

## Commodore's Message

Another summer has gone and what a great summer it was, with only one full day lost to rain. It was with this memory firmly in mind that we moved to Omena in 4 inches of snow on November 13th to try and find house-room for our worldly goods — Elizabeth is already preparing for another house sale! Along with the headaches and designated responsibilities inherited by a Commodore is the real bonus and reward of the opportunity offered to know the Club members better as neighbors and friends.

Your Yacht Club gave attention to the Bicentennial Year: Commodore Jones planned a fine July 4th dinner with special decorations provided by the Social Committee. The history of OTYC and the Omena summer community was presented on another occasion by Bob Morse, Dan Bradley and Mary Foltz. Their affection has not diminished over the years, but has grown with their on-going concern and interest for today and tomorrow.

I am sure that I speak for the full membership of OTYC in thanking Austin Jones and his family for wise leadership, inexhaustable effort and for two years of hard work. There were frequent and well attended Board meetings with honest exchange of ideas, willing acceptance of special task assignments and enthusiasm. One meeting was even attended by Janie Newland's Dafney Duck, who had to be ushered out to quiet his contributions! . . . where else, but in Omena!

The Youth Committee under the superb direction of Wayne Deal enjoyed an outstanding summer program. The attendance was excellent and it was a financial success in terms of the weekly income plus allotment from the Club's operating budget. So many parents contribute so much to the success of this special and important part of the Club's life. Our young people are our future, so that their growing love for Omena, and their participation in Club activities, insures the future for them and for all of us.

The Social Committee headed by Trudy Lewis provided another outstanding program. A number of new and innovative events were initiated and were appreciated and enjoyed.

Since this committee carries almost daily responsibilities, we need to consider enlarging its membership so that the work may be shared and be less of a burden.

We may want to consider the formation of a new committee — an information committee. A group of members could be assigned to each committee member to make phone calls for club events, gather ideas, information and opinions on club activities and community affairs. More members need direct involvement in club committees for planning and club tasks which enhances our feeling of belonging. Communication is always a problem and your Yacht Club provides one important avenue for this and the attainment of common goals. The recent formation of the Omena Woods Association is a fine example of solid community interest and investment.

Again, I speak for the OTYC membership in welcoming several new families:

William C. and Paula McMenamy  
Harold and Jennie Grossman  
Gerard "Jed" Mooney

We offer our friendship and expect you to enjoy and value the traditions and associations we can promise are a part of the Club's history.

It is with sincere appreciation for your support and understanding that I can transfer the treasurer's work to our new capable Board member, Fred Gorham. Financial procedures were tightened up and the club functioned within a budget and is in the black!!

Austin Jones is again to be commended for his organization of the Founders Fund. The special supper cocktail party hosted by the Jones family added a new look to the old familiar scenes.

Carolyn Smith Renz was a real winner as House Committee chairman. There was paper at the Club in necessary places and her involvement of kids in the clean-up squad required special leadership. The work and future plans for this committee will continue as finances will allow.

There are many people who contribute quiet and needed assistance in taking care of club grounds, buildings, flowers and equipment. Fred Gorham repairs broken windows; Preston Smith cares for the grass and grounds and writes the Breeze; Walter Gardner stores the committee boat; and Mary Foltz supplies flowers, talent and resources of help.



## Editor's Comments

At this time of year, I always look forward to the pleasure of writing up (or re-writing, as the case may be) the news from all of you for "The Breeze" and the pleasure of spending Thanksgiving in Cincinnati with the family. That last item, as you may remember from my report of yester-year, has not always been "a breeze".

This year, I think, both of them should go rather well. With just a little bit of extra white-space, we should have enough news to fill the pages and I'm planning to, again, leave the worries of driving to Greyhound or whatever.

