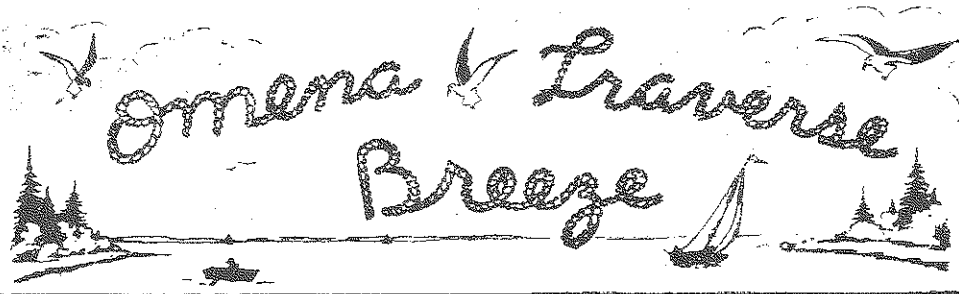


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Commodore's Message

By Vernon Keye

The Omena Traverse Yacht Club celebrates a thirtieth anniversary in 1978. What is in it for you is a time to learn, enjoy, and discover O.Y.T.C. Your membership brings pleasure, participation, and pride in your club. We have been left a heritage of love of our woods and water, and also a caring for each other. The old Omena arises each spring with the first white cherry blossoms, blue forget-me-nots, and trillium. This is what Omena-ites understand to be the real Omena of gentility and genealogy, where old is still beautiful and relaxation is a mark of accomplishment. --

It is again my pleasure to report a wonderful response to the Board's request for committee chairmen and committee members for the summer programs ahead. It is this kind of loyalty and effort that makes O.Y.T.C. a special association. Effort has been made to arrange large committees so that the work may be shared and not become a burden to a few. Ruth Gorham has spent considerable time and effort in setting up a tentative social calendar which should provide interest to all.

Mary Helen Ray may be proud of her first Breeze. Rich news, poor news, there are no back pages in the Breeze — all page one! The Youth committee co-chaired by Caroline Oberndorf and Frances Mercer will have the assistance of Bill Kulick this summer. On a full time basis Bill will instruct and plan tennis, sailing, and swimming activities.

Contributions for the repair of the old dock are coming in slowly. It is essential that these funds be collected in order to meet the payment date of June 1 when the work will be completed.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Friday, June 30 at 3:00 p.m. at the Commodore's house.

Because of your loyalty, your good common sense, your willingness to serve in a variety of ways, I know that this club will become an ever more vital force in the Omena community during the years ahead. A quick change of scenery and pace seems to be one of the ingredients



Would you believe that this historic picture was taken on a dock located at the front of the present Yacht Club?

The "Heitzman — Groll — Schlee" cottage and the fisherman's roof and shoreline are familiar!

MEMORIES OF INGALLS BAY

Anyone who knows not Ingalls Bay Suffers' supremely day by day. Its beautiful beach of golden sand Is not at your command, But come and see it — anyway.

Clemewell Lay — 1978

Tennis Rules

1. Play is restricted to members and guests members of OTYC.
2. A non-member may play with a member up to 3 times per season.
3. Non-member renting or using member's cottages must take out a guest membership prior to using the court. Please contact F.A. Gorham, Fire Lane 3, 386-7103.
4. After 2 years as a guest member, you must join as a regular member.
5. Each family unit is restricted to 1 hour of play per day for adult members of that unit, and 1 hour of play per day for the junior members of that unit (age 17 and under as of 1-1-78).
6. Use the sign-up sheet to reserve your time. Please do not sign up more than 3 days in advance, ie., on Monday, do not reserve past Thursday.
7. Please observe these rules so that all may enjoy the game.
8. Questions or comments? Call John Ray, Tennis Committee Chairman, Fire Lane 8, 386-5796.

of modern enjoyment. One out of every four persons in the U.S. changes his address once each year so that time has come to change your address to Omena.

