



LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

It's finally starting to look like summer and cruise planning is in full swing. Don't forget to get your vessel examined to be sure that you have all of the necessary equipment. These examinations are free and will check all of the equipment that is required by both Federal and State laws. This could save you a ticket for having life preservers that would not pass a Coast Guard inspection or possibly not save a life because they were too worn to be effective. Or the embarrassment of having flares that are expired. Please feel free to stop by my boat to ask for an examination. The advice is free, and I am a qualified boating safety instructor as well.



Our spring events were all great successes. The next is the Pig Roast on August 8th, followed by the club cruise on August 15th, 16th and 17th. The cruise is always a great time and I encourage everyone to participate.

I would like to remind everyone that our club is a family organization. There are more and more young families joining and it's great to see kids playing on the lawn again. Please be careful with the use of colorful language so no one is offended.

The time is coming to select new club officers for next year. The positions that are being vacated are Rear Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer. The nominating committee has been selected and consists of Cher Gray, Donna Ecker, Paul Roetling, Rich Critchlow and Terry Wolfe. Please feel free to talk to any of these people if you would like to be considered for any of the open positions or if you would like to recommend someone for consideration.

We are currently in a National Terrorist Threat Level of Yellow. This means that if you are cruising to Canada, you can return using either I-68 forms or videophones. The trend has been for the government to increase the Threat Level to Orange around national holidays. If you are planning to cruise to Canada around July 4th, you should call the INS or the Coast Guard for information on the current check-in procedures.

We will see you at the club and out on the water.

Steve Heffron

Commodore

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The Secretary's Corner

Membership: As of mid-June, our membership is as follows: voting 102, social 1, nonvoting 16, and CM 1. Jerri Schiff and Larry Helber continue to field calls from those interested in PYC Membership and/or a dock.

Thanks to all members who continue to be our best "ambassadors" to those who seek information about us!

Logs: If you have not yet done so please pick up your 2003 PYC Log from the clubhouse.

Officer of the Day: If you are scheduled for this important job this summer, and you will be unable to work on the date scheduled, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to switch with someone else, or find a REPLACEMENT. Thank for your cooperation.

Reciprocals: The published reciprocals will be available in the clubhouse. Also remember in this transition year, to go to www.lakeontariosailing.com for information about many yacht clubs on Lake Ontario.

Pultneyville Historical Society Summer Hours: Learn more about the Pultneyville you already enjoy by visiting the PHS museum located next door to the Pickle. Summer hours are 1-4PM, Friday-Sunday from June 20th thru September 14th. While there, pick up a walking-tour guide, which contains a fun quiz. Shop in the gift shop for Pultneyville items such as T-shirts and sweatshirts. Purchase note cards with reproductions of paintings by Chip Stevens.

PYC's own Chip Stevens is a nationally recognized watercolor artist. He has donated one of his paintings to PHS for a fundraiser. It is on display at the museum where you can purchase a chance to win it.

Gates Hall: The resident theater company has a number of excellent offerings this summer. Check with the PHS for more information

Sailing Lessons for children and adults are available at SBYC. Contact Peter Evans for details at 315-589-8422.

Pultneyville Homecoming: Don't forget the popular event, Pultneyville Homecoming, scheduled for Saturday, July 19th.

Have a safe, enjoyable July on Lake Ontario!

Diane Griffo
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Polish Princess To Sail in Hospice Regatta For Fun and Fund Raising

by Roseanne Critchlow

Dear Boater-friends!

Im writing about the Hospice Regatta that will be held Saturday, August 23 in Rochester. The event is a fundraiser for one of the area's finest agencies, Genesee Region Home Care and specifically for its Hospice program. (I started working for the agency this past January. As the Hospice Bereavement Services Coordinator for Wayne and Seneca Counties, I see firsthand the quality of service and commitment of the medical staff to people whose journeys here are approaching the end. The nurses and other medical service providers are outstanding. I think the program is worthy of our support.)

