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SOUNDINGS FROM THE COMMODORE

In the February issue of LAKE SOUNDINGS I said that I would be communicating with you on a regular basis as we continue our meetings with the Cornwall Estate.

The outstanding issues of destruction of the Palmer's cradle and the removal of PYC members trailers from the orchard have been reviewed quite thoroughly. Lorraine Cornwall, Executor, has responded formally to our concerns and I would like to summarize these situations for you.

Our landlord fully understands the frustration of being victimized by having one's property destroyed. This was an unusual occurrence at PYC and many of us have associated it with the trailer removal. The Cornwall Estate however has assured me that they were not responsible for this unfortunate incident. Who else is responsible? I don't know at this time. I suggest however, that we put the incident behind us and move forward with the new boating season.

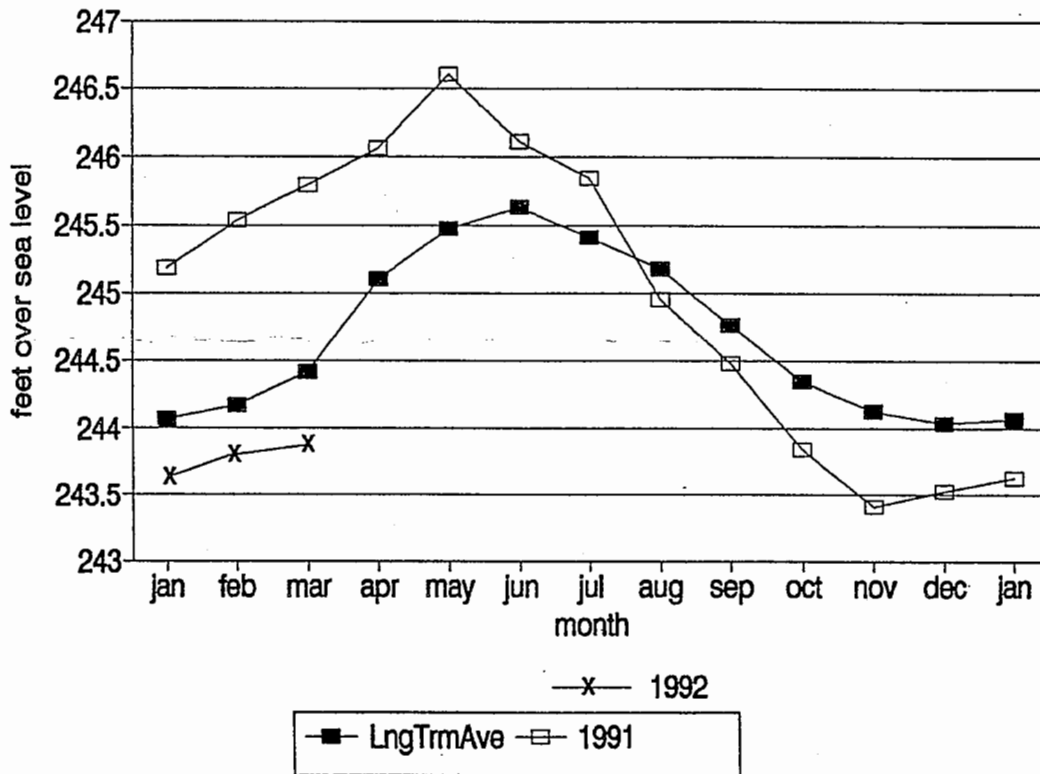
With regard to the trailer removal, we now have an agreement that this will not occur again without prior communication with our Rear Commodore. We however have a responsibility here also in that all PYC property is to be stored in the area *south* of the dirt road in the orchard as per our supplementary lease. The area will be properly identified this year with a PYC sign. Also, for our benefit, PYC trailers are to be identified with the letters PYC, the owners name, and the boat name (same as we do for the cradles stored in that area). Other trailers, for boat owners renting from our landlord, will be stored north of the road.

Also, we are beginning preliminary discussions with regard to our future and continued presence in the harbor, 1994 and beyond. By the way, 1994 will be the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Pultneyville Yacht Club. Our next meeting is April 13th, at which time we will cover, in a general way, the nature of a new lease. I plan by mid season to have established with our Landlord, the fundamental principles on which we will proceed with further discussions and at our annual meeting in December of this year, to communicate to you, in some detail, the basis on which we will proceed with negotiations during 1993. Our current lease expires in December 1993. My fellow officers and I would welcome your viewpoints on PYC 1994 and beyond.

