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LAKE SOUNDINGS

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**Signals
from the Commodore**

By
Bob
Hamilton



Dear Members,

August was a busy month with several events such as the Poker Race, Board Meeting, and Club Cruise. The Commodore Challenge race, also scheduled for August, was moved to September 16th after a weather problem developed on the August scheduled date. We also hosted the second Pultneyville Harbor Association meeting in our clubhouse on Aug 3. The dredging process was very successfully completed also in August with more material removed, along with a lot of weeds, than planned. We will share details on how the process went as part of the general meeting. The club cruise was a great success. A total of 7 boats made it to the Fairhaven Yacht Club. By Saturday night, 13 PYC Boats were tied up at Sodus Bay Yacht Club for the night and, with the drive-in cruisers, we had about 40 people at the Sodus Bay Yacht Club for a great dinner. Congratulations to all who made the trek and thanks to folks at Fairhaven YC and Sodus Bay YC for their hospitality. A big thanks to Eric and Tracy Matteson for making all the arrangements.

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

The Bown race will be on September 7, hopefully with gentler weather than previous years. There are usually opportunities to crew for those looking for the opportunity.

The September meeting will occur on September 21 at 1:30PM prior to the Clam Bake. The meeting will include reports from all the officers and discussion on 2003 plans as the Board starts the 2003 budget planning process.

The election of 2003 officers is also part of the September meeting process. The nominating committee, comprised of Lou Cardinale, Joe Griffo, Jane Hamilton, Rich Critchlow and Ed Walluk has done a superb job of completing their task. The nominees are posted in the clubhouse as well as in another article in this newsletter.

Winter storage commitments will be due in September and I hope all the membership who can possibly store with us will keep their boats at the harbor. The storage fees help offset the taxes and lease payments that we have to make. The fees did increase this year and the explanation is covered in Andy's article. However, our negotiation with The Webster Crane should provide more stability to the planning process. Let's hope September's weather is as good as it has been all summer so the cruising season can be enjoyed all the way to the end.

Bob Hamilton



The Secretary's Corner

by Diane Griffo

Membership: Our membership remains steady at 107 voting, 18 non-voting, 1 social, 2 CM, and 5 Lake Soundings only. As reported by several members upon their return from summer cruise, "We had a great time, but we're so happy to be back at PYC!!" From a fairly new member, "Joining PYC was a great decision! I love sailing and the social events." Our Membership Chairman, Jerri Schiff is doing an excellent job providing information (and the occasional tour) to prospective members. Larry Helber, our Dock Master fields questions from prospective slip renters. As always, continue to send inquiries regarding membership or dock rental to these capable members.



General Membership Meeting and Election: Our meeting will take place on Saturday, September 21st at 1:30PM at the pavilion. Our new officers will be elected at this time. The Clam Bake will follow at 4:00PM.

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PYCLibrary: September is READ A PYC LIBRARY BOOK month. Please feel to take one or more books to read in the "off season".

Lake Soundings Editors: We can never give enough thanks to our PYC Member Volunteers for all of the splendid work they do. Merrill and Cher Gray use Pagemaker software to edit for publication text and photos submitted for each issue of our newsletter. BIG, BIG THANKS!

Enjoy: September!

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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BOATU.S. AND PYC COOPERATING GROUP ACCORD

We've signed on for another year! Posted in the clubhouse is a poster that has information, and the group accord number for joining or renewing your membership at a reduced rate. BOATU.S is a recreational boating organization.



Chip Stevens Art Exhibition

Come enjoy an exhibition of original watercolor art by PYC member Chip Stevens during the month of September. Entitled, "Boats and the Psyche of Man", it is a juried exhibition under the auspices of the Wayne County Council of the Arts. The exhibit runs until September 27th. You'll find Chip's exhibit at the Arts Council, located at 108 West Miller Street, Newark, NY 14513.

For more information, call 315-331-4593.



Rear Commodore Reports

by Larry Fedick

Notes from the Engine Room--

Hello, Members:

I'd like to bring you all up to date on the progress we have been making regarding the dredging in the harbor. As you know, we had originally planned to do limited dredging in specified areas of the harbor as we have in the past, based on budget constraints. As you also know, this year we have been using a different dredging process that is less expensive and more efficient, and this change has presented us with unexpected opportunities. The following is an explanation of these new developments.



The dredging got started in the middle of August. The dredging contractor made a proposal that would save the club a significant amount of money; I discussed this proposal with the board and the board of governors, and they gave me the go ahead to pursue the proposal with the contractor.

The contractor, Rolf Wagoner, proposed dredging more material this year and defer the cost until next year. The benefit of doing this would save us the set-up cost for next year (a substantial fee). Before making this decision I discussed the benefits and risk with the board and several other members.

The benefits are:

Saving a large set-up fee.

