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LAKE SOUNDINGS

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Signals from the Commodore

By Tom Ecker

Dear Members,

Another great event has come and gone at PYC. The Pig Roast was certainly that. A big thank you to Mike and Jerri Schiff for heading it up again this year. It was well attended and everyone had their fill. The next event is the clam bake and I hope many plan to attend. A special thank you must go out to Helen and Roger Carr for all their hard work on the Pig Roast, club house and the pavilion. They both respond above and beyond the call of duty.

As I have stated before, if anyone has any questions, complaints, remarks or suggestions I urge everyone to bring them up to me. In that same light, everyone will be receiving a questionnaire in the mail and I hope everyone responds. It is through this way that we, your board, can move the club in the direction that the membership wishes it to go. Please fill out the questionnaire and return it. It will be helpful. At the last board meeting we had a lot of discussion about the various jobs performed by club members such as cleaning, upkeep, maintenance, lawns and grounds as well as special circumstance requirements for work days and your input will be appreciated.

The high water has certainly been a help this year. At the rate we are going, some dredging will be done in certain areas but we will be under. So far it looks like we have recouped a little from last year financially and this will keep the ball rolling.

“Try to learn from your mistakes and from new situations, be tolerant of your and your shipmates’ minor errors, and do your best not to make them again.” John Rousmaniere

Wishing you fair winds,

Tom Ecker

Commodore



The Secretary's Corner

by Brian McCarthy

Steve Cegelski has joined us with a reciprocal membership from PMI. Steve was a former PYC member.

Another note on electronic Soundings: This issue is going electronic for about 60+ members and snail mail for the balance; that represents about 50% of our membership. Remember the object was to save money and this count will save us about \$21 per mailing rates at regular postage rates. The saving will be used to reduce the cost of the Fall banquet. The board will decide how it will be distributed before Roger sends the form out.

If you have thoughts of changes and/or improvements that you feel would benefit PYC send them on to me or stop over to Leprechaun. Now is the time to start things rolling.

Thank those of you attending the Pig Roast for listening for a few moments about the Hospice Regatta. We did not get involved with this event as much as I thought would happen due to a little miscommunication but I have told them we will do all we can next year. I believe Nancy Gong will be a contact in the future.

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Nancy has also made some suggestions for information to reciprocal visitors, which we hope to implement in the future.

Per Terri Weagley's suggestion, PYC will be purchasing a "Chair" at Pultneyville's Gates Theater.

Happy and Safe Boating

Brian
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Ladies Sailing

Another good summer of Friday afternoon sailing has been completed. We had quite a turnout, with first

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Kermit Sleggs Takes It!

Kermitt Sleggs won his division at the Hospice Race with two first place finishes and a second place finish at the Genesee Yacht Club in the GO fleet. Congratulations, Kermit!



Rear Commodore Reports

by Doug Axtell

Notes from the Engine Room--

Sorry if anyone has not been able to reach me in recent weeks; Wendy and I sailed around the western part of the lake in the end of July and early August. The weather was spectacular with the exception of the wind, which was on the nose 75% of our trip. We expected to tack on the south shore; but we were looking forward to a sleigh ride from Toronto eastward on the north shore of Ontario, which never materialized. Wendy lost weight on cruise and now is offering to arm-wrestle all comers.

The club is in pretty good shape now. We have some weeds to contend with, and Xerxes is still supposed to be dredging the harbor too. In addition, Paul Roetling is investigating our chances of getting a matching funds grant to convert our harbor to a harbor of refuge. This would place the burden upon the government to maintain the channel at greater than 6 feet depth.

In the old clubhouse, we have traditionally offered ice as a convenience for a modest fee. This year there have been several problems; we have not been collecting enough money to cover the cost of the ice. I will put a note pad in the old clubhouse so that members may place an IOU in the strongbox instead of cash. I can then send you a bill, which you can pay by check if that is more convenient. I know scraping together exact change can be difficult at times. I hope this helps. In addition, the Holiday Ice Company now requests that we call them at the following number any time the level in the box falls below 50% (half empty). Holiday Ice – 1-800-721-4605. This is a non-toll call so it can be placed from the phone by the work shed. Any member who notes depleted stores may make the request for delivery. I only make it to PYC periodically so I would appreciate it if other members helped keep the iceman on his best behavior.

We also have received several phone calls from people interested in docks and membership in the previous month. The harbor is once again looking full. I hope that our lean years have past.