Bob Hotchkiss

Commodore

Lake Level



"All ships rise with the tide."

George McDade, MCC Art Professor

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SIGNALS FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

A few reminders for launch

It is always a good idea to check all thru hull fittings and connections well before launch weekend. Pay particular attention to valves. Last year I found that I had left the head flush intake valve closed during the winter. Of course, it was split from the ice which formed in the valve body. This discovery was made late Saturday afternoon the day before launch. Fortunately I had a replacement in my basement. I shudder to think of the mess and expense if *Arabesque* had been launched without this last minute fix.

Please plan to be present at dockside for the launch of your boat. Our insurance policy dictates, and common sense suggests, that you be present when the straps are secured to your boat and it is placed in the water. So if you are assigned to the orchard, it is a good idea to keep track of crane progress and be on hand for your boats launch.

Several members have inquired about what to do if they can't be present for launch day. If this is your situation, please contact Dave Weagley at (716) 334-9727 and let him know. We will arrange for you to participate on a special pre-launch work day in early April, as soon as the weather breaks. Also, plan to let Dave know who you have designated to be responsible for your boat. I suggest that you select someone who knows your boat or one like it. Make sure they have your boats keys; it's harder to stop a leak when the cabin is locked!

This year, we will be marking the sling location on all boats which don't have some sort of indication along or just below the starboard rub rail. These marks reduce the time required to place boats back in the cradles during haul out. Our method will probably be small colored tape dots. We will not be marking boats which already have some clear means of identification. So feel free to add this feature to your spring preparation list if you are uncertain about our colored dots. When marking your boat, visualize how the slings will go around your hull and make sure that they will be free of any interference with the cradle.

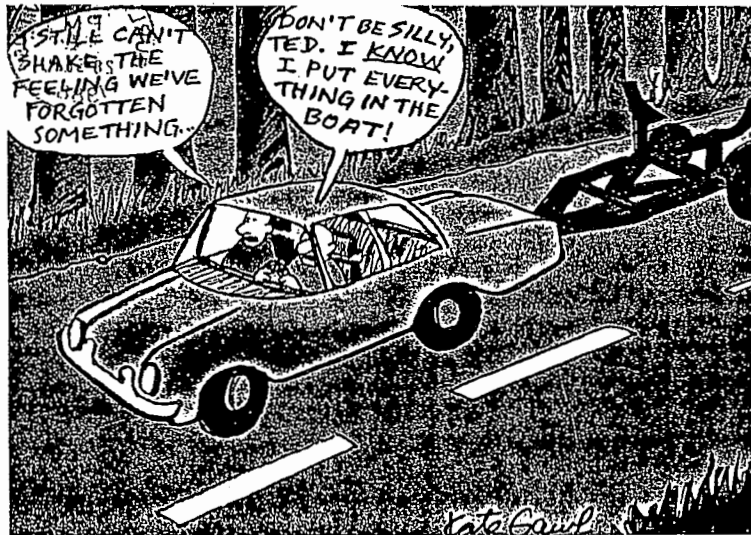
Identification will also be added to your cradle. We will be spray painting your name, phone number, boat name and PYC on the cradle. We will also mark the bow and the stern end. Obsolete information will be sprayed out. This information is to aide in identification during cradle day. Once again, if you don't like the spray paint, we won't bother with cradles which are clearly marked with this information.

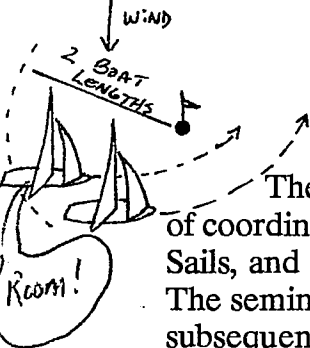
Let's all plan ahead to insure a safe and enjoyable launch weekend!!!

