



# LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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## Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

In this issue you will find the launch schedules and work day lists. Merrill Gray has some different ideas about how we do work days that we hope you will like better than assigning you to specific workdays. Please be sure to sign up for the workday task that you would like to do. We don't want to have to call you to assign a task for something that you would rather not do.



We have been busy making preparations for the upcoming year. Not only have we been preparing the launch and workday schedules, we have also been working on preparations for the yacht club's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The celebrations will start on Memorial Day Weekend. Watch for the next issue for more details.

We have also had some meetings and discussions in the Haul and Launch Alternative committee. You can look forward to a full presentation from that committee during the June membership meeting.

Our biggest challenge this year is with the budget as you heard at the annual meeting in December. Our budget assumed that we would have 100 members but to date we have only 91 paid memberships. We were hit harder than we expected by members leaving or switching to non-voting status. We are experiencing similar shortfalls in the area of docks rented. I call out to all of you to try to encourage friends or fellow workers that have boats to look at the club. We rent docks to non-members and we welcome the opportunity to talk with people about membership. Please help if you can.

By the time you receive your next issue of the "*Soundings*", the boats will be launched and the boating season will have begun. I hope that we have some decent weather to get the boats prepared.

Let's have a safe and successful launch.

*Steve Keffron*

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## The Secretary's Corner

**Membership Count:** Membership is currently 92 voting, 1 social, 17 non-voting



**Welcome to New Members:** We have two new member couples, Jack and Elfie Boonstra, and Joe and Mary Jo Fortner. If you see them please say hello and make them feel welcome.

**Open Committee Chair:** Jim Snyder has stepped down from the Reciprocal Privilege Committee. I would like to thank Jim for all his good work and invite anyone who is interested in carrying on with it to contact me.

**Membership Drive:** We are continuing to experience a significant decrease in membership, so we all need to do whatever we can to bring in new members. Toward this end we had a booth at the Rochester Boat Show again this year. Thank you to all who volunteered your time at the booth. Thanks to your efforts we have leads on 17 potential new members.

I would encourage everyone to hang up and hand out our recruitment flyers wherever and whenever they see fit. Please contact Jerri Schiff or myself if you have any leads on potential new members. Please also let us know if you have any ideas about advertising and/or attracting new members.

Please contact me if you would like flyers to post or hand out. Potential members can also visit our web site at [www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org](http://www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org) for information and a printable membership application. Our Membership Chairperson is Jerri Schiff (585-381-9115) and our Dock Master is Larry Helber (585-670-9435). Persons interested in our racing program may contact our Fleet Captain, Larry Rice (585-473-9363).

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### *Crossing the Bar*

*The members of Pultneyville Yacht Club extend their sympathies and concerns to Rich Chritchlow and family on the loss of Rich's father late in February*



# Rear Commodore Reports

## Notes from the Engine Room.....

Hello, everyone;

This article is aimed at getting everyone prepared for work days in May and June. As I said last month, we are using a different approach to work days in an attempt to be a little more “member friendly” while still getting all the jobs done. This approach is designed to let each member select a type of work he or she most enjoys or is most capable of and should help each of us be ready to pitch in when we arrive for our work day.



### How it works

We are not using the alphabetical assignment procedure this time. Several members have agreed to head up specific projects or groups of like projects. These project leaders are listed below, along with the types of work they are responsible for and the day on which the work will be done. Simply take a look at the list of projects we will be doing in May and June, and pick the work you would most like to participate in. Call the project leader and get your name on his or her list. First come, first served, since each project requires a limited number of people so if you wait to sign up you might not get the job you want. Anyone who does not put in for a project for either of the May work days will be required to participate in the June work day and will do whatever is left over. There is one special project that needs to be done in April in advance of the launch- floating docks in the south cove. So, take a look at the list and pick the project or team you want and get in touch with the team leader. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses are in your log.

One last thing- please read and heed Terry Wolfe's few simple safety rules listed on the launch schedule so we can have a successful, safe and accident free launch day. See you at the club!

*Merril Gray*

### Special April Project must be done before launch April 25

Larry Fedick, team leader

Date to be decided by Larry

Project: Comes in two parts: First, to coat 13 floating docks with preservative prior to launch; Second, launching and setting the docks.

Tools: Gloves, heavy hammers, wrenching tools (for pins, etc.). Club will supply painting tools. An airless electric spray gun might speed the project up if someone has one they can bring.

