



LAKE SOUNDINGS

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Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

If you were not able to make it to the June Membership meeting on June 12th, you missed a very spirited discussion regarding the Alternative Haul and Launch committee report. The committee was given the go ahead to continue investigating the alternatives and was also given some other issues that they will need to investigate. These sessions while tense at times are very valuable as a check that we, the executive committee, are on the right track as well as to insure that committees such as this are considering all that is required. I will ask the committee to contribute articles in the soundings about their progress and to give an update at the September membership meeting. As we discussed, this proposal will be brought up at the Annual Meeting in December for a final presentation and vote.



In addition to the Alternative Haul and Launch committee report, the board made two(2) policy change proposals. I have included copies of the proposals with the changes that I think we agreed to. Please review these. I will plan to bring them up for approval at the September meeting.

While the long term parking policy has not been accepted yet, the membership was in agreement that people should not park in the club house parking lot when cruising. If you are going to be cruising overnight or longer, please park your vehicles in the raised North Shore parking lot. Additional space can be found in the lower South Cove parking lot.

We have many new members in the club. Please make them feel welcome. These new members are coming with generally larger boats, which has been giving us some challenges in terms of supplying docks. We are finding ourselves with a surplus of smaller boat docks and a shortage of larger docks. Please bear with us as we work through these challenges. If you need to discuss anything with the Dockmaster, please see myself, Merrill Gray or Bob Hamilton. Our Dockmaster Larry Helber had to leave his position so the three of us together are trying to fill his shoes.

The names of the Nominating Committee members will be posted in the clubhouse. The positions that need to be filled are Commodore, Vice Commodore and Fleet Captain. If you would like to volunteer for any of these positions or have an idea for someone that would be able to fill one of these positions, please see one of the committee members with the information. The Committee members names will also be included in the August soundings.

Have a safe and enjoyable cruising season.

Steve Heffron

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The Secretary's Corner

Membership Logs: The Membership Logs have been printed and are in the new clubhouse for you to pick up. I have a limited number of copies for sale at \$4.00. Please contact me if you would like an extra copy. I would like to thank Michelle Keller for her continued efforts in publishing the log. I would also like to thank Steve Heffron, Bob Hamilton, Merrill Gray, and Cher Gray for putting together the harbor map, and Diane Griffo for taking care of the printing and labeling of the logs.



New PYC Website: Our new web site is now up and running at www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org. Please check it out and get back to Mark or myself if you have any comments or suggestions.

Reciprocal Membership Chair: The reciprocal membership chair has been filled by Joe and Mary Jo Fortner. We have sent 72 reciprocal letters and received 55 back to date. We will be updating the website and publishing hard copies as we receive more letters.

Membership Count: Membership is currently 96 voting, 1 social, 17 non-voting, 1 Compassionate Member. We also have two acceptance letters in the mail, one application for consideration, and one Compassionate Member who may be coming back as a voting member. Things are looking up, but we have a long way to go as we have calculated that we needed to start the season with 100 members to break even this year. If we do not do better than 100 members we will be looking at increased fees for next year as the 100 member number requires us to spend our \$20k surplus that we usually carry to get us through hard times.

Welcome to New Members: We have two new members, John and Lynn Lyboldt. If you see them please say hello and make them feel welcome.

Membership Drive: In an effort to attract new members the Board has decided to offer new members a deal in which we will waive the new member initiation fee if the applicant agrees to remain a member and keep a boat in the harbor for two years. If you know of anyone who is on the fence about joining, please make this offer known to them as it will save them about \$600.

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Rear Commodore Reports

Notes from the Engine Room.....

Our third work day has passed, with some success in spite of the 20 knot winds that kept us from painting the flag pole, and the “Gull’s” failure to run which put a huge crimp in our dock repair plans. Our small crew of volunteers still managed to do some more grounds grooming, and repairs were finished to two docks. If you somehow missed your workday obligation, there is still work left to do. There are three more docks in the harbor that need some degree of attention ranging from small adjustments to complete re-build, and we will keep working until it is done.



Small Stuff.....

“There’s a nail sticking out.” “My fender board is loose.” People are asking me to make minor repairs to their docks. Remember that this is a working club, not a full service marina. If you see something that needs repair, take the initiative and fix it.

You can please most of the people some of the time.....

