

Eglin Yacht Club Sea Notes

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From the Bridge

It's June again, time for fun on the water, and time to think SAFETY. The traditional 101 Critical Days of Summer are upon us. Before you start your next boating or diving adventure stop and run a quick safety checklist or a risk assessment. Remember – the goal is FUN this summer! When someone is injured it stops being fun! Know your limitations, manage the risks. Have fun by being careful out there!



Alcohol or GPS malfunction?

John Faris and Neil Schaible have been doing yeomen's work getting both large icemakers operational. They are getting very close; thank them when you see them.

Carolyn Leonpacher has continued to excel as our "cruise director" and "entertainer extraordinaire." We had a super time in Tom's Bayou taking in the ValP Day in the Park Festival and dinner at Giuseppe's. As this Sea Notes goes to press, a bunch of us are yachting our way to the Panama City Marina and then Crooked Island for the traditional Memorial Day Cruise. And another group is headed toward The Wharf in Orange Beach AL. The EYC definitely offers cruisers diverse destination choices. June and July are shaping up to be full of cruising and diving events, even a canoe trip and progressive dinner cruise. See the schedules later in this issue and watch your emails for updates. Please note that the July Family Night has been cancelled because it's on the Independence Day holiday.

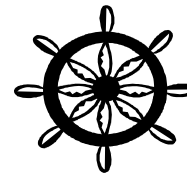
We've had some great membership night dinners in April and May. Thanks to all who made them so enjoyable. However, we still need crews to

step forward and sign up for open Family and Membership Night dinners in July and August. With 185 members, we should never be short of people willing to organize or cook the dinners. Without everyone's help, the Club cannot function. So please, sign-up on the board in the dining room or call Hazel Schaible at 678-7084.

As always, I welcome your continued support and inputs. Please feel free to call or email me at anytime if you have concerns, ideas to improve our club, or especially if you would like to volunteer. See you on the water.

Bob Gramm

Commodore



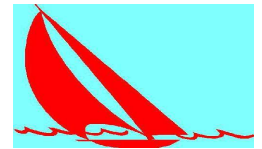
Boat Activities

By Carolyn Leonpacher

Eight EYC Boats attended the April 25th Cruise to Valparaiso's Saturday in the Park Festival. The anchorage is in a protected cove but the wind was a challenge for Captains rafting-up to each other. Dave Vachon displayed outstanding seamanship while maneuvering next to the "Miller Time" on one engine. We also credit the EYC men standing by to assist while the women covered their eyes or headed below in terror.

As the warm weather quickly approaches many of us can hardly wait for our first plunge into coastal waters. Karen Roberts took an unexpected early season dip into Tom's Bayou while anchored on our cruise. She reported the water was still a little too chilly for swimming and recommends wearing floating footwear. Kudos to Robbie for his loving devotion rowing out in an exhausting search of the lone sandal that floated away. The favorite shoe was recovered.

Big thanks to John Faris who arrived in "Joan's boat" to taxi Cruisers to Giuseppe's for dinner. We all missed Joan who was unable to attend as she was recovering from surgery. Thanks also to EYC members who arrived by car and helped transport boaters to dinner. We ended our EYC Cruise sharing dessert, laughter, and camaraderie on Tom's Bayou



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shore. Valparaiso waterfront residents Pete and Linda King extended the warmest hospitality to EYC members and joined our dessert party providing delicious, chocolate covered strawberries. We meet the nicest people on our Cruising adventures!

Our May EYC Cruise is the Memorial Day Cruise to Crooked Island. Thank you to Gary Combs for being the point of contact and organizing the cruise. The June Cruise is tentatively scheduled for June 13 to Marker 69 and Bob Gramm is organizing an EYC Canoe trip for July 11. Detailed information will be sent by email. As always, you can request information about EYC cruises from me at nleonpacher@yahoo.com or 729-9190. Until next time, Happy Cruising!

