



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. As you may know, we had to make a change in venue at the last minute when we found out that the Daisy Flower Mill closed and was subsequently sold. Thanks to Jack and Anneliese for procuring a new banquet facility so quickly.



As you know, our Annual meeting is on Sunday, December 5th at 1:00 PM. I encourage you all to attend as we have some very pressing budget issues to discuss.

This past year has been good from a financial perspective. You may remember that we had proposed a deficit budget. The good news is that it looks like we were not as far on the deficit side as we had planned, largely due to the \$5000 gift that came from the Cornwall Trust. Decreasing membership, Dock rental 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.

This will be my last commodore's message. Over the last two years, the thing that has impressed me the most is the membership. There have been many challenges such as ice storms, broken equipment and a weak budget that has brought out the best in our membership. Everyone is always anxious to get the job done when others may have said, "this job is impossible, I'm going home". That is the strength of our club. It stretches well beyond the balance sheet that forms our budget, or the grounds- as beautiful as they may be. It is this intangible force that has-and will continue to make-Pultneyville Yacht Club what it is.

Thank you everyone.

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

Steve Heffron

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From The Treasury



A budget is ready. It took many meetings to hammer this out. Hopefully, you, the membership, will support this budget, and the new board. Hope to see you all at the December meeting. Thank you to all members for your support.

Jane



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PYC South Rendezvous

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

11:00AM - 5:00 PM

At the Clubhouse

of Longboat Key Moorings

Longboat Key, Florida

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Vice Commodore Reports

The final social event of the year was our Fall Banquet. Due to a last minute cancellation by the Daisy Flour Mill, we had our banquet at the Burgundy Basin Inn. In addition to a fine meal, we had an awards ceremony featuring the racing awards, the “Golden Apron” awards and service awards presented by the Commodore and Rear Commodore. Throughout the evening the many door prizes were raffled off and the event concluded with the year in review slide show. The change in location did not lessen the conviviality shared by our members and their guests.



Please mark your calendars for Sunday, February 13th for the Winter Cabin Party at the Parkview Lodge in Webster Park. Larry Rice has graciously agreed to host this event. Look for a special mailing in January containing the flyer for this event, as there are no *Soundings* distributed in January.

It is hard to believe that these two years as Vice Commodore are nearly past. Anneliese and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the many people who have donated their time to make the social events successful. We also appreciate the help of those who helped cook and serve on launch, haul and work days. We are confident that you will continue to support these activities and offer the same assistance to our incoming Vice Commodore, Marvin Hill. Thank you all so very much.

Jack

Notes from the Engine Room

I'm done. Stick a fork in me. See ya, in the Spring.

All kidding aside, all of you know that we managed to get a lot of things done at the club that improved our facility considerably. I have tried to acknowledge everyone who has done so much to make the club what it is, but I cannot name everyone, so please, each of you, accept my thanks.



Having said that, we need to look ahead to the next year, and there are several enticing new projects that lie ahead, that I will enlighten you about them after the Winter Cabin Party. Don't worry- they are nothing that our intrepid membership has not already demonstrated that we can handle.

Enjoy the winter, and we'll see you in February.

Merril



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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 5 Annual Meeting, Pultneyville Fire Hall