



# LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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## Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

I am afraid this boating season is coming to a close.

We are going ahead with the early haul out this year. It will only include 13 boats but it should pay for itself.

Over all, the number of boats Hauling Out with us this year is down from last year by about 20 boats. If you have been holding off sending in your request, please get it in ASAP. The Haul and launch will pay for itself but the storage fees collected will fall far below the budgeted amount unless we come closer to the 70 boat number.

The Autumn Picnic was a huge success. I am sure that you will be hearing more about that from Jack Bopp.

At the September membership meeting we elected the new slate of officers for 2005. They include:

Commodore	Brian McCarthy
Vice Commodore	Marvin Hill
Rear Commodore	Merril Gray
Secretary	Alex Brougham
Treasurer	Jane Hamilton
Fleet Captain	Mark Blaakman

After the vote it was announced that Jane Hamilton would not be able to continue for another term, as her job responsibilities are changing such that she will not have enough time to devote to the Treasurer duties. The Nominating committee immediately went into action and nominated Joe Griffo as our new treasurer for 2005. Joe has displayed a willingness to serve in this capacity. In the December Annual Meeting we will vote on Joe's election to make it official.

Everyone please remember that safety comes first while hauling and launching boats. Let's have a very uneventful haul this year.

See you at the club.

*Steve Heffron*



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Larry Rice - Fleet Captain



## The Secretary's Corner

**Membership Count:** Membership is currently 100 voting, 2 social, 18 non-voting.



Bob Hamilton and I are looking for anyone who would be available to take over or share printing of the Soundings. You would need access to a monochrome printer that has duplex capability. Normal monthly print volume is about 200 pages. Please contact me if you can help out.

By the time you read this the travel lift Q&A page should be up and running. To access the page go to [www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org](http://www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org) and click on the Travel Lift Q&A button. The purpose of this site is to allow for a free exchange of information between club members and the Travel Lift Committee. Please review the list of previously submitted questions before submitting a new one as your question may have already been asked and answered.

I have contacted Gary Fallesen at the Democrat and Chronicle and requested that we be put back on the Living Here Boating Guide. It would appear that he thought PYC and the Mariners were the same club so he took us off the list. Being on this list will help ensure that we are included in future D&C articles as most of the D&C reporters use it as a source.

Please let either of the Fortners or myself know if you have any questions about reciprocal privileges, or if you have any problems at other clubs. Some answers to questions that we have received:

1 - Rochester Yacht Club only allows free night's stay once every 30 days

2 - Genesee Yacht Club does provide reciprocal privileges to powerboats for PYC. There may be some confusion on the part of the GYC Officer's of the Day because GYC does not rent docks to GYC members with powerboats.

Please contact me if you would like flyers to post or hand out. Potential members can also visit our web site at [www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org](http://www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org) for information and a printable membership application. Our Membership Chairperson is Jerri Schiff (585-381-9115) and our temporary Dock Masters Merrill Gray, Bob Hamilton, and Steve Heffron. Persons interested in our racing program may contact our Fleet Captain, Larry Rice (585-473-9363).

**Alex Brougham**



# Rear Commodore Reports

## Notes from the Engine Room.....

### Early Haul-Out.....

The first stage of this experiment has been completed, as the club implemented its first attempt at a split haul-out. 13 boats eventually signed up for early haul, which the club was able to perform ultimately, without any additional cost to the club, or to the members who desired to haul early. A detailed explanation of how we managed to do that was given at the September Club Meeting. If you haven't signed up to haul out on the regular haul date, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, please do so as soon as possible so that staging and other logistical problems, such as shift schedules, can be worked through. Keep in mind that the deadline for payment for Haul, Storage and Launch was September 15<sup>th</sup> and there is a ten percent late charge after that.

### Late Charges.....

For those of you who weren't at the September Meeting, Bruce Arrabito voiced an interesting comment about how the club charges for events and services. Bruce's suggestion was that, instead of charging penalties for members who are late, offer discounts to members who are prompt. I think it's a great idea and will introduce it for discussion at the next board meeting.

### Harbor Lights.....

Also at the September Meeting, a complaint was raised about some members who feel that lights in the harbor are an annoyance that can be removed simply by turning the light off. The lights are there for the safety and security of our members. Please try to think of the consequences to the club if a light is switched off and someone misses a step, goes down on a dock and is injured- or worse, drowns in the dark. Further, arguments between members over whether a light should be on or off have resulted in damage to club property. There are other ways to solve the problem- for example, one member simply made a cover for his hatch.

### New Assignments...

It was gratifying to see a number of members come forward after the September Meeting to talk about the possibility of taking over the responsibilities of the Harbor Master or Haul and Launch Coordinator, two posts that became vacant this summer. It is always good to increase member involvement in any way possible in club operations. For now, Past Commodore Bob Hamilton is handling the Harbor Master duties, while Commodore Steve Heffron is overseeing haul and launch coordination. I hope to be able to announce new names in those positions in the near future.

In the meantime, let's hope we get a nice, Indian summer out of what is left of the boating season. See you at the club.

