

Crescent History

1960

Elected to head the Club at the December 1959 meeting were Commodore Frank Tayler; Dr. Robert Glaesner, Vice Commodore; and Herbert Mainwaring, Rear Commodore. The new members of the Board of Directors elected were Jack Healy and Robert Knop. The Board appointed William Herbert as a Board member to fill the vacancy created with the election of Herb Mainwaring.

Past Crescent officers were also honored by the sailing fraternity. Commodore Arthur Rautenberg will head the Detroit River Yachting Association this year and Commodore Ted Barbier has been elected Commodore of the Interlake Yachting Association. Commodore Harry MacFarlane was also elected Rear Commodore of the latter group.

A new water main with substantially more capacity to deliver water at the end of the line was professionally installed, almost a new departure at this Club known for the ambition and talents of its members on a do-it-yourself basis.

The Club, of course, held its traditional New Year party which was well managed and attended and headed by entertainment chairman Harry Booker and his wife. On Saturday, February 6, the Club held a Roaring Twenties party. Chuck and Rosalie Herzog headed this one.

The winter, although a mild one, had catastrophic results on our sea wall. Huge sheets of ice driven by an on-shore wind caused considerable damage, particularly in the entrance portion of the harbor.

The foregoing misfortune put no damper on the party spirit. The Club held a Beatnik party on March 19, which was headed up by Dick and Martha Hill. It was a terrific success. The Club also got its Junior program going under the direction of Vice Commodore Glaesner and past Commodore Fred Schelter, with Sunday sessions during March, April and early May.

The traditional sign of spring were at Crescent is Work Day and this year it was held on April 23, with 147 members turning out. Sixty yards of topsoil were spread, a new enclosure put around the furnace and extensive grass seeding concluded the day's activities.

A special meeting was called during the summer season to outline to the membership the cost and method of repairing the ice damage to the sea wall. This called for additional financing and for an assessment to meet the necessary expenditures. The approved assessment per member was \$30 plus tax, and it is to be billed in four parts and paid at the rate of \$15 per year during the years of 1960 and 1961.

One of the interesting bits of Flora and Fauna occurring at the Club this year was the increase in the size of our duck fleet and the fact that a raccoon took up residence under the Club house.

Our Regatta this year saw 190 boats start in light air, so light that Cruising A, B and C classes

were unable to negotiate the course before the time limit although our traditional sunshine and warm weather marked the event. Our own sailors were successful in the Drifter. In "Thistles", "Skip" Boston was first; Jenkins, second; and Sutton, third. In "Crescents", Przydatek-Leighton, first; Roney, second; Hill, third.

In "Ravens", Barbier-Sherry, first . . . L's, Micou, second . . . Lightnings, Lesesne, first; Cawthra, second. In Cruising D, Commodore Tayler, second; Clark Taylor, fourth. And Crescent's team took third in the Interlakes. The Thistle Nationals were held at the Club during August and 66 of these famous fast ships competed in a three-day event. Visiting yachtsman Bruce Goldsmith captured the crown; members Howard Boston Sr. took second; and Howard Boston, Jr. took seventh. Jerry Jenkins successfully defended the Penguin National honors at the Club, winning team for the second time.

The Clambake, which has now become traditional, was held on September 23 and was headed by Ken and Sally Hansen. A capacity group enjoyed this "down-east" event. Marking the end of the season, the Club scheduled its fall Work Day for Saturday, October 15; 70 members were on hand. Our Halloween party occurred on October 29.

On December 3 the Club held a "Harold's Club" party with fake money — not the kind it takes to pay assessments. We had live music from Vice Commodore Doc Glaesner's "Port-Tackers".