

KEY DATES

- Nov 1**
 - Floating Dock Hall-out
- Nov 8**
 - Fall Banquet
Triphammer Grille
 - Social Survey Due
- Dec 7**
 - Annual Meeting
Pultneyville Fire Hall
1 PM

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Lake Soundings



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Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

We are truly winding down the season. Hopefully everyone has their boat tucked away for the winter months. If you have masts stored in the pavilion please make sure they are tied to the racks. We have had storms blow them off resulting in damaged masts. The water has been turned off in the club houses so everything is carry in / carry out until early spring.

We still have some events remaining this year. The 1st is the fall banquet on November 8 which is be-

ing held at the Triphammer Grill and hosted by Mark and Laurie Blaakman. This should be a great night with good food and a view of the river. The second is the Annual meeting on December 7 at 1 pm in the fire hall in Pultneyville. Bring a snack to pass and we will provide the liquid refreshments. We will be presenting the 2009 annual budget.

Based on the vote at the September meeting we are finalizing the details of the new lease.

We'll see you at the fall banquet,

Dave Weagley



Editor's Note

Here is my first attempt at the PYC newsletter.

For many of us, it is the first time we're reading a letter not prepared by Merrill and Cher Gray. They have been assembling the Soundings for ELEVEN YEARS. That's dedication, and everyone in the club owes them a debt of gratitude for this service to the club. I hope I can even partially live up to the expectations they have created with such a great job over the years. THANK YOU CHER AND MERRIL!

I'll be playing around with formats and things for a few months till it feels right. If you like what you see, let me know. If you don't like it, letting me know that is even more helpful. I'd really like to get more pictures into the newsletter, so if you take any, please send them along with a short note describing the picture and I'll see what I can do to add them in somewhere.

My email address is echapman@rochester.rr.com. Take care!

Notes from the Vice Commodore



Thanks to those of you who have stepped forward to help with food for haul out. The haul

for September brought beautiful weather and mostly smooth operations...including lunch. As I write this, the October haul is still in front of us and promises much cooler weather, though still dry. Warmer food will be in order!

Also, an end-of-season **thank you to Don Boesel** for returning the mountains of cans and bottles from our season of summertime enjoyment. Our thirst netted us just under \$100!?!

Mark and Laurie Blaakman are the hosts for the Fall Banquet on November 8th at the Triphammer Grill. The registration deadline was October 25th so hopefully many of you have signed up by now. If not, please contact Mark to see if it is possible to make last minute arrangements. But please do it right away because the restaurant needs a firm count.

Included with this month's Soundings is a Social Program survey. The purpose of the survey is survey to get some feedback regarding this year's events and to better understand your preferences for social programs. It is available in a PDF format with this issue of the Soundings if you want to print it, fill it out and mail it back to me ([134 Beckwith Terrace, Rochester, NY 14610](mailto:brice134@frontiernet.net)). Or you can bring it to the Fall Banquet. It is also being sent under separate cover as an Excel document for those who prefer to fill it out electronically and e-mail it back to save on postage and paper (brice134@frontiernet.net). Please take a few minutes and make your opinions known. These programs are for your enjoyment! I will publish the results in the December Soundings. The deadline for returns is **November 8th**.

And...be thinking of what events you'd like to host/help with next season. I know your creativity is out there! The sign up sheet will be making its way around, beginning with the banquet.

As always, many thanks to all who have volunteered with the club's social season this year. We couldn't do it without you!

Betsy Rice



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Secretary's Corner

December General Membership Meeting

The final general membership meeting of 2008 will be held on December 7th at 1:00 pm at the Pultneyville Volunteer Fire Department hall located just west of the Pultneyville Pickle on Lake Road. The 2009 PYC budget will be discussed and voted on during the meeting. Commodore Weagley will also have an update on the lease negotiations with the Cornwall Trust. All voting membership units should attend.

New Member Packet Volunteers

I'd like to update the small packet that we give to prospective and new members, and I'm looking for two or three volunteers to help with the update. It would be great if volunteers were joined the Club in of years so we can perspective on want or need to members. Please email or tele- are interested in



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two of the vol- members who the past couple get your fresh what you really know as new contact me by phone if you helping out.



Membership News

Membership Unit Counts

The membership counts for the Club stand at 80 voting membership units, 9 non-voting, zero social, and 3 PMI reciprocal member- ships.

