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LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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Signals from the Commodore

By Tom Ecker

Dear Members,

A huge thank you must go out to Dave and Terry Weagley for another great club cruise. There was a great turn out and it was really a great time. (Also a very big thank you to everyone who helped Donna and I get the Agape back into the slip. And to Ralph for helping re-attach the prop shaft so we were able to catch up on Saturday.)

While we didn't win we had a great time at the Commodore's Challenge. We had a great crew (Brian McCarthy, Jack and Anneliese Bopp and Eric Matteson) and a great fast boat. Now if we could have just improved our eyesight we probably would have won. But Mark Jacobs and his crew did a great job and a good time was had by all.

I hope everyone filled out the questionnaire and returned it. I know some questions may have been troublesome to some of you but we are fishing for ideas and input from the membership. It is your club and we want to move the club in the way that you want it to move. We intend to use the data gathered in planning for the future and thereby continue "to promote good fellowship on land and good fun and sportsmanship at sea."

Upcoming events include the cradle day, Haul out, Fall banquet and finally the annual meeting. Your Board is working on the budget for next year as well as trying to integrate the data provided by all of you.

"Anyone can learn to shoot the sun; but to be able at any time, to put a finger on the chart and say, with confidence, "We are here," one must first be a seaman of long experience, skilled in the art of guessing right, with a power of reasoning out the effect of all the forces of wind and tide and sea." Weston
Wishing you fair winds,
Marty.

Tom Ecker

Commodore



The Secretary's Corner

by Brian McCarthy

We have a new family to welcome to PYC: Larry & Margaret Helber and their boys Daniel and Christopher.

If you see them around the club in the short time left in the season, introduce yourselves.

This has been a rather quiet month with vacations and there is not a lot to say.

All I'd like to do is to remind everyone to have a safe Haulout, especially while stepping masts.

I had an inquiry about Boat/US membership cost for PYC as a group. It is \$9.50 to join using our group rate. The number is GA80260Y.

If I can be of service to you let me know.

Happy and Safe Boating
Brian
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FLEET NIGHT

AT

WEST MARINE

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6, 2000

5:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Wholesale pricing for Yacht Club Members



A Hearty Thank You from Adolph Kurth

I would like to thank Michael and Jerri Schiff along with all the members of our Club for the kind Get Well wishes sent to me during my recent stay at Rochester General Hospital.

I am happy to report that after the latest "stent" implant I am feeling great and am ready to go Sailing again.

I hope to see everyone at the club soon.

Adolph



Rear Commodore Reports

by Doug Axtell

Notes from the Engine Room--

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Please find enclosed in this newsletter the work assignments for the coming haulout. We are once again hauling on Friday and Saturday in two full shifts to cut the operational costs somewhat. In addition, this year we have contracted with Webster Crane to haul the boats. This company is new, but the crane operator is one we have used before when we used Steve Sill's services, so the gentleman is familiar with hauling boats. Using Webster Crane will reduce our operational costs somewhat as well, and the crane is rated higher than the Gottry crane used in recent years. As in previous years, I would like to remind members to have two dock lines attached to their boat other than those used to secure the boat in the slip. These lines should be long enough to control the boat when it is lifted or at least 30ft. The crews should not have to untie these lines; they should be coiled and ready for use and on the cleats of your boat. The boat owner or the owner's representative must be present on the shift when your boat is being hauled. See the work assignment sheet to determine when that is. The crane will begin hauling boats at 7 a.m., so you should have your boat ready to go before the beginning of your shift. I generally go down and put the lines on my boat the day before haulout. Your boat should be ready to move if it is being hauled away from your normal slip location. So those boats moving to be hauled on the north shore area, or those requiring movement should not have winterize engines until they are on the hard. As in previous years; I would like to remind everyone to work around these boats with great care. You should not put your self in a pinch point where the multi-ton boat could injure you. We also do not let anyone under the boats when they are being lifted. One moment of carelessness could last a lifetime, safety first and accidents last.

The bad news; Xerxes Marine notified me in late August that they would not dredge our harbor while there were boats present. Xerxes was originally to complete the dredging in mid-August. They wanted to do this work in late October or early November, because they were worried about damaging boats. However, our DEC permit for dredging is from May 1 to September 30, so this is not an option. Xerxes requested this contract when they drove piles earlier this year, since they had done good work, I agreed. After the Xerxes contract failure, I contacted Dissen and Juhn to dredge. They said they would do this work when moving between jobs in early to mid September. I was notified in the second week of September that Dissen and Juhn were behind on two bonded government contracts and they could not complete the contract until Nov-Dec period. This is not an option because of the permit restrictions. Therefore, the current plan is to get on Dissen and Juhn's billet for May 1st of 2001 for work on dredging and dock (piles) repair. Sorry about this, I have spent many hours on the phone with these contractors and have driven to the club multiple times to review the material with no fruit. I am as disappointed as anyone is about this, we cannot compete with the big government jobs, I guess. I plan to explore other options; such as using a large excavator to remove some of the silt in critical slips before haulout.