### Dock Replacement-May 8

George Delvecchio, team leader

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# Fleet Captain Reports

## *On The Range...*

### **RACE COMMITTEE FORMING**



Here's the windup: The Race Committee is (1) the Fleet Captain and whomever else shows up; (2) the people who organize and run a race and polish the silver; and/or (3) the mildly curious. Your correct answer would be all three (3) choices and probably several more that I'm not clever enough to list here.

Here's the pitch: If you put any stock in the argument that a big part of racing is learning how to do nautical-type things better, then, maybe, the Race Committee has something to offer. On one level it's about knowledge of rules and technique. On another it's about fairness and working with other people.

A non exhaustive list of opportunities includes measuring wind direction and angles, setting marks, flying signal flags and keeping time. And let's not forget quietly making noise with horn and shotgun. Sort of like playing with Kindergarten toys. All this, while enjoying the elements.

If you're detail obsessed, like me, maybe it would help to know that last season I counted 37 of our fellow members (families) who participated in racing events. The number includes sail and power boaters. We'd be pretty safe in saying that everyone enjoyed post-race 'free' food and drink on top of the experience of the competition itself. We're not pulling any punches either: the Race Committee - and spectators - deserve the first class kind of platform that a sizeable powerboat could provide. That's the kind of commitment that makes PYC "different from a marina." If your sense of fair play, knowledge of the rules and diplomacy skills are in good shape, we can use some volunteers for the Protest Committee to support the Race Committee, too.

Come and join us. Race/events calendar and Race Committee sign-up sheets will be posted on bulletin board in clubhouse.

We'll be on the water - and on the land - Thursday evenings and selected weekends from May through September. Finally, just think about what the experience can contribute to your stock of stories for the Annual Banquet!

*Larry Rice*



### ***Rich Crichlow Alert!***

The next time you see Jack and Anneliese Bopp ask Anneliese about the Key Lime Pie from The Home Depot and ask Jack about the LaBatts Blue in the glass bottle.

# Vice Commodore Reports

Hello All,

It has been a long and tough winter, but spring is upon us. The time is now to begin preparing our boats for the upcoming season. We will be launching our boats in just a few weeks. I am really looking forward to seeing everybody again. We will be serving coffee breaks and lunch on the launch days as well as the soon following work days. If any of you can help out serving or cooking on these days, please let me know.



The next social event of the year will be the Memorial Day Picnic. Terry and Dave Weagley are hosting this event and are already planning some grilled delicacies the likes of which dog the imagination. The flyer for the picnic will appear in the May Soundings.

A note from Jerri Schiff and Anneliese Bopp, Co-hosts of the Fall Banquet    Once again we are concluding this year's Fall Banquet with a slide show presentation that encapsulates the season. In an effort to include pictures of as many people, boats and events as possible, we are asking photographers of all skill levels to share their club related photos either by emailing digital photos or lending us prints to be scanned and then returned. We would encourage anyone to take candid photos during the PYC events,

your cruises or any other boating activity.



*Jack Bopp*

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## Flotsam and Jetsam from BoatUS- *Classes and Clinics*

BOATU.S. is again offering a series of Clinics that are free (except for one) and open to all boaters. The clinics are all at the BOATU.S. Marine Center @ 1850 East Ridge Road, Irondequoit NY 14622. Call the store at 585-323-2040 for specific details.

Saturday April 10 @ 10:00 AM - Make your own lifelines

Tuesday April 20 @ 6:30 PM - Boating Safety

Tuesday April 27 @ 6:30 PM - Installing leak-free deck hardware

Tuesday May 4 @ 6:30 PM - Marine Electronics

Tuesday May 11 @ 6:30 PM - Make your own dock lines (\$15.00 fee)