The race is not just for "racers." This is an event for "cruisers" as well. Its major purpose is to raise funds for the Hospice services in this area. If you are even thinking about participating, know that you would be welcome! If you would consider helping to sponsor one of the boats, your contributions (small or large) would also be welcome! At this point, we are pretty sure that *Moonrise*, *Moon+Stars*, *Sawdust*, and *Scimitar* may also be in the event. Hopefully there will be other boats from PYC as well. Any contribution may be made in memory of a loved one and that person's name will be read at the event.

Rich and I will be first-time entrants, on the *Polish Princess*. We're very excited about the prospect! Since we are not racers as such, our hope is to not embarrass ourselves or break any rules, while at the same time we want to raise loads of money for a worthwhile cause. We are looking for a couple racers to crew with us. Anybody out there looking for a good time without real aspirations of capturing a prize?

Signup sheets will be posted in the clubhouse with the names of the participating boats. We all hope that you will support us with your good wishes, your prayers, and your pledges! Jim Ely is our club representative for this event and you may contact him with any questions or for more information at jimely@frontiernet.net or (585) 663-3662. Thank you.

Roseanne W. Critchlow



Thank You...

Thank you for all the cards and prayers in expression of your sympathy on the loss of my mother.

Jane Hamilton

Fleet Captain Reports

On The Range...



Weather or Knot

The Thursday evening Spring series of round the buoy races is off to a good start. Amazingly, we've had five straight weeks without a wind/weather cancellation. On a given Thursday, there are as many as 14 boats racing in Spinnaker and Genoa divisions. Skippers and crews are a mix of old hands and new enthusiasts. There is always time following the race for a skull session in the pavilion with food and drink.

Thank you to the racers and especially to the folks who have volunteered to staff the Race Committee boat with me. People do seem to enjoy the real close up perspective of boats charging across the line and maneuvering around the course. I'm told, too, that the spectator viewing is pretty good from your living room, if you happen to live close by on the lake. For the rest of us, as it warms up why not consider coming out to anchor and watch?

A Notice of Race for Genoa only and Woman Skipper's race series has been posted on the bulletin board in hallway of the clubhouse. These are each (best 4) of 5 race series with prizes and flags awarded to participants following the race. We haven't been quite as fortunate with the weather here, suffering a rain out and a fog out respectively. The next scheduled Genoa race is Saturday July 5th and Woman Skipper's race is Sunday July 6th.

The round the buoy format is the same as Thursday night but the atmosphere and company are different. It is a more casual affair with family crew and self timing. Come out and give it try.

Please note the article on page seven about the infamous Poker Race. There certainly have to be other opportunities for us to stage events for the whole PYC fleet. Events can be on water or land. In past years we have done navigation and Predicted Log contests. I'd welcome your suggestions and help in getting things rolling. On that score, I'd like to talk with anyone interested in organizing the Club Cruise, scheduled for the weekend of August 15-17.

A final note, on a different subject. After rooting around in various places to locate and to store Fleet Captain "stuff", I conclude that there must be a better way. I've talked with Tony Belaskas, Facilities Manager, and I'd like to try to claim space in the shed for flags, buoys, etc. Please have a look in this black hole and see if there is anything of yours - or anything with a trace of club history or use - that we could disposition.

Larry Rice

Fleet Captain

Vice Commodore Reports

The Commodore's Brunch in June was a great success made possible by an army of volunteers. They generously donated their time, expertise and enthusiasm cutting fruit, setting up, tending bar, mixing batter, cooking, cleaning, selling merchandise and photographing the festivities. Brian and Gail McCarthy did a marvelous job of coordinating this three-ring circus. Special thanks are extended to Eric Matteson. Eric was responsible for obtaining the griddles (at no expense to the club) and setting them up the night before. The morning of the event, Eric wisely brought tent poles and tarp to keep the rain off the food as well as the cooks. All of this while still trying to get *Dulcinea* in the water!



