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THE NEXT BEST THING . . .

Obviously, the next best thing to being aboard the boat is to attend a boat show and look at boats.

Once again, the Chicago Boat Show will be held at McCormick Place in early January – January 4-8, 1977. It will be a big show, as usual, and a perfect place to see what is being offered for 1978.

ON OUR COVER

These three beaming faces are familiar to most of our Club members. 1-2-3, from right to left is the way they finished in the overall awards for 1977 season in power yacht competition. Nick Giovan, First Place; Commodore Wil Haag, Second Place and Jim Mahoney, Third Place. Dick Nugent's photo shows them receiving their trophies for the Taffrail Log contest, also 1-2-3 same order. Congratulations!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

11 Brunch (Bus to Bears' game)
18 Children's Christmas Party
31 New Year's Eve

Trapshooting – Every Sat. through 3/11/78

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Sailors' Loot

Never-too-old-guardsman Eddie Schnabel and Com. Gene Kinney.

Luders

Luders contenders.

Dick Stearns with date(!) — Norma and Ro Rayment, Sq. Meterites.

Kocktail Klatch: Nancy and Tom Broeckl, back of Oogie's head, and John Buenz.

Yakkety-yak: Duke Rahmel, Don Glasell, super trophy hunter.

Dick Stearns, sailor, sail maker par excellence.

PEOPLEPEOPLEPEOPLE IN THE RACING FLEETS

The Racing Fleets of the Chicago Yacht Club are very alive and well. On Saturday evening, October 29th a gala was held at Belmont to celebrate winners, losers and runnersup. For the edification of our gentle readers, let us explain the Racing Fleets. These are the boats with no frills, less glamorous than the larger boats, just grass roots hard racing. By the same token these people know how to party.

After cocktail hour and an excellent dinner John Regan, Chairman of the Racing Fleets Committee, MC'd the awards program. He presented Commodore Gene Kinney who in turn represented Commodore Wil Haag and the Flag Officers. As each skipper was called to the mike crews were graciously included. We list the winners of the season's championships as follows:

Etchells 22 . . Knight Coolidge, "Doom"
Luders 16 . . . Larry Schramm, "Misty"
Stars . . . . . Peter Wright, "Virgo III"
Solings . . . . .Walt Nielsen, "Stud Duck"
22 Sq. Meters . .Doug Turnbull, "Lala"
Udells . . . . . Peter McKinney

Prizes for special regattas and for 2nd and 3rd places were also given. The list was long.

Following the awards the band struck up. Winner Larry Schramm provided wine for a zillion Luders sailors, and the Soling Fleet filled a beautiful ice bucket with stingers. A costumed, masked waiter out of Midsummer Night's Dream circulated through the Great Hall of Belmont — everyone was light-hearted and happy. The extravaganza played to a full house of 154 sailors.

— Dixie Dowrie

C.G.K. and infamous crew of Doom: K. Coolidge in charge.

Star table, Tiny Cozzens and Agnes Wright in foreground, Race Committee.

Luders winner Larry Schramm with crew Annette, Bill Paratore and back of Brian's head.

C.G.K. with father and son act: Peter and Bill Wright.

Craig Morris, D.B. (dignified banker) – Sam Clarke, Jr. Old Guard.

Five guys, guess what class.

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Stud Duck Nielsen and his crew.

Photos by Mike Long

1977 Racing Fleets Championship* Awards

Star:
1. "Virgo III" ..... Peter Wright

Soling:
1. "Stud Duck" ..... Walt Nielsen
2. "Snowshoe" ..... Terry Bowman
3. "Goody Hallet" ..... Karin Olsen
Ken Campia

Udell:
1. "Grail" ..... Peter McKinney
2. "Dora V" ..... Lynn Williams
3. "Ondine" ..... Russ Clayton
Jeff Gummersall

