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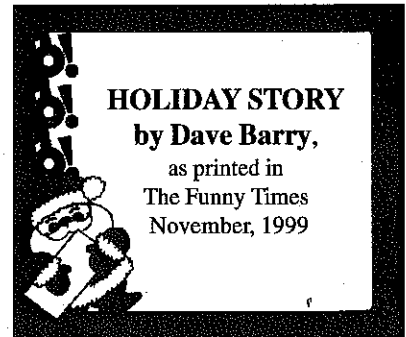
Jack & Mary Louise Sarvis, Charlotte Read, Marcia Biskupski, Trudy Lewis, and Mary Smith enjoy each other and another great catered dinner.

Many OTYC members stayed on late into the fall or made return visits. They and the year-round folks found plenty to do! In addition to all the fine dining (catered dinners continued through December), there was a memorable Stratford, Ontario, adventure in September. The Blounts organized the trip and greatly enhanced our enjoyment of Hamlet and As You Like It. Also on the agenda was a superb production of Fiddler on the Roof. Fall activities also included a delightful afternoon strolling the Smiths' orchard, followed by a gathering at Nana and Dick Kennedy's home.



Omena Point Road on a snowy morning - 11/20/00 ▲

This is that special time of year. The Holiday Retail Purchasing Season is a time when we traditionally print heartwarming human interest stories designed to make you feel better about running up a level of debt normally associated with Mexico.



HOLIDAY STORY

by Dave Barry,

as printed in

The Funny Times

November, 1999

I have such a heartwarming story, which was published by The London Times and sent in by alert reader John Nicholls. The story, which I am not making up, concerns a man named Neil from Devon, England, who discovered an owl nesting in his garden. Each night, Neil would go outside and hoot to the owl. To his delight, he'd hear a hoot in reply; then he'd hoot some more. This went on night after night, month after month; Neil even kept a log of his conversations with the owl.

Then one day Neil's wife got to talking about this with a neighbor, who said that her husband, whose name is Fred, had also been going out every night to hoot to the owl. At this point the women realized that their husbands had in fact spent an entire year hooting to each other. The owl was not involved at all. The owl was probably inviting its owl friends over to drink owl beer and listen to these two hooting twits and laugh until they fell off the branch.

I admit that this heartwarming story is not directly related to the holiday season, but doesn't it make you feel better? You can say to yourself: "Maybe I will go broke this holiday season, and maybe I will wind up hospitalized with injuries sustained in hand-to-hand combat with other parents over who gets to buy the last Beanie Baby at the Toys Sure 'R' Expensive store, but at least I will not be spending my evenings standing in some cold, damp English garden exchanging hoots with a man named Fred!"

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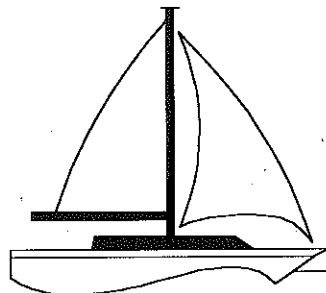
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A Message from the Commodore

As I sit here in Omena with a strong touch of fall in the air and the Club put to bed (almost), I am delighted at what a wonderful summer season we all had, just ending with the reception last week. Even more exciting is the camaraderie that is building toward being together year-round.

With our catered dinners under the direction of the Schleefs (and soon to be the Sandts), continuing on through the winter and the upcoming ski outing, it will be spring before you know it. So many deserve our thanks for pitching in and taking responsibility for events, maintenance, and new ideas. As a result, we have had a surge in new member applications for both guest and regular memberships across all age groups. For this we are most pleased, as it is with new energies that your Club can grow and provide services and fun to all.

We thank two retiring Board members who are still very interested and involved: Sam Cone, former Treasurer, and Dennis Turner, former Secretary. Each made key contributions to the Board and the Club, and we will continue to rely on their advice. Also retiring is Nancy Sandt, our Financial Administrator, who has contributed many years of service and was most diligent in supporting the Board with information. We are pleased that David Faught has agreed to fill that position. We will miss the Martineaus with all their contributions to the social activities, but know they will return for some of the summer fun. We thank them all.

In the months ahead, the Board will be working on the landscaping plans that you saw this summer. The Board is excited about implementing some of your priorities, and landscaping is high on the list. Also to be looked at is the resurfacing of the tennis court. With the blistering tournaments organized by Jack Bishop, we are climbing to new levels in both competition and enthusiasm. Working behind the scenes on all of this is your Junior Assistant Groundskeeper, Mike Biskupski, who is always smiling and ready to listen to one more request.

And finally, this is the last Breeze to be published under the guiding hand of Suzie Mulligan. Suzie has kept us all focused and has made enormous strides in applying new technology to publishing our newsletter and directory. We know she will be assisting the Knorps as they take over this important link among us all.

We hope that your holiday season is special as the year 2000 closes and that you are near to family and friends as we toast 2001.

We'll see you when the snow melts and, hopefully, the water level begins to rise.

