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1961-62 .....	Eldeen Moran	1971-77 .....	Harold Vandenberg
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1970 .....	James Kirchhoff		

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Louis Arnold	William Moran	Dale Dean
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1981-82-83-85-88-89 .....	Dale Dean
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1981-82-83-84-85-86-87-88 .....	Harold Vandenberg
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1983 .....	John Moldenhauer
1984 .....	Alan Chikowski
1984-88 .....	Gene Ficken
1984 .....	Ken Martin
1985-89 .....	Bob Paugels
1986-87 .....	Russell Wallace
1986 .....	Rob Dean
1987 .....	Neil Osterberg
1987 .....	Ron Mathia
1988-89 .....	Jim Maple
1989 .....	Don Raatz
1990 .....	Jim Maple
1990-91-92 .....	Don Raatz
1990 .....	Jeff Davey
1990 .....	Bob Paugels
1991 .....	Shirley Pierce
1991 .....	Paul Pinkall
1991 thru 96 .....	Harold Vandenberg
1992 .....	Ralph Jacobs
1992-93-94 .....	Gene Klimke
1993 .....	Neil Osterberg
1993 .....	Shelly Chikowski
1994-95-96 1/2 yr. ....	Dale Dean
1994-95-96 .....	Ralph Jacobs
1995 .....	Doug Helmrick
1996 .....	Chuck Pierce
1996 1/2 yr. ....	Jerry Thom

# HISTORY

## of the

# Fox River, Eureka Locks and Berlin Boat Club, Inc.

## 1600-1997



Eureka Locks on Fox River,  
Berlin, Wis.



## **HISTORY OF FOX RIVER, EUREKA LOCKS & BERLIN BOAT CLUB, INC.**

- 1600 Indians and Mother Nature have control of Rivers.
- 1673 Voyagers Marquette and Jolliet traversed the Fox River from Lake Michigan to Portage and down the Wisconsin River.
- 1822 First known shipment of lead shot produced at Helena Shot Tower, (Now Tower Hill State Park) to Detroit, Michigan, by way of Fox River.
- 1822 Erie Canal complete - Use of Durham boats was prevalent on Fox River at this time.
- 1836 Governor Dodge purchased from Indians lands between Wolf and Fox Rivers; 4,000,000 acres at 17c per acre.
- 1837 Portage Canal Co. commissioned to construct a canal between the Wisconsin and Fox Rivers. Work abandoned after \$ 1 0,000 expended.
- 1846 Federal Government granted land to be sold at \$1.25 per acre to finance construction of Fox waterway. Hercules Dousman was one of a five member board.
- 1848 Work restarted on Canal and Waterway - 1836 Indian treaty cancelled. Indians refused to leave the area.
- 1850 DePere Locks and Dam completed. Other locks probably about the same time on lower Fox River.
- 1850 Spring high water allowed steam ship Aquila, purchased at Pittsburgh, Pa. to be sailed down Ohio River to Mississippi, up river to the Wisconsin, up river to the Fox and down Fox River to Green Bay.
- 1851 Steamers John Mitchell and Enterprise met in canal at Portage and after each blew whistle withdrew to Wisconsin and Fox Rivers.
- 1852 Indians forced to leave for northern area by U.S. Army after treaty was broken.
- 1856 Part of state record wheat crop of 28 million bushels was shipped on the Fox River.
- 1858 River Steamers regularly using Upper Fox River and Wolf River.
- 1870 After State failed to fully complete waterway, Federal Government took over operations and completed all locks and rebuilt the canal at portage.
- 1876 Eureka Lock completed. Colonel Fuller of Corps in charge. Men worked for \$1.25 per day.
- 1877 Eureka Dam completed.
- 1878 Berlin, White River, Princeton and Gran River Locks completed.
- 1879 Steamer Brooklyn left Berlin for a two day cruise to Green Bay. Cost of trip, food and lodging was \$2.50.
- 1880 Record flood this year. Wisconsin River overflows at Portage and floods Fox

