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## Commodore's Message

The Traverse City Eagle last August provided a fine transition and historical piece about O.T.Y.C. and the support of your new Commodore, "who is no gentleman". I am a lady and pledge to all of you my very best effort, interest, enthusiasm and loyalty. My hope is to continue the high spirit and loyal cooperation of our membership.

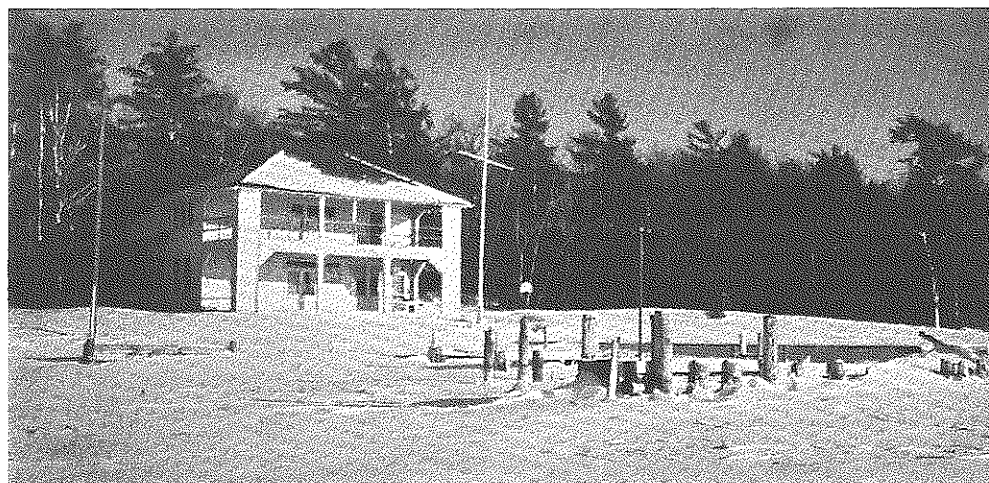
My review of O.T.Y.C. history, as reported in the Breeze publications beginning in 1948, point to the intent of the founders of this Club that it be a social center with activities for the many interests of its members. Our summer association must include these essential elements in future planning.

There was appropriate recognition of our Yacht Club's Thirtieth summer in a celebration of Life; each day was prized and each moment enjoyed. The Pot Luck suppers drew the largest support in the history of the Club with an average of 90 people or better each week. The special weekly programs and several new events offered variety and new interest. Ruth Gorham and her hard working Social Committee deserve our gratitude and praise. The involvement of many Club members in committee work brought personal rewards and new success in Club activities.

The Happy Hours which preceded the Wednesday suppers each week served again as a medium of communication and new friendships.

The Youth Program went dashing along with great momentum under the leadership of Bill Kulick. Not only did the children enjoy the sailing, tennis and swimming instruction but the program paid for itself! Bill gave more than his required time helping with Bingo, group sings, and twice cleaned out the Store Room mess. We thank Bill for his undying interest in O.T.Y.C.

The limited use of the Club House by the larger community was a new plan in 1978. A small donation of money was given to the Club as a means of meeting the cost of operating the building for the special function. The Board felt that much good will toward O.T.Y.C. was generated in the surrounding communities. There were four wedding receptions, the Northport-Leland-Lake Leelanau Schools Senior Prom, the North-



OMENA WINTER WONDERLAND

port Womens Club Hospital Benefit Luncheon and the Northport-Leland Episcopal Church Picnic.

The major Club improvement in 1978 was the re-building of the dock. It is not only attractive but, more importantly, it is safe and useful for water activities. We hope that sand can be removed so that the slips will be deep enough to accomodate about four boats in addition to the Club boat. The Board will investigate fees for rental of the slips and anyone interested should contact the Commodore.

Exciting plans are in the process for painting the exterior of the Club House in 1979. This will be a difficult job requiring sanding and considerable repair. This fine old building deserves our respect and as much care as we can finance. I also hear good news about the Club interior arrangements. The second floor area will have some new bright paint, light colored rugs, several yellow canvas and natural wood directors chairs purchased in September sales. It may be possible to furnish the upper porch so that the beautiful view of Omena Bay may be enjoyed up high.

All names of prospective new members should be sent to Mrs. Andrew Renz, Membership Committee Chairman - 2200 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45206.

Mary Helen Ray has again accepted a most valued and important assignment as Editor of the Breeze. This year the printing will be handled by Taylor Printing Company of Traverse City with the personal interest and assistance of Lillian Taylor, longtime O.T.Y.C. member.

## Mature Sailors Revolt

by Mary Helen Ray

As the years go by, more and more sailboats are seen drifting by on the bay. Small children learn how to swim well enough to pass swimming safety tests and are finally permitted to attempt to learn how to sail. The hardest lesson for a sailor to learn is that some young punk whom we have watched take his first steps, chew on the rocks and sand in Omena, contract poison ivy, become strong enough to lift the other end of a sailboat suddenly learns enough about sailing (and is light enough weight-wise) that when it comes to racing, that little punk skims over the water and passes the more mature sailor and leaves the mature sailor behind completely becalmed.

