



LAKE SOUNDINGS

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Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

We just had the Fall Banquet. If you missed it you missed a very nice meal and a great slide show that Jack and Anneliese Bopp put together. I think that perhaps we can try to encourage Jack to bring the slide show to the Annual Meeting for anyone that missed it.



As you know, our Annual meeting is on Saturday, December 6th at 1:00 PM. I encourage you all to attend as we have some very pressing budget issues to discuss as well as alternatives to the way that we conduct some of our business.

This past year has been good from a financial perspective but next year does not look as good. Decreasing membership and participation in Haul and Launch combined with escalating costs of doing business are presenting us with many challenges going forward so we would like your guidance as to how we should proceed.

Please keep in mind that every new member with a boat in the harbor adds approximately \$2000 to our income and every member with a boat that is retained as an active member saves approximately \$1500 in income. All of us have opportunities to recruit possible members and thus help boost the financial health of the club.

I hope that all of you can attend that annual meeting.

Steve Heffron

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The Secretary's Corner



My two-year term as PYC

Secretary will be completed at the end of December. The time has flown by. Thanks to everyone who helped make this an enjoyable experience, especially my fellow **Board members for 2002 and 2003!** Best wishes to the 2004 Board and **Alex Brougham**, who will be the new secretary.

Membership: As of December 2003 our membership is as follows: 104 Voting, 1-Social, 16 Nonvoting, and 1 CM. As always, for inquiries regarding docks call Dock Master Larry Helber. For questions about membership, call Membership Chairman, Jerri Schiff. I would like to thank **Jerri** and **Larry** for their outstanding commitment to their positions.

Calendar: Our annual membership meeting will be on **Saturday, December 6th at 1:00 PM** at the Pultneyville Fire Hall. (Snacks welcomed.) Our Cabin Party will be on **Sunday, February 8th**. Watch for a flyer, which will be sent in January via email or snail mail, whichever way you receive your Lake Soundings. Speaking of Lake Soundings, thanks to the following team: **Merril** and **Cher Grey**, Editors, **Bob Hamilton**, copying, and **Joan Stage** and **Pat Markovitz**, distribution.

Dues: In December you will receive your 2004 dues invoice and data update form. Your dues payment should be sent to the PYC mailbox by December 31, 2003.

Dock Deposit: Also in December you will receive your Dock Deposit form from Larry Helber. This payment should be returned to Larry by December 31, 2003.

Steamer Shipwreck, Cont'd: In last month's Lake Soundings, I reported about Jim Kennard's discovery of the Homer Warren found off Pultneyville Harbor. **Ralph Sylvester, Buona Vita**, responded. "I worked with Jim at Rochester Products on the Carburetor Test System. I was scuba diving at the time and would tell Jim about my dives and the wrecks I dove on. Jim took a diving course and started diving. He was an excellent Electronic Engineer and found an old Side Scan Recorder at a surplus store and converted it into a 12-volt system. He then proceeded to find wrecks and would show me the side scan recordings. They were so clear you could see the planks on an old wreck."

If you would like more information about the wreck, the website is <http://home.rochester.rr.com>. Then click on Jim Kennard's name.

PYC Historian: Thanks to **Cindy Kukulka** for her continued commitment. In 2004 we will be hearing much more from Cindy, as we celebrate PYC's 60th Anniversary.

Joe: Thank you for your collaboration and support!

Have a peaceful holiday.

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Rear Commodore Reports

Notes from the Engine Room.....

Lake Ontario Water Level



“The International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River study was set in motion in December 2000 by the International Joint commission... to assess and evaluate the impacts of changing water levels on shoreline communities, commercial navigation, hydropower production, the environment, recreational boating,” and other interests.

In the September edition of “Ripple Effects” the group’s publication, it said that in October all of their technical work groups from each of the interest groups would be meeting to assess their fieldwork and create the first report of “performance indicators”. This study will be ongoing, and they are seeking comments from individuals. **Joan Stage** has sent her comments to the U.S. contact, and has received a reply. If you would like to add your voice, please do.

The U.S. contact is Arleen Kreuzsch who may be reached at 716-879-4438 or arleen.k.kreusch@lrb01.usace.army.mil

Also, more information is available at www.losl.org

A Last Look

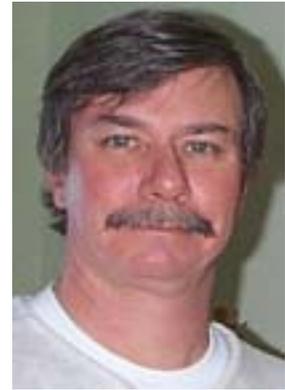


After everyone has put their boat to bed and forgotten about the summer, there are still some things that need to be done around the club- like pulling the channel markers and now, hauling the south cove docks for winter storage. A few pictures of those activities on a nice fall day; the people in the photographs include Cher Gray, Eric Matteson, Secretary-elect Alex Brougham, Rear Commodore Larry Fedick, Fleet Captain Larry Rice, and Bob White.