1978 Calendar Of Events

- 6-28 — Wednesday — Social Committee, Yacht Club — 10:00 A.M.
- 6-30 — Friday — OTYC Board — 3:00 P.M. Commodore's Home
- 7-1 — Opening Dinner (Saturday) OTYC — catered.
- 7-5 — Wednesday — Pot Luck, Annual Meeting Following dinner
- 7-12 — Wednesday — Pot Luck — Bingo
- 7-19 — Wednesday — Pot Luck — Fashion Show

- 7-26 — Wednesday — Pot Luck — to be announced
- 7-29 — Saturday — George Smith Regatta Light lunch — 12:00 noon Members and guests
- 8-2 — Wednesday — Pot Luck — Bingo
- 8-9 — Wednesday — Pot Luck, Club auction
- 8-16 — Wednesday — Commodore's cocktail reception — Founder's Fund Dinner (catered)
- 8-23 — Wednesday — Pot Luck — Beach Sing
- 8-30 — Wednesday — Pot Luck — Bingo

Winter Wanderings

By GENEVRA GROSSMAN

Winter was most reluctant to lose its tentacles this year, but the earth was alive under its frosty lid, and after several aborted appearances, spring finally arrived. The sap ran in the maple trees and was converted into syrup by oldtimers and newcomers alike. Omena Point Road received a "haircut" when the Road Commission felled a great number of dead trees, much to the delight of several residents who have been burning wood to cut down fuel bills and now have a plentiful supply of logs.

The ice slowly melted on the bay, giving the fishermen a longer than usual season and leaving wide beaches with little debris. The ducks and swans are enjoying the open water,

and a boat or two have been spotted. Two beautiful deer paid a call at the Grossman's one afternoon. A polaroid snapshot attests to the fact that they were standing outside the patio door looking longingly into the warmth of the family room.

The robins and redwing blackbirds have returned to their old haunts, and the non-feathered residents who fled to the warmer climes homes and looking forward to welcoming the summer residents. There was one new home completed over the winter on the point; however, several other families have expressed their intention to begin construction as soon as the weather permits. In short, Omena survived the blizzard of '78 with little difficulty and is in great shape for the season that lies ahead.

NOW HEAR THIS . . .

By JED MOONEY

Spring has sprung, the ice and snow are gone, and the ache I feel every time I leaf through my stack of boating books and magazines accumulated these long winter months past, with their glossy color pictures of sleek powerboats skimming over, and sailboats surging through, glistening waves and sparkling spray, always crewed by grinning young men and women tanned nut-brown by the sun, glorious sun. . . well, that ache is much closer to being relieved!

Yes, Summer's right around the corner, and soon many of us will be taking our assorted vessels out on the mighty waters for the many and varied aquatic activities we enjoy so greatly. Ah, but before we give in to Neptune's temptation, have we prepared ourselves and our crafts adequately so that full enjoyment and not tragedy, is the result?

A recent editorial in "Lakeland Boating" magazine cited statistics that show most boating accidents occur on week-ends, in good weather, in an open fiberglass boat 16 to 26 feet long with a 75 hp (average) outboard motor, operated by a person who has never taken a safe boating course or other instruction, and that when fatalities have occurred there were approved PFDs (Personal Flotation Devices) accessible on board, but not used. The most common accidents were collisions, falling overboard, and running aground.

Lack of common sense appears to be the greatest single contributing factor, according to the Coast Guard and other authorities. Common sense tells me that Spring is the time to prepare for Summer's enjoyment by eliminating as many of boating's risks as possible. Following, then, are a few helpful hints:

What about that outboard motor? Was it checked over last fall before being stored? Even so, it's a good idea to have a mechanic check it out this spring so that it does its job dependably and safely all summer. Nothing ruins a day on the bay like a motor that won't motivate properly, and it isn't safe to have to tinker with a crotchety power plant once you're away from the dock. Chuck that leftover gas from last summer while you're at it — just causes more problems than it's worth.

