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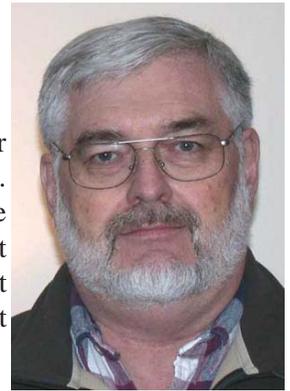
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Signals from the Commodore

As you read this we should be feeling the first vestiges of fall boating after a hot summer. As the year moves along so do club activities and projects.

I'm sure most of you have examined the new pier wall. The improvement stretches out for about 130 feet. At this time the dredging is well under way. I do not have a firm timetable. Some have speculated widely on the cost of this project, but that is not important beyond the speculation. This entire project was undertaken at the expense of the Cornwall Trust and that plus the financial relief they have shown us for the next few years is beyond a significant amount of funding. These are aspects that we as lessees had agreed to assume years ago but due to financial constraints have not been able to do so in the past few years.



I do caution you; the pier is built for tracked vehicles and trucks. It can be rough footing and is not intended for pedestrian traffic. It can lead to a false sense of footing especially as the smaller fill is still settling.

I have to say I believe we have started to foster a good relationship with the Cornwall Trust. It is imperative that that relationship remains and grows in a nurturing way beyond my tenure. Some have said that it was more adversarial in the past but that is counterproductive to all parties. I have and will try to continue on the path we are on to build the relationship while at the same time remembering that they are our landlord, we are the tenants and they are a business that needs growth and improvement like any other business.

We should be able to end this year, barring unforeseen circumstances, in the black. The plan as discussed during our relief discussions is to set aside some monies for emergency uses next year and to use the majority balance to start rebuilding our club infrastructure. I'm sure I do not have to tell you that it needs it all around and it is not going to happen in one year or even three. Hopefully we can progress at a fairly even rate to upgrade and improve what needs to be done to make our club even more presentable to potential members. At this writing I have estimates or awaiting estimates on several projects.

At this writing the fall roast is past and was a success. I'm sure that those that did come out found a very enjoyable event and all had an enjoyable afternoon. Again if you have never given an event like this a chance, please do so. It's a great chance to meet fellow club members and enjoy camaraderie off the water. I believe those that attended the very well represented Club Cruise, either by boat or car, will attest to that feeling.

The first haul out is approximately three weeks away as you read this. Think safety around this equipment. Believe it or not as rocks were being placed on the new pier I had to ask "guests" to leave the area as they were

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Signals from the Commodore, (cont.)

standing within the equipment's circle of operation and out of the operator's line of sight. That equipment moves much faster than you might think. Our launch crane also has blind areas and moves things at a good clip.

For those who may not attend the general meeting on September 17th, the committee to examine storage of boats at the club has issued its report. We will not be storing boats on the hard at PYC after launch dates. The executive committee will be changing the by-laws to be more specific in this regard. More will be said as time goes on.

Also at the June general meeting it was asked that a committee be formed to examine membership provisions as they are now set at PYC. That committee should be in place as you read this and the board will write the guidelines for them to begin their work in early September. Mark Laffin will be chairing this group, which I foresee having an extensive amount of work to do before any results should be forthcoming. This could be a very broad subject or very narrow depending on their tack taken. More on this will follow but at this writing I suspect that nothing will be presented until the December or next June Meetings.

Lastly, and I'm sure most already know, that Joe Griffo has left the board as our treasurer. Rich Critchlow has agreed to take over temporarily and Ron Hilgert has agreed to assume the post after Rich and will run for next year's post. As I write this, any replacement would require a 30-day posting and therefore there can be no vote on a new treasurer until December.

Brian McCarthy
Commodore





Rear Commodore Reports

Notes from the Engine Room.....

Hello, everyone, and welcome to September, the month of cool weather, the clambake, election of officers, and early haul-out.

On the subject of early haul-out, because I am going to be temporarily incapacitated by a medical procedure at haul-out time, I have asked Steve Heffron, as Haul and Launch Coordinator, to oversee those activities. If you have any questions regarding hauling early, Steve is the one to see. Incidentally, there is still time to sign up for early haul-out- there's no late fee involved if you get on the list by the 15th of September.



In case you missed it, there is deep water in the channel again, as well as in front of the gin pole. This was made possible by the Cornwall Trust, which not only dredged in the channel, but also in several slips on the north shore where several deep craft boats are typically hauled for storage. This, combined with deep water at the gin pole should make this fall's mast removal and boat hauling a much easier, and hopefully faster experience.



Beach Bum at haul-out, 2004

If you are thinking about hauling early, please don't wait until the last minute to throw your hat into the ring. The haul-out process always goes better when it is well orchestrated, and boats that show up at the last minute result in delays caused by unplanned crane moves, and stops to adjust or change the frame. That translates into lost time; and time, as they say, is money. So, if you would like to help the club spend less money, all you have to do is sign up in advance so you can be put in the schedule.

