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# LAKE SOUNDINGS

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## Signals from the Commodore

By Tom Ecker

Dear Members,

By now all our boats should be in the water and we should all be on our way to another great boating season. The work days are scheduled for May 8th and 15th and again that time to remind everyone that we are a working club and I encourage everyone to do their part whether it is working on repairs, grounds, flowers, hookup placement of channel markers or what ever. The various projects have been identified by Bob White, our Rear Commodore, and their completion will benefit all.

The 1999 membership logs will be available soon. There has been a lot of effort put into the log production by Michelle Keller and Bob Hamilton, our Secretary. The log contains much information including the dates of events, chairpersons, telephone numbers, addresses and by-laws and policies. I encourage everyone to review the data and if you find a mistake please let Bob Hamilton know so it may be corrected in the future.

The first social event will be May 29th when we will kick off the 1999 boating season with the Commodore's review scheduled for 1pm. Some people decorate their boat with flags, and the event consists of all boats parading past the Commodore's boat. Weather permitting, the Agape will be anchored outside the harbor. The Vice Commodore, Steve Heffron, will lead the review and I encourage everyone to participate in the fun.

Donna and I will be hosting a "Tea Time" with cheese and selected beverages at 4PM on the point.

*Tom Ecker*

Commodore

## The Secretary's Corner

by Bob Hamilton

The April Board Meeting was held on April 14. Highlights of the meeting were centered on preparing for the upcoming Launch activity and workdays. We have a fair amount of work to do around the club and with launching boats, it will be fairly busy around the club in May.

I have been getting many flyers and newsletters from other clubs. Each item will be available in the clubhouse for you to review. Check the bulletin board because I have added a lot of new things in April – more are coming daily.

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 Merrill and Cher Gray directly.

We have many of the reciprocal clubs responding to date. Our expectation 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 1998 that was not on our list, please get the information to Jim Snyder or me or for this year's mailing.

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The PYC Log is well on its way to completion and should be available for the May Memorial Day Picnic on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

There is still room for some additional members or

## Reunion in Grenada

*A Dispatch from Earl and Mildred O'Laughlin  
At the Granada Yacht Club*

Reunions are wonderful. Carrol and Joyce Turner, aboard the yacht "TRINITY", came to Grenada in the West Indies for a six day stay at Easter time, to see Earl and Millie O'Laughlin aboard the yacht "SEQUIN" at the Grenada Yacht Club. Some PYC members will recall the years when Joyce was PYC Secretary, publishing the "Lake Soundings."

The O'Laughlins left Pultneyville in June 1978. "We have known the Turners for eleven years now," Millie says, "through correspondence and now sailing. They came this year from Bequia and parts north in the Virgin Islands. We heard about the Turners' European visit by air last fall and renewed acquaintances in Grenada."

Joyce and Carrol had spent time on their yacht here before. "TRINITY" left for Trinidad on April 5th where they leave their boat for the summer. They fly to the States to see relations, and to open the Turner Camps in the Adirondacks.

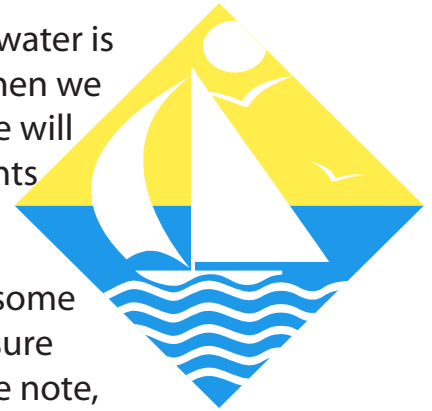
## Ship Out!

Motor and Sail - Club Cruise now  
Scheduled for  
August 13, 14, 15  
Destination to be Determined

# Rear Commodore Reports

by Bob White

Finally, the water is going up. As I write this (4/13/99) the water is about 2 feet over datum, and about 1 foot higher than when we pulled the boats out last fall. By the time you read this we will have sounded the harbor to determine the dredging events for this year.



With water levels being where they are it is possible that some temporary dock assignments will need to be made to assure uniformity of being stuck in the muck. On a more positive note, to equalize the depths under our keels. If you have a problem contact either myself or Tommy Bolt. Patience will be appreciated. We will do our best.

