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# LAKE SOUNDINGS

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## Signals from the Commodore

By Bob Hamilton

Dear Members,

Well the season is off to a busy start with The Commodore's Review in early June, the Commodore's Brunch, a very lively Pie Auction and a full agenda Membership meeting. Jane and I really enjoyed hosting the review and the peninsula party afterwards (The point was a bit crowded with the dump truck and barge.) The turn out was great and it seemed everyone had a great time. There are pictures still in the clubhouse to pick up if you see one you like.

Many thanks to Andy and Christine White for coordinating the Commodore's Brunch and to Jane and Nancy for the Clubhouse decorating reports and fundraiser. I would also like to thank all the Officers for an excellent job in preparing for the general meeting and providing their presentations.

The good news is that the dredging was done on June 15 and the barge is now out of the harbor. We also finished up the last of the docks and the game of musical boats can end. Thanks to everyone for his or her cooperation.

With the change in the Officers election process as passed by the membership in the meeting, I have appointed a nominating committee to begin the selection of candidates for the 2002 season. The committee will be working hard to find the candidates for announcement a month prior to the September meeting. I suspect the meeting will be held on September 15 prior to the Clam Bake.

As we get into the main part of the summer season, there are a couple of reminders to pass along.

- Courtesy in the channel – the barge is gone, but there is still times when it gets crowded. Generally, the boats coming in from the lake have right of way, but overall common sense should prevail.
- There is a "No Wake" rule in the harbor. However, yelling across the waterway usually does little to solve the problem, a polite reminder may be much more effective.
- Pets have their places to go in the orchard and must be kept on a leash.
- Guest parking and "while cruising" parking should be near the clubhouse or preferably on the north shore elevated parking lot.

Most of all though, enjoy the season, the boating and the friendship around the club.

*Bob Hamilton*

Commodore



## The Secretary's Corner

by Brian McCarthy

Good day,

I do believe that the General Meeting last month was a success. We have two changes in the bylaws that will expand our meetings to three per year and give people a procedure for absentee ballots. Our general election this year will be this coming September. If you need an absentee ballot I absolutely need the request a month early to get you the paperwork and the Secretary, myself must receive it by the last mail date before the meeting.

Bob will be working on an nominating committee and they in turn a list of candidates.

Your 2001 logs are in the clubhouse. If you have not picked them up yet, please do so. Extra books can be had for \$3.00 apiece from me. (I have a few.) Look over the information. If you see something that you wish changed, talk to me, send me the back page note, or email a note. NOTE: the change in address from the log, I switched too late for Michelle to get the change. The time to change information is now while you are thinking of it.

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Jim Snyder, our Reciprocal Chairman, has given me an update to the reciprocal list, and it will be posted in the club house or E-mailed. It will not be hard mailed.

June membership is at 110 voting, 13 Non Voting, 1 Social and 2 CM. I believe we only have 4 docks open.

I need to mention a point about getting an article published in Lake Soundings. The board received a letter, which Roger will comment on, and we took very seriously. The writer asked that it published. As I stated at the general meeting, we will not publish unsigned documents. If you feel it needs to be said and you say it, there should be the conviction behind it to sign it.

### More from the board room:

As I write this, the dredging is still proceeding. It will be a better harbor when it's done.

Samples will be collected and analyzed of the "bottom muck" to try and find a solution about our "Islands".

Kermit is looking to replace Gull's motor which is in poor shape.

Rich is looking to get the board wet with a dunking booth, at the pig roast, as a fundraiser.

Kermit and Steve Heffron are looking into setting up a Predicted Log Race for all the club boaters.

Five year plan with no priority given:

Replace / build Baird docks.

Replace current shed with barn for shed and fork-lift.

Improve lighting.

Move navigation light back, again.

As we get into the cruise part of the season, think safety and do it as you know how to do it right, not necessarily the quickest or easiest way.

Remember the club cruise coming up and join the club at various festivities along the way.

And say hello to our neighbors across the way and down the road.  
Happy and Safe Boating

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# Rear Commodore Reports

by Doug Axtell

## *Notes from the Engine Room--*

Well, the dredging/dock/pier repair project which started 21 days late is finally complete. I imagine that some of the discomfort was felt by some members more than others, however hopefully all realize that this year was the first time in many years this much work has been done in our harbor, and that the improvements should be long lasting. So we should have had days of discomfort and this will result in years of enjoyment, at least that is the idea.

Many members really put a lot of effort into helping with the docks and moving boats for the in-harbor dredging. I am sure I have forgotten or am unaware of someone, so please except my apology now if I haven't mentioned you here. I hope that club members will thank the following people in person, recommend the club buy their dinner at the fall banquet or at least give them a hand at the next meeting; they are listed by the number of workdays I estimate they contributed this year. Also the workday chiefs should receive accolades, they are Tony Belaskas, Paul Roetling, and Ralph Sylvester.