THANK YOU! - The Board of Directors

The Board thanks the following members for their generous donations:

- Delcie and Glenn White for a Laser sailboat that was used frequently this summer and can be used by all members.
- Barbara and Jay Grosmark for a metal sculpture of sailboats, now installed in our Club entrance.
- Betty Graf for a Sunfish added to the sailing fleet.
- Marilyn and Bill Graf for a set of casual summer furniture which is now installed on the newly refurbished indoor balcony for your use.

We know that all Club members are grateful for the generosity of these members.

OTYC COMING TO THE INTERNET

Jay Grosmark has volunteered to do a web site for OTYC. This site could list coming events, a history of the club, membership and officers, dates to remember, pictures, and more. To see what Jay has done for other groups, go to his home page at <http://www.jaywg.com>. Jay needs photos of the club (inside and out), photos of activities such as potlucks, youth program, sailing races, tennis and so on. A couple in each category would be fine. You can either e-mail or snail-mail them to him. If you send them to him by regular mail, he will return them in a few days.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Barbara Harris, Chairman

As of the Annual Meeting on July 15, 2000, our OTYC membership numbers were as follows:

Family - 94 (184)	Single Adult - 21	Associate - 4 (5)
Lifetime - 3 (5)	Honorary - 4 (5)	Guest - 8 (16)
Junior - 34		

(The second figure is the number of individuals represented.)

I'm very pleased that, in an effort to encourage our Junior members to continue their interest in OTYC, our by-laws have been amended to include a new Associate Member category. It is described for you in the Minutes of the Annual Meeting on pages 10 and 11 of this Breeze, as are other amendments pertaining to membership.

There were 5 resignations in the past year: Janet McNeil (SA), Fred Neidhardt & Jerry Chippault (F), Alis Robinson(SA), Charles & Kay Silkworth (F), Ronald & Shirley Woodard (G). New members and members who have upgraded their memberships are: Mary Anderson (SA), Christopher Bishop (SA), Steven Brechin & Nancy Cantor (F), Dr. Greg & Layne Brown (F), Dr. James & Kathy Browning (G), Cammie Buehler (A), Loren & Alice Carey (F), Laura Deibel (F), Jeffrey & Maria Drinan (G), David & Carolyn Faught (F), Lee & Liz Feely (F), William & Be Fuertges (G), Robert & Jeanne Grabowski (G), Thomas & Debra Jeffrey (G), Thomas & Helen Maher (F), Dr. Thomas & Lisa Newland (F), David & Judy Pohlod (G), James & Bonnie Scarlett (G), Brian & Sally Shapiro (F), Matt & Meg Wilkes (A), Anna Varley (A), Tim & Brenda White (G).

I've finally joined the high-tech world and have all of your records on computer. Please check your entry in the Membership Directory and send additions or corrections to me:

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EXTENDED SEASON ACTIVITIES

Nana Kennedy, Chairman

Our summer season opened with a flourish at the Memorial Day Cocktail Party, hosted by the Balases and Knorps, and ended most successfully with the Labor Day Picnic, hosted by the Sarvises and Pohlods. This fall, we enjoyed a leisurely stroll through the Smiths' lovely orchard, followed by a delightful Fall Gathering arranged by the Schleefs - generous and gracious hosts, one and all, and we owe them our special thanks.

Now, we hope each of you will circle your calendar for the first event of the year 2001, our annual Ski Outing on Saturday, February 17. Skiers will meet at Fire Lane 6 at 3:00 p.m. and take off into the Woods, and the afterglow will be at the Kennedys (snow or no snow), starting at 5:00. We look forward to seeing you there!

News from our friends...

Linda and Mike McKenzie "are doing well and have had a busy six months with John Ray (Jack) McKenzie. Jack is now rolling over and almost sitting up. He is changing so much with each day, it is hard to keep up with the baby book! Linda is on a one-year maternity leave from teaching fourth grade and is loving it. Mike is working for Revere as a Computer Consultant and is commuting an hour each way to his client which is tough, but at least his client isn't out of town. We've traveled a lot this Fall to visit friends. Our most recent was to Victoria, Canada, and Seattle, WA, to visit Tracey Melville. Luckily, Jack is a good traveller."

Holly Smith tells us, "No news is not always good news. I haven't written in a while because there has been very little good news to report. Now I can report that, after a year of intense therapy, I am as cancer-free as the doctors can detect. Also, despite on-going congestive heart failure and a recent hospitalization, **Conway** appears to be on the mend as well. More good news is that the children and grandchildren are all doing well. The Smiths have a great deal to be thankful for."

Gil and Annette Deibel report that they "traveled to Portland, Oregon, in October to attend the Land Trust Alliance Rally. It was very stimulating to learn more of the growing Conservancy movement across the country."

Mary and Ron Tonneberger "survived the summer of 2000 with their marriage intact in spite of OTYC and township calls. As a result, we added Privacy Manager to our telephone in order to avoid the frequent arguments - whose call is this???? To prepare for the year 2001, we are off to Hawaii in early November for a week of golf and to Acapulco with Karen and family in January. Added to our family in mid-December will be baby Edgley who will be introduced to the jet life early. Alex, our grandson, and Mary will visit Ron's,

father and our son Scott in Florida in late November. Great grandfather continues in good health and spirits at age 97. Scott continues, as does Roger, our son-in-law, to rack up frequent flier business miles with trips throughout the world. Omena is Mecca to all."