22 Sq. M.:
1. "Lalla" ..... Doug Turnbull
2. "Javelin" ..... Don Jirka

L-16:
1. "Misty" ..... Larry Schramm
2. "Gleam" ..... Sam Clarke
3. "Paper Tiger" ..... Duke Rahmel

E22:
1. "Doom" ..... Knight Coolidge
2. "Just Cause" ..... H. Kastel

Special Regattas

Sterling Morton Series, July 2-4: Star
1. "Virgo III" ..... Peter Wright
2. "Dolphin" ..... Frank Raymond, S.S.Y.C.
3. "Shrew" ..... Bill Parks

Reimers: 22 Sq. M.
1. "Ondine" ..... Russ Clayton
Jeff Gummersall
2. "Grail" ..... Peter McKinney
3. "Valkyrie" ..... Payson Mayhew
Don Mitzel

Evans: L 16
1. "Gleam" ..... Sam Clarke
2. "Cock Robin" .... Nancy Broeckl
3. "Paper Tiger" . Duke Rahmel
"Frolic" ..... Mel Guthrie Tie

Special: E22
1. "Chovette" ..... Clay Shepstone
2. "Chuuka" ..... Dick Stearns
Wally Stenhouse
3. "Doom" ..... Knight Coolidge

Special: Sept. 3-4 – Soling:
1. "Begonia" ..... Don Asher
2. "Charon" ..... John Regan
3. "Screaming Mimi" .... Jack Denis

Nutting: 22 Sq. M.
1. "Ondine" ..... Russ Clayton
Jeff Gummersall

Moon: L-16
1. "Paper Tiger" ..... Duke Rahmel
2. "Charette .... Dave Froelich
"Cock Robin" .Nancy Broeckl Tie

Special: E22:
1. "Doom" ..... Knight Coolidge
2. "Just Cause" ..... H. Kastel
3. "Sirius" ..... Don Basler

Soling: O'Day
1. "Stud Duck" ..... Walt Nielsen
3. "Snowshoe" ..... Terry Bowman

Special: E22
1. "Doom" ..... Knight Coolidge
2. "Just Cause" ..... H. Kastel
3. "Sirius" ..... Don Basler

8 Mile Buoy: Universals:
E22:
1. "Prospect of Whitby" Peter Lentz
2. "Doom" ..... Knight Coolidge

Soling:
1. "Stud Duck" ..... Walt Nielsen
2. "Snowshoe" ..... Terry Bowman

Udell:
1. "Kona" ..... Ken Nordine

22 Sq. M.:
1. "Lalla" ..... Doug Turnbull

Sheldon Clark: Universals:
Star:
1. "Virgo III" ..... Peter Wright
2. "Shrew" ..... Bill Parks

Soling:
1. "Snowshoe" ..... Terry Bowman
2. "Charon" ..... John Regan

Udell:
1. "Kona" ..... Ken Nordine

L-16:
1. "Misty" ..... Larry Schramm

E22
1. "Doom" ..... Knight Coolidge
2. "Sirius" ..... Don Basler

Winner of the Sheldon Clark Trophy
"Misty"

Ken Nordine, Donna McKinney representing the absent Peter.

Luders winner Larry accepting modestly.

Nick Giovan – "Big 3" Trophy Winner – A Chicago Yacht Club "First"!

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POWER FLEET DINNER

A proud Nick Giovan. And why not? For the first time ever, one man and his yacht BIMINI have won the three major CYC Power Yacht Trophies in one season.

The Chester Warrington Trophy – awarded to the over-all winner, Annual Cruise Contests.

