

**INTERCLUB CRUISE
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
BUFFALO YACHT CLUB, BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

Thursday, December 1, 2011

The above-referenced meeting was held commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m. in the dining room of the Buffalo Yacht Club on Thursday, December 1, 2011. Those in attendance are on a roster attached to these minutes. The participating clubs were represented except Dunkirk Yacht Club.

2011 Chairman Brian McCulloch (SSC) called the meeting to order, had everybody in attendance introduce themselves, and had everyone sign the roster which is attached. He thanked everyone for attending on what was for a change a clear and cold night devoid of snow. It was noted that our very important Secretary and Legal Advisor Captain John Dunn (Alias Captain Fun) was missing from the meeting but is recovering to good health from a run in with the Surgeons at the Cleveland Clinic. Jim McBrier and Diane Mitra will be taking minutes.

Chairman McCulloch had the 2011 Minutes approved. They had been circulated by email and were available at the meeting.

Chairman McCulloch next reviewed and proposed the following slate of officers set forth in last year's minutes and entertained a nomination for the Second Vice Chairman who would be Chairman of the 2014 Interclub Cruise. Jack Turner (BCC) was nominated by Dan Ward from BCC. A new Cruising Fleet Chair was nominated to replace Hadley Jackson on the slate, Richard Arnatt from the Sugarloaf Sailing Club.(SSC). With the slate thus revised and completed, it was passed unanimously.

That slate is as follows:

Chairman	Ron Busse (EYC)
Second Vice Chairman.....	Terry Grace (PDYC), Chairman in 2013
Third Vice Chairman.....	Jack Turner (BCC), Chairman in 1014
Treasurer	Jim McBrier (EYC)
Secretary	I. John Dunn (EYC)
Cruise Coordinator.....	Diane Mitra (EYC)
Registration.....	Shirley Nelligan
Eligibility & Ratings.....	Race Committee
Race Committee Chair.....	Chuck Chilcott (BHSC)
Race Committee Boat	Bob Ihrig (BHSC)
Protest	Dave Haller (EYC), Chairman
Program/Printing.....	Jamie Taylor (EYC)
Event Coordinator.....	Diane Mitra (EYC)
Publicity	Heather McBrier (EYC)
Cruising Fleet Chairman.....	Richard Arnatt (SSC)
Awards & Flags	Jim McBrier (EYC)
Sponsorships/Ads	Diane Mitra Erie, Hadley Jackson Port Dover
Web Site.....	David McBrier (EYC)
Photo Contest Chairman	Tom Lewin (BYC/BHSC)

Then Chairman McCulloch passed the gavel to Ron Busse, Chairman of the 2012 Interclub Cruise, who conducted the rest of the meeting. The agenda of the meeting was next reviewed and is attached to these minutes. The Committee thanked Brian for his excellent leadership as Chairman of last year's Cruise.

James McBrier (EYC) gave the treasurer's report including the results of 2011 and the budget for 2011 (two separate sheets). This report is attached and was accepted unanimously by the Committee followed by a discussion of the Budget for 2012 which was also accepted unanimously. The key points of the treasurer's report were as follows: 63 Boats started the 2011 Interclub Cruise from Erie and 58 boats docked in Port Colborne where a fee of \$40 was paid to the Sugarloaf Sailing Club for government dock rental. As a result of this the Interclub Cruise no longer needs to support the entertainment at the venue. An additional \$500 was expended to support the expanded entertainment at BCC for the Interclub Dinner event in 2011. The registration cost was \$5.00 a foot with a minimum boat charge of \$200.00 for the five day cruise. Revenues in 2011 were \$31,833 and the expenses were \$33,578 leaving a cash balance of \$8119.

It was noted in the budget for 2012 that the entertainment cost for Sugarloaf of \$500 was no longer necessary now that we pay for dockage. This will be removed from the Budget. It is anticipated that the cash balance ending 2012 will be approximately \$11,000. Hadley Jackson indicated that he will have available funds from Advertising to cover the van and entertainment in Port Dover for 2012 and has an approximate carryover from 2011 of \$450.