Mary Helen and John Ray write, "We left Omena to try out our rusty French in France during October. The rainy weather challenged us, but the sights and experiences of Provence, the Loire chateau area and Paris overwhelmed us. It was neat seeing the refurbished Paris buildings and the areas where the Impressionists had painted, along with their original works. We plan to return to Omena for the winter gathering in February and perhaps during the holidays."

A note from **Margy Lyon**: "We've had a lovely fall with warm weather and beautiful leaves. I'm going to Ireland for the week of November 3-10 with the retired teachers group. **Betsy Ehrhardt** was with me for ten days the end of September, while I recovered from elbow surgery. We had a good time driving around Cincinnati looking at all of the decorated pigs. 'The Big Pig Gig' has been a great success. The pigs go up for auction on November 13, with the proceeds going to charities. In early September Betsy, Drew and I visited Peggy and Jon in Kansas City, KS. Since then **Betsy and Drew** have been to Florida to visit Libby and Mike and will be in Baltimore, MD, to visit Bob, Marty and the four grandchildren Nov. 1-6. It looks like Christmas will be in Cincinnati this year - a full house! Merry Christmas to all."

It was a busy fall for **Stu and Suzie Mulligan**, with family and houseguests in September and November and a glorious October week in Dayton with old college buddies Janey and Gene Hadley. We thoroughly enjoyed all of the "extended season activities" and many other delightful events with our OTYC

friends. Especially notable was the fine bus trip to Stratford with 30 other OTYC members. **Dale Blount's** knowledge and love of Shakespeare truly made this a trip to remember. In addition, we've enjoyed all of the splendid catered dinners that Peggy has continued to prepare for us throughout the fall. The woman knows how to cook!"

The news from **Tish, Bill and Crystal Renz**: "I don't know if the Breeze deadline has come and gone or not, but I'll include a few tidbits on our life anyway. Obviously our life has revolved around Crystal who celebrated her first birthday in October. She is growing up fast and is on the verge of walking. She is taking swim classes at our "Y" so she'll be ready for the beaches of Grand Traverse Bay next summer. We'll be heading to Grosse Pointe for Thanksgiving, and Crystal will experience her first Thanksgiving Day Parade. Tish was in Washington, DC, in September to serve as godmother for the baptism of her nephew, and while in town, she got together with Jan Walker for an afternoon of lunch and shopping."

Bob Gelakoski writes that "**Bob, Andrea and Brian** spent another wonderful summer in Omena. Bob returned for two weeks in October for some Fall weather. He went to Spain with the Salvador Dali Museum in St Petersburg, FL, visiting Madrid, Barcelona, and Figueres the home of Salvadore Dali. In addition Bob went to Aurora, IL, for his 8th grade reunion. Most of the members of the class came. We all had a great time talking about the last fifty years. Brian is a freshman at Valencia college in Orlando, FL, and is enjoying a good year with lots of surfing in Daytona Beach. Andrea is a Junior at the University of Florida, and is going to all the football games. She is also very involved with her sorority sisters at Chi Omega. We wish all of you, wherever you are, a wonderful Holiday Season."

...and more news

Rat and Bill Renz send holiday greetings. "We hope that this finds you and your families well and happy. Here's what's been happening around our house: Bill and I have been busy this fall. In September we flew to Houston for a few days to visit Bill's cousin. In October we drove to Chicago for the annual "Paint Show." While in Chicago, I got a wonderful tour of Marshall Field's given by the Field's archivist and a walk through the Merchandise Mart. Besides admiring the Tiffany dome at Field's, I learned it is the largest expanse of Tiffany glass in the world. Another day I toured one of the old Victorian homes on Prairie Avenue, visited a Presbyterian church with about 20 Tiffany windows, and then enjoyed "High Tea" at the Drake Hotel. Not much time left for shopping, but I at least managed to purchase a few boxes of Frangos from Field's. Had supper with **Linda & Mike McKenzie** one evening. We just returned from a few days in Williamsburg where we admired the town and the fall colors. After a 1700s dinner at Chowning's Tavern, we heard about the Legends, Myths and Ghosts of Williamsburg. On our last morning there, I had a lively conversation with Martha Washington, who had just arrived in Williamsburg for a short stay. I am thoroughly enjoying my "retirement" which gives me time to do lots of fun things. I spent one whole day just walking around downtown Cincinnati to look at the pigs. The 'Big Pig Gig' here is a copy of Chicago's cows from last year. Cincinnati has over 400 pigs sitting or standing around here and there, and they are great fun to see! Too bad they will be auctioned off soon. We have been to Louisville a couple of times - once to see Meredith and Griffin in their respective soccer games. Bill is still working hard when we are not on the road. I am taking two classes from the University of Cincinnati's "Institute of Learning in Retirement." We hope to get to Omena one more time before winter sets in."