This issue will mark another change in our paper. After some 15 years of being published by Lillian and Ben Taylor through the Taylor Printing Company, this issue will be the first to be put out

by The Print Shop ("Leelanau Enterprise") in Leland. While I shall particularly miss the help, assistance and kindly catering to my delays and omissions that have come from Lillian and Ben through the 10 years that I have been Editor, I am looking forward now to really earning that title and, while the physical print-work will be more than sufficient, I hope that the manner and tone (and Amount) of the contents will continue to be what you would like. Other than those articles signed by other individuals, the Editor is responsible for all the rest. Please address all additions, corrections, complaints and suggestions to the Editor — Me!

As friends and fellow club members, the Taylors will still be with us. As Publishers, we welcome The Print Shop.

## 16th Annual 'George S. Smith Memorial Regatta'

The regatta, this year, was held on the weekend of Aug. 14 — 15 and was at Omena and run, ruled and raced by O.T.Y.C.'ers. There were 11 boats entered at the beginning, but we ended up having 12 boats in all sailing in the races.

Six races made up the event with four of them being run on Saturday and two on Sunday. To have the greatest participation, interest and, at times, confusion, Doubles were permitted to run with the Singles.

The weather, as usual, was quite good with just a little extra wind on Saturday so that both the sailors and the "watchers" were kept on their toes. The Race Chairman was Mark Bosco; The Rules Committee consisted of Jed Mooney,

Mark Bosco and Jeff Besaw. The Committee Boat was handled by Andy Renz (the younger), Scott Mulligan and Missy Bosco.

The winners for the Singles were: 1st — Mark Bosco; 2nd — Jed Mooney; 3rd — John Yetter; 4th — Rob Mulligan; and 5th — Tim Weiss. For the Doubles, the Winners were: 1st — Dud Yetter & Tom Newland; 2nd — Jeff Bosco & Curt Cherne; 3rd — Mike Oberndorf & Craig Cherne; 4th — Katie Yetter & Matt Bosco; and 5th — Sarah & Jonnie Hodgson. Pennants were presented to all of the Winners.

Plans are already underway for next year's event. Mark Bosco, as Racing Chairman, has in mind a one-day regatta, rather than our usual two-day meet, and for a date somewhere in late July so that the greatest number of members and boats will be available. If at all possible, it will also be a multi-yacht club race with boats from other of the local yacht clubs.

See elsewhere in this issue for Mark's reports on sailing, sailing, sailing.

Vernon Keye

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## A Valuable Experience

By Mark Besaw

Late in August of this summer, I received a chance to go and race in the Sunfish North American Championships at Watertown, New York. I feel this was truly a valuable and interesting experience for any dedicated sailor.

I arrived in Watertown on August 24 just in time to grab a shower and make it to the skippers' meeting. Immediately after, there was a get-together party that advertised free beer. Wednesday, August 25, three races were scheduled with lunch on the water. The wind was so dead that it took eleven hours to race those three races; with only a sandwich and a can of pop to eat all day, which they served to us on the water. We left shore at fifteen minutes to nine in the morning and returned at eight that night. For more than eleven hours we drifted around the course trying to qualify for the Championship Series. For four days we kept this schedule up; with little variation except for the storm that cancelled sailing after the second race on Saturday.

There were three sailors in our group from Omena. However, Jerry Besaw became ill and fainted in the second race on the first day. He failed to sail again after that. Jed Mooney developed a leak in his boat that almost caused him to sink in the second race. He did not return to the action until two days later. So, I was really the only Omena sailor to participate in the qualifying. I finished 75th out of some 150 boats; in which ages of the sailors ranged from twelve to fifty.

It is true that the competition is tough, but you will never find anyone more hospitable than a Sunfish sailor. The top competitors were not only friendly but very helpful. If you ever get a chance to race in something of this sort, do not pass up the opportunity. You will never be sorry and I guarantee you will profit from the experience.

## Treasurer's Report

Your new Treasurer took office at the last meeting of the OTYC Board in September and the books of the Club were provided to me about October 1st. The records show that there was \$327.33 in the General Fund account and \$10.90 in the Improvement Fund account. These amounts have been checked with the bank in Suttons Bay and found to be correct.

