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LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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Signals from the Commodore

By Bob Hamilton

Dear Members,

Launch Day is soon to arrive and weather permitting, we hope to have some pleasant days to get the boats ready. I am looking forward to seeing everyone out at the club again for the season start.

At the March meeting we spent a bit more time discussing the dredging and pier projects. The dredging process will involve moving some boats around to make room for the equipment. We ask for everyone's cooperation to make that activity as smooth as possible. For those members who launch their own boats, we would ask if you can possibly wait until after the dredging project. It may make the boat moves a bit easier.

Here is another reminder to everyone to be environmentally friendly. Beyond collecting the sanding dust, oil and fluids should not be left in or by the dumpster either. Please take the material to a proper recycling place or use the barrel that will be provided by Merrill Gray through Lessord Chrysler. The rules for the barrel are rather strict. It will be kept in the shed out of the weather during the month of May. It is very IMPORTANT that ONLY OIL from the engine or transmission is permitted in the barrel, otherwise it will not be accepted. Reminders will be posted. Both Mother Nature and the DEC will appreciate all of our efforts for the environment.

The Launch schedule for this year is posted in this issue. It is imperative that boat owners MUST be present when their boat is launched. It is their responsibility to give the go ahead for the lift and launch. Launch is scheduled to start at 7:00AM Sharp on April 27th. Check the schedule carefully.

Lastly, in this issue you will find a By-Law Change Proposal for an additional Membership meeting in September for the purpose of electing officers and conducting other club business. Please spend the time reviewing this proposal for discussion and voting in the June membership meeting.

See you all soon,

PS – How many golfers do we have in the club? Maybe we can organize a PYC Open event.

Bob Hamilton

Commodore



The Secretary's Corner

by Brian McCarthy

Dues adjustments are still not all in. I must point out that this adjustment is part of 2001 dues and dues must be paid before launching your boat. If your total payment is not \$351 please remit the difference.

LOG information may still be updated by sending data on a postcard to PO Box 137 Pultneyville 14538.

Membership stands at 106 voting and 13 Non Voting. If you know of anyone who would be a good member candidate, please pass on the invite and assist him or her with membership by contacting Wendy Axtell at 716-473-1306. Perspective slip renters should contact Tom Bolt at 716-924-8045.

Board News:

Dissen and Juhn will dredge this year from May 1st to May 10th; and they will be adding to the current breakwall. People will have to relocate and raft boats to accommodate the equipment while this is going on.

Bob Geraci and the Florida group have made some by-law suggestions to add an additional meeting and change some current timing of elec-

We are entertaining ideas for locations of the Fall banquet, if you know of places that would fit the bill let Roger know, or other board members.

The dumpster pickup is starting again however it is important to note that hazardous materials such as oil are not dumpster material. Lessord Chrysler should be used if you intend to sand antifouling paints; dispose of paint properly.

Launch starts 4/27/01 on the N shore followed by S shore; the 28th will be the peninsula. Doug will detail more. The daysail hoist is presently being repaired. We hope to have a five year plan presented to you shortly to peruse before the June meeting.

Happy and Safe Boating
Brian



Crossing the Bar

The Pultneyville Yacht Club extends its sincerest condolences to the family of Roger Carr on the passing of Roger's father March 12.



For Sale:

1990 Nonsuch 33 YELLOW BIRD.
Contact Bob Geraci for complete details.

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Rear Commodore Reports

by Doug Axtell

Notes from the Engine Room--

Dissen and Juhn have been contacted about the additional dredging due to the Cornwall Estate involvement. Between the Cornwall trust and the Yacht club we plan to double the amount dredged this year. To accomplish this much involved dredging I will need volunteers to move boats away from dredging areas. The owners will have to be contacted to move boats with volunteers assisting. I am going to need people to man a phone tree to make the contacts necessary to move boats while the dredging operations are underway. These will have to be temporarily rafted (guest dock or other areas). Additionally, we will ask members who have hauled their boats outside of the harbor to refrain from bringing their boats into the basin until after the completion of these projects. Those members who launch from trailers could help by delaying launch to provide additional slips to temporarily shuttle boats to.

Dissen and Juhn is also going to fix a portion of the breakwall where stones and silt enter the channel. This will involve placing 5-ton rocks, same as present on wall today, by crane. The rocks would be trucked to the club and lifted by crane to the barge and then into position. This will be done from the northshore near the willow trees. I believe this is an important step to ensure we are not wasting our money on the monumental dredging efforts.

