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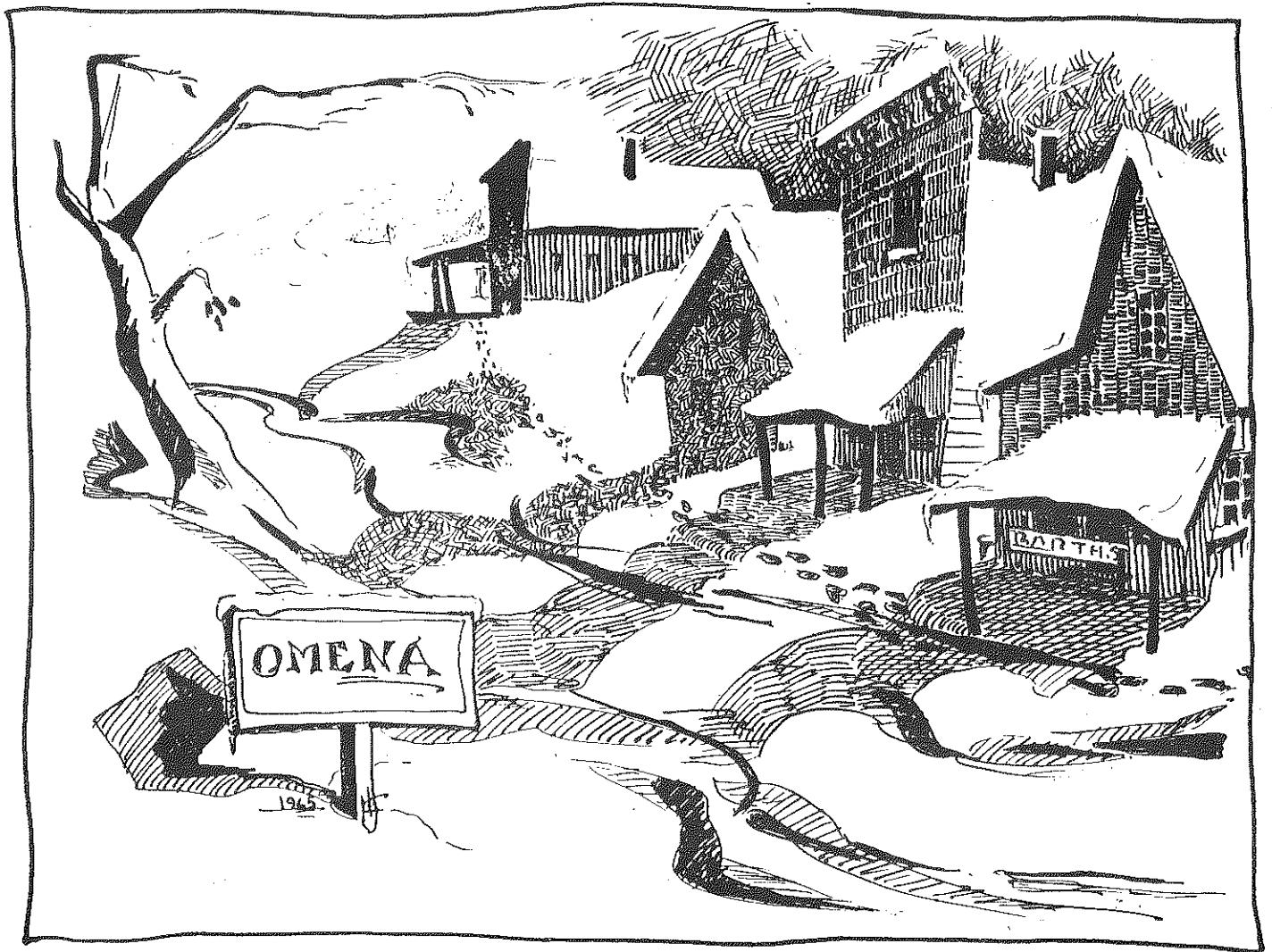
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Omena, Michigan December 1989

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No. 1

Season's Greetings From Omena Christmas 1989



Pen and Ink Copy by H. Jackson

Commodore's Message



As part of the Christmas Breeze you will find a complete listing for all 110 families that are members of our great club. Each of our members like yourself enjoys a common interest in the traditions, joy, and fun of belonging to the Omena Traverse Yacht Club.