There have been many grumblings about this fact of life for at least six years. Finally, on August 10, 1978, the great day arrived when the Omena Middle Years Amateur Sailing Society was born. A list of requirements was widely publicized. The age minimum for skippers and crew was 30. Proof of age was required. Proof was established by showing gray hair (or roots), swollen knuckles, wrinkles or birth certificates. Sailors were allowed on the water with a crew or they could sail single-handed. Rumors were that single-handed boats would have a St. Bernard or other similar type passenger placed on board, so many sailors scurried to line up their over-30 type crew members.

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## Tennis Report

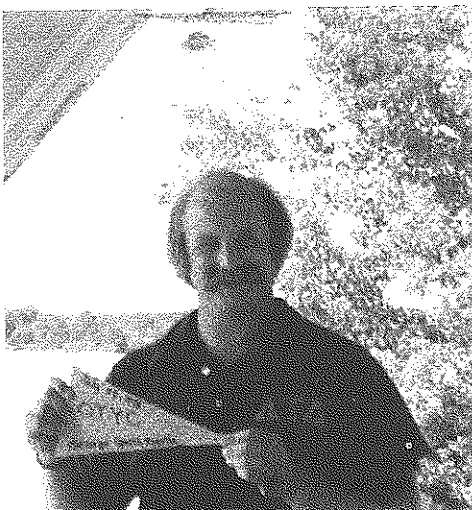
by John Ray

OTYC enjoyed another successful tennis season. Significant improvements were made to the court prior to the opening of play this year. New cedar posts were implanted at each end of the court and wire fencing (of a much heavier gauge than the chicken wire used in the past) was attached to these posts. As funds become available to the Tennis Committee through our chili dinners and other activities, we hope to repair the sides of the court in similar fashion. I received many favorable comments from players during the course of the summer regarding the improvements to the court. My thanks to all of you who gave so generously of your time and talents. In particular, I should like to extend my appreciation to Fred Gorham, Harold Grossman, Al Cherne, Steve Cherne, Curt Cherne, Graig Cherne, Kevin Ray and Michael Ray. I was privileged to work along side Fred and Harold in stringing the wire and could only marvel at the engineering ingenuity that they employed in making the wire as taut as possible.

Bill Kulick provided tennis instruction as a part of the Youth Program. Included in this program was competition with the young people at Northport Point. In addition, a tennis tournament was conducted among the youth in our Club in which 19 boys and girls participated. Competition was in two categories, Advanced/Intermediate and Beginning. In the first group, Emily Mercker defeated Michael Oberndorf in the finals 10-6, while Curt Cherne whipped brother Craig 10-2 for 3rd place. In the beginners bracket, Timmy Harris beat Melissa Gorham 8-1 in the finals and Timmy Weiss defeated Michael Ray 8-2 for 3rd place. The tournament produced some very exciting tennis and was characterized by fine sportsmanship as well.



Bob Mulligan Displays His Mug



Jed Mooney Sports His Pennant

Thanks to all of you who helped with the tennis program. Special mention must be given to Kathy Bosco for the use of her court when inclement weather rendered the Yacht Club court unplayable. Thanks to Linda Cherne for her efforts in connection with the 2nd Annual Chili Dinner; also assisting in the dinner were Margy Lyon, Betsy Ehrhardt, Rat Renz, Dee Oetting, Barbara Harris, Mary Helen Ray, Elizabeth Schleef and Marion Jones. Top sales people on tickets for the dinner were Charlie Mercker, Billy Renz and Susan Deal, while entertainment was provided by Andy Renz and Billy Kulick. Finally, my thanks to the other members of the Committee: Missy Bosco, Steve Cherne, Susan Deal and my very special assistant, Mary Helen.

I welcome your comments and suggestions regarding the tennis program. If a suitable format can be worked out, I am hopeful of having some form of adult competition next summer. Until then, my best wishes for a happy and prosperous 1979.

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## Sunfish Regatta 1978

by Rat Renz

Amid almost gale velocity winds from the north and northwest, the 18th Annual George S. Smith Regatta was held at the OTYC on July 29. From an original registration of eleven single sailors, the crews doubled up and hung on for dear life as the winds picked up through the morning. Seven boats was the highest number sailing any one race - the last two races found only four Sunfish attempting the run.

Final standings placed Tom Pendergast of Leland first, Mark Bosco of Omena second (Yea!), Brian Sichler of Leland third and Jed Mooney fourth. Rob Mulligan was given a special trophy for the brave try and Rob McGuffin of Traverse City should have received something for the number of times he cap-sized and still hung on. Other Omena sailors attempting to sail were Charlie and Tom Melville (on their way home to Cincinnati), Kevin Ray, Tim Weiss, Karen Tonneberger and Paul Harris.

Hot chocolate was substituted for the planned lemonade, and hot coffee was available all through the day. Home-made hot barbeque sandwiches, potato chips, raw carrots and hot drinks were served to the sailors and guests at lunch-time. The watchers were few and dressed for winter, but they enjoyed some exciting races and look forward to next year's regatta—hopefully on a warm, sunny, breezy day.

Thanks for the day's activities must go to Bob Bailey, Mark Bosco, Barb Harris, Bill Kulick, MH Ray, and Bob Weiss for their help in setting up and in running the event. (Rat neglected to add that she provided the hot barbeque mixture, after many hours of stirring and tasting. Ed. note.)