Eric Matteson took the hoist motor for the J-24 hoist to be repaired. The estimate came back at 1,400 dollars; we expected a few hundred dollars. Replacement cost was 2,800 so I authorized repairs on the existing hoist. The work is being done by Volland Co., the factory service center for CM hoists. The lift has not been serviced in many years and many internal parts and safety switches were in need of replacement. This was a serious safety issue.

Tom Bolt has sent out all the dock assignments, we have 94 dockers so far. Tom was still working out the logistics of the newer boats getting docks. Additionally, Wendy has received several inquiries about membership and docking.

Tom Dobbins has proposed two ideas to make the light pole on the northshore parking/storage plateau removable. A 10" pipe will be placed in the ground by RGE, with thanks to C. R. Burcroff, and the pole can then be dropped in like stepping a mast. Ernie has agreed to make it possible to unplug the lights. The forklift could be used to remove the pole prior to haulout and reinsert it after launch. The suggestion for the peninsula was to use smaller carriage lights closer to ground level, and create a more park-like atmosphere on the peninsula. This work is being done because the lights in their current locations increase the number of moves the crane must make, which makes haulout and launch cost higher and increases the time necessary to do the work.

Russ Palum has agreed to design any new docks being built because of the proposed harbor modifications (piles). These are to be built on shore and then moved to position. Most of the more recent docks are Palum creations. We still have to identify any unforeseen dock work because of our winter ice damage. (Dave Weagley made me promise not to fix my own dock prior to launch!)

Please find attached the launch schedule for the 27th and the 28th. You should be ready to go at the start of your shift. If you are unable to attend, be sure you have found a replacement that is not already busy with a boat in the same shift. Additionally, have handling lines from the bow and stern of your boat ready. These should be approximately 30 feet in length for the safety of those handling your boat when it is being lifted to the water. You might also wish to double or triple check all the thru-hulls and fittings which were opened or manipulated to winterize your craft to be sure of the water tight integrity of said boat.

If you are sanding or striping your hull, we ask that you use plastic drop cloths to retain the bottom paint. We would like to minimize the impact to the environment, and chemicals, which fall on the driveways, will make the short trip to the water at the next rainfall. Bob Hamilton has arranged for a waste oil collection station to be placed in the work shed. Any waste oil should be placed in this barrel for recycling rather than being placed in or around the dumpster.

Doug Axtell

Rear Commodore



On The Range

by Kermit Sleggs

Now that the snow is starting to melt and the temperature is beginning to rise my spirits are starting to rise with it knowing that the sailing season is getting closer.

Meet me at the new clubhouse on April 29th at 1:00 p.m. for our first skippers meeting. I'm new at this so I may need to ask for your help from time to time. I need a few people to help with the May 5th Fleet Captain work day. Please call (607-545-8675) or e-mail me (Sleggs@hotmail.com) if interested.

I hope to see even more racers out on the course this year. One idea I'm thinking about is to organize a women's skipper race some time in July or August. I would appreciate your comments or suggestions for this idea. Please bring them along to the first meeting.

I'm happy to report that PYC will be hosting the Grampian Rendezvous July 21-22. Don Boesel will be the primary contact person and I bet that he would welcome any volunteers who would like to help out.

Enough said for now. Hope to see you all soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Kermit Sleggs
Fleet Captain

Vice Commodore's Report

by Roger Carr

The 2001 social calendar has been set, and we have hosts for all our major events. Helen and I are grateful that these members have agreed to lead. They are:

Harriet & Kermit Sleggs - Memorial Day Picnic

Christine & Andy White - Commodore's Brunch & New Member Reception

Jerri & Mike Schiff / Shirley & Dick Darrow - Pig Roast

Mary & Dan Harris - Clam Bake

Marti & Chris Tertinek - Fall Banquet

They may be calling you for assistance and advice. Helen and I know you will respond. Helping never hurts and always makes you feel good.

We have an A.P.B. (All Points Bulletin for those who don't know.) The top to our large aluminum double boiler is not in the kitchen cupboard or in the stockroom with the bottom. Whether used as a double boiler or just a pair of very large pots, that top is valued. If you have seen it or borrowed it, we'd appreciate if you would let us know or get it back into the cupboard. Thanks.

It's 2 weeks to tarp removal day as this article is being written. The boat will be happy. Our 4 1/2 year old Grandson wants to come and help so he can wear his new LEGGO life vest. We hope you are anticipating the new season with the same smiles on you as his.