1989 was a year of overwhelming success. We had some of the best potlucks in memory with very interesting and entertaining speakers. Of particular interest was a program on Michigan's wild flowers that left everyone delighted and well informed about Michigan plant life. Another speaker talked about saving our beautiful country's natural environment. In the special events category, we had an excellent fund raiser in July hosted by the OTYC men. A good time was had by all. The Commodore's reception and dinner dance was very well done. We listened to and danced to the music of the Hugh Willey Jazz Band. In August, we all had a great time at the progressive dinner. Seeing many of our

members' homes was a real treat. Our adult two week tennis clinic was well received and lasted all summer. Youth tennis and sailing were well attended. These courses were educational and enjoyable for all children participating.

The only sad note of the entire summer was that it ended too quickly.

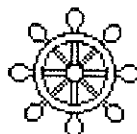
Perhaps "dedication" is the key word to our future. We must all be very vigilant of the role that we as individuals can play in supporting our club. We as a group have many varied talents and skills. We look forward to your participation.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for the kind letters and comments this past summer. Thanks! You've all made this a most exciting year.

I hope all of you have a happy and fun holiday season.

Regards,

Bob Gelakoski
Commodore



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Permanent Membership: Family Initiation Fee (includes children up to 24 years of age): \$360.00. **Adult Annual Dues** (ages 24 or more as of January 1): \$60.00 (as voted by the Board in 1989). **Junior Annual Dues** (ages 14 to 23 as of January 1): \$12.00. **Guest Membership:** Adult Dues per family \$120.00; Adult Dues per single adult \$60.00; Junior Dues (14-23 years) \$12.00

Omena Traverse Yacht Club

Annual Meeting Minutes, July 15, 1989

The annual meeting of the OTYC was called to order at the Club at 10:10 AM.

The minutes of the 1988 Annual Meeting were approved as presented in the **Breeze**.

The attendance report was circulated by the Secretary. Those in attendance were:

Joan Roth	Jonnie Hodgson
John Roth	Carla Schwarze
Elizabeth Keye	Fred Schwarze
Kathy Bosco	Liz Storey
Marilyn Flett	Joan Kiersey
Barbara Harris	Lynn Spitz-Nagel
Bob Bailey	Ole Kiersey
Kay Harris	Gina Moore
Bob Martineau	Vincent Moore
Jim Gregory	Ping Abbot
Mary Jo Brumbaugh	Mary Woolford
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Connie Martineau	Stu Mulligan
John Ray	Marion Jones
Mary Helen Ray	Carolyn Renz
Bob Gelakoski	Betty Gregory
Rev. Lynn Spitz-Nagel	Waldo Abbot
Margaret Lyon	

Justin Jones' proxy was presented by Marion Jones.

The Treasurer's Report prepared by Bill Sandt will follow in the next issue of the **Breeze**.

Old Business

• Waterfront Committee - reported by Bob Martineau

1. All slips are rented.
2. Problems with the DNR are solved.
 - a. The request for the lease of bottom land has been filed.
 - b. Permission to dredge was received in May 1989.
3. Ramp — board policy permits use only when a member is present. The sign has been changed to read "Members Only". We should not be telling just anyone to use the ramp.
4. Dock condition — The lower water has created some problems. Some work will be needed to present undercutting.

• House and Grounds - Bob Bailey read the following report:

The activities of the committee since the 1988 Annual Meeting include:

- 1 The fall closing of the clubhouse.
- 2 Early in the winter a partridge flew through a second story window. Said bird was removed from the clubhouse by the Mulligans.
3. The 1988 caretaker resigned and a new caretaker has been hired for the '89 season, The Leelanau Cleaning Services, from Northport. After doing the routine chores for opening the clubhouse, they have become disenchanted with the duties of caretaker and enjoining pay. It would not be surprising if they would resign after the season.
4. The following projects have been undertaken for the '89 season:
 - a. Paint exterior of the clubhouse
 - b. Entrance ramp at rear of clubhouse
 - c. Enclosure for the J.T. Wing
 - d. Bar cabinet
 - e. New planters for the porch tables are in use.

