



LAKE SOUNDINGS

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Signals from the Commodore

Good Day Fellow Members,

This month's Soundings articles are being written a bit earlier than usual so I am not going to report on the board or general meetings in this issue. We do hope to have by-law change proposals for a Dec. meeting vote; a report on the in-season-hard-storage question from that committee, and Steve Heffron will report on the upcoming haul and launch. We have formed a committee to examine membership issues and will be passing on guidelines to that group in the coming weeks.

As most are probably aware, the advice to leave the channel on the North side of the range still stands for this time of year. We did have a neighbor to the East get stuck while going down the center of the channel in the non-dredged area and some of our boats have been tight.

The new Pultneyville restaurant, Relish!, is open for dinner only. Scott indicated lunches may be in the future but for now it will just be dinner. Most who have gone for dinner have had a good experience. I believe it definitely is worth a try. Lunches may follow by next season.

I'm hoping that all keep those affected by Katrina in their thoughts and prayers. We have seen the damage that an ice storm can do around here but it doesn't compare to the devastation in those areas. The entire nation will be feeling the economic effects for quite a while. We will be discussing making some purchases this year as opposed to next year to offset some of those increases on needed supplies as we strive to start rebuilding the infrastructure around the club. Price increases at local supply stores are showing substantial increases presently in addition to everyday items, like gas. If you can conserve utilities around the club, it could help reduce our costs.

It is also a time to remind members to keep Ralph Sylvester and his family in their thoughts and prayers. As I write this, Ralph is battling hard at Rochester General after a serious head injury sustained in a fall at home. Ralph is always at the front of the line for fellow members when they need help on their boats. Debbie Heffron is sending out periodic updates by the club email list.

I hope that all goes well and safe as you work through your haulout and preparations for winter storage and I hope to see all at the Fall banquet and December Meeting.

Brian McCarthy



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The Secretary's Corner



Current membership is 95
Voting, 14 Non-Voting, 1
Social.

Many of you have asked me why Haul, Launch, and Storage (HLS) forms and payments are being sent to the Secretary instead of the HLS Coordinator this year. The primary reason is that our By-Laws state in Article III, section 5 that "All dues and fees are payable to the Secretary". It is our intent to continue this practice next year for dock payments as well as HLS payments, and possibly for social functions.

The Executive Committee's decision to do this is not a reflection on any past or present person who has volunteered to take on duties that require collection of fees or data, it is solely an effort to consolidate club financial and membership information into the Secretary's database and allow us to more efficiently manage the club.

Please remember that I am only collecting the checks and gathering the data for the committee chairs who are doing the actual work. In the case of HLS for this year please contact Steve Heffron with any questions or concerns about HLS.

Alex Brougham

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Fleet Captain's Journal

Fellow Boaters,

The sailing season is quickly coming to a close and our racing calendar is nearly history. As of this writing, we have but one race left before the fall series comes to a close. Last weekend we had a beautiful Saturday for Bown Race with decent winds and modest seas. It was too sporty at the start for one boat that had to bow out. For the rest of us it was the fastest Bown Race in several years with most boats finishing in under four and a half hours to get to the Sodus Bay channel and back. This year was especially sweet for one of our most revered members and his crew of Dulcinea, a past fleet captain, and a worthy recipient given tough rating of his boat - sincere congratulations to Eric Matteson and his crew!



Results from the Bown Race were:

Genoa Division

- 1st - Tantrum - Tom Bolt
- 2nd - Soukara - Jim Anderson
- 3rd - Sea Dog - Daryl Hunt

Spinnaker Division

- 1st - Dulcinea - Eric Matteson
- 2nd - Comic Relief - Earl Chapman
- 3rd - Defiant - Ed Walluk



Looking ahead... Fleet Captain's Work Day is approaching and I will need the help of 4 to 6 able seamen to retrieve race and navigation marks from the lake. I can promise coffee, donuts, and maybe even lunch for those who come to my aid. Please approach me at the few remaining upcoming events or email/call if you can help.

Once again, I am making an appeal for information to help me determine worthy candidates for several awards to be presented at our upcoming banquet in November. Please have a brief look in your log book to see the various special awards for cruising, lake racing, sportsmanship, goody-two-shoes, etc and who got them last year. If you would like to tout the follies or accomplishments of fellow sailors or even make an appeal on your own behalf I would love to hear the stories.

