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# LAKE SOUNDINGS

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## Signals from the Commodore

By Tom Ecker

Dear Members,

It is with a heavy heart that I start this article with the news that an old friend, Bill Walker has crossed the bar. Please see the information inside. Bill and Phyllis were long time members of PYC and very good friends to many of us. I ask everyone to take a moment and offer a silent prayer for Phyllis and their family.

At the March 9th board meeting it was decided to provide substitutions for the work day. There are many folks who spend more than the 6 or 8 hours the work day entails on major projects and the board decided that this could be used in lieu of their work day requirement. Major projects include Dockmaster, Lake Soundings Editor, Lake Soundings Mailer, Production of the Log and the chairpersons of the Pig roast, Clam bake and the Fall Banquet. If you head up a major project and are in doubt contact the Rear Commodore Doug Axtell to see if you qualify.

The Launch Schedule has been set as you will see in this issue of the Lake Soundings. Please remember boat owners ***MUST*** be present when their boat is launched. It is their responsibility to give the go ahead for the launch. Launch will start at 7:00AM on April 28th.

See you all at launch prep time.

Wishing you fair winds,

*Tom Ecker*

Commodore



## The Secretary's Corner

by Brian McCarthy

Assessment Reminder: Reply Form is included with this issue of Soundings. Due date is May 15; after-which late penalties of +10% will apply. This assessment is for members prior to the year 2000 season.

If interested in E-mail information about PYC, send a note to Jim Marron at [James@rpa.net](mailto:James@rpa.net), and he will send you an invitation to join pultneyville-yc group at egroups.com. Located at: [pultneyville-yc-req-scf36@egroups.com](mailto:pultneyville-yc-req-scf36@egroups.com). We are posting notices in this group as we learn, it's usefulness in keeping your co-members @ PYC informed of the serious and the trivial.

Some activities for people who need to plan ahead for their vacation times.

Brockville EYC 2000 in the 1000 Islands on July 13 – July 15. Call Mike Beverly at 613 342 5512 or write [mikeb@recorder.ca](mailto:mikeb@recorder.ca)

More Early information for summer fun to: Harborfest 2000; Wilson NY; contact: Steve Schultz secretary IYC Harborfest committee or <http://members.aol.com/SCSRELAXER/HARBORFEST2K.html> posted at newsgroup earlier this past month.

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Sail Oswego - Founder's Cup Race, July 31 2000. Chairperson - Bob Porter 315-258-1062

Sail Oswego - 13<sup>th</sup> Annual PHRF, July 27-29 2000 Chairperson - Jeanne Rotunno 315-342-4376

Want to be fancy for your slip's weed control? The newsgroup has posted a notice on weed cutters; I can e-mail you the page at your request.

Following up on an idea from Nancy Gong, we will be including a B&W copy of the color brochure for PYC in two issues of Soundings. Give it to your boating friends, and use it to SELL the club and our fine facilities.

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# Rear Commodore Reports

by Doug Axtell

## *notes from the Engine room--*

Launch is less than 6 weeks away! In this newsletter should be a page with the work schedule and assignments for the launch. The launch once again starts on a Friday. This is done to keep the cost of haul and launch down, as we have to pay overtime and double time rates for Saturday and Sunday respectively if the crane were to be working those days. Therefore, we try to minimize the financial burden by accomplishing as much of this as possible on Friday and Saturday and eliminating work on Sundays. We have once again shifted the boats being lifted on a Friday so that the same members don't have to use vacation time to accomplish launch.

I would also like to remind everyone to double check their boats before launch. You should make sure that hoses have been reattached to thru-hulls (where you frost protected the engine), sea cocks are closed, and that the engine is ready to go if your boat needs to be moved. Additionally be sure you have long (30 ft) bow and stern lines in place to facilitate the steering of the boat when it is in the air, and your normal dock lines on the docks to tie the boat up once it is in the water. I would also encourage members to check their boats for leaks before the crane has moved on too far, just in case.

**See you down there while we prepare our boat.**

**Respectfully,**

Doug Axtell  
Rear Commodore



Coming this summer to Wilson, NY. Harbor-fest 2000, the biggest event ever to be held in Wilson harbor. For information and a downloadable registration form see our website at

<http://members.aol.com/SCSRELAXER/HARBORFEST2K.html>

Please pass this information on to as many of your members as you can. we are looking forward to seeing you this summer.

