



LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members:

When you read this, the boats should be in the water. I hope that all went well.

We have many activities over the next several weeks that everyone should be thinking of.

First we have our workdays. I am sure that Merrill Gray is discussing the work days in his article but I think that this subject bears significant coverage. Please make sure that you are signed up for the project that you would like to do most. There has been no change in the policy that all active members must contribute one workday per year in addition to haul and launch activities. As always mitigating circumstances will be considered but anybody that does not sign up for a workday will be assigned a job in June when the weather will be more conducive to boating than working.

Then we have the Memorial weekend festivities. Included in the issue is a preliminary schedule of events planned for this weekend which will mark the launch of our 60th year anniversary as a yacht club. There will be something for everyone. Please plan to attend.

The club finances while still looking grim are getting better. In my last article I indicated that we had 91 paid active memberships. At this time including the people in the new membership pipeline, we have 97 active members. Comparing this to our budgeted number of 100 active memberships and you can see that we are making progress. Please be pro-active in telling friends and co-workers about the beautiful club and harbor we have.

As in the past I am able to offer courtesy vessel examinations through my Rochester Power Squadron affiliation. Anyone wishing to get a courtesy examination for their vessel or having questions regarding federal and State requirements for your vessel, please see me. My boat is in slip PS1W. If I am not able to do it right away I will set up a schedule with you.

I look forward to seeing everyone around the club.

Safe Boating.

Steve Keffron



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The Secretary's Corner

New PYC Website: Mark Blaakman has volunteered to take over as club Web Master from Doug Axtell. I would like to thank Doug for all of his efforts in creating and maintaining our current site. Mark has given the site a major overhaul and will be moving it to a local gateway for non-profit organizations. We are in the process of finalizing the paperwork and bringing the site on line. We will make an announcement once it is available to the club and I would encourage everyone to check it out and get back to Mark or myself with any suggestions for additional content.



Reciprocal Membership Chair: The reciprocal membership chair is open to anyone who would like to fill it.

Membership Count: Membership is currently 92 voting, 1 social, 17 non-voting. We also have two acceptance letters in the mail that will bring the count up to 94 voting members. Things are looking up , but we have a long way to go.

Welcome to New Members: We have two new member couples, Jack and Elfie Boonstra, and Joe and Mary Jo Fortner. If you see them please say hello and make them feel welcome.

Membership Drive: We are continuing to experience a significant decrease in membership, so we all need to do whatever we can to bring in new members. Toward this end we had a booth at the Rochester Boat Show again this year. Thank you to all who volunteered your time at the booth. Thanks to your efforts we have leads on 17 potential new members.

I would encourage everyone to hang up and hand out our recruitment flyers wherever and whenever they see fit. Please contact Jerri Schiff or myself if you have any leads on potential new members. Please also let us know if you have any ideas about advertising and/or attracting new members.

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) and our Dock Master is Larry Helber (585-670-9435). Persons interested in our racing program may contact our Fleet Captain, Larry Rice (585-473-9363).

Alex Brougham

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Rear Commodore Reports

Notes from the Engine Room.....

At last, the boats are in the water. Now we can turn our attention toward enjoying our boats and, in the first few weeks of May, fit in a couple work days. This month's scheduling for work days differs from the past in that you can choose the date, the team you want to work with, and the type of work you would like to do. From what I have heard, members seem to like the new work day procedure. It is more convenient for the members and it utilizes the manpower more efficiently by reducing the standing around time and having too many people for the task. Please be sure to sign up for a team; if you just show up, you will defeat the purpose of the new procedure. If this doesn't work out, we will return to the "alphabet" plan of assignments next year.



There was once small glitch at launch. The fork lift tractor blew out its starboard tire and as a result, cradles and other equipment were left strewn on the south shore lawn. We will try to finish the cradle job on May 1st, but if it is not done then, it will become an additional task on work day one.

As you saw in last month's "Soundings" there are two work days scheduled for this month- the first on May 8th, the second on May 15th. A third work day is scheduled for the 19th of June; this third day will be used to complete all the jobs that there weren't enough hands to do in the first two.

The Fleet Captain's team filled up early, as did Eric Matteson's dock repair team; Stu MacDonald and George Delvecchio say they have a good sized team but you might still get on the dock replacement team if you ask. Dick Darrow's north shore clean-up team at last report was still a little thin in the ranks. If you haven't signed up for a job yet, you might give Dick a call. North shore clean-up this year should be light work, compared to past years in that there are no huge branches to clear away.

Keep in mind that if you don't volunteer for the first or second work day, you are required to appear for the third; the heavy jobs will be the ones that will get pushed back. Also, remember that it will be mid June- nice warm weather that you could be enjoying your boat instead of doing your "work day." Just something to think about.

Park or Cow Pasture?

We are going to roll the lawns this year and will need operators to drive the Wheelhorse for rolling; this will be an on-going task that will probably take both early workdays. If you'd like to roll, talk to Dick Darrow or Dave Weagley. This is part of an effort to improve the appearance of our "park like setting" that seems to be a major attraction to new members- that and the family atmosphere.

It is very hard to maintain a "park like setting" when members persist in driving on the grass. Rolling the lawns is a first step toward improving the quality of the green areas at the club. Right now, the club looks like a cow pasture with a large number of ruts and hummocks from past seasons of driving on the sod. If our members treat the club like a park, it will continue to look like a park. If we treat it like a cow pasture, it won't be long before it is filled with ruts and hummocks again.