In reviewing the financial affairs of the Club for the past year, it was noted the Tennis, Youth and Sailing programs came close to paying their own way. The Auction at the Club produced revenue of \$109.55 (all profit) and members who donated their White Elephants and those that bid on the same are due a hearty "Thanks".

Additional income came from the sale of sweatshirts, parkas, maps and by donations of members themselves. However, it is the DUES which cover the financial load of the Club. It was baffling to understand that the Coke Machine (which should produce some profit) didn't!

Principal expenditures of the Club were for taxes, mainly County, Township and State, but, also, there were some Federal, too. We are not a tax exempt organization by any stretch of the imagination. The local taxes were \$622.47 for the biggest bite. Insurance costs were heavy, being over \$1,000.00 — but some of this is prepaying premiums on the Club property. Maintenance of the Club is the next biggest item. I should be remiss if I did not mention that under maintenance items, there is a significant amount of vandalism, which takes its toll. There has been some within the Club as well as to club grounds. We would hope that evidence of this would lessen in the coming year. In any event, with the funds in the bank and few bills expected till the 1st of the year, The Club is "solvent".

Shortly after the 1st of the year, we will be sending out notices for Dues for 1977 and it would be most helpful if members would remit promptly, as the taxes for the County, etc., will then be due and will pretty well deplete the cash reserves and it is unlikely that we can look for any reduction in these taxes. The records indicate that six members are delinquent in their dues for 1976 and the Treasurer is obliged to post delinquent notices at the Club — hopefully this will not be necessary.

I would also appreciate it if members would help in the up-dating of the records of members and their families, so in the notices which you will receive, please indicate any corrections. We are especially in need of getting the ages of the children. As you know, children under the age of 14 are "free". Children, or should I say, "young adults", are \$6.00, while those over 18 are "Adults" and pay the normal \$25.00 Dues.

As an item of news, likely you will be interested in the fact that the Bay water level is "way down" and this is very apparent at the Club. Snow has already been on the ground; our Commodore has finally moved to Omena Point (altho he's on the Ingalls Bay side); and we're all happy and hope that you are too!

Fred Gorham  
Treasurer



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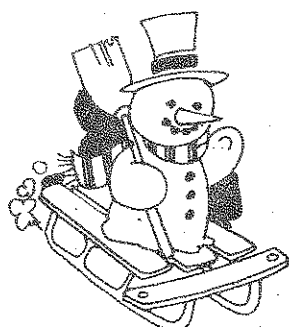
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## News About Members

Marion and Crammy Finn are trying a sort of "right and left", as in skeet shooting, by going both East and West this year. On their first trip they were going to take Houby Hroch along with them, but school exams got in the way for Houby, so they did it on their own and has a lively and lovely trip to lower Bavaria and then on to Vienna, Salzburg and Innsbruck in Austria. The report is that the scenery was almost unbelievable in beauty and the setting was a totally different world than what we live in. Later on this year, they will be spending some time with Pat and Crammy, Jr. and family out in California and then, of course, off to the 50th State (Hawaii, if you haven't been keeping track) for sunshine and flowers. We will see them on the 4th of July, or before, for sure.

Dan Bradley tells me that his "total knee" operation got put off until some time in December due to the usual this-n-that, but that he expects to be almost (?) trotting about the Point next year. Not jogging, just a smooth trot.

Clemewell Lay certainly took me at my word, when I asked her to write, ramble or "what-ever" in sending me news. She sent me a nice telegram with "all of the best" for all of us from herself and Ann Wellington. We will look forward to seeing them both this next season.

While not officially on the list, Don and Beryl Dickerson did write to say that they were nicely settled into "the routine" at their re-tires' mobile park. Not all the way though. They don't just watch T.V. all the day long. They still eat 3 meals a day and they read and answer their mail . . . eventually.

Leona Milroy's part of the country (California) is still one of the States, I understand, must have gotten the better part of the rain that missed us up here in Michigan this year. She says that the place is so lush green that it is almost dark. Her apartment is only about a block away from the hospital where Bill is staying, so it is easy for her to make a daily visit to see him. While she is there and, I rather think, while she isn't, Bill is kept in his usual good spirits by the young personnel that are taking care of him. His "usual spirits" are smiles and a 100 per cent Irish line of talk, which seems to suit the young ladies just fine. Plans aren't definite as yet, but she expects at least one or more visits from Marilee and Jack Stretch this year. There are a few grandchildren involved in this too.

