



## Commodore's Message

## YACHT CLUB OPENING JULY 4

My letter this time has to do almost entirely with two situations. Neither of them are quite what was expected, but, I feel sure, that eventually both of them will turn out all right.

The first one has to do with the Club's docks. This has been a recurring problem through the last several years that has been dealt with, as I mentioned before, mostly with discussion. This last year, however, as a united group we proceeded to actions and, in a manner of speaking, met our problem or problems face to face. Your appointed committee for Dock Improvements spent quite a bit of time and thought during the Fall and Winter in considering the needs and desires of the Club as far as improvements were concerned. Norm Johanning, Bill Fleming, Ernie Clark and Horace Wheeler, together with our architect, Sam Walker, developed a set of plans that, in their opinion, would take the best advantage of our present property and provide what was both needed and desired by our members in the way of expanded dock facilities. The map that was presented to you in the December issue of *The Breeze*, showed, I think, the basic concept of this plan. The full expanse of our shore line was used, except for that directly in front of the Club House, to provide the greatest amount of area for dockage without extending so far into the bay as to make the depth of the water become an over-whelming obstacle and possible future financial hazard. It called for making the present parking lot into a basin or harbor and having the parking back at the end of Omena Lake. The number of slips was thought to be about the greatest number that could be made in the area available. Then we came to the price.

The final figure that was agreed upon, both from the point of how much we could reasonably borrow from the bank and what would buy us what we wanted in good stable construction, was the amount of \$42,000.00. This did not include, I might say, the finishing off of the slips with cat-walks, fencing and buoys. Nor, did this figure take into account any sort of major improvements to the Club building itself. I realize that this is not docks, but, we felt that we should consider what else there might be in the way of sizeable club expenditures that might come up in the near future that would be an added financial drain on our resources.

So, here was what was thought to be a most excellent plan for the docks and a dollar figure, based on actual plans and professional knowledge, to go with it. In the discussions with the bank, it was brought out that, with the present rate of interest, the repayment plan would call for approximately \$6,500.00 per year. This had nothing to do with the final finishing, repairs or any other costs of day-to-day business. This last item included, in our minds, the possible hiring of a Dock-Master.

Under our present methods and views of doing business, income, that is, even taking into account the probable income from dockage fees, there still would have been an amount of some \$4,500.00 per year that we would have to find. This would be almost one and one-half times as much as our present total gross income. Your committee was not able to come up with any sort of feasible plan that would assure us of bringing in this amount of money above our present income. If it had been a case of one or

two years, it might have been thought reasonable to plan on special events and contributions - as assessments are not permitted by the Club's Rules. But the plan had to provide for securing this amount every year for at least 10 years.

Among other things, discussion was had on having a restaurant facility in the club; a bar which would serve liquor; a greatly expanded membership; and a general increase in annual dues. The first two of these possible plans would, of course, bring with them greatly increased costs to the club. Quite aside from the fact that I personally am not in favor of a bar, the committee was not of the opinion that either or both of these projects were a sure "cure all" for our problem. They did not feel that they could present these plans with confidence as being the solution for our financial situation, although it was thought that they might at some time be part of the solution and a definite added attraction for our Club. An increase in membership would, in many ways, only add to the problem. Although, here again, it was thought that such an increase would be beneficial to both all of the summer residents as well as the Club itself. Our present dues system is set up to pay for the ordinary expenses of running the Club and to really gain by an increase here would mean almost doubling the current amount.

I took an awfully long time to get to the final result of the committee's work, but I wanted to bring out, in some fashion, part of the reasoning that has gone into the views that the committee has taken.

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## THE OMENA - TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB BREEZE

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them, I'll admit, are feelings, some of them are facts.

While I can't deny that there is quite some effect on me of the great amount of responsibility of being the head of such an organization as we have built up over the last twenty-two years, I am more conscious of the fact that I have not been involved with much, if any, of the Club's doings for quite some time. While I am not, in my own opinion, a "yes man", I haven't, on the other side, done much planning or working with any of the various groups that have gone to make up the active and producing part of our Club. Whether greater attendance at meetings would have made a great change in this, I don't know. Certainly my knowledge would have been greater, if not my involvement.

I will also say that other plans of mine, of even more important effect on me in the future, have not gone as I had thought that they would.

