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Signals from the Commodore

By Tom Ecker

Dear Members,

PYC has certainly been a busy place over the past month. The Rochester Power Squadron's 1999 Rendezvous was a great happening. We only had 9 visiting boats however many came by land. I heard many remarks on how very hospitable and welcoming the PYC members were. It really was a great event.

Friday afternoon on August 6th Cindy Kukurka held a flare demonstration which was attended by some 20 plus members. Everyone got to set off hand held and 12 Gauge Meteors. It certainly was great experience for those who had never set one off and hopefully they will never have to set one off. But if needed, they all have had the experience. Thanks Cindy, great job.

Once again the Pig roast was well attended, great food and a great time was had by all. Thanks to all who worked on it and especially to Mike and Jerri Schiff for heading it up.

While we still have a couple of months of great cruising left, I urge everyone to get their haul/launch/store reservation in so Don Boesel can begin his planning. That is a very large undertaking and Don does a great job at it, but he needs all our cooperation to plan a smooth haul out. Up coming is the First Annual Clam Bake on September 18th. As this is a catered event, we need to get our reservations in by September 11th. Hope to see you all there.

I hope everyone can take advantage of those warm late summer cruising days.

Wishing you fair winds,

Tom Ecker

Commodore



The Secretary's Corner

by Bob Hamilton

Hope everyone's cruising season is going well.

Reminder, if you found some clubs along the lake that we do not have reciprocals for, please let Jim Snyder or myself know before you lose the thought. We can provide correspondence for the next season.

The August Board meeting was held at the pavilion on August 6th and we worked on the financial processes and status the latest social and work events.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new member families to PYC - Ian and Angila MacLeod and Bill and Deborah Halling. Say Hi! to them when you see them at the club. Our club membership status is now 121 Voting, 12 Non Voting, 6 Soundings Only Members.

Now is a good time to talk to perspective members for the next year. If you have any candidates, have them contact Wendy Axtell or myself for information.

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We have renewed our listing in the Register of American Yacht Clubs for the 2000 edition. I should be getting the books soon and they will be available for review if you contact me.

Our BOAT/U.S. membership number is GA80260Y if you need it.

Next Board Meeting will be on September 8th at Tom Ecker's house. Time approximately 6:30PM.

All Officers are required to do a projection of balance of year spending and year-end balance as well as their requirements for the 2000 budget for the next meeting.

See you at the club,

Bob Hamilton
Secretary



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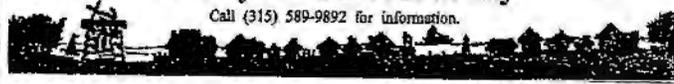
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Rear Commodore Reports

by Bob White

HAULOUT

The season marches on too fast, darn it. A few words again about haulout. I apologize about the error in the 1999 PYC Haulout fee table. I did make a special mailing or pass out the correct table, but have included it again in the newsletter to make sure I did not miss anyone who is hauling with us. The prices are the same as last year. Please note the summer cradle store is not included in the table. All requests should be mailed to Don Boesel. A 10% late fee will be charged to those received after 9/11/99. At this point we are assuming we will haul in the neighborhood of 70 + boats. If 80 or more boats are hauled, we will probably have to schedule one Sunday trick.

Cradle day is 10/9/99. Please make sure you inspect your cradle and make any needed repairs—to avoid trouble or delays during haulout. Cradle day starts at 8:00a.m. sharp. We are still planning on haulout Friday Oct. 22nd and Saturday Oct 23rd. Shifts are from 7:00am to 1:00pm and 12:00noon to 6:00pm. In keeping with the Friday alternate plan, the Southside and Peninsula Southside will haul on Friday. The Peninsula Northside and Northside of the Harbor will haul on Saturday. After all requests are obtained (mid September) a detailed work assignment list will be prepared and posted in the clubhouse and well as the October Soundings Newsletter.

Be advised that the haulout dates could be moved up (closer) in the event of low water. We have also alerted our crane operator (Gottry) to that.

WEEDS

Barry Hall tried valiantly to get some volunteers for weed patrol earlier to no avail. The weeds of course loved that, and with the clearer water and extra summer heat took over. As a result, we instituted a mandatory weed work trick for members. The first two groups worked August 15th with great success. Both the weed sled and manual rakes (on the raft) methods were used. The rake method was more effective comparing volume/man-hours required. The sled did catch those that were less visible. Certainly earlier efforts would have resulted in a reduced volume of weeds in the harbor, a lesson we should remember for next year. With perseverance the problem should be reduced. Chemicals are not the best thing for the environment, are a bureaucratic nightmare and expensive. These are problems and work, which the Board feels are not in our best interest. So, thanks to Barry and the first weed group!

PROJECTS

Since our last issue, on the volunteers for projects, we have made some progress.

Tom Dawes has volunteered to take care of the poison ivy.

George Del Vecchio has volunteered to make a frame for the Harbor Chart, which will be used for signout purposes.

Kermit Sleggs has volunteered to help with the cobblestone project.

