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LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB**Volume 24 – No.7****August, 1999**

Signals from the Commodore

By Tom Ecker

Dear Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the cruising season. Donna and I were out the first two weeks of July, primarily in the 1000 Island area; however we never ran into anyone from PYC. That is such a great cruising ground. If anyone is interested in locating some of the quiet private anchorages just give me a shout as we spend most of our time in gunk holes.

I want to give a special "thank you" to the South Shore Regulars for filling in when the OOD fails to show up when assigned. Please remember, PYC is a working club and we all need to put in our work days and OOD days etc. If you can't make it when scheduled, please trade times with someone or at least get a substitute. But thanks again, SSR, for picking up the slack.

Please don't forget the August activities. The world famous Pig Roast is on August 7th, The club cruise is August 13, 14 & 15.

Wishing you fair winds,

Tom Ecker

Commodore



The Secretary's Corner

by Bob Hamilton

Hope everyone's cruising season is going well. There are copies of the latest reciprocal agreements in the clubhouse. Make sure you have the latest before your cruise.

Current membership is at 119 Voting, 12 Non Voting and 6 Soundings only. Please welcome Fran and Lisa Murphy as our newest members – you may find them on their Irwin Sloop on the north shore. We also have a couple new member candidates in the process.

Here are a couple of reminders and updates to pass along for this time of the year.

The Clubhouse Building Fund Surcharge fees are due to me on the address provided by August 1, 1999. The form is repeated in this issue for your use. If you have not mailed it to me by now, please add the appropriate LATE FEE.

Do not forget to signout as you go on cruise so that the Officer of the Day can assign slips for visiting boats. Also, if you are at the club during the week, as visitors arrive please extend every courtesy to help make their visit to PYC a pleasant experience.

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The BOAT/US Cooperating Group membership number is GA80260Y for all members who may be signing up with BOAT/US.

Next Board Meeting will be in August 6th at the clubhouse. Time approximately 6:30PM

See you at the club,

Bob Hamilton
Secretary

PYC CLUB CRUISE August 13,14,15

“LAST CALL”

- DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP
- WE ARE LEAVING FRIDAY FOR FAIRHAVEN AT 10 AM
- THE SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE CLUB HOUSE
- HAPPY HOUR AND DINNER AT THE FAIHAVEN YACHT CLUB – BRING A HORS D'OEUVRE AND A DISH TO PASS.
- SATURDAY WE SAIL AND MOTOR TO SODUS
- HAPPY HOUR AND RAFTING AT THORTON POINT
- LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO STAY AT SBYC

CHECK THE WHITE BOARD FOR ANY CHANGE IN PLANS DUE TO WEATHER

Dave & Terry Weagley

Rear Commodore Reports

by Bob White

It is hard to believe we have been in the water almost 3 months, half the season. As such one of the items we need to cover is the 1999 Haul/Launch/Store Request. While last year schedules resulted in a short notice, this year will be different (hopefully it is not too soon, so you forget!). Cradle Day and Haul-out days are shown in the log (Cradle-10/9, Haulout-10/22/23). The H/L/S request form is printed elsewhere in this newsletter along with the price schedule. Requests should be mailed to Don Boesel. Details for work assignments will come in the September newsletter. Late requests will incur, without exception, a late fee. You will want to inspect your cradles before hand so necessary repairs can be made. Further, know where the straps need to be and so mark your boat.

As I write this(7/13/99), the first of the 1999 crop of PYC mushrooms has arrived. They are floating now. Perhaps by the weekend they will be gone, or more likely, we will have to try out the mushroom net this week.. Thanks to Eric M., Barry H., Doug Axtell, and myself for our attempts the past weekend.

Another subject which I need to cover again is harbor weeds. While the weeds were treated with chemicals last year, the Board's position is to use that method as a last resort. Chemical control is not good for the environment as well as a bureaucratic nightmare and expensive. Work with the weed sled has allowed us to refine its use and show that it is an effective tool for broad areas. Handwork with rakes and similar devices is effective in close quarters. One person can do around their one boat in 1-2 hours. This number comes from observing myself, Dave Weagley, Don Boesel, and Marv Hill. Barry Hall has attempted twice to recruit volunteers for operation of the weed sled (for open areas of the harbor) and raft crews to do hand cleanup with rakes behind boats. Dock assignees are to do the close quarters around their boats. Barry unfortunately was not blessed with many volunteers. Therefore, to fill this need, PYC weed patrol will be treated the same as OOD duties. Everyone will be responsible and assigned to work per a schedule to be published by Barry Hall. The weeds come in June and keep growing until mid-late September. That means, work will be needed periodically. With diligence and perseverance, maintenance can be minimized. It will take labor, something which we have a lot of at the right price. We have a wonderful harbor, lets get it clean and keep it that way.

