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LAKE SOUNDINGS

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Signals from the Commodore

By Bob Hamilton

Dear Members,

As I write this many members are busy reading their boats for the launch. As you read this, they should all be in the water and ready for the boating season.

The Board has planned a full summer of social activities for everyone to enjoy. We also have the necessary workdays to bring the club and grounds up to their very best. I hope everyone can give it their best effort to beautify the club this year and if permits are granted, get the new slips built and installed. With planned events in the town we may be having a few visitors and we want to look our best.



The Commodore's Review is scheduled for May 25th around 2:00PM. If the lake and weather cooperate, Beach Bum IV will be anchored out and Jane and I will greet everyone as they pass. Later that afternoon, we will be hosting the traditional "Tea Time" with wine and cheese. Tentatively planned for about 4:00PM. I suspect we may have another boat christening or two or three given the number of new boats in the harbor this year.

In early April, Joe and Diane Griffio and Jane and I attended the Council of Commodores meeting at the Mimico Cruising Club near Toronto. The meeting was a great opportunity to exchange information and ideas. A more detailed report is in this "Lake Soundings."

We are also setting a up a meeting with all of our Pultneyville Harbor neighbors, probably in early May to discuss our projects and work common interests in our harbor. I will let everyone know how that progresses and the results of that meeting.

That is it for now. Our first general meeting for 2002 is in June, so if you have particular topics that you would like the board to discuss, please let us know.

Good Cruising to everyone!

Bob Hamilton

Commodore



The Secretary's Corner

Diane Griffo

April membership stands at 104 voting, 18 non-voting, 2 compassionate memberships, 1 social, and 6 Lake Soundings only. As you can see, our voting membership is down a bit. If you know of anyone who would like to join PYC, please give our Membership Chairman Jerri Schiff a call. She can be reached at 585-381-9115, or e-mailed at bravotoo@msn.com.



Just a reminder that Doug Axtell is still looking for photos taken at PYC for the photo pages of our website, www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org. You can send photos, negatives, or digital files. Doug can be contacted at bristol32@aol.com. Photos and negatives can be sent to his residence.

My husband, Joe and I had the privilege of joining Commodore Bob and his wife Jane at a meeting of the North Shore Canadian Yacht Clubs in Etobicoke, Ontario. It marked the first time that the South Shore clubs were



invited. We were warmly welcomed for lunch and a round-table discussion of common concerns to yacht clubs on Lake Ontario. (Details are in Bob's message.) It was a wonderful opportunity to exchange information and ideas with our Canadian neighbors.

Jim Marron sent me an article about how to be a good live-aboard neighbor. Soon some of us will be weekend live-aboards. So the following is one excerpt from the article: "When people are coming in to dock, I go out of my way to offer a hand. It's usually just a matter of standing there and waiting to see if they need a hand docking or fending off or not. It's no big deal, and a great way to get a conversation going. And if they mess up and hit the dock, (who hasn't?) I remind them that we've all been there and done that." Thanks, Jim. More to come....

Looking forward to a happy boating season!

Diane Griffo
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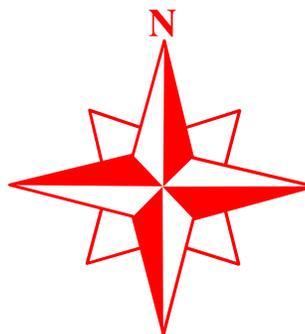
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Crossing The Bar

The members of the Pultneyville Yacht Club extend our deepest sympathy and support to Sharon DeVeccio on the passing of her father, in April.



Rear Commodore Reports

by Larry Fedick

Notes from the Engine Room--

All the permits have been submitted to the proper agencies. We are starting to get some positive feedback from the State Department of Environmental Conservation, The Army Corps of Engineers and the New York State Department of Coastal Management. Let's keep our fingers crossed. The permits are needed for the erosion control project in the Baird area, the method change for dredging, the new dredging spoil area, and the new floating docks in the Baird Creek. These projects are very important to the club so we can compete with other clubs and marinas, and to draw in new members

Launch is coming fast. Let's keep the following items in mind:

- (1) Arrive before your start time; the first boat goes in at 7:00 AM.
- (2) Have your boat engine ready.
- (3) Have your dock lines, fenders and tag lines ready.
- (4) Check and close all through-hull fittings.
- (5) Lets all be safe, SAFETY FIRST.

Workday is also almost upon us. The schedule is as follows:

- (1) Abate – Fuller 5/4
- (2) Galskoy – Pretzer 5/11
- (3) Rabson- Wolfe 5/18



All club members will be contacted at a later date concerning your workday.