“OUR BOAT”

As the new editor of the newsletter, I've already figured out why Cher and Merrill laughed when I said I didn't think it should be too hard! What they didn't tell me is that it can be very difficult to fill in all the “white space” as I try to fit in articles of varying sizes.



BMW Oracle “Dogzilla” in Light Air

To help with this, I'd like to start a new regular section of the newsletter called “Our Boat”, as I know all of us always have a story to share about our boat and we just need a little encouragement to get it out. I'll build a library and use one or more to fill in where I need something. Has to be better than a lot of open space! Send yours in now so I don't have to bore you to death with stories month after month about Comic Relief!

To standardize the segments a bit, I would suggest a couple of pieces of info be included;



Our BOAT
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- Boat Name
- Owner Name
- Make, Model, Year
- Interesting specs
- Something no one knows about the boat
- And of course...a picture to go with the article

Fleet Captain's Report



Hi All,

This is close to my last article as Fleet Captain. Being Flt Cpt has been an interesting and enlightening experience. It has sure made me much more aware of how much organization it takes to have a racing program. I could not have done the job without all the help that I received.

I would especially like to thank Mark Blaakman for scoring, Scott Nichols for the committee boat, Earl Chapman for all the sage advice, Larry Rice for all his sage advice, Doug Axtell for measuring, Jon Flowerday for being bosun, Barry Gheer for just being there when needed, Eric Matteson for making the lights glow, and all the competitors for making a fleet.

This weekend has been interesting. Sunday morning

Penelope and I left for the Marina in Macedon. This involved a great sail to Oswego and a nice overnight stay at OYC. The hospitality at OYC was wonderful. Monday morning I had Penelope's mast pull at Oswego Marina and entered the Oswego river. What a beautiful cruise. The weather was perfect, the lockmasters had the locks lined up for us, and the colors were outstanding. Monday night, Penelope and I, stayed at the city dock in Baldwinsville. Tuesday morning it was a little foggy, but we were underway by 0715. As soon as the sun came up the fog burned off and in spite of a slight drizzle at about 4pm the weather was beautiful. Penelope is spending tonight alone at the dock in Newark, which is another great facility. We will finish our cruise tomorrow and begin our long winters sleep.

I recommend that a cruise on the canal system be part of everyone's bucket list.

Fair winds and smooth sailing.

Tom .

Notes from the Engine Room

When you read this, the fall haul outs will be complete.

The 1st haul out was successful. Everything went well. I am hopeful things will go as well on the 2nd haul out.

I would like to thank everyone that helped in preparing our coffee breaks and lunches. It is great that members take time to make such delicious salads, soups, etc. Thanks!

The board has been working on the 2009 Budget. We have made good progress. I have planned some projects to spend on the Rear Commodore's share of the budget. I am sure I will have more, if the

budget is passed in December.

We have preliminary drawings for the new docks on the peninsula. We will be looking at spacing and lengths of the docks.

Last but not least. I will be asking for volunteers to pull the floating docks.

I am planning on November 1st.



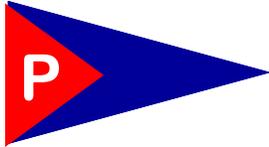
C. R. Burcroff

Crossing the Bar

It is with deep sadness that I report to you that Jeremy Sangster, 26 year old son of Steve and Pat Sangster, passed away from injuries he suffered in an apartment fire last week.



I am saddened to tell you that Merrill Gray's brother Wayne passed away after battling cancer for nearly a year. Cher and I wish to express our deep appreciation for the outpouring of support we received from our many friends at the club in regard to the passing of my brother, Wayne. Please remember Merrill and Cher in your thoughts.

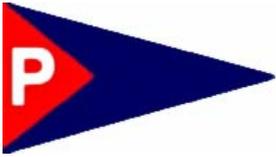


PYC LOG

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

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- **SAT - NOV 8** Fall Banquet - Triphammer Grill
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- **SUN - DEC 7** Annual Meeting - Pultneyville Fire Hall - IPM



Pultneyville Yacht Club Social Survey

Instructions: If you are filling out this survey electronically, please place an "X" in the column preceding the answer you select. See example next to these instructions. If you choose to fill this out the "hard copy traditional way" just circle the answer you select. Please return to: brice134@frontiernet.net or Betsy Rice, 134 Beckwith Terrace, Rochester 14610 OR bring to the fall banquet!