Therefore, because of all my many feelings, my present situation and the uncertainty of the future, I am resigning my position effective as of the 1st of May.

For as much as I can, I shall try to assist in the Club's projects and wish both the Club's Directors and members Good Success.

Preston Smith

## Calling All Sailors!

Sailboat owners and potential racing sailors are urged to report to Al Cherne at once so that a tentative sailing program may be planned for your participation and enjoyment.

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August 14 and 15 have been set as the week-end dates for the sailing of the 1971 George Smith Memorial Regatta.

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## Commodore

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Without trying to force a "bright side" to all of this, I think that I can say that for the first time, the Club has a good sound professionally drawn plan for expansion of the docks that is adequate to our needs and a realistic view of the cost. Let us then plan that one of our main projects for this next season should be for all of us to work at developing and presenting feasible plans for raising on a continuing annual basis, the amount of money needed to pay for the docks that we want and need.

The second situation is one that has more to do with me personally. I am sure that many of you have already heard, so I will simply state that I am resigning as Commodore of the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club. I regret this very much. The honor and trust that goes with this position is not something that I like to give up easily. Many things have gone into this decision on my part. Some of

# Omena - Traverse By-Laws

## (As Revised 1970)

The By-Laws of the Omena Traverse Yacht Club were first adopted on Charter Night, July 1948. They were amended in 1954, revised August 13, 1959, and in 1970. The present By-Laws read as follows:

1. The order of business at the meetings shall be as follows:

- a. Roll call
- b. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting, regular and special meetings if any.
- c. Treasurer's report at the annual meeting.
- d. Old Business
- e. New Business

On all other matters Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed.

2. No alcohol shall be permitted on the premises. No person, member or non member shall be allowed on the premises while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

3. Each member shall be responsible for the conduct of his guests and for the members of his family.

4. All members of recognized Yacht Clubs shall be welcome at all times while the Club is open.

5. All Club activities after eight o'clock in the evening shall be chaperoned. The Club will be open at eleven o'clock in the forenoon and close at eleven at night, except for special occasions the Board of Directors may alter the opening and closing time. The Club shall be locked when not officially in use.

6. An applicant may become a member of the corporation by the following procedure:

a. He must first be proposed by a member and seconded by another member.

b. Completion of application on membership blank.

c. Application must be approved by the Board of Directors, a quorum being present.

7. Membership may be terminated for failure to pay dues, or to abide by the Charter or By-Laws or for violation of the rules of good conduct, after such member is given written notice of the charges against him and after he has been given an opportunity to be heard.

8. New Membership rates: Initiation Fee - \$50 per family; Regular Membership - \$15 per person; Junior Membership (over 14 - \$5; Guest membership - \$5; Breeze subscription - \$2.

9. No business may be transacted at meeting of the Board of Directors without a quorum present. (See By-Law 16)

10. The Commodore shall call and preside at the meetings of the Corporation and shall be subject to the will of the Board of Directors. He shall have all the usual powers of a corporation President.

The Vice-Commodore shall call and preside at the meetings of the Corporation and the Board of Directors in the absence or disability of the Commodore.

The duty of the Rear Commodore shall be to call and preside at meetings of the Corporation and Board of Directors in the absence or disability of the Commodore and Vice-Commodore.

The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one person.

The Secretary shall have charge of the Corporation's records and correspondence and keep a record of Minutes of the Corporation and Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall be at least 35 years of age and shall receive, record and safeguard all funds of the Corporation, keep a bank account of the Corporation's funds and pay it's bills upon counter-signature of the Commodore. It shall be his duty to so account for all expenditures of the Corporation and all its income so that the books may be readily audited.

11. Voting by Proxy shall be allowed at any meeting of the Corporation at which By-Law or an amendment to the Charter is to be voted upon, provided, however, that the officer or members calling such meeting mail a written notice to each member at his last known address thirty days in advance of such meeting and stating the time, place and purpose of such meeting.

12. Memberships:

a. Each adult shall become a voting member of the Club. (No initiation fee shall be charged in changing from family membership to individual membership.)

b. Unmarried children of members over 14 years of age and up to 21 years of age expecting to use the facilities of the Club must become Junior members without payment of initiation fee.

c. Junior Membership dues shall be \$5.00 annually.

d. Junior membership does not entitle the member to vote on Club business.