Doug Axtell
Rear Commodore



On The Range

by Eric Matteson

I can't believe we are leaving August behind already but here comes September. This season has been another whirlwind of activities for me and the days are flying by. I have only a few things to report for this month so I will keep this short so as to enjoy one of my favorite times of the year.

ATTENTION RECIPIENTS OF LAST YEAR'S 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 by the end of the month. 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 efforts made by the current and past members.

BLINDFOLDED SKIPPER'S RACE

The soon to be famous blindfolded skippers race will have to wait another month to be played out. It seems that there was so much wind and also heavy seas that even the most rabid racer had to think twice about the effect of flying blind. Just try to close your eyes next time you are out in heavy weather and see how long you can stand it. I would like to try again the morning before the Clam Bake if possible. The date is the 16th of September and I will try to have a skipper's meeting at 10:00 A.M.

As I am writing this the Commodore's Challenge has not yet taken place so it is a bit early to brag or cower. What I can tell you is that Pearson 26's are being supplied by Jack and Anneliese Bopp and Cindy Kukuvka. The Commodores and crew are ready for battle and we all agree that it is about time we whipped those guys. (In the event that we are not successful please use this as a reminder to console Tom and myself.)

BOWN RACE

Collect all of the spare parts you can carry and roust all of those landlubbers that you have been promising to take sailing this year and head out for the Bown race on September the 8th. If the last two years are any indicator we should expect to have a good breeze. Skipper meeting will be at 9:00 A.M. and following the race there will be hots and hamburgers and drinks at the pavilion. Please bring a little something extra to share and we can tell tall tales until the day ends. The course will be set as is the standard, to Sodus and back. All sailors are welcome to test their skills at this event. Please let me know in advance if you will be attending so I can provision accordingly.

ATTENTION CRUISERS

It is time to report your cruising miles to me as eligibility for our cruising award. The PYC burgee has traveled many miles this year and I am looking forward to checking out your cruising logs.

This seems to be all of the news that is fit to print for this month.

Make the most of the good days we have left.

Soon it will be too late to wait until tomorrow.

Eric Matteson

Fleet Captain

Vice Commodore's Report

by Roger Carr

The weather held & we had a dry, comfortable Pig Roast. There were 133 attendees. I'd say by the amount of food consumed & beverages drunk, folks had a good time. Mark put on another great meal. Mike's music fit in just right. There was a lot of business @ the T-shirt & burgees stand. We sold quite a few PYC baseball caps. Helen & I extend our sincere thanks to Jerri, Mike, Dick, & Shirley for their work in making the party a success.

There is going to be a survey mailing to all members in September that among other things is going to ask for your input on future social activities. We want to do this early enough so that planning will be completed in time for the 2001 club financial budget.

Starting back in April, Helen & I have received & appreciated the tremendous support & work of the club members in keeping the clubhouses clean & picked-up. Our thanks to those who we know helped & to the many who pitched in & are unknown to us.

Last, but not least, we have another party on the books for your enjoyment. It is our Clam Bake on September 16. Rotisserie chicken, Italian Sausage, both kinds of chowder, salt potatoes, corn, steamed clams, shrimp cocktails, etc. are on the menu. We have been able to hold our prices from last year. A flyer for reservations is elsewhere in this issue of the Soundings. The deadline to make reservations is short, so don't delay if you are coming to what should be another good time.

We have attempted to clarify the pricing of the meal. An adult member who pays \$14 receives everything in the menu except it does not include any steamed clams or shrimp cocktails. Steamed clams & shrimp cocktails are ordered & priced separately in the flyer. This allows folks who do not want clams or shrimp to come & enjoy the rest of the meal. Children's & vegetarian pricing are also available.

While we may have some extra steamed clams & shrimp cocktails available for sale @ the party, they will not be made available until every one who preordered clams & shrimp have received them. The quantity of extras is unknown so a word to the wise – if you want steamed clams or a shrimp cocktail, order them when you make your reservation. People who sign up the day of the party may only get the basic \$14 meal.

You will be given tickets identifying how many if any steamed clams or shrimp cocktails you have bought. The tickets will be collected. No ticket - no clams or shrimp. This will require some patience & discipline on all of our parts, but it will be fair.

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.



September 9
September 16
October 7

Bown Race
Clam Bake
Cradle Day - 8:00 am