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LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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Signals from the Commodore

By Bob Hamilton

Dear Members,

As I write this month's article, the United States is returning to some level of normal operations after the September 11 terrorist attacks. The uncertainty of the future actions leaves everyone with a worrisome and vigilant perspective. Our principle job as citizens is to carry on to rebuild from the physical and emotional damage and to maintain our spirit as Americans. I hope we can keep our chins up high and enjoy all that we have in friends and opportunities.

For our future, we held the September Membership Meeting on September 15. For those who could not attend here are the highlights – the new Board of Officers for 2002 was formally elected into office, the budget is right on track, and we have some new members joining. At the end of the meeting, the membership recognized the tragic events of September 11 with Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and a moment of silence for the victims and families. Earlier in the day, Kermit Sleggs lead a parade of boats with American Flags flying in front of our harbor and the Pultneyville waterfront as a show of patriotism. The clam bake and camp fires at the end of the day provided a good opportunity for our PYC Family to talk and unwind from a very stressful week.

Our next major event is the Haul process on October 19 and 20. Please make sure you are prepared and are available when your boat is lifted. It is a requirement that the skipper (or capable designee) is present to supervise the placement of slings and cradle. This is very important for a safe, efficient and damage-free operation.

The water in the harbor is dropping rather quickly. Between now and the haul out day, there will be needs to move some boats around to continue the boating season. We cannot predict which boat moves would make the most sense right now, however I ask for everyone's cooperation if moves are needed so that we can get the most out of the season that we have.

So for now, be safe and enjoy the rest of our boating season.

Bob Hamilton

Commodore



The Secretary's Corner

by Brian McCarthy

First of all I would ask all to remember in your prayers and thoughts all of our countrymen whom have died in the terrible tragedies recently inflicted upon our nation and state. Also remember our service men and woman who will stand in harm's way to answer those events.

Well by the time you read this we shall have a new set of officers to guide us through the next year. I wish them an enjoyable and productive year.

The last board meeting brought out several items needing mentioning:

There are still several dinghies in our dinghy docks that the owners seem to not want to pay their owed dues. If you are one of these you might think about settling your bill, remember the club, by rule, is not supposed to haul or launch your boat without all debts being paid up. It is also quite discourteous to your fellow club members to have to continually chase these debts.



The DEC is thinking of using PYC as test area for use of moth larva to control our weeds. Only cost to PYC would be some student time/equipment required to work on the genetics of breeding the moth larva. Bob White may be following this. Webster Crane will again be our crane of choice for doing the Haulout. The board has been asked to meet with the Trust in October. Subjects unknown. The Fall Banquet is in November at the Country House in East Rochester. The BYO parties had great attendance and Roger will recommend that Dan and Mary continue the practice. If you think you paid property taxes, our bill was paid at 13K. We have been painting the upper apartment of the old clubhouse and it should be done by your reading and possibly re-rented. Paul McDonald is a very recent joinee, if you see him be sure you welcome him to our family. Kermit indicated a new club boat would be coming in the spring to replace or supplement Gull.

As we approach Haulout it doesn't hurt to remind people to have a safe Haulout, a very careful mast stepping and to offer assistance as you would like it offered to you if needed.

If I can be of assistance to you in my last few months feel free to call or email.

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Happy and Safe Boating

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Rear Commodore Reports

by Doug Axtell

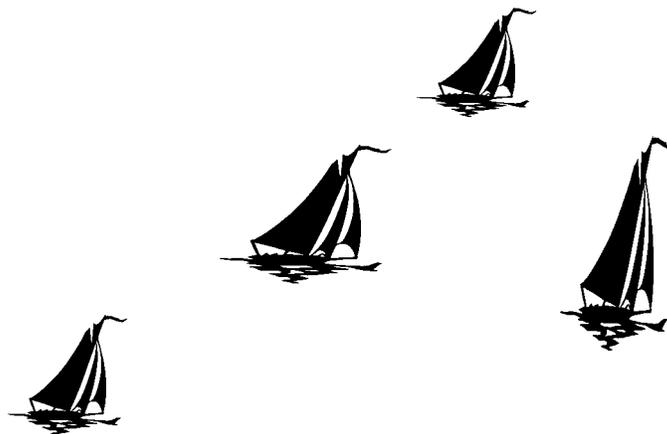
Notes from the Engine Room--

Webster Crane has been retained to perform the haulout again. I will be purchasing one set of slings to replace two sets, which were found to have defects. These cost approximately \$200 each, total \$400. We have one quote from Cook Iron, and are awaiting an estimate from a RGE contact. I will choose the lowest bidder. Those slings with the defects will be discarded to prevent their being used accidentally. Additionally, rat killer will be placed in the work shed to prevent future damage, as one of the straps had a hole in its center. These are type-44 basket straps, 6" wide single-ply, 26' in length, rated for 19,000 lbs.

Doug Felton and Dan Harris have been working on the Forklift. They were planning to replacing the rings, bearings and gaskets. This should put the engine in much better shape. The clutch and flywheel will have to wait until we can get the work done in a fully equipped shop, as the frame needs to be broken for this work to be done. We should have it back in service for Cradle Day. If you see either guy, be sure to thank them for the selfish efforts.

Doug Axtell

Rear Commodore



The below address is the new club web address Please change your bookmarks/favorites ASAP as the old address will disappear in the near future.

<http://www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org/>

On The Range

by Kermit Sleggs

Howdy racers.

By the time you read this the season will be just about over with and we will be getting our boats ready for their long winter's sleep. All in all it has been a great first racing season for me and I enjoyed being the Fleet Captain. I am already looking forward to the next season.

I still need to ask all of you who have trophies to return them to the clubhouse or to me. So far my request has been ignored, but I know who you are and may have to pay you a visit.

I need some input from club members for possible candidates for the "Goody Two Shoe Award" and the "On the Rocks Award". Also, I need to know which PYC member traveled the farthest and will possibly qualify for the Cruising Award. Send me your information as an attachment to Sleggs@hotmail.com or to my address: 4516 Graham Road, Canaseraga, NY 14822.

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Vice Commodore's Report

by Roger Carr

As I write this article, we are looking forward to the Clam Bake tomorrow. Helen and I thank Dan and Mary Harris for all their hard work getting us ready for this party.

After the Clam Bake, social events take a breather as we move through Cradle Day and 2 Haul Days. Any one who can help serve snacks or lunch is welcome to join us.

Our next social event is the Fall Banquet hosted by Chris and Marti Tertinek. They have made arrangements at the Country Party House in East Rochester. The banquet will be held on Saturday, November 10. To insure that every one has ample time to consider attending & make reservations, the flyer will be posted in the clubhouse with copies on the bookcase as soon as we have final prices. There will be another copy of the flyer in the November Soundings. We expect that prices will be a little lower than last year.

See you there.

Roger Carr
Vice Commodore





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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.



October 6	Cradle Day @ 8:00 A.M.
October 19-20	Haul out @ 7:00 A.M.
November 10	Fall Banquet