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# LAKE SOUNDINGS

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## Signals from the Commodore

By Bob Hamilton

Dear Members,

August has been a busy month so far. On the first weekend we had the Ladies Skipper's Race, The Commodore's Challenge and a Board Meeting all on the same day. The Ladies Skippers race was won by Cindy Kukuvka on a very light wind day. Good Sailing to all the participants.

With expert help from my crew of Lou Cardinale, Eric Matteson and the good ship Obsession, we were able to claim victory on the Commodore's Challenge Race. Although the Mariner's out maneuvered us and won the start, we rounded the first mark with a narrow margin that was sufficient to carry the race. Congratulations to Ron Hilgert and his crew of John Glauser and Rick Leavitt for an excellent challenge and thanks for hosting the wine and cheese afterwards. I am looking forward to having another go of it next year.

The club cruise started a bit rocky with the Friday cruise to Fairhaven through heavy seas. Some folks will be talking about that trip for a while. A total of seven boats made it to the Fairhaven Yacht Club. By Saturday night a total of 13 PYC Boats were tied up at Sodus Bay Yacht Club for the night. Congratulations to all who made the trek and thanks to folks at Fairhaven YC and Sodus Bay YC for their hospitality.

This year's Pig Roast was a great success with two extra events. The fun event was the fund raising dunking booth that brought in almost \$200 towards a fund for a yacht club tent to supplement the pavilion during special events. The second event was the burning of the mortgage for the new clubhouse. All the notes have been paid off and we now can claim the clubhouse as wholly ours.

As we look forward to September, I want to remind everyone of a couple upcoming events.

The Bown race will be on September 15, hopefully on gentler weather than previous years. There are usually opportunities to crew for those looking for the opportunity.

The election of 2002 officers will occur on September 15 in a general meeting prior to the clambake. The nominating committee comprised of Lou Cardinale, Joe Griffo, Jane Hamilton, Dan Harris and Steve Heffron have done a superb job of completing their task. If you have not seen the names in the clubhouse, the nominees for the 2002 positions are as follows:

Commodore-Bob Hamilton

Vice Commodore-Dan Harris

Rear Commodore-Larry Fedick

Secretary-Diane Griffo

Treasurer-Andy White

Fleet Captain-Kermit Sleggs

Winter storage commitments will be due in September and I hope all the membership who can possibly store with us will keep the boats at the harbor. The storage fees help offset the taxes and lease payments that we have to make.

The summer season has been great so far with hardly a bad weekend throughout August. Let's hope it continues through September (with some rain during the nights) so we can cruise all the way to haulout.

**Bob Hamilton**

Commodore



## The Secretary's Corner

by Brian McCarthy

Good day,

It's hard to believe that this is September already. As you read this several things jump out at this time of year. It's Pig Roast time, it's election time and it's time to dunk club members at the dunking booth. All and all it's getting like carnival.

The last board meeting was a light one but several facts are worth mentioning. We are "on" budget. We have rented more docks this year than last (5) and substantially up (11) from '99. We also dredged more than last few prior years with good cooperation from the Cornwall Trust. I hope a harbinger of things to come. A 5-year plan for improvements is roughly in place, and we may have to do the Baird docks sooner than later if the dock usage continues to climb.

Larry Rice will be pursuing a Waterfront Restoration Grant Application for the club. More in coming months on that subject. Doug is looking for 1-2 people who would push PYC to receive Harbor of Refuge status. These two items would/could be a real boon to the club in many areas. Contact Doug, sooner than later, if interested.



A negative problem that, at this writing, seems to be growing is the problem of parking between members and guests. A letter has been sent to Peninsula members, the primary problem area, and posted in the clubhouse for all others. Doug made a good point when he reminded the board that parking wasn't such a problem in the past few years because we were no where near dock capacity; We are now and it exacerbates this problem. It can be resolved if members treat members as friends not adversaries.

Hope you continue to have a safe and relaxed summer.

Happy and Safe Boating  
Brian

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Kermit Sleggs - Fleet Captain.