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

### **Commadores**

1950-51 .....	Robert Carter	1971 & 74 .....	Bob Paugels
1952-53 .....	Sylvester Miodzik	1972-73 .....	Dr. Dale Dean
1954 .....	Alex Mashock	1975-76 .....	Edgar W. Salisbury
1955 .....	Robert Walker	1977-78 .....	Gary Westhuis
1956-57-58 .....	Dr. A. T. Tellefson	1979-80 .....	Harold Vandenbergen
1959 .....	Donald Bartol	1981 .....	Gregg Wissner
1960 .....	Claire Beaman	1982 .....	Ken Martin
1961-62 .....	Alex Mashock	1983-84 .....	Bob Chikowski
1963 .....	William Moran	1985-86 .....	Neil Osterberg
1964-65 .....	James Kirchoff	1987-88 .....	Bob Paugels
1966 .....	Lawrence Verheyen	1989-90 .....	Harold Vandenbergen
1967-68-69 .....	Roger Erdmann	1991-96 .....	Bob Paugels
1970 .....	John Hogan		

### **Vice Commadores**

1952 .....	Oliver Schmidt	1975-76-77 .....	Neil Osterberg
1956-57 .....	Robert Carter	1978-79 .....	Ken Martin
1958 & 61 .....	Harold (Bud) Viertel	1980 .....	Gregg Wissner
1959 .....	Edward Holdorff	1981-82 .....	John Moldenhauer
1960 .....	Louis Arnold	1983 .....	Ken Martin
1962 .....	William Moran	1984 .....	Neil Osterberg
1963 .....	James Kirchoff	1985-86 .....	Charles Pierce
1964 .....	Donald Bartol	1987 .....	Jeff DAvey
1965 .....	John Inda	1988 .....	Bob Chikowski
1966 .....	Ron Chier	1989-91 .....	Edward Kirchoff
1967-68 .....	Eugene Ficken	1992 .....	Paul Pinkall
1969-70-71 .....	Edgar Walker	1993-94-95 .....	Jerry Thom
1972-73 .....	Gordon Moldenhauer	1996 1/2 yr. ....	Doug Helmrick
1974 .....	Henry Schmidt	1996 1/2 yr. ....	Jerry Thom

### **Secretary Treasurer**

1950 .....	Steve Sierakowski	1955 .....	Robert Meyer
1951 .....	Harry Hibicki	1956 .....	Bill Drecktrah
1952 .....	Hugh Smith	1957-58 .....	Louis Arnold
1953 .....	Marc R. Nicolet	1959-60 .....	Ed Johnson
1954 .....	Kurt Knopf		

### **Secretary**

1961-62 .....	Mrs. Doris Barthels	1976-79-80-81-82 .....	Diane Kruse
1963-64 .....	Mrs. Henry Schmidt	1983 .....	Lil Osterberg
1965 .....	Mary Merline	1984-85-86 .....	Mary Kirchoff
1966-67 .....	Hilda Kirchoff	1987-88 .....	Mary Ann Stockman
1968 .....	Luci Verheyen	1989 .....	Loel Maple
1969 .....	James Kirchoff	1990 .....	Diane Paugels
1970 .....	Barb Ficken	1991 .....	Jim Maple
1971 .....	Patty Day	1992-93-94-95 .....	Phyllis Klimke
1972 .....	Karen McBriar	1996 1/2 yr. ....	Mary Kirchoff
1973 .....	Lil Osterberg	1996 1/2 yr. ....	Luci Verheyen
1974-75-77-78 .....	Mary Kirchoff		