Removing much more spoil than we had originally planned. Approximately two thousand seven hundred and sixty five cubic yards of spoil material will be pumped to the spoils area under the new projection. The areas that will now be dredged at the completion of the project include the channel, the entire harbor and the area from the end of the guest dock to Hamilton Street. The only area not being dredged is at the east end of the peninsula.

The risk is:

That some areas might silt in before the next scheduled dredging in 2004.

Since the club has gotten by in the past without dredging for a year, and because of the fact that several boats were all ready having trouble moving around in the harbor, I decided that the benefits outweighed the risk.

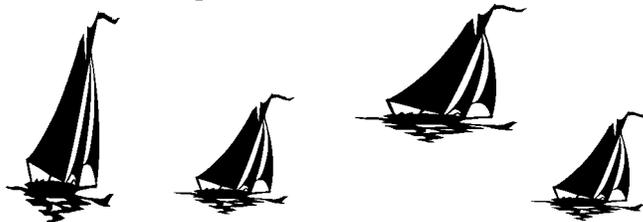
We also plan on building the new docks in the Baird House area this year. There are a few details that have to be worked out but they are minor in nature. This should be a fun project and I will be looking for a lot of help.

Also, the Haul-Out for this fall is being put together and you will find the sign-up sheet for haul-out elsewhere in this issue of the Soundings. I would like to thank Scott Nichols and Andy White for all their help-without it I would be lost. Thanks!

If you have any questions feel free to stop me and ask.

Larry Fedick

Rear Commodore



From The Treasury

By Andy White



Hello, everyone;

It's budget time again. Starting in September, the board will work on the annual budget for 2003. Insurance for the club has significantly increased (around 40%). The national CPI for 2002 indicates that our lease payment will most likely increase around two (2.0)%. We will look closely at our budget to trim costs but maintain the standards that we enjoy. Please think about the allotment of club monies and ideas to cut costs for 2003, and then bring your ideas to the September general membership meeting.

I'm sure by now everyone is aware of an increase in haul/launch/storage fees, approximately \$60 per boat (assuming seventy-five (75) boats participate). I will attempt to clarify on how and why the increase hit this year. First, a certain amount of money is needed to cover the costs of haul/launch/store activities. This amount is based on a club-agreed-upon formula. Fifteen (15)% of the lease and property taxes are covered by membership dues related income. Eighty-five (85)% of the lease and property taxes is covered by boat related income. Thirteen (13)% of the eighty-five (85)% is collected from members who store boats at PYC in the winter. Second, based on actual haul and launch costs and projected lease and property taxes, the total revenue needed is about \$25,000 this year. Third, in previous years excess dock income and over budget crane costs balanced each other out. This year we have had less than expected income from new members and dock rentals. Therefore, the fee increase is a realistic outlook to cover actual costs.

Finally, please make every effort to send in your payments on time. Late fees will be collected prior to launch if necessary. Thank you for your cooperation.

Andy White
Treasurer

Vice Commodore's Report

by Dan Harris



Greetings, everyone;

The Pig Roast was a success, as it always seems to be. A rough estimate shows there were 118 members and guests in attendance. A huge thanks to Nancy Gong and Peter Fisk for hosting this event. Also, it was a great idea to provide the kids with a game. Thank you to the Heffron family for their help in picking up supplies needed for this event and helping to make things go smoothly.

As you already know from the Commodore's letter, the Commodore's Challenge race was weathered in and has been re-scheduled for the 16th of September. We, of course, have high expectations that last year's PYC victory will be followed by another this year. Let us hope the outcome is more predictable than the weather.

Upcoming events for September include:

September 1- BYO Picnic. 5:00 PM; bring your own meat, beverage, and a dish to pass. The club will provide the charcoal if enough people attend. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the club house.

September 21- Clam Bake-General meeting with elections.

Well, until next time, Happy Boating!

Dan Harris
Vice Commodore



PYC 2003 Officers Nominees

The PYC Nominating Committee is recommending the following candidates as the 2003 Officers for the positions listed.

Commodore Steve Heffron
Vice Commodore Jack Bopp
Rear Commodore Larry Fedick
Secretary Diane Griffo
Treasurer Andy White
Fleet Captain Larry Rice

In addition, a group of PYC members has also nominated a candidate for the Vice Commodore position.
Vice Commodore Alex Brougham

Elections for the 2003 Officers will occur during the September 21 General meeting. As we have two candidates for a single position, I would expect the membership to evaluate the two candidates objectively and vote based on their belief of who would best support the position and the membership.



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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.



Sept. 1	BYOPicnic
Sept. 7	Bown Race
Sept. 14	Commodore's Challenge Race
Sept. 21	Clam Bake
Sept. 21	General Board Meeting and Election of new Officers
Oct. 5	Cradle Day
Oct. 18-19	Haul-Out
Nov. 16	Fall Banquet