

Omena & Traverse Breeze

OMENA,
MICHIGAN

MAY
1954

THE HAPPY TURTLE

What's in a name? Well, if you could have spent all the pleasant hours that your Commodore has, in, on, and with the little auxiliary sloop named **The Happy Turtle**, you would then know the reason for its name. She is fat, short and slow-going; she is as seaworthy as her amphibious name-sake, and like the turtle, has a good stout shell or hull, if you should like to call it that.

I've had her for years, and the little craft has been a real task-master for me. She is as demanding as a wife; always wanting a new spring outfit each year just to be in style. The work and hours of patient labor on the boat are beyond measure, nevertheless each hour has been a pleasant one. It is surprising how you can forget all your cares and woes while completely engrossed in the job of working over the motor, or installing new wiring, or just plain sanding and painting a boat. Yes, more hours have gone into the job of being ships-husband (working on and for your boat) than have possibly been spent in sailing her, but I'll never begrudge a single one of them although Marge may feel otherwise — and for good reason too.

As a matter of fact I am one of those people who can't afford a boat, but manage to have one just the same. Since this is the case, I am forced to do many of the jobs myself that are normally turned over to a boatyard to perform. But what better way to know your boat than to have touched and seen every square inch inside and out with brush and scraper, sponge and sandpaper, as you have gone at your work of love? Yes, I do know my boat well, and doing so gives me a deep satisfaction and a firm knowledge of what kind of craft I have under me in any weather. Well built? Well rather! I should say. What can surpass white-oak frames, chines, clamps and husky stem, and full inch, fine mahogany on the bottom for planking? Every piece of hardware is solid brass or bronze. Motor, although small, is noted for its sea-going rugged dependability, designed for just such auxiliary use.

She is nothing fancy, to the eyes of a discriminating and critical yachtsman, but all will agree that she is a "salty" little boat, and that is the kind of praise I like to hear and the kind the Happy Turtle revels in. There is every device for safety on board too; all the necessary gear that makes for safety afloat in a boat of her size and class, and that is a satisfaction indeed.

There have been no cruises as such, on the Happy Turtle, as she is too small for that. I've had her out in the big lake only

once, the rest of the time she has sailed all over Grand Traverse Bay, East and West arms, enabling us to see and enjoy much that one can never see by car. We have taken the boat out for fishing and when there were still lake trout around, before the lamprey eels came to destroy them, we would go trolling out at the mouth of the Bay, off Cat-Head light. The rest of the time, we just enjoyed a sail, usually when it's not bad weather, for our boating is for pleasure. But we have been out in some dusty rough going too, and it's always a source of wonderment how much more a boat will take of it than you will.

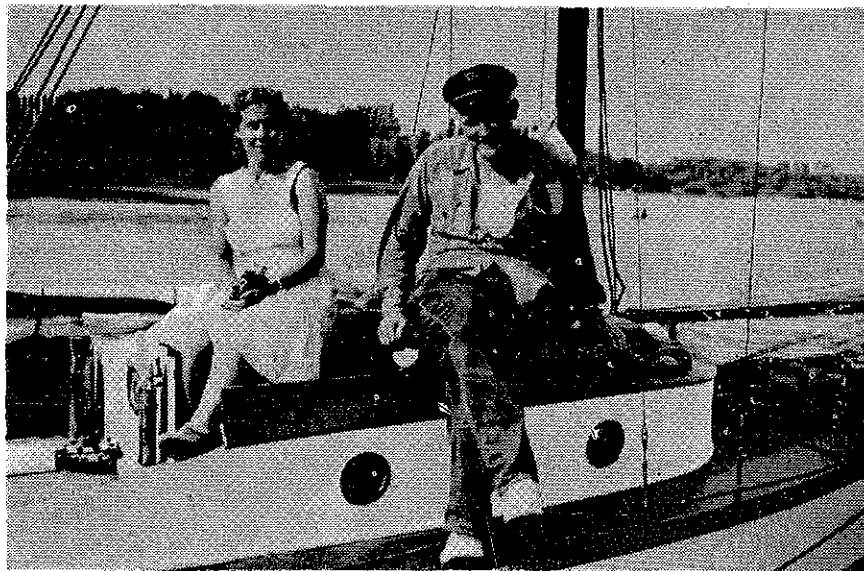
I often go out for a sail alone, on a sunny day when the breeze is light, and just enjoy a truly leisurely sail. Part of the time I spend at the tiller, and often when on the right courses, I'll lash the tiller, and go and sit on the forward deck, letting her sail herself. Then I enjoy watching the play of the water around the boat, the little waves as they splash against her side in a caressing fashion; the little bubbles and odd bits of flotsam as they slowly drift by, denoting the movement of the boat through the water. I enjoy looking up at the lazy movement of the sails with sunlight and shadow upon them, the blue sky with little clouds that ride high in nice sailing weather. Off in the distance the ever changing shoreline with the myriad vistas that make me love Grand Traverse Bay so much brings me happiness and rest that only the sport of sailing can do. To me, sailing is that "little bit o' heaven" right here on earth.

