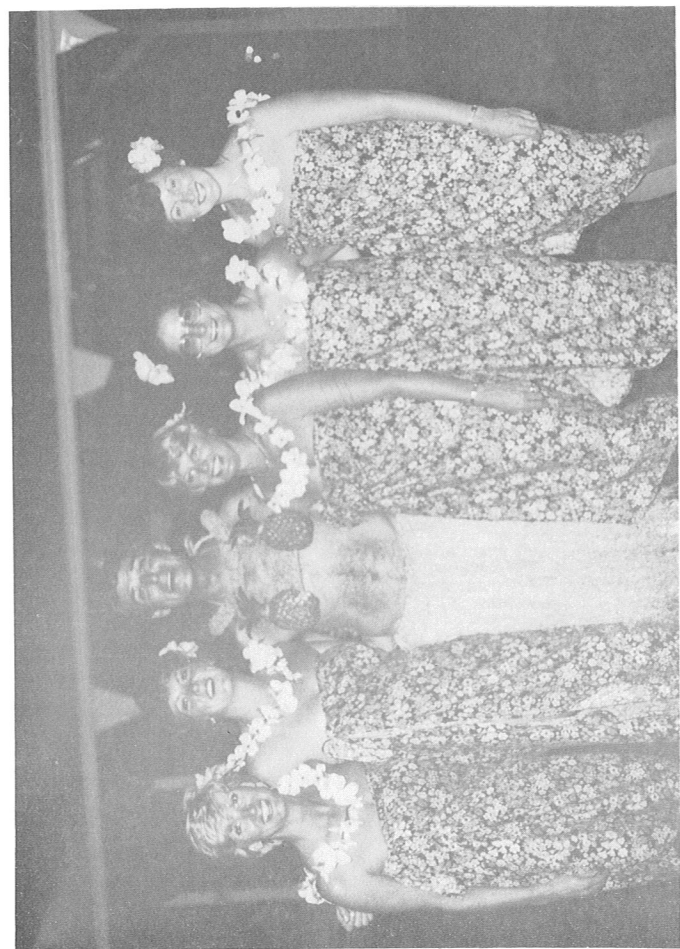
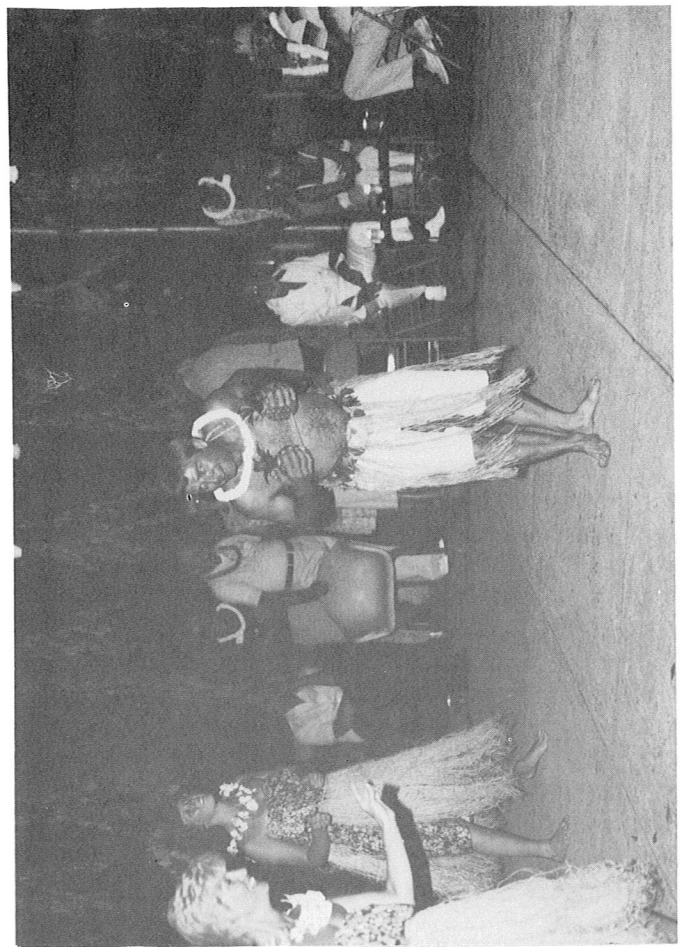
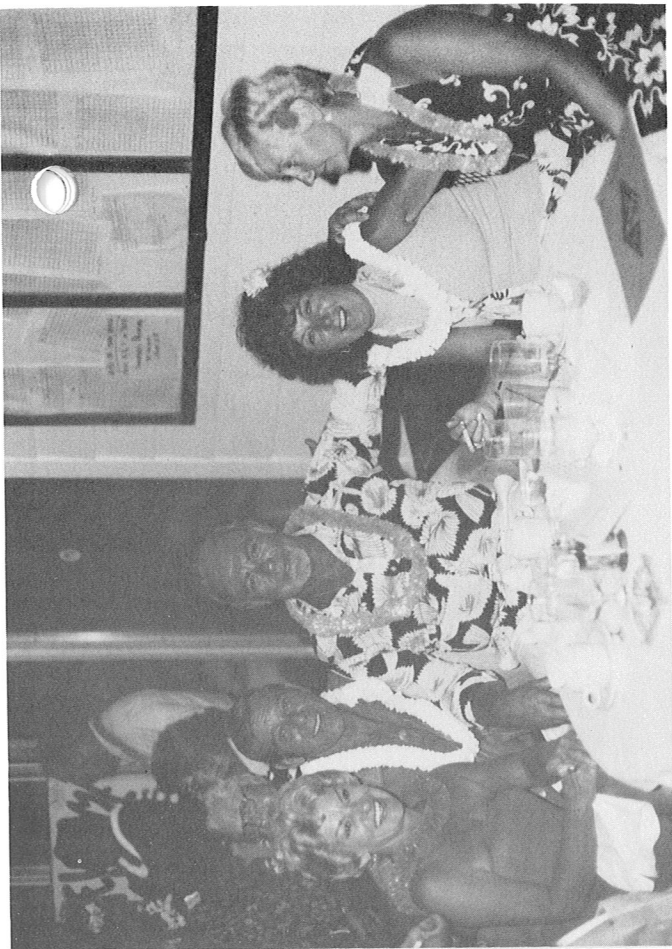
Bay Week for the Juniors--you should have been there. Those of us who saw the Juniors in action could not help but be thrilled. Karl Erickson skippered the Thistle to an 8th in the first series and a second in the Commodore's series. For those 60 plus Buckeye Lakers the party hosted by the Erickson's at the Foster's cottage with the Dressel's help was a huge success. A good time was had by all.

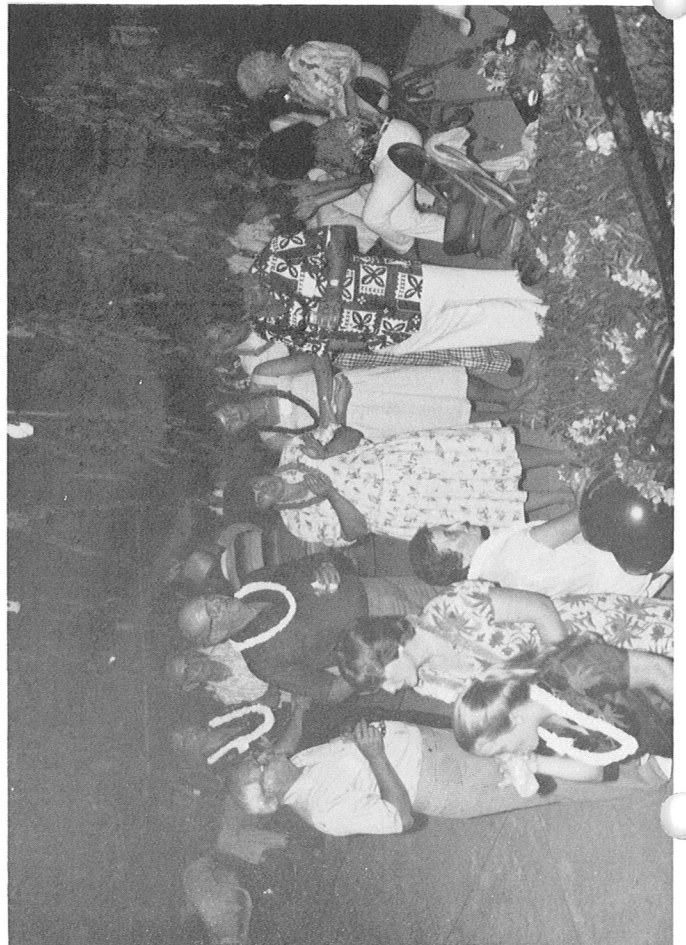
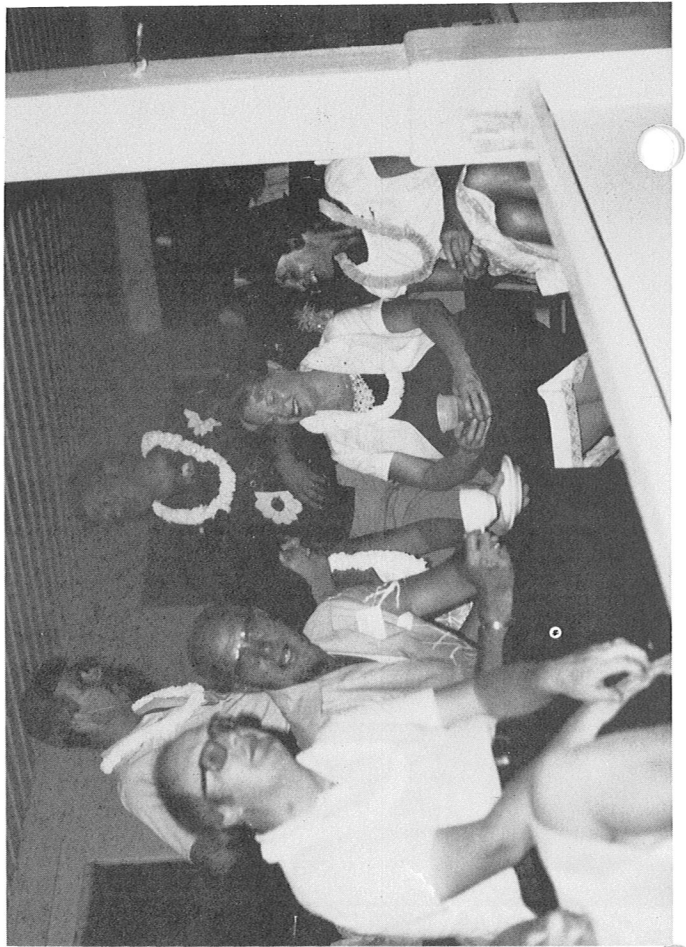