- 1995 March - New tubes for Pontoon Buoy Tender on order; 25" dia. by 30 ft. long. DNR suggested Locks be controlled by Winnebago County in lieu of DNR. Representative Olson, Senator Leean, Mr. Schultz from Senator Mike Ellis office meet with George Meyers of the DNR on Pilings at Berlin.
- 1995 May - 200 cleats have been donated by Berlin Foundry, Hypro & Brookside Painting.
- 1995 August - Friends of the Buoys donated \$750 to keep the Eureka Locks, and waterways open for navigation; they advised against turning the locks over to Winnebago County.
- 1995 Oct. & Nov. - City installs Rip Rap on entire shoreline of Riverside Park with FEMA funding. Leon Petraszk was contractor.
- 1996 January - City Engineer still working with DNR and Radtke on piling.
- 1996 February - Club donates \$100 to Crime Stoppers with additional \$100 when project is started in the Berlin School System.
- 1996 March - City of Berlin finally gets approval for pilings - Wharf system for Riverside Park.
- 1996 April - Club donates to Rap program.
- 1996 June - Leon Petraszak starts installing pilings. After nearly 4 years of work by Harold Vandenberg with the help of Rick Lutz (Park Director) and State, County and City officials, we finally got the approval from the DNR on 500 ft. of Sea Wall-Wharf System Boat Docking. New flag pole installed at the Locks. Memorial money given for Jerry Radke by his family.
- 1996 July - Berlin Boat Club gives Boating Safety Course for young future boaters.
- 1996 August - Club holds 40th Annual Corn Roast, 244 boats came up and over 100 campers attended the event. Friends of the Buoys donated \$3000 to keep the Eureka Locks and waterways open.
- 1996 October - Furnace replaced at the Lock house, \$2,000 plus.

**THIS HISTORY BROCHURE  
WAS PREPARED IN HONOR OF THE  
FORTIETH YEAR  
OF THE  
BERLIN BOAT CLUB  
AND UPDATED IN 1997**

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We are grateful for all their help.

## River Basin.

- 1882-85 Locks at Portage, Fort Winnebago, and Governor Bend finished.
- 1882 Until this day many tons of Montello and Berlin granite were shipped down the Fox River.
- 1882 Reuben Gold Thwaites early Wisconsin historian made canoe trip down the Fox River and published "Down Historic Waterways" in 1888.
- 1890 Freight and passenger service on the Fox River flourished.
- 1900 Until early plastics replaced clam buttons, Fox River clam fishing was an important industry.
- 1901 Montello Locks completed.
- 1927 Last complete dredging done.
- 1928-36 Portage, Fort Winnebago, Governor Bend rebuilt.
- 1930 Steamboat era ended at about this time.
- 1950 Fox River Boat Club formed by Robert Carter and other interested families for safe river cruises and restoring Fox River navigation.
- 1950 Army announces complete study of Fox River Waterways, including the Wolf River. Three year study included recreation, boating needs, reservoirs, levees, flood control, and channel improvements. Any problems to be located and specific recommendations to be made.
- 1950 Federal barge comes up Fox River to repair foot bridge at the Berlin Locks, make Grand River Dam repairs, and to replace upper half of lock gates at Montello.
- 1950 On December 21, 1950 - article in Berlin Journal. Engineers see Upper Fox as major state recreational area. Scenic 108 miles including nine locks with picnic areas near dams that could be used by pleasure boats. Over 2,240 pleasure crafts in 1950 used these locks and facilities. Colonel David A. Morris, Milwaukee office of U.S. Corps of Engineers, "Fox River might become the nucleus of a chain of parks and public recreation areas."
- 1951 On April 16, 1951, navigation opens on Fox River. DePere to Portage; Locks open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. except Tuesday and Wednesdays.
- 1951 May, 1951, meeting called to learn the fate of the Fox River. Colonel Morris says U.S. is no longer interested in maintaining the navigation because commerce is dead. Boat clubs, sportsmen, elected officials and others opposed to closing navigation try without success to keep waterways open.
- 1951 First locks to close on Upper Fox River include Portage, Fort Winnebago, Governor Bend and Grand River. Second group of locks closed - Eureka, Berlin, White River and Montello.
- 1951 Army Corps of Engineers install small boat haul over at Berlin Lock and Eureka Lock.
- 1951 Fixed type of bridge to be erected over Fox River. New Spoors bridge.
- 1952 On Jan. 28, 1952, Engineers ask for permanent closing of Upper Fox River bridges.