VOLUNTEER HONOR ROLL

APRIL

Family Night Cooks & Crew: Gordon and Bobbie Fornell, Mike and Rita Mottern, Valerie Valade, and Karen Gramm

Bartenders: Bill Martin and Bob Gramm

Membership Night Cooks: George and Angela Colton, Bob and Karen Gramm, Larry and Ann Shingler, Fred and Jan Westfall, Diane Stevens

Bartenders: Joe Stevens and Marina Semenov

MAY

Family Night Cooks & Crew: Phil and Astrid Krajeck, Larry and Vivian Roesler, Joe and Diane Stevens

Bartenders: Skip and Barbara Harrington

Membership Night Cooks: Susan Jacobs, Pat Heald, Carolyn Leonpacher, Lynne Graves

Bartenders: Robbie and Karen Roberts

*****We still need volunteers for June Family Night and June Meeting Night. You can cater a meal for Membership Night; you do not have to cook. We also need volunteers for July and August Meeting Nights and August, Sept, Oct, and Nov Family Nights. Please call Hazel at 678-7084 or Sign up on the Board.*****

Dates to Remember **Clip and Save**

- Jun 2 Divemaster Course
- Jun 4 Nitrox Course
- Jun 5 Family Night
- Jun 6 Open Water Course
- Jun 6 Night Diver Course
- Jun 6 Night Boat Dive – 1600
- Jun 8 Advisory Committee Meeting – 1700
- Jun 9 Dangerous Marine Life Course
- Jun 11 Aero Club Safety Meeting
- Jun 11 Nitrox Course
- Jun 13 Open Water Course
- Jun 13 Deep Diver Course
- Jun 13 Day Boat Dive – 0630
- Jun 13 Marker 69 Cruise
- Jun 16 Divemaster Course
- Jun 17 Emergency First Response Course
- Jun 18 Nitrox Course
- Jun 19 Membership Night
- Jun 20 Open Water Course
- Jun 20 Advanced Open Water Course
- Jun 20 Oriskany Dive Trip -0600
- Jun 23 Underwater Hunter Course
- Jun 25 Nitrox Course
- Jun 26 Dive Flight Meeting - 1830
- Jun 27 Open Water Course
- Jun 27 Rescue River Course
- Jun 27 Day Boat Dive – 0630
- Jun 30 Divemaster Course
- Jul 2 Nitrox Course
- Jul 3 Open Water Course (3-day)
- Jul 4 Night Diver Course
- Jul 4 Night Boat Dive – 1600
- Jul 7 Dangerous Marine Life Course
- Jul 9 Nitrox Course
- Jul 9 Aero Club Safety Meeting
- Jul 11 Open Water Course
- Jul 11 Canoe Trip
- Jul 11 Deep Diver Course
- Jul 11 Day Boat Dive – 0630
- Jul 13 Advisory Committee Meeting – 1700
- Jul 14 Divemaster Course
- Jul 15 Emergency First Response Course
- Jul 16 Nitrox Course
- Jul 18 Open Water Course
- Jul 18 Advanced Open Water Course
- Jul 18 Membership Night
- Jul 18 Oriskany Dive Trip -0600
- Jul 20 Submit SeaNotes Inputs
- Jul 21 Underwater Hunter Course
- Jul 23 Nitrox Course
- Jul 24 Dive Flight Meeting – 1830
- Jul 25 Open Water Course
- Jul 25 Rescue Diver Course
- Jul 25 Day Boat Dive – 0630
- Jul 25 Progressive Dinner Cruise
- Jul 28 Divemaster Course
- Jul 29-30 Spiny Lobster Sport Season



GRAPEVINE

By Joan Faris

Unfortunately, three of our members are under going some fairly serious health issues. Bill Woodward and Joe Cherniga had heart attacks and were in Fort Walton Medical Center together in April. They were treated and released to start the recovery process at home. Charlene was hospitalized in early May for chest pain following stent surgery the doctors found she also has early stages of lung cancer. She started treatment here then will go to Orlando where her daughter will be helping with the remaining treatments. They all have express thanks for the inquiries and concern of our members. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. A get well call or card only takes a few minutes always helps to brighten their day so don't be afraid to check in on them occasionally.

From our members on the move department; the Gramm's recent returned from their biannual wind surfing pilgrimage to Coco Beach. Bob said they wind surfing conditions were great the whole week and, best of all, Karen's bionic knee held up really well.

Now that summer is finally here our boaters are coming out of hibernation and looking forward to our traditional cruise events and starting some new traditions under the guidance of our fearless Cruise Director (Carolyn you're doing a super job, Thanks!).