The children have grown up loving the Happy Turtle too, and both Jack and Pat have spent a lot of time sailing her. Of

course, youth likes faster craft and the racing Star owned by Jack and named "The Harbor Rat" has provided him with many happy hours of sailing. Personally, I like any kind of boat, Stars, Lightnings, Snipes, Penguins, etc. I have always liked boats, ever since a small child when I made my first old canvas covered canoe out of barrel hoops for ribs with no planking and put plenty of tar on the canvas to keep it on top of the water. I was proud of that boat even though it was ungainly and shapeless. At the age of ten it looked wonderful to me and I could be on the water in it, and it was all mine — a creation of my own hands.

My first boat with sails was an Old Town canoe, and you can repeat the first part of the name. Just the same, it had twenty-two foot mast on it and carried more sail than I have ever seen on a canoe before or since, a main, a gaff and a jib. I'd sail her till she dipped water over the rail, and with a goodly part of me in the water, with one foot on the keel on the outside and a leg hooked over the rail on the inside, my body on what was the side of the hull, in order to throw my weight out to balance her. She'd sail too, and fast!

Dad had a Chris-Craft cruiser named the RiPaJa, after the first letters of the names of his grand-children. This boat would sleep four, and had a galley and head, and a powerful motor. But I was never too crazy about it and it would remain tied up at the dock most of the time. That kind of a boat gets you there too fast and then you have to hurry back, — and I don't like to do either on the water. But I love boats, any kind of a boat, just so it's a boat, I say!



Margy and Paul Hill on The Happy Turtle.

So here's to the Happy Turtle, long may she live and brave the wave, for to me her name is synonymous with the best times I've ever had, my hours spent working and sailing with her.

Commodore Paul G. Hill.

On the lighter side, I noticed a unique and original idea used by another Yacht Club and mentioned in Lakeland Yachting this winter, which I feel we might well adopt. Of course, providing we get the parties needed to be willing to do the necessary detail work involved.

It was this — Each boat owner or skipper had a coffee mug emblazoned with his or her name and the name of their craft emblazoned upon it. These mugs hung on a separate pin on a wall panel. Thus a permanent record of all who have had a boat within the Club was on display at the Club.

The mugs were all alike; someone having apparently secured a barrel of them from a restaurant supply house.

The paint was the kind you bake on in an oven (home) thus making it possible to wash the mugs after use.

How's about it Skippers — want to drink from your own mug?

The Commodore has a full set of International Code Flags and pennants now that we can use on regatta days and on special occasions to dress the Flag-pole and/or the interior of the Club-house.

The Saluting cannon given to the Club by Mr. Schaffer has been Chrome-plated thru the courtesy of your Commodore, as it was always getting rusty in use with the blueing job it had on it as original finish. We now can have a brighter BANG.

There is reason to believe that those who approach our Club by water this year will hardly know the place, and can at least be assured a warm welcome, at a neat looking Club with certain added facilities; and what's more, they can come inside. There they will enjoy the privilege, along with members, of a new roof over our heads — honest!

Commodore Paul Hill.

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COMMITTEES FOR 1954.

The Commodore has designated the following Committees for the Omena Traverse Yacht Club 1954 season.

It is his hope that all members will get behind their Chairmen and do their part, and more. Remember, it is still YOUR CLUB and it will reflect what you give of yourself — let's make it a more successful and delightful Club for all to enjoy now, and for those who will follow us in the future.

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Ruth DeVore Stewart Ayars
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 Stella Newman

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Mrs. William Milroy Mrs. Carl Basler
Mrs. Walter Gardner Mrs. Colter Rule

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Rat Smith Caroline Gardner
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Rat Smith Jane Basler
Sue Barker Mary Helen Ayars
George Anderson Pat Hill
 Kathy Gardner

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Ben Foltz Hazel Taylor

PUBLICITY

Humphrey Jackson Mary Helen Ayars
 Hazel Clarke Taylor

FLAGS AND FLAG POLE

Unannounced but important.

Committee objectives should be planned over and above the list published last year in the Breeze. Let's not lose sight of the goals we set.

