



LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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Signals from the Commodore

Fellow boaters,

The past several weeks have been spent searching for a new secretary for PYC. Cindy Kukuvka resigned as secretary in December due to increased workload from the Wayne County District Attorney. The new secretary for PYC is Bill Sorrells. Bill observed our first board meeting and informed us that he is willing to take on this expansive job. We will assuredly miss working with Cindy, but we will enjoy working with Bill.



Feb 2 to Feb 5th will once again put us at the Rochester Boat show. The show has proved good to PYC in the past and hopefully will do so again. Bob Hamilton has once again stepped forward to give a large assist to Robin to put this event together.

The first social event of the year, the Winter Cabin Party, will kick off the season at PYC for 2006. I believe there are host slots for various events still open this year, and if you have never hosted an event it would be a good way to break in your involvement in the club. If interested, Give Robin a call or e-mail.

The calendar for 2006 is included in this edition of Soundings. As with any scheduling this far in advance dates may change, especially when they are involved with travel on the water.

This year it is hoped that we will begin a several year rebuilding cycle at PYC thanks in no small part to the Cornwall Trust. There are many projects that can be added to this list and if you don't see your pet project check with Daryl. If it can't be done this year it may be added to another year's list. Time and money preclude doing everything at once.

At the December meeting I had announced that Soundings would go all electronic due to a lack of a printer; that has been postponed with the offer once again from Doug Felton to step forward and print Soundings for the entire 2006-year. 2007 may find us searching again for a printer or going electronic. Many remarks at the meeting equated proposals of non-related projects to the demise of hard copy Soundings. Why could we spend on a new project if we can't afford to have hard copy Soundings? We had never indicated that cost was in any way involved in the stopping of hard copies; that it simply was a lack of an individual to take the printing job. We had an individual step up to do the job and we have hard copies where called for. If the change were going to be due to finances we would have said so.

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From The Treasury

We really do want your money, although it may not look like it!

My thanks to all the members who have endured the monumental problems we had this year getting your 2006 dues checks and applications to me. First the forwarding on our Post office Box expired a few days before Christmas and according to regulations the mail was returned rather than just hold the mail in the box. If there was no return address on the envelope the mail was probably sent to a dead letter office.

Brian contacted the Pultneyville Post Office and they updated the forwarding address to send the checks to me rather than Alex or Cindy to facilitate getting the applications logged and the checks deposited.

This new process worked for two days before this new data was entered into the "official" Post Office system in Henrietta. Once the data was entered the process of returning envelopes started all over again.

Seems the Post Office entered the incorrect starting data so the new forwarding instructions expired again after only two days! All those checks that had just been re-sent were returned to the senders a second time. After a third trip to the Post Office to correct the forwarding address and effective dates appears to have solved the problem. At this time the mail is getting forwarded. Guess the third time was the charm.

As reported at the December meeting the club ended the year on a very positive financial note with the accumulation of funds that will allow for some needed infrastructure repairs to our grounds, docks, and facilities this year. More on the details of these will be coming from your Rear Commodore soon.

Ron Hilgert

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Rear Commodore Reports

Notes from the Engine Room.....

Upstate winters seem to last forever – unless you're the new rear commodore! Days are getting longer, the boat shows are beckoning, and preparation is already underway for the upcoming boating season. There's a lot to do but I'm looking forward to the challenge and to working with all of you to keep the club running smoothly and safely. I'm also devoted, as you are, to maintaining and building PYC's reputation as the most scenic, hospitable club on the south shore. With your help, I'm fully confident of success.

Speaking of help... Thanks to Mark Laffin (already hard at work) for taking on the Dockmaster position and to Tony and Jean Belaskas for agreeing to continue in their role as Facilities Managers. I'm still looking for able volunteers for several important posts, including haul/launch and workday coordinators. If you would be willing to help out with these or other responsibilities please call or email.

