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LAKE SOUNDINGS

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Signals from the Commodore

By Dave Weagley

Dear members,

By now we should all have our boats in the water and be on our way to getting ready for the 1998 season. The workdays are next on the agenda and I encourage everyone to do their part, whether it is working on repair, grounds maintenance, or flowers. It's these three week-ends that really make the club look good and we need everyone to help.

The 1998 membership logs will be available shortly and I encourage everyone to read over the log for event dates, chairpersons, officers phone numbers, emergency phone numbers, by-laws and policies, and other information.

The club's condolences are passed to the Cornwall family with the passing away of Rick Cornwall on February 5th. Rick was 45 years old.

Just a reminder that the Commodore's Review is May 23 at 1pm. This is the traditional kick off of the new boating season. Some people decorate their boats with flags and the event consists of all boats parading past the Commodore's boat. Weather permitting, our boat will be anchored outside the harbor. I encourage everyone to participate in the fun.

Terry and I will be hosting a "tea time" with cheese and refreshments at 4pm at the pavilion.

We'll see you at the workdays.

Dave Weagley
Commodore

The Secretary's Corner

by Bob Hamilton

The April Board Meeting was held on April 15. Highlights of the meeting were centered around preparing for the upcoming 9 May and 16 May workdays. We can expect to go forward with the weed treatments, more advertising for members projects, as well as a lot of activity for the work days. We also reviewed and accepted three new members. If all goes well, we can introduce them at the new members fondue on May 30th.



One activity we would like to see is more member articles for the 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 Jamie Forero directly.

We have approximately 50 % of the reciprocal clubs responding to date. Our expecta-



tion is to provide a complete list of reciprocal clubs by 15 May and have the list in the June Soundings. If you stayed at a club in 1997 that was not on our list, please get the information to me or Jim for this year's mailing.

The PYC Log is well on its way to completion and should be available for the May Memorial Day Picnic on May 24th.

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 requests only should go to Tom Bolt.

Next Board Meeting will be May 13th at Steve Heffron's house.

The boats are all in after a very successful launch weekend and now we can look forward to cruising and racing.

Bob Hamilton



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The Twins Are Here!!!

(From Tom and Terry Bolt)

The twins arrived on
Saturday, April 25th 1998,
at 7:30 AM.

JOSHUA THOMAS 6 LBS. 8 OZS.
JACOB KENNETH 5 LBS. 8 OZS.

Mommy and babies are doing well.

I HOPE MY BOAT IS STILL FLOATING!!!

TOM

Rear Commodore Reports

by Bob White

First, I would like to thank all those that did a wonderful job making the 98' launch safe and successful. Now we can get, well almost get, to the serious business of boating.

WORKDAYS

Almost get, of course relates to the upcoming workdays (A - J for May 9th, K - Z for May 16th). Punch in time is 8:00 AM sharp.



Some of the major projects are rebuilding (or capping) 3 of the docks in the NW corner, painting the pavilion, and dingy racks, providing a storage area for the racing gear in the old clubhouse, shore erosion abatement, numerous dock leveling, plumbing work, stone

work, and fence installation on top of Appleboon Point (safety item for the overhang there).

I mention some of the projects so you may know what kind of tools will be needed—shovels, rakes, come-a-longs, wheel barrels, painting tools, propane torch and solder equipment, skill saw, drill, etc.

P.Y.C. HAS A NEW (USED) FORKLIFT

I am happy to report that we have successfully replaced our forklift. It was purchased at the Costich Auction which Doug Felton (the seasoned auction participant) and I. Further we were happy that it cost only a

fraction of what the repair cost of the old one would have been. To protect our investment we want to limit the use of that to people trained on the tractor. The goal is to avoid any mishaps in its use with either the equipment itself or the surroundings. Your cooperation will be appreciated. The new forklift, while having the same lift capacity, 2 tons @ 2ft. distance, has a higher mast. It goes up 21 feet, so we will be able to change the outdoor lights without hiring it out.

DOCKS

Some changes have been made in the original layout. A finally layout will be posted in the clubhouse. We still have a few empty docks, so if you know someone who needs one, let it be know. This year, we are forgetting the non-member surcharge (\$300) to attract people to the harbor so they can witness what they do not want to miss.

Again, I want to be sure everything is going fine at the Club. Please give me feedback, but be kind, my body is getting old.