For everyone else, if the fall is as fine as our summer has been, there will still be a substantial amount of pleasurable time on the water before our regular haul in October.

Enjoy, and we'll see you at the club.

Merril Gray
Rear Commodore



Fleet Captain's Journal

July 22nd's First Annual Jim Ely Memorial Moon Race was an exciting event. Eight boats participated. The results have been posted on the racing page of the PYC web site. The event began with a skipper's meeting held at 6PM where a trophy dedication was held in the pavilion. I covered some of Jim's club and community activities along with his history as a talented and respected racer. Several members of the Ely family were present including his wife Michelle. Some of the friends and family of Jim actually participated in the racing on board Zest with Larry Rice at the helm. Larry assisted me with organizing this race and I thank him for his work in making this a success.



The winds were about 15kts at the start with 3 to 6ft waves & peaked around 18kts. There were at least two boats running single-handed despite the challenging weather conditions. The wind changed directions several times over the course of the race from WNW to NW then N and finally NE at the finish. On the run back a single cloud with lightning activity every 5 to 10 minutes kept us entertained with white, blue, and yellow fireworks. I think Jim Ely had something to do with all of this activity in the heavens. He must have had his eyes on us. The race was completed by most boats in a little over 2 hours for the 10.5 NM course.

We had a surprise winner! Sea Dog with Daryl Hunt at the helm cut through the almost foul weather with ease and an achieved speed of almost 5kts average for the race. Congratulations Daryl !!! The full moon finally rose as we gathered in the pavilion afterwards. Thanks to all who came out to race. I hope next year's run will be as exciting as this one was.

The summer series concluded two weeks ago and once again we had the bare minimum number of races to comprise a series. The weather has not been in our favor this year. I noticed this is not the first time though. PYC racers experienced a similar fate back in 1996 when 7 out of 14 races were cancelled. Four boats racing that year are still active participants. The summer series final standings posted in full on the web site. Our winners were:

Rank	Fleet	Boat Name	Skipper	Pts
1st	Genoa	Glad Tidings	Doug Axtell	5
2nd	Genoa	Penelope	Tom Jayne	8
3rd	Genoa	Soukara	Jim Anderson	9
1st	Spinnaker	Comic Relief	Earl Chapman	5
2nd	Spinnaker	Summer Snow	Tom Foley	7
3rd	Spinnaker	Defiant	Ed Walluk	10



The Hospice Race will have been held by the time this is published. I want to thank all of the membership who supported our racers in this cause. This year's PYC racers include: Don Boesel (Avalon), Roseanne & Rich Critchlow (Polish Princess), Tom Foley (Summer Snow), Robin Wilkinson (Petrel), Don Byrnes (Edelweis), Harriet & Kermit Sleggs (Ariadne), Darryl Hunt (Sea Dog), and Mark Blaakman (True Colors).

The Bown Race is coming up on September 10th. Please find the sailing instructions and notice of Race on the web site. We are planning a staggered start to hopefully have all back at PYC at the same hour with a party afterwards.

Mark Blaakman
Fleet Captain

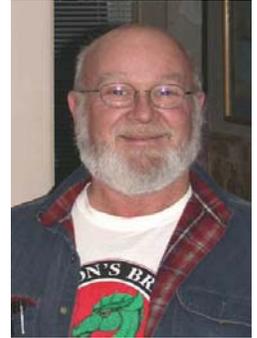


Vice Commodore Reports

I have an excellent report on the club Pig Roast- it was a huge success by all accounts. It was done a little differently this year than in past years, with members



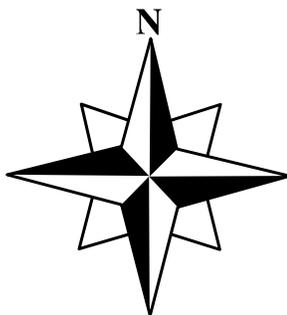
being asked to bring their favorite nosh, dessert, or salad. This resulted in a wide variety of all types of foods not normally seen at a catered gathering, especially the munchie table, which was a new item at the "roast"- many comments from members about the munchies, who said it made it feel more like a party.



The bulk of the praise goes to Michael and Shari Melich, our hosts for the Roast this year, who engineered our first "home grown" pig roast in quite a while.

Mike says he couldn't have done it without his crew; Tom Jayne, the master chef, who donated his pig roaster, along with Eric Matteson and Don Byrnes, a new member, who jumped in to help get the pig and turkeys just right, and of course, do some quality control.

If you missed it, you missed some grand food and a great time. Our thanks to the Melichs, and everyone else who took part to help make this event the success it was.



