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# LAKE SOUNDINGS

## PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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## Signals from the Commodore

By Dave Weagley

Dear members,

We had one of the better weekends for our haul out even though the low water made it a challenge with the slings. A special thanks to Don Boesel for coordinating the Haul Out activity and to everyone who participated.

I have written a letter to the Sheriff and State Police requesting extra patrols in the PYC harbor this winter. You can help by locking ladders, making sure the driveway chains are in place, and being observant when you are around the club. By the time you receive this soundings we will have shut off the water for the winter in the old and new club house. The dock water will also be shut off shortly.

We have one more social activity to cap off the year with the Fall Banquet at the Rochester Yacht Club. We've had very good meals at RYC in the past and we hope to have a good time in saying good by to the 1998 boating season. Please also plan to attend the annual meeting which is scheduled for Sunday December 6, 1998 at 1 P.M. in the Pultneyville Fire Hall. We will be electing officers for the coming year and voting on the 1999 annual budget.

We'll see you at the Fall Banquet.

*Dave Weagley*  
Commodore

# Boardings from the Fleet Captain

by Peter Fisk

Sorry! There seems to have been some sort of disconnect with my E-Mail and my last few articles have not made it through. The following was originally intended to be published a few months ago. I thought that it would be a good idea to revisit the guidelines for the PYC Perpetual Trophies. Several years ago Cindy Kukuvka one of our esteemed past Fleet Captains came up with a very good explanation that I would like to repeat here.

## Definitions

1. *Course races* – several short races over the period of one or two days.
2. *Long distance races* – one race run over a long distance.
3. *Club races* – those run at PYC.
4. *Lake races* – those run at other Yacht clubs or LYRA.

## The Cornwall Cup

For overall excellence in racing, including Club Races, Lake Races, knowledge of the sport and seapersonship.

## The Van Voorhis Trophy

To the skipper who best represents PYC at Lake Races, including Course and Long distance races. Participation is important, not just winning.

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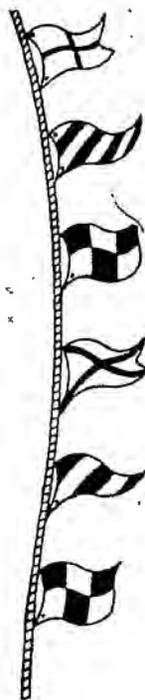
Peter Fisk - Fleet Captain

## Cannan Cup

Best long distance racer, including Club and Lake Races, generally excludes the Bown Race, as it has its own trophy.

## The Bown Race

Currently a race from PYC to Sodus Point Lighthouse and back. Originally this included a PHRF and Lightening division.



## The Bowersox Trophy

Presented to the winner of the PYC Memorial Day race. Named in memory of Denny Bowersox. Our first weekend race of the season and currently a PHRF, Genoa Only event.

## Sports Person Award

Provided to the skipper and crew who demonstrate and project the sportpersonship of the Sport of Yacht Racing (pew!). Not necessarily given out each year.

## Club Champion

The best overall Skipper of the PYC Thursday night series, based on the low point scoring system as described in the US Sailing racing rules.

## Lake Race Trophy

Originally presented to the winner of the PYC long distance race. It is currently awarded to the Skipper who participated (and placed highest) in the greatest number of long distance races.

Cindy also stated "Hopefully with the renovation of the clubhouse a trophy case will be added so that members can see these trophies. Currently the recipient of the award maintains it until the Fall of each year, when it is retrieved for the new year's award ceremony." Well that was in 1994 things have changed a lot in four years, we now have a new clubhouse and are currently working on installing a trophy case. Hopefully next year we will be able to put the trophies on display.

*Peter W. Fisk*



## The Secretary's Corner

by Bob Hamilton

The Secretary's Corner.

The October Board meeting was held October 14th and the principle focus was continuing the 1999 budget plan discussion. Details of the plan will be shared at the General Meeting in December.

Membership status is currently at 126 Voting, 9 Non Voting, 7 Soundings Only. The 1999 membership renewal will be coming up in December and now is a good time for prospective new members to get their applications in. So, if you know of new member candidates, please have them contact Wendy Axtell to initiate the process.