Bill and Grace Mack will be off for Florida about the middle of December. Their address after Dec.

20th will be P.O. Box 745, Tarpon Springs, FL 33589. In April they will put themselves away and return to Cincinnati for a month or two and then they will be back up here for a relaxing summer.

Helen Reed says that she doesn't have really any news to tell us, except that she is in good health. I think that there is a new grandchild in here somewhere, but we will find out about that later on. Christmas should find her in Atlanta with Helen (Jr.).

Bill Fleming has been fishing most of the time this Fall.

Vernon and Elizabeth Keye are still having "fun" in trying to fit their two houses full of furniture and etc. into just one home. I don't think that Vernon was kidding at all when he said that they were planning another house-garage sale. However, he did tell me that there were so many things that he "just might" have use of at some time in the future, that he hated to part with them. It is either get rid of them or expand the house, Vernon, one or the other.

It was almost a record for them when Marjorie and Andy Renz made a 15 hour visit to their cottage here in October. They probably got more done around the place than if they had spent the whole week. Later this month, November, that is, they will be off on a swing down through Atlanta, where Andy will attend the Interstate Post-graduate Meeting and then around through Washington, D.C. and New York City to check up on Marjorie's sisters. In November, Andy will receive his "Fifty Year Certificate of Merit" from the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine. Congratulations!!

September 29th marked the 50th year for Florence and Horace Wheeler's "Stroll thru' Life together", which was brightened with many long distance telephone calls from old friends from distant places to bring real happiness on this occasion. The scene was high-lighted further by our Omena friends and neighbors who dropped in bringing beautiful flowers and our dinner out with Nancy Jo and John at the "Pinestead-Reed".

Another milestone was reached on August 23rd with the sale of Sunset Lodge on the hill to the Richard T. Johnstones of Stony Creek Road, Lake Orion, Mich. With the passing of the title ended about 80 years under the Wheeler banner. However, the fond memories will never end. The privilege of meeting in fellowship and serving so many wonderful friends will always be remembered. Here it was in our Living Room the O.T.Y.C. was born, when Nancy Jo introduced Gus Rogers

to Mr. Hector Carmichael. Later on to perpetuate the spirit of O.T.Y.C. in the Winter months, we "Saturday-Nighters" were organized: the Carmichaels; the Wheelers; the George Smiths; the Cranton Finns; the Ben Felitz; the Wm. Milroys; the Jim Hendryxs; Hazel Taylor; and the Reader Hubbells. Our meetings started out with a cocktail hour followed by a sing-out around the piano; followed by a Pot-Luck which later changed to a Buffet with card playing in the evening. With so many gaps in our ranks, the Saturday Nighters are now a memory, which reminds me of the old poem of Phillips Brooks, who wrote: "Hours Fly, Flowers Die, New Ways, New Days pass by, Love Stays". (Horace, didn't change a word of it.)

Bill Fleming has been fishing most himself a little trip. This one was of this early Winter, too.

This year, even before the paper came out, your Editor also took to Chicago-land and his old home town of Evanston. (Well, I did a few other things too, but I'm not writing a book here.) It was a delight to see the Chicago Sky-Line from the Outer Drive and, surprising enough to me, it was just this side of a thrill to drive through my "HOME TOWN". My goodness, I'm going to have to do that again. It was fun!!!

Bill Fleming also catches fish, too.

Sandy Buell says that the water in Lake Lanier is quite all right for holding up their boat, "The Gotcha", but that man-made lakes just don't measure up to the Grand Traverse waters. Of course the water-skiing just happens to be a little better down there, but that's the only thing. Joe has continued his habits of hard work at the office, but Sandy reports that J. and Pearson have continued their habits of acting in plays and they are both deep in rehearsing "Of Thee We Sing". Burr would just as soon play soccer . . . and he does. They love their new home, the boys tolerate school and they all like Atlanta.