Missy Bosco says, "I had a wonderful summer - six trips to Omena, even though they were just long weekends. I enjoyed walking/running Omena Point and then lifting weights at the BarnSpa (my name for mom and dad's red barn garage). The whole experience of being up North and reconnecting with friends that I had not had much contact with over the past 10 years was rejuvenating for my spirit. And thank goodness, too, because the fall has been very intense; work is busy, I'm redecorating my townhouse, taking flying lessons, traveled to Phoenix for my 20 year high school reunion and am active on the Board of the Lookingglass Theatre Company. Lookingglass, Chicago's second largest theatre company, was established 12 years ago by David Schwimmer and 11 of his classmates from Northwestern University. We have recently been given the rights to Water Tower to redesign/build a theatre, so I'm busy trying to raise \$5 million for our capital campaign. Anyone who visits Chicago should check out one of our performances. You can also find us on the Internet. Happy Holidays!"

An excellent travel tale from **Judy and Bruce Balas**: "We had a never-to-be-forgotten trip to S.E. Asia in late August. We started in Singapore, where Judy's cousin was living. From there we traveled north to Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam. The most fascinating of the places we visited was Bangkok, Thailand. It is a river city and, since cars clog the narrow streets most of the day, the fastest way to get around is by water taxi. Even shopping could be done at floating markets on the canals. The city is filled with temples, palaces, and other exotic places to visit. We spent one whole day shopping at the central market, which had items from all over Asia with great deals for a sharp bargainer like Judy. There was so much to see and do that we finally had to give our guide an afternoon off so we could get a break from sightseeing. We were

"temped-out." And no matter how much Judy pleaded, Bruce refused to go on the ever-popular elephant ride. Cambodia was extremely interesting but not as exotic as Thailand. It has been devastated by the recent civil war. The U.N. has been removing land mines for three years and estimates that there are six million still to be recovered. Much of the infrastructure of the country (roads, phones, electricity, etc.) functions erratically. Credit card use was a real challenge. The people, however, are upbeat and moving forward as best they can. We highly recommend a trip to the archaeological site of Angkor Wat. This is the remains of the kingdom that disappeared 700 years ago, leaving 60 square miles of temple ruins. We had an excellent guide and driver (both very necessary) so we got to climb mountains of monuments

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before exhaustion set in. In Vietnam we visited only Saigon - a fun, bustling city with a strong French influence in architecture, restaurants, tree-lined boulevards, and traffic round-abouts. We were free to wander around the city by foot and taxi without a guide. Surprisingly, we saw little evidence of the war or the communist government. There are few automobiles, but everyone drives a motorbike. One of our greatest challenges was making our way across those wide boulevards, without traffic lights to break the traffic, and seeing a solid wall of thousands of approaching motor bikes that we had to penetrate. It took weeks to scrub the tire tracks from our backs. We had an unexpected surprise when we exchanged \$100 US into Vietnamese money and got \$1,500,000. This unfoldable pile would not fit into our pockets! When we planned our trip, we were leery of the reception that we, as Americans, would receive, especially in Cambodia and Vietnam. The people everywhere were friendly and helpful at all times. It seems they just want to forget the war, get on with life, and spend lots of time with their friends and families."



THE OTYC YACHT RACES

Dennis Turner, Sailing Chairman

The OTYC yacht races were "déjà vu all over again" with respect to some of the results and the actors, but many of the antics were novel.

The Sunfish race was held on Sunday, July 30, and there was better coordination this year with the Club Brunch. Fewer contestants were trying to tack and nibble a donut at the same time. The wind was fresh out of the north, which proved a bit of a challenge to the nine boats in the race. The committee boat was operated by Mike Biskupski, with Bill Knorp serving as camera crew. This year they also had a new toy: a walkie-talkie which was used to communicate with the folks on shore. To call the boat from shore, one had only to shout into the walkie-talkie, "Calling the Bozos," and there was an immediate response. The first race was won by Caroline Turner and Alison Biskupski, with a four minute margin, but

the second race had four boats in contention for the whole race, with the lead changing several times. After the last turn at the leeward mark, Mark Bosco and Abby were in the lead, with Chris Bishop and Commodore Tonneberger in second. In third place were John and Mary Helen Ray who were essentially tied with Caroline Turner and Alison Biskupski. Half way to the finish line Caroline and Alison tacked away from the group, and there was consternation expressed by some folks watching on the dock. Barbara Grosmark responded, "She may have something in mind." Barbara proved prophetic. After tacking back onto starboard, Caroline and Alison's boat was on a collision course with the Bosco boat at the finish-line buoy. On starboard tack, Caroline had right-of-way, forcing Mark to execute a fantastic maneuver, missing Caroline's boat by inches, then tacking across the finish line just one second behind Caroline and Alison's boat. The final overall results were: Caroline and Alison placed first for the second year in a row, Mark Bosco and Abby took second, and Chris Bishop and our commodore finished third.

As if the race was not exciting enough, there was a daring rescue by the Bozos of John and Mary Helen Ray who capsize during the first race - over they went and the Bozos raced to the rescue. With Bill Knorp clicking away with his camera in one hand, and trying to describe the rescue with the walkie-talkie in the other, Mike Biskupski attempted to help M.H. into the boat. She wisely determined that Mike's help was less than useless (He claims a problem with his shoulder) and climbed the ladder onto the boat...

