

Crescent History

1952

This was destined to be a year long remembered in Club history. Our Flag Officers were Commodore George Cossaboom, Vice Commodore Henry Cawthra, Rear Commodore Arthur Rautenberg.

Considerable plumbing in the Club "head" was necessary in midwinter. An inconvenient time but it was occasioned by the attendance at the regular winter square dances so popular at the time.

The annual Commodore's Ball was held on April 19 at the Whitter Hotel, a site which has been used by the Club for the past several years.

A brief paragraph in the April Breeze of this year sufficiently outlines our problems "Crescent suffered major Damage in Saturday's storm." A special Board meeting was held on Sunday to discover means to repair our demolished harbors and save the Clubhouse. "Our problems are legion and much work remains ahead of every Member before we can operate as a yacht club this summer."

The May Breeze warned Members to remove gear from their lockers. "The Clubhouse is in danger," it reported. The Board, Past Commodores and other knowing Members were speeding rehabilitation plans and efforts.

The June meeting featured talk of assessments, dues increase and higher harbor fees, and new lease was signed with the Joy estate. A contract for dredging and piling was also let. Plans to recapture both the big and small harbors were now in execution. The Easterly harbor entrance in the North Harbor that caused so much devilment was changed to Southerly and calmer mooring was the result.

Cossaboom Causeway defied reason and hydraulics, but it encircled the little harbor and put its protecting arm across the front of the Clubhouse, virtually saving Crescent.

Many Members were unable to moor at Crescent all season long, others had a partial season but Crescent kept sailing.

Vice Commodore Cawthra again won the Michigan Lightning Championship and Crescent held its usual Regatta on August 31.

At the December meeting the Club acknowledged the valiant work of its Flag Officers, Directors and many others who had stood it in such good stead in one of its most crucial years.