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PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

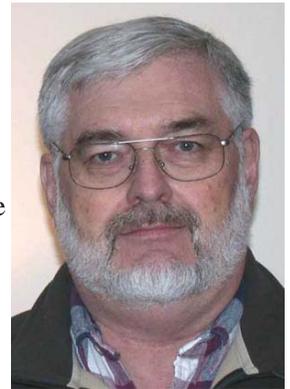
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Signals from the Commodore

I presume that all are bearing up through this Rochester up and down winter. We cold weather birds can always sit by a warm fire and think of our snowbird friends who have to bear up under their tropical warmth, wet and windy as it may be.

The club calendar should be in this issue and you'll notice some small changes. Workdays have dropped to 2, but we've scheduled the Fleet workdays. At this point we still anticipate two haul-out days. Open Boats Day has moved to coincide with the Pultneyville Homecoming days. We would like to get more involved with our town, perhaps adding social events. It is one way to strive to increase membership. Mark will be adding to the Racing Fleet schedule and a new starter should be on the way by that time.



Dick & Kathy Sheehan have accepted the Vice Commodore Position after the departure of Marv Hill to greener pastures in Albany. Please get to know Dick and Kathy and offer to give a hand whenever possible; it is your social calendar they guide.

The board has decided to continue the policy for this year of waiving the initiation fee for new members if they keep a boat in the harbor for two years. PYC accepted 14 new members last year and if even half were enticed to join by the no-fee policy we made money over the amount lost. We remain tightly competitive with marinas around the area when all costs are factored in.

The harbor should be seeing many improvements with the changes being made to The Pultneyville Marina. I believe you will enjoy the facilities and convenience if all goes as planned with the addition of dining facilities, small chandlery and several small shops accessible by the new dinghy dock. In addition the fuel facilities will remain along with guest docks.

You may be aware that in December the membership was informed that due to budget considerations the alternate haul/launch exploration project is being tabled until further notice. Budget considerations are to play a large factor in the club this year, and will be a large challenge.

To put it bluntly we need new members! That should be in the back of your mind when you discuss boating with non-PYC friends.

Nancy Gong is heading up a committee to market the club with some new and fresh ideas.

The Rochester Boat Show will again kick off our marketing year with an improved tag line.

However, our biggest source of new members comes from our current members. As you read this, our membership will probably be in the high eighties. We could function nicely at 110. It's up to all of us to recruit, recruit and recruit.

Brian McCarthy

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The Secretary's Corner

Membership Count: Membership is currently 80 voting, 0 social, 19 non-voting.



I am planning on sending out membership cards in late January so you should receive your 2005 membership card by early February. If you have not received your card by the 2nd week of February, please contact me (585-670-9345, moonstrl@localnet.com).

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.

The 2005 Rochester Boat show will be Feb 3rd – 6th. We will be having a booth again this year. Please contact Bob Hamilton or myself if you are available to help out at our booth.

Nancy Gong is heading up a new club marketing committee this year. The committee will be trying to come up with ways to get our club's name out in the community and attract new members. If you have any ideas or can help out please contact Nancy or myself.

Please contact me (585-670-9245) if you would like flyers to post or hand out. Potential members can also visit our web site at www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org for information and a printable membership application. Our Membership Chairperson is Jerri Schiff (585-381-9115) and our Dock Master is Bob Hamilton (585-377-0322). Persons interested in our racing program may contact our Fleet Captain, MarkBlaakman (585-385-6029).

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Crossing The Bar

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Jim Ely in late December, after a long illness. Jim had been a member of Pultneyville Yacht Club for 20 years.

(See special tribute, page 4, "Fleet Captain Reports")



Rear Commodore Reports

Notes from the Engine Room.....

And so we start another year, with mounting anticipation as another boating season approaches.

While some of our pre-season activities will remain the same, there are a few things that are going to change this year regarding workdays and work details. First, we are eliminating one of the three workdays. The scope of the work that needs attention this spring is such that we believe it can be handled appropriately with just two workdays. Further, eliminating the third workday frees up a weekend for better use in the club's busy schedule.



The initial plan calls for the usual spring cleaning, property repair, leaky faucet fixing and so on to take place on the first day, Saturday May 14th. Dock repairs and maintenance will come on the first day, and there will be docks built on both days. The second work day, June 18th, we will concentrate on taking down the dead tree that looms over the Baird House. How many people will be needed and other details on that project will be coming later. Another change for this year includes incorporating the launching of the floating docks on launch day. This should involve no more than five or six people and it will fulfill their commitment for a workday. Once again, this seems a more efficient use of people's time.