George Myers
Rear Commodore

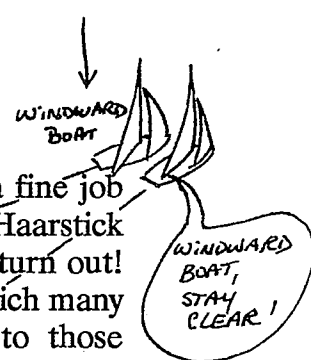
ADDITIONAL LAUNCH NOTES

- * We are looking for a back-up person to drive a truck on cradle day. The new requirement is a CDL license. We are also looking for a large flat bed truck or trailer or two flat bed pick up trucks for launch. If anyone has the license or access to these vehicles, please call Dave Weagley.
- * Please review the *Launch Assignments* on the following page. If your boat is being launched, and your name is not on the list, contact Dave Weagley at (716) 334-9727. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided mid morning on both days. Lunch will be provided on Saturday and Sunday.
- * Crane and cradle truck operators are responsible to and take direction from Group Leaders. Please do not interfere. The cranes must operate in a safe and timely manner; please do not plan on painting underpad areas at the time of launch.
- * All trailers are to be unlocked prior to boat launch day and in such condition that they can be easily moved.
- * Preparation such as painting and repairs must be completed prior to launch day.
NO LAST MINUTE SANDING OR ANTI-FOULING PAINTING TO BE DONE.
- * Boat fenders are to be put in place.
- * 2 long lines, 30 feet each: 1 bow and 1 stern - not yellow polypropylene, are to be attached so that the boat can be guided to a dock.
- * Please be sure your engine is operational so that you will be able to quickly vacate the dock if necessary.
- * Throughout Launch Weekend, please park cars up near the club house or in the area behind the dumpster after loading and unloading. We need to provide a clear path for the vehicles carrying cradles to the orchard and the crane proper access to the boats being launched.





SIGNALS AT THE MARK



The club would like to extend their thanks to Ernie Kirkpatrick who did a fine job of coordinating a spectacular "Rules of the Course" seminar with Rick and Chip at Haarstick Sails, and those members who brought snacks and refreshments. We had a great turn out! The seminar was a refresher on the five basic racing rules (from the USYRU of which many subsequent rules are built on) for the seasoned racers and an introduction to those beginning racers. The guest presenters suggest that when everyone plays by the same rules, it is safer and more fun. They also reminded us of the importance of communicating before, during and after maneuvers to one another from vessel to vessel to make the best of friendly competition!

The COBOURGE YACHT CLUB is having a CAN AM REGATTA from July 1 to 5. There will be a Canada Day Festival, Fireworks, Family Day and three days of racing, cocktails, dance, barbecue and awards! For information call 416-372-3098.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A friendly note to cheer up past member Peter Foy, *Chardonnay* would probably make Peter's day while undergoing treatment for his illness. Keep the faith Peter, we're all thinking of you!

A long time member, Frank Harris, *Louisa*, has recently passed away. Frank sailed up until a few years ago. According to Pam Turner, "It broke his heart when he had to stop sailing. He will be fondly remembered by a lot of the membership." PYC extends our condolences Rosalie and the family.

Bon voyage to free spirited Jim Shippers as he begins yet another journey. Jim has sold his house and his boat and is moving to Idaho. The hospital that offered him a temporary position in Idaho offered him a full time position. Best wishes for great adventure Jim, from all of us at PYC. Ride 'em cowboy! The rodeo man!

A SPRING LAUNCH RITUAL

For the last 14 years, Chris and Marti Tertinek, *Scotch N' Soda Too!*, have had a very spirited boat launch each spring. It starts in the fall. If they have time, they wash out the water tank. Even if they don't have time, they pour one liter of the cheapest Vodka they can find into the water tank. They pump it through the lines and then they don't have to worry about the lines freezing. Marti hesitates to recommend it, but claims they have never had any problems, "I don't know if it is a deterrent to the longevity of the hose, but we haven't had any problems." *Scotch N' Soda* is berthed at Sills, although they haul and launch her at PYC. Marti loves having anything to do with the water and does all the preparation on the boat in the spring. She changes the oil, spark plugs, does all the engine work, and waxes the hull. Last year she even did a little fiberglass work. She enjoys it so much that every year, she takes a week of unpaid vacation to get ready for the boating season. Once they launch, Chris steps in to rig the boat as quickly as possible. By the end of launch weekend, they will have sailed to their dock at Sodus. It is there that they drain the Vodka out, or indulge in the spirits -- and make Bloody Mary's to salute the beginning of the season. Marti says "It tastes fine!"