Bob White, R.C.



...Forgot to mention one other thing.

We need to hire someone to do the cleaning and officer of the day during the week (M, W, F). It is for 9 hours a week, \$7.50/hr.

The girl we had last year, is unable to do so because of her other job.

Any inquires should be directed to me at (716) 225-2191. Thanks,



Bob White

Upcoming Social Events

By Steve Heffron

It was good to see everyone at the Winter Cabin party. I am sure that everyone is looking forward to getting the boats in the water and renewing club friendships. By the time that you get this the boats will already be in the water and the socializing will be in full swing.

In the near future there are several planned events. The Commodore's Review on May 23 will officially start the season and will be followed by the Memorial Day Picnic on May 24. The following week we have the New Members Fondue party that allows us to make new acquaintances. And of course, one of the club favorites would have to be the Commodore's Brunch on June 13 followed the next week by Open Boats on June 20.

As you can see, there are many opportunities to socialize early in the season. As has been said before, Pultneyville Yacht Club likes to party and likes to throw a party.

We will have club merchandise for sale all year. Please see Tom Szlucha (Swoose) to acquire hats, shirts, burgees, etc.

I will be looking for people to the chairmen of some of the upcoming events. If you are interested in helping with any of our social events, please contact me.

PYC KIDS!!!

Hello again. It's been a while.

There will be a second annual NYS Young Boater's course at the club this year. It will be held on June 20th, 27th, and July 11th, from 10:00 to 12:30. Please call David Heffron for registration at (716) 377-6426. Hope to see you there.

It's been so long since **PYC Kids** was in the Lake Soundings.

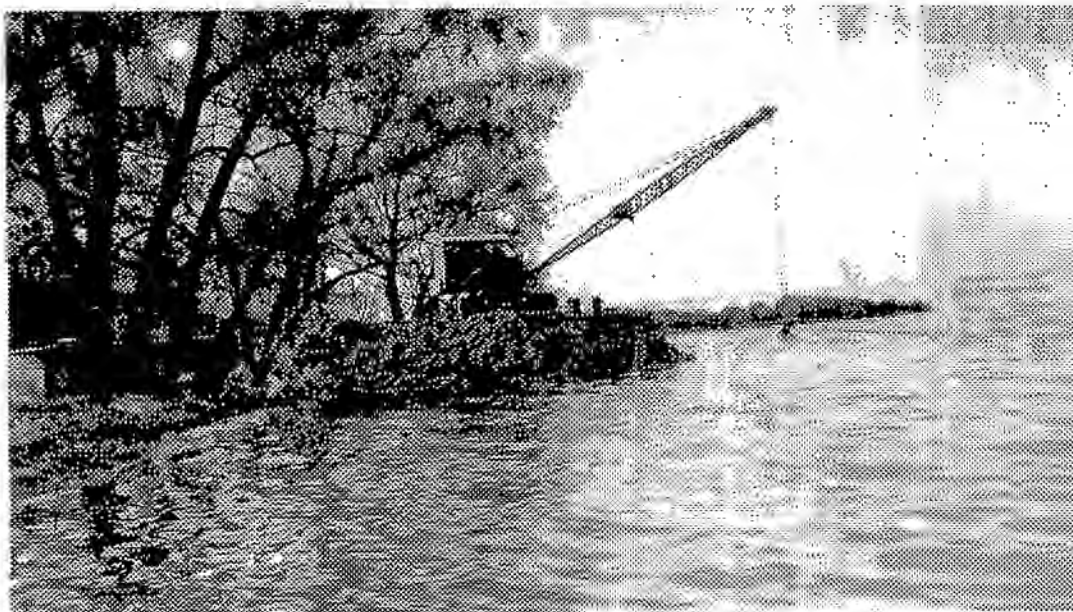
From now on we are going to try to have something for PYC Kids in the soundings. For any kids that want to put something in the Lake Soundings please send it to us. E-mail us at Dads2kids@aol.com or send to Abby & David Heffron, 2191 Monroe-Wayne County Line Rd, Macedon, NY 14502.