In the last issue of Soundings, I listed about 4 projects which I needed volunteers for. I had even less luck than Barry. The work is still there and I have added more projects to the list and will list them again. I am trying to improve and maintain the facilities in the club. While I have put in untold numbers of hours to date, it is not near enough to do the work needed. Further, I am wondering where the PYC community spirit is. Critics with suggestions without effort do not count. We have many who do more than their share. We also have many more who could do more. Or do we need to increase the number of work hours per person per year and keep track, charging those who do not comply. We need to put forth effort to maintain and improve our serene surroundings. We have a wonderful Harbor of refuge from the wild world-help maintain it. Anyway, here are the projects again.

PYC Project List

1. Build frame for Harbor/Dock Assignment Display (have wood, need someone with woodworking skills).
2. Spray poison ivy along road going up hill (from northside docks) to Appleboon Point.
3. Repair and dress up gas grills (Don Boesel has ordered some parts, need more though).
4. Build restrainers for garbage pails around pavilion.
5. Replace crushed stone walk from new clubhouse to pavilion with cobblestones. We have cobblestones by new clubhouse, need to get crushed stone for grouting. Digging needed along with an artistic flare and a knack for doing a neat job.

Regarding the pavilion, we have noted a degree of messiness there. Those using the pavilion, please pick up after yourselves. In fact for everyone one using it, please leave it better than you found it, whether it be the pavilion, clubhouse, showers, toilets, etc., etc. etc.! One last request, please keep the grills to the north of where the walkway from the clubhouse meets the pavilion.

In other news, a couple of weeks ago we were able to remove the rock from the harbor entrance using the forklift and the cooperative labor of some of our members. It only cost about a gallon of gas for the forklift. Thanks go out to you all, with a special for R. Palum for the SCUBA Diving (to locate the rock and position the hauling hardware). During the same time we took that rock as well as 4 others (given by the Water Dept.) and relocated all on the lakeside of the point by the tree. They should help in reducing erosion in that area.

Bob White
Rear Commodore

On The Range

by Eric Matteson

August, Wow, How did that happen. It seems like only a week or two ago we were launching boats and now look at where we are. The spring racing series has ended and we are almost half way into the Fall series. The pig roast will be next and then we will be off to the Saturday GO races for the rest of the month. If you are looking for a good excuse to spend a little extra time at the boat this may be the ticket. All you need is a sail boat and some wind. Our Thursday night racing weather has been really good this year with only one race cancelled due to heavy weather. All of that sailing may be taking its toll on the fleet however. I have heard that Bob White has had steady income from one particular racer for sail repairs and a traveler car was also consumed in the heat of competition. I'm sure that there have been lots of other hardware casualties but nobody is talking.

THIS MONTH

The Saturday GO races will begin on the 7th (pig roast day) and will continue each Saturday throughout the month. I have planned on a skippers meeting at 11:00 which would leave plenty of time to get going and start the race at noon. If we find that there is a good reason to start earlier or later this time can be adjusted to accommodate the largest possible number of people. Another event for this month will be the commodores challenge. As most of us know there have not been a lot of free rides for our commodores in the past few years. I hope that this year will bring us a change.

OUTSIDE OF THE CLUB

The big event for this month is the Rochester race hosted by RYC. I have never participated in this event but I am fairly certain that if there is a boat race by day there is a going to be some socializing and story telling by night. We seem to have made our mark at a few races outside of Pultneyville and I hope this race is no exception.

CLUB CRUISE

Our weekender get a way is nearly here. Stock up your boat with goodies and make the scene. We all need to make a few extra memories to keep with us for the off season. If you are already planning on going then work on your dock side neighbors. if you are not planning to attend then please try harder. Its for your own good.

Eric Matteson
Fleet Captain

La Paloma or Would you believe it?

During our last encounter, we found out that the language of the sea is by no means universal throughout the world and there are an unlimited number of other examples available to prove the point.

A berth on a Dutch ship is called a "Kojie", which is actually the origin of the English word "Cozy", wonder what those Dutch sailors were up to?

Just as varied as the language are the beliefs and superstitions of seafaring men (and women). As a matter of fact, many notorious pirates were women who dressed as men because it was commonly held that women on board a ship brought bad luck, (kind of explains the koje thing, doesn't it)?

One of the most cherished and oldest sailor's beliefs in many parts of the world is that white seagulls are the souls of sailors who perished at sea.

The Spanish song "La Paloma" tells such a story, but in this case it is a white dove.

Seafaring folks in many European countries still greet white seagulls as lost friends and will not let anyone harm them.

In the words of an old German sea chanty (freely translated):

On a sailor's grave there bloom no roses
On a sailor's grave not a single flower grows
The only markers are the white seagulls
And perhaps a tear shed by a girl at home.

