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LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB**Volume 24 — No. 6****July, 1999**

Signals from the Commodore

By Tom Ecker

Dear Members,

The Memorial Day weekend activities were all a great success. We had 20 boats participate in the Commodore's review and all the boats looked really sharp. A great way to start the season.

The Commodore's Brunch was a great success and once again thanks to Debbie and Steve Heffron and their crew for a spectacular event. The Semi-Annual general membership meeting went very well. A new level of membership was voted and approved. A big thanks to Dave Weagley and Wendy Axtell for all the research and writing of the proposal. We had good input from the membership on how it should be worded and the board will hammer that out but a Social Membership has been approved.

The low water continues to pose a problem however Bob White is working with Dissen & Juhn to dredge where needed. Our dredging expense this year will be dipping into our reserve fund. A lot of the members have suggested an assessment this year to build up the reserve and that may be what we will need to do.

I have formed the nominating committee for next year and Diane Boesel, Debbie Heffron, Jean Belaskas, Ralph Sylvester and Mike Schiff have all agreed to work on the committee. Anyone interested in holding a position on the board next year is encouraged to contact one of the above

Tom Ecker

Commodore

The Secretary's Corner

by Bob Hamilton

The June Board Meeting was held on June 9 and a Membership meeting was held on June 12th. Highlights of both focused on the New Social Membership proposal, thanks to the membership for support to the club functions, introductions of new members, dredging progress & results, and review of upcoming events.

Current membership is at 118 Voting, 12 Non Voting and 6 Soundings only. The nominating committee for next year's officers was established and has been announced in this issue of the Lake Soundings.

We have updated the list of reciprocal clubs and information received to date and new copies will be placed in the clubhouse.

Repeat reminder - One activity we would like to see is more member's articles for the Lake Soundings. We suspect there are a lot of neat stories to share and we hope the membership is encouraged to submit them to me or Merrill and Cher Gray directly.

In this issue of the Lake Soundings, we are also including the Clubhouse Building Fund Surcharge. All fees are due to me on the address provided by

There is still room for some additional members or potential members just looking for a slip, so if you know of anyone, please pass on the invite. Perspective members should contact Wendy Axtell. Dock request only should go to Tom Bolt.

Next Board Meeting will be August 6th at the clubhouse. Scheduled time is approximately 6:30PM.

Enjoy the summer cruising season!

Bob Hamilton

Captain Throop

The Pultneyville Historic Society has opened an exhibit of artifacts associated with Captain Horatio Nelson Throop at the Historical Society House, 4130 Mill Street, Pultneyville (across from the post office) and would welcome a visit from club members. Captain Throop was a prominent Pultneyville resident, ship builder, inventor and captain of both schooners and steamships on the Great Lakes. The exhibit features a variety of wind and water driven propellers, governors and rotating mechanisms including an early patent model. Throop, who experimented with a wind driven screw propeller in the 1830's, is particularly noted for his work in fluid dynamics. He was also an active participant in the underground railroad and escaped slaves were frequently transported to freedom in Canada aboard Horatio Nelson Throop's lake vessels.

The Horatio Nelson Throop exhibit will be open to the public from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, Saturdays and Sun-

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Try this website-
www.goodoldboat.com/junenewslett5.html
Courtesy Doug Axtell

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Rear Commodore Reports

by Bob White

The dredging is done. About 600 yards of material were removed (320 from channel, 280 from harbor). As you all know, we went about 50% over budget. I have also engaged in discussions with the dredger, Dissen and Juhn, about potential actions we could take to reduce the need for dredging. I will keep you posted on this topic. We need some volunteers for some cleaning up where they were loading the trucks. Shovels and rakes will be the needed instruments. We should be able to use the forklift to carry the material to the dump site. No doubt some reseeding will also be needed. While the crane was here we also had four rocks relocated in the outer breakwall and one piling on the north side of the peninsula was pounded down. Prior to pounding Doug Felton and Company straightened the pile using a come-along. We have a little wider berth coming and going from the harbor but we still have limited widths to maneuver in and it will be wise to look far ahead and anticipate traffic problems to avoid any. Lake levels for June have been basically level, at 245.3 or 245.4.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation relative to changes in dock assignments. The low water has helped us tune up dock assignments for maximum use of the harbor. We have also been fortunate to add some new members and other dockers which also has resulted in assignment changes. The new additions appreciably help the viability of the club and bring the opportunity of developing additional friendships.

