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Signals from the Commodore

By Tom Ecker

Dear Members;

As you read this, we are about one month away from launch. Work assignments for launch are finalized in this issue and I suggest all shifts except the morning shift arrive a little ahead of time in case launch runs ahead of schedule. If you attempted to take advantage of the PYC members' discount at West Marine, you discovered that the date published in the *Soundings* last month was in error, although they did honor a 5% discount. West Marine is now offering their PYC members a 10% discount the week of April 10-18. In addition, Shumway Marine is offering a 10% discount off most purchases to club members from April 12 through the 18th. Be ready to show your membership card.

The schedule of events for this year is also in this issue and it should be noted that there are some events combined with the mariners. We have invited them to participate in some of our events and they likewise have invited us. This is a great way to let the good times roll with our neighbors across the creek.

Bob White and myself are touring the club to list the various projects that need attention at the work days this year. If anyone knows of a particular project that needs to be completed, please let Bob or myself know so it can be scheduled. In addition, if anyone has any concerns of any kind, I urge you to let me know. I have received a couple letters and all items are being addressed.

On behalf of the entire club, I offer our condolences to Rick and Roseanne Critchlow on the recent loss of their son Dan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

See you all at spring boat prep.

Tom Ecker

Commodore

The Secretary's Corner

by Bob Hamilton

The March Board Meeting resulted in some good discussion on plans for upcoming launch, status of projects and review of some open action items still being worked. While the other officers' reports cover much of the details, here are the highlights from the Secretary's position.

Based on some changes on the Calendar of Events, we are publishing a new list in this issue. Highlights of this schedule change include listing the Mariners' events that we will be able to participate in. In addition, our Fall Banquet date has been changed to November 20th due to availability at the Newport House.

Membership now stands at 116 Voting Members and 12 Non-Voting. As part of our membership growth this time of the year, we approved three potential new members.

There is still room for some additional members and people who need slips for the season, so if you know of anyone who is looking, please pass on the invite. Prospective members should contact Wendy Axtell.

Prospective slip renters should contact Tom Bolt.



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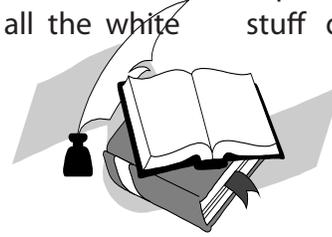
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In this issue, we are publishing the lake levels as a reference to members. According to the numbers, the lake is down some, and we hope it catches up to acceptable levels once all the white stuff disappears.



Feature articles from members have been missing from the soundings lately. Please power up your creative juices and submit some stories; it is a great way to pass along conversations we usually have during campfires.

Launch is only a month away!

Bob Hamilton

Secretary

By the way, we are getting ready to launch the "PYC Log." Any changes? Did we spell your name right? Let us know.

BH



The Pultneyville Yacht Club would like to extend its deepest sympathies to the family of Barry Hall on the passing of Barry's mother in March.

Rear Commodore Reports

by Bob White

As I write this in sub-freezing temperatures it is hard to believe in about one and one half months the boats will be back in the water. Sooo, it is time again to publish the work schedules for the launch on April 30th and May 1st.

Getting ready for the launch also means making sure your boat is checked over good—hose connections tight, sea cocks are closed, etc. One also wants bow and stern lines as well as fenders in place. While we have a schedule being there early, at least an hour, is recommended in the event (which has happened before) we get ahead of schedule. Waiting is costly, something we want to avoid.

I believe we all are waiting for the water levels to rise. For those that are interested the weekly lake level data is available out there in cyberspace. It is available from either Canadian or U.S. sources.

The Buffalo Branch of the Corp of Engineers site is www.ncb.usace.army.mil/lelo.htm. You also can get the outflow rate for both Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. What we do not know is what the drainage into Lake Ontario is. A week ago or so, the Genesee was at 3900 cubic feet/sec. Erie was 202,000 cubic feet/sec and Ontario 239,000cubic feet/sec.

The Canadian lake level information is available at www.meds-sdmm.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pub/Products/TWL/E_PT_\WLB.htm.

Bob White
Rear Commodore



Sunshine Notes

We are happy to report that, as of this writing, Bob Corbin is recovering nicely from surgery. We would like to extend our thanks to Dr. Steve Webb, who works at Genesee, for keeping an eye on Bob during his hospital stay.

ON THE RANGE

Notes from the Fleet Captain
By Eric Matteson

"Clean and Shine", "Sand and paint", "Wash and wax". These are the voices in my head that start to echo every year at this time. It's only about a month until launch and it's already time to hit the water.

That was good enough in the past but this year there seems to be a few extra things to take care of, like the work boat and raft, for example. It seemed that I was just barely ready with one boat when launch came, but I imagine the look on my face when I realized that this year I will have two boats to launch and one of them will have to go in a week early. This brings me to the point of needing some help.