1952 On March 17, 1952, Boat Club holds election and meeting at Omro Hotel.

1952 On June 12, 1952, approved closing the following bridges: Omro, West Division St.; Omro Park St. R.R. Bridge; Eureka Ferry St.; Berlin Spoors Bridge and Huron St. Bridge; Princeton R.R. Bridge and Main St. Bridge; Montello Main St. Bridge; Packwaukee Liberty St. Bridge; Lake Buffalo R.R. Bridge; Moundville Hwy. Bridge; Port Hope Bridge at Governor Bend and Portage R.R. Bridge and Wisconsin Ave. Bridge.

1952 On August 14, 1952, Fox River Boat Club offers free tours of Fox River to Eureka Dam. Over 250 persons take advantage of tour and seven club boats used.

1954 Berlin Boat Club holds Banquet meeting at Peck's Plantation. Urges re-opening of Eureka Lock and is opposed to city of Berlin removal of weight on bridge at Berlin. Will result in another fixed bridge.

1955 February Election Meeting held. Urged that Fox River be dredged; over 6,000 names on petition to maintain dredging.

1955 March - weight on Berlin Bridge is removed. One more step in deterioration of navigation.

1955 May - Congressman Melvin Laird to appear before House Appropriation committee to rebuild dam and repair lock at Eureka.

1955 August - Boat Club meets to approve \$300.00 towards boat slip.

1955 Sept. - Boat slip work started. C.H. Peteres Const. Co., Fremont, WI.

1955 Sept. - Eureka Dam springs a leak. Sandbagging operation took place.

1956 Boat channel completed at Berlin.

1956 February - A.T. Tellefson elected Commadore. Dues increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00.

1956 March - Work on Fox River delayed due to legal dispute. Congressman Mel Laird trying to correct it.

1956 April 6, 1956, tornado hits Berlin with six persons dead including Mrs. Alex Mashock.

1956 \$300,000 bill in congress introduced to congress. Congressman Mel Laird and Governor Walter Kohler worked on compromise under which State would accept Upper Fox River. Final approval in July.

1956 July - Conservation Department plans Upper Fox River project. To be Sportsmen's paradise and Fishermen's delight.

1956 August - Francis (Buster) Krings jets in pilings for boat slip.

1956 On August 22, 1956 the First Corn Roast was held at Carter's Cottage. 22 boatloads from Oshkosh came up river to the dam and are transferred to boats of the Club to ride up to Carter's Cottage. 600 ears of corn and 150 persons. All agreed that reopening of lock should be accomplished.

1957 March - Boat Club election to be Thursday, March 16, 1957. Tellefson re-elected commadore and name of club officially designated as The Berlin Boat Club.

1993 March - Berlin Boat Club finally has a new 10 year lease with the DNR for the Lock Property, lease to run to Dec. 31, 2003.

1993 April - Club meets with Wisconsin Historical Society and DNR at the Locks to discuss a handicap ramp on top of the lock gates. All object to this except the DNR. Fox River overflows its banks in Riverside Park and other areas.

1993 May - Persons responsible for break-in at Lockhouse a year ago are apprehended.

1993 June - Due to high water & temporary bridge across locks, buoys not put in until now.

1993 July - Electrical receptacles for use during corn roast have been installed in new addition to North Shelter House in Riverside Park at Clubs expense. Disaster Declaration Filed for FEMA Funds by Gary Podoll, Director of Emergency Gov. and was awarded funding. Due to high water, Eureka Locks are closed. On July 8 water was 12" over the upper gates.

1993 August - Water receded; locks re-open, Corn Roast on.

1993 September - Emergency Gov. & Park and Rec Dept. working with FEMA on Rip Rap-Dredging boat slip and maybe pilings.

1993 October - Club pledges to donate \$20,000 for pilings in Riverside Park; if City will donate \$40,000.

1994 February - Berlin City starts planning for walk bridge across river near swimming pool

1994 March - Berlin Boat Club by-laws amended.

1994 April - Purchased a used travel trailer to be used for storing corn roast equipment. Harold Vandenberg writes letter to Representative Bob Welch on problems with the DNR on Pilings and etc.