# Rear Commodore Reports

by Doug Axtell

## Notes from the Engine Room--

### A Suggestion:

This year we did much more dock repair than was initially scheduled or conceived. I had five docks slated for rebuild/construction and this ended up being eight docks instead.

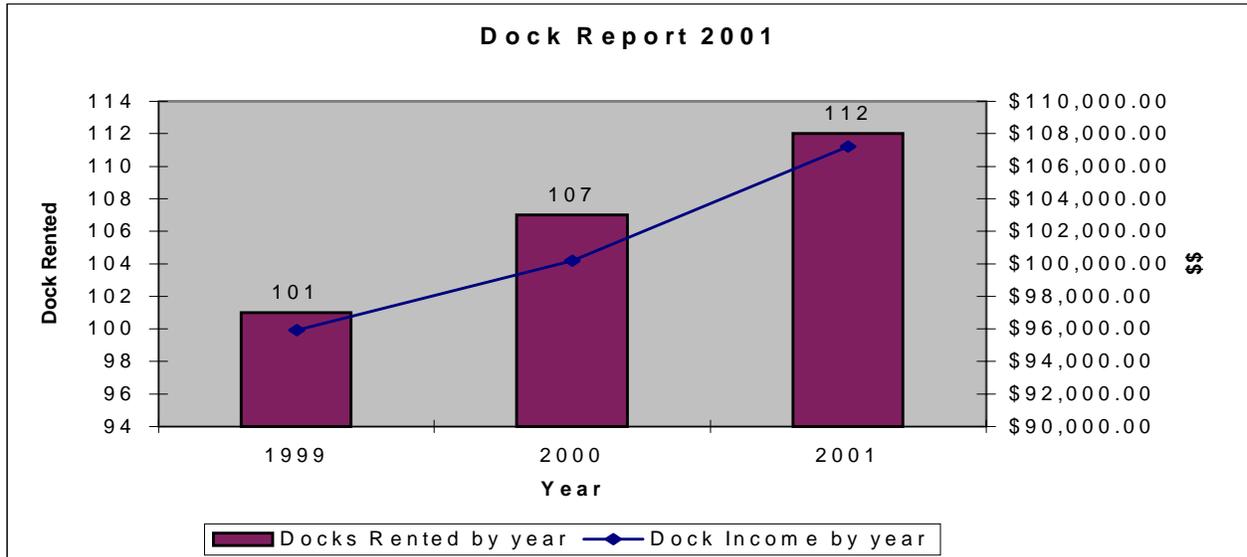
As a result of the "mission creep" and the numerous delays in the dredging and pile-driving project, there was a group of individuals who probably committed 4 or 5 workdays instead of the one required.

I submitted a proposal to the board to cover all of or a portion of their fall banquet fees with any monies left in the RC accounts. I believe the club owes these people some positive recognition and reinforcement for their tremendous efforts. The board has considered this proposal, and will make some recommendation before the banquet.

These people mentioned above made the boating season more pleasant for all the other members of the club as they contributed the use of their tools, evening and weekends to the projects.

### Docks & Budget:

So far this year we have rented 112 docks, which are 5 more than last year and 11 more than in 1999. We should have collected about \$6,000 more dock income than budgeted, which should offset the additional costs of the dredging and dock repairs.



I believe there is only one dock in the harbor now that is not rented. If the trend of the last 2 years continues, I believe that refurbishing the Baird Slips next spring/winter will be a necessity. I will work on a couple of plans, which will be submitted to the board and membership, complete with timelines, labor needs and pricing. I hope to have a few proposals ready before the annual meeting. This project would need a separate crew chief and gang of workers so that it could be done as opportunities present themselves, such as equipment availability etc.