Remember you must be a member in good standing to continue your membership in the club. That means that your workday assignment has been completed, and all dues and fees paid. If you still owe a day, or dues and

fees, make sure that this is corrected before December 31, 1998, or your membership will not be removed.

It coming up to the winter season, but a few "This is what I did last Summer" cruising articles in the Soundings will help keep the summer memories fresh. So, if you have some good stories to share, please send them to Jaime or me as articles for the Soundings.



We are in the need of a new Soundings Editor. Jaime Forero has been doing an outstanding job for the last two years and is ready to hand the responsibility for assembling the articles into the Newsletter to another creative person. Any volunteers should

contact me directly.

Next Board Meeting will be in November 18th at Bob White's house. Time approximately 6:30PM.

Long term reminder – The PYC Annual meeting will be on December 6 at the Pultneyville Fire Hall. More details later.

See you at the banquet,

*Bob Hamilton*



### *A sympathy note*

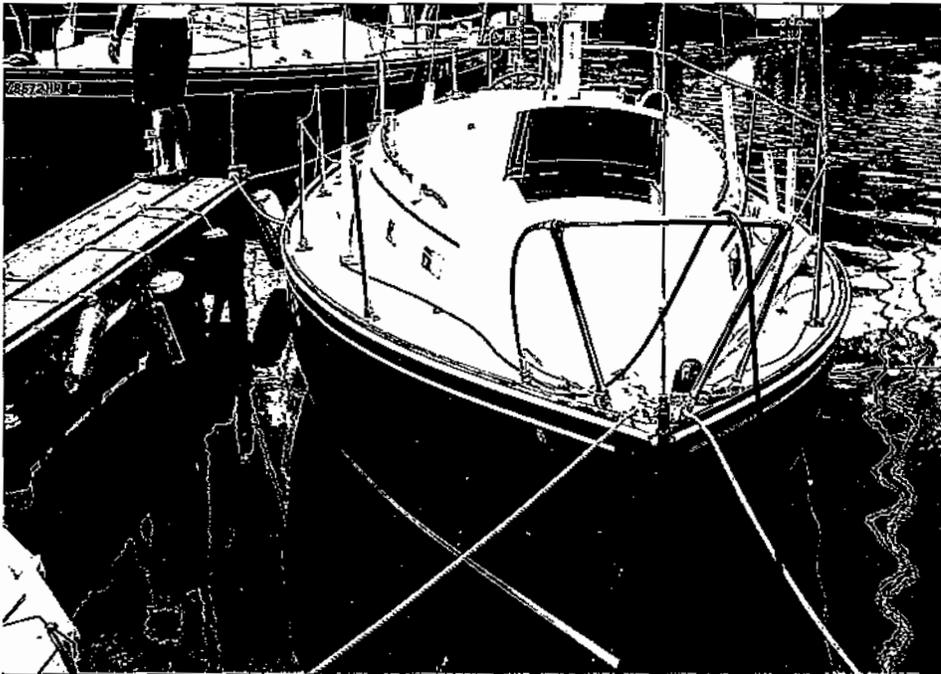
*Sad news, you may already know, but want to be sure, Chuck Pullaro's mom passed away last month. She had been ill for a while.*

*Our condolences to Chuck and Andrea.*

*Nancy Gong*

# REAR COMMODORE SOUNDINGS

By Bob White



Everyone agrees that Harry Miller's High Life looks great with that new paint job. Of course, avoiding that first ding is nerve racking. Harry has indicated that he is even nervous with having just 8 fenders on the dock. So he is looking for more fenders - at a sailer's price.

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## Sailing

Something about sailing a boat brings so many senses and sensations into play that it's very difficult to pinpoint what it is, specifically, that makes me like it so much: the sight of sails and sheets overhanging the water; the foam and spray flying as the bow cuts the water; the motion of the boat; the physical and mental ballet necessary to handle the boat correctly. A sailboat might just be the most beautiful, sensuous, and intelligent blend of man/machine/elements that exists in the world today. The relationship between the three is the most harmonious I have experienced so far. Besides, you can have a beer while you do it.

Douglas Axtell