Vice Commodore Reports

The year is drawing to a close and we just concluded our final event of the season. The Fall Banquet was held at the Daisy Flour Mill. The room was warm and inviting, the friendly staff accommodated our every need and the food tantalized our palates. Thanks to Jerri Schiff, 21 people went home with an unexpected door prize. There were donations from the Pultneyville Pickle Company, Marks Pizzeria, Papa Joes, Skipper's Landing, Boat US, Shumway Marine, West Marine and Katlynn Marine. There were also six bottles of Riesling from the Seneca Shore Winery and a very special donation of a blue, fleece blanket with a lighthouse motif made by Debbie Heffron. Please be sure to continue to support these businesses with your patronage and thank them for their support of our banquet. Larry Rice amused the audience with stories while presenting racing and other awards. Anneliese and I were pleased to be able to recognize many of the people hosted events and provided special assistance in our first year as Vice Commodore. The "Golden Aprons" (which are actually blue with club burgees) were awarded to Rob and Vanessa Marciello, Rich and Roseanne Critchlow, Brian and Gail McCarthy, Nancy Gong and Peter Fisk, Daryl and Michele Hunt, Paul and Amy McDonald, Jim Wurtenburg, Jerri Schiff, Cy Penkitis, and Steve and Debbie Heffron. The evening was concluded with a slideshow immediately following the presentation of the Commodore's Award. From all accounts, it was a successful event.



Please reserve the date of Sunday, February 8th, 2004 for our Winter Cabin Party at the Park View Lodge in Webster Park. Marv Hill has graciously agreed to sponsor the event. There will be a special mailing in January containing the flyer for this event, as there will be no January "Soundings".

Jack Bopp

From The Treasury

This year's budget performance looks OK. We will end up with approximately \$4000 extra. The excess cash is only because we delayed dock repair until next year. If we had spent our dock repair budget we would have broken even. The moneys left this year will be added to next year's dock repair budget. Also, the reduced insurance premiums this year was a substantial savings that allowed us to carry the dock repair money over to next year.



The 2004 budget is in the works and it is even more challenging than the last two years. The slowly declining membership numbers are presenting us with a difficult challenge to balance the budget and at the same time keep the dues down. This year's budget proposal will at least have an assessment to cover the cost of the loans we assumed to build the floating docks. At this point we have not been able to balance the 2004 budget without increasing fees. No fee increase has been decided upon yet, but the budget proposal in December will definitely raise these issues. If you want to participate in the 2004 budget process please attend the December meeting!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this year's or next year's budget, call me at 671-8287 or e-mail me at brewirish@usadatanet.net. See you at the meeting!

Andrew R. White



PYC SOUTHERN RENDEZVOUS!

If you still haven't made plans for your spring break, here's the perfect excuse for going south. The 2004 PYC Southern Rendezvous has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 3rd, at 2:00 P.M., at the clubhouse of Longboat Key Moorings, Longboat Key, FL. For additional information, directions, or to request a flyer or make your reservation, please contact Anne Artman at artmanann@aol.com or 941-495-1244.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND BE THERE!!!!

The History of the Pultneyville Pursuit

By Tom Dawes

It was late in the year of 1975 or early in the year of 1976. I can't remember exactly, but the nation was getting ready to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence and communities were organizing events for the upcoming special July 4th Holiday. For some reason or other, I started to think about some kind of an event that the sailors in the Pultneyville area could do to add to the celebration. Also, we were in the middle of a fund drive to upgrade Gates Hall.

Some years before coming to this area I belonged to the Leatherlips Yacht Club in Columbus, Ohio. One of their annual events was a handicap sailing race called a "Pursuit" race. It was a race in which the slowest boats started before the faster boats at times determined by their handicap. The faster boats "pursued" the slower boats, and if the handicaps were proper, and the boats were all sailed properly, and if the weather held constant, etc., etc., everyone would be at the same place at the end of the race.

The end of the race was at the finish time, rather than the finish line.

In the beginning of the Declaration of Independence, there is the statement about the right to the pursuit of happiness. So that is how it all came together; sailboat racing is about the pursuit of happiness. The Declaration is about the pursuit of happiness. So, why not a "Pursuit" race, to celebrate our pursuit of happiness?

That's how the race was born. I won't bore you on how the race was organized and promoted - mainly because most of it escapes my memory. But the original race did take place on the 4th of July. The Fire Company on WR-1 provided the original race committee for the event. At the time, the Yacht Club and the Mariners had a joint race program and the Fire Company set the marks for both clubs. The race was open to all boats in the area. The original course was to a buoy near Bear Creek and as far as you could get, back toward Pultneyville by the finish time. The original overall winner was Ira Goldsmith from the Yacht Club in a Santana 22 or 23, if my memory is right.

The race continued annually for a few years, loosely under the wing of the Yacht Club, promoted by Georgia Stevens and Millie O'Laughlin. The course, over time, was shortened and the race day was moved to Homecoming Weekend.

The Mariners eventually took over the event and shortened the course to better suit their needs to make it more visible to people on shore.

To get to the point, I have written this piece to possibly generate some interest in getting the "Pursuit" going again, as a joint event for the Yacht Club and the Mariners. Both clubs have been doing much together in the last few years, and I think what a wonderful sight it would be to see a goodly portion of both clubs out on the water at the same time.

The "Pursuit" race is a race that finishes at a definite time, so it would lend itself well to a follow-on by a great joint social event.

Humbly,
Tom Dawes



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<http://www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org/>

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 6 1:00 p.m. Annual Meeting Pultneyville Fire Hall