The chairman wishes to thank all who participated in the committee activities.

Bob thanked Mary Jo Brumbaugh for her scraping and painting work in the snack bar.

The ramp has been completed with the location taking into consideration water drainage and a five-minute parking limit for loading and unloading of passengers.

• Youth Program - reported by Bob Gelakoski, Youth Director

Our youth program in tennis and sailing is off to an excellent 1989 season.

Our first week began July 3 and we had 8 youths. The second week starting July 10 had 7 paid enrollments. We expect 8 paid enrollments for our third week beginning July 17.

In addition to the above, an adult tennis clinic began July 10 and will run for two weeks. Our first week and 5 paid adults. It is expected that our second week will have 6 paid enrollments. A great deal of excitement, learning and just plain fun have taken place in our adult tennis clinic.

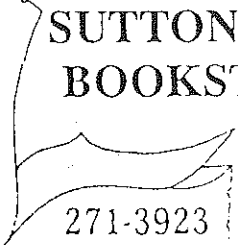
All of our tennis and sailing classes are going very well. The attitude of the students and instructor is excellent.

In addition, the youth were taken on two field trips. On July they were taken to Traverse City to Fun Country. Here they enjoyed water slides and go-carts. On July 12 the youth went to Sleeping Bear Dunes. On both trips a good time was had by all.

• Social Committee - reported by Connie Martineau, Chairwoman

The 1989 season opened with dinner on Saturday, July 1, with

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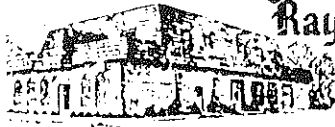
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138 in attendance. Co-Chairwomen were Pat Bailey and Mary Cone. Dinner was catered by Cathead Catering in Northport.

The first Social Committee meeting was held on Saturday, July 10, at 10:00 AM at Joan Roth's home. Approximately 20 women attended. After some lively discussion, and a healthy majority vote, it was decided to begin potluck 1/2 hour later. The new starting time of 6:00 PM cocktails - 7:00 PM dinner was to begin on Wednesday, July 19. It was also decided to have a catered dinner instead of a potluck on Wednesday, July 26. Betty Gregory and Joan Roth are co-chairing this event. Because of many positive comments about last year's progressive dinner, another will be held this year on Saturday, August 12. Carla Schwarze and the committee will plan.

The Commodore's Reception and Dinner Dance will take place Saturday, August 5. Suzie Mulligan, Barb Harris, Nancy Weiss and Kathy Bosco are in charge. Cocktails will be at 6:30 PM.

Joan Kiersey has agreed to serve again as 1989 Potluck Chairwoman. Jonnie Hodgson is planning after-potluck events.

A trip to Bayview for adults only is scheduled for Friday, July 28, with lunch at the Terrace Inn.

There will be another Social Committee meeting early in August - time to be announced later.

• **Founder's Fund Report** - by John Roth

OTYC Founders Fund	
Beginning balance 1/1/88	\$6,190.97
Memorials received	625.00
Receipts from Commodore's Reception	51.00
Interest earned CD's and Savings	<u>485.56</u>

Ending balance December 31, 1988 \$7,352.53

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1988

Old Kent Savings Account	\$1,733.46
Certificates of Deposit	#35912 2,099.87
	#93854 1,190.07
	#93872 <u>2,329.13</u>

Total \$7,352.53

• **Membership Committee** - John Ray give the following report and requested volunteers to help him

The following families were approved for regular membership

Nana and Richard Kennedy	Robert and Marie Johnson
Kerry and Kris Kennedy (Jrs.)	Omena, MI
Grand Rapids, MI	

The following families have been approved for guest membership for 1989:

Marilyn and Homer Scott	Martha Jane and Gregory Bills
Winston Salem, NC	Palm Beach Garden, FL

Charlotte and Alan Read	Marsha and Thomas Buehler
Alexandria, VA	Cincinnati, OH

A warm welcome is extended to our new permanent and guest members.

The following people have applied for a guest membership for 1989 (approved at the July 15, 1989 Board Meeting):

Lawrence Fox	Martha Eldredge
Northport, MI	Northport, MI

The following death occurred during the past year:

Vernon Keye

Mary Tonneberger and Frank Gaffney will give a report on the Breeze at a later date.