As always, I would like to thank everybody that has offered help and given advice.

Larry Fedick
Rear Commodore



On The Range by Kermit Sleggs

By the time all of you are reading this the Fleet Captain workday should be behind us. I would like to thank Bob Hamilton, Tom Broderick, Louis Cardinale, Doug Axtell, Alex Brougham, and Lou Rohr for volunteering to help me. Also, thanks to Tom Jayne, Alex Brougham, and Larry Helber for helping with the workboat and the committee boat.

The first practice race is set for Thursday, May 9. Following the practice race will be the Fleet Captain's Meeting at the Club House. Also, please mark your calendars for the Bowersox Memorial Day Race on Sunday, May 26. Skippers' meeting will be at 10 a.m.

Looking forward to another great season of racing and sailing!

Kermit

From The Treasury

By Andy White



It is raining as I write this report. I'm wishing it wasn't so I could go down to the club and finish painting my new boot stripe! Launch is a couple of weekends away and there is a lot of work to do.

Each month at the board meeting, I present a summary of our actual spending compared to the previous year and to the annual budget. Diane Griffo posts the "Actual vs. Budget" report in the clubhouse along with the meeting minutes. We will also start posting the comparison to the previous year. If you have any questions while reviewing the reports, please don't hesitate to contact me. The reports are automatically generated from Quicken so please be patient while you are sorting through the endless columns of numbers. It's very hard to make financial reports exciting!

Here are some highlights about the current report dated April 6, 2002:

- Membership income is ahead of last year at this time by \$1500.00 but still slightly behind our budget. Get new members!
- Dock income is approximately \$5700.00 ahead of last year at this time but \$16,500.00 shy of our budget. Currently we have deposited rent for 94 docks (dry docks included). Average dock rent is \$998.00.
- Apartment income will be over budget this year by \$1000.00. This assumes we keep the apartments rented.
- The lease expense is paid in three unequal installments. The first installment of 25% has been paid. The other two installments are due in June and July.
- The first three months of this year, we have saved \$1000.00 on the gas and electric bills. Most of the savings is from the main gas meter and one of the lighting/electric meters.
- Office expenses this year have been excessive. Normally we under-spend this account so it averages out over the years. Official PYC stationary had to be replenished this year. Switching banks required us to also replenish our check and envelope supply. However, our previous check supply was running out so it was a perfect time to switch!

Remember to keep PYC in mind if you are planning to switch your banking to Canandaigua National Bank. Tell Kathy Vasile at the Webster branch that PYC referred you, and you will help us earn more interest!

If you have any questions regarding the reports you can catch me at the club, call me at 671-8287 or e-mail me at brewirish@usadatanet.net. See you on the lake!

Andrew R. White
Treasurer

Lake Ontario Council of Commodores PYC Officers, Members Attend

by Bob Hamilton

In early April, Joe and Diane Griffo and Jane and I attended the Council of Commodore's meeting at the Mimico Cruising Club near Toronto. The goal of the council is "TO SERVE YACHT CLUBS WITH QUALITY LEADERSHIP". The meeting was a great opportunity to exchange information and ideas. In total, there were approximately 40 people in attendance representing nearly all the clubs in the Toronto and Western Lake Ontario area as well as the Ontario Sailing Association action group.

We had an excellent opportunity to talk about clubs we had visited and invite others to our club. We assured many that we spend a lot of money on dredging, and except for temporary storm blockages, we can accept boats with six-foot keels though August. Hopefully we may see some more Canadian boaters back in the harbor again.

The topics and summary of each are included below.

Rochester – Toronto Fast Ferry – Watch out for the wake!! The biggest concern with the fast ferry is the reported 8-foot wake that is generated. In channels where there are docks and houses at the shoreline, the wake will be very damaging to existing structures, especially along the channels out of the Toronto Harbor. Out on the open water, cruising boats will have to be aware and maintain watch as the ferry passes. So far, money seems to be holding the whole process back and neither side seems to know who owns the next step.

Lake Water Depths – The International Joint Commission is doing a five-year study on lake water levels. The drivers for water level decisions appear to be commercial traffic and St Lawrence flow, rather than the pleasure craft needs and even landowner needs. Details will be published when the study is completed.

US and Canadian Customs/Immigration Policies for 2002 – The Customs & Immigration process for the Canadians is difficult to say the least. The I68 form that they need to complete must include photos and fingerprints. The other

key point for travelers is that due to 9/11, the border authorities (Coast Guard, local police and Border Patrol) all have greater funds and responsibilities. The message is make sure your travel documents and customs information is compliant. There will be more inspections for all travelers.