## Commodore

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With winter ahead we can only reflect on the peaceful moments and total beauty that Omena has given to each of us every summer. Is it the contrast of the seasons or the contrast of our busy lives that makes each so important?

As I close this message, I would like to mention the tremendous job done by Past-Commodore Vernon Keye and his wife Elizabeth, for they together have guided, with love, the many things done and accomplished these last two years at O.T.Y.C. They are a living tribute of what Omena really is!

My husband, children and I wish you a special Holiday Greeting and a happy winter ahead.

Kathy Bosco

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## News About Members

Peg Morse shares with us the news that Bob is still in Judson Park Nursing Home, which he does not enjoy, but he is getting better and physical therapy daily is putting him on his feet again with the help of a cane. They are planning to go back to Sarasota after the holidays and to be in Omena next summer. With that program to look forward to, Bob is reconciled to putting up with the Nursing Home for a few more months. Their son Tom, who now lives in St. Louis, visited them recently. The Saxtons are involved with the home that they are building. Clark works in Waco, where he has his own apartment, and the girls are in their respective colleges.

Elizabeth Keye reports that the Holidays ahead bring another winter reunion in Omena for their family. This includes a fresh cut Christmas tree, ice skates, skis, sleds and jolly open houses. Heidi Biederman and family will come from Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and Rick and Laura Keye will travel from Troy, Michigan. The New Year starts the mad four month Omena house closing ordeal plus travel plans to Ft. Lauderdale for a month and on to California until May 1. The best source to cover their winter adventures and addresses will be the Omena Post Office.

Elizabeth goes on to say that one of the rewards of living in Omena before and after the summer season is to have brief, off-season visits from neighbors and friends. These are added to the growing number of permanent residents in the area who create a life style mixture of country and city living produced by "transplants" from earlier urban society, people in retirement and or those who just plain love the life in Upper Lower Michigan. The rains and generally mild weather without frost in September maintained flower gardens in full color. October brought lovely dried weeds, apples, mushrooms and cider. Area shops tend to remain open until after the Fall Color Tour, and then it's time to go hunting in the woods.

Holly Renz Smith and daughter Marjorie could not omit an overnight visit to Omena in early September. Holly returned to her family in Hawaii and Marjorie returned to her second year at the University of Michigan.

Janie Newland from Aiken, South Carolina returned to Ingalls Bay for a week to check on the building of her new house rising next door. She reported that her bloodhound Fearless had survived mothering six pups. One pup has been added to the family and named Faultless.

John Kemble returned to Claremont, California in late September after five weeks on Ingalls Bay. He is looking forward to visiting Alaska by ship in October.

Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Renz picked apples in Omena in late September and sent a box to the Craig Smiths in Hawaii.

Harold Grossman and Vernon Keye travel by Moped to the Omena Post Office. These trips require one cup of gasoline for 30 miles and the vehicles are registered as grandfather toys.

Ruth and Fred Gorham left Omena on September 15 for a 3-week visit in Germany with their son and family.

The post-season Yacht Club potluck suppers continued in September as in the fall of 1977. Suppers were held in the Clubhouse and the Gardners and Keyes were hosts for late months affairs. Twenty or more OTYC members and their guests enjoyed these evenings together and maintain the mutual interest in the Club, its associations and activities.

Helen Reed and Mary Foltz are both showing fine recovery after Munson Hospital care in Traverse City.

Interest has been stimulated in gathering and recording early history of the Omena community. Several members of the Yacht Club met in September and set up preliminary plans for securing records and historical data.

Vicki Sova shares with us the news that her brother, James Fortino, was married in Northport October 14. The reception was at OTYC, which was decorated by family and friends. The Jon Peterson trio from Interlochen provided the music (including a traditional Italian dance) and they even had heat! She commented on what a nice place OTYC was for the reception.

Congratulations are in store for Rick Keye, who has been named Director of Sales for the Metropolitan Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau. Rick joined the Bureau as a sales manager in 1969 after graduating from the University of Arizona. As Director of Sales, he will supervise all sales activities and special promotions at the Bureau. Laura and Rick spent the last week in September with Laura's parents in Skaneateles, N.Y. Visits to the Corning Glass Works, Penn Yan Boat Company and executive tours of the Great Western and Bully Hill Wineries were the highlights. Future travels include a trip to Washington, D.C. to finalize arrangements and to assist with Detroit's bid to host the 1980 Republican National Convention. Several excursions to Omena for week-end rest and rehabilitation are also on the docket.

Barbara Harris was good enough to take time to share her activities and thoughts. They miss Omena, having met so many wonderful friends and they hope that all is going well for their new friends. John and she did drive up for a color tour. The children stayed home with a babysitter. The colors were fantastic - especially looking across the Bay from their cottage. John took many pictures - trying to capture some of the beauty.

As far as their fall and winter happenings are concerned, Paul is playing Freshman football for Douglas MacArthur High School and seems to enjoy it, much to his mother's chagrin. He seems to like being a high school student. He is not finding much spare time; homework and football seem to occupy most of it. Tim and Cindy have become active in the Youth Club at their church. Cindy also has her tap dancing and ballet. Tim keeps trying to avoid too many after-school activities so that he can play football with his friends. They are looking forward to "snow" time, but only because of skiing. They plan to ski near Omena during Christmas vacation. Up until the present, they have been downhill skiers, but they are considering trying cross-country skiing.