Special note to the sailors amongst us-the new, who need some experience and the old who have been doing it so long that they may be complacent. LET US BE REAL SAFE IN STEPPING THE MASTS. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK FOR HELP. NOBODY WANTS ACCIDENTS. GRAVITY NEVER FORGETS.

The electrical contractor has completed installation of the new electrical box on the south side away from the road with a feed line under the road. The plan is to have a junction box there with wires going to the outlets east and west. Our club members will do this work under E. Washburn's supervision. Anyone interested in helping? It will not be a workday job.

Workdays will be coming May 8<sup>th</sup> (A-L) and May 15<sup>th</sup> (M-Z) starting at 8:00AM. Bring your tools, yard equipment etc. My plan is to put up the project list for the workdays in late April in the clubhouse and the bulletin board by the tool shed.

Bob White  
Rear Commodore

# On The Range

by Eric Matteson

Let the games begin!

As many of you are reading this important dispatch from the club some members are scrambling to make ready for the practice and tune up race to be held on Thursday the sixth of May. This will be the first of our Thursday night races which will last all summer long. Since club participation helps to keep me busy and justify my budget

I would like once again to offer an invitation to any person who is interested in sailing to get involved. Please

come out with your boat or as crew on someone else's boat to enjoy as much of our short season as possible.

Lets face it if you were not committed to sailing every Thursday then you might stay home to do unspeakable things like yard work. There is perfectly good wind and the chance of a beautiful sunset or two just going to

waste. All that is missing is you. The rules are fairly simple and as long as you don't win too often other sailors

will cut you some slack for being a beginner. I would also like to add that with all interest in fairness I will be acquiring a PHRF rating cert for my boat this year. In the event that I do get to race Wind Fall this year (High performance machine that she is) there should be no question about my handicap. I do think that it is important

to have a valid cert. You never know when Ted Turner or some other famous person may need to charter your boat and what will you do then if your racing papers are not in order.

## THIS MONTH:

The Bowersox Memorial Race will be held on Sunday the 30th of May as it has been in the past. Please bring

your crew and lets see if we can work up an appetite before the picnic. Skippers meeting will be at 10:00 near

the dry sail area. This will be a G.O. (Genoa Only ) race and it should be fun.

## OUTSIDE OF THE CLUB:

I know it is a little early for this but I want to get some of you thinking. RYC has contacted me about racing late

in the season with them. The plan sounds like this. After our regular racing season is over we can bring a couple

of boats to Rochester for the purpose of racing on the weekends (Sundays I think) and keep them at

## Special Thanks

We wish to thank you all for supporting us in the loss of our son Dan. His death has been a terrible shock.

We would like to thank you in particular for your visiting with us at the funeral home, for the cards, for the donations, for your prayers and for all expressions of sympathy. It has meant a great deal to us.

Everyone we speak to understandably asks, "What happened?" We do not have all the answers. In fact, we are learning to live with questions ourselves. However, as you can imagine, answering the same questions repeatedly only adds to our suffering. To make our time of loss easier, we thought we would share the following information with you.

Dan was found dead in his room Friday night, February 26. There was evidence of a fall and there were head injuries. Dan was alone when this happened and his death was accidental.

The family is making a determined effort not to torture ourselves by asking questions for which there are no answers. Dan is gone. We cannot change that. It is our faith in God and your support, which has helped us through our loss.

Many have said that they could not appreciate the sorrow we must be feeling. This is understandable. Before Dan died, we could not understand the pain of others who lost a child. Yet there is another thing which we could not appreciate; that is the peace and comfort that God gave us in this time of loss. It was real; it was beyond our understanding.

Again, thank you for all the expressions of sympathy and support.