Doug Axtell

Rear Commodore



On The Range

by Eric Matteson

ATTENTION RECIPIENTS OF LAST YEARS TROPHIES

It is nearing the time of year when I need to ask for the return of the permanent awards from last year. Please try to return them to me ASAP, THIS MEANS NOW!!!!!! I would also like to ask that they be returned in the same condition that they were given as it gives me a good head start on polishing for the fall banquet. Now that the display case is completed in the club house I would like to begin using it as a way to further recognize the outstanding effort made by the current and past members.

Now that I have that out of the way here is a quick recap of the latest happenings from my perspective.

The Commodore's Challenge came and went on a fine day for sailing and with a lot of advice (mostly bad) from yours truly. The Mariners were able to uphold their tradition of beating us at our favorite game. The party was and always is fun and as usual the Carrs put on a fine feast for all. This event is really one that seems to get going at the post race party. There are always congratulations to be passed around and a bit of camaraderie that exists between the competitors. I had a great time conversing with the PMI crew while sharing snacks and a cold beverage. When it is over we all agree that we should do this kind of thing more often and we really should.

The racing season went out like a lamb, this year with the first cancellation of the Bown race that I can remember. I was thrilled to see 13 boats at the start all ready to give it their best, and incredibly disappointed when after 3 hours we were not much more than half way there. Since this has never happened in my recollection, I did not even have a back up plan in place. We may have to skip a year for this event unless another opportunity for a long distance race can be found. Thanks to Joe Davis and company for starting us off. I wish we could have fired that shotgun once more for the finish.

I am still collecting cruising mileage for our annual cruising award. Please give me details, etc. or at least a good story or two from this season. Miles add up quickly. Check your log books you might be surprised.

As I am finishing this entry for the "Soundings", it is the first Thursday night when there is no race and I feel like something is wrong. Every week I have managed to spend my Thursday evenings in Pultneyville and there is no other place I would rather be. I think next Thursday I will go back to my routine. The thought of working around the house on a Thursday is too much to bear as long as the weather is still nice.

See you at my favorite place.
Eric

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the fall banquet. Last year we had to wait until Memorial Day to finish handing out some of our "prestigious" awards. It may be better to take them early so that the reasons you won can be long forgotten by spring.

Eric Matteson

Fleet Captain

Vice Commodore's Report

by Roger Carr

As I write this article, we are nearing the Clam Bake, again hoping for dry weather. Each of these articles seems to start out the same way, talking about the weather. I guess that has a lot to do with events held out of doors. Here's hoping!

After the Clam Bake, the social events take a breather as we move through Cradle Day & 2 Haul-out Days. Any one who would like to help serve break snacks or lunch, just show up. Helen & I can always use the help. We haven't lost any volunteers to date.

The next social event will be the Fall Banquet hosted by Marti & Chris Tertinek. Marti is making arrangements @ the Rochester Yacht Club for what should be a good time. The banquet will be held on Saturday, November 18th. To insure that every one has ample time to consider attending & make reservations, the flyer will be posted in the clubhouse on the white board as soon as Marti has the facts. There will be another copy of the flyer in the November "Soundings".

Survey opinions have been flowing in. The board will have reviewed them at the September 18th meeting. On September 11th, there were 11 pages of compiled typed comments. By the size of the report, I doubt it will be mailed. You will see copies of it on top of the clubhouse bookcase for your reading pleasure. Be sure to pick up a copy.

Roger Carr

Vice Commodore



Why we would like to become members of the Pultneyville Yacht Club

Larry and I would like to share with you some of the reasons we would like to join the Pultneyville Yacht Club. A year ago, Larry traveled with members of the PYC to Cobourg for the annual Grampian Rendezvous. He returned enthused and impressed with the camaraderie of the group, full of stories about good people who loved both sailing and being together. I traveled along with Larry this year as the group crossed again to Cobourg, and I couldn't agree more with his impressions. Larry, our two young sons and I have sailed together for only 1½ years, and are still growing and learning. I found the Pultneyville sailors on the trip, including Don and Diane Boesel, Bob and Andrew White, Doug and Wendy Axtell and Dave Dworzanski, very welcoming toward us. They laid open their charts to show me navigation technique, freely offered advice and shared stories of both successes and mistakes. I was quite seasick on the first crossing, and this group of people, who hardly knew me, offered kindness, concern, ginger snaps and meclizine to help me on the way back! I was also impressed with the teamwork and concern everyone showed in getting all of the boats safely into the harbor when we encountered thick fog on our return trip.

The stories of cruising together revealed many great memories built over the years. We now sail with our boys out of Sodus Bay, and really know only one other family very well. Through our experiences with PYC members over the past one and a half years, we realize what we are missing now in our sailing lives: community. We are looking for a place to grow as a family and as sailors. I'd like for my boys to see that it is important in the club for each member to chip in for the good of the group. In short, we would like to be part of *your* community at PYC. Thank you for considering us for membership at the Pultneyville Yacht Club.

Margaret and Larry Helber



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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 7
October 20-21
November 18

Cradle Day - 8:00 a.m.
Haul out - 7:00 a.m.
Fall Banquet @ RYC