John finished the Saginaw Bay Yacht Club racing season in second place overall. Barbara stays busy with school activities, especially with her membership in the township-wide School Advisory Council. Like all of us, they are eagerly looking forward to next June.

Word from the Boscos is that life is exciting and very full. Kathy is teaching and found it rather overwhelming at first, but things are beginning to sort out. She has a first-grade class which is low academically and is working closely with the school psychologist, learning disability and emotionally-handicapped teachers. She says that she uses considerable "behavior modification" with the children and that it's really paying off. Her own children remain busy with their school activities. Matt and Jeff are into football and soccer and Mark is studying hard in college while entertaining plans to go out for baseball. Missie, like her mother, also has a very busy schedule.

Leona Milroy reports that she will be spending Christmas and New Years with her daughter and family in St. Louis. She tells us that Bill is fine and still singing. She is a volunteer worker at the place where Bill is staying and finds it most rewarding.

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## In Memoriam

### Beatrice L. Gardner

After a brief illness the death of Beatrice L. Gardner, wife of Walter J. on November 11, 1978 at Ford Hospital in Detroit brings a deep sense of loss to her many friends. Funeral services were held in Farmington Hills, Michigan on Monday, November 13.

Mrs. Gardner and her husband have been summer residents of Omena for many years and have been active in several community projects including Leelanau Memorial Hospital, Leelanau Twp. Fire Department and the Omena Woods Assoc.

The Omena Traverse Yacht Club enjoyed the loyal, enthusiastic, and generous support of Mrs. Gardner from its beginning. Her energy and warmth were an inspiration to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed by her many friends and the members of OTYC.

"Bea is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Peter (Carolyn) Calkins of Detroit and Mrs. Micheal (Kathryn) Bosco of Phoenix and several grandchildren." Memorial tributes may be made to the Leelanau Memorial Hospital in Northport.

### William "Bill" Mack

O. T. Y. C. member and esteemed friend died in Cincinnati on Thursday, October 20, 1978, after a brief illness. He was 81. Burial was in the United Jewish Cemetery of Cincinnati, following funeral services. He is survived by his wife Grace C., a daughter Mrs. Jack Frohman of Cincinnati, and two sons: Millard II of Cincinnati and William Jr. of New Haven, Conn. There are also a number of grandchildren among whom are the "Frohman Boys" well known to club members. Bill was preceded in death by two sons, PFC Leon killed in action in Belgium during World War II and Henry L. Carlaruh of Milwaukee.

Though retired, Bill was a Certified Life Underwriter and life-time general agent with Northwestern Mutual Life, having joined the company following his graduation from Harvard College in 1919. He was the third generation of his family to be affiliated with the company.

Bill became a summer resident of Omena when a young boy. His parents had their summer home on what is now known as Omena Heights, when it was used as a summer resort.

When George Smith, father of Preston and Tom, inherited his father's holdings, the larger part of the Heights. George wanted to buy up parcels owned by others. It was then that Bill Mack who had inherited the family's summer home, offered to give George the lot his father's house had occupied, if he might raze it and use the materials of the house to build a summer home on Ingalls Bay. Since that time Bill and his family have summered on Ingalls Bay, and many of the O.T.Y.C. members have enjoyed the famous Mack hospitality there.

## More About Members

Mary Louise Vail tells us that son David, who visited with his wife and children in Omena this past summer, purchased a new home shortly after his return to Puerto Rico. The home has a swimming pool with water considerably warmer than that which they experienced in Omena! Dutch and she have postponed another cruise to the Orient this winter because of her mother's illness, but they may take a two-week voyage to try out the S.S. Rotterdam and then catch a little Florida sunshine at the Jupiter Island Club.

The Gorhams had a busy summer which was highlighted by the five-week visit of their two granddaughters, Melissa and Teresa Gorham, from Colorado City, Texas. As reported elsewhere in this article, Fred and Ruth went to Germany this past fall to visit their son, who is stationed at Kaiserslautern. They also joined the crowds traveling through England but by-passed the snowy mountain passes in Switzerland.

Marion and Crammy Finn expect to have an enjoyable fifteen days sight-seeing in England this fall. Later they hope to visit for a few days with daughter Cynthia and Crammy, Jr. and family.

The big news for the William Renz family is that they have moved after 15 years in one spot. In addition to the move, Rat and Bill managed to get to Omena for a week in October to rest up. The weather was not good, but the trees were beautiful. John and Mary Helen Ray and family were there during the same week-end and had a nice visit with them. Andy is playing on a winning football team. At the time of Rat's writing (10/11), the team was undefeated and ranked #1 in the state in Ohio's AAA league. Billy has just begun his high school career and is enjoying the challenge. Cynn timer is in her senior year at Miami University of Ohio and taking some graduate-level courses. Bill is still serving on the Board of Directors for the Cincinnati Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club and Rat is Secretary for the group; she also is taking a course in upholstery (I'm sure that we can keep her busy in Omena next summer!). Another note on Cynn timer; she went to New York during October on a Miami University "get-away week-end".

Harold Grossman idled his Moped long enough to relate that he and Genevra were enjoying beautiful weather in Omena. He is kept busy trying to finish his outside work before the snow flies.

Bill Mack enjoyed a long history of friendship with Omena. Personally, I know of no one who had more genuine concern for Man, Everyman, than Bill possessed.

