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# LAKE SOUNDINGS

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## Signals from the Commodore

By Bob Hamilton

Dear Members;

February has been a good month with boat shows to visit, and very little winter. We also had our Cabin Party early in the month and the turnout was great. Many thanks to Rob and Vanessa Marciello for doing a great job hosting the party and to Dan and Mary Harris for helping with all the arrangements

Our February Board meeting focused on upcoming plans for the season and the harbor. Because of the variety of new activity this year including dock construction, dredging, links with Pultneyville events and a variety of new boats in the harbor, the Board members are entering new ground and discovering new chores to accomplish. It will be an exciting year at the club and I hope we can count on everyone's support and patience as we work the opportunities.

I am pleased to announce that Dick Darrow will be coordinating the Officer of the Day program this year again. He has been running this program for several years and doing a great job. In addition, Michelle Keller and Jerri Schiff will be functioning as the Sunshine Committee again this year, so if you hear of any member news that should be shared with the PYC Family, please let them know.

So, if we get an early start on boat preparation for launch, I wanted to remind everyone to be environmentally friendly. If you are sanding the boat bottoms, use a tarp to gather the dust for proper disposal in the dumpster, do not leave it on the ground or allow it to be blown into the water. Oil and fluids should not be left in or by the dumpster either. Please take the material to a proper recycling place. Both Mother Nature and the DEC will appreciate all of our efforts for the environment.

Hang in there, From March 1, there are only 57 days 'til launch.

**Bob Hamilton**

Commodore

PS – How many golfers do we have in the club? Maybe we can organize a PYC Open event. Let me know if you are interested. I have connections for setting up a tournament at Victor Hills.

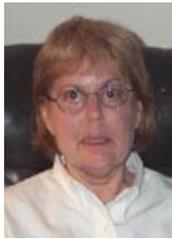




## The Secretary's Corner

By Diane Griffo

**Dues Update:** Nonvoting dues are now \$100.00. Why? We want all former voting members to know that we value their continued interest in PYC, and we hope they will stay involved for years to come.



**Reciprocals:** Jim Snyder is beginning work on yacht club reciprocals. He sends a beautiful, formal invitation and letter to each prospective club. When they respond, he compiles that information for us, and the final list is published in the June Soundings. Thanks, Jim!

**Membership:** There are 105 voting, 1 social, 16 nonvoting, and 6 Soundings only. Please give our Membership Chairman, Jerri Schiff, a call (585.381.9115) with the names of people who would be good candidates for PYC membership.



**Website:** [www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org](http://www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org) is a great website. Begun and maintained by Doug Axtell, it has many useful features. Among them are the weather links, the new member application, and the Frequently Asked Questions. (Yes, even for present members.) Check it out.

Another website of interest is [www.losl.org](http://www.losl.org). Paul Roetling says this sight would be useful to all club members. It contains information about management of water levels in Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River.

**Calendar:** The Annual Meeting and Clam Bake will be September 21.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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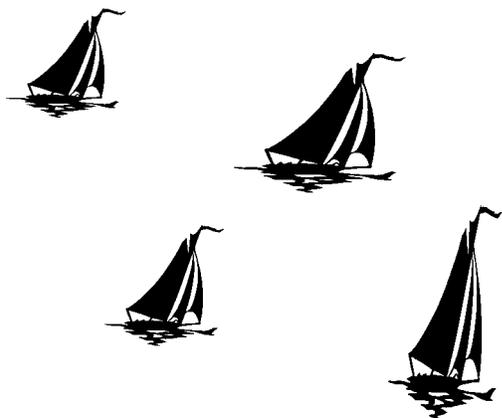
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# Rear Commodore Reports

by Larry Fedick



## *Notes from the Engine Room--*

It has been a very busy month! I've been trying to tie up all the loose ends for the spring projects. Every time I think I have something accomplished, something new pops up. Anyhow, here's what is going on.