Next Brian McCullough reported on the 2011 cruise indicating that everything went smoothly and thanked all the people involved. He had a number of concerns that he felt needing to be addressed going forward....Late Registration, Safety at Sea and Man Overboard Safety, the Public Address System at EYC and the developing of a plan for a stronger Cruising Fleet.

Chuck Chilcott (BHSC, BYC) gave his Race Committee report and indicated that he recently had surgery on his shoulders and a possibility existed that he may work on Commune in 2012 and idle Markset if his shoulder does not heal quickly. Bob Ihrig and Chuck had no concerns about running the race committee if this were to happen. Everyone marvels at how well Chuck and Bob serve the Cruise.

A discussion on safety ensued and Chuck was asked to seek out the required safety requirements for the Interclub Cruise as published by US Sailing for onshore events within 12 miles of Land and include them in 2012 as a requirement to race. Furthermore that boats could be subject to inspection and protest by the Race Committee for failing to meet these requirements. In 2011 two individuals fell off boats and were recovered safely. It was noted that our Clubs need this US Sailing provision language and enforcement to have assurance of coverage for any litigation that could occur in the future. This was accepted unanimously.

The Committee gave condolences to Chuck whose mother died earlier in the fall.

Late Registration and the attraction of new boats was discussed at length and the Registrar was instructed to put into place for 2012 the following registration fee structure for boats wishing to race in the 2012 Interclub Cruise and enforce the late fee to encourage earlier registrations:

\$5.00 per foot or a minimum of \$200 by Monday, June 11, 2012. Late charge \$40.00.

Any new boat owner will be registered at half price for the first year to encourage participation. This was accepted unanimously.

The 2012 and 2013 race courses were modified and approved and the 2014 race course added. These are as follows:

Date	2012 Race Courses
June 23 (Saturday)	Erie Race Course
24 (Sunday)	Erie to Dover
25 (Monday)	Long Point Bay Course
26 (Tuesday)	Dover to Colborne
June 27 (Wednesday)	Colborne to Buffalo Canoe Club (Abino)

Date	2013 Race Courses
June 29 (Saturday)	Erie to Dover
30 (Sunday)	Long Point Bay Course
July 01 (Monday)	Dover to Colborne
02 (Tuesday)	Colborne to Buffalo Yacht Club (Downtown)
03 (Wednesday)	Buffalo Yacht Club Course Race (Downtown)

Date	2014 Race Courses
June 22 (Saturday)	Erie Dover
23 (Sunday)	Long Point Bay Course
24 (Monday)	Dover to Colborne
25 (Tuesday)	Colborne to Buffalo Canoe Club (Abino)
26 (Wednesday)	Abino Course Race finish at Buffalo Yacht Club (Abino)

Note that each year the schedule of the Interclub Cruise is the last Saturday through Wednesday schedule that can be completed before July 4th. This is our longstanding formula.

Event Planner, Diane Mitra presented a detailed listing all of the activities and functions that are currently undertaken by she and Heather McBrier as requested by the Committee last year for our review. Diane also handed out the marketing materials for Sponsorships and advertising and indicated that for the first time Boat US will be a sponsor in 2012 for \$1500. Diane encouraged everyone to go out and find a sponsor or sell an ad. Chairman Ron Busse and Diane assured the Committee that the PA system problems in Erie will be resolved. A brief discussion ensued about Customs and Immigration and everyone was encouraged to participate with crews in the new border programs to make their lives easier. The committee thanked Diane Mitra, Heather McBrier, Jamie Taylor, Shirley Nelligan and David McBrier for all the behind the scenes work that is done throughout the year to make the Interclub a high visibility, high quality event.

Next, the social events of the 2012 Cruise were discussed. Friday night before the racing, there will be the typical Erie Yacht Club fare. Saturday night in Erie will be the Chairman's Party followed by a cookout with bands both nights, Monday in Dover there will be the traditional "everyone is on their own" agenda. Monday after the Long Point Bay Course race, there will be the BHSC daiquiri party and the PDYC fish fry and band. Tuesday in Colborne, there will be the steak fry with entertainment. The Committee enthusiastically asked Jack Turner (SSC) to look into the possibility of doing another lobster boil at Port Colborne –very

popular a few years ago. Price will be the deciding factor. Wednesday we will finish at the Buffalo Canoe Club where a party and awards will take place. Breakfasts were discussed, Erie will have breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning, Port Dover its breakfast Monday, Colborne on Tuesday, and BCC on Wednesday.

