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LAKE SOUNDINGS

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Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

Well, we just got back from a great trip through the Rideau Canal and the Thousand Islands area. The weather was great for everyone out cruising in early July. Let's hope it continues through the full summer. It was good to see three PYC boats - Darrow, Geraci, and Schiff - participating in the Nonsuch rendezvous in Kingston this July also.



As you may have seen on the harbor, we are starting the dredging process after a long awaited permit approval process. You may also remember that this process will be different because we are using a suction action rather than the crane and bucket. As this is new to all of us, I suspect some new problems may arise and some special requests will occur - I hope we will have everyone's utmost cooperation as we complete this activity. As the dredging occurs, it should also help reduce some of the weed problems in the channels of the harbor. Unfortunately, the whole process has been delayed due to permits this year.

The Nominating committee of Lou Cardinale, Rich Critchlow, Joe Griffo, Jane Hamilton, and Ed Walluk have been working hard to fill the slate for next year's officers. At this writing, we cannot announce the full slate, so be watchful of the announcement in the clubhouse later in August.

Our August Agenda looks full with the Pig Roast and Club Cruise, following in September with the Clam Bake and Membership Meeting and Board Elections. Time travels fast in the summer so if you have particular topics for the Board please get them to us as soon as possible so we can process appropriately.

Finally, many thanks to everyone who participated in the Homecoming Weekend Sail-by during festivities at Forman Park. About sixteen boats took part, and it was a good showing for the club. Enjoy the rest of the summer!!

Bob Hamilton



The Secretary's Corner

by Diane Griffo



MEMBERSHIP: Our voting membership remains steady at 107. Non-voting membership is 18, social membership 1, CM 2, and Lake Soundings only, 5. If you know of anyone who would like to join PYC, please contact our Membership Chairman, Jerri Schiff. If you know someone who would like a dock, please contact our Dock Master Larry Helber.



CRUISING: The Griffos were on cruise for ten beautiful days in July. It was great to be with fellow PYC members as we enjoyed Kingston, Ontario and the locks, lakes and canalized rivers of the Rideau Canal. We also enjoyed seeing fellow PYC members on their Nonsuch Rendezvous. Kingston is always a popular spot! It has an abundance of excellent restaurants, and according to Joe, Card's and Pan Chanco are the best bakeries in North America! The summer is going so quickly. I hope you've all had a chance to enjoy the wonderful cruising weather.

RECIPROCAL: Look for updates in the clubhouse.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS: If nominations for Commodore and Fleet Captain are known at publishing time, they will appear in this issue, otherwise they will be posted in the clubhouse.

CLUB ELECTIONS: Our club elections will take place at the General Membership Meeting on September 21st preceding the Clambake. We hope to see everyone there. Approved in 2001: **Absentee Ballots:** If you will be unable to attend the General Membership Meeting, I will provide you with an absentee ballot. **Your request for an absentee ballot must be made at least 30 days prior to the General Membership Meeting.** I will send you a ballot, which will provide voting options for only those election options known at that time. The ballot must be completed and signed by the member family unit. **I must receive it by the last mail date before the General Membership Meeting, Friday, September 20th.** Please mail to: PYC PO Box 137

Pultneyville, NY 14589.

CHANGE IN MEMBER DATA: This is a reminder to let me know **in writing** any changes in phone, e-mail, address, etc. THANKS!!!

ENJOY: the rest of the summer.

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Thank You

The Roetling family would like to express their gratitude to all the members of PYC for their thoughts, prayers, offers of assistance, and numerous acts of kindness during Jan's recent illness and passing.

Paul Roetling

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Rear Commodore Reports

by Larry Fedick

Notes from the Engine Room--

The Rear Commodore's article this month will be a short one because Larry and his family have sailed for the Toronto area for a few weeks and he found himself at a loss for time to put his article in. However, when he and Kathy stopped by the *Green Eyed Lady* to say good-bye, Larry asked me to make a few comments on his behalf.



By now you probably have seen the blue dredging barge parked by the boat ramp on the north shore. The excavator will arrive soon to dig the spoils pit on the knoll above the cradle storage area, and pumping conduits will be put in place across the access road in preparation for the dredging operation. They will be covered with gravel and members will be able to simply drive over them.

Larry would like everyone to know that the long-awaited permits are finally all in place and that now that the dredge is here, we are poised to begin dredging of the harbor as soon as Larry and his family return from vacation.

The Editor



Smile! You're On Candid Camera!

Well not quite. Rich Critchlow has volunteered to update the PYC family photo album in the clubhouse.

The photo album serves to help all of us put names with faces. It helps new members get acquainted, and Rich says it helps people like him who can't remember things to refresh their memory year to year. The album presently has just under half of our members in it. Rich would appreciate your help in completing the job. You will often find him wandering the grounds of the club or at his boat, the *Polish Princess*. Rich almost always has his camera close by.

