



# LAKE SOUNDINGS

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## Signals from the Commodore

Good day, fellow members;

I believe that all boats have left PYC for the winter and that this is the last issue of the "Soundings" for 2005. It also, unless Alex has another volunteer, is the last printed issue of the "Soundings." Once again if you have the means and the desire to print the "Soundings," let Alex or me know right away. If you do not presently receive the "Soundings" electronically but have an E-Mail address, you need to convey this to Alex if you want the "Soundings" delivered to your electronic mailbox. Otherwise your source for the "Soundings" will be the PYC website: [www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org](http://www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org)



The year's end banquet seemed to be enjoyed by all that attended. Others will indicate who received what awards. I can tell you, with pride, that the Commodore's Service Award was awarded to Bob Hamilton. Bob has always been one of the club's finest ambassadors in all aspects. His work ethic within the PYC family has been unending. Thank you, Bob.

I hope to see many of you in December on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> at our last general meeting of the year. I believe the meeting will begin at 1:00PM and, as is the custom, please bring a snack.

The Board of Governors, Chip Stevens of the Cornwall Trust and I will have met for year-end discussions after I have written this. I will report appropriate discussions to you in our next issues.

We did have a meeting with The Cornwall Trust to go over existing and current trends in PYC memberships, dockage, and H/L/S. All the charts indicate that all three are on a downward slope. It is a challenge that the 2006 board, and boards to follow, must address. The value of the PYC membership must be maintained in all these aspects, or surely it will be not be maintained in any. Being a working club, we desperately need to reduce the overall age of PYC membership if we are to remain healthy. Clubs around our area have found that amenities besides boating are needed to draw the younger generations. Today's society is very mobile and very technological in nature. Boating by itself is not the end all as many of our generation see it. There are many points of interest the younger generation juggles and if we are to remain an attraction we must learn to juggle those interests with them. It is imperative that we get that age group into decision-making positions in the near future.

I hope all have an enjoyable holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you at the next social event, the Cabin Party.

*Brian McCarthy*

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## The Secretary's Corner



Current Membership is 97  
Voting, 14 Non-Voting, 1  
Social

As you should all be aware this will be the last edition of the Soundings that will be published and distributed in hard copy form. Starting in January 2006 we will be sending electronic copies to all members with e-mail addresses. If you do not have e-mail the Soundings will be available from the club's website at <http://www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org/soundings.htm>

Jerri Schiff has asked me to pass on her thanks to the membership for taking part in the 50/50 raffle at the Fall Banquet, and to let the members of PYC know that we are donating \$80 to the Visiting Nurse Hospice in Jim Ely's name.

Please see the following proposed By-Law changes for review in preparation for a vote during the Annual Meeting to be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM at the Pultneyville Fire Hall

## Proposed By-Law Changes

### Page 6.1 Article II

#### Membership:

Present: A membership unit comprised of an individual or husband and wife shall be ..... Proposed: a membership unit composed of an individual person or a committed cohabiting partnership.

If approved change p6.2 general meeting membership unit comprised of ... line to read: an individual person or a committed cohabiting partnership

*Alex Brougham*



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P6.3 Article II., 7

Present: **Members** are responsible...

Proposed: **A Membership Unit** is responsible....

Present: **Failure of a member** to...

Proposed: **Failure of a membership Unit** to....

P6.3 Article II, Last Paragraph

Add no "9"

Split Mariners paragraph off from Social; it is not a part of a Social membership but unique and requires full membership in either club; fees are set by mutual boards.

P6.4 Article III , 6

A; Remove "boats left in " to reflect no boats on club property;

A: To read: **Empty Trailers** stored with cradles

Add c: **No boats** may be left or stored on club property after launch date has been completed.

Page 6.4 Article III, 7

Present : and delivered to the Rear Commodore, or his designee.

Proposed: and delivered to the Secretary who shall record them and deliver information to the Rear Commodore or his/her designee and checks and fees to the treasurer.

P6.4 article III, add 8

Present: None

Proposed: All Social activity fees, due on designated dates by the Vice Commodore, are payable to PYC and delivered to the Secretary who shall record them deliver information to the Vice Commodore or his/her designee and checks and fees to the treasurer.

If adopted change no 8 and 9 to 9 and 10 respectively.

P6.5 Article IV , 3

Present: **Five or more members**...

Proposed: **Five or more membership units** may....

Present: signed by such candidate that **he....**

Proposed: signed by such candidate that **he/she....**

P6.8 E The Treasurer

Add: No 3: The Treasurer and one other officer of the Executive Committee shall endorse all checks. In the event the Treasurer is not available he/she shall leave appropriate payment methods with the ranking officer available at the club so that club business will not be interrupted.

P7.1, 1

Present: , his or her membership passes on to the spouse....

Proposed: his or her membership passes on to a committed cohabiting partner.

P7.1,2 Add: Any prior member, with a rented dock in the harbor, rejoining after September 15<sup>th</sup> shall pay dues at the full rate as set by the Executive Committee.