13. Officers shall take office September 15th and hold office for a period of one year.

14. Guest Memberships:

a. A guest member is defined as one in residence one month or less. Each adult Guest member shall pay dues of \$5.00 and each Guest between the ages of 14 and 21 inclusive shall pay \$2.50. Guest members shall be expected to take out full membership after the 2nd year as a guest member.

15. The fiscal year shall be January 1st to December 31st., inclusive.

16. Term of service of Board of Directors.

a. The Directors at large shall be elected for a period of two years and may be re-elected for a second term of two years after which they may not serve on the Board until a period of one year has elapsed, unless the member at large becomes an officer of the Club in which case he may serve an additional two years.

b. Three Directors shall be elected for the regular two year term in 1959. Two Directors shall be elected to serve for one year in 1959. Thereafter Directors shall be elected for a period of two years.

c. Four Board members shall constitute a Quorum of the Board.

d. The immediate Past Commodore and the Editor of the Breeze shall be ex-officio members of the Board.

e. An Honorary Member of the Board may be elected by the members upon recommendation of the Board.

f. A vacancy on the Board may be filled by the Board of Directors.

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## News About Members

Talk about vacations! Crammy and Marion Finn just got back from a delightful four months vacation. That hardly leaves enough time to rest up before you have to start again. Most of their time was spent in Waikiki with cocoanuts waving and breezes blowing. I thought it was grass-skirts waving, but Marion said "cocoanuts". Say, you two, if this keeps up, you will soon be telling the Hawaiians how you spent "a short vacation" in Michigan. Right? And, anyway, snow-mobiles and snow-shoes are much more fun than surf-boards and gentle Trade Winds. I think.

Syd and Dorothy Griffith were able to spend part of the Easter holiday up at their house by Northport. It's winterized now and that helps, even at Easter time. All of the Griffith children are well and well educated. They are not going to the same schools, however, as the Roths'.

To warm up after the winter, Harold and Mary Louise Root took off for a visit to Florida. They stayed for a while with Harold's sister and her family in Rainbow Acres near Ocala, Florida. On their travels, they also visited with Jane and Humphrey Jackson at their new home in Deltona. The Jacksons move in to their new house in March of this year. Both couples are looking forward to their Omena vacations.

Bill and Marilyn Graf are off to San Francisco, another medical meeting, I suppose, so Josie tells us. She was down in Florida for her Spring Vacation, while her brother Bill spent his in Nassau. Christy is living in Boston with two of her friends . . . and having cod-fish and baked beans for supper every night. (I thought that last bit up as I understand that is what you are supposed to do if you live in Boston.)

We are sorry to report that this last winter was not a very pleasant one for Dan Bradley. However, after something more than a month in the hospital, Dan reports "All systems now O.K. and health fine again." He and Eloise are looking forward to another good summer in Omena and we are all looking forward to having them here.

Bill Milroy has joined the "over 30" group now. Oh, boy, has he!

If we accept his method of counting, which I'm sure must have a good legal basis, then the next time we see him, let's all wish him A Happy 80th Birthday! Bill and Leona and friends celebrated this event on April 10th. Now, according to Leona, he is making plans for a real slam-bang party for himself in the year 2000. This is to let him know that I, at least, will be there with present in hand.

Gwen and Mel Pike, at the time of writing, were off to GreenBrier, West Virginia, to attend a medical meeting. It's the W. Va. Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology . . . provided Gwen knows how to spell and I know how to read. Last October they were in Texas for a "Seminar on Hysteria", usually called FOOTBALL. They survived. This May the Midland Center for the Arts will open with art exhibits and concerts. The latter will include a premier performance of a work by David Brubeck, something from or with a rock group and one concert by the Philadelphia Orchestra. That's three different things - they're not all together, please.

Fred and Kay Groll recommend Christmas in Omena to all of us. They tried it this year with some friends, the William Wagner's and their two sons. They got up here early enough to decorate the tree and, I think, get the heat going in the house. Early Christmas eve they went to Northport to visit with Santa Claus, who came in with sleigh and white horse. Skiing, snow-mobiling and snow shoeing filled in parts of the other days. True Christmas weather, light snow every day . . . "a most enjoyable week for all of us". Fred and Kay were also here during the last week in April "un-laxing" while they attended to some indoor - outdoor work around their new home.

