



LAKE SOUNDINGS

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Signals from the Commodore

Good Day Fellow Members,

July seems to be approaching very quickly as I write this. June, to this point, has been a very warm and seemingly quiet month.

The Commodore's brunch seemed to be enjoyed by all attendees, which I believe hovered around the 100 mark once again. It remains a very enjoyable event and my personal favorite.

A quick review of some items from the general meeting follows for those that elected not to attend:

The Board of Governors and the Executive Board feel that the club is more secure financially for the next 4 years. It is felt, still with some caution, that we may be able to do more repairs and maintenance around the club next year since a degree of financial stability has been achieved. Again this is in no small way due to our landlord, The Cornwall Trust. We do indeed have the continued need to increase our membership and at the same time remain competitive around the area. I do not see that changing soon.

Work on the pier and dredging are slated to begin in August according to last reports. The Cornwall trust will assume this workload. Again I say please try to park off the North shore areas. I suspect there will be some heavy equipment and possible supplies needed to be stored in our parking areas.

The official posting of September's candidates for the board will post in August but they are as follows: Secretary will be Cindy Kukupka; Fleet Captain will be Scott Nichols, and Rear Commodore position has been accepted by Daryl Hunt. The nominating Committee has done a superb job to get to this point this early in the year. Wendy Axtell, Roger Carr, Donna Ecker, Mark Laffin and Terry Weagley all deserve a very well done.

The members have asked the board to consider two changes to policy and possibly by-law.

The first is the question of year round boat storage on PYC property. You should be aware that the board no longer allowed such storage this year after a less than successful trial of same for the past several years. However we are willing to have others look at it again to give us their recommendations. I have asked Daryl Hunt to head up a group consisting of Jim Marron, Robin Wilkinson, Lou Rohr, Jim Stranz and Don Boesel to examine this question. In search of a diversified group to perform this task it became very obvious that there are some strong feelings out there on this issue. If you want your opinion noted, please contact Daryl with a note. If you don't say it, we don't know it and don't be disappointed by any results.

The second issue is regarding the change in membership cards to Non Voting members implemented this year. Joan Stage asked that the membership level itself be reexamined along with the whole issue. Board members have asked to discuss this among ourselves before any study is agreed to. We will bring it up at the earliest possible time and take it from there. The story is long but if you have followed it and know the whole picture and wish to comment feel free to send a note. If you want the whole picture or are just curious give one of the board members a call or stop over and see us at the club.

Have a good summer. Enjoy the season. If cruising, do so safely.

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 sail have brought their 23' sloop Anna Louise to PYC after many visits in summers past.

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

Brian Marcellus. Brian is docked on the Penninsula (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.

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 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.....

Finally, for all but a handful of people, work responsibilities are out of the way and we can concentrate on the fun side of the yacht club.

In that regard, there are a few members whose names do not appear as having taken part in a work day. Some of you have already made separate arrangements to fulfill your work day responsibilities, otherwise it is your responsibility to contact me and work out an arrangement. The fine for missing a work day is \$200.00.



Work day Two culminated in the removal of the dead Poplar that loomed over the Baird House. This work required the concentrated effort of a large number of members who sawed, chipped, and split their way to a clean yard by the clubhouse and a new pile of firewood on the beach. Two large logs that had washed up on the beach were also reduced to blocks and split to keep them from possibly washing back into the lake and becoming a hazard to navigation. Special thanks to Tom Jayne who brought his tractor to the club; the tractor was instrumental in the removal of the tree and in taking care of the wood on the beach. Tom also headed up the effort to build a new dock for Tony Belaskas and Jim Anderson; Tony says the dock is “perfect.” The day represented the last big push to get major club projects out of the way and was largely successful.

The new pump-out station is in place and operational. You will find that this new pump is faster and more powerful than the old one, and does not need to be primed. Seventy-five percent of the cost of this pump was borne by funds provided by a grant from the Environmental Facilities Corporation, a state agency that administrates federal clean water funds. Special thanks to Jim Hauck, who provided the electrical expertise to make the pump operational and arrange for the required inspection, and to Robin Wilkinson who created and installed the final version of the plumbing hook-up so that the new pump won't leak. Thanks, also, to Brian McCarthy for his help, and my wife Cher, who is always there.

The first week of June, the harbor was treated with Aquathol, a pre-emergent herbicide, to help control the growth of weeds.

Now, maybe there'll be some time for me to fix my own dock.....see you at the club.