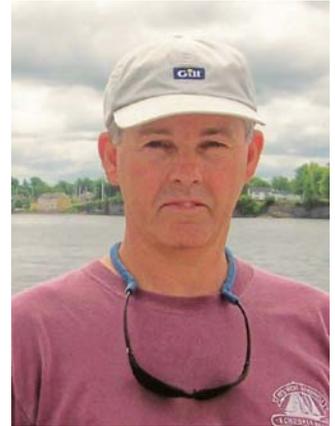
As you may know from the December meeting, our new lease agreement includes a significant commitment to capital improvements in 2006. I have a preliminary list of projects, including much-needed repairs to the shed, a new floor for the kitchen, improvements to parking areas and other ideas. I would welcome additional proposals going forward.

Even if you're a skier, snowboarder or find other reasons to enjoy the winter as I do, I hope you haven't forgotten about your good friend waiting patiently on the hard at the club. Here are a few reminders to keep her safe:

- BoatUS recommends you "visit" your boat at least monthly during the off-season to check things out.
- It's also good practice to pay a visit before a forecasted storm arrives. A loose cover acts like a sail and can do tremendous damage to your and neighboring boats, even in *average* winds of 20-25 knots.
- Jack stands should be checked to make sure they have not shifted or settled. Never tie down a winter cover to your jack stands.
- If you don't cover your boat, make sure your cockpit scuppers are clear and draining properly.
- Keep ladders securely locked to your cradle when not in use.
- While you're there, look around. Take note and pass along any potential concerns with neighboring boats or PYC property.
- Be especially safety-conscious in the winter. Icy deck, ten feet off the ground, you're the only one around – you get the idea!

Hope to see you at the cabin party!

Daryl Hunt
Rear Commodore





Fleet Captain's Journal

Introductions...

Hello my name is Scott Nichols and I am your new Fleet Captain. I have been a member of PYC since 1998 where we have been sailing our boat *Practice* a Beneteau First 235. I've been actively racing for most of those seven years because my wife and I saw racing as an activity to become familiar with the sailboat and we enjoy the level of competition and camaraderie that the program offers.



First, I would like to give thanks to all prior fleet captains for their hard work, each of them contributing to the success of the program. It will be a hard act to follow, but I will do my best. I would like to express my thanks to Mark Blaakman and Larry Rice because of their translation of our racing documents into electronic form making my job easier.

Race formats and schedule will remain the same as last year with three long distance races Bowersox, Jim Ely Moon and Bown. Thursday night racing will continue with three series of 5 races with 1 weather race. On our events calendar you will notice a couple of additional fun races including a Poker Fun Race on July 15th. A full racing schedule will be in the April Soundings.

At the end of the last racing season there was some unfinished business dealing with liability insurance requirement. Last year's board proposed a bylaw change that would set the level of liability insurance required by the racing community at PYC. Those bylaw changes were voted down by the membership. So at this time the requirement for liability insurance will not be added to Notice of Race documents. The racing committee will be keeping an eye on the requirement and the issue will surely be brought up in the future. Any comments from the racing community would be appreciated.

Your fleet captain is looking for a boatswain to lead in maintaining the Gull. Robin Wilkinson who was boatswain last year has declined the role due to his responsibilities as Vice Commodore. The Gull needs to be operational by mid March so that it can be used for Dock repairs before launch. If you are interested in taking on the role please contact me.

On a final note, GYC is having there annual racers round table entitled "Upwind to the first mark" on February 14th at 7PM, contact John Rodgers at 585-737-2580.

Scott Nichols
Fleet Captain





Vice Commodore Reports

Greetings all! Hopefully your holidays brought good cheer and pleasant times.

Well, now that our holidays are in our wake and drifting further astern it is time to look ahead to all of our upcoming events.

The first is The Rochester Boat show, as always we need volunteers to assist during the following days from Feb. 2nd – Feb 5th.

A separate email will be sent out with explicit details for contact points and sign up.

Please strongly consider participating as this is one of our greatest opportunities to recruit new club members. And if you're helping - did I say we get into the boat show for free??