At the meeting following the brunch, I forgot two other projects that need volunteers. Someone who has woodworking skills is needed. We want to add a decorative (simple but elegant) frame to the harbor board. The board, created by Bob Corbin, decorated by Nancy Gong and many others, needs a natural finished cherry wood frame. We have the wood (donated by Dan Axtell). The second is spraying the poison ivy adjacent to the road going up from the point to the top of the hill. Those who are allergic to poison ivy are urged not to apply. I am still waiting for some volunteers for the gas grill doll up and the shoreline patio walkway by the new club house. We have a very nice facility, but it needs the help of all to be kept up. Leaving an area in better shape than you found it, whether it be towels on the floor, empty cans on the lawn or tidying up the kitchen, whatever, can only make it better. We have many who have done much more than their share, and probably a greater share who could do more.

By the time you read this, the updated dock assignments will have been posted on the bulletin board.

I want to repeat my weed advice about policing the weeds between the docks (each individual is responsible for their own). **DO NOT WAIT, IT WILL ONLY GET WORSE!** The rake and boat hook work fine. Dispose of the weeds in the underbrush in the cradle area.

Ernie Washburn is making great progress with the southside electrical replacement work. The electrical boxes and conduit are almost all in place. Next step will be adding the wire.

A new maple tree has been planted on the south side since we removed the willows. The fire pit was relocated nearby, and the ground leveled and seeded. The Axtells did a good takedown of the willows and since workday, Dan has cut the stumps down to ground level. Thanks Dan and Doug.

Another recurring problem no doubt will be the Pultneyville Weed Mushrooms. Hopefully our new Mushroom Net will be effective in towing them from the harbor. Again, help is volunteers are needed for the work. And you will feel so good after a shower!

Bob White
Rear Commodore

On The Range

by Eric Matteson

Here we are at the end of another month. As usual I find myself sorting through my notes and calendar for useful tidbits and information to share with the membership when, HELLO JULY!! Once again my planner has filled me with motivation and subject matter to write about. The coming month promises to be another busy and fun filled component of summer '99. But before we get too far ahead lets take a quick look back at what you may have missed.

The Bowersox race was held on schedule this year and even though there was very little wind several boats participated. Since this was a G.O. race there are only one set of results to report. First place this year goes to Glad Tidings. Second place was awarded to Comic Relief and the third place spot was earned by the diligent skipper and crew of Bluepeace. It was a very hot in the committee boat and although I won't mention the name of the boat who finished last, I will note that they tossed me a cold drink on the way by "hint hint" as they were heading in to the picnic. The next time we have a race that slow I hope the water is warm enough for a quick dip to cool off. Doesn't that sound good.

THIS MONTH

On the 8th of July we will begin sailing our fall race series. We will sail for the first 2 weeks in July and leave out the last 2 weeks for cruising and races outside of the club. The Poker Fun Race will be held on the 10th AT 2:00 PM. I am hoping for better weather than we had last year but if not then a land based event will do just fine. On the following weekend the Mariners are having their pursuit race. I participated in this event last year and had a great time and a good finish also. This event is a good way for non racers to mix it up with other boats under less intimidating circumstances. The handicap is applied to your start time so that almost no boats start together. In theory then if all boats sailed their handicap the fleet would finish at the same time. This obviously never happens but it is easy to score the race because who ever finishes first wins and there is no doubt about how you finished when the race is over. The Mariners have invited us to participate in this race and I hope we get in there and have some fun. This is also the weekend for Pultneyville's Homecoming events. I seem to remember a chicken BBQ at the fire hall last year. I will try to get a poster or schedule posted in the clubhouse. I would hate to miss out on one that is so close.

OUTSIDE OF THE CLUB

There are enough races this year in July alone to fill your calendar but the problem may be trying to be in two places at once. The Oswego (Labatt Blue) Regatta begins July 22nd and the Youngstown Levels races are on the same weekend. Beginning only a few days after will be LYRA week. I guess I don't need to say much more about any of those events. Good luck to our competitors!!

CLUB CRUISE

This year we will be trying a long weekend get a way on the 13th 14th and 15th of August. Dave and Terry Weagley have offered to make some plans with respect to the destination and timing. I hope that this advanced warning by way of the soundings will give everyone plenty of time to plan for an extra day on that weekend. It would be great to have a huge number of boats to keep things hopping. I have never made it to a big club get together outside of Pultneyville and I'm really looking forward to having a good time. Make your plans now- its closer than you think.

Eric Matteson
Fleet Captain

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PYC KIDS

Hey Everybody! I know that for most of us kids the last weeks of school are going to be a real bummer! So during the week study for those final exams, and during the weekend have a blast with us at the club. We always have something going on, whether we're watching a movie or playing volleyball or baseball, we're always having fun!

Now that the summer has started we hope that everyone stays safe. A lack of inappropriate behavior will ensure this. We hope that everyone is with us all summer long. This is going to be a GREAT summer!