New Business

• **Nominating Committee** - John Ray gave the following report of the:

Effective September 15, 1989, Margaret Lyon will terminate her membership on the Board. We appreciate the time and effort devoted by Margy, and we thank her for her years of service.

It is the recommendation of the Committee that Robert Martineau replace Margy for a 3-year term beginning September 15, 1989.

Mary Smith made a motion and Joan Roth seconded it to cast a unanimous ballot for the presented slate. Motion carried.

Bill Renz requested that a committee ought to volunteer, comprised of those who donated money for the J.T. Wing model and those interested in its display, to study all angles of its display and preservation. Fred Schwarze will chair this committee.

Mary Smith made a motion and Jonnie Hodgson seconded it that the Board set aside a small stipend to pay travel expenses incurred by speakers who address functions at the Club. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

M.H. Ray
Secretary

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Lillian Taylor and Mary Helen Ray

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On August 6, 1989, the Board of Directors of OTYC unanimously voted to bestow honorary membership to Lillian Taylor. She and her husband Ben have been loyal supporters of the boating efforts since they joined the Club in 1951. Lillian and her other staff members helped publish and print the **Breeze** until her retirement in 1986. Lillian took care of a myriad of printing details that we as editors took for granted. We appreciate her many hours of devotion and dedication to OTYC.

Lillian joins the ranks of the following honorary members: Hector Carmichael, Robert Morse, Fred Gorham, Andrew Renz, Jane Balser Newland, Hazel Taylor and Mary Foltz.

Thank you, Lillian. This is only a small token of our appreciation for your many hours given to the OTYC.

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In Memoriam

Hazel Clark Taylor, 99, a writer from Omena, died Saturday, August 12, 1989, at Leelanau Memorial Hospital.

She had lived in Omena since 1948, spending winters in Ocean Springs, Miss. She graduated from the University of Kansas with a bachelor of arts degree; received a masters degree from the University of Wisconsin; and was a candidate for PhD in English. She was a member of the American Association of University Women, Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity, Society of Women Geographers, St. Christopher Episcopal Church of Northport, the Omena Women's Club, Omena-Traverse Yacht Club, and the Aaron Burr Society.

She had written articles for various newspapers and magazines, and authored radio scripts for Washington, DC, radio show, where she had a half-hour show.

She taught at Americanization School and was director of Education and Recreation Program for the WPA, in Washington, DC. She taught English at the University of Philippines. During WWII, she was the public relations director for the Women's Army Air Force in Washington. Later she was an information specialist to Gen. Hap Arnold.

Born March 23, 1890, in Stella, Neb., she was the daughter of Harry E. and Blanche (Monod) Clark. In 1916, in Kansas City, Mo., she married Dr. Edward H. Taylor, who preceded her in death in 1978.

She also is preceded in death by one daughter, Jeanne Louise, one sister, Helen Clark Reed and one brother, Maj. H. E. Clark, Jr.

She is survived by one son, Richard Clark Taylor of Omena; one daughter, Patricia Taylor Kulick of Omena and Ocean Spring, Miss.; 5 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at St. Christopher Mission in Northport, meeting at St. Gertrude's. Burial will be in Stella, Neb.

Memorials may be direct to Leelanau Memorial Hospital or Leelanau Conservancy.

Notes & Comments from All Over



"You are the sum total of the choices you make in your life."

Dr. Wayne Dyer

"Another bride, another groom, another sunny honeymoon, another reason for makin' whoopee," (apologies to Irving Berlin). Following is our reporter on the scene rendition of what took place. Those of you who were there can send in your own version.