Take a good look at your PFDs. You are required by law to have at least one aboard your boat for each person aboard. Are they Coast Guard approved? If your PFDs are the fabric-covered, vapor-filled, horse collar type, check for mildew, lumpiness, tears, or other disrepair and replace any PFD showing such deficiencies. In fact, you're much better off not having the old kapoc life jackets at all. They lose their buoyancy after a few dunkings, should be replaced every few years whether they've been used or not, they don't fit comfortably (and consequently aren't worn when they should be!) and they are very hard drink. Sure the "Stearns" type vests are expensive, but they're bet-

ter in every respect, and besides, lives are worth a lot more than money. And WEAR your PFD — it's a lot easier than kicking it around the cockpit of your Sunfish, and in the right place when you need it most. If you don't wear a PFD all of the time, at least keep it handy in case of trouble.

The boat itself may need some attention. Fiberglass isn't as maintenance-free as we would like to think: any leaks around seams or fittings, beaching wear and tear, collision damage, etc? Wood needs paint or varnish or it deteriorates rapidly. How about sails? A worn or torn sail may not seem unsafe in itself, but imagine you're caught out away from shore in your Sunfish with the wind increasing. No problem; just hike out further to keep from capsizing and head for home — until the sail tears under the strain, spilling the air from the sail unexpectedly and causing a backwards capsize. I hope you're wearing your PFD and didn't hit your head on the daggerboard as you went over, and . . . Well, you get the drift.

I suppose I could go on and on, and I may have already written too much in this article to be fit into one issue of the "Breeze" (I bow to my editor's judgement). To quote Richie Brockelman, "the point of the matter is, is . . ." that there's more to pleasure boating than just casting off for a ride on the water, and the serious aquaphile soon learns that there's always more to learn. Common sense goes a long way toward making all boating as safe and enjoyable as possible, and thorough preparation for the boating season after a winter's lay-off should be the first sensible thing a boater does.

Propositions On Agenda For Annual OTYC Meet

The annual meeting of OTYC is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Club House on July 5th, 1978 following the Pot Luck dinner. ALL members are encouraged to attend. The Board of Directors of the OTYC has agreed to place the three following propositions on the agenda for that meeting, in addition to usual other items, for action by the membership.

...Proposition No. 1: Resolved that: The fiscal year of the OTYC be changed from the year beginning July 1 to the calendar year.

...Proposition No. 2: Resolved that: The sentence in the Articles of Incorporation of OTYC concerning non-assessment of members be deleted, and the following be added to the By-Laws of the OTYC: The Board is authorized to assess members for maintenance, repair and replacement costs pertaining to club property, in an amount not to exceed \$20.00 per adult member per calendar year.

...Proposition No. 3: Resolved that: Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation be amended to read as follows: The term of this corporation is perpetual.

The Omena Scene

By RUTH and FRED GORHAM

Since our reporting to you in the December "Breeze", the scene in Omena has been largely white. Not as much snow as a year ago, but enough. By and large the weather was more moderate, with only one "blizzard" to mar the winter when most of us were "snowed in" for 3 days. There have been many more sunny days this winter and we had none of the bitter cold that the folks in Ohio enjoyed (?). The Bay froze over about the 1st week or so in January and for quite a time we had the area's largest skating rink just off of the Harbor Bar.

The Omena Point is much the same with one additional cottage under construction on the Omena Bay side. Mrs. Marian Fisher's cottage was sold to the John P. Harris's of Saginaw, Michigan. The cottage of Ruth Jacobson's, next door to Austin Jones, was acquired by members John and Suzanne Mulligan.

The Township expects to make some further improvements to Omena Beach. Additional plantings are contemplated and the children's slide is to be assembled. We believe that you will all be pleased with the improvements to the "downtown" section when you arrive.