*Merril Gray*

# Fleet Captain Reports

## *On The Range...*

### MARK BLAAKMAN IS NEW PYC FLEET CAPTAIN

Mark Blaakman (True Colors) was elected Fleet Captain for 2005 at the PYC General Meeting on Saturday September 18th. Mark served as Scorer and member of the Race Committee during 2004. Starting with the new PYC Website and Racing page, the look and feel of the the racing program and related activities owe a lot to Mark's talent and initiative.



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Most recently Mark drew up and conducted an opinion/satisfaction survey of participants in the racing program. Watch this space for results. Join me in welcoming Mark and please don't hesitate to come forward with your suggestions and offers of assistance.

The Thursday Night Fall Series concluded with an awards picnic on September 9th. Top finishers in the Spinnaker and Genoa classes were -

	<u>Spinnaker</u>	<u>Genoa</u>
1st	<b>Eric Matteson</b> (Dulcinea)	<b>Don Boesel</b> (Avalon)
2nd	<b>Tom Foley</b> (Summer Snow)	<b>Jim Anderson</b> (Soukara)
3rd	<b>Ed Walluk</b> (Defiant)	<b>Tom Jayne</b> (Penelope)

The Bown Race, honoring 'a PYC sailor who enjoyed a race in the long run', was run on a fine and sunny Saturday, September 11th on the traditional PYC-Sodus-PYC course. Earl Chapman (Comic Relief) organized the event - coming off his earlier success with the Bowersox Memorial Race - with a turnout of 10 boats, all of which finished. Bob Hamilton (Beach Bum IV) served as our Committee Boat, starting the race in grand style using the Cornwall cannon.

Top finishers in the Genoa and Spinnaker classes were -

	<u>Genoa</u>	<u>Spinnaker</u>
1st	<b>Tom Bolt</b> (Tantrum)	<b>Earl Chapman</b> (Comic Relief)
2nd	<b>Jim Anderson</b> (Soukara)	<b>Larry Fedick</b> (Cebare)
3rd	<b>Scott Nichols</b> (Practice)	<b>Ed Walluk</b> (Defiant)

We'll really wrap up the racing and awards business - and a few more things - at the Fall Banquet on November 13. In the meantime, we're looking for nominations for Goodie Two Shoes (an incredibly stupid or ill - advised act with witnesses), On the Rocks (self explanatory) and Cruising Awards (distance, time aboard, ports-of-call) and the always well-deserved PUCR Award. For the the last, please see Brendan Hanna from the Summer Snow crew.

*Larry Rice*

# Vice Commodore Reports

It is hard to believe that it is now October already. Some of the boats are now out of the water and the rest will be, soon. This year has flown by!

Anneliese and I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the hosts of the Autumn Picnic. Rich and Roseanne Critchlow and Joe and Diane Davis planned and put on a fine event to close our '04 boating season. Many thanks go out to all of the folks who helped make this a successful event, especially to Joe Griffo, for obtaining the clams at a great price.



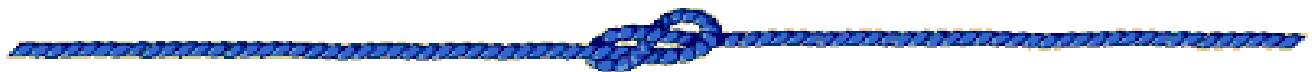
In a few weeks the second haul out will occur. As I will be somewhat occupied that morning on sling crew, I could use a little help setting up for the coffee break as well as cooking and serving lunch. Please call me if you are willing and able to help feed the hungry hordes on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In these *Soundings* please find the flyer for the Fall Banquet. Once again Jerri Schiff has performed a minor miracle in obtaining donations of door prizes from area merchants. Several of the club officers will be presenting awards to club members for their contributions to the many aspects of club life. We will conclude the evening's ceremonies with "The Year in Review" slide show. This is your last call to share with your club mates the many images you have captured during the boating season.

Just a note about the prices for the Fall Banquet: The gratuity at Daisy Flour Mill has increased from 16% to 18% and this is reflected in an additional \$.50 each for the chicken and the salmon. The roasted tenderloin price increase reflects the new rate of gratuity and the higher beef prices. We were fortunate last year to lock our prices in before the increase took effect. If these prices seem higher than menu prices – they are. That is because they include coffee/tea, dessert, gratuity and tax. Even when you begin with a menu price as low as \$14.95, add \$3.00 for dessert plus gratuity and tax and the cost to the club is \$22.93. This would be the situation no matter where we choose to hold our banquet.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Bopp



## Crossing The Bar

The membership of the Pultneyville Yacht Club sends its concerns and regards to Brian and Gail McCarthy on the passing of Brian's father in September.



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<http://www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org/>

## PYC LOG

The PYC LOG is our way of telling the members what is in the wind for the coming weeks. Please read it over and mark your calendars for these important Club events.



October 16th	Final Cradle Day
October 23rd	Final Haul-Out
November 13th	Fall Banquet
December 5th	Annual Meeting, Pultneyville Fire Hall