# Have a Little Heart

*by Garland Nichols*

I'd like to tell you a little bit about the American Heart Association.

It's mission is to raise awareness and funds against heart disease and stroke. Cardiovascular diseases rank as America's No 1 killer, claiming nearly 1 million Americans annually. Some facts for you:

- 1) Heart disease is # 1 killer in New York State. (~58K people in 2000)
- 2) Stroke is # 3 killer in New York State (~8K in 2000)

What AHA does is strive to reduce death and disability from heart disease and stroke. One of the premiere events in Rochester, for AHA is the Go Red For Women's luncheon taking place on Thursday, May 18, 2006. This event is targeted to women to help raise awareness and educate the community. Here in Rochester, we rely on our community through corporate, medical and social communities to donate to the cause.

I'm the chair this year for the sponsorship committee and have recruited Diane Griffo, Jerri Schiff, among others to help me raise funds and awareness for this cause. The sponsorship goal is \$70,000. AHA has already secured about \$25K toward this goal through corporate sponsors. This luncheon includes a health fair with blood pressure screenings, fitness ideas, chair massages; guest speaker, and a live auction to benefit AHA.

Here's your opportunity to benefit PYC as well as AHA. By donating to AHA, through individual contributions totaling \$1000, we could be a Red Feather Sponsor, which would give the club some advertising/exposure to people in the Rochester community, a table for 10 at the luncheon, which we could do a drawing to see who gets tickets. Or if your company or business is interested as a corporate sponsor, please contact me and I'll take care of you. So please consider this one of your charitable contributions this year.

Thanks and we hope to benefit AHA as well as PYC.

Garland



## Dinghy Dilemma

We still have three dinghies on the dinghy rack that were not claimed this summer. They are described as follows

Rack #	Description
A1	Dinghy named Sojourner, plywood floor, 1 pair oar locks, keel slot fiber glassed over.
C2	Dinghy registered as NY 343 DS, 3 seats, oars, and 2 pair of oar locks.
C3	Dinghy by Sumner, 2 pair oar locks

Please contact Mark Laffin @ 585-585-314-8831, Bob Hamilton @ 585-377-0322 if one of these is your dinghy.

If no one comes forward to claim these by 1 April 2006, they will be removed from the rack and placed back in the orchard for storage. If one of these dinghies is yours and you are interested in selling it, please let us know and a notice can be placed in the Soundings or on the clubhouse bulletin board.



# Fleet Captain's Journal

The Fall Banquet was a lot of work for me and by the time it came to present everything I was ready for several drinks. I had so much to say that a lot went unsaid. Despite that, I had fun and I heard a few laughs out there so it sounded like everyone else did too. To recap the highlights and some of the statistics, a few pictures and presentation slides follow. I will eventually post the slide presentation on the PYC web site. The 2005 Thursday Night Racing Series results were:



Fleet	BoatName	Class	Sail No	Helmsman	Spring Points	Summer Points	Fall Points	Season Points
Genoa	Glad Tidings	Bristol 32	67	Doug Axtell	5	5	16	26
Genoa	Soukara	Pearson 30	1143	Jim Anderson	9	9	15	33
Genoa	Avalon	Grampian 26	411	Don Boesel	11	22	8	41
Genoa	Penelope	Tartan 27 Yawl	216	Tom Jayne	22	8	12	42
Genoa	True Colors	C&C 29-2	414	Mark Blaakman	18	14	18	50
Genoa	Sea Dog	Pearson 27 SD	74	Darryl Hunt	26	18	24	68
Genoa	Selkie	Pearson 26	958	Jack Bopp	19	22	29	70
Genoa	Practice	Beneteau First 235	91	Scott Nichols	28	21	23	72
Genoa	S2 - NoName	S2 7.3	1	Todd Gustafson	30	30	21	81
Genoa	Petrel	Islander 26	5	Robin Wilkinson	30	20	35	85
Spinnaker	Comic Relief	J 24 One Design	1558	Earl Chapman	8	5	4	17
Spinnaker	Summer Snow	Pearson 30	12820	Tom Foley	9	7	9	25
Spinnaker	Cebare	Tartan 30	466	Larry Feddick	5	11	16	32
Spinnaker	Defiant	J 24	US23	Ed Walluk	12	10	11	33
Spinnaker	Dulcinea	MacGregor 35 Cat	0	Eric Matteson	21	17	18	56
Spinnaker	Zest - FS	Tartan 34	4692	Larry Rice	18	14	24	56

Thursday Series Spinnaker Winners: Tom Foley (2<sup>nd</sup>), Larry Feddick (3<sup>rd</sup>), and Earl Chapman (1<sup>st</sup> place).

Thursday Racing Season Genoa Winners: Doug Axtell (1<sup>st</sup> place), Don Boesel (3<sup>rd</sup>), and Jim Anderson (2<sup>nd</sup>).

Our 2005 Club Champion – Earl Chapman

The overall Thursday Night Series Season winner is Earl Chapman with the low point total of 17 and surpassing the nearest competitors with an astounding 9 point margin. Another great racing season for the crew of Comic Relief.