1994 May - Pontoon Buoy Tender was sandblasted, primed and painted and new deck installed.

1994 June - Berlin Boat Club meets with Town of Aurora residents on erosion problems. Temporary bridge is finally gone; we have our yard back!

1994 August - A Phase I Archaeological Survey Evaluation, was taken on the banks of the Fox River (Riverside Park) where Rip Rap was planned to be installed. Rip Rap was approved.

1994 September - Harold Vandenberg meets at Riverside Park with City and County officials, DNR from Madison, East Central Planning Commission, and Bob Welch and staff on the problems with getting pilings.

1994 October - Schroeder Diving checked and repaired leaks on the upper gate at the Locks as good as he could. Needs more checking. Boat slip dredged by Leon Petraszak with FEMA funding.

1994 November - City to resubmit forms for installation of 500' of pilings. Drive at Lockhouse has been graveled. Motion made & passed to donate additional \$3000 to \$5000 for pilings, if required.

1995 Donate \$110 to Berlin Fire Dept. Educational program.

1995 February - New gutters at Lock house installed.



1960 Federal Barge up river to replace Eureka Dam and clean out river debris. No general dredging planned.

1961 Special Lock Operation Committee formed. In charge of Lock House, Lock, Pullovers, etc. A.T. Tellefson, chairman; Frank Grota, secretary and treasurer; Louis Arnold, Kurt Knopf and LaVern Swensen.

1962 August 17th - Wisconsin Conservation Department accepts transfer of Upper Fox River facilities. (land and buildings; not the river.)

1963 October - Club donates \$ 100.00 to Park Board of Berlin.

1963 November 9th - U.S. Government officially abandons the Upper Fox River facilities from Oshkosh to Portage. Government has no further obligation to the properties conveyed.

1963 November - New yearly lease from Wisconsin Conservation Department obtained.

1963 Club creates Lock Fund for all lock operation monies.

1964 Louis Maik becomes lock tender and retires in 1979 after 15 years of service.

1965 April - Club urges river dredging again.

1965 Survey asked by Corps of Engineers. No action ever resulted.

1967 Vice-Commodore given responsibility to handle lock funds.

1968 Pleaded with Governor and Congressman Bill Steiger to get dredging done.

1971 Boat slip dredged by Leon Petrazek.

1971 September. Club installs new septic system at lock house on DNR orders.

1973 Re-enactment of Father Marquette's voyage up the Fox River.

1973 Locks are electrified by club with motors from old bridge in Oshkosh.

1975 Special Lock Committee formed to start rebuilding of locks; Ed Salisbury, chairman; Ed Walker; Bob Paugels; Henry Schmidt; Jim Kirchhoff.

1975 March 13 - First meeting with DNR on lock project. Held at Wisconsin Power and Light Co. at Berlin.

1975 May 14 - Special Lock Fund started to handle donations for lock project.

1975 Letters sent to Bill Steiger and Bill Proxmire for help on project. Met with Pat Goodrich at Lock for help. Historical Site application started.

1975 Results start. Corps of Engineers will loan timbers and pumps to the DNR for club to use to de-water the lock.

1975 Planning Meeting with DNR on lock project. Decision made to start after Labor Day, 1976. Joint meeting held with DNR, Corps of Engineer, Club Special Committee, Contractors Plummer and Radtke.

1976 Save the Eureka Lock Button Project started. Park pilings are to be started. Urged on by Boat Club.

1976 April - Corps of Engineers publishes intent to give up on Lower Fox River Locks. Outcry by our and all other clubs changes their minds.

1976 Lease problem solved by going to Madison to talk to Tony Earl, DNR secretary.

1976 DNR approval given on Club plans to de-water and repair lock.

1976 Clarence Braun Construction Co. given bid to de-water and replace sills.

1976 September - Timbers, pumps and other equipment hauled from Kaukauna yard of Corps of Engineers on truck donated by Corky Werch.