A New York State Young Boaters Course will be taught at the club on the 10th and the 17th of July. All kids over the age of ten that would like a chance to get out on a powerboat alone are encouraged to take this course. If you have friends or relatives that would like to take the course, they are also welcome. We will take all of the students that we can get.

Also, there have been many kids interested in sailing in and around the cove outside the harbor. Many kids have small sailboats such as sunfish or dinghies to sail in. If anyone is interested, we could set aside a time on the weekend to do a race. Terry Wolfe has been kind enough to let us use his Laser. I think it would be good for some kids to learn sailboat racing so that they can race in the club on Thursday nights and in fun races.

Lastly, if you have anything to input into the PYC Kids section of the Lake Soundings, give us a call.

Thanks,

Vice Commodore's Report

by Steve Heffron

Over the past several weeks we have had many enjoyable social events. This tends to slow down during July because many people are off cruising so there are no formal club social events during July.

This year however we have agreed to allow the Rochester Power Squadron to use our facilities for their summer rendezvous on July 23rd, 24th and 25th. There will be many activities during this event that PYC club members are invited to participate in. Not the least of these include a breakfast in the morning and a chicken dinner in the evening.

Included in this Lake Soundings issue is a flyer that you can use to sign up for these events.

Also included in this issue is the flyer for the Pig Roast in August. Please note that we are starting to charge an additional \$2.00 for late reservations to all catered events so please get your reservations in on time.

Steve Heffron

Vice Commodore

PYC

CLUB CRUISE

MOTOR & SAIL

August 13,14,15

Depart Friday August 13 at 11am for Fair Haven. (Some people will probably be leaving at different times)

Happy hour & dinner Friday night. Bring an hors d'oeuvre, a dish to pass, and meat if you want it. PYC will supply beer, wine, and soda. (If you can't make it by boat join us by car.)

Saturday – Sail or motor to Sodus with happy hour rafting at Thorton Point. Dinner will be on your own.

Sunday – Return to PYC.

A sign up sheet will be posted at the club house. Please indicate: 1 – When you plan to leave Friday, 2 – If you plan on staying at the Sodus Bay Yacht Club on Saturday night. We hope you can join us.

What's In A Name?

by Doug and Wendy Axtell

Why is your boat named as it is? My boat is called "Glad Tidings"; there are many other boats in the harbor with unusual names ("Swoose" comes to mind) as well. I thought I'd tell why we named several of our boats "Glad Tidings" and perhaps start a trend, thereby learning the reason for other boat names in PYC.

My first boat that wasn't easily trailerable was a 19.5 foot, Bristol Corinthian. My wife, Wendy and I sailed the boat on our honeymoon to Point Traverse from Sodus Bay, to Picton and Kingston and back to Sodus. While in Kingston we had many remark, "You sailed across the lake in THAT!", when people saw our PYC burgee. On the return trip we set off in a small boat warning day (Noreaster turning to East) in spite of the weather because we both had to return to work the following day. On the crossing we encountered huge waves and winds, and I pumped the open cockpit clear of water every ten minutes (Stupid).

During the crossing I had the feeling that I had made a navigational error and my grandfather (then very dead) was telling me to change my course 11 degrees. I did as I was told. We survived and came out within 3 miles of Sodus Light, otherwise we'd probably ended up at the powerplant (11 degrees on a very long crossing). And, otherwise, we would have had to beat up the lake to return home to Sodus Bay. So from that trip we decided that:

- 1) Our boat was too small for cruising!!!!
- 2) We'd name the next boat after my Grandfather's boat to curry his favor, as he'd saved our bacon once, so we felt we owed him one.

Granddad had bought the original Glad Tiding from Vogue Magazine after WWII. He served aboard the Liberty Ships as a Captain, and apparently didn't get his fill of the sea. So he filled his summers as an out of work English/Literature Teacher, by sailing with his family. "Glad Tidings" was a Pinky Schooner that was designed by and built for Howard Chapelle, a Naval Historian and designer. She was a reproduction of an 1850's fishing schooner commonly found in Mass or Maine, and was designed to take any weather and come safely home. The crew of the boats would originally sail to the Grand Banks, fish and return home. If a boat was lost, a family lost all income sources.

There is a black and white photo of her in the PYC website. Mystic Seaport has a copy of the "Glad Tidings" as a display boat, as well the whaler, "Charles W. Morgan". Since the original "Glad Tidings" was a very traditional boat we have stayed with the older designs. Perhaps they are overbuilt for the lake. *"The Soundings" welcomes all members' anecdotes on the origin of their boat name. Future articles will appear on this page in the order they are recieved and as space allows.*

Feature a picture of your boat on the PYC Website.

