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LAKE SOUNDINGS

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Signals from the Commodore

By Tom Ecker

Dear Members,

Some big events are quickly approaching. The Fall Banquet and the annual meeting. By the time you get this Lake Soundings, the Banquet will have come and gone. I hope a good time was had by all. The annual meeting is yet to come and it will be good to see our summer friends again.

At the meeting we will elect the new officers. A thank you goes out to the nominating committee for all their work in coming up with a new board. A special thank you to Debbie Heffron for her extra effort. The proposed board is as follows:

Tom Ecker - Commodore; Roger Carr - Vice Commodore; Doug Axtel - Rear Commodore; Rich Critchlow - Treasurer; Brian McCarthy - Secretary; Eric Matteson - Fleet Captain. Thank you all for volunteering for these important jobs.

In addition, at the meeting we will be voting for the new budget. The board has worked very hard to come up with a good and strong budget that will fulfill our needs for the coming year. The current year will end with a deficit. This is due primarily to the extra costs of dredging and electrical repair and a decrease in the dues, docking and apartment rentals income. Our surplus has been greatly decreased and needs to be built back up. Therefore we are proposing a \$100.00 assessment per voting membership and \$50 assessment per non voting membership to be due and payable on February 15, 2000. The board decided on an assessment because this would only be in the year 2000 barring any disasters. The only other increase will be in a slight 3.6% increase in dock fee's that will keep up with inflation. The aforementioned increases will basically replenish our reserve and clear the deficit incurred this year. We had a bad water year, no question about it, however I feel this will put the club back into good condition and help us to move forward into the new millenium. **Please note: the annual meeting will start at 2:00 PM.** This is a change because the Fire Hall is having a breakfast in the AM and we had to move our time.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Wishing you fair winds,

Tom Ecker

Commodore



The Secretary's Corner

by Bob Hamilton

The November Board meeting was held November 10th and the continuing focus was the Y2000 budget plan discussion. Details of the plan will be shared at the General Meeting in December.

Membership status is currently at 121 Voting, 12 Non Voting, 6 Soundings Only. The NEW MILLENNIUM Y2000 membership renewal is in this issue of the Lake Soundings. Please promptly return the applications and fees to me. If you know of new member candidates, please have them contact Wendy Axtell to initiate the process.

Remember you must be a member in good standing to continue your membership in the club. That means that your workday assignment has been completed, and all dues and fees paid. If you still owe a day, or dues and fees, make sure that this is corrected before December 31, 1999, or your membership will not be renewed.

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Tom Ecker - Commodore
Steve Heffron - Vice Commodore
Bob White - Rear Commodore
Bob Hamilton - Secretary
Rich Critchlow - Treasurer
Eric Matteson - Fleet Captain



It has been a busy and productive year for the Yacht Club and for me as my second year as Secretary. I would not have been able to accomplish all the Secretary chores without a lot of help from "The Staff". So special "Thanks for a great job" to:

Wendy Axtell for new membership applications and packets

Merril and Cher Gray as our Lake Soundings Editors

Jim and Joan Stage for Lake Soundings Distribution

Michelle Keller as the PYC Log Editor

Jim Snyder for the reciprocals correspondence and tracking.

The PYC Annual meeting will be on December 5 at the Pultneyville Fire Hall. BIG NOTE: The time for the Meeting is shifted to 2:00 PM.

See you at the Annual Meeting,

Bob Hamilton
Secretary

Pultneyville Yacht Club would like to extend its deepest sympathies to Don and Carol Brickle and family. Carol's father passed away on November 13, 1999 at the age of 95 .



Rear Commodore Reports

by Bob White

It is that time of the year for the dock request to be filled out and sent in for your dock for Y2K (do I need to pay a royalty for using that phrase?). The dock request is printed elsewhere in the newsletter. You want to fill out all the information and send it to Tommy Bolt, with the deposit if required.

I will be stepping down from the Rear Commodore job at the end of this year. Time for some new blood. It was an active two years with the high water, low water, and more frequent weeds. Together we were able to complete many projects, but there is always more to do.

I want to thank you all for your cooperation and have a special thanks to some who went beyond the call of duty. Hopefully I won't miss anybody. If I do let me know. Thanks go to Doug Axtell, Don Boesel, Tommy Bolt, Barry Hall, Eric Matteson, George Del Vecchio, Russ Pahun, Doug Felton, Jim Belaskas, Tony Belaskas, Larry Rice, Paul Roetling, Kermit Sleggs, Chris Tertinek, The Flower Girls, Ernie Washburn, and Dave Weagley.