The Big Boat Regatta was held on Sunday, August 6, and the course was from the OTYC dock to the Stoney Point Buoy and back. It was upwind all the way to the buoy and downwind on the return. Perhaps the trickiest part of the race was the starting line which was very short and set close to the dock so that spectators on shore could yell encouragement to the sailors. The tightness of the line, however, was a challenge to the skippers who were hard pressed, while waving to their fans, to cross the line without hitting the dock. Fortunately, all crossed the starting line eventually with no damage to Club property. At the Stoney Point buoy, *Blammer*, an Ensign 22, sailed by Dennis Turner and Nick Roll, with Admiral Alan Read providing tactical advice ("Which way do you think the wind is blowing?"), was in the lead. On the downwind leg, however, Bill and Judy Knorp's boat, *Analare*, with Caroline Turner at the helm, passed *Blammer*. It would be nice to represent that the race was neck and neck to the finish line, but the truth is that *Analare* increased its lead, ultimately finishing 5 minutes ahead. For the second year in a row *Analare* won the race. The Turner/Roll boat was second and the Harris boat, *Sure*, which had the last starting time, was third. (The race organizer has promised that next year *Sure's* handicap will be reduced to less than half a day.)

Thanks to all who sailed and those who came and cheered their favorite crews - and, of course, to the Bozos.

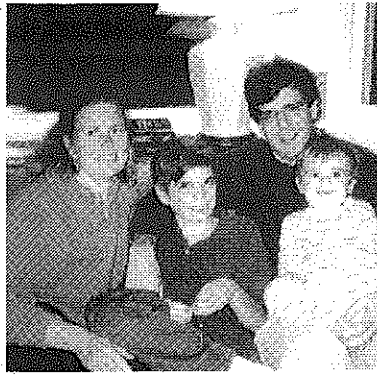
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Meet New Members Carolyn and Dave Faught



We're the Faught family and have lived in Omena year-round for 13 years. Our love affair with Northern Michigan began with our own courtship back in the late 70s, on Mackinac Island, where we spent three summers earning college tuition. On our days off from the Island House Hotel, we traveled around the North, and it was then that we first laid eyes on Leelanau County.

"Post-college career pursuits led us to Cincinnati, where Carolyn, an M.S.U. graduate, worked as a buyer for a large department store called Lazarus. Dave, a Certified Public Accountant and W.M.U. grad, worked first for Procter and Gamble's tax division and later in the tax division at a then-Big 8 firm called Coopers and Lybrand. We spent eight great years in the Queen City, but our hearts were really in the North. We came every chance we could and even bought a small cottage on South Lake Leelanau. We left work on Fridays around six o'clock and arrived sometime after midnight, only to turn around on Sunday and head back.

"One Labor Day weekend, sitting in traffic on the Zilwaukee bridge, we got serious about making this our home. It didn't take long for Dave to land a job with a local CPA firm, and Carolyn came north with visions of finding an old farmhouse on the water and running a bed-and-breakfast. We found a great old house on Omena Bay, but the bed-and-breakfast never happened, unless you count the non-paying guests, namely lots of family and friends!

"Since moving North, we've been blessed with two wonderful boys: Sam, 11, and Will, 2. Not a week goes by without us reflecting on what a tremendous gift of place we have given our boys to grow up in. Sam's chief interests are downhill ski racing, sailing and hanging out with friends building Legos or playing on the computer. Will loves watching the moon shine over Omena Bay, being read to and his Grandma. Since

we moved North, Carolyn's sister (owner of Known Books in Suttons Bay) and her mom have also followed suit.

"After moving North in 1987, Carolyn worked for Traverse, Northern Michigan's Magazine for 10 years. The last five were spent writing and working as Managing Editor. She left there three years ago to indulge her passion for gardening and started Omena Cut Flowers, a U-Pick flower farm which also sells to florists and weekly bouquet subscribers.

"Dave spent the last five years commuting to Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, where he was Chief Financial Officer. In April, he left to start his own CPA firm in Suttons Bay and is loving the independence, the diversity of clients and being five minutes away from home.

"As much as we love living up North, it does have one drawback. When you live here you lose that 'leaving-it-all-behind-ahhh-we're-up-North-on-vacation-feeling' that we had as visitors. That's why we love the OTYC so much. No matter how crazy a day we've had or how challenging the entrepreneur life can be, all our cares fade away the minute we step onto the porch and look out at that view, standing elbow to elbow with so many very nice people. Because most of you are on vacation, for a few short jolly hours in that spectacular setting, we feel like we are too."

FOURTH ANNUAL MODEL YACHT RACES

Due to the enthusiasm and organizational skills of Gil Deibel, the summer of 2000 was a banner year for local model sailboat skippers. Regattas were held in both July and August, and the racing fleet included seven radio-controlled boats. Skippers were: Jack Bosgraaf, Bob Knode, Terry Lunn, Stu Mulligan, Roger Schmidt, Dennis Turner and Justin Webb. With the wind and weather cooperating, each regatta was comprised of five exciting (and sometimes hilarious) races. The Regattas once again attracted over forty spectators to Kathy Look's waterfront adjacent to the Omena Public Beach. The skippers are grateful to Kathy for her hospitality.