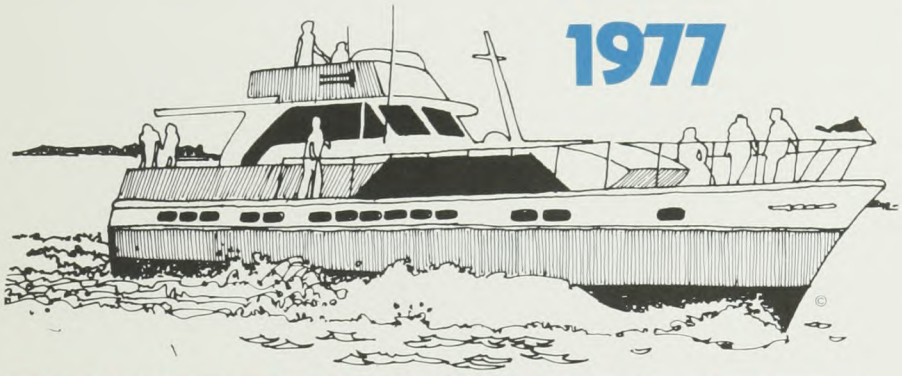
The Henry W. Angsten Trophy – awarded to CYC "Skipper of the Year" in power yachts.

Com. D. F. Buckingham Trophy – Annual award to club's top point maker in Taffrail Contest.

The entire Club congratulates Nick!

Commodore Wil Haag presents trophies to winners of Tune-Up: Taffrail Log (L to R) Bernie Wiczer – 3rd; Raoul Allesee – 2nd; Nick Giovan – 1st.

Wind-Up: Predicted Log Winners (L to R) Bill Templeman – 3rd, Bill Robinson – 2nd, Marvin Levine – 1st.



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POWER BOAT AWARDS

Rhumb Line Overall (L to R) Bernie Wiczer – 1st, Marvin Levine – 2nd, Dave Davidoff – 3rd.

Annual Cruise – Michigan City to South Haven leg winners (L to R) Charles Dempster – 2nd, Commodore (presenting), Nick Giovan – 1st, Otto Grossman – 3rd.

CYC member Dick Van Scheltema, also Commodore of Michigan City Yacht Club, holds Rhumb Line Team Trophy won by MCYC.

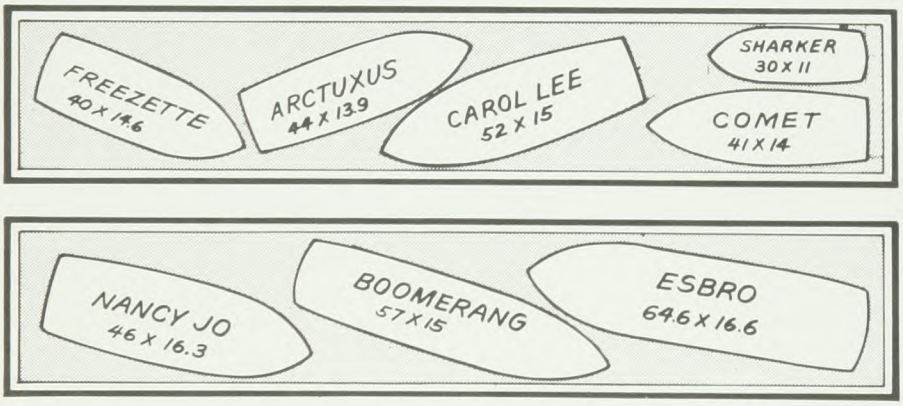
Down The River To Romeoville

On October 18th at 0628 Don Buckingham's "Boomerang" left her slip at Belmont Harbor to journey down the river 33 miles to Romeoville with company, eight boats in all, destination New Orleans, but not all the way under their own power. After Romeoville they would be cushioned in water in river barges. Huck Finn would have loved it.

As the "Boomerang" entered Monroe St. Harbor the sun rose in a blaze of glory, but with little staying power, as rain was in the offing. Other boats ghosted into the locks and were allowed passage. It was a cold morning but the passengers on the "Boomerang" were cozily eating breakfast: Skipper and Master Mind Don, Ed Macie, Rhoda and Don Rice, and your correspondent.

People overhead on the bridges were going to work, just another day. For the boatsmen, an adventure.