Reciprocals – There was some discussion about not continuing with the tradition of mailing out the cards yearly. Although that was not decided, the plan is to add all the reciprocal policies for Canadian clubs to the Ontario Sailing Association (OSA) web site. Once that process is established, the card process will probably go to updates only, rather than yearly. US clubs should add their reciprocal info to their sites and enable a link from the OSA site to their home site.

VHF Radio Operations Differences – For Canadian waters, channel 16 is used for calling and all clubs with land based radios monitor channel 68. For US waters, channel 16 will be used for hailing and distress as the channel 9 calling process for 2001 is being discontinued for inland waters. There is no consistent pattern for land based radios at US clubs, therefore channel 16 should continue to be used for calling. Also, the Canadian Coast Guard is not implementing the Emergency Channel 16 w LAT/LON location signals currently available from newer radios with links to GPSs.

Younger Members – How are clubs attracting? – The boating market seems to be growing in the immediate use, trailerable, personal size watercraft rather than the traditional docks and cruise models. Many clubs are using the Sailing school approach to attract members. However, to bridge the gap between knowing how to sail and having the equipment, some clubs are offering boats for hire until sailors can become owners. Other options include graduated initiation fees, marketing with other sports clubs, day care, and fitness centre facilities.

That is the quick summary. See Diane, Joe, Jane or me if you want to discuss some more. We expect to be able to meet with this council in future meetings.

Bob Hamilton

Plans For the Bicentennial

May 11-19 Williamson Apple Blossom Week Begins

Friday, May 17- Spaghetti Dinner
Williamson Fire Dept. (Up Town)

Carnival
All Weekend- 6-11:00PM (Up Town)

Saturday, May 18- 3:00PM Apple Blossom Parade
Main Street

Chicken BBQ, American Legion Hall
4:00 PM Until the Chicken Runs Out!

Dusk- Fireworks from Herbert's Hill!
Where the Heck is Herbert's Hill?
(If we ever find out, we'll post it in the Clubhouse)

Sunday, May 19- 7-12:00 Noon; Fly-in Breakfast
Williamson Sodus Airport
(If you don't have a plane, a car's ok)

Children's Mini-Tractor Pull
1:00PM, Up Town
Come watch kids wreck their Dad's Lawnmower!

Vice Commodore's Report

by Dan Harris



Hello PYC Members:

With less than two weeks to go until launch day, things seem to be shaping up. We'd like to offer our thank you to all that anticipate in helping us conduct a smooth launch. Thank you everyone for your help. It is greatly appreciated.

We can't express how eager we are to get the season started. The anticipation is incredible.

Everything seems to be in order at the clubhouse for the breaks and lunches that we will be serving. There should be plenty of food to go around. Breaks will consist of Coffee, Juice, doughnuts, etc. Lunch will be hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni salad, chili and more.

Just a reminder- any help will surely be appreciated. Again, the number we can be reached at is (585) 482-7862. You can also reach Mary at work. (585) 288-1280.

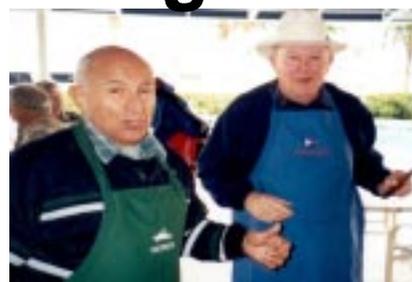
The launch is set to begin around 7:00 am. We will be at the clubhouse no later than 6:00 to get the coffee and hot water started, and to start setting up.

Dan & Mary Harris
Vice-Commodore

SnowBirds Flock Together



Pat and Bob Geraci
Familiar Hosts



Peter Damic, Bob Hotchkiss
Familiar Weapons

Ready and willing to attack the grill for another great gathering at Longboat Key! The weather wasn't the greatest but the Commodore Club gave us the warmth we needed. This year Bob and Carolyn Hotchkiss were able to arrange their trip to encompass the party.

Bob and Barbara Vreeland also were among the PYC alumni there. It was great to see Bill Marsh, who has survived his heart problems beautifully and so did Sara!!

It was wonderful to see everyone.
Thanks again to Bob and Pat Geraci!



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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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www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org

PYC LOG



- May 4 Fleet Captain's Work Day
- May 11 Club Work Day #1
- May 18 Club Work Day #2
- May 25 Commodore's Review
- May 26 Bowersox Memorial Day Race and Picnic
PYC Host
- June 8 Commodore's Brunch, New Member Reception
and General Meeting
- June 15 Club Work Day #3
- June 30 Open Boats and BYO Picnic