The Thursday morning coffee hours at the fire station continued to thrive with all the winter residents here to partake of wonderful, home baked, goodies provided by the weekly spon-

sor of the event. Some folks even come from Northport, so our fame has spread.

The water level in the bay is DOWN which is good news for some, and likely bad news for others, and the forecast of the experts is that it will be down somewhat from last year.

So, hurry to Omena.

Treasurer's Report

By Fred Gorham

A copy of the Treasurer's statement of OTYC Income and Disbursements for the calendar year 1977 included elsewhere in this issue of the Breeze.

The year ended with a balance of \$1,274.74 and the Treasurer appreciates the members' cooperation in remitting dues, etc., promptly. We have received over half of the dues for 1978.

In January the Treasurer received an envelope postmarked Cincinnati, January 23, 1978, from some member but the presumed check therein was gone as the envelope was not sealed. Was it your check? If your January 1978 check to me has not cleared, it was yours.

The response to the Commodore's letter on the dock has already provided 26 per cent of our goal as of this date (4-3-78). Thanks for your help and cooperation. To those who have yet to send in their donation to the dock repair (or their dues), please do so promptly.

OMENA TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

Income & Disbursements, Calendar Year of 1977

	Income	Disbursements	Net
Cash on Hand — General Account 1/1/77			\$1,010.70
Membership Dues	3,982.50		3,982.50
Initiation Fees	750.00		750.00
Utilities — Electric & Phone	12.62	189.28	(176.66)
Map Sales	10.00		10.00
Breeze Subscriptions	217.75	390.08	(172.33)
Breeze Ads	108.75		108.75
Insurance — Loss Recovery & Dividend Premium	392.75	1,048.00	(655.25)
Sweat Shirts, etc.	46.00	222.94	(176.94)
Youth Program	1,097.15	1,239.43	(142.28)
Tennis Group	250.39	65.87	184.52
July 4th Dinner	389.50	478.40	(88.90)
Pot Luck	178.53	188.22	(9.69)
Happy Hours	54.40	7.94	46.46
Taxes — Property for 1976 & 1977			(2,212.77)
Misc.* Club Use	25.00	2,212.77	25.00
Auction (189.50, Bingo (28.00 Burgess (6.00)	223.50		223.50
Regatta & Sailing	96.00		96.00
Postage & Stationery		109.87	(109.87)
Water Connecting		90.00	(90.00)
Watchman Service 1977 & 1978		40.00	(40.00)
Trash Hauling		14.50	(14.50)
Roof Repair (Windstorm)		550.00	(550.00)
Dock Expense		250.00	(250.00)
Grading Shoreline and Rock Removal		25.00	(25.00)
Club House Maintenance		268.18	(268.18)
Flag Pole		126.82	(126.82)
Licenses		18.50	(18.50)
Boat Maintenance		35.00	(35.00)
Totals	\$7,834.84	\$7,570.80	264.04
Cash on Hand — General Account 1/1/78			\$1,274.74

Respectfully Submitted
F. A. Gorham
OTYC — Treasurer

News About Members

As for news of members, we heard from some of you, but others of you are waiting until we see you, so we'll have something to talk about!

Leona Milroy was good to drop us a line when she was leaving the next day on a trip. One highlight for her this winter was to see Marion and Crampton Finn in Hawaii. Now she is looking forward to Jack and Marilee's visit in California. They will be there from May 18 until the 29th. Her son Emery was in a dreadful Santa Fe train wreck on March 5. Fortunately, he came out of it with only minor injuries. Her husband Bill had a rough time around Christmas with pneumonia, but has recovered nicely. He was 87 on April 10. Leona is planning on a longer stay in Northport this summer, which is good news for all of us.

The Lamings have had a pleasant winter in Palm Desert. Liz Clark joined them for 2 months, during which time Irma had an eye implant and is now seeing better than ever. The Lamings had a couple of nice visits with Leona Milroy and are looking ahead to Omena, although the arrival date is somewhat uncertain.