The Penn. R.R. bridge was the only delaying factor, reached at 0735, holding up the caravan for a short time. Business on the river was brisk, necessitating careful navigation. Once out of the commercial area the landscape improved considerably, some rain fell and there were glimpses of the sun.



The rendezvous at Romeoville welcomed the boats at 1040, where 2 water filled barges were waiting. It is quite a sight to see boats ranging from 64'6" to 30'11" carefully lifted and deposited in the barges with precision, according to The Plan. The entire operation took approximately an hour and one half.

Once the boats were loaded the passengers were free to go back aboard, to lunch in a boat within a boat, before departure time.

— Dixie Dowrie

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Soling Season Recap

The racing season for the Chicago Yacht Club Soling Fleet began in the chilly April waters of the Milwaukee Yacht Club. Terry Bowman, having braved possible snow storms to reach Milwaukee, won two of the first three races before experiencing equipment problems. The racing schedule then moved to Chicago to begin an active home schedule. As an experimental idea, the fleet added a number of extra races to the officially sanctioned list to encourage more active competition. This extra series was won by Bill Schnell with Joe Hoeksema coming in second and John Crossan third. The regular home race results were as follows:

Season Championship

A Series
1. Walt Nielsen
2. Terry Bowman
3. Joe Hoeksema) tie
3. Don Asher)

B Series
1. Ken and Karen Campia
2. John Regan
3. Walt Nielsen

C Series
1. Walt Nielsen
2. Ken and Karen Campia
3. Terry Bowman

Season
1. Walt Nielsen
2. Terry Bowman
3. Ken and Karen Campia

8-Mile Buoy Race
1. Walt Nielsen
2. Terry Bowman

Labor Day Regatta
1. Don Asher
2. John Regan
3. Jack Denis

Sheldon Clark Regatta
1. Terry Bowman
2. John Regan

O'Day Regatta
1. Walt Nielsen
2. Charlie Kamps (Milw. Y.C.)
3. Terry Bowman

During the course of the summer, there was active participation at "away" events by our Soling Fleet. Early in the season the Milwaukee Yacht Club sponsored the McNulty series in which Terry Bowman, Joe Hoeksema, Bob Saielli, and Ken and Karen Campia participated. Despite very strong winds which produced numerous equipment failures, Ken and Karen Campia pulled in at third place. The next racing event took two Chicago boats to Rochester, New York for the Fourth of July weekend. Both Terry Bowman and Walt Nielsen represented our fleet against a large and highly competitive Canadian and East Coast array. A little later in the season the Chicago Yacht Club Soling Fleet had a good six-boat showing at Wilmette Race Week. The fleet next sent a group to Rochester, New York for their Labor Day Weekend Regatta. Both Ken Campia and Terry Bowman made the trip with Terry getting an able crew assist from the Chicago Star Fleet in the persons of Peter Wright and Todd Cozzens. That team produced a seventh place out of an aggressive 34-boat fleet.

Walt Nielsen and Ken and Karen traveled to Oyster Bay, New York for the Soling North Americans. While Ken and Karen were battling their way through a 45-boat fleet, Walt Nielsen was involved in an Invaluable Learning Experience concerning rounding marks, estimating boat-to-boat distances, and mast stability without a backstay.

The combination of the McNulty race in Milwaukee, Wilmette Race Week, and the O'Day series in Chicago are used for an overall Lake Michigan championship trophy. First place award was retained by Charlie Kamps of the Milwaukee Yacht Club, the Campias brought home second place and Terry Bowman third place awards. Trophies are awarded to those having the best cumulative results in those three regattas and involves participants from the Milwaukee Yacht Club, Sheridan Shores Yacht Club, and the Chicago Yacht Club.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the Soling Fleet or its activities, please give me a call.

– John Regan

There Is Still Time To Support The Coast Guard

There is still time for you to make a tax-free donation to the Coast Guard Academy Foundation.