The fleet is growing! At least nine skippers are expected to compete on July 21, 2001, with five Lasers, two One Meters and two 50/800's sailing the handicapped races.

For information on how to join the fun and where to purchase a radio-controlled racing sailboat, call Gil Deibel at 386-7560.



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BOAT SLIP POLICY

Mary Tonneberger, Commodore

In an effort to foster greater use of the current pier and slips, the Board of Directors and the Waterfront Committee has passed the following policy changes.

Current slip renters will be notified of their ability to renew their current lease through the year 2005 at dockage rates established by the Board, which should reflect market rates for similar slips in the area. If they choose not to renew in this period, the slip or mooring reverts to use by Club Members in total.

Any improvements to the slips, other than for safety, are the responsibility of the renter.

The OTYC will move to a position of non-rental of slips after the year 2005. The waiting list for slips is eliminated.

Transient use of the slips by members will be encouraged. This implies short-term tie-up of less than 24 hours.

Three slips are currently being rented; two slips are reserved for OTYC boats. Current renters will act as a group to agree annually which slips they will use, and they will report this to the Waterfront Committee.

CELEBRATE WINTER AT OMENA! Annual Ski Outing and Afterglow Party.



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THE OTYC SCHEDULE - 2001

Mary Helen Ray, Social Coordinator

Many of our cottages are buttoned up for the approaching winter, but planning for the 2001 season continues. The schedule thus far includes:

- Sat., February 17 - Ski Outing and Afterglow Party (Nana and Dick Kennedy)
- Sun., May 27 - Memorial Day Reception
- Sat. June 30 - Opening Day Dinner
- Mon., July 2 through Wed., Aug. 17 - Youth Program
- Wed., July 4 through Wed., August 29 - Potluck Dinners (Kathy Turner)
- Mon., July 9 through Mon., August 27 - Catered Dinners (Nancy and Bill Sandt)
- Sat., July 14 - OTYC Annual Meeting
- Sun., July 29 - Small Boat Races
- Sat., August 4 - Commodores' Reception (Charlotte Read and Tish Renz)
- Sun., August 5 - Big Boat Races

Additional events and times will be announced by the chairmen: Nana Kennedy, Extended Season Events; Mary Loveless, Special Events; Amanda Bosco, Golf Coordinator.

If you have additional ideas to share, let the committee know, and we'll try to add the event to the calendar. Look for the complete schedule in your May Breeze, and watch for notices of additional events on the bulletin board near the OTYC signpost at Firelane 3.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

You will find several committee reports, pertaining to both the past and coming seasons, in this Breeze and in the May issue. These reports are not necessarily printed in their entirety, but are included here for your information and/or amusement. If you wish to have a copy of an original report as submitted to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, please contact the commodore.

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WATERFRONT REPORT - Dennis Turner, Chairman

The dock near the boat ramp was installed at a cost of \$100. The structure seems to be more secure than when it was done by the crew assembled by the Junior Assistant Groundskeeper.

The low water level significantly reduced the depth of water in the boat slips, and the Waterfront Committee looked into the possibility of dredging. After consulting with an engineer and considering the cost of the dredging project, the Committee recommended that no dredging be done. Furthermore, the depth of water in the slips improved in July.

The Committee did suggest that a small dock be installed on the north side of the sea wall in front of the club, which would facilitate the boarding of passengers for boats using the slips and other boaters visiting the Club. An estimate of approximately \$1200 was obtained but, due to the lateness of the season, the Committee decided to defer a final decision until 2001.

**ANOTHER FINE SUMMER FOR THE KIDS**

Karen Edgley

With Amanda Bosco at the helm, assisted by Karen Edgley and Cindy Standley, the Summer of 2000 was great for the OTYC Youth Program. We had five weeks of sailing, tennis and activities for the children, and they enjoyed it all.

The counselors were Nick Ferdinand, Cammy Buehler, Alison Biskupski, Suzanne and Chelsea Mason - all helpful and well-organized. The children learned the rudiments of rigging the Sunfish, basic sailing techniques and water-safety rules. On the tennis courts, the older and younger groups practiced their strokes and had mini-tournaments over the five weeks. Some activities on too-calm or rainy days (quite a few of those) were swimming,, tubing , crafts and games.

Field trips on Thursday's included a picnic at the beach near Leland and a picnic at Peterson Park near Northport. At the Big Car Wash, with the children worked hard to raise a bit extra for tennis balls and Youth Group funds.

All the parents appreciated having a constant source of activities and companionship for their children during the summer, helping them to grow up, not only with sailing and water knowledge, but with wonderful memories of their friends in Omena.

We would appreciate input on the program, especially ideas for trips, rainy-day activities and sailing/tennis additions that would add to the fun. It is difficult to lure the 11-14 age group, in particular, without having some extra parental commitments or ideas. Let us know.

Meet New Members Helen and Tom Maher



Helen and Tom Maher joined OTYC in the summer of

2000. "We were married in October, 1999, after getting re-acquainted at our 50th high school reunion in Swarthmore, PA.