I am also looking for nice photos to post on our web site with any form of club social, boating, or sailing activities from the past season. I can accept them in almost any form, preferably digital, and via email, floppy, or CD-ROM.

Warm regards,

Mark Blaakman



Rear Commodore Reports

Notes from the Engine Room.....



What a beautiful summer it has been, and what a beautiful fall it appears to be! This time of year, as the leaves begin to change, boaters' thoughts also change to hauling out and storing their summer's favorite past time.

Now that the new Officers have been elected, I plan to spend some time with your new Rear Commodore Elect, Darryl Hunt, to help ease the transition to the club's new administration. At our September board meeting, there was a great deal of discussion about "improving the infrastructure" of the club- that is, fixing or replacing some items or facilities that have become run down over the years, or developing new procedures in search of better ways to solve old problems.

One issue that needs to be resolved-again- is the position of Haul and Launch Coordinator. Steve Heffron has done a fine job as the acting HLS lead but would like to retire from the post. As a Past Commodore, Steve is also a member of the Board, as well as the club Liason to the Board of Governors, which means Steve has plenty on his plate.

Scott Nichols was going to take over the post in the spring of 2006, but now that he has been elected Fleet Captain for the coming season, the role of Haul and Launch Coordinator is once again open. If you are interested in taking up the post of Haul and Launch Coordinator, please contact Darryl Hunt or myself. Our numbers and e-mail addresses are in your Log.

Early haul-out is now behind us, and will be reviewed to see if there has been enough participation to warrant its continuation in future seasons.

September, at the club, was for the most part filled with blue skies and sunshine. Let's hope that the fine weather continues for the few weeks of boating that remain before the second haul.

Merril Gray



Vice Commodore Reports

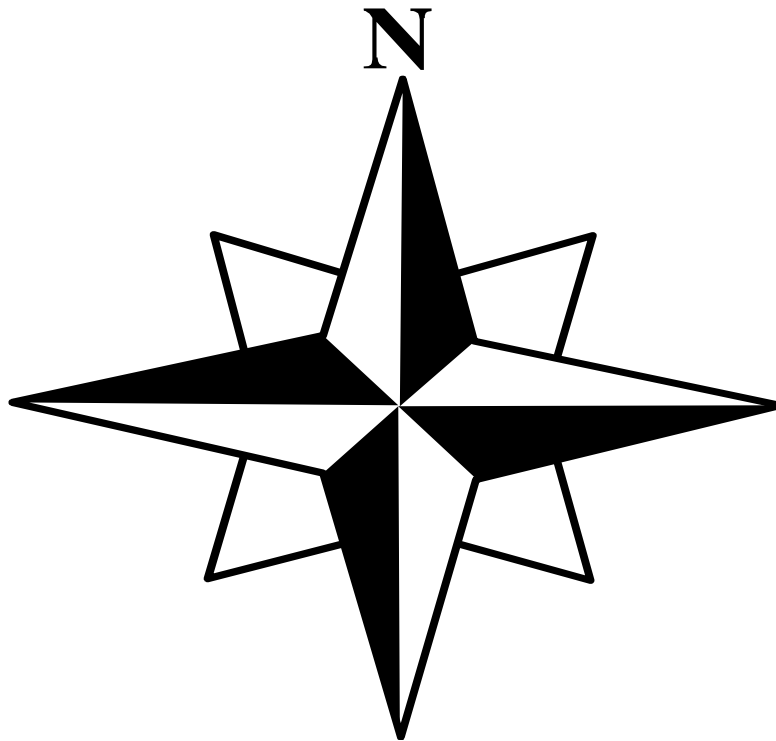
Well, the final hurrah for the season- Labor Day for those that need translation- has come and gone. The weather, with Katrina's help, proved to be the reason most of us were land bound.

As of this writing, the first cradle day will be over. The first haul out was Sept 24th. The second cradle day is October 15th, with the second haul out being October 22nd.

Don't forget that the Fall Banquet will be Saturday, November 12th at the Hospitality House in Penfield.

Save the date!

Dick Sheehan
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.



October 15	Second Cradle Day, 8:00 AM
October 22	Second Haul-Out, 7:00 AM
October 29	Fleet Captain Work Day
November 12	Fall Banquet
December 4	Annual Meeting at the Fire Hall