Those of us who are proud to have been numbered among Bill Mack's friends, extend heart-felt condolences to his loved ones.

Hazel Taylor  
Omena, Nov. 3, 1978

Mary and Ron Tonneberger are playing host to an exchange student from Mexico City for several months. Daughter Karen played in the state (Michigan) tennis tournament and is currently researching colleges for next year while son Scott is tackling the challenges of high school.

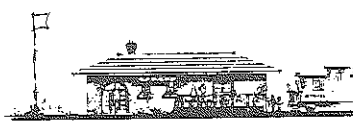
As reported earlier, the Rays found their way back up to Omena for an extended October weekend and enjoyed watching Curt and Craig Cherne really fighting with the Chinook off Gardner's dock. Fay Kaiser was filling them in on the proper approach to this exciting sport. About half of the cottages were occupied during their visit. Most of the adults had snuck away, leaving their offspring at home in charge of the telephone. The Renzs, Baileys, Melvilles, Harrises all did it, but we fear the Rays would experience mutiny amongst their ranks if they went to Omena without their offspring. While there they visited briefly with Vernon Keye, who admitted having a marvelous "mushrooming fall" with all the damp weather. Just keep your mushroom guidebook handy, Vernon, please!

Caroline Oberndorf was spotted in Beantown, enroute to Wellesley College where she attended an alumni meeting representing the Cleveland Wellesley Alumni Club that she is now serving as President. After a 3-day "brainwashing" she headed up to the well-endowed hills of New Hampshire to visit Charlie who is a freshman at Dartmouth. Her timing was perfect to witness mother nature's most colorful autumn show of bright reds. Against this beautiful background were freshman damsels in the foreground adorning the campus. Looks like an outstanding class, Charlie!

Agnes Barker writes that she is going to Texas on November 18 to attend the debut of her niece, Ellen Heidrick. She hopes to stay until after Thanksgiving. Agnes' daughter Sue is working for an orthodontist.

Chris and Bill Misangyi wrote from Omena to say that they were pleased to be members of the Club and that they are leaving for Hawaii on December 15 to visit their daughter Margit and family and to see their new grandson, Jameson, who was born last July 30. They will stay about 6 weeks before returning to Omena. They hope to get all of their children and grandchildren to Omena for Christmas in 1979. Their son Peter was married last June.

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## They Did A Good Job!



Past Commodore Vernon Keye and his wife, Elizabeth

### Hammer, Saw and Paint Brush - - -

Prior to the official opening of the Club, various members contributed their services to clean and decorate the interior of the building, mow the lawn, clip the bushes, and, in general, get everything ship-shape for the 1978 season. Other improvements are as follows: Approximately half of the fence surrounding the tennis court was replaced with new wire and cedar posts. If this project is completed in 1979 as planned, the court should be relatively maintenance-free for many years. The compass on the snack bar floor and the floor of the women's lounge were repainted. A number of chairs and benches were repaired and repainted. The front screen door now swings both ways, thanks to the engineering prowess of several gentlemen. A storage cabinet was constructed and installed in the kitchen. This has helped keep the articles from the mice, both two-legged and four-legged variety! Two high-capacity electrical outlets for coffee makers were installed to replace two of insufficient capacity. Holes in the parking lot and approach were filled with gravel from the beach area. The antique furniture on the balcony has been replaced with new captain's chairs. Also, two new rugs have been purchased for the balcony.

It is impractical to give individual credit for the work done. The improve-

ments were all due to the efforts of many committee and club members who gave generously of their energy and time. Next year, as noted, we plan to complete the tennis court project. Also, as is probably well known, we plan to have the building exterior painted. This will require considerable carpentry and extensive surface preparation.

Harold Grossman  
Chairman - Interior  
and Exterior House  
Committee

### CAR-WASHING DAY . . .

### TO RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES



(Left to right): Chris Lundberg, Paul Harris, Robbie Oberndorf  
Tim Weiss, Craig Cherne.

## Sunfish Ahoy!

by Mary Helen Ray

The sunfish boats have really continued to be popular, as witnessed by the many hulls pulled up in front of the Yacht Club and on many other beaches. Racing activities took place twice a week, weather permitting, and many of our sailors improved tremendously. Even though the sailors continue to improve, a few lessons like registering destination plans with someone at home and leaving favorite animals on shore were worthwhile lessons learned at the cost of a few more gray hairs for some mothers.

Before awards can be announced for the sailing season, an extra-special thank you goes to Fred Gorham, who stays on his porch eagerly awaiting the chance to rescue from the water some person who has attempted a fete just a bit beyond his or her ability. When mothers and other on-lookers begin to pace up and down the shore, suddenly a most welcome gray metal boat slowly emerges from the shoreline and good-hearted Fred takes off to reassure another sailor. He comes back smiling each time.

Praises go to the Sailor of the Year, Jeff Bosco, awarded by Bill Kulick for his outstanding ability in sailing during the 1978 summer season.