One complaint has come back to me after the pile-driving project. One member complains that his tie-off pile is too straight. It seems he enjoyed the extra room he had when the post leaned over into his neighbor’s slip.

Going to the Dogs.....

There have been many complaints lately about dogs at the club, not being held to the club rules. Your dog may be your best friend; your dog may be cute, loveable, even smart. Your dog may be your darling, but to your neighbor your dog may be just a public nuisance and an infringement on their enjoyment of the club. Please read and heed the club rules (found in your log book.) Let’s all try to keep in mind that club rules regarding pets were not written to punish pet owners, but to enhance the quality of life at the club. And let’s remember, too, that the rules were written for all dogs, not “...everyone else’s dog.”

Dredging.....

Dredging is scheduled to start on the 5th or 6th of July and will run for a period of about two weeks. This year’s dredging will be concentrated in the channel and along the east end of the peninsula to complement the broader areas of dredging in the bays done previously. We are using the same dredging contractor as before, and will pump the spoils into the berm at the top of the hill as in the past.

All in all, the club is in about as good a condition as it can be, given the limitations of time and money, and thanks to the help and hard work of many club members. Let’s all enjoy what we have, and we’ll see you at the club!

Merril Gray

Fleet Captain Reports

On The Range...

You Cruise ... You Win

The Awards Season is upon us.

We'll have a new Cruising Award this year. Criteria will include not only mileage but also time spent aboard, ports of call and acts of kindness and good works contributing to safety and well being of your fellow sailors. I suppose the latter could include contribution of a great story.

I'd welcome any nominations at any time and, more so, volunteers for an ad hoc Awards Committee. We might even be able to bring back some of the oldies but goodies.

There will also be a new Powerwasher Award - kind of a Fleet Captain legacy - for the cleanest bottom at haulout. Since I'm funding it - I get to be the sole judge.

So please keep track of your own comings and goings and any award - winning performances, starring your fellow Club members, that you see round the harbor. There are pages in the back of the Membership Log for this purpose. Perpetual award history and criteria can also be found in the Log as 'A PYC Racing History Brief.'

If you're on the fence and even a little inclined why not turn out for Pursuit Race with PMI on Homecoming Weekend. Then plan to turn out again to support PYC in the Commodore's Challenge in August.

Larry Rice



Pultneyville Homecoming!

Saturday, July 17, 2004

10:00- 4:00

Antique Show

Art & Craft Show

Come take part in the many activities, including the Historical Society Museum, Mariners' Club Open House, Fire Company Open House, the Great Parade, and a Chicken BBQ at the Masonic Lodge. Take a walking tour of historic Pultneyville and visit the homes of early American Lake Ontario Sea Captains. In the evening, the Pultneyville Civic Light Opera Company, the longest running Gilbert and Sullivan Community Theater in the World, presents "Patience."

Vice Commodore Reports

Since the last *Soundings* we have held two of our premier social events. Terry and Dave Weagley hosted the Memorial Day Picnic in May and Brian and Gail McCarthy choreographed the Commodore's Brunch in June. They did a grand job of planning and providing for the attendees. We were also fortunate enough to have the assistance of a dedicated and generous corps of volunteers without whom this merrymaking could not occur. Both of these parties were well supported by the membership as we entertained triple digit attendance. We were fortunate enough to be blessed with spectacular weather – lets hope this trend continues for the remainder of the social calendar!



Enclosed in these *Soundings* is the flyer for the Pig Roast on August 14th. We are once again including the corn shucking contest, the water balloon toss and the three legged race in the afternoon's festivities. Alex is adding a jellybean race to the list of games. 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.

For those of you who were unable to attend the June General Meeting, we are making some changes to the September Clam Bake. In the past, this was a catered event and as such required a more costly registration than some of our other picnics. Attendance declined in recent years and the input from several members indicated that price deterred many people from coming. The Crithlows and the Davises are planning this years event are inclined to make this one we stage ourselves, thus reducing the registration fees. If you care to share any thoughts about this party, please contact one of the hosts or myself. By the way, the date for this picnic is September 18th. We look forward to seeing you then, if not before.

Jack Bopp



Proposal for members docking their boats outside the harbor

Due to what the PYC Board sees as inequities in the policy dealing with the docking privileges of active and social members docking their boats outside the club, we recommend the following change to the PYC policies.

These changes are designed to promote greater participation in our social events.

