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# LAKE SOUNDINGS

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## Signals from the Commodore

By Bob Hamilton

Dear Members

As I write this we have just completed the Fall Banquet and presented all the awards. From all accounts everyone had a good time and Kermit was very entertaining as he was handing out the sailing awards – Excellent Job Kermit!!

Our next significant meeting is the annual meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Pultneyville Firehall. The Board has worked up the budget for 2002 and we will be reviewing it in detail prior to membership acceptance. The 2001 Officers will also be providing full year summaries for presentation, which should be very informative. Without the elections process as part of this meeting, we should have time to discuss new ideas or concerns from the membership. So, I urge everyone to attend and bring their ideas and comments for the Board to consider for 2002 activity.

As we close off this year's activities, I would like to personally thank the 2001 Board Members for their excellent support and work this year. With their experience and know how and excellent completion of their responsibilities, we have had a productive and enjoyable year. For the retiring Board Members, I wish them well and hope they can fully enjoy more “free time “ at the club and on their boats. They all have made my first year as Commodore enjoyable and fulfilling.

To all of our members I would also like to say "Thank You" for a great year. Many folks have chipped in to do what has to be done to make the club and our facilities a great place to be. One of my friends, a member, had commented about the relaxed, open, friendly atmosphere that surrounds us as we are in the harbor and together at social events. That is the way it should be and it is all of you that make it so.

Stay well.

**Bob Hamilton**

Commodore



## The Secretary's Corner

by Brian McCarthy

As you are all aware this will be my last article as the club Secretary. Diane Griffo will be assuming this post effective this January.

In that light I'd like to thank all the Chairpersons that have made the Secretary's position enjoyable for the past two years. Wendy Axtell has performed first contact with Membership. Cindy Kukupka is our Historian. Michelle Keller assembles all the information you find in our membership Log as PYC Log Editor. Merrill and Cher Gray put together this newsletter each month; and Jim Snyder takes care of Club Reciprocals. A real heartfelt thanks to them all for the work they have done.

A special thanks also needs to go out to Bob Hamilton for all the printing done over the course of the year on many items. This saves the club many dollars.

Remember we have the last general meeting of this year December 2, at the Pultneyville Fire Hall. It begins at 1300. Bring a snack to pass.



Ray Walvoord will be doing a presentation on his trip of the eastern circuit several years ago. It will be right after the meeting, plan to stay and see what long distance cruising is about.

The past board meeting was mainly spent on budget matters for 2002 and that budget will be presented at the general meeting.

Last but not least; A letter will be forthcoming the first week in December that will contain both your invoice for 2002 dues and your 2002 dock request. Since both are coming hard copy you may or may not see an electronic version.

I hope you all have a happy and safe boating season in 2002.

Happy and Safe Boating

Brian

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# Rear Commodore Reports

by Doug Axtell

## *Notes from the Engine Room--*

### **Rear Commodore's Service Award:**

Since accepting the nomination as the Rear Commodore, many projects I suggested were completed in the club- projects such as painting and repairing the Baird house, major dock projects and more. Most of these projects would not have been completed without the exceptional commitment of a few club members.

The Executive Board members (the officers) have their names printed in the log each year as compensation for their contributions to the club. However, since there was no formal recognition for these non-officer members, I felt it would be good to create a more permanent method of thanking them for their efforts. This award is to be presented annually to the member or members who assist the Rear Commodore in pursuit of his duties, well beyond the normal expectations of membership, and the normal workday, and thereby benefit the club the most each year.

When we ordered the plaque we retro-addressed the thanks to the contributions made in the 2000 boating season, as well as the good work and hard efforts of this past summer. I feel it is important to recognize the extra commitments and contributions made by club members.

The table below lists those people I felt deserved special recognition and the projects that they were responsible for bringing to a successful conclusion.

#### 2000 Repaint & Repair Old Clubhouse

- Larry Rice
- Tony Belaskas

#### 2001 Renovation of Docks & Harbor

- Russ Palum
- Doug Felton
- Richard Darrow
- Stewart McDonald

I would like to also thank the other members who made my life easier in the past two years. Don't feel slighted if I have forgotten anyone, but those that quickly jump to memory are; Bob White, Don Boesel, Scott Nichols, Eric Matteson, Tom Dobbins. Most of all, I'd like to thank Tom Bolt for his outstanding contributions as the PYC Dockmaster these past 4 or 5 years. This is a job which no one seems to appreciate, and the person performing the duties is often treated with great disdain and discourtesy.