PYC Launch Assignments - 1992

	Friday	Saturday	Saturday	Sunday
Job	May 1, Noon - 6PM	May 2, 7AM - 1PM	May 2, Noon - 6PM	May 3, 7AM - 1PM
Safety Officer	Weagley	Myers	Myers	Myers
Crew Chief	Adolphson	Muhleman	Iuppa	Weagley
Lines	Sylvester, Felton	Brickle, Stage	Axtell, Walvoord	Corbin, Roetling
Sling Crew #1	Damick, Geraci Peterson	Bowersox, Keller Palum, Sakal	Adolf, Ashodian Bertoni, Bolt	Cicha, Knox Axtell Doug, Dezen
Sling Crew #2	Kirkpatrick	Foley, Solen Smith Don, Schwenck	Lewis, Davis Fisk, Smith Doug	Hopf, Pautz Boesel, Wulff
Fork Lift		Paient	Hartman	Edmunds
Truck		Prince	Arrabito	Corso
Cradle Painter		Christiano, Marron	Artman, Miller	White, Rohr
Sling Marker		Turner, Lagergren	Tulloch, Wickett	Stevens, DelVecchio
Orchard Cradle Chief *		Tertinek *, Schiff Shippers, Daws	Washburn *, Szlucha Allen, Hamilton	Muth *, Feldstein Jones, Palmer
Harbor Cradle Chief *		Fien *, Hultberg Becker, Thurston Fitsgibbon, Liebert	Eiselen, Pullard * Ogren, Elliott Brand, Boat Jiea Watkins, Shriver Burcroff, Griffio Ritchie	Hotchkiss *, Teese Hall, Holmes Fedick, Shultz Kukuvka, Broida Carr, Bennett

ABOUT THE 1992 MEMBERSHIP LOG

The 1992 PYC Membership Log is ready! Special thanks to Doug Smith and Pam Turner who compiled the information, handled the layout and printing. And thanks to Nancy Gong for providing the art work for the cover. The cover was inspired by fellow members Todd Nowak (past member) in the bosun's chair, Debbie Nowak, Bruce Arrabito, Doug Axtell and another member hoisting Todd up his mast after returning from a day sail with an **urgent** need to get to the top of his mast. The art work was worked from a photograph taken from Tai-Pan on the peninsula. The Membership Logs were distributed at the Spring Banquet. Members who have not yet obtained their copy, can find it with their name on it in the Club House starting May 2. A limited number of additional copies are available from Doug Smith. Many members confess that a second copy is convenient to have, so that you can have one at home and one on the boat!

Please note that there have been a few policy changes which were approved by the membership at the 1991 Annual Meeting. These changes have not been included in the 1992 Membership Log. We apologize for any inconvenience this may pose. A revised policy section will be mailed to you shortly.



A GREAT TIME AT THE PYC SPRING BANQUET

Our Vice Commodore has out done himself again! A special thanks goes to Jim Tulloch and fellow members who assisted for putting on a great get together at the Crystal Barn! The company was great, the food was great, the dancing was fun, and the inspiration to get moving on our boat work was definitely there! Now if only the weather will cooperate!!!

Commodore Bob Hotchkiss presented a momento to *Sam Dispenza*, Past Commodore, for PYC's appreciation of his efforts. Sam had devoted much of his personal and professional time and expertise to the club.

The Commodore also presented the *Commodore's Award* to *Ernie Washburn*. The Commodore's award is a recognition award to a member who has provided exceptional service to the club.

SCUTTLEBUTT N' SUCH

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Mierzwa finally arrived two weeks early during the big snow storm of March 11, 1992. Congratulations to Carol and Don who are now Grandma and Grandpa Brickle.

It seems if you go south, you'll find friends! You'll get great greetings at the Miami Boat Show if you arrive just as Sara & Bill Marsh are leaving, as did Don and Carol Brickle. According to the Brickle's *"Timing is everything. We had lunch with them. Said they hadn't done much sailing. They are leaving Marathon, Florida in April to try out points along the Gulf Coast. They expect to be back in Marathon next winter. They look great!"*

CLASSIFIEDS

SUNSHINE CHAIR PERSON:

PYC is looking for a Sunshine Chairperson. Anyone interested should contact Doug Smith at 716-352-0106.

GROUNDS AND HOUSEKEEPER;

Routine grounds and housekeeping, welcome visiting yachts to the harbor. Part time, not to exceed 20 hrs per week. duties include lawn mowing, club house cleaning, general painting and repair. The Executive Committee would like to give first consideration to the families of the club. Interested parties should contact George Myers.