Among others that were up here for parts of the winter season were the Stephenson's, the Graf's and the Buell's.

Besides being here for a while, Jack and Ellie Stephenson have, by now, taken in the views of Antigua and St. Croix in the Caribbean. They will be with the Carrington's while in Antigua. Next visit to Omena is due for Decoration Day week-end.

And, now, from the other side of The Point, we hear from Alice and John Linn, who just returned from 10 days in Acapulco, Mexico. It was especially nice for them as their summer-time almost next-door neighbors, Caroline and Ed Oberndorf, were there with them. I am going to leave out the un-kind remarks about John's jeep driving abilities. I'm sure it must have been the fault of the jeep or because somebody was wearing green shoes. Everyone has recovered, so they all will be up here for the month of August.

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The Roth family, besides being good-looking and well-traveled, is desperately well educated. Barbie is in graduate school at Indiana University, Dedie is at Otterbein (spelling?) and Nancy is enjoying herself, while she can, in High School. And, so, Nancy went with her folks to Bermuda for a week. They didn't use jeeps, they used motor-bikes. Joan is in hopes of having her brother Leonard and his family up at Ingalls Bay this summer.

Back to the "over-30" group, this time with Blanche and Earl Moore. They are now in San Diego and, while they had planned to come up here rather early, the weather, both here and there, was such that they are going to wait until the latter part of May . . . which is sorta having your cake and eating it too. The winter has been fine for both of them and, after some 50 years of sticking to exact schedules, they are really enjoying retirement. There was an understandable remark about La Jolla and "no fogs", but I don't quite get this bit about "photographers, cameras and movies". Don't tell us that you are going to START that as a hobby, Earl.

#### MORSE DOINGS

The big event for Peg and Bob Morse was their moving on January 11 from their house of 25 years into an apartment. Their new address is 20101 North Park Blvd., Shaker Heights, Ohio - 44118. Daughter, Jane Saxton, came up from Waco for a week to help disposal of many years accumulation of things and stuff. Peg had a field day completely redecorating the apartment.

The Morses spent two weeks over the Christmas Holidays in Mexico with Jane, husband Dr. Bob, and the three children. Most of the time was spent at The Doctors Club, a large old Hacienda originally built in connection with a silver mine.

As usual, the Morses spent February and March at The Gulf and Bay Club, Sarasota, Florida. Peg continued her painting at the Chase Art School, and participated in a three-woman show at the Club, while Bob bowled-on-the-green.

They expect to arrive in Omena for the summer about June 15.

## Congratulations!

John and Mary Helen Ray announce the arrival of a new daughter, Linda Ruth Ray, born May 7, 1971.



Ernie and Liz Clark managed to last out the winter with only a couple of short trips to visit members of the family. There were a few times . . . Well, really, several times . . . when it would have been easier to have gone South or West for a month, than to drive from Ernie's place over into Omena. Not that we had a lot of snow, just that too much of it was in one place!

Hazel Taylor managed through most of the rugged winter, but as soon as the snow went down, not away, she traveled east to visit with her son Dick and his family near Boston.

Since he didn't invite me down for Chicken Livers, I don't think that I'll even mention the fact that Fred Gorham and his family were up here several week-ends this last winter. Of course I didn't have to shovel out his drive-way either, so maybe it's just as well.

Bill and Ruth Fleming enjoyed themselves, as usual, during the very beautiful winter. Bill has gotten the knack of the snowblower now, but he still isn't planning to "hire out" to do this kind of work. But he did help me out, and I do mean "out", when the snow got too deep for my car.

And, now the "under-30" group . . . well, almost, that is. The Stretches, Marilee and Jack, are now the proud parents of a very sweet little girl named Sharon-alice, who was born last December 20th. Her three sisters and her brother think that she "will do". Now this family is almost un-educated. I see no mention of the fact that they have even seen a school . . . except those that give lessons in hockey, tap dancing, jazz music and guitar playing. Goody!!! Marilee has been doddle-ing posters and Jack has been consultant to a group working on hard core unemployed Black youth.