As outlined in last month's *"BLINKER,"* the Chicago Yacht Club is assembling such gifts from its individual members, to make a contribution to the Foundation on behalf of the Club. Our objective is a minimum of $5,000, to help support a visitors pavilion and recreational activities at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

More than $3,000 has already been raised. If you wish to help support this worthy cause, make your check payable to the Coast Guard Academy Foundation and deliver it to the Club desk or to any of the Club officers or directors. Nick Giovan is Chairman of the committee which is effectively coordinating this effort.

Christmas Shopping

With the change of season, there will be new goodies for sale at the Monroe St. Station. Jewelry, shirts, ashtrays, jackets, and all kinds of merchandise carrying the C.Y.C. burgee. There are new CYC ties for talls and shorters right now, and Centennial jackets in size XL are still available and are a good buy.

So, shop CYC!

Applied For Membership

The following have applied for membership. If any member wishes to comment, please address your information to the Admissions Committee, c/o The Club Office. All such communications will be held in the strictest confidence.

Applicant	Sponsor
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Report of the Property Maintenance Committee

To the Commodore:

The following are the major projects completed by the Committee during the course of the year, all of them being financed by reserves created by the allocation from dues and initiation and transfer fees, as provided by the By-Laws:

PROJECT

AT MONROE STREET

1. The face of the docks was rebuilt, together with related electrical and water service.
2. Rotted window framing at south end of lounge was rebuilt, and at same time glass was changed to insulated glass panes.
3. A new gas and oil sales structure was built at the gas docks.
4. A quarry tile floor was installed in the kitchen to meet modern sanitary requirements, kitchen lighting and wiring was replaced, and microwave oven and other facilities added to the kitchen.
5. New chairs were added to the dining room; additional new patio furniture was added.
6. The heating plant (25 years old and failing) was completely replaced with new twin boilers.
7. The exterior was repainted.
8. Miscellaneous items, including correction of electrical deficiencies, etc., cost to date out of contingency reserve.

AT BELMONT

9. Roof rebuilt in portions, and otherwise repaired.
10. Revisions and additions to kitchen equipment.
11. Additional new lounge furniture.
12. Dry mooring facilities, in conjunction with new Park District extension of dry mooring pad (plus reserve being held in anticipation of equipment Club will furnish when this facility is ready for use, essentially by the Etchel fleet next season).
13. Miscellaneous improvements.

In addition, the Committee was active on the solution of two major problems during the year. One problem concerned the contemplated deleterious wave action to be expected in the Monroe Street Slips following construction of the contemplated Outer Drive relocation, which is presently expected to start sometime in the fall of 1978. After many conferences with the City and Park District Engineers who rejected our contentions, the Park District set up a scale model of the Monroe Street Harbor and conducted wave tests to determine wave action as the Harbor is presently constituted and as it would be changed by the Outer Drive construction. The contentions of the Club were fully demonstrated, and it was determined that a jetty should be built by the City as part of that construction to maintain the utility of the slips. When the City has finished construction, the Committee proposes rebuilding the 24 slips which are now in a dilapidated condition. This would be a project sometime in 1979 or 1980.

The second serious problem was a complete rebuilding of the Monroe Street air conditioning system which had approached failure point due to age, and even as originally designed had become obsolete by modern standards and the actual usages of the Clubhouse. Related problems included the necessity for expanded mechanical and electrical machinery space, kitchen space, office space and enlarged committee and private function rooms. The study was made with the help of professional architects and engineers. The conclusion was that the problems could only be solved by proceeding with a 13-foot westerly expansion of the two-story section of the Club substantially along the lines of architectural plans drawn in 1960 when the above mentioned problems were first becoming acute. The Committee has obtained preliminary Park District approval and appeared before the Chicago Plan Commission to get the clearance required under the Chicago Lake Front Protection Ordinance, which has now been obtained. The working drawings have just been finalized and the work will shortly go out for bids. Architectural and engineering services (including substantial services in designing and planning the new heating plant) were contracted for. The new structure, including the new mechanical and air conditioning services, new and improved second-floor ladies lounge, offices, kitchen expansion, receiving and waste disposal space revisions, expanded chart room, and new adjoining committee room, together with substantial increase of electrical capacity in anticipation of the dock and future new slip requirements should be completed by late next spring.

