



LAKE SOUNDINGS

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Signals from the Commodore

Good Day Fellow Members,

I am especially happy to be able to write to you this evening. I have just a few things to cover.

As many of you are aware a PYC team has been meeting with the representatives of the landlord, the Cornwall Trust, to establish an agreement that will modify our lease payments throughout the balance of the lease to help stabilize our financial picture. I really want to thank all of those people involved in those long discussions. It is with that effort that PYC will continue on.

It is with both a sense of pride and relief that I can announce today that Chip Stevens of the Cornwall Trust, The PYC Board of Governors and the PYC Board of Directors have reached an agreement that should go a long way toward that financial stabilization. Effective June 1st, 2005 the Pultneyville Yacht Club has returned the Baird house in its entirety to the Cornwall Trust.

PYC is no longer in the rental business. We retain all dockage presently in the harbor, and will retain use of the old clubhouse for a less than a nominal yearly fee. This return will reduce our yearly lease payments and major operating expenses like insurance, taxes and utilities. At the same time monies presently targeted for repair and maintenance of the Baird house can be shifted to harbor facilities. Major capital projects will be handled by the Cornwall Trust on a yearly basis after an annual project discussion by the Trust and Board of Directors. Repair and maintenance will be retained as the responsibility of the club. PYC and the trust will meet by mid July to establish a dredging committee that will meet on an annual basis. The trust will assume the dredging responsibilities for PYC.

This eases our financial picture but we are not totally out of the woods. We need a good strong club with more participating memberships to build your club.

The second announcement is that the Cornwall Trust will begin, this summer, to rebuild the West pier. The pier project will widen the pier to enable 1 step dredging and to help stop silt flow-through caused by wave action, thereby reducing the annual bill and need for dredging. It is planned that a dredging project this year will be tacked on the end side of the project. The project target start date is July. Vehicle restrictions obviously have to be in effect, as this area will become a construction site. Plan ahead.

As announced previously Lake Soundings will be discontinued in early Fall, with only remaining sources being the web page or electronic mailings for probably the last three issues this year and forever after that. We would need a volunteer printer to continue hard copies. We will provide the paper, and it will count as your workday. Step up if you wish to continue hard copies.

Lastly I would like to thank Nancy Gong for her work these past months in establishing and leading our marketing committee. Nancy chooses to end her tenure after the Smith tour due to her increasing workloads. A very well done indeed.

Brian McCarthy



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The Secretary's Corner

Our current membership count is: 92 Voting, 15 Non-Voting. Our membership is growing as the boating season begins. We have four new members/families and several applications and inquiries in the works.



New Members (in order of joining): Jim & Sarah Stranz and sons Jason and Justin. They are docked on the South Shore (S9E) and have brought their 23' sloop Anna Louise to PYC after many visits in summers past.

Tim Craft. Tim is docked on the Peninsula (P6N) and is new to sailing after recently purchasing a Grampion 28 named Survivor.

Brian Marcellus. Brian is docked on the Peninsula (PS6E) and re-joins PYC after several years away. He sails a Hunter sloop named Abigail.

Donald & Deanna Byrnes. They are docked on the South Shore (S15E) and joined PYC after purchasing their first sloop, a Grampion 26 named Edelweiss.

If you see a new face at the club or out on the water please introduce yourself and make our new members welcome.

Cruising News: A favorite cruising stop, the Marina at Waupoos burned. Transient docks will still be available for the 2005 cruising season.

As you are aware from last Month's Soundings, Bob Hamilton will no longer be printing the Soundings after September of this year. I would like to thank Bob for his years of service in printing both the Soundings and the annual PYC Log Book. We will need a volunteer to pick up the printing, or else we will have to go to electronic only distribution of the Soundings. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the details for any potential volunteers.

1. The club will supply paper at no cost.
2. The printing can be shared by 2-3 members.
3. The printing will fulfill your workday requirement.
4. We currently print about 200 double-sided pages per month.

The Soundings currently goes out to about 45 people in hard copy form. If you are receiving the Soundings in hard copy and have e-mail or Internet access* I would ask you to contact me to arrange to get an electronic copy so that we can further reduce the hard copy requirements and help make it possible for those without electronic access to continue to receive hard copies.

* the Soundings are available on our website.

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Rear Commodore Reports

Notes from the Engine Room.....

Just a couple of things to report this month. First, it's a pleasure to say that our first work day is behind us and, as last year, members on the various teams did a great job cleaning up the club grounds, fixing docks and sprucing up the club's buildings and grounds in general. My thanks to everyone on Roger Carr's team who worked on the clubhouse and grounds; Dick Darrow's group, who cleaned up the north shore and then teamed up with Roger's group to clean off the Baird House embankment. As usual, Eric Matteson's dock repair crew straightened and leveled the club's docks in outstanding fashion, and I would like to thank Cindy Kukuvka's group for the plantings and lawnscapeing around the buildings. Special thanks to Janice Riley, who poured herself into the beautification project, and to Al Shultz, Lou Rohr, Jim Snyder and Gordon Palmer who brought the ivy around the flagpole under control.



I have received word from the DEC that our application for weed control in the harbor this year has been signed and applicators will be in the harbor to treat with herbicides early in June- as soon as possible after the Bass spawning season is over.

Our request for a federal grant to cover 75 percent of the cost of replacing our pump-out facility has been approved and we are now in the process of implementing that project, although no specific date has been set as yet.

The fork lift requires some brake work before it can be safely operated and we are working on that. Also, we now need to look forward to work day number 2, during which the dead Poplar tree that stands over the Baird House will be taken down by a professional tree surgeon, while the ground crew and clean up work will be done by members. If your mast is still being stored on the picnic tables north of the Baird House, please be sure to remove it from that area before the 18th of June. When the tree is felled, it will come down squarely in the lawn where the masts presently are located.