We are going to increase the training and racing experience for your Juniors. Selection of the racers to go to various regattas will take place much earlier to allow for more experience and practice. By the time this article hits the press, the skippers for the Sears, Bemis, and Smythe Cups will have been selected for the next year--1982. The round robin sailoffs will have been completed Labor Day Weekend. The first place Junior will select one of the three cups. The second place Junior will select one of the two remaining. The third place Junior will take the remaining. It is our plan to send these Junior skippers and their crews to regattas prior to the main three Junior regattas. This new program is really an old approach for a great number of ILYA Clubs. The benefits will be increased involvement in sailing and more competition for our Juniors.

Sailing is in full swing. Come out and join us or watch while sipping a cool drink on the porch. The MacVentures usually are looking for crew; so be available if you want to go along for the ride. Don't forget the Labor Day long distance race on (would you believe?) Labor Day.












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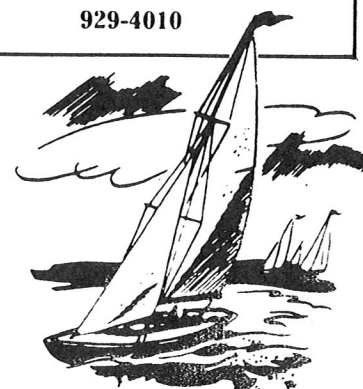
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Party
Sept. 20 Elecyion
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