Remember, when you hear about any of our members who need a little cheer or deserve recognition PLEASE call or e-mail me and I will take it from there. Contact me by phone at 678-5834 or e-mail joanfaris@aol.com.

Membership Report

by Bob Gramm

We have 185 memberships (88 boaters, 64 divers, and 33 boater/divers). Please welcome the following new members who joined since the last Sea Notes: Mark & Amy Costello, Michael & Kimberly McLeish, Steven Price, Angela & Allen Sangalang, Kalun & Zahira Schmidt, and Brian Sparks.

If you are not receiving EYC emails from Fred Westfall or if your email address has changed, please contact me (bobgramm@cox.net) and I'll update the list. **Also, if you would like a member roster please send me an email or call at 651-9514.**

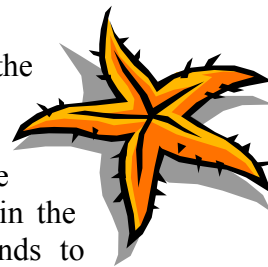


Dive Activities News

By Michael Graham

We're now entering the heart of the diving season here in Northwest Florida. The average water temperatures in June are in the upper 70s and in July they are in the low 80s. Average visibility tends to increase as we move into summer and sea states tend to decrease, except near thunderstorms and hurricanes. We have dive trips going every weekend and rental dive gear tends to become scarce. If you plan on renting gear, try to get to the shop early or you might find the shelves bare. If you plan on a longer dive trip and would like to keep the rental gear over a longer period of time than the usual Mon-Fri or Fri-Mon, please let the staff know when you pick it up and we can make arrangements for you to keep it for your entire trip. If you have your own dive gear and haven't had it serviced yet, be prepared for a long wait. Most of the local dive shops are maxed out this time of year servicing gear and it may take several weeks for you to get it back.

This year the Spiny Lobster Sport Season is 29-30 July. This is one of the most popular times of the year for divers to get out in the Gulf. It's also one of the most dangerous times. More divers in Florida have accidents during the two day mini-season than at any other time of the year. That's because they get so excited about getting in the water and getting the first lobster that they forget the basic safety rules of scuba diving. They forget to make sure their air is on. They forget some of their gear, although never their tickle stick and catch bag. They forget their buddy check. They don't give the divemaster a chance to check their gear set-up. They forget their buddy because they don't want to share their lobster catch with them. They forget to check their air or remaining bottom time because they're too busy checking under every ledge and in every nook and cranny for the elusive lobster. They bolt to the surface when their tank goes dry and there's no other diver in sight. They try to take their lobsters to the recompression chamber because they don't want anyone else to get them. Their families bury the lobsters with them because they went bad in the sun while the boat crew valiantly tried to save the diver. So, let's be safe this year and enjoy those lobster dinners rather than have the lobsters enjoy us for dinner.



NOTES FROM THE REAR

By John Faris (Rear Commodore)

Club maintenance and improvement efforts continue to make steady progress. We continue to have intermittent ice machine problems but as of now we have finished rewiring the electrical service to both machines and got them both to work (mostly). We are working at getting a couple of parts for our second ice machine (the hand-me-down from Postal Point). As soon as we are confident that it will run reliably we intend to have our main ice machine completely re-plumbed (long over due). If we can get those two machines up and running I will declare victory and move on to scheduling some more inside projects. Before the end of July I would really like to get a crew together to paint the ceiling in the main club area. I will work with Neil to get the supplies then put out a call for help, so standby.

In the mean time I will build a list of short tasks that can be knocked out in a three to four hour early Saturday morning work call (mid to late June). To volunteer for these projects or to suggest other projects you would like to nominate for a work-day call 678-5834 or e-mail me at johnfaris@aol.com). Thanks for your continued support.

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Remember to call Christi O'Leary at 240-4448 or email eycreservations@valp.net by Tuesday, 16th of June and Tuesday, 14th of July (No Later Than 1800 Hours), to make reservations or cancel for Membership Night dinner. *If you make a reservation and you are a no-show or cancel after 1800 hours Tuesday, you will be required to pay for the dinner.*

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June 19th

Reservation/Cancellation by June 16th

July 17th

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