#### July 1978 Sunfish Results

- 1st place: Mark Bosco
- 2nd place: Jeff Bosco
- 3rd place: Kevin Ray
- 4th place: Chuck and Tom Melville
- 5th place: Paul Harris

#### August 1978 Sunfish Results

- 1st place: Jeff Bosco
- 2nd place: Kevin Ray
- 3rd place: Paul Harris

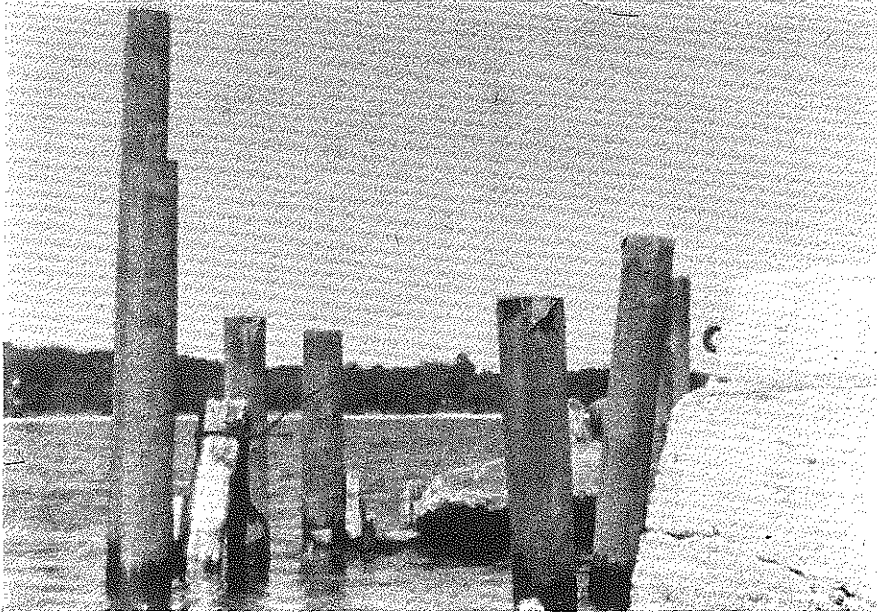
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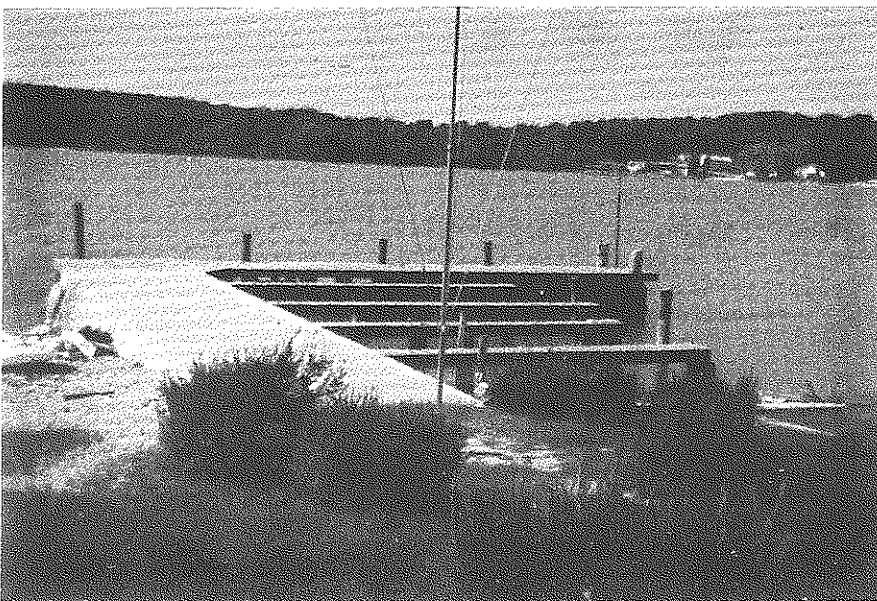
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## THE BEFORE



## AND AFTER



THE 1978 DOCK IMPROVEMENT

*The Omena Scene*

by Fred Gorham

The area continues to grow. Three new homes are being completed or are underway at Omena Shores (the Omena Inn property). As most of you know, Bert's Country Store has been sold, but the new owners have not taken possession yet. Bert and Betty are building their new home. It will be across the street from the old Congregational Church property which is now boarded up, as it used to be the Omena Inn Annex in the '40's. The Wheelers will have a lovely view of Omena Bay from their knoll.

The Township's Omena Park and bathing beach did get plenty of use this summer. The Township did very much appreciate the donation of the raft by the Club, as it was sorely needed.

## Save Those Photos

A meeting was held at Fred Gorham's house the end of August to discuss the formation of the Omena Historical Society. Attending the meeting were Dr. John Kemble, whose input was most constructive, Vernon Key, Mary Helen Ray, Fred Gorham and Ed Oberndorf.

The Omena Historical Society will not be organized until next summer. A letter will be forthcoming in the near future outlining some of the ideas and objectives of this new Omena institution. It should prove to be an enriching and interesting experience for all of us.

In the meantime, please do not get rid of Omena photos or mementos. It's the hope of this group to share Omena's previous way of life and leisure with the current and future Omena inhabitants.

## Joggers Beat

by Fran Mercker

Ed. Note: Activities in Omena were not confined to the waterfront, tennis court or front porches; many found a way to get to know the area (and the dogs) in a different manner.

Overheard during the summer of '78: "I never run more than 3 miles; after that you start to lose brain cells . . ."

"I'm not warmed up 'til I've run 12 miles!"