Helen is a third generation Ingalls Bay resident, coming up every summer all her life. She graduated from Northwestern University and worked for 20 years in cancer epidemiology at Emory University's School of Public Health. She was glad to retire in 1995 in order to spend entire summers at "The Pioneer." Helen has 3 children: Karen Neri of Newport, RI; Laurie Renter of Marietta, GA; and Matthew Gregory of Chattanooga, TN. She also has 6 grandchildren.

Tom, a graduate of Swarthmore College (BSCE) and of the University of Virginia (MBA), has moved from Chester County, PA, to Helen's home in Cartersville, GA. He retired last year after a career as a professional engineer and work as an economic and financial feasibility expert for large capital projects. Tom has 2 children: Rebecca Everett of West Chester, PA, and Thomas B. Maher of Richmond, VA. He has 3 grandchildren.

We are glad to get to know all the OTYC folks better. If only the summers didn't go so fast!

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF OMENA TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB, July 17, 2000

Commodore Tonneberger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m at the Club.

Board members present: Mike Biskupski, Marsha Buehler, Sam Cone, Gil Deibel, Bob Johnson, Mary Loveless, Ellie Stephenson, Mary Tonneberger, Dennis Turner.

Club members present: Total - 57; Proxies submitted - 49.

The Secretary reported that the presence of 104 members, either in person or by proxy, was required to amend the By-laws. The Secretary further reported that 106 members and proxies were present.

A motion was made by Debbie Disch and seconded by Bill Sandt to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the 1999 Annual Meeting, as published in the Breeze, and to accept them as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer Ellie Stephenson presented the Treasurer's Report for the year, and Jeanne Hines moved to accept the report as submitted. Alan Read seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following Committee Reports were presented:

- A. Waterfront - Dennis Turner
- B. House and Grounds - Mike Biskupski...
- C. Youth - Amanda Bosco.
- D. Social - Connie Martineau
- E. Membership - Barb Harris
- F. Breeze - Suzie Mulligan

New Business:

A. Proposed changes in OTYC by-laws were presented by Marsha Buehler. A two-thirds majority of the quorum is required for passage.

1. Article I. Section C. Add the following subsection f.

f. The Board may, from year to year, determine the number of new memberships available, with the following provisions:

- 1. The limitation, if any, shall be announced at the Annual Meeting and will apply for the following 12 month period only.*
- 2. No distinction shall be made between single adult and family membership units with respect to limitations on new memberships.*
- 3. Approved applicants shall be granted membership in the chronological order of receipt by the Board of their completed applications for membership. Approved applicants who can not be granted membership in a particular year will be notified of their placement on a waiting list and will retain such placement unless*

and until written notice of their withdrawal of application is received by the Board.

4. A sibling, child, grandchild, parent or grandparent of a current member in good standing may apply for and be granted membership regardless of any limitation on the number of new memberships which may be in effect.

5. A guest member in good standing shall receive preference for membership over new applicants.

Amendment approved.

2. Article I. Sections B, C and D.

B. Classes of Membership. Add:

4. Associate - a person, age 24-30, who has been a Junior member since eligible.

C. Application for Membership. Add:

4. Associate Membership

- a. A Junior member at age 23 may become an Associate (non-voting) member by paying Associate membership dues.*
- b. An Associate member's spouse is included in the Associate membership.*
- c. An Associate member becomes an adult (voting) member by paying Adult membership dues.*

D. Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership.

1. Use of club property. Add:

- a. An Adult member, child or grandchild, under age 14, of an Adult member, an Associate member, a Guest member.*

Suzie Mulligan moved, and was seconded by Debbie Disch, to amend the proposed by-law as follows:

Single Associate members will be assessed dues at 50% of a regular Single Adult membership and married Associate members will be assessed dues at 50% of a regular Family membership. Special assessments will be waived for Junior and Associate members.

John Ray moved to amend the proposed amendment by increasing the maximum age for an Associate member to 32 years of age. Mary Woolford seconded the motion. Motion to amend the amendment was defeated.



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The question was then called on the amendment proposed by Suzie Mulligan. Her motion to amend passed.

The question was then called on the proposed by-law change, as amended. Motion on the by-law change to create an Associate membership was passed.

3. Bill Sandt moved, and was seconded by Barbara Harris, to amend Article II (Dues and Other Charges) as follows:

Article II - Dues and Other Charges. Add:

4. *The Board may assess members for the maintenance, repair or replacement of Club property or facilities up to the annual adult dues per year for an adult member.*
5. *The Board may assess the members for any amount in excess of that provided for in paragraph 4 for maintenance or replacement of Club property or facilities, and for any additions to Club property or facilities, after due notice and approval at an Annual Meeting in the manner provided for by the amendment of the By-laws in Article VII hereof.*

Motion passed.

4. Proposed changes in slip rental policies were discussed and a questionnaire was distributed to the members in order to obtain their input on the proposed changes.
5. Mary Woolford was made an Honorary OTYC member for her years of service and support for the Club.
6. Dick Kennedy, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, nominated the following individuals for membership on the Board:
 Michael Biskupski
 John Smart
 Larry Bensley
 No nominations were made from the floor.
 The nominations were approved.