There are a few upcoming events in the Lewis household that might be of interest to some "Breeze" readers. Changes are in store for every family member. Laura is getting married early in June in Omena to Matthew Paquette. Susan earns her doctor of veterinary medicine degree on June 10 and Rob graduates from Huron High School on June 15. Natalie Lewis McClure will finish her Ph.D degree in organic chemistry from Stanford either in September or January. Bob and Trudy after all that excitement, are taking a year away from Ann Arbor. Bob has a sabbatical appointment at Stoney Brook, Long Island for 1978-79. Trudy will take a leave from her 1st graders. They have purchased a 43' schooner built 10 years ago in Nova Scotia and will cruise in New England waters this summer and Florida waters next summer (they promise to fly their OTYC burgee!) Their house in Omena will be occupied by the Merckers for 6 weeks and by Jim and Susan Gross for 2 weeks.

Mary Louise Vail writes of 6 weeks in the South Pacific during the horrible winter weather in Cleveland. After taking the Royal Viking Sky from San Francisco to Auckland with stops in Tahiti, gorgeous Moorea and Tonga, the Friendly Island, they drove and planed (MT. Cook Airlines skims the tops of continuous snow-capped mountains) through the beautiful New Zealand countryside. They then flew across to Australia for a week and, after four tropical days in Fiji, returned to Los Angeles. In March, while Dutch went back to L.A. for a meeting, Mary Louise took the children and grandchildren on a week's Caribbean cruise. It was fun for all. They hope that everyone is well and are looking forward to arriving in Omena around July 1. The Oberndorfs and the David Gleasons will be arriv-

ing a month later. Congratulations are in order for Charlie Oberndorf, who graduates from the University School cum laude in June.

Marion and Crammy Finn sound as if Hawaii really agees with them. Having luxuriated for the winter in Waikiki, they expect to be in Omena in time for the July 1 dinner. During the winter they had a nice visit with Holly Smith (Craig was hard at work, so they missed him). Crammy, Jr. and Pat and later Cynthia visited them for awhile as well.

Gennie Grossman writes that they returned to Omena about the middle of February, having spent the previous 4 months in Grand Rapids while their daughter Suzie recuperated from her serious auto accident. We were happy to learn that she has almost fully recovered. Harold now is happily involved in setting up a shop in their new garage; as soon as it's done, the "junk" from the lower level of their cottage goes into it so that the cottage space can be made into a playroom for the grandchildren.

The five Rays spent spring vacation on Sanibel Island, Florida and were delighted to overlap a week-end with Judy and Ed Coughlin, who were staying at the same resort.

The Earl Moores certainly have been busy entertaining traveling Omena people. They write that they are counting on being at the cottage for the summer. They had a lovely evening recently with Mary Woolford, who was in La Jolla for a few days with her sister whom she had been visiting in Phoenix. A couple of weeks later, Mary Helen and John Ray had the good fortune of combining a math convention in San Diego with a delightful visit in La Jolla with the Moores. Dr. Moore showed us some sunset pictures taken from their balcony, but assured us that Michigan sunsets are prettier because they last longer.

The big blizzard of '78 was not all bad for Ruth and Bill Fleming. They were snowbound for two days but everybody around the Point kept in contact by phone and waited out the storm. The good news was the arrival at 2:02 A.M. on January 27 of their granddaughter Susan Elizabeth Fleming at Mercy Hospital in Grayling, Mich. It was an anxious period for parents and grandparents; however, the storm was not quite so bad in Grayling, and they left for Florida on January 31. February, March and early April were spent at Silver Springs Shores, Ocala, Florida. At Easter time, Michael and Sandy Fleming drove down with the children and visited for a week. The weather was perfect and everyone got a good case of sunburn.