Some Flip, Some Flap

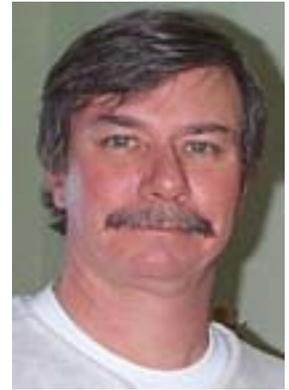
Anneliese Bopp and Joe Griffo pump out the pancakes while Peter Damick holds forth on the fine art of grillwork.



Breakfast Club

Left to right; Harry Miller, Lou Rohr, Jim and Georgia Snyder

Enclosed in this Soundings is the flyer for the Pig Roast on August 9th. Nancy Gong has done a great job of putting together some activities to enhance the afternoon. Polish up your corn shucking skill and decorate that old sail bag for an afternoon of friendly competition. As this is a catered event, it is very important that we have an accurate head count for the caterer and that your registrations be timely. Please know that late registrations will be penalized \$2.00 per person. An invitation has been extended to the Pultneyville Mariners to attend. We look forward to seeing you then, if not before.



Jack Bopp

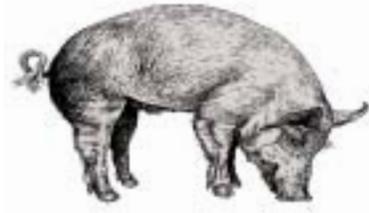
Vice Commodore



Beverage Police

Mixmaster Don Boesel's secret club recipes come under heavy scrutiny as this year's brunch gets under way. QA committee, left to right; brunch host Brian McCarthy, Club Secretary Diane Griffo, Jane Hamilton, Don Boesel, Past Commodore Bob Hamilton, Commodore Steve Heffron, Merrill Gray, Debbie Heffron, Roger Carr.

PYC ANNUAL PIG ROAST



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH

Enjoy a morning and early afternoon of sailing and boating, then come join us for the picnic. Tea time activities for young and not so young. Or just come by for Tea Time Cheering.

3:30 CORN SHUCKING CONTEST. Corn must be ready for the Caterer at 4pm. Corn Master; Nancy

4:00 WATER BALLOON EVENT Bring a change of clothes or towels. Hydro Master; Dave Weagley

4:30 THREE LEGGED OLD SAIL BAG RACE. Bring a sail bag or the like. There'll be an award for the best decorated sail bag. Three Legged Master; Alex Brougham

Prizes for every age for each event are made possible by the generous fun loving donations from our friends at

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5:00 PIG ROAST PICNIC

MENU

Roast Pork, Roast Turkey, Salt Potatoes, Bean Salad, Stuffing, Corn-on-the-Cob, Green Salad, Sauerkraut, Penne Pasta w/ Marinara Sauce & Cheese, Dinner Rolls, Relish Tray, Fruit Tray, and Dessert.

Soda, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Wine, Beer, Coffee and Bottled Water

VEGETARIAN MENU: In addition to the above meatless selections, Nancy's baked vegetable buns.

RESERVATIONS NEEDED BY AUGUST 1ST

MEMBERS:	Qty	Ext	GUESTS	Qty	Ext
Members; Adults	\$20.00 x	_____	Guests; Adults	\$22.00 x	_____
Vegetarian Members; Adults	\$11.00 x	_____	Vegetarian Guests; Adults	\$13.00 x	_____
Children 6-12	\$10.00 x	_____	Children 6-12	\$10.00 x	_____
Children under , our guests.					
Total Member's reservations	\$	_____	Send to: Nancy Gong & Peter Fisk		
Total Guests Reservations	\$	_____	42 Parkview Drive		
Total	\$	_____	Rochester, NY 14625-1034		
			?s Nancy 585-288-5520 ngong@rochester.rr.com		
			Make check payable to: Pultneyville Yacht Club.		
			\$2.00 additional each after August 1st.		