The whereabouts of our perpetual trophies was again discussed after last year's discussion. The following was reported: The Four Ladies Trophy is at BYC (Downtown), the Jim Rhodes Trophy is at BCC, the Interclub Trophy is at BYC (Downtown), the Founder's Trophy is at BYC (Downtown), and the Chad Klahr Memorial Trophy is at EYC. Jim McBrier noted that the Four Ladies Trophy had a tie in 2011 of BYC and BHSC. In the future owners can only represent one club.

The Cruising Class was discussed and a suggestion was made by Jim McBrier to the new chairman Rich Arnatt that perhaps we encourage participation by using the Klahr Trophy as a two day event allowing Cruisers to sail the Erie Dover Race and the Long Point Bay Race and either arrive or return on the third day. This should encourage a large number of boats from Erie and Port Dover to participate. The Founders Trophy would be awarded to those boats that went on to finish the five day event. If this were to occur all cruisers would be eligible for both trophies if they completed five races. The registration fee would stay the same regardless of number of days raced. It was decided to let the new chairman and the event planners develop a new format to encourage participation based around a modified PHRF rule.

There was no old business brought before the meeting.

Finally, there being no other business before the meeting, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned and so it was at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Submitted for John Dunn (EYC), Secretary
By Jim McBrier and Diane Mitra

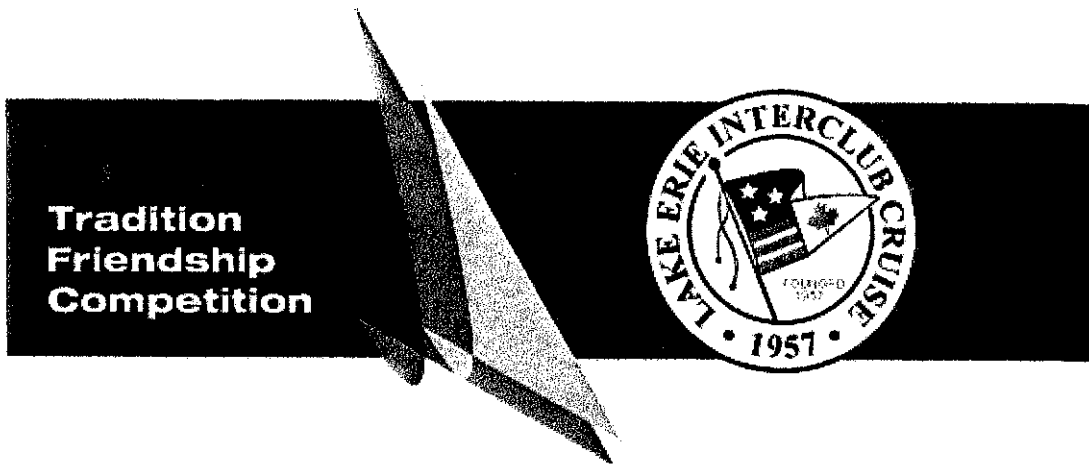
Attachments:

1. Roster (three-page) of December 1, 2011 Board Meeting at BYC (Downtown)
2. Agenda
3. J.P. McBrier's two-page Financial Report/ Budget
4. Advertising Program 2012
5. Event Time Line (Diane Mitra) Actions