Merril Gray



Fleet Captain's Journal

Fellow Members,

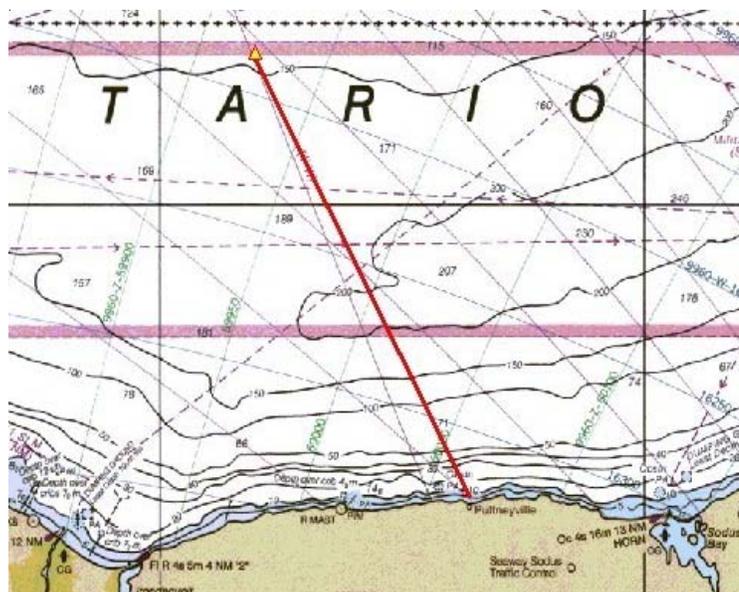
I want to thank the team again that assembled on Fleet Captain Work Day for all of their hard work to get the race marks and navigation buoys prepared and set. We had a cool and rainy day for this but got it done just the same. Thanks!

FYI to all cruisers: I got a message last month that the Oswego Yacht Club has moved... "That's right no more walking up those stairs. We are now located at Oswego International Marina." Please check the OYC web site for more details.



The Bowersox Memorial Race results are posted on the web site. We had seven boats participating this year. I'm hoping we have a bigger turnout for the Jim Ely Memorial Moon Race coming up in late July. After speaking with several racers and getting some similar feedback I have decided on a course for this race. We will race from

the PYC permanent course zero mark to the NWS Station 45012 weather buoy and back. This is about 43 nautical miles round trip and probably closer to a little over 50 NM with tacking. The course is shown below. Any number of wind directions could make this course work so I'm happy to go with it and thanks to the racers who provided input on this. This course is, coincidentally, nearly the exact course you would steer to go to Scotch Bonnet Island on a direct path from Pultneyville but about half the distance.



On a related front I have designed a trophy for the JEM Race and want to publicly thank Nancy Gong for her work in making a portion of this and contributing the artwork for free. Many thanks Nancy!!!

Our Thursday Night Spring Series racing has met with several weather complications and we only have 2 out of 5 races so far. Let's hope we have decent luck for the 6th race date. I may elect to chalk this series up to "practice only" because without a fourth race we can't score in the normal fashion of allowing one discard. With 3 races in all would count if we actually get a 3rd. We'll see.

Anyone who still has PYC trophies please bring them to the clubhouse. I'm in need of some hardwood lumber, walnut and cherry, any size, rough or milled. If you can make a contribution please contact me as I have some trophies to physically extend in order to get all of the nameplates displayed.

Safe boating –

Mark Blaakman

2005O.O.D. Assignments

DATE	DAY	NAME	DATE	DAY	NAME
27-May	Friday	Palmer	22-Jul	Friday	Yaeger
28-May	Saturday	Palum	23-Jul	Saturday	Abate
29-May	Sunday	Pautz	24-Jul	Sunday	Allen
30-May	Monday	Pretzer			
			29-Jul	Friday	Anderson
3-Jun	Friday	Rice	30-Jul	Saturday	Arrabito
4-Jun	Saturday	Roetling	31-Jul	Sunday	Axtell
5-Jun	Sunday	Rohr			
			5-Aug	Friday	Belaskas
10-Jun	Friday	Saporito	6-Aug	Saturday	Bertoni
11-Jun	Saturday	Schiff	7-Aug	Sunday	Boesel
12-Jun	Sunday	Seyna			
			12-Aug	Friday	Bolt
17-Jun	Friday	Shults	13-Aug	Saturday	Bopp
18-Jun	Saturday	Sleggs	14-Aug	Sunday	Borresen
19-Jun	Sunday	Snyder			
			19-Aug	Friday	Brickle
24-Jun	Friday	Sorrells	20-Aug	Saturday	Broderick
25-Jun	Saturday	Stage	21-Aug	Sunday	Burcroff
26-Jun	Sunday	Stevens			
			26-Aug	Friday	Carr
1-Jul	Friday	Stranz	27-Aug	Saturday	Chapman
2-Jul	Saturday	Sylvester	28-Aug	Sunday	Corbin
3-Jul	Sunday	Tertinek			
4-Jul	Monday	Thompson	2-Sep	Friday	Critchlow
			3-Sep	Saturday	Cylke, Jr.
8-Jul	Friday	Thurston	4-Sep	Sunday	Davis
9-Jul	Saturday	Walluk	5-Sep	Monday	Del Vecchio
10-Jul	Sunday	Weagley			
15-Jul	Friday	Wilkinson			
16-Jul	Saturday	Williams			
17-Jul	Sunday	Wurtenburg			

Duty hours: Friday

6:00PM to 9:00PM

Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

2:00PM to 8:00PM +

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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.



July 16	Pultneyville Homecoming and Open Boats
July 22, 23	Jim Ely Memorial Moonrace
July 29,30,31	Club Cruise
August 13	Club Roast and Fun Race
August 20	Commodore's Challenge, Mariners Host