Committee heads will be expected to meet with the Commodore just as soon as possible after we get our season underway; purpose to review objectives, planned, achieved, or to be attained.

OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

Commodore Paul G. Hill
Vice Commodore George S. Smith
Rear Commodore .. Humphrey C. Jackson
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Secretary Gwendolyn Pike
Directors At Large:

Hector Carmichael (deceased)
Mary Foltz
Horace Wheeler
Eli G. Alcorn.

OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1953.

Jan. 1, 1953, Cash on hand 592.64

INCOME

Dues and initiation fees 942.50
Special Benefit Parties 519.24
Dock Contribution 1,000.00
Other Contributions 279.00

Snack Bar

Soft drinks (net) 30.32
Club Stationery 14.00
Fudge 31.00
BREEZE Subscriptions 132.00
Advertising 8.00
Maps 24.00
Miscellaneous 21.50

3,001.56
3,594.20

EXPENSES.

Lake Michigan Yachting Assn., 15.00
Committee Boat 100.00
Screens and Ping Pong tables 111.42
Flood Light 4.30
New Roof 861.71
Repair Porch 177.69
Maintenance Grounds and
Equipment 284.96
Trophy Awards 31.75
Telephone and Electricity 49.83
Supplies and Postage 14.92
Club Stationery 35.34
BREEZE — Printing and
Postage 114.00
Insurance 211.52
Taxes and Fees 16.78
Miscellaneous 21.50

2,050.72

Dec. 31, 1953, Cash on hand 1,543.48
3,594.20

Respectfully submitted,

Stewart V. Ayars,
Treasurer, O. T. Y. C.

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THE OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB BREEZE

OMENA, MICHIGAN

Editor Humphrey C. Jackson
Reporters Horace Wheeler
Mary Helen Ayars

Other articles are signed by the
contributing members.

CORRECTION PLEASE.

There seems to have been a slip-up in reporting the results of the 1953 Racing season. First place honors did go to Mary Helen Ayars as announced, but the second place winner was Carolin Smith, and third place to Sue Barker. The error was an incorrect interpretation of the report of the racing committee and not the fault of that committee or the printer.

The Editor.

MARY HELEN "AYARS" THE BREEZE.

With "Rat's" assistance we contacted all the teen-set and collected the following news items. As you can see from the post mark we are up here at Omena for spring vacation. When we left home yesterday it was 70 degrees, but here on our porch today it's 49 degrees. Daddy and I walked part way around the Point this morning and everything looks kind of dead with no one here. I can't get over the beaches. The water sure has gone down. There's a beautiful beach at the Yacht Club which will be perfect for the Penguins. Rat and aunt Helen are here also. This isn't Rat's vacation, but she's going to be here for two weeks, taking one week off from school. Uncle George and Perc were here last week-end and are coming up Easter week-end again. The hepaticas are just coming out today and are real pretty.

The Lyons are really planning to keep hopping this summer. First of all, they will spend about a week in Omena opening up their cottage. They will next start on a trip that will take them to Quebec, Boston, Niagara Falls, and then back toward the direction of Omena.

Craig Smith has made the final decision to make the Marines his life work. He was in Evanston for a few days in March on his way to the West Coast. His orders were to sail a few days after Easter in the direction of Japan.

The first week-end in March found Holly Renz visiting her brother at the University of Alabama. From all reports, she had a terrific time.

On January 23rd, Alice and John Linn became the proud parents of Nancy Ruth. If Nancy is willing, the three of them will be in Evanston for a short while in June.

This winter found the Barker family, excluding Sue, who was in college, enjoying the sunny Florida weather.

Gus and Esther Rogers are enjoying a "slick 30 meter racer" out East while Gus is in the Navy.

Congratulations go to Carolyn Gardner who pledged Alpha Chi Omega at Michigan State this year.

Sherry Milroy spent most of her spring vacation this year rehearsing for an opera at school. Sherry is planning to attend Northwestern or Mundelein College in Chicago.

Jim Jackson graduated from High School as a mid-year and has been working as a mail boy for a General Electric firm. Next fall will find Jim on the Michigan State campus.

Margy Lyon has definitely been accepted and is going to go to Northwestern next September.

Kathy Gardner is still undecided as to whether her choice will be Michigan State or the University of Michigan, but it will be one of the two.

DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, is Rat's choice for school next year.

When next fall rolls around, Mary Helen will head towards Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

Mrs. Harriett Underwood has contributed \$54 to the Omena- Traverse Yacht Club through the sale of Club Plaque Cigarette Ash Trays.

Linda Johanning is a Freshman at Earlham.

Mona Johanning graduates from Westtown School on the 16th of June.