Russ Palum –docks/pipes	4+ days	Jim Snyder -boats	2 or 3 days
Terry Wolfe -docks	3 or 4 days	Brian McCarthy -boats	2 or 3 days
Dick Darrow -docks	3 or 4 days	CR Burcroff –docks/lights	2 or 3 days
Doug Felton -docks	4 days	Dave Keller -docks	2 days
Bob Hamilton -docks	2 days		

There was some mission-creep this in this year's dock repair/upgrade project. Originally, we were going to fix or upgrade four docks and it became seven docks instead. The plan was to keep at this until there are no "bad" docks in the harbor. I expected this was to take one more year, however it now looks as if the harbor is in good, no great, shape.

Many members drove to the club several times to work on these projects; either to coordinate the movement of boats or to use their skills and tools to work on the facilities. In addition, it should be noted that there were no injuries or damage to boats during the entire project, a goal many companies would be proud of.

The list of improvements is as follows; docks P17, P16, P15, P14, P12, P10 and B4 were either partially or completely rebuilt including new pilings, or decks. The harbor was dredged to the depths shown in the attached map. This should help this fall, as undoubtedly the lower lake levels would have made moving boats in the harbor more difficult.

There are six dingys on the rack which have not paid for the yearly storage. If you suspect one belongs to you, please contact Tom Bolt. These are generally due with the dock fees in the spring.

Doug Axtell  
Rear Commodore

# On The Range

by Kermit Sleggs

We have a really fine race fleet going this year. It's great to see everyone participating. We have 15 boats so far, 6 Spinnaker and 9 Go Fleet. My goal is to try and get at least 20. So try to make it on out for the Fall series!

I really enjoy my position so far and I'm going to do my best to get as many people as possible out there enjoying their boats. Remember, July 7 is the Women's Skipper Race. So you women get out there and get practiced up!

I'm considering the idea of a Novice Race to encourage new racers to give racing a try. Also, I'm getting the powerboats involved. Steve Heffron is writing up a predicted log race or rally for the powerboaters. Contact Steve for more information.

Last but not least, I would like to try and get something going for the kids, if not this year, maybe next year. Does anyone have any ideas? I was considering getting something going with the mariners since they have small boats.

In an effort to offset costs, I would like to do a bottle drive. So when I put out a barrel please throw your empty cans and bottles in and I'll mark the barrel "Race Fleet."

Hope this wasn't too much to digest, that will be all for now.

Respectfully submitted,  
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# *Vice Commodore's Report*

by Roger Carr

We have had two more social events since the last issue of the Soundings. Helen and I thank Kermit and Harriet Sleggs for hosting the Memorial Day Picnic, Andy and Christine White for hosting the Commodore's Brunch. The conversion from chicken to sausage for the Memorial Day Picnic was a hit by the comments of the attendees.

If you receive this in time, remember Open Boats on July 1 at 1 PM and "Bring Your Own Picnic" and 5 PM. We will be taking a short social break in July. After the activities on July 1, we are on our own until the Pig Roast in August.

Helen and I have received a number of comments about the Memorial Day Picnic. The weather did us no favors that day. It started raining in the afternoon with some wind. The side curtains on the pavilion had to be lowered. We did not start cooking food early hoping the rain would let up. It did not.

We have heard some folks were impatient, rude, and inclined to some prodding and nudging in the food line. Not a good image of the membership of the club to outside guests who were there.

We have to recognize that things get cramped in the pavilion in bad weather when we have 100 to 120 people at a party. Even if folks move to the clubhouse to eat, everyone has to get through the pavilion food line first. If the weather fails us at our next party, you may be asked to sit down and be called to the buffet by table as in a party house. The behavior of a few at the Memorial Day Picnic showed we have trouble being patient on our own.

Roger Carr  
Vice Commodore

## NOTES FROM UNDER THE MIGHTY OAK:

by *Rich Critchlow*

Dock income at \$104,000 is over budget by \$3000. This is good.

The pie auction raised \$670 for keeping the club house spiffy. Also good.

Combined work around the grounds and docks has cost us \$4600 against a budget of \$6500. I believe there are still a couple of bills to come in and there are the pile driving costs. We may end up a few dollars over here. The work was needed and the docks on the north side of the peninsula really look good.

We were able to take the sales tax off the launch bill and lower the crane cost to \$5800. The total launch cost for the crane, cradle truck and food was \$6100 against a budget of \$4200.

We expect the dredging/pile driving/rock placement to be \$3000 + over budget. The additional income from docks will cover this.

The bottom line at mid year is that we have done a lot of work, and the budget is still in good all around shape.



Ladies Sail! Fridays during July and August, starting Friday July 6th. Meet at Puff at 2pm. Club members and friends are welcome! Come to have fun, and if it's just sun and no wind, come join us for a swim! Want more information? Call Cindy Kukuvka @ 315-331-3458



**It's the POKER RACE a/k/a PYC Water Wars!!!**

Skippers Meeting July 1, 2001 at 1pm Clubhouse

Fun for the whole family...games, prizes and food!

Bring a dish to pass and place settings for your group, we will supply hots and drinks!

The Object of the Game....? To stay DRY!!





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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.



July 1	Open Boats and "BYO Picnic"
July 21 & 22	Grampion Event
July 29	Scottish Heritage Society (Private)