

## The 1980's

### 1981 -1982

Vernon D. Halliday is Commodore; Robert Wynkoop, Vice Commodore; Lois Halliday, Secretary; Terry Lang, Treasurer and Ian Ulen, Fleet Captain. Jeff Hale is Sailing Master and Richard Hamann assistant. There is much activity about the new tennis courts as to placement, cost and timing. All of which is finally resolved by persistence and the generosity of contributing members. Another year to host the Western Michigan Regatta. Harry Lang as General Chairman and his many helpers were busy with 180 boats and 500-600 sailors. Crystal Lake still is the most popular regatta site, as is should be.

Harry recalls this about the regatta:

The year was 1981. The Western Michigan Yachting Association Regatta at Crystal. Vern Halliday was CLYC Commodore and Larry Hale Commodore of WMYA. As Regatta Chairman, I asked Vern to be in charge of hospitality which was a natural for Vern who was very personable and took his responsibilities seriously. Part of the responsibilities was arranging for and maintaining the Port-A-Johns which were placed against the back of the clubhouse. In front of them was the road used for launching.

One day when a boat and trailer took that road a little too sharp, the stern of the boat hit one of the Port-A-Johns and tipping it on its side to about a 45 degree angle where it hesitated momentarily and then flipped back up to its standing position.

Well, all of a sudden the Port-A-John door opened and out came one of our lady sailors dazed and white as a sheet.

Vern Halliday was dispatched to handle this shaking event, and I was glad to learn that he was able to sooth the nerves of our trembling lady sailor.

Donna Phillips, along with Ron, started a string of years supervising activities for the Junior Fleet. Judy Lambiotte and Cathy Sykora pulled off a rummage sale that netted the club handsomely. Jeff Hale, the sailing master, must have had one of those days when he reported to the board "that his racing watch was not accurate, the loud hailer didn't work and the lawn mower wouldn't cut the grass". Donna Phillips begins announcing racing results on

the local Frankfort radio station. Bob Hughes announced that there will be a fleet of "over 16" Wood-Pussies next season.

### **1983 -1984**

Robert C. Wynkoop takes the helm as Commodore, with Stuart Soule, Vice Commodore; Secretary, Joan Wynkoop; Terry Lang, Treasurer and Donald Graves as Fleet Captain. In 1983 Jeff Hale and Richard Hamann stayed on as Sailing Master, but in 1984 it was Kevin McClure and Walker Wynkoop. Membership is up to 125 families.

One of the big events is the reunion of the Junior Fleet members of the 50's. Festivities were planned by Carol (Gunkler) Johnson and the event was a big success. The Club hosted a Junior Butterfly Invitational Regatta as well as a combined C Scow and Hobie Invitational.

There are now 41 tennis memberships. In January of 1984 CLYC was saddened to learn of Vern Halliday's passing. A very dedicated member and most wonderful person.

### **1985 -1986**

Stuart W. Soule becomes Commodore with Terry Lang as Vice Commodore; Kell Ann Soule, Secretary; John Patterson, Treasurer and John Seabury, Fleet Captain. Walker Wynkoop and Michael Lindner make up the staff. One of our beloved founders, Bobbie Beachy passes on. Sailing school is offered by Ron Phillips to the juniors and sailboat instruction offered to all by Peter Dix. A volleyball court appears. A senior Butterfly fleet is started. Rick Morris is Commodore of the Western Michigan Yachting Association and will be General Chairman of the regatta to be held at Crystal Lake in 1986. Membership is at 147. M20's form a fleet.

The following was written by Stuart Soule in March, 1995:

The thing I remember about being one of the commodores of the Crystal Lake Yacht Club is what a honor is was. Even though being Commodore was a lot of hard work, the fact that all the club members worked well together made the job easier. In my opinion, we have one of the best clubs around.

During my tenure as Commodore, we put in a new boat dock. Members who donated funds for sections had their names engraved into the dock. We also did major work on the swimming hole. The Junior Fleet sailed a particularly grueling

Beulah & Back. Despite the fact there was no wind, five tenacious Juniors showed great perseverance and after sailing 9 miles finished the race within a few feet of each other. An award was given to the Junior who took the longest to sail the race.

One last item of interest during my Commodoreship was the conception of one of the annual events of the summer. The yearly water-skiing streaking of the Commodore's Dinner. The original two streakers shall remain nameless.

### **1987 -1988**

The new Commodore is Terry O. Lang; Ian Ulen, Vice Commodore; Cathy Sykora (Lang), Secretary; Bobbie Huck, Treasurer and Ron Phillips, Fleet Captain. Scott Hale and Kit Greene are serving as Sailing Masters. Doris Howe continues as scorer. The Club is saddened by the death of former long time scorer and board member Betty Reeve. Truly a great contributor. A capital improvement - long range planning committee was formed to identify needed improvements and review revenue sources other than dues. Larry Price replaced Mike Huck who had won the E Scow season series for the previous 16 years. Along that line, Tom Brown continues his 11 year winning streak in the C Scow class. A clock was presented to the Club by Chelin Satherlie in memory of Brian Greene. Friday was designated the day that boats of any class will race together to be scored by a system called Portsmouth ratings.

In 1988 Susan Walter takes over as Treasurer. Olympic sailing courses were initiated. It was reported that there were 32 new members in the last two years. Tony Hamann becomes a Sailing Master in 1988. The Club was bereaved with news of the sudden passing of former Commodore Bob Wynkoop. His accomplishments will be long appreciated.

### **1989 -1990**

Commodore elect is Richard M. Morris; Judy Lambiotte becomes Vice Commodore; Liz Morris, Secretary; Susan Walter, Treasurer and Bill Walter, Fleet Captain. Kit Greene and Gregory Krawzoff, Sailing Masters. It was reported with much sadness the passing of three stalwart members who devoted much to the founding and preservation of the spirit of our fine traditions; John Seabury, Robert Borwell Sr. and Richard Headley. The Seabury family dedicated a new flag pole and landscaping and a commemorative plaque on a stone for John. Naomi Borwell and Robert Borwell, Jr. contribute a new floor for the Clubhouse.

Later on we were to be again saddened by the passing of Nancy Hughes, Richard Howe, Marcia Ayers and Daniel Boone, all long time faithful members.

Bruce Bieneman reports good progress with contributions to the Capital Improvement Fund. The National Butterfly Regatta was held at the Club along with the C&E Invitational. The MC fleet is becoming a reality with three boats so far. Chelin Satherlie is again responsible for the Tell Tale. Donna Phillips long reign as director of the Junior Fleets comes to an end. Sailing school instructors were John Schindler, T.J. Lang and Jay Lambiotte. Membership stands at 151. The Junior Fleet continues to provide lunches on Saturday and during regattas. They also paid for pumping out the swimming hole.