At this point, though, plans are not firm and all the details have not been worked out, so it's likely there will be changes ahead.

One last thing; In the event that you didn't make it to the December meeting, the Alternative Haul and Launch Committee has been put in a "stand down" mode in light of the financial circumstances of the club. Pursuing this concept may be reactivated in the event that future circumstances allow.

More later. In the meantime, I hope to see you at the Cabin Party.

Best Regards,

Merril Gray



PYC South Rendezvous

The 2005 Rendezvous will take place on Wednesday, March 2, 2005, from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM at the clubhouse of Longboat Key Moorings, Longboat Key, Florida. All PYC members and alumni are invited. For complete details, and to send a reservation, contact Ann Artman at:

artmanann@aol.com

or call: 239-495-1244.

Fleet Captain Reports



(Race) Mark your calendars...

I hope I'm not the only one who has recently come to the realization that winter is basically half over for us and it's just around three months until launch time. The club calendar has been formalized and I've made some decisions for the racing schedule already. We will continue with the format Larry Rice chose last year with a spring, summer, and fall series using five race dates with a sixth reserved for weather. This will all begin with one tune-up race on May 12th. I will send an email to all of the racers in the near future with dates for each series. If your email address has changed since last year or you aren't on the racer distribution and would like to be, then please send me a note to add you using <mailto:fleetcaptain@pultneyvilleyachtclub.org>.



The racing season will essentially begin with the Bowersox Race and end with the Bown Race but this year we plan to add another weekend event just past mid-season to honor a good friend to many of us and a great sailor – Jim Ely. I took a moment once to have a close look at the trophy case and the names on all that brass. I didn't take long to recognize the repetition of just a few names and I quickly acquired a lasting respect for Jim that motivated me to be more like him. This new race will be called the Jim Ely Moonrace. It's still in the early planning stages but the intent is to make the most of the full moon on or around the 19th of August this year. We also hope to attract fellow sailors from nearby clubs around the lake by making this an invitational race. I will miss Jim. I hope his spirit lingers in all of us for years to come.

With the passing of Jim and the moving of Marvin Hill to the Albany area a major void was left on the Hospice race committee. I was asked to fill the PYC seat and the attended the January meeting. The GRHC Hospice Race will be hosted by RYC this year on Saturday, August 27th.



As the new season draws ever closer I will be asking many of you to confirm you will continue to help as members of the racing committee, protest committee, and several specialized jobs. I will be reviewing the racing survey results and consulting some of you for direction on some controversial topics like our scoring system, boat ratings, and race course formats. There was quite a bit of interest in training seminars so I will be putting together some plans for these soon in the hopes of doing this off-season in time for it to add value later. I can't do this alone so I will be enlisting some help. Volunteers are welcomed. Please let me know if you can help.

One of our racing challenges has consistently been how to fill that committee boat. I think we'd all rather be racing but the self-timed races have led to some scoring frustrations. Late last year Larry introduced the idea of an automatic committee boat to the racing fleet. I'm pleased to announce there is a small team of RIT students in the midst of designing this now under direction from Scott Nichols and the racing committee. The objective here is to have a device that will start, time, and capture finishes of races. I'll share more on this next month as the students start to refine the design.

Mark Blaakman

Vice Commodore Reports

Welcome to the 2005 boating season. It is 80 degrees, the sun is shining, the lake is flat and we are headed out of the harbor for a fun day on the water. Yes, I have cabin fever as bad as everyone else, so why not join us at Webster Park on February 13th for the Winter Cabin Party starting at 1:00 PM. Bring sleds, toboggans, skis, the kids and have a great time. Food and beverage will be provided, also see flyer to bring salad, dessert and hors d'oeuvres.

Please contact Larry Rice with your reservation.

We also have the Rochester Boat Show at the convention center down town from February 3rd to the 6th; we will have a booth there again this year. If anyone is interested in helping out (it's free to get in if you are working the booth) please contact Bob Hamilton.

As you know we have lots of events planned for this year; what we need are people to host these events. Anyone interested in hosting an event please contact me.