The Johanning's expect to spend the entire summer in Omena working on their cottage.

Linda Johanning is pinned to a boy who just entered the air force.

Crammy Finn is studying in the Botany Department, plant physiology in which he is working towards his Ph. D., at the University of California. Crammy expects to take three weeks vacation during the latter part of June and the first part of July in Suttons Bay.

The Morses spent the Easter week-end at Omena, staying over night at the Park Place in Traverse City.

Sherry Milroy and her mother were also in Omena and Northport over the Easter week-end.

George Anderson is now the proprietor of his father's store at Northport.

The Ayars and Smiths went Smelt fishing. It was an all night affair. The Ayars caught 250, the Smiths 2,500. And they say this is no fish story. We wonder!

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BREEZE ABOUT MEMBERS.

The Hills were in Northport just after Easter to look over their Northport Studio which is having some work done on it.

George Smith says that the "Old Timers" from Ingalls Bay will be interested to know that he saw Dorothy Manning Rushton at the Michigan Tourist Bureau in Chicago. She lived in the Herrmann Cottage and used to go to Saturday Night Dances at the Pavilion, which is now the Omena- Traverse Yacht Club. Dorothy Manning is related to the Morses on Ingalls Bay, cousins I believe.

The George Smiths spent Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday at Omena. At that time the snow banks around the Point still blocked off some of the roads to the cottages. They were unable to drive into the Rules or the Devores.

While the George Smiths were in Omena they had a very nice dinner at the Wheelers with Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Fouts, the Crampton Finns also on hand as guests.

George Smith says that the beaches are better this year than they have been for many a year. At the Yacht Club there is a grand 25 foot beach which will be wonderful for the boats.

George Kalchik has been given the job of repairing one corner of the Yacht Club lawn which had washed into the Bay this winter.

Dr. Melvin Pike's office was completely destroyed in the fire which damaged the J. C. Penney Building and store in Midland last March. Dr. Pike made a hurried trip to Chicago to secure equipment to open his new office.

It's a girl at the John and Alice Linns; Nancy Ruth is the wee one's name. Nancy arrived at Air Base Hospital, January 23, weighing six pounds eight ounces.

The Stork-HeirLines Ltd., announce the arrival of a new model, Pilot Betty Livingston, Co-Pilot Bill, Flight Captain Doc-Christie, Passenger Amy Jo, weight 10 pounds 5 ounces. Inspection Invited.

Announcement of the marriage of Thomas T. Morse to Margaret Dearing, December 18, at Marana Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona. Tom has been transferred to Biloxi, Mississippi, where he is in radar school. His military address is A-3C Thomas T. Morse, Box 40, 3409th Student Training Squadron, Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss. Tom and Marge have an apartment at 2112 W. Beach, Biloxi.

Peg and Bob Morse visited Tom and Marge at Biloxi on their way to Florida and Nassau.

Bob Saxton is busy being a Junior in Medical School and Jane Morse Saxton is working as a laboratory assistant at the Medical School.

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NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS.

The Saturday Evening Supper Club was augmented last week-end, April 10th, with Helen, Rat, Perc and George Smith joining our group at Sunset Lodge. The Supper Club meets each Saturday all winter alternating between Jessie Carmichael's, the Finns, the Foltz's, the Hendryx's and the Wheelers.

Nancy Jo' Wheeler with her friend John Kohlberg of Providence, R. I., were home for the long Easter week-end.

Lestra Saxton and Christie MacDonald arrived at Omena May 1st to open their cottage.

The Gardner's have a new cabin cruiser to grace Omena Bay this summer. They expect to arrive in Omena early to open their cottage.

Horace Wheeler says that Spring has arrived to stay at Omena and everyone is busy with the outside grooming. The smelt fishermen are in their glory and large hauls are reported each evening.

Several of the Omena summer residents are planning to drive to Omena early this year to see the cherry blossoms and trillium.

Mrs. Heidrick spent the winter in Texas with her sons but returned to Cincinnati April 10.

The Texas Heidricks will be in Omena in June and July.

The Barkers expect to arrive in Omena around the middle of August.

Kitty Smith reports that several Omena friends have been her guests this winter, the Feely's, the Flett girls from Cincinnati, and the Abbotts.

Mrs. Heidrick and Miss Heitzman will arrive in Omena early this year.

Sue Barker will probably arrive early with her Grandmother and expects to have a job this summer. Sue spent the Spring vacation with her parents in Ft. Lauderdale.

Harriet White expects to drive up to Omena with a friend and open the cottage the latter part of May. Halbert will fly up around June 1st and expects to stay until around October 1st.