Classified listings are available to PYC members only for nautical listings. The rate is 15 cents per word. Send information to the Editor with a check payable to the Pultneyville Yacht Club. Deadline is the last Wednesday of each month.

THE SIGNING OF ANOTHER BOAT/U.S. ACCORD

PYC has recently renewed its Cooperating Group Accord with BOAT/U.S. Under this Accord, anyone joining BOAT/U.S. receives 50% off the regular annual dues of \$17.00. Contact Doug Smith for a New member application. If you are renewing your BOAT/U.S. Membership, you can renew at the \$8.50 rate. Be sure to use our Cooperating Group Number GA80260Y on your renewal notice to receive the reduced dues rate.

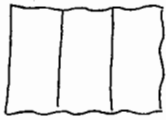


U.S. RECREATIONAL VESSEL FEES

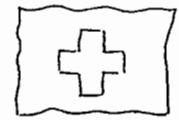
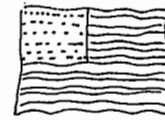
Some of our members have been actively communicating with their Representatives in Albany regarding the Recreational Vessel Fees. An amendment to the Coast Guard Reauthorization bill, H.R. 534 has been proposed, but it has not come out to the floor at the House Ways and Means Committee. Correspondence from our area representatives will be posted in the club house for your information.

At present, The U.S. Recreational Vessel Fees are mandatory by law and the Coast Guard will be patrolling this season. There is a penalty for non compliance and failure to display the decals. PYC recommends that members comply.

If you need more information and a decal request form for the Federal Recreational Vessel Fee call 1-800-368-5647. You may also initiate, pay and complete the process over the phone by paying with your VISA card by calling 1-800-848-2100. The U.S. Coast Guard has advised that Decal Request Forms are available at the Summerville Coast Guard Station and at most Marina's.



INTERNATIONAL BOATING NEWS



A letter from London to PYC friends

"We have actually managed to find a number of boating related things to do. Within a week or so of when we arrived, the boat show opened in Earl's Court and that provided a good way to spend a January afternoon. Earl's Court is about the size of the convention center in New York City, and they managed to have 45 foot sailboats in the water with masts up! Most of the boats are French or Swedish, and the prices are about double what we pay in the US, however, import duties keep the prices high and the opportunity for US and Canadian boats are limited. Most of the time at the show was spent looking at Lasers and Toppers for David. We are not sure we are going to buy one here, but you never can tell. Sherry also discovered the canal boats and is really interested in taking a cruise on one of the English canals this summer. These boats are about 40 feet long and have all the modern comforts squeezed into a 7 foot beam. The companies that make the boats also rent them, and it appears that this is a popular way to spend a week in the country.

Ira did take a day and drive from London to Portsmouth with David and one of his friends to check on sailing schools. We found one that is well recommended and combines a junior sail program with a week of camping. David wants to do it and that may be a better idea than buying a Laser since we do not have a lot of places close by home to sail. However, on the Sky Sports channel here they show an indoor windsurfing competition powered by big wind machines. (If Don Brickle could get a couple of these, it would really make the Indoor Race for Sailboats go!) this probably originates in the states, but we don't remember seeing it there. It's not a bad idea, no wind shifts, steady, but if you can't turn or stop you could be in trouble. The other program that is on Sky Sports twice a week is an hour long America's Cup update. It's well done and gives us a Sunday morning fix of sailing without having to get wet.

Other than boating interests, we have settled in pretty well. Our townhouse is in the northern section of London, but no more than 20 to 30 minutes from anywhere by underground or bus. If anyone is going to be travelling here we would be happy to see you. You can write to us either at the Eastman Kodak address listed in the log, or use the following address in London and put the additional postage on as needed.

That's all for now, have a good spring!"

Ira and Sherry Goldman

Here's the London address:

6 Queensmead
St Johns Wood Park
London, NW8 6RE



P Y C L O G

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

- April 8 Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM at Bob Hotchkiss's house.
- April 29 Deadline for May issue of LAKE SOUNDINGS
- May 2/3 **PYC Launch Weekend** - Check the Work Detail List to see when your boat is being launched and when you are required to be there.
- May 13 Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- May 9/16 PYC Work Days

NOTE: The Zebra Mussels persist. There is speculation that there are two types. Although there is no definitive evidence and the scientist continue to debate the theory. Remember a well prepared and painted bottom will be your best defense against the clogging mussels.

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