The pose is your choice; the time is your choice. If you want to take your own picture and put it in the album, that is fine too. Try to make it fit on half a page. Put your name under the photo. The photos are in alphabetical order. There are extra pages in

the back of the album. If you do not want your picture in the album, that's OK too. If you see Rich and would like your picture taken, simply stop and say hello. He will try to contact as many members as possible. Rich says, "One way or the other, let's get together and make it happen!" Rich's boat, *Polish Princess*, is located on the north east corner of the peninsula.

Speaking of Pictures

If you took part in the Commodore's Review, you may have noticed a photographer perched on *Beach Bum IV's* bow. That was Lou Cardinale, who kindly took pictures of each boat as it passed in review. Lou has made the review photos available on a web site, lcardinale.com. Enjoy.

GRHC ROCHESTER HOSPICE REGATTA – CAN YOU HELP?

Jim Ely

PYC representative to the Hospice Regatta Steering Committee

If you are a racer, we invite you to come. If you are not a racer, we also invite you to come! It's not just racing - it's parties and the satisfaction of helping others in need. PYC and Pultneyville Mariners are co-sponsors of this event. Almost every boat or yacht club in this area is participating. The date is Saturday, August 2. The location is Genesee Yacht Club.

While serious racers will be coming, there are also many cruisers and non-racers who participate because this is such an important cause. There are "white sail" divisions for those who are more laid back, including one for Grampian 26's. There is also a Sunfish division this year.

Your participation is important both for the money you pay or raise for sponsorship and because of the awareness that a large number of boats bring to the program and its needs. I hope that we can muster 10 boats from PYC this year.

Hospice delivers the kind of end-of-life care most people want. Americans believe that people who are terminally ill would prefer to receive end-of-life care at home, and they consider hospice the best resource to help dying patients receive care at home with their family, according to a recent survey. Families who have experienced Hospice services are the most eloquent supporters of these compassionate people. Greater Rochester Health Care (GRHC) provides these services in Rochester and the surrounding area.

Although many health insurance plans do cover hospice services, insurance payments do not cover the full expense of providing care, medications and support. That's why we hold events such as the Regatta. Donors are recognized in publications, on signs at the event, and in GRHC's newsletter.

The Hospice Regatta welcomes support and sailor participation in several ways:

- Sailors can enter a boat and bring their crew to the party.
- Sailors can be Hospice Helpers by getting a number of small sponsors – sort of like a Walk-a-Thon. If you raise \$250, your entry fee is waived and you get two tickets to all regatta events
- Hospice Heroes can donate money to sponsor a boat in the race.
- Hospice supporters can buy tickets for the party and an observation boat cruise.
- Family or friends of Hospice patients can pledge a Memorial Sponsorship.
- Businesses can pledge a Corporate Sponsorship for your boat with a donation of \$500 or more.

You can get registration forms and information directly on the Internet at <http://www.rochesterhospiceregatta.org> or you may call 585-214-1575.

Also, please feel welcome to contact me, Jim Ely, at ely@frontiernet.net or 585-663-3662.

On The Range

by Kermit Sleggs



The fall series has started and I plan to race my boat in the Spinnaker fleet. I decided to leave the Genoa fleet alone since I know that my high handicap scares some you, not to mention that the spinnaker fleet needs more boats. Cindy Kukuvka has graciously accepted the responsibility of the committee boat person on three Thursdays, and Todd and Anita Smith will help me with some of the other Thursdays.

The Women Skipper's series has ended and I must say that each Saturday was well attended. I think this is a real keeper. We all enjoyed a picnic after the last race. I wish to thank Jim Anderson and Tom Dobbins for helping me grill the burgers. Also, we couldn't have raced without the help of Eric Matteson, Marv Hill, Larry Rice, and Lou

Rohr. Thanks to these four for helping with the committee boat, scoring, etc.

Remember that the Hospice Regatta is scheduled for August 24th at GYC. Please contact Jim Ely if you are interested in attending. Last, remember that the Bown Race is scheduled for September 7.

Enough said for now.

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Award Candidate Sought

The search is under way for a recipient of the Pultneyville Yacht Club's prestigious "Goody Two Shoes Award." Present holder of the award Jim Anderson has been actively looking for likely candidates, having held this honor for two seasons. Coincidentally, since it is the present holder's responsibility to determine the next suitable award recipient, Jim has been asking for other members of the club to come forward with recommendations of an individual or couple they feel may be likely candidates.

Traditionally, the Goody Two Shoes Award has been presented to a member of the club who has performed some act of great merit that deserves the recognition and admiration of the membership at large. Anderson himself received this commendation when, during a club cruise, witnesses say Jim misjudged a following sea that swamped his cockpit, swept away his GPS, and nearly washed him overboard as well.