This year our workboat needs its bottom sanded and a serious coat of paint applied, to ward off the corrosion that is a normal part of owning an aluminum boat. The date for the assault on this corrosion problem will be Saturday, April 10th at the club. Any person who wishes to contribute some elbow grease to this cause will be welcome, and I of course, will be grateful. Should weather become a problem a remote site may be chosen. Please contact me if you are planning to attend so that I can make the best possible use of all that attend without wasting anyone's time on the job.

Attention Racers

This season should be quite an experience for me since a great deal of my responsibility to the racing program can only be learned through experience. Please bear with me and I will try to make corrections along the way.

The Fleet Captain's Skippers Meeting will be held on Sunday the 18th of April at 1:00 in the clubhouse. Please plan to attend and voice your opinion early in the season. I have received a note from one person outside of the club who is looking for a boat on which to crew and I would like to encourage anyone who may be interested in racing or crewing to come to the meeting. It will be a chance to hook up with a skipper and get out right from the beginning.

Outside of the Club

Last Month I was contacted by the Genesee Region Home care's hospice program with regard to their first annual Hospice Regatta, and let me tell you that the thought of putting in a few races sounded really good as the February snows were flying. It seems that they are planning a full schedule of events for the 18th of September that will include Spinnaker and G.O fleet races, excursion/observation tours and a festive gathering following the racing events.

The purpose of the event is to benefit Hospice programs to help families care for loved ones who have advanced, life-threatening illness. At this time they are searching for volunteers from various clubs to participate on their Hospitality, Race, Sponsorship, Trophy, and promotions committees. Our organization has an outstanding diversity of professional and technical people with experience and talent to offer. Since this event will be held in Rochester I would expect all committees to be meeting locally. Please contact me for more in depth information. I will be happy to fax, mail or E-mail details to you. This sounds like a good event for a great cause and I hope that we will be well represented both on and off the course.

Also in correspondence this month is a request for a head count from the Genesee Yacht Club for the Scotch Bonnet Race. Please allow me to send notice to GYC if you may be interested. This is not a commitment on your behalf to race but a courtesy to the GYC for planning

Captain Kid

The editors of the "Lake Soundings" would like to encourage the club's younger members to submit stories about their activities and adventures -
Family outing? Crewing for Dad?
Cold Campbell's soup, burned in the can over a wet fire while marooned by a storm on an island in the St. Lawrence?
Got an idea? We'd like to know about it.
E-mail - cgray1@rochester.rr.com
Snail mail - 4087 Lake Road, Williamson, NY 14589

Vice Commodore's Report

by Steve Heffron

Summer Social Calendar Filling Up

I am sure that by now everyone is looking forward to working on their boats and getting them in the water in spite of the snow that we have had. We can also look forward to the upcoming social events.

This year we are going to try to get together with the Pultneyville Mariners more often by having several joint social events. The first will be that they will be participating in our Open Boats event on June 19th. The next day on June 20th we are invited over to the Mariners for a Pancake Breakfast. About a month later we have been invited to participate in their Pursuit race, during which they are inviting the kids to participate in an ice cream social.

August will prove to be a busy month starting with our Pig Roast on Aug 7th which we are inviting the Mariners to. The following week on August 14th we go to the Mariners for a Steak and Corn Roast and on August 21st the Mariners are hosting the Commodore's Challenge.

To end the boating season's social calendar we will invite the Mariners to our Clambake on September 18th.

You will see more specific information on these and other social events in upcoming issues but a summary of our calendar is included in this issue. We are looking for people to chair this year's events. Please see me if you have any interest in helping whether it be to chair an event or just to help out.

Steve Heffron

Vice Commodore

Lake Level Chart

A chart of the Lake Ontario water levels is printed on the back to the "Launch Day" insert.

A copy will also be posted on the Club-

Calendar of Events and Dates for 1999

Launch	April 30 - May 1
Fleet Captain Work Day	May 1
Work Day #1	May 8 - 8:00 AM
Work Day #2	May 15 - 8:00 AM
Commodore's Review	May 29
Bowersox Memorial Day Race & Picnic	May 30
New Member Fondue	June 5
Commodore's Brunch & General Meeting	June 12
PYC Open Boats *	June 19
Mariners Pancake Breakfast *	June 20
Mariners Pursuit Race & Ice Cream Social for Kids *	July 18
August Board Meeting @ PYC	August 6
PYC Pig Roast *	August 7
Mariners Steak and Corn Roast *	August 15
Commodore's Challenge *	August 21 - Mariners Host Year
Bown Race	September 11
PYC Clam Bake *	September 18
Cradle Day	October 9 - 8:00 AM
Haul	October 22 - 23 - 7:00 AM
Fall Banquet	November 20 @ Newport House
Annual Meeting	December 5 @ Pultneyville Fire Hall

* - These events are open to both PYC and Mariners Members



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<http://members.aol.com/bristol32/index.html>

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.



April 13	Board Meeting
April 10-18	PYC members' discount-West Marine
April 12-18	PYC members' discount - Shumway Marine
April 15	Articles for April issue of Lake Soundings due
April 18 April 30-May 1	Fleet Captain's Meeting — 1:00 PM at PYC Clubhouse Launch Day!
May 1	Fleet Captain work day