1976 Lock insurance finally obtained after a struggle.

1976 September 29 - Eureka Lock listed on National Parks list of Historic Sites.

1976 Lock successfully de-watered and old gates lifted out by borrowed crane. (Oops, we dropped one gate and broke it slightly.)

1976 October Meeting. Decision reached to renew the gates despite costs. Jim Kirchhoff, chairman of engineering this operation. Help from Corps of Engineers, active and retired members. Reconstructed to meet Historical Criteria, except we used modern tools and ideas.

1977 January - Last sawcuts made to **fit** gates at 25 degrees F. below zero.

1977 July 3 - Celebration and Grand Opening of reconstructed Eureka Lock. 150 people attended and Commemorative Plaque unveiled.

1977 Club pledged \$ 1,000.00 to Park Board for park pilings.

1977 Spring - Lower cribs are rebuilt and capped with concrete by Club.

1978 New pilings in Riverside Park were started.

1979 Donated \$ 1,000 towards new piling in Riverside Park boat slip. Installed donated tie up cleats for the pilings. After 16 years of 'locktending for the Berlin Boat Club, Louis and Dorothy Maik leave us. Bob Paugels became the new locktender.

1980 Berlin Boat Club donates \$1,000 to city for new boat ramp in Riverside Park. New gas furnace is installed in lock house. Attic insulation is installed in lock house.

1981 First wedding held on pontoon boat in the lock. 14 new windows installed in lock house.

1982 Aluminum siding installed on lock house at a cost of \$3,285.00.

1983 Robert Paugels resigns as locktender. John Hogan becomes new locktender.

1984 Lock gates are steam cleaned. New bathroom put in lockhouse.

1985 Six additional buoys purchased for installation on the Fox River. Insurance problems started when Kretzman Insurance would no longer service the club after 4/1/86. New plumbing for drinking water has been installed.

1986 Received 1 year insurance policy from Diedrich Insurance after six months of work. Upper gate lifted off its bearing by the ice. Response from letter sent to Wis. Dept. of Transportation on their responsibility for the silted Omro channel was negative. John Hogan resigns as locktender. Paul Penzenstadler hired as new locktender. Riverside Park boat slip dredged at a cost of \$1600.



- 1987 Received 1 year policy from Capitol Indemnity Insurance after 1 year struggle. Insurance cost rose over 400% in that period of time. Harold and Dennis Vandenberg, Bob Paugels and Neil Osterberg made trip to Madison to see if state would insure lock. No luck. Club donates \$ 1 00 to Police Department for ice and water rescue equipment. Oshkosh Outboard Club donates 5 buoys to Berlin Boat Club for placement.
- 1988 Berlin Boat Club donates \$500 for lighted buoy to Friends of the Fox buoy committee. DNR informs club that the well on the lock property is illegal. Also outhouse must go. Club purchases porta potti.
- 1989 New well on lock property cost club \$3,500. Club donates \$4,000 to City & Recreation Dept. for additional 212 feet of sea wall. Berlin Boat Club installs donated tie up cleats. Floating Dock for lock maintenance built. Permit to build new pump house received. \$200 donated to Jaws of Life. Paul Penzenstadler resigns as locktender. George & Shirley DeCaluwe become new locktenders.
- 1990 August - Club participates in Berlin Fur & Leather Days.
- 1990 August - The Berlin Boat Club with the help of Wisconsin Power & Light Co. installed (5) electric pedestals and underground wire for electrical power at approx. cost of \$5,000 for the new campgrounds at Riverside Park. They also donated \$2,000 to install a dump station at the campground.
- 1991 March - Purchased 10'x30' pontoon boat to be used to put in the buoys. (Named it the Fox River Runner).
- 1991 August - Club again participates in Berlin Fur & Leather Days.
- 1991 Sept. - Donated \$250 to the rebuilding of the Columbia Park Observation & Navigation Tower.
- 1992 DNR built temporary bridge across locks in order to rip rap island because of erosion.
- 1992 Feb. - George & Shirley DwCaluwe resign as Locktenders.
- 1992 March - Lockhouse was broken into after being empty only three weeks.
- 1992 April - Rocky & Sandy Gaetzke hired as new Locktenders.
- 1992 May - DNR wants handicap ramp installed on top of lock gate. Berlin Boat Club & Wisconsin Historical Society object.
- 1992 August - Donates \$10,000 for a 40'x80' addition to North Shelter House in Riverside Park, Berlin. Two electric pedestals for shore power installed on South side of boat slip at North Shelter House in Riverside Park at a cost of \$2000; City paid for half. Also the start of the 3 day Corn Fest.
- 1992 September - Motion made and passed to look for property for a club house.
- 1992 October - Purchased an 85 hp Johnson outboard motor for pontoon.
- 1992 November - DNR again builds bridge across locks to haul stone to be dumped in front of dam for a rapids.
- 1993 January - Club donates \$500 to Emergency Government for new Radar Control System for the City of Berlin.
- 1993 February - Berlin Boat Club by-laws amended.

