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# LAKE SOUNDINGS

**PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB****Volume 24 – No.10****November, 1999**

## Signals from the Commodore

By Tom Ecker

Dear Members,

Cradle day and Haul out is now all behind us. We couldn't have asked for better weather. I couldn't help but notice how well everyone pulls together to get the job done. Our boat came out on Saturday and that crew really worked well together. The sling crews were efficient and ready when the crane was, the cradle crews were waiting for the boat and the spray washers did the best job I've ever seen. A big thanks to all those who did their part. A special thanks to Don Boesel who coordinated the haul out.

We had a great summer boating season despite the low water level. Your board has been working hard at preparing next years plan. The slate of officers for next year are: Tom Ecker – Commodore, XXXXXXX – Vice Commodore, Doug Axtel – Rear Commodore, Brian McCarthy - Secretary, Rich Critchlow – Treasurer, Eric Matteson – Fleet Captain. My thanks to the nominating committee and to those who agreed to run for the respective offices.

The next event is the Fall banquet. This year it is at the Newport House on Irondequoit bay. As the end to the social year this is always a great event. I hope to see you all there.

The annual meeting is on December 5, 1999 at the fire hall in Pultneyville. I encourage everyone to attend. It is a good time to bring your ideas and suggestions to the attention of the Executive Committee. It is also the time when we vote for the officers for the coming year as well as the budget. There is also time to talk to those summer neighbors one last time before the snow falls. Plan

*Tom Ecker*

Commodore



## The Secretary's Corner

by Bob Hamilton

The October Board meeting was held October 13th and the principle focus was the haul review and Y2000 budget preparation. Details on the budget will be disclosed during the Annual Meeting on December 5th at the Pultneyville Fire Hall.

Membership status is currently at 122 Voting, 12 Non Voting, 6 Soundings Only. The 2000 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, 1999, or your membership will not be renewed.

It's coming up to the winter season, but a few "This is what I did last

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Bob Hamilton - Secretary  
Rich Critchlow - Treasurer  
Eric Matteson - Fleet Captain.

*Bob Hamilton*  
Secretary



# Rear Commodore Reports

by Bob White

First Don Boesel, Haulout Chief, and I want to thank the crew chiefs and everyone for their help and efforts in making the '99 haulout safe and successful. It is only too bad it had to be earlier than usual because of the low water. Waiting longer would have resulted in difficulty in picking boats level, necessitating repeated setting in the cradles to level the boats in their cradles. As such, the process would be slower, and more expensive, as well as more of a risk for boat damage. A serious mishap, as insurance companies operate, could result in significantly higher rates or make it difficult to be insured, a requirement for the haulout activity.

But the boats are hauled and in the process of being tucked away for the winter. Let's hope for some hurricane rain or a lot of snow. We did have some great weather this year for boating .

I have noticed a number of gallons of used oil by the dumpster. Our refuse hauler will not take the oil. As we generally change our engine oil in the fall, I have to assume it was put there by a club member or members. Would the person (s) please pick it up and dispose of it in their town public works area or auto garages, etc., that are required to take back used oil. Your (and mine) environment will appreciate it. Along the same vein, if wholesale removal of bottom paint is in your future, please take precautions to contain it (plastic sheeting etc.) to minimize it escaping into the environment. If some does spill, please clean the area so as not to leave hazardous chemicals or the paint on the ground around your boat. There is a state regulation in effect for this activity. Periodically, I have seen the DEC come onto our property and look around.

See you at the Fall Banquet and by the time you read this, it will be less than 6 months until launch!

Bob White  
Rear Commodore



# On The Range

by Eric Matteson

## *Editor's Note:*

*The Fleet Captain's rollicking, swashbuckling account of the latest events on the racing circuit that usually graces this page will not be seen this month.*

*It seems that the Captain's PC foundered in a storm of hyperbole as he was preparing his November "Soundings" contribution. However, we are sure that Eric will re-equip himself in short order and thus not further deprive us of his wit, humor and enthusiasm in future editions. We look forward to your next article.*

*Computers are wonderful things when they work- and voodoo electronics when they don't. It's nice that boats aren't like that, isn't it?*

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Pultneyville Yacht Club would like to extend its deepest sympathies to Dave and Terry Weagley and family. Terry's father, Myron Volpe passed away on Saturday October 16, 1999 after a brief battle with cancer. There were no calling hours, and a memorial mass was held on Tuesday 10/19 at St. Jerome's Church in East Rochester.

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## A note from Yellow Bird:

The second annual PYC South rendezvous has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2000, at the Longboat Key Moorings Clubhouse, Longboat Key, Florida, starting at 1:00 p.m.. Details will be provided by separate mailings. Plan your winter vacation around that date and join in the fun. To add your name to the mailing list, call Ann Artman at 941-495-1244 or write her at 2870 Diamond Drive, #101, Bonita Springs, Florida 34134.



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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.



November 9  
November 15  
November 20  
December 5

Board Meeting Steve Heffron's Home  
Articles due for December Soundings  
Fall Banquet @ Newport House  
Annual Meeting @ Pultneyville Fire Hall