Well, after all that, I just remembered that I left a perfectly packed spinaker on one of the foredecks and I think I'll sleep there tonight, and really mess it up for the skipper so he'll have a nice surprise on race day.

Since he doesn't believe in me anyway, let him explain that to his crew on Thursday.

The Klabauteermann

Penninsula Pool Party

If you heard a lot of water splashing on that very hot weekend on the peninsula it was the first pool party of the season. A pool was filled to cool off Nikki, Jenny and Ellen and before you knew it the kids got a little bigger (Abby), and then the kids got a little bigger (Debbie, Sue, Jane, Cher) and then the biggest kid of all (Merril). So on the next hot weekend if you are looking to cool off, you are welcome to join the pool party.

POKER RACE RESULTS

Due to heavy weather, the race was moved from Saturday to Sunday. Six boats competed for prizes. Thanks to Dave Keller we were once again able to secure certificates from the Boating Center in East Rochester. And the Winners:

1st place \$50.00 certificate to Beach Bum (Hamilton)
2nd place \$20.00 certificate to Summer Snow (Foley)
3rd place \$10.00 certificate to Sterling (Watson)
4th place \$10.00 certificate to Bella Clara (Forero)
5th place \$10.00 certificate to Puff (Kukuvka)

WEED CONTROL AT PYC

We have not treated the harbor with weed killing chemicals this year and do not plan to do so this season. The chemicals are both expensive and environmentally damaging. The bureaucratic business required to carry out treatment is also time consuming and difficult. With that in mind Bob White and Doug Axtel have devised and now successfully tested a manual weed pulling system. We expect to use this system now and in the future until something better comes along.

Weed control around and within individual slips is the responsibility of the slip occupants. A pair of hose clamps can be used to fix an ordinary garden rake to the end of a boat hook. This extended rake can be used to pull up the weeds from the bottom. Simply imagine that you are using fork on spaghetti and haul away. See Barry Hall or Bob White if you need more details. Please remove all weeds to the cradle area and spread them out so that they dry quickly (and thus don't stink).

Weed control in the North and South harbors requires the coordinated efforts of several people. A morning shift consisting of five people will use the Mighty Magic Weed Harvesting Machine to clear the majority of each of the two harbors. The machine is not safe to use too close to boats in slips, so an afternoon shift of five people will use the work raft to trim up the edges of each harbor manually.

We hope that we can keep the weeds under control with one WEED DAY each summer month, June-Sept. I have posted notices in the clubhouse seeking volunteers to participate in weed clearing twice so far. Each occasion produced exactly one volunteer, far short of the number required to do the job. As a result those WEED DAYS were cancelled and the weeds remain in place at least until mid-August.

Because it is clear that asking for volunteers does not work, Bob White has implemented a new policy requiring all members to participate in weed clearing according to a schedule. That schedule will require each member to work clearing weeds for 1/2 day approximately every four years.

SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF 1999 SEASON

Sunday August 15:

Morning shift (9:30AM-12:30 PM) Hall, Nichols, Palement, Palmer,
Palum

Afternoon Shift (1:00 - 4:00) Hall, Pautz, Pomeroy, Popsula, Pretzer

Saturday September 11:

Morning shift (9:30AM-12:30 PM) Pullaro, Rice, Steve Richards,
Roetling

Afternoon Shift (1:00 - 4:00) Rohr, Schiff, Seyna, Shults, Skeggs

If your name is on the list above please be at the workboat at the appointed time. Please bring a garden rake and a boat hook. **IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK AT THAT TIME IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND A REPLACEMENT!!!!**

Barry Hall

Barry G. and Susan M. Hall

Flare Demonstration

Friday August 6, 1999 6 pm at the Rock Beach at PYC

- learn the difference between Orion Flares and SOLAS Flares
- which are required for racing and off-shore cruising...and why
- how to activate different types of flares
- night time use - day use - markers vs. visual aids

This is also a Good Time to shoot off any extra or old Flares that you have on Board, as 911, the Coast Guard, and various response agencies have been notified of the Demonstration.

We hope you like the 'look' of the clubhouse. Please try to keep it neat after each use. (this includes the new clubhouse and the old clubhouse). Again if you wish to 'donate' an item to the Club for use in the buildings, please check with the Decorating committee first.

Reminder

Women's sail every Friday afternoon at 2 pm through August 27.

**Thank you to --
David Heffron and David
Maddock**

for teaching the NYS Make
Sure
Make Shore Boating Course

**Congratulations to--
Amanda and Ryan Morse**



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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.



August 1
August 6
August 6
August 7
August 13,14,15
August 14
August 15

Final Building Surcharge Due
Board Meeting @ PYC
Flare Demonstration
Pig Roast
Club Cruise
Steak & Corn Roast-PMC
Articles for the September Lake Soundings