The Committee points out that inflation has tremendously increased the cost of maintaining and improving the Club's properties but feels that every effort should be made to keep the Club's properties in first class condition at all times.

The money expended this year, and anticipated costs of the additional work planned, are within the budgets approved by the Board of Directors and well within the Property Maintenance reserve accumulated and projected fund flow.

The Committee appreciates the extensive participation and help of the Flag Officers and of the Finance Committee on the heavy work flow this year. Sumner M. Sollitt gave many hours of his time and expertise in expediting, overseeing and checking the work. The committee could not have functioned effectively without his contribution.

— Herman T. Van Mell
Property Maintenance Committee

DINGHY SAILING

The Fall dinghy sailing season has been quite a success in many areas. The Laser fleet has most of the competitors back from last spring and the level of competition has been very high. Peter Wright has been consistently near the front of the fleet and with one week remaining, he is in good shape to take Season's Championship again.

The Penguin fleet has been joined by Lindy Thomas and Betsy Chatain, and we have had as many as nine Penguins in a race. Mo Rosenzweig and Judy Hollisy have been doing well, but the boat Larry Rosenzweig chartered seems to be a little slower than the boat he sailed last year.

Barb Fox has run away with the honors in the 420's and Art Atkinson is doing the same in the Lehman dinghies. The Lehmans have new sails and mainsheets and on the whole are in very good shape.

Once again, Barney McIntyre, Bill Fox, Clay Shepstone, Bob Grundin and Sue Fox are doing a great job keeping the program going through their efforts in crash boat and race committee duties.

— Andy Curtis

Lasers going to windward.

One of the crash boats makes "a rescue at sea."

This Penguin crew knows the thrill of riding a puff.

SCENES FROM A SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT BELMONT HARBOR

by Carol Singer

Dinghy Chairman Andy Curtis sets the race course.

Sailing against the cityscape of Belmont Harbor.

Barney McIntyre and the CALLMAN are always nearby to right a capsized boat.

The 420's start.

Singlehanded Laser sailors have a lot of hiking to do.

— And a lot of capsizing.

Junior Frostbite

With all the boats chartered out and great weather, into the fifth week, Barbara Fox and John Bergan are in first place, with Brian Linde and Mary Collogy in second, and third place is still up for grabs. The weather has been so good to us. You couldn't ask for anything better, sunny, warm.

The competition has been tough. Shawn O'Neill, who just came into the program, has put some of the juniors on their toes. Mark Norris is sure putting up a battle with everyone, coming in the top five of every race. And there is Dick Burks and his sister Ginny, who are also up on top. Ginny and Steve Retzloff really get moving in the light air; it's like they fly across the water. And there's Brian Linde. No one knows where he came from, but he's a great addition to the fleet. He gives everyone a run for their money. Laura Norris is also in there doing a great job. The Buckinghams are around again, everywhere you don't want them – in front of you! Robert Aduss is around once in awhile, we wish we could see more of him, but when he is here he does a super job. We haven't seen too much of F. X. Roche, but when we do he's always in there fighting. The Commodore of the fleet has had a case of seasickness – P. K. Baxter has missed most of the season, but I am glad that she is back. The fleet wouldn't be the same without all the fantastic work she has done. Where has Chris Hanke been? The superstar from the Laser fleet, he seems to have disappeared. David Hoffman is another one that we haven't seen too much of, but when we do, he gives it everything he has. And where has Jackie Purzycki been? Jackie your boat is still here, ready and waiting! Back to the race course!