### **Haul-out 2001:**

The Haul-out went well this year although the crane operator was new to this and as a result somewhat slow. We purchased a block of 18 hours and used about 22 hours to haul 76 boats. This is the same number of boats as the previous year, and we took one hour less this year than in 2000. The difference in time was due to; the grouping of like boats, and the way the crane was used on the peninsula this year (north of light pole). It is likely a slightly more productive haul out is possible but the average is still very good.

I have a meeting (rescheduled) with the managers of Webster Crane to negotiate the prices, and perhaps arrive at a future billing scheme, one that benefits both Webster Crane and the club.

*Doug Axtell*

Rear Commodore

# On The Range

by Kermit Sleggs

No submission this month

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Pultneyville Yacht Club  
requests the honor of your presence  
at the December 2001 Annual Meeting.

Sunday, December 2, 2001 -1 PM  
Pultneyville Fire Hall  
Pultneyville, New York

The club will provide beverages.  
A donation of a snack to pass is requested



# Vice Commodore's Report

by Roger Carr

Helen and I thank Chris and Marti Terninek for the great Fall Banquet we had this year. There is a flyer in this issue for the PYC December annual meeting on December 2. Helen and I thank all of you who helped us in serving as Vice Commodore these past 2 years. You are heroes.

Helen and I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable end of year holidays.



## Cavalier "Goodie Two Shoes" Award:

This trophy is awarded annually to the member who commits the largest faux pas in the given year. Each year it is bestowed upon some unlucky soul by the previous year's recipient. I was awarded this trophy by David Weagley for my selfless attempts to warm the lake pre-season with my body heat. Therefore it was my good fortune to pass this valuable award on at the completion of the 2001 sailing season.

It is my understanding that there were several trying out for this year's Goodie Two Shoes Award. Both potential applicants were displaying their sailing prowess with the rest of the club at the annual club cruise.

The first member, from now on known as Mr. Eric, was busy testing C. A. Marchaj's stability formulas. With the preventer engaged, Mr. Eric busily tried various methods of sail trim until he fully immersed the leeward side of his vessel. This was still not frightful enough, so Mr. Eric ignored this by feigning interest in the windward genoa track until the cabin windows were immersed. At this point, Mr. Eric decided to lay down in the cockpit to observe cloud formations while his boat fought to regain control. The boat breathed a sigh of relief and carried the sailor on his adventures without further incident.

The second set of members were sailing at the same time as Mr. Eric, and in fact Mr. Eric, offered to turn evidence against them to avoid persecution. What follows is a recounting of their journey. We will call them Mr. & Mrs. A from here forth. This was not the only adventure this season for Mr. & Mrs. A, indeed while cruising in the 1000 Islands he spent many hours with tools in hand attempting to repair the engine on his boat only to find it was out of fuel.

These members also left for the club cruise with Mr. E and other club members. I have been told that there was a slight sea running and that the winds were light or moderate. Therefore, it must have been the weight of the food and drink aboard the boat of the second party, which caused it to settle in the stern. In fact, it settled so far that a passing wave, probably from the near broaching boat of Mr. E swamped the cockpit and cabin. These members then attempted to relieve the interior of the boat of the rising water but one the batteries floating about in the cabin struck the bilge pump a blow from which it never recovered. I heard that several of the bottles of beer aboard were crushed by the second floating battery and added to the fluid level. Desperate minds prevailed, and buckets flew to action thus the interior of the boat was soon water free.

Without further ado, I would like to present the Goodie-Two Shoes award to Jim & Eileen Anderson of *Soukara* for their displays of seamanship in the 2001 sailing season.

*NOTE: The facts were slightly distorted to enhance the merriment of the club at large. No names were changed, although the actual events portrayed may be slightly embellished. Please accept necessary apologies at this time if offended.*



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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.



December 2

Annual Meeting Putneyville Fire Hall