### Harbor of Refuge:

It would also be helpful if we could secure harbor of refuge status in the next year. Bob Hamilton was told that this is a three-year cycle type government program. I would like to ask one of the club members to volunteer for this task and see if we cannot get Pultneyville harbor listed as an official harbor of refuge. This would involve tracking down New York State officials, Army Corps officials and perhaps United States Representatives as well as securing the correct paperwork and submitting it. I have some information, Bob Hamilton other information as well. This would probably involve lots of letter writing, phone call making etc. I assume that the next board would wave workdays for the individual involved if they meet the criteria specified in the 2000 workday guidelines. If you were physically constrained perhaps this would be an excellent way to help the club, much more than if you were pounding nails with the rest of us. Of course, I'm sure you'll still be welcome to eat a burger on workday with the gang. Anyone interested should contact Bob Hamilton or myself.

*Doug Axtell*

Rear Commodore

# On The Range

by Kermit Sleggs

Well, well, well here it is September already. How time flies when you are having fun!

My first year as Fleet Captain is going just fine and I am thoroughly enjoying my position. My wife, Harriet, deserves a lot of the credit for she is my left hand.

Judging from the great turnout and all the thank you notes, the women skipper's race was a big hit. I plan to include it in next year's schedule and perhaps offering a series of races that could either be held on Saturdays or Sundays. Additionally, I was very pleased with the participation in the Thursday night races. Everyone is having a real good time and more boats are joining all the time. We'd love to have YOU join us!

Don't forget the Bown race, which is scheduled for September 15.

Also, if you have a trophy please bring it to the clubhouse to be displayed in the new trophy case. Thank you.

Your Fleet Captain,

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## *Notes from under the mighty Oak:*

### **THE CLUB HOUSE NOTES ARE PAID OFF. HURRAY! HURRAY!**

Not too much is happening otherwise in the club financial world.

I did call the Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation office and talk to Rob Williams about the "Pultneyville Mushrooms". He did come out to the harbor and look at them and also visited the Mariners. I guess he also talked to several club members. His judgment is that they are composed of an algae that is growing along the rocky shore of Lake Ontario and then washing into the harbor. He stated that most all the harbors on the NY shore are experiencing the same problem. He is in contact with his counter part in Monroe County and will keep us informed.

The part that was new to me is the part about the "mushrooms" floating into the harbor. I was always under the impression that they originated in the harbor and floated to the surface.

I will keep you informed as I hear new information

Rich Critchlow  
Treasurer

# Vice Commodore's Report

by Roger Carr

The 2001 Club Cruise was a success. The high winds & waves on Friday made the sail to Fairhaven very interesting. Each boat had its own little story to tell. The evening was pleasant making for a nice picnic supper. The ride to Sodus Bay on Saturday was slower but a relief for many. Our thanks to Joe and Diane for hosting this event.

By now, we have had the 2001 Pig Roast. Thanks to Jerri, Mike, Dick, and Shirley for hosting the party.

We will have our second "Bring Your Own Picnic" of the year on Sunday, Sep. 2. The club will provide a charcoal fire & trash barrels. You bring the rest. It is a dish to pass affair unless you just want to eat your own food that day. The fire will probably be ready around 5 PM.

September is Clam Bake time. It will be held on Saturday, Sep. 15. The prices and menu are the same as last year. Remember to order exactly how many steamed clams and shrimp cocktails you want. There may be some extras for sale that day, but that is never guaranteed. Order now and be sure to savor the flavor. The Clam Bake is priced so you can order the basic meal, add steamed clams & shrimp cocktails if you wish, or go vegetarian. A flyer for reservations is elsewhere in this issue of the Soundings. See you there.

Roger Carr  
Vice Commodore



Tracy and Eric's BYOB Bash  
September 8, 2001  
Around 8:00 P.M.

Look for details on the white board in the clubhouse.



***We'll have a Devil of a good time!***



# *PIG ROAST 2001*



# 2001 Commodores' Challenge Race



PYC Commodore Bob Hamilton wins the Commodores' Challenge Race with Mariners Commodore, Ron Hilgert.

## ***"Obsession's" Winning Team***

From Right, Commodore Hamilton, Skipper, Center, Crew and major investor (he owns the boat) Lou Cardinale, Left, Tactician Eric Matteson.





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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.



September 15	Clam Bake & Bown Race
October 6	Cradle Day 8:00 a.m.