Junior Fleet Secretary – Barbara Fox

Skip Novak Navigates Global Race

Skip Novak – an associate member of the Chicago Yacht Club – is serving as navigator in KING'S LEGEND, in the Round the World Whitebread Race.

KING'S LEGEND is a 65-foot Nautor. And was picked up by Skip upon its completion at the end of July. He delivered it to the Mediterranean. It carries a crew of 11. Skip is the only American aboard.

KING'S LEGEND left South-Sea, England on August 27, 1977, with the first mark Cape Town, which was reached in 29 days. After a layover of several weeks, the next objective will be Aukland, New Zealand.

After replenishing supplies in Aukland, the third leg of the race will be to Rio de Janiero, with estimated arrival time about Christmas. This will necessitate a sail round Cape Horn.

The final leg of the race will be back to Plymouth, England.

Skip participated in sailing classes at Belmont Harbor, and sailed racing dinghies in the CYC programs. He first participated in the Mackinac Race at the age of 12, and has sailed on his family's 41-foot BOUNTY for many years. He has also sailed with such Chicago Yacht Club stalwarts as Hill Blackett on CONDOR, Pat Hagerty on BAY BEA, Lynn Williams on DORA (including a Bermuda and transatlantic race to Spain), and Wally Stenhouse on AURA.

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U.S. Yacht Racing Union Mid-Year Meetings Held At CYC

Photos & Story by Carol Singer

If you were at the Chicago Yacht Club October 27-30, you may have noticed many of the nation's well-known sailors convening for the U.S. Yacht Racing Union's mid-year meeting. The USYRU, the national authority for yacht racing, held the Chicago meetings as preparation for the annual meeting which will be in New Orleans in January. Over one hundred USYRU members attended the Chicago session ranging from discussions on sail limitations to Olympic fund raising. Dr. Robert M. Potter served as the CYC's coordinator for the meeting.

CYC members have been extremely active in the USYRU. Dick Latham, Vice President of the Union, serves as Chairman of the Race Management Committee. Dick Stearns on the USYRU Board of Directors, heads the Olympic Committee.

The leadership role of CYC members in the USYRU was further evidenced by the delegation to the recent Offshore Racing Council (ORC) meeting in London. Three of the four U.S. delegates were CYC members – Lynn Williams, Mark Baxter, and Chuck Kirsch. In addition to their ORC responsibility, the three actively participated in the Chicago meetings and serve as USYRU Committee Chairmen. Lynn Williams heads the Handicap Rule Committee, which is designing a new offshore handicapping system. Mark Baxter, a Director of the USYRU, chairs the Sail Limitation Committee, and Chuck Kirsch, also on the Union Board of Directors, heads the Offshore Committee.

Mark Baxter, Chairman of the Sail Limitation Committee, and Dr. John Bergan at the luncheon.

According to Dick Latham, the Chicago USYRU meetings produced several major decisions affecting racing. The details are in the process of being firmed up, and will be announced at the New Orleans meeting in January.

CYC member Dr. John Bergan has authored a splendid and helpful new book, entitled "Sailing and Yachting First Aid." This book has been printed under the auspices of the United States Yacht Racing Union.

Dr. Bergan's book is available at the counter at the Chicago Harbor station. It is a no-nonsense book, very much to the point. It is a book for yachtsmen, written by a physician-yachtsman. Please stop at the counter and take a look at it.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Chicago Yacht Club fleets will hold their annual meetings at the Chicago Harbor Station at 7 p.m. on the dates shown below:

Power Yacht Fleet . . . . . Tues., Dec. 13
Offshore Sailing Fleet . . .Wed., Dec. 14
Racing Fleet . . . . . .Thurs., Dec. 15

– Roy W. Spanjer, Chairman
Yacht Owners Association

Secretary's Report

The November meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Yacht Club was held at the Monroe Street station at 5:30 p.m. on November 15.