*Rich and Roseanne Critchlow*

### Captain Kid

U C N O I T A G I V A N L R	WORD	LIST
S L L D M O T O R T A E I I	Boat	Motor US Coast Guard
C O M P A S S T E R N E F G	Sail	Navigation Daggerboard
O S A I L G Y K A N C G E H	Starboard	keel Life jacket
A T T J C U G E I U H R J T	Port	Log Right of way
S A E I A H E L M O U A O	Stern	Fog Burgee
T R P B P K E L R L R B C F	Bow	Knot
G B O A T N Y W O B E T E W	Compass	Helm
U O R T A O E S R U O C T A	Anchor	Boathook
A A T P I T R A H C H A C Y	Tack	Captain
R R L V N T A C K G O F R B	Jib	Mate
D D G O L K O O H T A O B D	Chart	Course

There is a hidden message after you find all

the nautical terms can you solve the puzzle?

# *Vice Commodore's Report*

*by Steve Heffron*

## Upcoming Events

In this Lake Soundings you can find flyers for the upcoming events. Please be timely in getting these reservation forms in to the chairpersons so that adequate preparations can be made.

In addition to these events, we would like to remind you of the events in June that we would not have reservation forms for. The first is the Open Boats. This will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> and will include members' boats that will be open for viewing. The boat owners usually offer refreshments.

The next day on June 20<sup>th</sup> we are invited to the Mariner's for a pancake breakfast.

There will be sign-up sheets in the clubhouse. Please register in advance so that we can plan accordingly.

*Steve Heffron*

Vice Commodore

### **Want to do something about the lake levels---**

I have placed a link on the PYC page with a form that you can print, fill out and mail, to complain about the current water levels on our lake. The form is also included as an insert in this issue. Perhaps if we deluge them with this stuff, the powers that be will submit to our version of reason. It only costs 33 cents to try. The PYC site address is:

*<http://members.aol.com/bristol32/>*

The link is a hammer button (fix the damn lake!!) and is under a marquee announcing the link.

Regards,  
Your humble servant

*Doug Axtell*

## PYC SOUTH RENDEZVOUS

*By Bob Geraci*

Brilliant sunshine, a gentle breeze, swaying palm trees, and a great blue heron were all part of the scene when twenty six PYC members and former members gathered for the recent PYC South Rendezvous on March 10, 1999. The event began with an afternoon of "tea-time" at the clubhouse of the Longboat Key Moorings Marina on the shores of Sarasota Bay. Old friendships were renewed, stories were swapped, and shutters clicked for one Kodak moment after another. An uninvited guest was a graceful great blue heron who tried discreetly to join the party for a handout!

From the marina, the group moved on to the Sarasota Yacht Club for the evening. It is to be noted that the Sarasota Yacht Club welcomed the PYC activity because of our listing in the North American Registry of Yacht Clubs. After an excellent banquet, an "Awards Ceremony" was conducted wherein all in attendance received an award: those travelling the farthest receiving their own private airplane to make the trip easier next year, while those who lived nearby received a motorcycle. Former club members received crying towels and those who no longer haul out at PYC received a cash advance to defray the cost of the proposed surcharge for hauling out elsewhere. Ann Artman, who did all the mailings involved, received a new supply of envelopes while Joan and Peter Damick received a PYC passport to permit them re-entry to the harbor. Dan Axtell received the 1999 PYC Fiction of the Year Award for his recent article in *Cruising World*. (There is a rumor that the *Cruising World* editor recently lost her job because of Dan Axtell.)

Members and "alumni" in attendance were Jay and Ann Artman, Dan and Georgia Axtell, Don and Carol Brickle, Peter and Joan Damick, Bob and Pat Geraci, Russ and Joy Kyper, Tony and Marie Maltese, Bill and Sara Marsh, Don and Rosemary Ogren, Gordon and Helen Palmer, Tom and Rosemary Pautz, Paul and Jan Roetling, and Peter and Edie Schwenck.

It was the general consensus that the rendezvous should become an annual event and that it should be scheduled in advance and included in the PYC log so that members planning winter vacations in Florida may be able to include it in their plans. Y'all come on down!

Photo by Tom and Rosemary Pautz



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<http://members.aol.com/bristol32/index.html>

**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 30-May 1  
May 1  
May 8 & 15  
May 11  
May 15  
May 29  
May 30

Launch Day!  
Fleet Captain Work Day  
Work Days 8:00 am  
Board Meeting  
Articles for June issue of Lake Soundings due  
Commodores Review  
Bowersox Race & Memorial Day Picnic