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Signals from the Commodore

By Dave Weagley

Dear members,

Welcome to the 1998 season. We had our first board meeting on January 11 and we are very excited about getting ready for the new boating season. I would encourage every member to call me or other board members if they have issues or concerns about the club. We are all here to enjoy ourselves and we need to work together to resolve issues.

The docks are filling fast but I encourage everyone to continue spreading the word that we are interested in new members and we do have docks available.

To get the season started, we have a Fleet Night scheduled at West Marine on February 26 from 5 to 8pm. Just bring your PYC membership card and get \$10 off a \$100 purchase, \$20 off a \$200 purchase up to \$50 off a \$500 purchase. Also for January through March, you can get \$2 off every can of bottom paint.

Richard Critchlow will be running the Officer of the Day program again this year. You will hear more about the details in a later issue. Michelle Keller and Jerri Schiff will be in charge of the Sunshine Committee again this year, so if you hear of any member with a serious illness or death in the family let them know.

Enjoy the winter,

Dave Weagley
Commodore



Signals from the Rear Commodore...

By Robert M. White

Here we are in the New Year and only about three and one-half months until launch. Launch has been scheduled April 24th and 25th, and as you guessed regardless of the weather. We will be in the capable hands of launch boss Don Boesel.

Dockmaster Tommy Bolt has completed the first round with the dock assignments which were reviewed at the first Board meeting on January 11. About 10-12 dock requests have yet to be received. The requests are needed so that the final assignments can be made and published. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

At the first Board meeting, it was decided to apply for a DEC permit for aquatic weed treatment this year. I have already been in contact with the DEC to start this process. Additionally, Dick Critchlow, Mike McCarthy and I met at the club early in January to discuss the design of a boat drawn cutter. The rationale is to eliminate the weeds chemically this year and perfect the cutter design for ecologically maintaining control.

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The chemical treatment is expensive, in excess of \$1,000, and I am sure you all realize is not in the best interests of our environment.

At the annual meeting concern was voiced about odor from the weeds. The weeds growing on the rocks in the shallows of the lake get detached from the stones during storms, and then are carried with the waves to the beach, or in our case, penetrate the rock pier and fall in our inlet.

As they rot, the gas developed in this mass floats it to the surface and the

"Pultneyville Mushroom" odor becomes apparent. In past years, this

condition only happened about once a year, taking about a week to float. We have towed some of the larger mushrooms out with a boat, but normally winds and currents in the harbor take them away. With the presence of the zebra mussels, new residents in the lake, the water is consistently clearer. This clarity allows for more light to get to aquatic plant life, the weeds, allowing them to grow at a faster rate. This results in weeds reaching the beach or the harbor whenever they are dislodged by high winds and waves. It happens all along the shore of the lake. In all likelihood, this new balance with the zebra mussels will continue. This past year it happened 2-3 times. I am in contact with Sea Grant, a NY State group concerned with water resources, relative to this problem. I would welcome any of your ideas.

Bob White

The Secretary's Corner

by Bob Hamilton

We had our first Board Meeting on January 11 and many of the highlights are covered in other articles. I would like to add a couple more to the collection.



If all goes well, your membership card should be attached to this issue of the Soundings. If you have not found it, look for it, and keep it in a safe place for the year. After completing 118 cards for the active members, my hand needs a rest.

One of the action items I took from the board meeting was to look at the reciprocal privileges across the list and analyze the patterns. The chart below reflects the data from previous years.

	1st Night	2nd Night	3rd Night
Free	48	25	9
\$5.00	1	1	1
\$10.00	2	6	11
\$15.00	1	1	3
\$25.00		2	2
Marina	1	3	3
\$0.50/ft			4
\$0.75/ft		7 + 1@1.00/ft	5 + 1@1.00/ft
Total	61	61	61

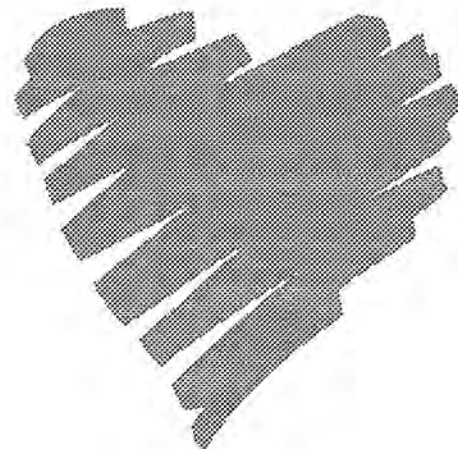
From this data we will be evaluating and establishing the PYC policy at the next board meeting. More details after that discussion.

One of the other items completed in the board meeting was the calendar of events for 1998. All the planned activities are listed on a single page in the Soundings suitable for displaying at home or the boat.

Cheers,

Bob Hamilton





**Happy
Valentine's
Day !!!**

Boardings from The Fleet Captain

by Peter Fisk

Well let's see what to write about this month. The person who reads this says that I shouldn't write any more about carrying weapons on the racecourse. The big knife that I brought to the Fall Banquet was frightening and the shotgun I bought for starting races shows that there is something seriously wrong with me. So what else is new, if enough people say your weird enough times you start noticing that the Lawrence Welk Show really could be an Alien plot to subvert the youth of today.

Other than that, I am busy thinking about all of the stuff that I should be working on. The Fleet Captains meeting is coming up (April 19th) which isn't all that far away. Launch is the same week (more stuff to worry about).