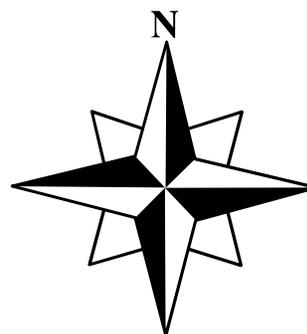
Selecting the dredging company is complete. After talking to five different firms- Thousand Island, Caitlin Marine, Empire, Sea to Sea and Wagoner's- It looks like Wagoner's, a dredging company from Alexandria Bay, will be doing the work. Early this month Rolf Wagoner came down to the harbor to take bottom samples and check the depth. That entailed launching a small steel skiff into the ice-covered harbor in twenty-knot winds; checking depths and taking bottom samples was a thrill. Anyhow, it looks like we will be removing approximately eleven hundred cubic yards. There remain several small details that have to be worked out, but I am very optimistic that the dredging will take place this spring.

The erosion control project is also coming together, with the board and the Cornwall Trust collaborating on the details. Empire Construction will be hired to complete the work, but several details need to be ironed out. It looks like the Dept. of Environmental Conservation is going to give us the go-ahead but the Army Corps of Engineers is requesting more information. The New York State Department of Coastal Management is also requesting an application and the floating docks also need permits. I am optimistic, however, that we will get through this process and that the permits will be approved. I am looking forward to putting the permits behind us so we can start working on the projects.



*Larry Fedick*

Rear Commodore



## From The Treasury

By Andy White



So far this year we are at 95% attainment of our membership dues. This leaves us approximately \$2000.00 shy of our anticipated membership income, or 6 members short. An average year of new members would put us right at budget, so spread the word

about PYC!

A lower than anticipated CPI (Consumer Price Index) resulted in a \$600.00 decrease in our lease payment.

Christine and I wanted to let you know we have moved. Our new address is not in the current log. If you need to get in touch with us we can be reached at:

758 S. Huckleberry Way  
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Looking forward to launch,

**Andy White**

Treasurer

## On The Range

by Kermit Sleggs

Dear Racers and PYC Boaters;

It won't be long until spring is here and we will be embarking on another exciting season of boating. Although winter never quite got here, I am sure spring and summer will!

I have a few new ideas in the works for the coming season, including getting a new committee boat ready, and I need a couple of volunteers to get the workboat set up for the summer. Please contact me ASAP if you could help out with it. Also, the Gull needs another outboard with 25 horsepower or more. If anyone knows of one for sale please email or call me. My email address and phone number are listed below.

The Women's Skippers Race was a real success last year, so I decided to have a series of four races this year (June 22, June 29, July 6, and July 13).

Also, Steve Heffron and I have reserved August 24 for the predicted log race, and I hope this one gets a good turnout. As all of you know, my goal as Fleet Captain is to include as many people as possible.

That's all for now,

**Kermit Sleggs**

Fleet Captain



# Vice Commodore's Report

by Dan Harris

Hello, PYC Members;

Let me start by saying thanks to Roger and Helen Carr for their past service to our club, and continuing support as my wife and I step into this office. By the time this is received, we will have had the Cabin Party, the Club's first event of the year, hosted this year by Rob and Vanessa Marciello.



I'd like to thank Rob and Vanessa for all they have done, with a special thank you for the four different kinds of chili they took the time to create. The weather was dreary most of the day but, of course, that didn't dampen the spirits of all that attended. We had a pretty good showing this year- about seventy people.



## Rob and Vanessa Marciello, Cabin Party Hosts

As well as the four kinds of chili Rob and Vanessa made, Mary made a batch of vegetarian chili. I manned the grill, grilling the hot dogs. There was a good amount of salads and side dishes, as well as a variety of desserts. Jane Hamilton made some wonderful chocolate covered strawberries.



Below is a picture of Larry and Kathy Fedick's girls, making a snowman.



Mary and I feel like we had a pretty good first run as Vice Commodore for our first event. We can't wait until our first Launch Day! We are looking forward to the start of the season as eagerly, I'm sure, as everyone else in the club. If anyone is interested in helping out with launch days, coffee breaks, and meals, feel free to give us a call any time at 1-585-482-7862, and leave a message if we're not home. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Keep safe-

Dan Harris  
Vice Commodore





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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.



April 26, 27	Launch Boats
May 4	Fleet Captain Work Day
May 11	Work Day #1
May 18	Work Day #2
May 25	Commodore's Review
May 26	Memorial Day Picnic, Bowersox Memorial Race
June 8	Commodore's Brunch
	New Member Reception
	General Meeting
June 15	Work Day #3