The website photo currently features Kermit Sleggs during his brief stint on America's Cup defender "Defiant". Webmaster Doug Axtell urges other club members to send photographs they would like to share, or embarrass others (kindly-such as a photo of a used head on someone's foredeck?) Great scenic cruising photos would look nice too. If you send your photo to Doug he can return the photo with a floppydisk of the file if you want. Contact Doug Axtell, "Glad Tidings".

Flotsam and Jetsam

by Cindy Kukupka

- Remember we are always looking for games to keep on hand in the club house. They are stored in the cupboards under the seats on the west wall. Feel free to add a game, or borrow one. Also note the volleyball net is up on the north side of the club-house. It's height is for 'family' use, which means short for the tall guys, and high for the kids! The volleyball is in the cupboard under the windows.
- If you wish to donation some item to be placed in the clubhouse, make sure you check with the decorating committee. As you can see wall space is filling up fast! It really looks good! Thanks to all for the donations, with the latest being pictures from Adolf Kurth. The sunset in the main room has 'Summer Snow' with her chute up, and the other in the handicapped bath, is 'Soukara' and 'Pandora' in a crossing situation.
- Out big harbor board is looking great. When it is completed it will be hung on the west wall, south of the window. This can be used as a simple way to 'sign out' your boat when cruising, giving the Officer of the Day a quick look of what's available in the harbor.
- If you pass by a thirsty plant, please water it. The watering pot is under the sink in the kitchen.
- We are always looking for small 'hotel' toiletries to have available to guest. If you have some at home, feel free to bring them in, and leave them in the small dresser in the bathroom hallway.
- Ladies Sail starts July 9, 1999, and continues each Friday at 2pm, through August. It's a great time to meet new friends, and try a little 'quiet' sailing. As an addition, on August 6, 1999 we have received permission from the Coast Guard to have a Flare Demonstration. We will be looking at different flares and how they operate. Each brand is a little different, and it is best to know what to do now, as opposed to in an emergency. We will also be looking at the different types, and what uses they have. If you have old flares on board, it will be a good time to 'shoot them off' as 911 and the Coast Guard will be notified of what's happening. Even out of date flares will still have life in them. (I put one in a bon-fire that had gotten soaking wet, and after a short time off it went!!) The plan is to use the rock beach as our staging area, wind permitting. We want the rocket flares to go over the water, not over the boats! Everyone is invited to attend. Meet at 6pm on Friday August 6, 1999 at the rock beach. (that's right before the August Board Meeting that is held at the club).

DER MOSES UND DER KLABAUTERMANN

OR

What's That Doing on My Boat?

Adolph Kurth

Having grown up in Germany and enjoyed the benefits that sailing brings to the character building process of youth, I naturally wanted nothing more than to continue my favorite activity after immigrating to America. Unfortunately, upon my arrival in Union Grove, Wisconsin, I realized that sailing is not high on the list of the average dairy farmer's leisure time activities. Finally, upon joining the US Marine Corp I was posted to San Diego, California. Here was my chance to do some real sailing! Imagine my chagrin when I discovered that the language of sailing, which I considered to be universal, was totally unintelligible to these natives. Upon addressing the youngest member of the crew as "Moses", I was rudely informed that his name was Fred and that he wasn't even Jewish. This immediately tipped me off to the fact that in this country, we do not address the junior crew member by that term. (In European sailing tradition, the youngest member of the crew is always called "Moses", whatever his real name.)

Although the old yarn of the Flying Dutchman is still a mystery around these parts, every good North European kid knows that the "Klabautermann" inhabits the foredeck of any decent sailing vessel, and he was obviously the one who kept sailing the thing around the world. ("Klabautermann"- a sort of fore-deck phantom.)

At this point I wasn't about to explain to these obvious Land-Lubbers that the Kluever was the after-most sail on a Ketch, that Jacob is a Ladder, and Wanten is something you climb. However, I did not get off scot free. When, during a tight tacking maneuver, I called to get the Fock-sail sheeted in, the young lady being addressed told me in no uncertain terms that this type of language was not tolerated on her boat. After this sorry display of nautical ignorance I decided to keep to myself and withdrew to the relative peace and quiet of the foredeck, where I have decided to stay.

So, if you ever hear noises on the foredeck at night, or the foresail luffs when it's not supposed to or your favorite snack is missing, look for me way out on the foredeck.

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Did you ever imagine sailing through a hurricane?

Blue-water sailing veteran John Kretschmer has spent a lot of time in foul weather—more that he cares to remember, but this storm was one that he took special lessons from, when found himself in one of the worst hurricanes of the century. Read about how he survived and walked away with still more lessons learned—even as a veteran salt.

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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.



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July 15
July 17-18
July 18
August 1
August 6
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Poker Fun Race
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Final Building Surcharge Due
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