Marjorie Renz tells us that in March they spent two weeks in Ft. Lauderdale where Andy attended a seminary, after which they visited old friends on the Keys. The last two weeks they were in Naples, where the time passed all too quickly. Marjorie, Jr. was with them for her spring vacation, and they enjoyed showing her the East coast. They hope to get to Omena in May and see

the wild flowers, and get ready for the summer.

Eloise Bradley passes on the good news that Dan's second knee operation went so well that they were able to fly to Minneapolis March 18 for their grandson David Hildner's marriage to Bertha Armacanqui of Peru. Both are teaching assistants in the Spanish Department at the University of Minnesota and expect to get their graduate degrees this next year.

Marjie Smith writes from Ann Arbor that, at the close of school, she will spend a week in Cincinnati, a week in California then off to Hawaii to work until the end of the summer (she may get to Omena for a few days in August). She hopes to get to either Okinawa or Australia before returning to school.

Steve Cherne was home in Omena from school in Pennsylvania for his spring break. He has received his varsity swimming letter and plans to return to school in Pennsylvania next year. Curt has completely recovered from knee surgery and both Curt and Craig played junior high basketball this year. Linda took a two week vacation from her work at the hospital. She enjoyed staying home and "sleeping in". Al has been very busy cutting timber this winter.

Joan Roth writes that she and John spent two weeks in Florence, Italy with an Art Museum group. They expected to return full of Italian Renaissance art and sculpture. Daughter Nancy's married name is Mrs. Raymond (Randy) K. Cooper II. They drove up to Ingall Bay for a snow week-end in February and had a great time.

Mary Woolford spent six weeks in Phoenix; saw the Jones clan, Kathy and Mike Bosco, the Moores (as mentioned elsewhere in this column) in La Jolla and her sister and family, who have never been to Omena. She expects to open up the cottage over the Memorial Day week-end.

Vernon and Elizabeth Keye spent three winter months between Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and southern California. The weather on both seacoasts was unusual — cool in Florida and mucho rain in California. While in California they had weekly visits with Clemewell Lay, Ann Wellington and John Kemble. Their daughter Heidi spent a week with them in California while she attended the National School Board Association Conference. Grandsons Billy and Rob Biederman made their return to Omena especially happy with an early spring visit.

Being natives and not afraid of the cold, the Gorhams were in Omena most all winter except for a few days in Evanston in February to visit old neighbors, but more particularly to see the family there and to see their granddaughter perform in her grade school class musical. They also were in Minnetonka, Minn., in March to baby sit with son Michael's family while the head of the household presented the Gorhams with their 6th granddaughter on March 23. Maria Ann is doing fine, thank you. They had a comfortable winter and now look forward to spring and summer.

All of us join Ruth and Fred with this wish.

IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened to learn of Bill Feely's death. Bill was Martha Feely's son. We all extend our deepest sympathy to Martha Feely and Bill's children.

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New Members Corner

New members admitted by recent action of the OTYC Board's mail vote:

Mr. and Mrs. Fay E. Kaiser (Ardith)
 P.O. Box 363
 1347 Cedar Ct.
 Niles, Michigan 49120

(Fay and Ardy have been on Omena Point for a few years and have the former Johanning cottage.)

Mr. and Mrs. Panfilo C. DiLoreto
 (Albina)
 285 Vincennes Place
 Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. 48236
 (Phil and Dee built a home on G.T. Bay, just to the north of "Singing Sands".)
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Bailey
 2908 Whittier Court West
 Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104
 Son Brian — Age 15

(Bob, Pat and Brian acquired the Farrell cottage on Omena Point).

Mr. and Mr. David C. Lott (Sally)
 P.O. Box 1054
 Vail, Colorado 81657
 Daughter Katherine S. — age 21
 Son Biff — age 18

(Dave and Sally acquired the Patterson cottage on Ingalls Bay and members will remember them, for they put on the excellent style show at the Club last summer.)

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