Also on the 18th of June, another team of members will be building our second new dock for the year for Tony Belaskas and Jim Anderson.

I Hope to see you all at the Commodore's Brunch.

Merril Gray

Crossing the Bar

Pultneyville Yacht Club extends its heartfelt sympathies to Jim Marron and his family in the passing of Jim's mother in May.



Vice Commodore Reports

Hi All,

Finally, the boats are in their slips and the harbor is back to normal.

Launch weekend couldn't have been colder or wetter, but all of you are a remarkable group to be associated with. Everybody jumped in to help with everything that needed to be done. On the other hand the day was just beautiful for the Smith Tour. It would have been nice if more people showed up at the club, but the people that did show enjoyed our facilities.

By the time this goes to press we will already have had our first work day, the next one is June 18th.

Flyers have been sent out for the corrected information for the Memorial Day Picnic and Commodore's Brunch. Don't forget to send them back; it's always a good time.

Lastly, a word or two about the Commodore's Review, an event that took place May 21st. While the Commodore's boat remained in dry dock at the time, Brian and Gail still managed to present themselves from the decks of Past Commodore Steve Heffron's "*Dads Again*" to a flotilla of about fifteen club boats. The review was followed by the traditional wine and cheese party at the pavilion. You may remember that last year, we had a "virtual" Commodore's Review; we considered holding the review, and then considered the high winds and pounding surf, and just had the wine and cheese party instead. This year, though, the weather was fine and so was the Commodore's Review.

Don't forget to sign up for the brunch!

Dick Sheehan



Hospice Regatta...Save the date! Make a pledge!

Roseanne Critchlow

It's early in the sailing season at this point, but it is not too soon to make plans for the Hospice Regatta. Those of you who have participated in prior years know how much fun the event is. Those of you who have ever had a connection with Hospice know how valuable the services are.

This year's Hospice Regatta will take place Saturday, August 27. **Lifetime Care** (formerly Genesee Region Home Care) offers Hospice care in the greater Rochester area, including Wayne and Seneca counties. The agency also offers cancer support groups in Wayne County in Sodus and Macedon. (This is a new service as of April 2005.) Please give serious consideration to making a pledge to support the boats from PYC who participate.

More details will be available in the next issue of The Soundings. Questions meanwhile can be directed to Roseanne Critchlow (of "Polish Princess") at 315/589-2032.



New Housekeeping Staff

We have hired a new housekeeper. She is Wendy Keller, a professional cleaner who cleans homes, small stores and medical offices. Wendy began cleaning for PYC the week following launch weekend and will continue through September. The initial schedule calls for Wendy to work on Mondays at the club; she charges by the hour, so keep in mind that when you clean up after yourself, Wendy won't have to spend as much time cleaning at the club, and that translates into saving money.



2005 O.O.D. Assignments

| DATE | DAY | NAME |
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| 27-May | Friday | Palmer |
| 28-May | Saturday | Palum |
| 29-May | Sunday | Pautz |
| 30-May | Monday | Pretzer |

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| 3-Jun | Friday | Rice |
| 4-Jun | Saturday | Roetling |
| 5-Jun | Sunday | Rohr |

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| 10-Jun | Friday | Saporito |
| 11-Jun | Saturday | Schiff |
| 12-Jun | Sunday | Seyna |

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| 17-Jun | Friday | Shults |
| 18-Jun | Saturday | Sleggs |
| 19-Jun | Sunday | Snyder |

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| 24-Jun | Friday | Sorrells |
| 25-Jun | Saturday | Stage |
| 26-Jun | Sunday | Stevens |

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| 1-Jul | Friday | Stranz |
| 2-Jul | Saturday | Sylvester |
| 3-Jul | Sunday | Tertinek |
| 4-Jul | Monday | Thompson |

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| 8-Jul | Friday | Thurston |
| 9-Jul | Saturday | Walluk |
| 10-Jul | Sunday | Weagley |

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| 15-Jul | Friday | Wilkinson |
| 16-Jul | Saturday | Williams |
| 17-Jul | Sunday | Wurtenburg |

| DATE | DAY | NAME |
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| 22-Jul | Friday | Yaeger |
| 23-Jul | Saturday | Abate |
| 24-Jul | Sunday | Allen |

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| 29-Jul | Friday | Anderson |
| 30-Jul | Saturday | Arrabito |
| 31-Jul | Sunday | Axtell |

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| 5-Aug | Friday | Belaskas |
| 6-Aug | Saturday | Bertoni |
| 7-Aug | Sunday | Boesel |

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| 12-Aug | Friday | Bolt |
| 13-Aug | Saturday | Bopp |
| 14-Aug | Sunday | Borresen |

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| 19-Aug | Friday | Brickle |
| 20-Aug | Saturday | Broderick |
| 21-Aug | Sunday | Burcroff |

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| 26-Aug | Friday | Carr |
| 27-Aug | Saturday | Chapman |
| 28-Aug | Sunday | Corbin |

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| 2-Sep | Friday | Critchlow |
| 3-Sep | Saturday | Cylke, Jr. |
| 4-Sep | Sunday | Davis |
| 5-Sep | Monday | Del Vecchio |

Duty hours: Friday 6:00PM to 9:00PM
 Saturday, Sunday & Holidays 2:00PM to 8:00PM +

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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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| May 29th | Bowersox Memorial Day Race & Picnic 5:00 PM |
| June 11th | Commodore's Brunch, New Member Reception, 11:00 AM General Meeting 2:00 PM |
| June 18th | Workday #2, 8:00 AM |
| June 25th | BYO Picnic |
| July 16th | Pultneyville Homecoming 9:00 AM Open Boats |
| July 29th-31st | Club Cruise |