

# Crescent History

## 1944, 1945, 1946

### 1944

Records for this year are minimal. It was a war year and both help and paper were in short supply, leaving the Breeze to be published infrequently. The Club Flag Officers were Commodore Ed Kemmy, Vice Commodore Cal R. Sutton and Rear Commodore K.W. Vance. During that year, Flotilla 1302 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary met regularly at Crescent, where it originated. The Roster shows 27 Members serving in the Armed Forces at that time.

Also noted to be in limited quantities were shot gun shells and the substitutes developed by Fred Runnels Sr. and Bos'n Shader were both loud and stinky. Mag Farlane directed a gigantic cribbing operation and Members were again reminded to mind their children.

### 1945

The Flag Officers for 1945 were Commodore Cal R. Sutton, Vice Commodore, K.W. Vance and Rear Commodore W.G. Phillips.

The Snipes were reported to be the big class this year and Lightning, 110 and Star fleets were also growing in size. Moorings were hard to come by but by hook and by crook the Club came up with the required number and fitted everyone in. Harbor fees were adjusted upward ever so slightly in keeping with the policy of low costs that the average man can afford. These fees paid for the new spring piles driven in the North Harbor.

A crowd of 75 attended the Valentine Party with Jack Faulkeer as Master of Ceremonies. Other performers were Mrs. Alex Allardyce, Maynard Heath, Merle Amo, and Fred Runnels, Jr. Unfortunately we don't have any notation of the detail of their talents.

The Commodore's Ball was reinstated after a wartime lapse and was held at Tassies Tavern near Mt. Clemens. Attendees included 145 Members and guest and the group saluted the 50 Club Members serving in the armed forces.

The Annual Crescent Regatta drew 109 entries. Dick Miller took a first in the Stars, Merrill Dunn did the same in the C Class boats and others who got guns were Bob Jenks in a 110, Vic Schneider in a Snipe and Gene Howard in a Lightning.

After six years Bos'n Shaper and his wife left the Club for the greener fields of Tucson, Arizona. The war effort was ending at Crescent - some Service Members were coming back and the Club asked its DRYA delegate to vote for a return to Saturday Regattas after years of wartime Sundays.

## **1946**

There are no Club records for 1946. If anyone has any information or newsletters from that year and would like to share them with the Club, please contact