Tom Jayne was noted as the Most Improved Racer with consistent showing on Thursday nights and an indisputable trend in race standings week over week.

The Long Distance racing results for this year are:

The low point winner for PYC long distance racing was Jim Anderson. Congratulations Jim! Standings for each long distance race this year can be seen in the chart above. Those with 9 points in the Bowersox, 10 points in the JEM Race, or 7 points in the Bown Race did not participate in those races. However, to determine the overall winner I had to apply DNC to those “no-shows” points where needed.

Several of our boating friends were “honored” with those fun awards again. Ed Walluk got the “On-The-Rocks” trophy for a love tap with Corso Rock that didn’t go unnoticed. Crew from 2 separate boats reported this event. Garland and Scott Nichols shared the Goody Two Shoes award for attempting the Bown race with “Baby On Board”. Guess they found out who was in charge of the crew that day. Larry Rice gets back the prestigious Clean Bottom award for being the last PYC sailboat to step her mast this season and get the most sailing in. The “pucker” award, as I called it, was not presented. This drew a thousand laughs none-the-less and I have been forever corrected on its true meaning and pronunciation. Thank you all!!! FYI – If you are as naive as I was: it’s the P.U.K.R. award, pronounced “puker”, and its given to the race crew or individual whose actions (for better or worse) prove the importance of good crew to the operations of a vessel.



Jim Ely Moon Race winner Daryl Hunt with Jim Ely’s son-in-law Tyrone Andrews presenting.



Anderson won the Bowersox trophy and gets the Cannan Cup for best in long distance racing this year.

I managed to almost forget to award the Cornwall Memorial Trophy. It was unintentionally left out of my slide show due to a jumble I had to do with a few of the trophies at the last minute because I had one come in late that I never knew existed. Larry Rice received the Cornwall Memorial for all of his efforts to help me insure this year’s racing program was a success, and equally, his participation in lake & club racing, knowledge, and seamanship, all of which comprise the spirit of the award.

I made a new Fleet Captain Service Award and presented it to my entire race management staff for the hard work they put forth to help with Fleet Captain work days, boat ratings, navigational mark, race mark, work boat and automatic committee boat maintenance. This is new a perpetual award containing small model boats used by Earl O’Laughlin years ago for racing rules training at PYC. The hand-made model boats were donated by Millie O’Laughlin.

***Mark Blaakman***





# Rear Commodore Reports

## Notes from the Engine Room.....

The season is past, and so is my term as Rear Commodore. As always, I have many people to thank. We had way too many projects of various types that needed doing and only limited manpower and financial resources. Even so, it was a summer of outstanding efforts by several club members who demonstrated their willingness to go beyond the usual “work day” obligation, and I would like to remind you of a few of them.

First, my heartfelt thanks to Tony and Jean Belaskas for their unwavering diligence to the duties of Facilities Manager. For years, Tony and Jean have been taking care of the details of the club that for the most part are behind the scenes and too often get little recognition.



If you were there for work day number two, you’ll remember that we spent the day finishing the clean-up after a professional tree surgeon felled the dead poplar tree behind the Baird House. One major contribution that made that job much easier that day, was Tom Jayne’s four wheel drive tractor that was put to use in numerous ways to handle the heavy lifting that we otherwise probably would not have been able to do.

And then there’s the new pump-out. It may seem like it appeared magically overnight, but in actuality that project was strung out over a period of several weeks as electrical and plumbing problems were worked through and implemented, once again due to a couple members’ willingness to go the extra mile. My thanks to Jim Houck, who arranged for the electrical changes and installations that were necessary on a couple evenings when I am sure Jim would rather have been at the downtown jazz festival; special thanks also to Robin Wilkinson who spent one sunny Saturday afternoon fixing the plumbing after I messed it up, when he could have been out sailing.

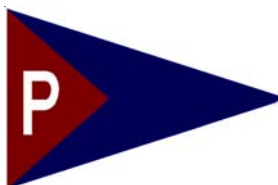
After it came to my attention that the winches on the gin poles weren’t working properly- not working at all, one member said- Don Boesel single-handedly undertook to rebuild one winch and get the other in working condition in time for unstepping of masts before haul-out.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn’t tell the story of the little job I asked CR Burcroff to do for me back in early spring. The government had changed its requirements for the permit for weed control in the harbor, and now demanded the name, address and phone number of every person who owned property bordering the water- lake or creek- within a half-mile of the harbor. This would require physically canvassing the community; I asked CR if he would do it for me since he was retired and probably didn’t have anything else to do, and we thought it might take an afternoon. Not so; but with typical gritty determination, CR stayed with it until the job was finished- two weeks later. So, it was largely thanks to CR Burcroff that our application for weed control was approved. We probably wouldn’t have had a weed control program this year if CR hadn’t done what he did.

And so, it was with great appreciation that, at the Fall Banquet, I presented this year’s Rear Commodore’s Service Award to CR Burcroff.. Well done, CR.

See you at the Cabin Party in February.

*Merril Gray*





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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.



December 4      Annual Meeting at the Fire Hall