News from the Rays



Our big event of the fall season was son Kevin's marriage to Karis Domanski on September 23 in Lansing. A number of friends from Omena area were able to attend, including Linda and Al Cherne, Stu and Suzie Mulligan, Tom and Mary Smith, Ron and Mary Tonneberger, Rat and Bill Renz, Kathy and Bill Renz, Holly, Preston and Tim Smith, Joan and Ole Kiersey, Kim Kiersey, Mary Woolford, Mary Jo and David Brumbaugh and Nana and Dick Kennedy. Son Michael and Daughter Linda missed the rehearsal, compliments of Hurricane Hugo, which also delayed the arrival of Lin Brown, a college friend of MH's. Guests also were

treated to viewing a picture of Tom Smith at age 6 while serving as the ring bearer for the marriage of Stewart and Ruth Ayars, MH's parents. The most fun of all was seeing our relatives and friends, both from Wilmette and Omena, mixing with each other at wedding headquarters, the Dillon Inn in Lansing. The young couple honeymooned in Maine and are settling into married life in Oak Park, Illinois.

Additional information on the Ray family; Michael is working for AT & T in Philadelphia in conjunction with an internship with Hope College. Living quarters, room-mates and all those other good things were not reported by his mother, but if he's in any kind of communication field, I expect to see him on television starring with a couple of beautiful young women, the story of which would revolve around the three of them sharing an apartment - or has that already been done? Linda is now a freshman at Denison (good old Granville) and reports that college is different than high school. In many ways, as I recall. MH and John now have that big house in Wilmette all to themselves. No more patter of little feet... at least for the time being. ENJOY.

The Renz's, like the Rays, are starting to scatter to the four winds. Bill and Kathy report from Columbus and Cincinnati, Kathy in the former, working and looking for a transfer to the latter, and I can understand that. Absence does make the heart grow fonder. Meanwhile, the next generation (older), as happens, have done some traveling together. After Labor Day, a wedding at The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, fire and all. For those of you unfamiliar with the

surroundings, there are a lot of trees on this island, and a lot of old hotels and homes made of lumber of course, and a fire could be very devastating. But it wasn't, but I imagine Bill and Rat's memory of it will linger for a while. Then to Lansing for the Ray-Domanski wedding, and a renewal with old friends who they probably had seen about a month before. October and Omena, they seem to go together and as they so aptly word it, a fall fling. Old friends, the Melvilles, were there also. A few miles apart in Cincinnati and all the way to Omena to get together. That's what I call reaching out. November and New Orleans. Another nicetwosome, and a Paint Show. Do you paint the town red at one of these things or some other bright color? I guess in New Orleans, anything goes. (That's a good song title.) Then on to Houston and Dallas for family visits, and then back to Cincinnati for a traditional Thanksgiving. Then New Years and all the children and wives home for the holidays. When does Bill work?

Our old friends, the Gorhams, who made the move from Kerrville, TX, to Suttons Bay, MI, where they live on Lover's Lane. I've been told about those places. Some of you were already aware of their move because it was made in April of this year, and they left Texas after being hailed upon by a storm that damaged a good part of the area where they lived. Roofs and cars were damaged, including theirs. Good to have you both back.

Mary Woolford writes about two super individuals named Jackie and Jerry Scott who wouldn't sell their property to developers for a resort area. Florida should have some of those people. Mary's plans include Arizona and Oregon after

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the holidays, and I can't think of two nicer places to be, other than Omena.

The Reads from Virginia (sounds like one of the first families) are pleased to announce to all that they have built a small cottage next to the Fortinos on Ingall's Bay and will be renewing acquaintances and associations at OTYC. Charlotte has been associated ever since her aunt, Nellie Fordham, became one of the early members in the 50's. Charlotte's mother, Ruth Smiley, is resting in a nursing home close to the Read's home in Alexandria, VA.

Hawaii and the Finns. They went for a tour, and it has stretched out to 21 years. Those tours sure do wonders for people. Anniversaries and birthdays are coming up for them. Wedding-67; Marion 89; Crampton 92. Sounds like the Fountain of Youth has left Florida.

Pat Kulick writes from Mississippi with news of her mother's death which others of you have included in your letters. Her death notice, taken from the Traverse City Record-Eagle, appears in this edition of the Breeze.

Pat recalls joining the Club along with her mother in either 1948 or 49. That's a few years back folks, at least to me.

Suzy Mulligan, another traveler along with Stu, went to California to see Stu's

mother and then to Birmingham (MI or AL?) for a high school class reunion. I've been to a couple of those, both Doris's and mine. Lots of fun and memories (good and bad). Then on to Florida to move their boat from Ft. Myers to Sanford — a 500 mile trip. I hope you had an engine in case you had to motor. December 1 and it's back to Omena for Dan and Colleen's second child. Grandparenting is great fun. Good Luck.