This first group of questions is designed to get your feedback regarding which events you like and are likely to attend. This will allow us to better anticipate attendance and size of events

The Pultneyville Yacht Club's Social Calendar is currently comprised of 7 events as follows:

- Cabin Party mid February
- Memorial Day Picnic late May
- Commodore's Brunch early June
- Club Cruise late July
- Club Roast mid August
- Fall Picnic mid September
- Fall Banquet early November

Survey Questions

1. ***Is this number of events...*** a) about right b) too many c) too few
2. ***Please mark/circle the events you attended this past year***
a) Cabin Party b) Memorial Day Picnic c) Commodore's Brunch d) Club Cruise
e) Club Roast f) Fall Picnic g) Fall Banquet
3. ***Please mark/circle the events you are most likely to attend next year***
a) Cabin Party b) Memorial Day Picnic c) Commodore's Brunch d) Club Cruise
e) Club Roast f) Fall Picnic g) Fall Banquet
4. ***What was your favorite social event this year? And why? Mark/circle only one.***
a) Cabin Party b) Memorial Day Picnic c) Commodore's Brunch d) Club Cruise
e) Club Roast f) Fall Picnic g) Fall Banquet

It is my favorite because...

5. *What was your least favorite social event this year? And why? Mark/circle only one.*

- a) Cabin Party b) Memorial Day Picnic c) Commodore's Brunch d) Club Cruise
- e) Club Roast f) Fall Picnic g) Fall Banquet

It is my least favorite because...

6. *What are the primary reason(s) you attend? Mark/circle up to 3.*

- a) I like the camaraderie of members
- b) It's a good way to meet other members.
- c) The prices are very reasonable
- d) I like to entertain my friends at the club
- e) I enjoy sampling and preparing the creative dishes people bring to pass
- f) other - please specify below

7. *What are the primary reasons you do not attend? Mark/circle up to 3.*

- a) I prefer to gather with friends in a smaller group
- b) The prices are too high
- c) I have other competing social or family obligations
- d) I typically have to work when events are held
- e) The events are the same every year
- e) The events are scheduled too close together
- f) other - please specify below

8. Are there social events you would like to see dropped from the calendar?

- a) No, it's about right.
- b) Yes, please drop..._____

9. What suggestions do you have for adding or changing event formats/themes?

This next group of questions is to understand your specific food and drink preferences so we can be sure to purchase those you like!

10. As a general rule my beverage of choice at Pultneyville social events is most likely to be...

<u>For Me</u>	<u>My Spouse</u>	<u>My Kids</u>
a) Soda	a) Soda	a) Soda
b) Beer	b) Beer	b) Beer
c) Wine	c) Wine	c) Wine
d) Bottled Water	d) Bottled Water	d) Bottled Water

11. My soda of choice is... My soda of choice is... My soda of choice is...

<u>For Me</u>	<u>My Spouse</u>	<u>My Kids</u>
a) Coke	a) Coke	a) Coke
b) Diet Coke	b) Diet Coke	b) Diet Coke
c) Pepsi	c) Pepsi	c) Pepsi
d) Diet Pepsi	d) Diet Pepsi	d) Diet Pepsi
e) Sprite	e) Sprite	e) Sprite
f) Diet Sprite	f) Diet Sprite	f) Diet Sprite
g) Other	g) Other	g) Other

12. My beer of choice is...

For Me

- a) Labatt's Blue
- b) Budweiser
- c) Heineken
- d) Blue Light
- e) Bud Lite
- f) Coors Light
- g) Other

My Spouse

- a) Labatt's Blue
- b) Budweiser
- c) Heineken
- d) Blue Light
- e) Bud Lite
- f) Coors Light
- g) Other

13. My box wine of choice is...

For Me

- a) Red
- b) White
- c) Blush

My Spouse

- a) Red
- b) White
- c) Blush

14. If I have a choice between the following I am most likely to pick...
Mark/circle more than one if appropriate.

For Me

- a) Burger
- b) Red Hot
- c) White Hot
- d) Chicken

My Spouse

- a) Burger
- b) Red Hot
- c) White Hot
- d) Chicken

e) None; I just eat sides and dessert

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15. What suggestions do you have for improving our social event program? What suggestions do you have for adding or changing event formats/themes?

THANK YOU!