*Dick Sheehan
Vice Commodore*

2005-2006 Haul, Storage, and Launch Form

Early haul-out is scheduled for September 24th. Late Haul-out is scheduled for October 22nd. The start time for both days will be 7:00 AM. Please send this form in by September 15th with your check. We will not cash any checks until after September 15th so there is no advantage to wait. Everyone pays based on the same form. There will be no surcharges for either Haul-out day. Work crew assignments will be sent out after September 15th. Any Haul-out forms postmarked after September 15th will be assessed a 15% surcharge. We will expect that surcharge to be included with any late payments.

Thank You,
 Steve Heffron
 Haul and Launch Coordinator

Haul, storage and launch fee lookup table.

Beam	Length																	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
6	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	242	248	255
6.5	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	247	254	262	269	277
7	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	242	250	258	266	274	282	290	298
7.5	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	242	250	259	267	276	285	293	302	311	319
8	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	248	258	267	276	285	294	304	313	322	331	340
8.5	240	240	240	240	240	244	254	264	274	283	293	303	313	323	332	342	352	362
9	240	240	240	240	248	259	269	279	290	300	311	321	331	342	352	362	373	383
9.5	240	240	240	251	262	273	284	295	306	317	328	339	350	361	371	382	393	404
10	240	242	253	265	276	288	299	311	322	334	345	357	368	380	391	403	414	426
10.5	242	254	266	278	290	302	314	326	338	350	362	374	386	398	411	423	435	447
11	253	266	278	291	304	316	329	342	354	367	380	392	405	417	430	443	455	468
11.5	265	278	291	304	317	331	344	357	370	384	397	410	423	436	450	463	476	489
12	276	290	304	317	331	345	359	373	386	400	414	428	442	455	469	483	497	511
12.5	288	302	316	331	345	359	374	388	403	417	431	446	460	474	489	503	518	532
13	299	314	329	344	359	374	389	404	419	434	449	463	478	493	508	523	538	553

Beam and length dimension in feet.

Above table does not include summer cradle storage fees.
 TRAILERABLE BOATS STORED FOR THE WINTER = \$150
 SUMMER STORAGE FOR CRADLES, STANDS, TRAILERS = \$30/year

For your records

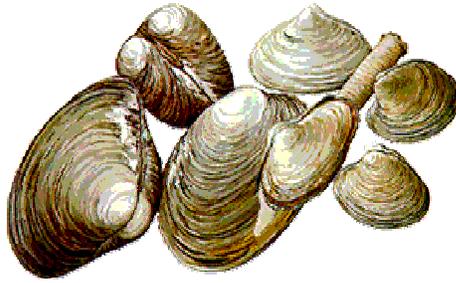
Fold & tear here - send lower portion with check to Alex Brougham by **Sept 15th**. Check No.:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Boat Name: _____ Length: _____ Beam: _____ Weight: _____ Slip: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> I will not be hauling my boat at PYC in 2005 (for planning purposes) or Email dandsheffron@yahoo.com
Please select Haul Date: <input type="checkbox"/> September 24th <input type="checkbox"/> October 22nd	Mail to: Alex Brougham 613 Concord Drive Webster, NY 14580
My cost for H/L/S from table above: _____ \$150 Trailed Boats Winter Storage: _____ \$30 for Summer Store of cr/tr/stds: _____ Late Fee: _____ Total: _____	For PYC Use Date Received: _____ Chk OK: _____ Entered XLS: _____ Chk Treas.: _____
Check payable to: PYC 15% late fee after 9/15/2005, dates checked by postmark.	

PYC CLAM BAKE

Saturday, September 17th

4:00 pm



Menu

Chicken, Hots, Hamburgers, Clam Chowder, Salt Potatoes, Baked Beans, Beer and Wine, Pop and Bottled Water

Again this year, we are doing the event ourselves to keep the cost down. Please bring a dish to pass. A – D: Desserts, E- K: Appetizers, L – Z: salads.

Note: The basic \$8.50 price per adult does not include any clams or shrimp. Clams are priced at \$3.00/dozen and Shrimp are priced at \$3.00/serving. You must order exactly what you want.

Name _____

Send Check Payable to PYC

Adults @ \$8.50 _____

Guests @ \$10.50 _____

Children (7-13) \$4 _____

Vegetarian Meals @ \$6 _____

Dozen Steamed Clams @ \$3 _____

Shrimp Cocktail @ \$3 _____

Mail to:
Rich Critchlow
6353 Stillmeadow Way
Williamson, NY 14589
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Please place your reservations by September 10th. For reservations made after September 10th, a \$2. will be added. Walk-ins will be charged a \$4. surcharge. Reservations after September 10 and walk-ins may have clams and shrimp on an as-available basis.



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<http://www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org/>

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 3	BYO Picnic, 5:00 PM
September 10	Bown Race
September 17	First Cradle Day, 8:00 AM General Meeting and Elections, 2:00 PM Fall Picnic, 4:00 PM
September 24	First Haul-Out, 7:00 AM
October 15	Second Cradle Day, 8:00 AM
October 22	Second Haul-Out, 7:00 AM
October 29	Fleet Captain Work Day