Bill has his fish broiled, baked, fried and smoked.

You will note from the listing of addresses that the David Gleasons are now back in Puerto Rico. David is happy with his position as General Manager of two radio stations and Chigiee (spelling?) is happy with the two little girls . . . both of whom, Grandmother says, are beautiful and enchanting. And I'll bet they are, too. Dutch and Mary-Louise were in the British Isles in

September and, while it was even drier there than here in Michigan, the countryside was still "handsome". (MaryLouise, I like that word! It has character.) In December, they are going to fly to Singapore and then, with the help of the Holland American Lines, they are going to just plain sail all over the place. The Indonesian Island, Bali, Java, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Honolulu as, maybe, the main places. Then back to relax/collapse in Jamaica. "When all that travelling is over", they are going to get ready to come up to Omena. Wheeeeee!!! Both of you have a good time!

When I was out "in the field" a few weeks ago, looking for squirrels or deer or apple-stealers, I found the Stephensons, Jack and Ellie, the Grafs, Bill and Marilyn and Doug and Betty, tramping around the place and having a dandy time. Most or all of these folks keep coming up for short and long weekends at most any time of the year. Try it, some time, you'll like it! Yes, you will!

Bill is a good fisherman and a good cook too.

Peg and Bob Morse had a wonderful summer on Ingalls Bay with many guests to help them enjoy it. Their granddaughter, Stuart Saxton, was up for most all of the summer . . . and spent it working, at Timber Shores. Later, her sister, Suzy, and her brother, Clark, were up for several weeks from Waco. These last two drove back home together and Stuart took off for Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. and Clark went back to Atlanta and Oglethorpe University. (Atlanta must have some attraction for us OTYC'ers.) Bob's sister, Martha, and his brother, Sidney, then came tramping in. (I spelled that word correctly this time.) Next were Julius and Helen Ruth Click, Bob's business partner and his wife. During all of this, somebody was pouring a new cement terrace and walk around and by the house. Bob did not say how many initials and/or footprints got into those little items. For the Winter, it will be Waco, Texas, for Bob's birthday on Dec. 16th and then the Holiday Season. Ft. Lauderdale comes next, for a short stay, and then, if the car arrives as it should, they will be off to Sarasota until about March. April 1st will be both Peg's and Clark's birthday, so they might well be in Atlanta at that time. Ingalls Bay is next!

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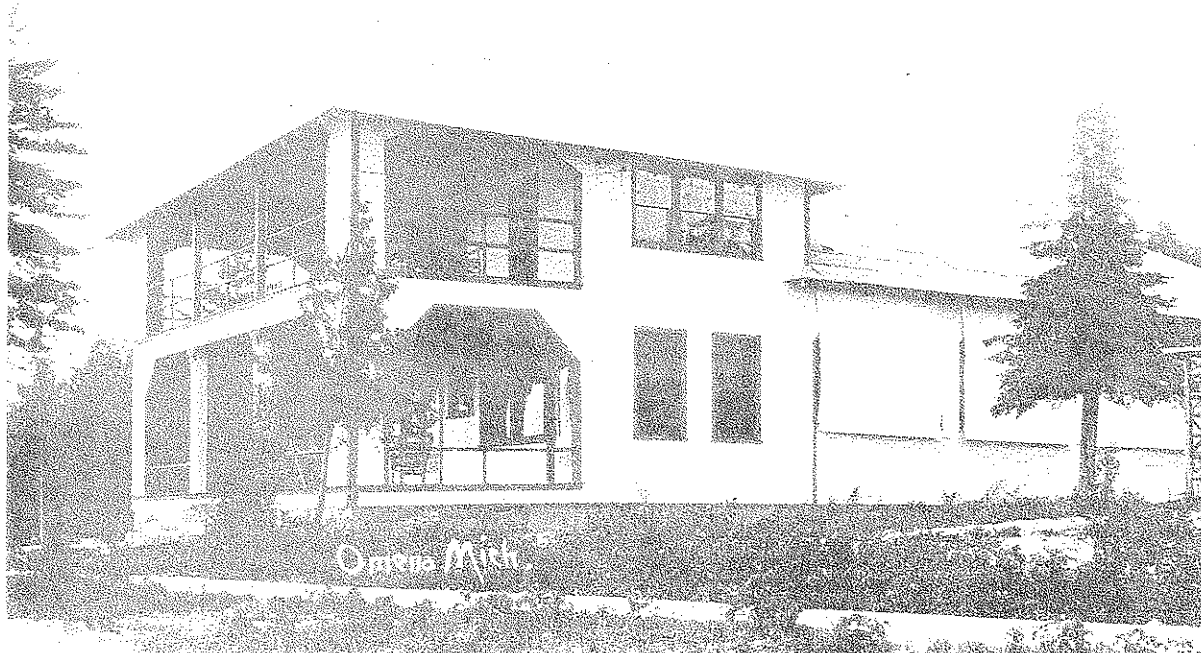
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## NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