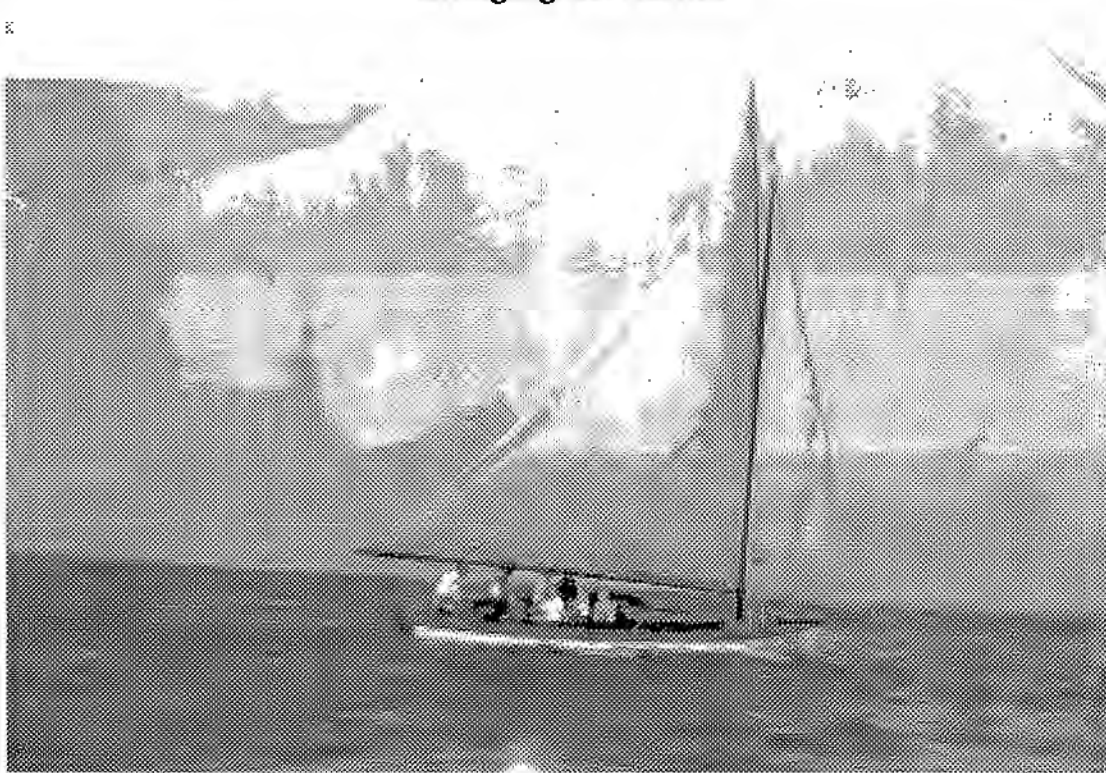
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THE OLD PYC — A LOOK BACK

(COURTESY OF C. R. & JANET BURCROFF)



Dredging the Harbor



"Scud" (1944)

A view from the Leeward Rail

The members of the Pultneyville Union of Crews for Racing (P.U.C.R.s) are pleased to see an increase in the number of boats participating in the Thursday night races at the club. Greater participation, new faces, and experiences adds to the enjoyment of racing, especially if they are finishing behind us.

Something that both new and regular skippers must face, however, is the formation of a good crew. Hand picked crews well known to the skipper are sometimes hard to find. Stealing crews from other boats by means of various forms of bribery is one way. This method, while somewhat distasteful to the skippers, is heartily encouraged by the P.U.C.R.s. If this method proves unsuccessful, then recommendations from other skippers may be used. But then if this guy is so great, why isn't he on THAT guy's boat? So do you rely on a potential crew member statements for qualification? That can be a problem, because you need to have a certain level of comfort with this new guy. Does he really know his job? Will he fit in with the rest of the crew, or will he upset the balance?

Summer Snow was faced with just such a dilemma this year. One of our long term crew members was getting married. Knowing the crew member, we concluded that the only possible explanation was that this woman was using the marriage as a way to get on our crew. (That's how Bob Feeney did it.) We therefore compiled a number of questions to test this newcomer's ability to blend in with our present cast of characters, (See June's issue.) Perhaps the other members of Pultneyville Yacht Club would benefit from this, adapting it as necessary to fit their circumstances.

I would like to remind all skippers that winning is not the most important thing out on the race course. Nor is it the thrill of competition, but rather the happiness of the crew is what makes it all worthwhile.

Faithfully submitted,

Brendan Hanna