PYC Poker Race

Yes once again I am crazy enough to want to attempt to oversee mass hysteria.

➤ **When:** Saturday August 2. 11:00 AM.

➤ **Who:** Anyone who wants to have a good time. This is for *all children* old enough to wear a PFD and who know how to use a “super soaker”. No age limits.

➤ **Rules:** At least one child per dingy with an adult. If the Foley clan brings more children we will just have to recruit more adults or double up the children.

I am in need of your help. I need to have some guidance on the rules. If you have any ideas about how we can run a course in the harbor and how to distribute cards I want to hear from you. I had a blast last year and want a better time this year. I promise I will have all sorts of prizes for the kids, not just wine for the adults.

Picnic lunch to follow, bring a dish to pass PYC will supply the hots and hamburgs, rolls and soda.

Please do not hesitate to contact me. Phone is in the log e-mail jgriffo1@juno.com.

Joe Griffo

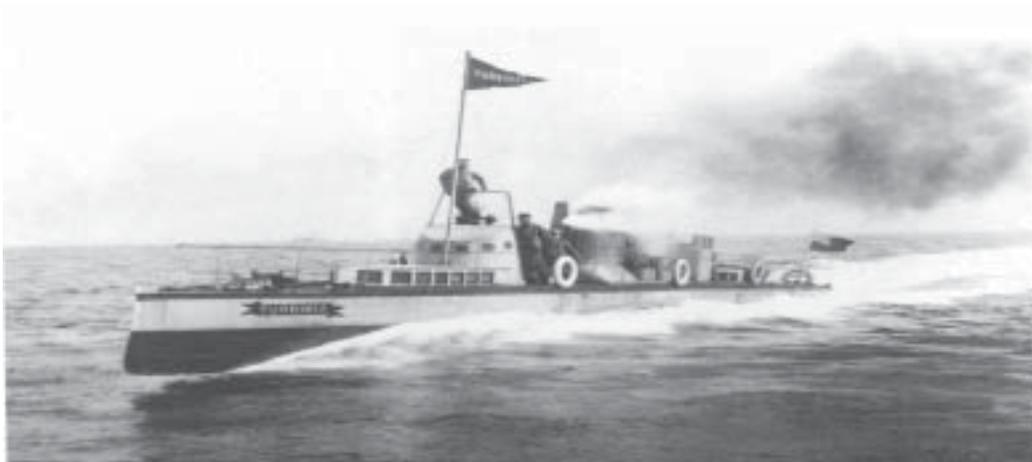


Turbinia

by John Seyna

The Turbinia, designed and built by Charles Parsons in 1894, was the first vessel in the world to be powered by steam turbines. She made a spectacular first appearance at Queen Victoria’s diamond jubilee in 1897, where she was seen dashing across the reviewing parade of ships, with the Prince of Wales and Prince Henry of Prussia and Queen all watching. It was a brilliant marketing ploy. A Navy boat dispatched to intercept the Turbinia was hopelessly left in her wake. As it turned out, both Princes were excited and asked for a return run!

The Turbinia was 104ft long, only 9ft beam, with a 7ft draft. She was powered by a 3-stage Parsons steam turbine, rated at 2000 HP, which propelled her to a world speed record of 35 knots (40mph). To harness the turbine’s power, the Turbinia was equipped with 2 propeller shafts, each with three 18” diameter by 24” pitch propellers. The introduction of turbine engines in ships of all types swiftly followed.





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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.



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| July 19 | Pultneyville Homecoming
This weekend at Gates Hall, Pultneyville Civic Light
Opera Company's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's
"Pirates of Penzance." |
| August 8 | Pig Roast |
| Aug. 15-17 | Club Cruise |
| August 23 | Commodore's Challenge Race, hosted by
Pultneyville Mariners |