Volunteers are still needed for:

1. Repair and dress up gas grills (Don Boesel has ordered some parts, need more though).
2. Build restrainers for garbage pails around pavilion.
3. Kill the weeds in the boat storage plateau area on the northside.

Bob White
Rear Commodore



On The Range

by Eric Matteson

My poem worked so well earlier this year that I would like to try a little sing along. I am not sure of the name of the James Taylor tune that these words go with but give it a try and I'm pretty sure it will come to you.

*I've seen weeds and I've seen muck
I've seen endless lines of boats all getting stuck
I've seen thunder, lightning, waves, and heavy rain
but I'm sure that I will make it out there...on the lake again*

This may sound like a sad story but it is really not. I have to admit that I am a little bit of a closet powerboater. This year I have really been having fun (while working) driving the Gull around for various projects and being able to offer assistance to others who have fallen prey to the gunk in the harbor entrance. So the real truth is that while not all of my time on the water this year was spent on my boat, I have probably spent a lot more time "boating" this year than ever before.

The month of August has been a little bit less interesting than earlier parts of the season with a very light breeze for the fourth race of the fall series on the 12th and only one of four Saturday fun races completed as of the middle of the month. The second of which was cancelled due to bad weather and a lack of competitors willing to fight heavy seas and rain. Maybe I should rename them to Saturday these are supposed to be fun races.

THIS MONTH

Our final "official" race for the season is to be held on Saturday the 11th of September and as it is the tradition for the Bown race we will be sailing to Sodus and back. This will be the first year in quite a few that I will not be attending but I am sure that this event along with the desire to finish off the year with a big win will bring out several contenders and maybe even a surprise entry or two. Look out racers there is a 300 plus handicap among us and bring your crew! We traditionally have plenty of wind for this race and you may need them. I have also been searching for a universally applicable event (power and sail) to get things going on the day of the Clam Bake. Keep an eye on the bulletin board and I will post what ever I come up with as soon as possible.

OUTSIDE OF THE CLUB

The First annual Hospice regatta will be held in Rochester on the 18th of this month. I have information posted in the club house and more at home. If you are interested please let me know and I will be happy to help coordinate.

ATTENTION AWARD WINNERS FROM 1998

The time of the year is fast approaching when I will need to get back the perpetual trophies. If you can find it in your hearts to dust, clean and shine them up for the next lucky recipient my job will be a little bit easier.

As always thanks to everyone who takes the time to read this newsletter.

*Eric Matteson
Fleet Captain*

AUGUST WEED DAY

Our first Weed Day, held on August 15, was successful...or at least as successful as a grungy smelly job can be. The highlight of the day for most of us was the shower afterwards.

Lots of weeds were removed from the North and South Harbors, learning a lot in the process. First, we learned that the Mighty Magic Weed Machine actually does remove weeds. It works a lot better by pulling it from the front of the boat while the boat drives backward than by towing it behind the boat. Second, and most importantly, we learned that the MMWM is MUCH less efficient than harvesting the weeds by hand from the work raft. Even two people on the raft put the three of us on the boat with the machine to shame. In the future we will forget the MMWM and use four people with rakes on the raft. It is also clear that I under-estimated the time required for the work. In the future, including the Sept. 11 Weed Day, the morning shift will need to start at 8:30 and work until noon, and the afternoon shift will start at 1:00 and work until 4:30.

I am grateful to Dave Cadregari, Scott and Garland Nichols, Robert Palement, Paul Roetling, Tom Pautz, Ronald Pretzer and Susan Hall for their hard work and uncomplaining participation. I'm especially grateful to Bob White who put in a hard morning shift although he had no obligation to be there, and to Eric Matteson who tirelessly worked both shifts (and longer) running the work boat, hauling weeds, etc., and who also had no obligation to participate.

We completed the North Harbor and most of the South Harbor. My apologies to those of you on the North side of the South Harbor whose boats still remain weed encrusted. The absence of one member from the morning shift and two members from the afternoon shift, who neither participated nor found a replacement, meant that we simply could not get any more done. The September weed day will start with the North Side of the South Harbor. At this point I think that we can, indeed, control weeds in our harbor by manual labor. I suspect that by starting in June and doing the job once a month it will not be as bad in the future. Weed control will add an additional 1/2 work day about every three years for each member.

Not only will it save the high cost of chemical control, it will properly spread the effort around to everyone instead of sticking some poor soul with 40-50 hours of work getting the required permits. I remind those on the Sept. 11 morning shift to report at 8:30, and those in the afternoon shift to expect to work until 4:30.

Barry Hall
"Mr. Weed"

Pittsford Musicals

Kiss Me Kate

Annual Outing for PYC members

Price: \$15.00 per ticket
Date: Saturday, November 13th
Time: 8:00 PM

Firm Deadline

Tickets ***MUST*** be paid for
no later than September 25th

In order to ensure good seats,
a block of tickets has been purchased,
so seating with the group is limited.

Please see or call
Jan Roetling (Illusion)
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