If any of you are looking for some winter projects here are a couple:

1. Fix up gas grills in pavilion (Don Boesel has some of the parts)
2. Construct wood holders (to keep them in place) for the garbage pails in the pavilion

Bob White
Rear Commodore



— 1999 Annual Meeting —

Due to conflicts with the Pultneyville Volunteer Fire Department's schedule we are changing the time of the Annual meeting this year to start at 2:00 PM. It will still be on Sunday, December 5th at the Pultneyville Volunteer Fire Department on Lake road just west of the club. In this event we rely on the membership to supply the munchies so please remember to bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres.

This change is due to a Meet Santa pancake breakfast that is being held at the firehouse in the morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 PM. They have extended the invitation to any families with small children to join them for this event.

*The editors of the "Soundings" would
like to wish you all Happy Holidays and
Safe Harbors in Y2K.*

Merril and Cher Gray

On The Range

by Eric Matteson

Well, here we are at the culmination of another fine season. Yes, it is true that the summer is always too short, and this year a lack of water did cause us some grief. But the overall picture shows us way ahead of average for the number of fine days available. How many great days did we have this year with south breeze and flat seas especially earlier in the season? I should have counted them all. The fall did bring us a couple of pretty fierce storms. One such notable blow was the remnants of hurricane Floyd. The specific effect of this storm on our harbor was the separation of two of our channel markers from their ground tackle. Let me tell you that I searched for those anchors down to the last hour before the work boat was hauled out and right down to the last gallon of gas. On the bright side an anchor of similar type was recovered from the Mariners beach that will, with a few modifications, be every bit as good as one of our lost treasures. As for the second missing article, I have a plan. This coming spring there will be a new anchor manufactured that will be used for our mid-channel mark. Fate has already begun to equip me with the bits and pieces that will comprise this most important part of a buoy. As was mentioned and observed by my lack of contribution last month I will be including the bulk of my old computer to add to the mass of the anchor. A noble and likable machine, the forces of technology have made it worthless for any purpose greater than ballast. As sick as I may be about the loss of data and the cost of a replacement, I am truly grateful to my demons for allowing me to finish scoring the racing season and working out all of the details for the year's end prior to affecting their evil plans. Had things gone the other way you may have been reading about me last month in the paper rather than the "Soundings" as a deranged data cruncher who attempted to throw his computer over the High Falls. All of that is behind me now, and I possess speed and options beyond my wildest dreams.

I have included award results of the season for anyone who was not able to attend the fall banquet.

That's about enough for this month. See you at the annual meeting.

Eric Matteson
Fleet Captain

Editor's note: Welcome back, Fleet Captain

AWARD RESULTS

AWARD	PLACE	BOAT NAME
BOWERSOX RACE	1	GLAD TIDINGS
	2	COMIC RELIEF
	3	BLUEPEACE
BOWN RACE	1	BLUEPEACE
	2	COMIC RELIEF
	3	GLAD TIDINGS
CLUB CHAMPION		COMIC RELIEF
CORNWALL CUP		GLAD TIDINGS
COMODORES SERVICE AWARD		DON BOESEL
VAN VOHRIS TROPHY		BLUEPEACE
CANNAN CUP		GLAD TIDINGS
SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR		ADOLF KURTH
LAKE RACE TROPHY		GLAD TIDINGS
CRUISING AWARD		RON FRETZER
PUCRS		
GOODIE TWO SHOES		BELLA CLARA
MOST IMPROVED RACER		CEBARE
ON THE ROCKS		JIM MARRON
SPRING SERIES		
GENOA ONLY RACERS	1	GLAD TIDINGS
	2	WINDSTAR
	3	SOUKARA
SPINAKER RACERS	1	COMIC RELIEF
	2	PUFF
	3	SUMMER SNOW
FALL SERIES		
GENOA ONLY RACERS	1	AVALON
	2	GLAD TIDINGS
	3	SOUKARA
SPINAKER RACERS	1	COMIC RELIEF
	2	PUFF
	3	SUMMERSNOW

COMBINED SERIES

GENOA ONLY RACERS

1
2
3

GLAD TIDINGS
SOUKARA
WINDSTAR

SPINAKER RACERS

1
2
3

COMIC RELIEF
PUFF
SUMMER SNOW

PARTICIPATION AWARDS

AVALON
PRACTICE
SELKIE

MOONRISE
PANDORA
STERLING

FUN RACE PARTICIPANTS

STERLING
BELLA CLARA
BEACH BUM
D.A.D.S. AGAIN
GREEN EYED LADY
KESTRAL
TIGGER
BLEW BY YOU

PUFF
SELKIE
SUMMER SNOW
CEBARE
CHIMERA
TANTRUM
PEARL