Add to PYC Policies Page 7.6 - Members Docking Their Boats Outside The Club

Suggest adding:

3. In addition to aforementioned docking privileges, active and social members may also dock their boats in the harbor on days of social events and one day before and after the event subject to the availability of docks.

From The Treasury

Since the June 12 meeting we have received \$2,000.00 in dock fees. The loss of dock income is down to \$10,000.00. We have a new member so our dues is down to \$1,000.00. A rent check has been received reducing our rent budget down to \$3,400.00. The biggest deficit is in docks. How do we lower this? Be pro active. Bob Hamilton has brought in two new members while selling his boat. Now, you may not have a boat for sale but we have plenty of docks for rent in a park like setting.

Pultneyville Yacht Club is the "Best Kept Secret on the Lake". Let's all try to spread the word that we have docks available.



Reminder: If you have not sent in your capital assessment yet, the due date is June 30, 2004. To the members who have already sent in their assessments --Thank you.

Have fun boating!

Jane Hamilton



"New Members" Continued from pg. 2

Another way to attract new members is to offer to host social functions at the club. Please consider hosting small work or social group picnics at the club. As an example I hosted a FIRST Robotics adult mentors picnic in June, and I have asked my manager to consider having our workgroup's annual summer picnic at the club. Also, Mark Blaakman will be bringing his scout troop for a campout on the Sea Explorer's sloop the Lotus. Please contact Jack Bopp or myself about any potential parties that you can host.

Please contact me if you would like flyers to post or hand out. Potential members can also visit our web site at www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org for information and a printable membership application. Our Membership Chairperson is Jerri Schiff (585-381-9115) She will help new members find a dock assignment. Persons interested in our racing program may contact our Fleet Captain, Larry Rice (585-473-9363).



PYC Long Term Parking Policy

Parking at PYC is limited and at best, difficult during Club events and workdays. In keeping this in mind, long term parking will be defined as over night or longer such as while on cruise and will be confined to the raised parking lot on the North Shore. An overflow area can be used in the lower South Cove parking lot.. This is in an effort to keep the Club House parking area clear for PYC Event parking.

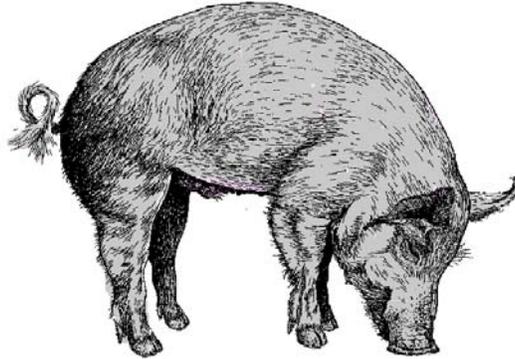
At all other times, cars are to be parked in designated parking areas. The only exceptions may be while hauling and launching boats to allow for the movement of the Crane and boats.

Please avoid parking on the grass unless specific conditions warrant it such as Haul, Launch, Work days and Club Events. Try to park near you boats to avoid parking on the grass.

PYC ANNUAL PIG ROAST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14th

5:00 PM



Pre – Roast Activities:

3:00 PM Jelly Bean Race
3:30 PM Corn Shucking Contest
4:00 PM Water Balloon Toss
4:30 PM Three Legged Race
5:00 PM PIG ROAST!!!

MENU

Roast Pork, Roast Turkey, Salt Potatoes, Baked Beans, Corn-on-the-Cob, Tossed Salad, Penne Pasta w/ Marinara Sauce, Rolls, Relish Tray, Fruit Tray, Dessert, etc....
Pop, Wine, Beer and Coffee, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Bottled Water

Reservations Required By August 9th

Name _____

Send Check Payable to PYC

Adults @ \$20.00 _____

Mail to:

Guests @ \$22.00 _____

Alex and Ann Brougham

Children 7 – 12 @ \$10.00 _____

613 Concord Drive

Vegetarian Meals @ \$11.00 _____

Webster NY 14580

585-670-9245

This is a Catered Event so please get your reservations & money in by August 9th. Reservations received after August 9th will be charged an extra \$2.00 per person.



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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.

July 17-18-	Pultneyville Homecoming
July 31-August 2-	Club Cruise
August 14-	Pig Roast
August 21-	Commodore's Challenge