Now a few people forgot to write in, so I'll have to write something up for them myself:

In addition to what he by himself has been doing, Norm and Jane Johanning have seen to it that most of the birds in Leelanau County have been properly fed this Winter, plus a few squirrels that just happened to come by. Norm and I and Roger Charter have been trying to take care of the deer in the area, but, really, they haven't been out and about since way last, what do they call it, now? . . . deer season! We do know that there are at least 4 deer about now. One was in my back yard last week.

Florence and Horace Wheeler have not stayed home all Winter. If they couldn't manage a trip down to the Detroit area to see their daughter, Nancy, or flit over to Wisconsin, then they would dash into the "big city" of Traverse and live it up . . . quietly.

John Ray has been in on this education bit too. I have no idea how many confrontations or back-tations he may have been in on, but, from his last little note, he and Mary Helen and the kids are getting along very well.

Mary and Ben Foltz spent a very pleasant late Winter vacation down in Hot Desert Springs, California. They are back now, looking forward to summer.

I guess I can say that the doctors have been doctoring and the dentists have been dentisting (is that a word?) and then I'd better quit while I'm ahead.



## Henry L. Carlsruh

We are sorry to have received the news that Mr. Henry L. Carlsruh, son of our member, Mrs. Grace Mack, died in Milwaukee on April 18th, at the age of 48.

Mr. Carlsruh is survived by his wife, Louise, six children and his sister, Mrs. Jack Frohman of Cincinnati. He was connected for many years with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. and was a constant summer visitor to Ingalls Bay with his mother's family.

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## Calendar of Events for 1971

Sunday, July 4 Opening Dinner  
 Sunday, July 4 Fireworks  
 Wednesday, July 7 Pot-luck Supper  
 Sunday, July 11 Sail Racing  
 Wednesday, July 14 Pot-luck Supper  
 Sunday, July 18 Sail Racing & Picnic  
 Wednesday, July 21 Pot-luck Supper  
 Sunday, July 25 Sail Racing  
 Wednesday, July 28 Pot-luck Supper  
 Sunday, August 1 Sail Racing  
 Wednesday, August 4 Pot-luck Supper  
 Thursday, August 5 Annual Meeting of Club  
 Sunday, August 8 Sail Racing, Picnic & Song Fest  
 Wednesday, August 11 Pot-luck Supper  
 Saturday, August 14 George Smith Memorial Regatta  
 Sunday, August 15 George Smith Memorial Regatta  
 Wednesday, August 18 Pot-luck Supper  
 Saturday, August 21 Commodore's Reception  
 Wednesday, August 25, Pot-luck Supper  
 Sunday, August 29 Final Picnic

Additional fun and entertainment attractions will be announced after the Social Chairman and Committee have had an opportunity to meet and fully plan the scheduled events.

Opening Dinner and all pot-luck suppers will begin at 6:30 P.M. The Sunday sail races start at 2:00 P.M. (Al Cherne will announce the Mid-week sailing schedules.) Receptions and the annual meeting begin at 8:00 o'clock.

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## OTHER NEWS ABOUT OMENA

Mrs. Carrie Solle has sold her house to Anna Brown's oldest son, Glen Brown. The new owners have already moved in and Mrs. Solle has moved, I understand, to Chicago to be with her sister.

While we wish them both well, I am sorry to report that Ernie Barth has put a "For Sale" sign up on his store and house. While it has not as yet been sold, I guess that this will be the last summer that they will be around. We will miss having Ernie in the store, but we will miss more not having the Barth family in our community.

The Jack Bruce orchard has been sold to a gentleman from Detroit. Your reporter doesn't know anything more about the new owners than that.

Arnold's Book Store in Traverse City is now owned by Betty and Jack Griffin. Jack is with the Michigan Mutual Auto Insurance Co. in Traverse City.

Not quite Omena, but sorta' part of it, is the new school in Northport. It's open and going now and looks very nice. By next month, the front yard, where the old school building was, will be cleared and beautified. I was in it today and it looks and feels very nice and the students seem happy . . . and educated.

Omena has had its Spring Cleaning through the courtesy of the Leelanau County Road Commission. A freshly swept street and a side-walk that you can walk on all the way from the foot of Wheeler's Hill down to Barth's Corners. We will check later to see if all seven, I said Se-ve-n, street lights are all in shape.

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