Thanks,

Dick Sheehan



From The Treasury

This is the first chance I have had to talk to my fellow members since being elected to the Treasurer's post. Special thanks to Jane Hamilton and the 2004 PYC board for bringing me up to speed. If I had realized how diligently Jane worked for the club I may have had second thoughts.

This year there are many critical issues facing the club. As you already know we have had increases in our dues and dock fees. This was primarily due to the increased lease payments and the abrupt rise in both county taxes and insurance.

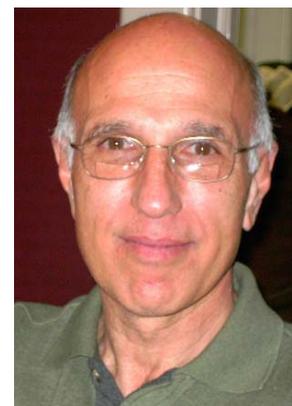
This year we have included in our budget the final loan payment for the South Cove docks, so that an additional assessment is not necessary.

I will do my best to keep you informed of the financial condition of the club. You will find a copy of the summary budget posted in the clubhouse each month with the board minutes.

I hope all our members realize how tight our budget is. The best help our club can get is each and every member to act as an ambassador for PYC. The number one cure for our financial problems is more members. Our best method of membership recruitment is "word of mouth".

Please remember that I am working for you and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

Joe Griffo



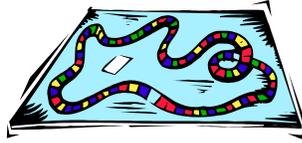
2005 PYC Calendar of Events

February 3 rd to 6 th	Rochester Boat Show
February 13 th	Winter Cabin Party
April 23 rd , 24 th	Launch Boats
April 30 th	Fleet Captain Work Day
May 14 th @ 8: 00AM	Work Day #1
May 21 st	Commodore's Review
May 29 th	Bowersox Memorial Day Race & Picnic (5:00 PM)
June 11 th	Commodore's Brunch (11:00 AM), New Member Reception, General Meeting (2:00 PM)
June 18 th @ 8:00 AM	Work Day #2
June 25 th	BYO Picnic*
July 16 th @ 9 AM	Pultneyville Homecoming, Open Boats
July 29 th , 30 th , 31 st	Club Cruise
August 12 th	August Board Meeting @ PYC
August 13 th	Club Roast, Fun Race*
August 19 th , 20 th	Jim Ely Memorial Moon Night Race
August 20 th	Commodore's Challenge*
August 27 th	Mariner Host Year
September 3 rd @ 5 PM	Rochester Hospice Regatta
September 10 th	BYO Picnic
September 17 th @ 8:00 AM	Bown Race
September 17 th	1 st Cradle Day
	Fall Picnic(2:00 PM)* & General Meeting w/Elections(4:00)
September, 24 th @ 7:00 AM	1 st Haul Out
October 15 th @ 8:00 AM	2 nd Cradle Day
October 22 nd @ 7:00 AM	2 nd Haul Out
October 29 th	Fleet Captain Work Day
November 12 th	Fall Banquet
December 4 th	Annual Meeting @ Fire Hall

* These are shared events with PYC and Mariners.

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PYC WINTER CABIN PARTY



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13th at 1:00 PM
PARKVIEW LODGE-WEBSTER PARK

The Winter Cabin Party is a great opportunity for all of us to get together in the off-season. The lodge is located just west of the intersection of Holt Road and Lake Road in Webster on the south side of Lake Road.

- ❖ This location is convenient to sledding hills and cross-country trails.
- ❖ Bring sleds, toboggans, cross country skis etc. for outside fun.
- ❖ Also bring cards and your favorite games for inside fun.

We will provide beer, wine, pop, hot chocolate, chili (meat and meatless), and hot dogs.
Please bring:

- ❖ a salad (if your last name begins with A-E) or
- ❖ a dessert (if your last name begins with F-O) or
- ❖ an hors d'oeuvre (if your last name begins with P-Z).

Cost: \$20.00 per family, \$7.50 per adult.

RESERVATION FORM

Please return by: February 8th 2005

Please return to: Larry Rice

134 Beckwith Terrace

Rochester, NY 14610

Telephone: 585-473-9363

email: brice134@frontiernet.net

Name: _____ **Number of people attending:** _____

Amount enclosed: _____ (**\$20.00/family, \$7.50/adult**)



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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.



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