The annual meeting of the members was held at the Monroe Street station that same evening, at 8 p.m.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors, the following new members were approved for membership:

Regular

Phillip Dowd — Roy Hammond
Leonard Fript — John T. Mathews, Jr.

Junior

Matthew L. Burchett
David G. Sepuha

The Club extends its welcome to these new members.

One very happy change in the Board's records was the correction of an erroneous report of the death of Mr. James R. Cushman. The Board was happy to learn that this report was incorrect, and that Mr. Cushman is alive and well in Portage, Michigan.

Sumner Sollitt, Chairman of the Stations Committee reported a series of very successful functions have been held at both the Belmont and the Monroe Street stations. He also reported that the stations are in good shape for the winter season, with the new boiler in service at Monroe Street station. Overall he reported that 1977 has been a very good year. This is thanks to the good work done by many Club members.

Vice Commodore Philip Watson announced the appointment of a new manager for the Chicago Yacht Club. Mr. William Hauser has been employed and took over the duties as manager on December 1. He brings to the Chicago Yacht Club a fine background of work at quality hotels in Chicago.

Herman T. Van Mell, Chairman of the Property Maintenance Committee, filed a very complete report of the extensive work performed by this committee during 1977. The text of this report appears elsewhere in this issue of the *"BLINKER."* The Board thanked Mr. Van Mell and his committee for the well-planned program of maintenance and improvement for the Club, and for the many hours of time they have donated to the planning and supervision of this work.

Nick Giovan, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee to assemble donations for the Coast Guard Academy Foundation, reported receipts and pledges of about $3,000. The goal is $5,000, which Nick feels will be reached through the generosity of Chicago Yacht Club members.

Treasurer Homer J. Livingston, Jr. reported that the financial affairs of the Chicago Yacht Club are in satisfactory condition. He thanked committee chairmen for careful adherence to budget targets.

Commodore Haag, on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation to the entire staff of the Chicago Yacht Club for their helpful and thoughtful service to members throughout the year.

At the annual meeting, reports of committee chairmen of each committee were received by the Secretary. Copies and excerpts from a number of these reports will be published in the *"BLINKER"* next month, following the report of the Property Maintenance Committee in this issue.

In the annual election of Officers and Directors, the following individuals were elected to serve during the 1978 year:

OFFICERS

Commodore, V. Wilbert Haag
Vice Commodore, Philip A. Watson
Rear Commodore, Roy W. Spanjer
Treasurer, Homer J. Livingston, Jr.
Secretary, Edward S. Macie

DIRECTORS

Raoul M. Allesee — William Robinson, Sr.
Jack B. Gable — James H. Roe
Nicholas C. Giovan — Sumner Sollitt
Alan R. Johnston — Richard Van Mell
Robert P. Knight — Jules G. Wayne
Peter W. McKinney, M.D. — Harry M. Weese
Joseph S. Wright, Sr.

— Edward S. Macie, Secretary

CYC Appoints William Hauser New Manager For Club —

Mr. William Hauser has been appointed Manager of the Chicago Yacht Club.

Mr. Hauser brings a rich background of experience to the CYC. He has most recently been Director of Catering at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, and since the early '40's has served in this capacity with a number of Chicago hotels including the Conrad Hilton, the Morrison, the Sherman House, and the Ambassador.

As Manager of the Chicago Yacht Club, Mr. Hauser will be responsible for the overall supervision of the Club staff at both the Chicago Harbor station and the Belmont Harbor station.

Mr. Hauser and his wife, Bonnie, have two married children.

We are glad to have Mr. Hauser aboard, and look forward to the contributions he will make to the CYC. Please introduce yourself to him, and help make him welcome to the Chicago Yacht Club.

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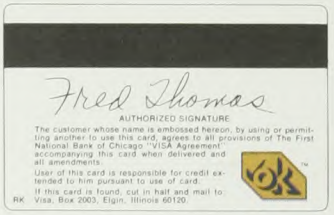

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