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We didn't get a special note from either of them, but, since both Judith and Janet Sloniker spent just about the whole summer up here this year — and enjoyed themselves — we are looking to see them back with us in '77.

By the way, while I didn't walk the whole Point this time, I can see from viewing the water about the Club House, at Ingalls Bay and some spots on Singing Sands, the water has really gone down and the beaches are nice n' wide and we should have something more than our foot or two of sand to play and sun-bath on this coming year.

Bill is looking for some more friends to give his excess fish to. The shed and the little barn are full now and the fishing season is still going well.

Bob and Nancy Weiss and sons made the decision to move to their Omena home this summer. After spending some twenty one years of fantastic summers and crisp beautiful winter holidays, they could wait on longer to make the move. Howsomever, not being able to forsake their Cincinnati home altogether, Bob and Nancy are bringing a bit of Cincinnati with them. Now underconstruction and unique (that's what he said!) to northern Michigan is the "one and only" Cincinnati Skyline Chili Parlor. The menu starts with a delicious and spicy Greek chile — served to your liking! Bob, Nancy, Bob Jr. and Tim all invite you and me to come by and see their new place of business. (The new Skyline will be located in Traverse City on U.S. 31 South, just passed Tom's Shopping Center. It's to open in January.)

Now, for the rest of you, next time don't just write those "news reports", you are supposed to also mail them!

Hi, Bill. How's the fishin' season?

## OTYC Sailors Experience Vast Improvement

I think that everyone would have to agree that our sailing fleet was greatly improved this summer with the addition of our new instructor, Mr. Jerry Besaw. Jerry, a teacher at Kalkaska Jr. High, is one of the most dedicated instructors ever

experienced by the OTYC sailors. He would put hour after hour in down at our club, being there to assist anyone who needed assistance and just spreading some of his contagious enthusiasm for the great sport of sailing.

The summer racing season started slow, but as Mr. Besaw put his programs together and involved his students, things started to pick up. At one time this summer, we had as many as seventeen Sunfish at our yacht club. We had fantastic weather all summer which also helped to get people out and into their boats.

Most of the enthusiasm seemed to come from the Junior sailors, which is good, but next year I hope we can generate some of that enthusiasm in the Adult class. There were a few adults sailing; of course, the unforgettable Dr. Jones, and we had the privilege of sailing once

again with Mr. and Mrs. Cherne. I thank you for your participation in keeping the adult sailing spirit alive at OTYC. I would also like to take this chance to thank Mr. Jerry Besaw for his superb job of rebuilding our fleet; I only hope we can be so lucky as to have Jerry back next year.

## FINAL STANDINGS SUMMER 1976

July:

1. Mark Bosco	6%
2. Kevin Ray	22
3. Jed Mooney	23%
4. Jeff Bosco	29%
5. Melville Family	30%

August:

1. Mark Bosco	6
2. Jeff Mooney	17
3. Jeff Bosco	25
4. Tommy Newland and Duddy Yetter	33
5. John Yetter	34

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