- 1957 July - rebuilding of boat pull over at Eureka to be ordered.
- 1957 August - Second Annual Corn Roast held. Club used electric motor on winch to haul boats over to get to Riverside Park, Berlin. Larger boats tied up at Dam and rides provided.
- 1957 October - Winnebago Waterways Committee meeting to ask for reappraisal of Upper Fox and press to reopen Eureka Lock. A.T. Tellefson, Robert Carter and Ralph Jorgenson.
- 1957 November - Election of Officers, A.T. Tellefson re-elected, Robert Carter, Winnebago Waterways Committee representative.
- 1958 Passenger train service to Berlin ends.
- 1958 May 15, 1958 - Support asked for Eureka Lock Project Senators Wiley and Proxmire asked to help Cong. Mel Laird keep lock open.
- 1958 Public Law 500 of 85th Congress granted to Wisconsin the Upper Fox River property, consisting of the following: 443.2 acres of land; navigation locks located at Eureka, Berlin, White River, Princeton, Grand River, Montello, Governor Bend, Fort Winnebago and Portage; five houses plus other buildings. Total lift of 35.3 feet. State did not accept at this time.
- 1958 May - Berlin Boat Club seeks permit to open Eureka Lock. Meeting with Governor Vernon Thompson and Cong. Melvin Laird. Told to apply to the Corps of Engineers and if no objection is voiced a permit would be granted. If permit is granted U.S. will do the work to put the lock back into operation.
- 1958 On June 5, 1958, Cong. Melvin Laird files request for Club permit. Club will supply attendant.
- 1958 June 12th. Governor Vernon Thompson urges that the club be given permit to re-open lock.
- 1958 July 10. Boat Club signs license to operate Eureka Lock with U.S. government. Atty. Milton Spoehr handled legal work and Harold Viertel made a fast trip to Madison to complete incorporation of club.
- 1958 First Buoys for navigation were put in the Fox River by Berlin Boat Club, Inc.
- 1958 Wilburt (Bud) Johnson was lock-tender for the club until 1963.
- 1958 August 16. Formal re-opening of the Eureka Lock. Governor Vernon Thompson cuts ribbon. Flotilla of boats proceeds to Riverside Park, Berlin, where Atty. Milton Spoehr acts as Master of Ceremonies. Speeches are made and afterwards dignitaries are invited to a dinner at the Hotel Whitening. Corn Roast held the next day. Three hundred boats including 95 in one hour come through locks to attend corn roast.
- 1958 Berlin Council proposed Boat Dock. Committee to study.
- 1958 August 9th to October 12th - 1,300 boats use lock.
- 1959 June - Shelter house completed at boat slip.
- 1959 August - Corn Roast attended by 350 boats.
- 1960 Lights for navigation to be installed on two Berlin bridges.