LAKE ERIE INTERCLUB STATEMENT

BEGINNING	1/1/2011		9,864.07
INCOME			
	REGISTRATIONS	20,182.00	
	SPONSORS & ADVERTISERS	2,750.00	
	MERCHANDISE	8,901.00	
			31,833.00
EXPENSES			
	KIM KRAFT	1,608.53	
	BUILDERS HARDWARE(ANIMOTO ORDER)	30.00	
	ECLIPSE CO.	1,354.90	
	PRESTIGE FLAG	2,538.26	
	CASH FOR CHANGE	300.00	
	SUGARLOAF SAILING CLUB - DOCKAGE	2,320.00	
	SUGARLOAF SAILING CLUB - BANQUET	2,945.00	
	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB - BAND	810.00	
	BUFFALO CANOE CLUB - DINNERS	6,250.00	
	CHARLES SCIANDRA - BCC BAND	500.00	
	CREATIVE IMPRINT	5,609.08	
	ERIE YACHT CLUB	1,513.36	
	CHUCK CHILCOTT - COMMITTEE	1,750.00	
	MCBRIER EVENTS - PLANNING COMMITTEE	3,500.00	
	BOB IHRIG - COMMITTEE	1,750.00	
	DAVID MCBRIER - WEBSITE	600.00	
	PHOTO WINNERS	175.00	
	BANK SERVICE CHARGES	24.75	
			33,578.88
CURRENT BALANCE ERIE CHECKING ACCOUNT			8,118.19
CURRENT BALANCE CANADIAN CHECKING ACCOUNT			474.29

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- Logo and link on official website for one full-year
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- Invitation for four to private Chairman's Reception
- Skirted display table in registration tent (no selling of merchandise)
- Complimentary event hat and T-shirt
- Inserts for race packets or promos given out at registration*

**Copies to be provided by sponsor. Restrictions may apply please check with event coordinator*

Gold Mast Sponsor: \$2500

- Full-page color ad in brochure
- Logo and link on official website for one full-year
- Name or logo on event welcome banner
- Invitation for two to private Chairman's Reception
- Skirted display table in registration tent (no selling of merchandise)
- Complimentary event hat and T-shirt

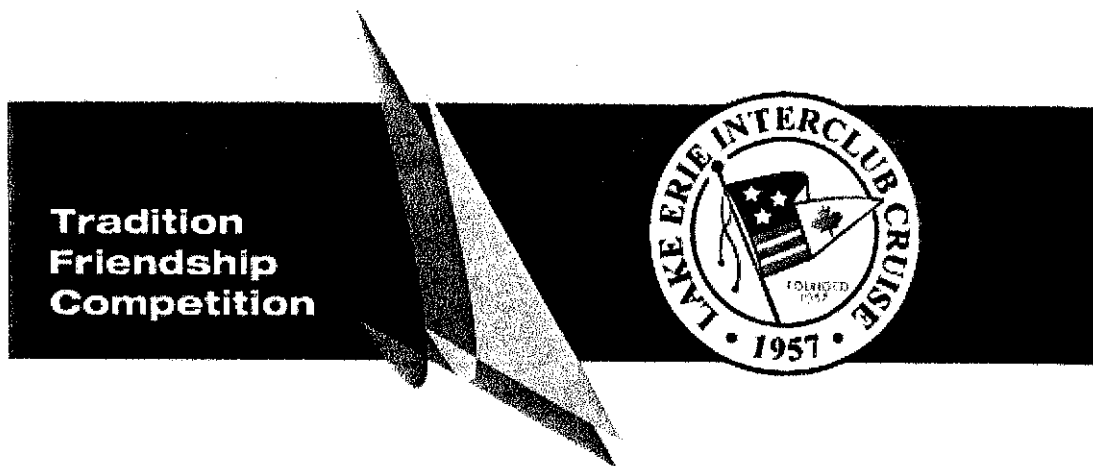
Silver Mast Sponsor: \$1500

- Full-page color ad in brochure
- Logo and link on official website for one full-year
- Name on event welcome banner
- Invitation for one to private Chairman's Reception
- Choice of complimentary event hat or T-shirt

Bronze Mast Sponsor: \$1000

- Half-page color ad in brochure
- Logo and link on official website for one full-year
- Name on event welcome banner
- Invitation for one to private Chairman's Reception

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Quarter page:	\$300.00

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Quarter page:	\$200.00
Eighth page:	\$100.00
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All advertisers are featured on the Interclub Cruise website.

Printing deadline: May 30, 2012

Ads must be copy ready. Digital ready copy referred.

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