7. Mary Helen Ray thanked the Board on behalf of the membership for their efforts during the last year.

Bill Sandt moved for adjournment, and the motion was seconded by Jay Grosmark. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Turner, Secretary



TENNIS AT OTYC - Jack Bishop, Chairman

In August another wonderful tennis season at OTYC culminated with the finals of the Hodgson Cup Mixed Doubles Tournament. The teams of Dennis Turner & Cindy Standley and Drew Ehrhardt & Marcia Biskupski both survived the semi-finals and faced off for the final match. Biskupski and Ehrhardt won (6-3 and 6-4), one of many close and exciting matches over the three weeks of play. The so-called "Losers' Cup" or "Consolation Tournament," made up of the four teams that lost in the first round, was won by Dennis Turner (for Mike Biskupski) and Judy Knorp.

There were sixteen participants this year, indicating a strong continuing interest in adult tennis at OTYC. Were it not for travelling schedules and considerable other comings and goings during the three weeks, there would have been several more. A few injuries also cut slightly into our numbers.

It was a special pleasure to play on the "new" tennis court, our intrepid Junior Assistant Groundskeeper, Mike Biskupski (laid up with a shoulder injury) having arranged for a wonderful power-wash of the surface in June. Volunteers did the job, using Alan Read's super power-wash machine!

A good season with lots of good tennis continued to be played through August and September. See you next year!

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HOUSE AND GROUNDS REPORT

(Editor's note: Space limitations and respect for the rules of grammar required minor editing of the chairman's report, as submitted at the Annual Meeting. The substance, however, is all here - for better or worse.)

The most monumental and pleasant news is, of course, the new kitchen. All members should be proud... It is a very impressive addition. Most members viewed the kitchen for the first time at our first potluck. Special thanks to our potluck chairpersons for that evening, Judy Smart and Laura Deibel, for sponsoring the longest cocktail hour in Club history...

Members may recall that last year, prior to the new kitchen, a mouse had taken up residence, causing concern regarding health issues. The original plan was to entice it into a trap with a bit of raclette and a morsel of soudough... However, when more compassionate members heard of the plan, they suggested a humane alternative: a box that would house the mouse until it could be safely released, rather than to enter into a federal capital punishment debate... The safe box was chosen. The mouse entered, was relocated and released.

There is word that there is a mouse in the kitchen. Perhaps we should have taken it farther than the swing set and kept the kitchen door closed. Female members have provided a description of the mouse. They believe it is a male, based on characteristics shown: swaggers, pouts...

As reported in the Breeze, a number of wood chips were missing, when counted prior to the beginning of the season. I am pleased to report that those wood chips were anonymously returned to the Junior Assistant Groundskeeper's door in a plain brown bag...

A new committee was formed this year: the Tennis Court Power-washing Committee... Alan Read, Waterfront Committee chair, suggested that we (the Club), rather than pay to have the court cleaned and power-washed, do it ourselves. He indicated to the recruits (Jay Grosmark, Bill Knorp, Dennis Turner and Jack Bishop) that the job would take about two hours, secretly knowing that it would take twenty-four...

Children Know Best - 1st Story: A log with dangerous spikes was discovered in shallow water where our children sail and swim. The Board dispatched orders to the Waterfront Committee to remove the hazard and make the beach safe. Alan Read and Dennis Turner, with step-by-step precision, devised a plan: 1. A crowbar would dislodge the log, and we could float it ashore. The crowbar was too small. 2. An eight-foot metal pipe would be used as a lever to move that sucker. The pipe bent. 3. Alan, with chain attached to the rear of his vintage Jeep, would yank the log... The chain broke. The Jeep got stuck. Consensus: Call Kal. The quote: \$3000! That evening, Dennis's son Michael, visiting his parents, was apprised of the problem. Michael, an engineer, took a hacksaw underwater, cut off all the dangerous spikes and filed them smooth...

Children Know Best - 2nd Story: Our kitchen is equipped with the most modern and efficient appliances, thanks to the Buehlers' expertise, but we inherited an eight year old stove that would not heat above 200 degrees... The Board said "Let's buy a new stove - cost be damned!"... After the commodore made arrangements for the purchase, the commodore's daughter, Karen, noticed that the oven dial was upside down. The stove works. We saved another \$1,000...

Small notes: 1. The water is low; our slips are in jeopardy... 2. Exit signs are now lit. Take note, look around and familiarize yourself with the signs and their placement... 3. A long-term landscaping plan is in the works... Laura Deibel is working with Anita Silverman. The flowers are more expensive than ever, of course... This time they are all planted in pots, so we will know where they go next year. 4. Our new swing set was completed before the end of last year.

Each year, tradition dictates that we end with a Gil Deibel story... Gil is chair of the Flagpole Committee, having been given that honor in absentia. He was to call a meeting to get flagpole deeds done... and he did schedule the meeting for June 31. None of the committee members could fit it into their schedules for that date... A meeting is scheduled for the same date next year. Perhaps we'll have better attendance then.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Biskupski, Assistant Junior Groundskeeper

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