"It's ruined my feet, but I'll never stop!"

"Never stand downwind of a jogger . . ."

"If they can hold an over-30 Regatta . . . when's the over-50 Marathon?"

Enthusiastic joggers like Ricky and Laura Keyes, Michael Oberndorf, the McMenamys, Heidi and Bump Biederman, Stephen West, Missy Bosco, 3 out of 5 Merckers, 2 out of 4 Tonnebergers et al . . . , performed a public service by pounding down the poison ivy by the side of the road . . . but a special long-distance award should go to Ann Leathery . . . and a "telling-it-like-it-is" award to Glennis Lundberg who announced after jogging to Bert's for a week; "Running makes my bones hurt and my muscles hurt and it's no fun!" So she quit! Special awards too, to Harold Grossman and Harley Melzian for never failing to wave when passing a jogger . . . and Jack Stephenson for rolling down his window to offer words of encouragement. Best dressed awards to Pat Bailey in her spotless, sunshine yellow sweat suit . . . and the ambiguous man near F.L. #4 who sprinted top speed in a T-shirt printed "TAKE IT EASY". Note: Be patient. If the Joggers Unite petition to close Omena Pt. Rd. to all motorized traffic from 6 AM to 8 AM hasn't reached you yet, it will. Be sure to sign 4 or 5 times.

## Ernest A. Barth

The owner of the former Barth's Cash Store in Omena for 35 years, died last September after a lengthy illness. He was 77.

Born in Omena on January 29, 1901, he was married to the former Esther Omland in East Jordan in 1939. He is survived by a daughter, Eileen, and two sons, Wayne and Glenn. His wife preceded him in death.

Ernie had grown up helping his father in the store before he took it over in 1937. In 1972 he retired, sold the store to Bert Wheeler, and moved to East Jordan for the remainder of his life.

He had a deep sense of loyalty to his many friends; and those of us who used his services as custodian of our cottages during the winter months, knew that matters were in good hands.

Ernie will be missed by his many friends in the Omena area. We extend our sympathy to his family.

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## Budget Committee Meeting

August 2, 1978 - 9:00 A.M.

The Budget Committee composed of Vernon Keye, Austin Jones, Harold Grossman and Fred Gorham met at the home of Fred Gorham with all members in attendance.

After considerable discussion, the Committee estimated income for Fiscal 1979 and budgeted for expenditures for 1979. It was their unanimous recommendation that the following budget be presented to the full Board for their review and approval:

	Anticipated Income for 1979	Budget for Expenditures 1979
Initiation Fees .....	\$ 300.00	
Membership Dues .....	4,700.00	
Club Rental .....	200.00	
Auction-Bingo, etc. ....	200.00	
\$20 Assessment of Adult Membership .....	3,000.00	
Utilities .....		\$ 200.00
Breeze .....	380.00	200.00
Insurance .....	10.00	1,150.00
Sweat Shirts .....	400.00	600.00
Youth Program .....	1,400.00	1,400.00
Tennis .....	200.00	350.00
July 4th Dinner .....	500.00	550.00
Pot Lucks .....	200.00	200.00
Happy Hours .....	50.00	50.00
Commodore's Reception .....		50.00
Taxes .....		1,325.00
Postage and Stationery .....		120.00
Water Service .....		60.00
Watchman's Service .....		20.00
Trash Service .....		15.00
Waterfront Maintenance .....		400.00
Clubhouse Maintenance .....		300.00
Licenses .....		20.00
Boat Maintenance .....		30.00
Clubhouse Interior .....		300.00
Social Committee .....		100.00
Painting of Clubhouse .....		3,000.00
	<b>\$11,540.00</b>	<b>\$10,640.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Vernon Keye  
Austin Jones  
Harold Grossman  
Fred Gorham

## Treasurers Report

by Fred Gorham

At the moment the OTYC is, we hope, financially solvent and we hope to end up with a few hundred dollars in the bank at the end of the year. Normal income was up and so were expenses and it is hard to keep ahead of inflation. Taxes continue to rise on the Club property. The dock improvement is completed, but donations for the cost of this repair have fallen short of expectations. The Board of Directors this summer raised the dues for adult members only 10%, so your billing for members in 1979 will be \$30.25 rather than the present \$27.50. As you know, the Club house exterior is sadly in need of reconditioning and, to accomplish this, an assessment of \$20 per adult member will be made in the January billing to you. This was voted upon and passed at the Annual Meeting and approved by the Board of Directors. Only in this way can such major capital improvements be made. I do want to thank all the members for their prompt payment of dues as it does make the job much easier. Good luck to you all this winter.

### Schedule of Fees:

#### Permanent Membership:

Family Initiation Fee (Including Children up to 25 years of age)	\$150.00
Adult Annual Dues (Ages 19 or more as of Jan. 1)	30.25
Junior Annual Dues (Ages 14 as of Jan. 1 to age 19)	6.00

#### Guest Membership:

Adult Dues per month	20.00
Junior Dues per month	10.00

#### Breeze Subscription:

Annual Rate	3.00
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**Social:** Ruth Gorham announced that there would be a film on sailing on July 12 and asked about interest in a program on CPR. She also announced that the Commodore's dinner had been moved to August 5.

**Membership:** Marjorie Renz will replace Peg Morse as chairman. Three applications for membership are under consideration.