Roger Carr

Vice Commodore

PYC SOUTH THIRD ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS

submitted by Bob and Pat Geraci

The third annual PYC South Rendezvous took place on Wednesday, March 7, 2001 with twenty-four PYC members and alumni present. The afternoon began with "tea-time" and a pool party at the Commodore's Club of Longboat Key Moorings at Longboat Key, Florida. Unfortunately, unseasonably cool weather precluded all but one hardy PYC member from jumping into the swimming pool (surely there must be an award for his example!). As "tea-time" merged into the dinner hour, the barbecue was fired up and a chicken barbecue was enjoyed by all present. Guests came from far and near: Ruskin, Pinellas Park, Englewood, Bonita Springs, Spring Hill, Delray Beach, Punta Gorda, Longboat Key, Stuart, andRochester!!!! They included Dan and Georgia Axtell (who arrived in their vintage Mercedes Benz), Peter and Joan Damick, Tony and Marie Maltese, Russ and Joy Kyper, Tom and Rosemary Pautz, John and Alice LaGrou, Jay and Anne Artman, Don and Rosemary Ogren, Don and Carol Brickle, Peter and Edie Schwenk, Jim and Joan Stage, and Bob and Pat Geraci.

Plans were begun for the fourth annual rendezvous which the group eagerly looks forward to. If you would like to become a member of PYC South, you know what you have to do! Just do it!!!

FLEET CAPTAIN EVENTS – 2001

Sunday, April 29

Captain's Meeting, New Club House

1:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

Fleet Captain Work Day

Sunday, May 27

Bowersox Memorial Race

10:00 a.m.

Thursday Night Race Series

May 10

Practice & Tune-up Race

May 17

Start of Spring Series

1st gun 6:45 p.m.

May 24

May 31

June 7

June 14

June 21

June 28

July 5

Start of Fall Series

1st gun 6:45 p.m.

July 12

July 19 (no race)

July 21-22 – Grampian Rendezvous

July 26 (no race)

August 2

August 9

August 16

August 23

August 30

Saturday Genoa Only Series

July 7

Skippers Meeting – 10 a.m.

July 14

July 21

July 28

Saturday, September 15 – Bown Race

Other Racing Events:

June 15 – 17 28th Scotch Bonnet Light Race – GYC

June 23 and 24 18th Sodus Bay Challenge Cup SBYC

July 21 and 22 26th Youngstown Level Regatta YYC

July 27 and 28 11th Oswego Regatta OYC

July 28 and 29 LYRA Freeman Cup Niagara on the lake SC

July 28 August 4 LYRA Course Racing Niagara on the Lake

August 25 Hospice Regatta , RYC

Sept 1 25th Rochester Race RYC to SBYC

Proposed By-law Change

The last election of officers of the Pultneyville Yacht Club made us all aware that there had been no provision for casting ballots other than by attendance at the Annual Meeting in December. This was especially disturbing because of the fact that there had been two candidates nominated for the same office. Those members unable to attend the Annual Meeting, therefore, had no opportunity to vote for the candidate of their choice.

To alleviate this problem, therefore, we propose the following:

There shall be held a general membership meeting each September, for the purpose of electing officers of the Club for the coming year, and also, to address any issues or items of general interest that shall come before the membership.

Such a change would not replace the Annual Meeting in December, but would give the membership an additional meeting so that the agenda at the Annual Meeting need not be as extensive as in previous years. It would also encourage better attendance than at the Annual Meeting, since many members do not remain in the Pultneyville area during the winter months. This would be particularly attractive when there may be more than one candidate for the same office. It would also give the newly elected officers additional time to transition into their new assignments and work with the outgoing officers until their terms officially begin in January.

To effect such a change, the following Constitution and By-Laws changes would be required:

1. Constitution, Article V:

Presently, “All officers shall be elected and take office at the Annual Meeting which shall be held in December”.

Proposed, “All officers shall be elected at a general membership meeting which shall be held in September. Their terms shall begin with the Annual Meeting in December”.

2. By-Laws, Article IV:

Presently, reference is made to the Annual Meeting in each of four paragraphs.

Proposed: Substitute “General Membership Meeting in September” for Annual Meeting.

3. By-Laws, Article V:

Presently, “All officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting”.

Proposed: “All officers shall be elected at the General Membership Meeting in September”.

These changes are now being communicated in the Lake Soundings, and will come before the general membership for a vote at the June membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob and Pat Geraci



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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 15

Deadline for Articles for May "Soundings"

April 27 & 28

Launch Boats

April 24 - 25 Launch