Humphrey Jackson attended the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics annual convention at Cincinnati, where he represented The Michigan Council as delegate and as a speaker.

While in Cincinnati he enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the Lyons, who arranged a tour of the city and pointed out many places of interest. Telephone calls to many of the Omena-Traverse Yacht Club members resulted in the following items:

It's a girl, Nancy Corrick, at the John and Joanne Roths, arriving March 11 and weighing around six pounds.

The Leonard DeVores have adopted a baby boy, now around 9 months old. Leonard and his family expect to fly to Cincinnati around the 10th of April for a few days. Leonard will take a training course at the National Cash Register Co., in Dayton, after which he expects to arrive in Omena around July 15, before returning to San Diego.

The Dave DeVores will arrive in Omena around June 25.

Mary Louise Basler spent Christmas in Puerto Rico.

Janey Basler has been in Puerto Rico since last September but expects to spend the summer at Omena.

The Ray Fletts just returned from New York (Marilyn and Mrs. Flett that is) and they expect to arrive in Omena around the middle of May to open their home there. They also expect to be in Omena around Memorial Day.

Ran into Tom Smith by the Carew Tower in Cincy April 23rd. He, Martha and the girls expect to be in Omena around August 15th.

Holly Renz is the youngest member of the May Festival Chorus in Cincinnati this year.

The Renz's expect to be in Omena around the middle of May and then after June 15th. Bill Renz spent spring vacation in Cincy. Andy Renz saw the Bob Moses in Cleveland in March, while attending a convention there.

Clem Otterbein may be the newest member of the Yacht Club. He will be in Omena over Labor Day. He has a new Chris Craft run-about.

Emil Heermann passed on before Christmas.

The Ottermans have rented the Mack cottage on Ingalls Bay for the month of June-July. After July 1st they will be in the Heermann cottage.

The Robert Lyons spent the week of April 30 through May 8 at Pocono Hills, Pennsylvania, where Bob attended a medical convention. New York City was included in their itinerary.

Margaret Dyer expects to be in Omena while the Lyons are on their extensive trip through Canada and New England in July.

Mary and Ben Foltz returned from Chicago and entertained the Saturday Evening Supper Club April 17th. Besides the regulars, there were the Stewart Ayars' and Mary Helen, The George Smith's and Rat, Leona and Sherry Milroy.

Word has just been received from May Griffith that Stella Newman still remains in the Santa Barbara hospital. Although another doctor has been called in, her condition appears puzzling, however, Stella is a good patient. Any word from her friends will be much appreciated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1954

SEASON OF THE

OMENA-TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB.

- Saturday, July 3 — Opening Dinner of Club (Turkey Dinner).
 Sunday, July 4 — Racing.
 Wednesday, July 7 — First Pot Luck Dinner.
 Saturday, July 10 — Racing.
 Sunday, July 11 — Leelanau Flower and Art Show.
 Wednesday, July 14 — Second Pot Luck Dinner.
 Saturday, July 17 — Racing — Special Event.
 Sunday, July 18 — Open House.
 Wednesday, July 21 — Third Pot Luck Dinner.
 Saturday, July 24 — Racing — Bingo Party and Food Sale.
 Sunday, July 25 — Open House.
 Wednesday, July 28 — Fourth Pot Luck Dinner.
 Saturday, July 31 — Racing — Hobby Show.
 Sunday, August 1 — Open House.
 Wednesday, Aug. 4 — Fifth Pot Luck Dinner — Chili Dinner.
 Saturday, Aug. 7 — Racing — Special Events Party.
 Sunday, Aug. 8 — Open House.
 Wednesday, Aug. 11 — Sixth Pot Luck Dinner.
 Saturday, Aug. 14 — Racing — Venetian Night (Full Moon).
 Sunday, Aug. 15 — Open House.
 Wednesday, Aug. 18 — Seventh Pot Luck Dinner.
 Saturday, Aug. 21 — Racing — Card Party.
 Sunday, Aug. 22 — Open House.
 Wednesday, Aug. 25 — Eighth Pot Luck Dinner.
 Saturday, Aug. 28 — Racing Commodore's Ball.
 Sunday, Aug. 29 — Open House.
 Wednesday, Sept. 1 — Ninth Pot Luck Dinner (Ham Dinner).
 Saturday, Sept. 4 — Racing.
 Sunday, Sept. 5 — Open House.
 Monday, Sept. 6 — Labor Day — Closing of Club.

Note: Keep this calendar with you this summer and note the events. It will be well to keep in mind that events are subject to change as weather and other circumstances may interfere with the plans.

Helen Smith — Social Chairman.

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