Tuesday May 18 @ 6:30 PM - Spring Commissioning

Tuesday June 1 @ 6:30 PM - Docking and Anchoring

Tuesday June 8 @ 6:30 PM - Introduction to piloting

**2004 PYC Launch Job Assignments  
Saturday April 24th and Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>**

<b>When Where</b>	<b>Saturday 7 AM North Shore</b>	<b>Saturday 12 PM Peninsula</b>	<b>Sunday 7 AM South Shore</b>
<b>Safety Officer</b>	Steve Heffron	Brian McCarthy	Lou Rohr
<b>Crew Chief</b>	Chris Tertinek	Larry Fedick	Fred Bertoni
<b>Fork Lift</b>	??	Dave Weagley	??
<b>No. 1 Sling</b>	Chip Stevens Stu MacDonald Jack Bopp Chris Abate	Jim Anderson Charles Fitzgibbon Jim Allen/Kurt Cylke	Don Boesel Marvin Hill Doug Axtell Tom Bolt
<b>No. 2 Sling</b>	Joe Davis Larry Rice Andy White Russ Palum	Peter Fisk Terry Wolfe Ron Pretzer	Kermit Sleggs Alex Brougham David Kay/Keith Knox Tom Broderich
<b>Cradles &amp; Boat Moving</b>	Jim Snyder Merril Gray Bob Hamilton Rich Critchlow C.R. Burcroff Jim Wurtenburg Janet Williams	Dave Lewi Jim Markovitz Tom Foley Christine Allen Roy Thurston Mike Saporito Mark Blaakman	Roger Carr Bob Corbin Cindy Kukuvka Tom Boehly Tom Pautz Michael Ball Tom Jayne Daryl Hunt
<b>Lines</b>	Jim Marron Tom Ecker	Scott Nichols Tony Belaskas	Bob White Harry Miller

**NOTES: If you do not see your name on this list and want your boat launched, call Terry Wolfe at (315)986-1317 ASAP.**

**AM shift runs from 7:00AM to 1:00 PM -- PM shift runs from 12:00PM to 6:00PM  
Lunch will be served between shifts**

**Launch Guidelines:**

1. Meet at least 5 minutes before your shift starts. Let's not have the crane waiting for us!
2. Have your boat ready before your shift. (30 foot tag lines fore and aft Check and/or Close the Thru-Hulls!)
3. Keep slings out of the dirt. Dirty slings scratch hulls. Wash them if needed.
4. Some of the crews are short handed, help out when you can, but don't ignore you own assignment.
5. Safety issues:
  - Do not walk or stand under a boat while it is in the air.
  - Do not walk or stand between the crane operator and signal man.
  - Don't lift more than you are able, ask for help when needed.
  - Sling crews MUST wear hard hats.
  - Keep your eyes open and use common sense.

Tools required: gloves, small hand tools, wrenches, etc., power drills and various bits including screw-driver bits, circle saws, hammers, sawhorses, extension cords, shore power outlet adaptors for standard A.C. plugs.

### **Dock Replacement- May 15**

Stu MacDonald, team leader

Tools required: gloves, small hand tools, wrenches, etc., power drills and various bits including screw-driver bits, circle saws, hammers, sawhorses, extension cords, shore power outlet adaptors for standard A.C. plugs.

### **North Shore Clean-up- May 8**

Dick Darrow, team leader

Tools required: gloves, chainsaw(s), lawn rakes, garden rakes, sharp cutting tools for cutting heavy rope or lines ( we want to remove all the old tires from the docks this year.)

**Special requirement- a lawn tractor mounted tiller** to be used to finish cleaning up roadside clumps and divots prior to raking and seeding. Not all of these jobs are heavy jobs, some require no more than picking up sticks or being able to spray poison ivy killer or weed killer.

### **Building Projects- May 8**

Dave Weagley, team leader

Tools required: gloves, hand tools for carpenter work, (siding, soffets on clubhouse) mechanical hand tools needed for servicing gas grills. Plumbing tools to fix faucets, valves, leaks etc. **Special requirement- power washer to clean exterior of clubhouse.** Someone who can volunteer a pressure washer will save the club having to rent one.

### **Building Projects- May 15**

Roger Carr, team leader

Same as May 8, Roger and Dave will coordinate which jobs and work days.

### **Clubhouse Spring Cleaning- May 15**

Cindy Kukupka, team leader

Project: Spring cleaning of inside of club house; refreshing of formal plantings around the building and in some other areas. Tools required: any special cleaning tools you may have, small gardening equipment (trowels, etc.)

### **Dock Repair- May 8**

Eric Matteson, team leader

Tools required: mechanic's tools, including medium and heavy wrenches; heavy hammers, pry bars, carpenter's hammers, power hand drills for deck repair, circle saws, sawhorses, extension cords, adapters for shore power outlets.

### **Pavilion Cleanup and Repair, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Brian McCarthy, team leader

Wash down pavilion deck and weather screens, replace screen pulls and repair screen pull hardware.

Tools required: gloves, utility knives, carpenter tools, power drills, screwdrivers.



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### Pultneyville Yacht Club Site at the Web:

<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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| April 24, 25 | Launch Boats  |
| May 1        | Fleet Captain Work Day  |
| May 8        | Work Day #1, 8:00 AM  |
| May 15       | Work Day #2, 8:00 AM  |
| May 29       | Commodore's Review  |
| May 30       | Bowersox Memorial Day Race and Picnic and<br>60th Anniversary Celebration |