Joan Kiersey remembers and reminisces about Omena this past summer and Kalamazoo now. Worlds apart and different. Three week-ends skipping back up, one rainy, one freezing, and one half and half, but it's still Omena, a world of dreams (sometime, and a world of reality, sometimes), but oh what a difference. Kiersey's empty nest is hectic again with work schedules and the like with both she and Ole. We know the feeling, but again, that's the real world.

The Gaffneys. After Omena, two weeks on a 39-foot sailboat from Sandusky to Buffalo, NY, Doris and I and two others. Boat living is different, but wonderfully enjoyable. Home for a while and then to Tennessee and Cade's Cove, North and South Carolina, Florida and Georgia. Visiting friends and places. Key West was the furthest and interesting. But home is where it is all at. Dayton and Omena. For now it's 30.

Special Note from Bill Sandt

To my friends at OTYC:

Our yacht club - good old OTYC - it will be there this year, next year, ten years from now, forever — or will it? This beacon that beckons us back to Omena with its gleaming beauty and wishes us farewell with the swaying of its green sentinels, surely will have the strength to survive, or will it? What a jewel the club is in its setting of green as you first approach it from the other side of the bay. Will it sparkle forever like a diamond? Will the rain that clears the air maintain it as beautiful as it appears year after year?

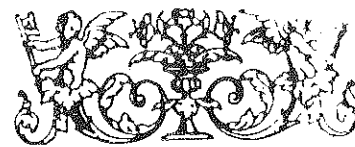
Each year we give thanks to be able to

get together for another wonderful experience in Omena. The club and its building make us feel happy and at peace with ourselves and the world around us. Do you think this feeling that we all so cherish can be renewed year after year without the toll of time on the club itself?

There are many among us who have given generously of their precious Omena time to help make our Club come alive year after year, and we owe a great debt of gratitude to those who make that possible. But each year we only look to this season, this potluck, this year's youth program.

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Message from a Past Commodore



This past summer while we were in Omena, I thought it would make a good story to have some input from some past Commodores. I ran the idea past several people and they thought it was a good idea, since I had never met some of them and a personal interview with each was an almost impossible task. A letter was sent to each of them with a guideline of several questions that I thought would give them some insight of what I was trying to do. The questions covered what they thought they had accomplished, what they hadn't, would they serve again, suggestions for future Commodores, and their visions and hopes for the Club in the next ten years. A few replied. Some did not. Opinions expressed will be theirs and those opinions will remain anonymous.

The first is from one of the early Commodores and he tells of the expansion of the Youth Program set up by his predecessor and of his and his wife's involvement in starting the dock improvement. The problems encountered were much like those in any organization. Those with you and those against you. In his words, "that

situation seemed to threaten the very existence of the Club." The grumbling between the two sides was unlike anything he had encountered at any other social club to which he had belonged. However, he did say he would do it all over again. Among the things he suggests are to keep the club financially sound and promote interaction among the members. Talking to others he feels promotes closer friendships and I totally agree with that premise. The other response I received (where were the rest of you) was from someone who says in answer to the questions, their own experience was a mixed bag, but mostly enjoyable, thanks to the support and help of the Board. The accomplishments were mostly with the Youth Program in several areas. The hope for the future is MORE SAILING by adults and the younger generation. Sounds good to me.

I enjoyed sending out the questionnaire and the response. I can only say to those who did not respond, do so if you wish and maybe your response will find its way into the next issues of the **Breeze**.



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What about the future? The Club, like a vine, is going to wither if we don't plan for the survival of the Club in the changing environment of the world around us. The next century is just around the corner. It will be here in eleven short years. Do you think OTYC is going to be there to greet the year 2000? I surely hope so! But it's not going to happen by itself, we must do that.

I suggest that we should put ourselves into the year 2000 and try to visualize what OTYC is going to be like or better yet how we want the Club to be like so that it can survive for another century. I suggest, as Bob Bailey and others have suggested before me, that we call together a group of distinguished members and form a blue ribbon team to create the "Plan 2000" to see a vibrant Club into the next century with workable

suggestions to implement the plan.