Anderson's perspective on the event is somewhat skewed to the report. Jim says a "rogue wave" suddenly appeared above the stern of his vessel, and what looked like being washed overboard was actually a heroic effort on his part to salvage the departing electronics. Whatever the facts may be, they are now the stuff of myth and legend, and Jim is hoping to bequeath this high honor on a new club "legend." If you feel you have a likely candidate, contact Jim Anderson, "Soukara" at the end of the peninsula, or call the number in your Members' Log.

Predicted Log Competition Set

This August, the Pultneyville Yacht Club is offering a "Predicted Log Competition", sponsored by the Club Racing Program.

This contest had been previously advertised as a "power boat race", and sponsors felt that the description might have discouraged boaters, other than power boaters, from taking part. Rather than a race, this is truly a contest of planning and boatsmanship and is a fair contest to any member, regardless of the type of boat they may possess. While the length of the contest suggests that larger boats should be used, if you wanted to enter a dinghy you could- in fact, in past predicted log contests, the dinghy was the vessel of choice although perhaps over a shorter course.

Here's how a Predicted Log Competition works: a course is laid out by the Contest Chairman (Steve Heffron) and given to each competitor. The competitor- Captain and Crew- review the course and predict the time that their vessel will take to complete each of the legs of the contest. An observer is assigned to each vessel as it competes; to time the legs, verify the seaworthiness of the vessel and assure that the results were obtained according to race rules.

As a competitor, you have to predict ahead of time how long it will take your vessel to complete each leg of the course- leg by leg, not cumulatively. You will have to take into account shore currents, effects of wind, nature of the sea, and boat speed- without the assistance of anything more than your compass and tachometer (or tachometers, if you have more than one.) Electronic navigation aids that indicate course or speed must either be removed, turned off or covered for the duration of the course, and the only person on the boat who will have a timepiece will be the observer.

There are several rules, which we will post in the clubhouse. If you would like a copy of your own, contact Steve Heffron. Some of the rules include: results of each competition will be kept confidential until after all the competitions are finished- no competitor will know how well anyone else did until after it's over. Rules of the road apply, and no vessels will be allowed to observe the competition because wandering observers could cause unsafe conditions or compromise the competitive advantage of the competing vessel.

The differences between the predicted time and the actual time for each leg will be accumulated to establish the overall difference in time. This way, speeding up to finish the second leg early because you were late on the first will not cancel each other out.

As you can see, since this is not a "race" but a "competition." Any skipper of any boat can compete, and the winner will be the vessel that completes the legs in the time closest to the time the competitor predicted, measured to the closest second.

The Predicted Log Competition is scheduled for the 24th of August. To get in on it, you need to contact Steve Heffron, skipper of *Dad's Again* located at the end of the south side of the peninsula, or by calling the number listed in your Members' Log.

Vice Commodore's Report

by Dan Harris



Hello, PYC Members;

Well, Mary and I hope you had a great July and good vacations, as most of us do the July thing- but now it's time for more club activities.

First, a reminder that the Club Pig Roast is August 10th.

Eric Matteson is working on the Club Cruise, now slated to begin August 16th through August 18th. The far destination is the Fair Haven Yacht Club, with a stop at Sodus Bay on the return. There will be a "Shore Dinner" (picnic, for you landlubbers) at Fair Haven on the 16th; please bring a dish to pass.

On Saturday, the 17th, Eric is planning to shanghai the fleet for dinner at an unspecified location, although we have been told that it will be somewhere along Sodus Bay, for sure. You can RSVP to Eric by calling 585-586-1809, and Eric has asked that if you are planning on going to dinner on the 17th, please call him as soon as possible so that he can get an accurate head count. He did not make it completely clear why only the "heads" are important, but he did mumble something about yardarms.

There's a sign-up sheet at the clubhouse, if you'd like to get in on what promises to be a very interesting trip.

PYC is hosting the Commodore's Challenge this year. Commodore Bob tell's me he's ready for a rematch with the Mariners Commodore and plans to take the same world class crew with him that led him to success last year. But rumor has it that the Mariners Commodore is campaigning for an advantage by demanding that this year's Challenge be sailed in small boats, singlehanded. That would be a serious disadvantage for someone who is more accustomed to a big chrome wheel and a couple of throttles. The date for this year's debacle is August 24th.

One last note; The PYC Clambake is scheduled for September 21st - this is a catered event so mark your calendars and make reservations as soon as possible via the Clambake flyer found elsewhere in this issue of the "Soundings."

See you at the club!

Dan Harris
Vice Commodore





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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.



LOOKING
AHEAD

August 2	Hospice Regatta
August 10	Pig Roast
August 16, 17, 18	Club Cruise (Fair Haven, Sodus Pt)
August 24	Commodore's Challenge Race, PYC Host
August 24	Predicted Log Competition
September 1	BYOPicnic
September 7	Bown Race
September 21	Clam Bake, Club General Meeting w/Election of new officers.