Remember to bring your tools and a pair of gloves- and we'll see you on workday. If we're lucky, maybe we'll need sun tan lotion!

Merril Gray

Fleet Captain Reports

On The Range...

NEW PYC SITE

After creating, hosting and maintaining the Club website for many years, Doug Axtell has handed the wheel to Mark Blaakman. Doug will be doing boat/sail measuring and representing PYC with PHRF-LO for handicapping. If you are interested in racing - or just want to see how your boat stacks up - talk to Doug.



Mark, who has also taken on the job of Scorer for our racing program, has added some nice features to the Club site. You'll find PYC membership, history and reciprocal club info in addition to racing content: calendar, Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and Scoring system. At press time, registration/URL was not complete. Once you have had look, please let Mark know what you think and what else you'd like to see on the site.

Meanwhile, Eric Matteson and Dave Keller have been working to get us squared away with navigation lights and work boat respectively. We all owe these guys our thanks.

Thursday evenings are pretty much ready to go - except for YOU - with Spring, Summer and Fall series dates through September 16th. I'm still noodling schedule and format for weekend Genoa and Woman Skipper's races. Please let me know if you are interested in participating or helping out. At least one thing is for sure, unlike our Rochester area neighbors, we won't be bothered with Fast Ferry comings and goings.

We are also looking to get behind PYC participation in area events, including Mariners pursuit race on Homecoming weekend. These events offer both competitive challenge and a chance to represent our Club.

Larry Rice



Vice Commodore Reports

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By the time you read this, the boats will be in the water. Many thanks to those who helped set up for coffee breaks, cooked and served lunch, and especially helped clean up at the end of the day. Thank you so much.

As the workdays will soon be upon us, we are requesting volunteers to assist in feeding the hungry workforce. Of particular need is Saturday, May 8th as I will be otherwise engaged the commencement ceremony at Nazareth College. If you are willing and able to assist on this or other workdays, (May 15th and June 19th) please let us know.



The next events on our social calendar encompass the Memorial Day weekend. The Commodore's Review will take place on Saturday, May 29th with the Parade of Boats beginning at 2:00 pm followed by a wine and cheese reception at the Cornwall Pavilion at 4:00 pm. The very next day is our Memorial Day Picnic (not on Memorial Day). Dave and Terry have taken this responsibility very seriously and have spent the past few months scavenging for recipes. Back to business, the flyer for this event can be found in these "Soundings." Please be timely in the submission of your registration.

During the Memorial Day weekend we will be commemorating the Pultneyville Yacht Club's Sexagennial Anniversary. Please look for a calendar of events celebrating our 60 years of boating fellowship.

Lastly, the flyer for the Commodore's Brunch is also contained in this "Soundings". This will take place on the morning of June 12th and is always a popular event.

Jack Bopp



**Pultneyville Yacht Club
60th Anniversary
Memorial Weekend 2004
Schedule of Activities**

Friday May 28th

6:30 - Weiner roast in the pavilion. Hot dogs, rolls and condiments provided. Bring your own salads

Dusk - Traditional fire on the rock beach weather permitting

Saturday May 29th

12:00 Noon – 60th Anniversary Opening Ceremony

2:00 – Commodore’s Review

4:00 – Commodore’s Wine and Cheese reception

Dusk – Traditional Fire on the rock beach weather permitting

Sunday May 30th

Memorial Day Race

1:00 – Flare demonstration

3:00 – Pre-Dinner Entertainment – To Be Announced

5:00 – Memorial Day Picnic

Dusk – Traditional Fire on the rock beach weather permitting

Monday May 31st

12:00 – Renaming of boats if any need to be renamed

Jane Hamilton

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

**SUNDAY, MAY 30TH
5:00 PM at PYC PAVILLION**

Chicken Breasts, Hot Dogs, Veggie Burgers, Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee & Tea will be provided.

Please bring a salad if your last name begins with A – G.

Please bring an hors d'oeuvre if your last name begins with H – P.

Please bring a dessert if your last name begins with N – Z.

Reservations	# _____	@ \$7.50/Adult	Please mail reservations to: Terry & Dave Weagley 41 Buffalo Horn Circle Henrietta, NY 14467-9547
Required	# _____	@ \$3.50/Child	
By 5/25	# _____	@ \$8.50/Guest	

Name _____ Total _____

COMMODORE'S BRUNCH & NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH
10:00 AM at PYC PAVILION**

Pancakes, French Toast, Sausages, Maple Syrup, Adult Brunch Beverages, O.J., Coffee, Soda, and more...

We will be concurrently having a "BOAT STUFF" lawn sale adjacent to Pavilion.

Reservations	# _____	@ \$6.00/Adult	Please mail reservations to: Brian McCarthy PO Box 81 Pultneyville, NY 14538.
Required	# _____	@ \$3.00/ Child	
By 6/7	# _____	@ \$7.00/ Guest	

Name _____ Total _____



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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.



- May 1 Fleet Captain Work Day
- May 8 Work Day #1, 8:00 AM
- May 15 Work Day #2, 8:00 AM
- May 29 Commodore's Review
- May 30 Bowersox Memorial Day Race and Picnic and
60th Anniversary Celebration
- June 12 Commodore's brunch, new member reception, and
general meeting