Obviously, such a plan will not work unless every member is in favor and committed to its adoption and implementation. With such a plan in hand, however, we have a blueprint for the Club's continued healthy existence. We need to find direction and define purpose. To put it in today's buzzwords, we need to develop a mission statement, define goals and develop action plans. Like any other volunteer endeavor, we will not be able to accomplish all that we want to do but at least we have a sense of direction and guidelines of how to get to a club that will be alive and functioning in the year 2000.

Now is the time to get started! We have seen the danger signals; our youth program has dwindled into a shadow of its

former self, our big social functions that used to generate income for the founders fund have gone into the red, the costs of maintaining our facilities are taking an increasing chunk out of our budget and there are others.

I hope all of you will give it some thought over the winter and then let us begin in 1990. When you come back to Omena and you come around the corner and see that gracious building welcoming you from across the bay, stop and take a pledge to do your share in securing the future of the Club into the next century. I know I will volunteer to help!

These old songs might stir up some memories, so I thought I might send it along.

OMENA

(Tune of Romona)

Omena, you've waters blue and fragrant pines
Omena, I bless the day that made you mine
Enduring, alluring, with memories of friendships fair,
When laughter and music go dancing o'er the silent air
Omena, may crystal waters ever flow
Omena, may sunset color ever glow
Far be the day when I no longer will return
Omena, I love you, I do.

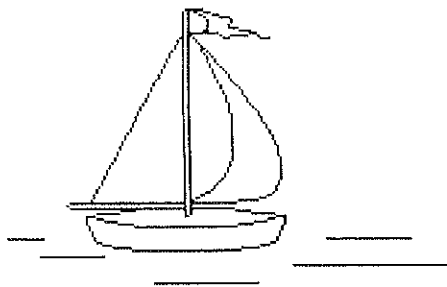
HAPPY FAMILY

We are just a happy family
Just as happy as can be
Now that we are all together
Happiness you see
We have looked the whole world over
And seen a lot of misery
We all thank the Lord that we are
Just a happy family

We are just a happy family
meeting on the shore each year
Let us sing and dance together
Happiness is here.

We have looked the whole world over
And seen all that there is to see
We all think Omena's Yacht Club
Is the place for us to be.

Now that we are all together
Let us swim and dance and eat — and eat —
and eat.
In sun and all kinds of weather
We all love to meet
Soon when we will all be leaving
Home to those we hold so dear
May the good Lord bless and keep you
'Til we meet again next year.



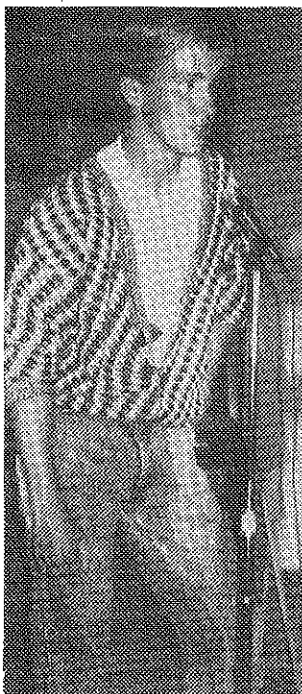
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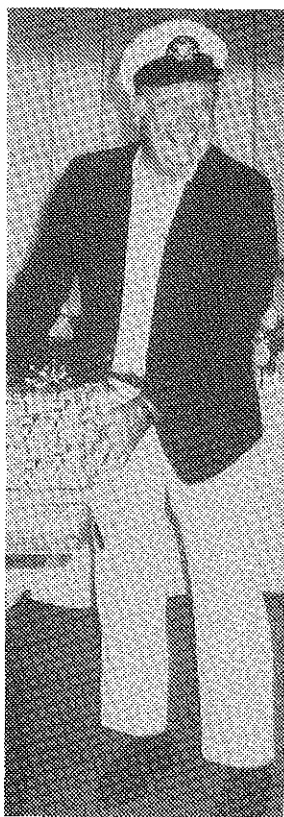
The next generation.



The old and the new.



*The Youth
Chairman and
inspiration.*



*Boy am I glad
it's over!*



Those who wish may join us. It's a great life!