**Nominating:** Mary Louise Vail placed the names of the following persons in nomination for directors: Kathy Bosco, Caroline Oberndorf, William Fleming. It was moved by Mary Louise Vail that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the above slate. Motion seconded and unanimously passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Commodore Vernon Keye read the following Proposition #1 as contained in the "Breeze" in the May issue: Resolved: That the fiscal year of the OTYC be changed from the year beginning July 1 to the calendar year. John Melville moved that this proposition be accepted. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

The Commodore then read the following Proposition #2 as contained in the May issue of the "Breeze": Resolved: That the sentence in the Articles of Incorporation of the Omena Traverse Yacht Club concerning non-assessment of members be deleted, and the following be added to the By-Laws of the Omena Traverse Yacht Club: The Board is

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## Minutes Of Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Omena Traverse Yacht Club was called to order at the Clubhouse by Commodore Keye at 8 P.M. on July 5, 1978. There were 32 members present.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of last year's Annual Membership Meeting was made by Hazel Taylor. Motion seconded and unanimously passed.

**Treasurers Report:** Fred Gorham presented the Treasurers Report which was published in full in the May 1978 edition of the "Breeze". He reported that the cash position of the Club as of this day was:

### General Account:

\$1,110.00 in the Checking Account
3,425.12 in the Savings Account
<b>\$4,535.12 Total</b>

### Improvement Account:

\$ 255.90 in the Checking Account
1,690.00 in the Savings Account
90.00 in hand, but not deposited
<b>\$2,035.90 Total</b>

He reported that the total contract cost for the dock repair would be \$5,000.00. He then mentioned the possibility of obtaining additional funds from the sale of the single lot which could conceivably give access to Omena Lake.

A discussion followed and anyone interested in this matter was asked to make his wishes known to the Board in writing.

Mary Louise Vail brought up the question of having more than one membership meeting during the summer to follow up on matters of interest. She also suggested that each member should have an agenda before such a meeting.

Marian Jones made a motion that the Club express its appreciation for improvements to the Clubhouse and grounds already made. Motion seconded and unanimously passed.

Austin Jones made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion seconded and unanimously passed.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

**Waterfront:** Austin Jones announced that work on the dock will be completed in July.

**Tennis:** John Ray reported that the court was now in good shape and that the tennis committee is planning on a dinner on July 22.

**Youth:** Frances Mercker stated that the Youth Program had been set up and would start July 6. Bill Kulick, the Youth Director for the summer, distributed copies of the program and explained the set up.

## SAILS SET AND READY TO GO



(Left to right) Caroline Oberndorf, Pat Bailey, Austin Jones, Rat Renz, Barry Lundberg, Susan Yetter, Glennis Lundberg, Kathy Bosco, Susie Mulligan, Stu Mulligan, Mary Helen Ray, John Ray.

Missing from the picture: Fran and Andy Mercker.



"Mature" winners: (Left to right): Stu Mulligan, John Ray, Mary Helen Ray, Susan Yetter, Caroline Oberndorf.



Getting set to "Rump Bump" on the Boardman River.

(Left to right): Peggy Ehrhardt, Teresa Gorham, Libby Ehrhardt, Lee Ann Leathery, Melissa Gorham, Don Leathery, Kathryn Woolfinger, Matt Bosco.

## Mature Sailors

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Luck was with the over-30 type sailors, as the winds were perfect, the day was beautiful and the final arrangements, organized by the Jones-Mulligan families, were well executed.

First place honors went to the Ray sailing team of John and Mary Helen. Stu Mulligan captured second place, sailing solo, and last place was honorably held by Caroline Oberndorf and Susan Yetter.

This was a delightful event, so do watch for the announcement of the date of the 2nd Annual Open Invitational of the Omena Middle Years Amateur Sailing Society.

## Minutes

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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. After considerable discussion, Mary Louise Vail called for the question and the proposition was accepted by a vote of 22 to 8 (including 3 proxy votes).

Finally, Proposition #3 as contained in the May issue of the "Breeze" was read: Resolved: That Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation be amended to read as follows: The term of this Corporation is perpetual. John Melville moved that this proposition be accepted. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Fred Gorham thanked Commodore Keye for his effort, contributions and perseverance during the past year on behalf of the Club.

The meeting adjourned at 9 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Genevra Grossman

Secretary, Pro-tem.

Members attending the meeting: Genevra Grossman, Harold Grossman, A. C. Renz, Marjorie Renz, Marion Finn, Ruth Gorham, Mary Lou Root, Harold H. Root, Hazel Taylor, B. W. Kulick, Mary Louise Vail, Andrew J. Mercker, Frances Mercker, John Ray, Kathy Bosco, Austin Jones, Wm. E. Fleming, Ginny Wood, Agnes Barker, Margaret Lyon, Jane Melville, John Melville, Elizabeth Keye, Susan Yetter, Mary Woolford, Vernon Keye, Fred Gorham, Crampton Finn, Sue Mulligan, Mary Helen Ray, Bea Gardner and Marian Jones.

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## Help!

Your editor would appreciate receiving any snapshots or pictures which you feel would be appropriate for the Spring Breeze. Those of you who are year-round residents of the Omena area could be especially helpful as you capture on film some of the highlights of the Omena scene.