Thank you  
Steve Schultz

## **New Arrival**

Congratulations to Alex and Anne Broughman of Webster, new members, on the arrival of John David-8lbs,6 oz, 22" on March 21,2000

# On The Range

by Eric Matteson

It's spring at last, the time of year when those old familiar voices in my head begin to remind me about the varnish work that I have been ignoring all winter and the list of pre-launch projects that must be completed before the big day arrives. Although I will not be going after anything as big as the paint job of '99 I do have a hearty list of tasks that will make the season pass very quickly. Member response has been great this year and I already have a good working list of folks who are ready and willing to give more than their share. We are very fortunate to be among a group of people with such diversified experience. There is almost no project that I have undertaken at the club where I could not get good advice from someone with practical experience.

In the weeks to come I expect to have the raft repaired and the work boat ready for action. Channel and race buoys will be put out the week after launch on the Fleet Captain's workday (May 6th) weather permitting. As always, extra hands will not be discouraged.

The Racing Fleet pre-season meeting will be held on the Sunday before launch at 1:00 PM. I will hand out the schedules etc. at that time. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. Each season we have a number of willing racers who lack crew. If you are interested in lending your body to the Thursday night physics experiment we call racing, please contact me or come to the meeting. The practice and tune-up race will be held on 5/11 and Thursday races will be held each week thereafter. Come out and join in the fun.

There have been a number of race notices sent to my attention this year already and I hope that we will be as well represented as in the past. I will try to keep all of these posted and up to date for the purposes of all who are interested.

This pretty well sums up all that I have to share for this month. Ideas, comments and rhetoric are faithfully accepted as always.

See you at the club.

Eric Matteson  
Fleet Captain

# Ship's Life

**Nancy Gong**

The following activities were published in the Ashland newsletter by an unknown author. The "Ashland" is a US Naval ship that Don Fisk (Peter's father) served on. As a recreational sailor, I was able to extract a good laugh from some of what follows. There were some striking resemblances of the experiences on a large ship and a smaller vessel; it's a way of thinking. Having shared it mid winter- mid evening, tea time, to be exact- it occurred to us that some changes could bring these activities in closer alignment with recreational boating. So, before that balmy spring weather arrives, go ahead, have some fun, let your imaginations run wild! Send me your additoin and modifications, and we'll post the revised version in the club house this Spring. Send them to Nancy Gong, 42 Parkview Drive, Rochester NY 14625, or e-mail them to [winston@netacc.net](mailto:winston@netacc.net).

## "How to Make Your Home Life more Like Life on a Ship"

1. Sleep on a shelf in your closet.
2. Replace the closet door with a curtain.
3. Six (6) hours after you go to sleep, have your wife whip open the curtain, shine a flash light into your eyes, and mumble, "Sorry, wrong rack." or, "Your watch."
4. Rennovate your bathroom. Build a wall across the middle of your bathtub and move the shower head down to chest level.
5. When you take a shower, make sure you shut off the water while soaping.
6. Every time there's a thunderstorm, go sit in a wobbly rocking chair and rock as hard as you can until you're nauseous.
7. Put lube oil in your humidifier instead of water and set it on "high".
8. Leave the lawn mower running in your living room 24 hours a day for a proper noise level.
9. Have the paperboy give you a haircut.
- 10 Buy a trash compactor. Use it once a week. Store up garbage in the other half of your bathtub.
11. Wake up at midnight and have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on stale bread.
12. Set your alarm clock to go off at random times dring the night. When it goes off, jump out of bed and get dressed as quickly as you can, then run out into the yard and break out the garden hose.
13. Once a month, take every major appliance completely apart and then put them back together.
14. Use 18 scoops of coffee per pot and allow it to sit for 5 or 6 hours before drinking.
15. Invite at least 85 people you don't really like to come and visit for a copule months.
16. Have a fluorescent lamp installed on the bottom of your coffee table and lie under it to read books.
17. Raise the threshold and lower the top moldings on your front and back doors so you either trip over the threshold or hit your head on the molding every time you pass through one of the doors.
18. Put on the headphones from your stereo (don't plug them in). Go stand in front of your stove. Say to nobody in particular, "Stove manned and ready." Stand there for three or four hours. Say (to nobody in particular) "Stove secured." Roll the headphones cord and put them away.

## Passages

*The Pultneyville Yacht Club would like extend its deepest sympathies to Phylilis Walker and her Family on the passing of her husband Bill. A memorial service will be held April 15th at Whitehaven in Pittsford.*

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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.



April 28-29  
May 6

Launch  
Fleet Captain Work Day