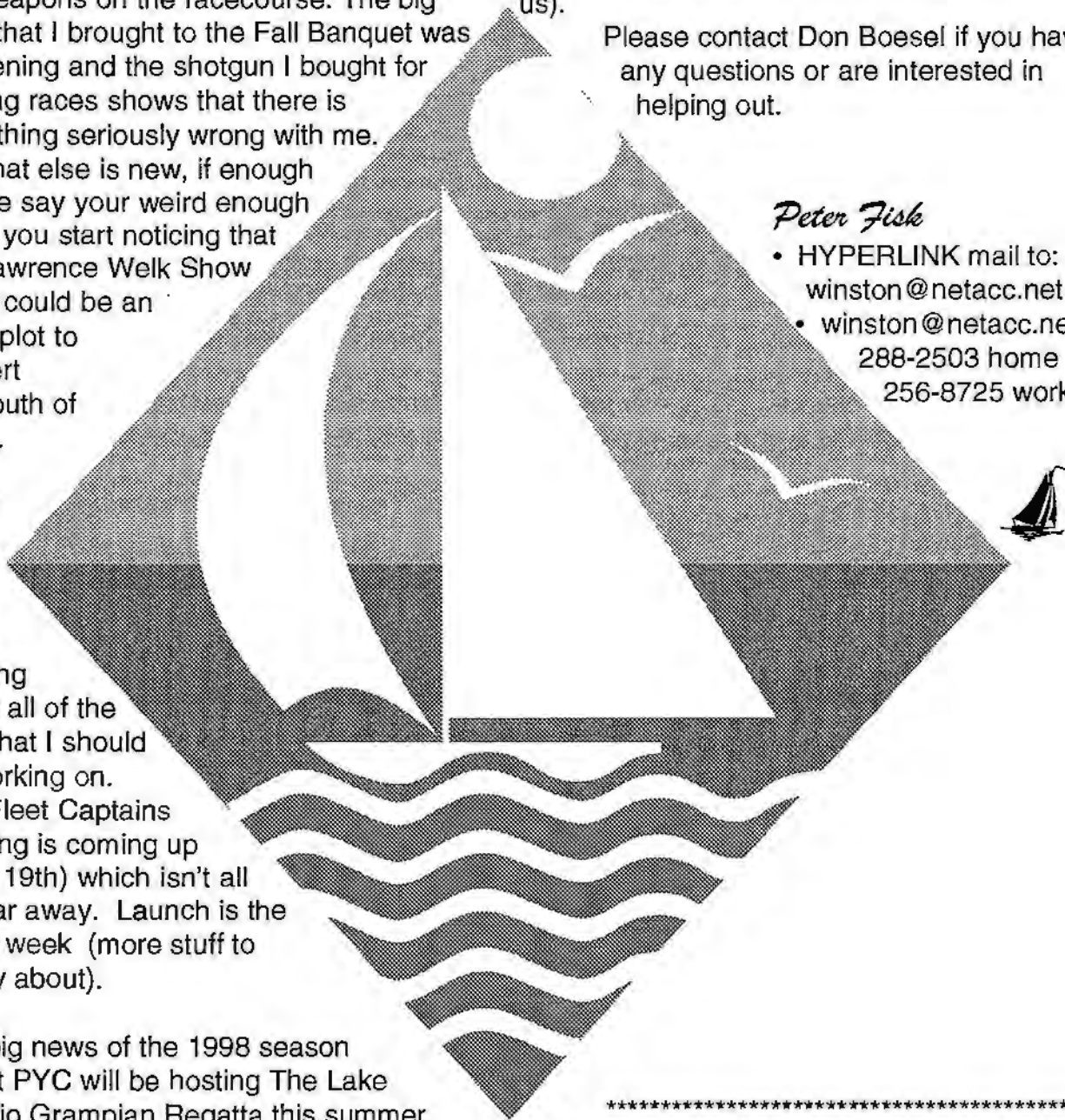
The big news of the 1998 season is that PYC will be hosting The Lake Ontario Grampian Regatta this summer over the weekend of July 23rd.

Sorry, I know that the Levels are that weekend but when I found out, it was too late to change the date (I hope that they don't get too mad at us).

Please contact Don Boesel if you have any questions or are interested in helping out.

Peter Fisk

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A reminder: Articles for the Soundings must be sent to the Editor by the second weekend of the month.

Calendar of Events and Dates for 1998

Winter Cabin Party	February 1
Captains Meeting	April 19, 1:00 PM at PYC Pavilion
Launch	April 24 - 25
Work Day #1	Special Plan by Rear Commodore
Work Day #2	May 9 - 8:00 AM
Work Day #3	May 16 - 8:00 AM
Commodore's Review	May 23
Bowersox Memorial Day	
Race and Picnic	May 24
New Member Fondue	May 30
Commodore's Brunch and General Meeting	June 13
Open Boats	June 20
Grampian Regatta	July 25 - 26
August Board Meeting	August 7
Pig Roast & Nav Contest	August 8
Commodore's Challenge	August 16 - PYC Host Year
Cradle Day	October 3 - 8:00 AM
Haul	October 16 - 17 - 7:00 AM
Fall Banquet	November 7 @ TBD
Annual Meeting	December 6 @ Pultneyville Fire Hall