The next Event we all look forward to is our annual Winter Cabin Party. February 12 2006 @ 1: pm. The Flyer will be attached in these soundings and also sent around. This year our Hosts are Dave & Terry Weagley, it is at The Whitehouse in Webster Park and the place is huge! Let's invite as many of our friends and family as we can and see if we can pack the place out.

We have many Scheduled upcoming fun club events without any hosts shanghaied quite yet. If you have a favorite event that you would enjoy Hosting please contact me.

Also, if you have any personal events you wish to reserve any of our facilities for please contact me so I can get it on the calendar I will be posting in the clubhouse and updating weekly for everyone's reference. Last year we had a few difficult conflicts, and I would like to minimize that.

This is all I have for this issue, simply looking forward to Launch and getting underway for this season, Single up all lines and prepare to cast off –

Robin Wilkinson
Vice Commodore

Go Red for Women Health Fair and Luncheon

by Diane Griffo

Two goals for one event: PYC marketing and your heart health. The **health fair** and **luncheon** will be held on **Thursday, May 18, 2006** at the Crown Plaza in Rochester. The health fair will include blood pressure and cholesterol screening, yoga, message therapists and much more. The luncheon speaker will be Mary Anne Cappellino, an author, wellness consultant and life coach. The cost of this event is \$50. (Thirty-five dollars is tax deductible.) If PYC has 20 attendees, and men are invited, we will get our name on a table sign and in the event program. Please join us for this event. Contact Sponsorship Chairman, Garland Nichols, Jerri Schiff or Diane Griffo.

The Rochester chapter of the **American Heart Association** sponsors this event. Money raised at the event is used locally. It promises to be a fun and enlightening event. Hope we'll see you there!

Signals from the Commodore (*cont.*)

Because of the rejection of the entire by-law correction package in December, the board reaffirmed several polices that were intended to be corrected in the by-laws.

- 1) There will be no storage of boats on the hard at PYC. The member approved committee report affirming that action last year is attached to the January Minutes.
- 2) All routine reoccurring checks written by the treasurer will only require that one signature; all other bills (submitted through officer forms) will require double signature.
- 3) Haul/Launch checks will continue to go to the secretary first for documenting in the club database, after which the data will go to the H/L supervisor electronically.
- 4) All social event checks will go to the secretary first and then the data to the vice commodore or the party host.

The vote on each of those was 5-0 (no secretary); the purpose is to create a double recorded path for funding as a system of checks and balances. It purposely puts data in two separate offices.

Brian McCarthy
Commodore



PYC BOAT SHOW BOOTH
February 2nd to February 5th
Rochester Riverside Convention Center
Stop by and promote the club.



PYC WINTER CABIN PARTY



**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12th at 1:00 PM
WHITEHOUSE LODGE-WEBSTER PARK**

The Winter Cabin Party is a great opportunity for all of us to get together in the off-season. The lodge is located just north of the intersection of Holt Road on Lake Road in Webster on the north side of Lake Road.

- ❖ This location is convenient to sledding hills and cross-country trails.
- ❖ Bring sleds, toboggans, cross country skis etc. for outside fun.
- ❖ Also bring cards and your favorite games for inside fun.

We will provide beer, wine, pop, hot chocolate, chili (meat and meatless), and hot dogs.

Please bring:

- ❖ a salad (if your last name begins with A-E) or
- ❖ a dessert (if your last name begins with F-O) or
- ❖ an hors d'oeuvre (if your last name begins with P-Z).

Cost: \$20.00 per family, \$7.50 per adult.

Walk-ins will be charged a \$4.00 surcharge.

RESERVATION FORM

PYC Winter Cabin Party 2006 – Hosts: Dave & Terry Weagely

Please complete and return before: February 8th 2005

Make Checks Payable to: Pultneyville Yacht Club

Please return to: Pultneyville Yacht Club

P.O. Box 137

Pultneyville, NY 14538

Telephone: 585-334-9727

email: tweagley@rochester.rr.com

Name: _____ Number of people attending: _____

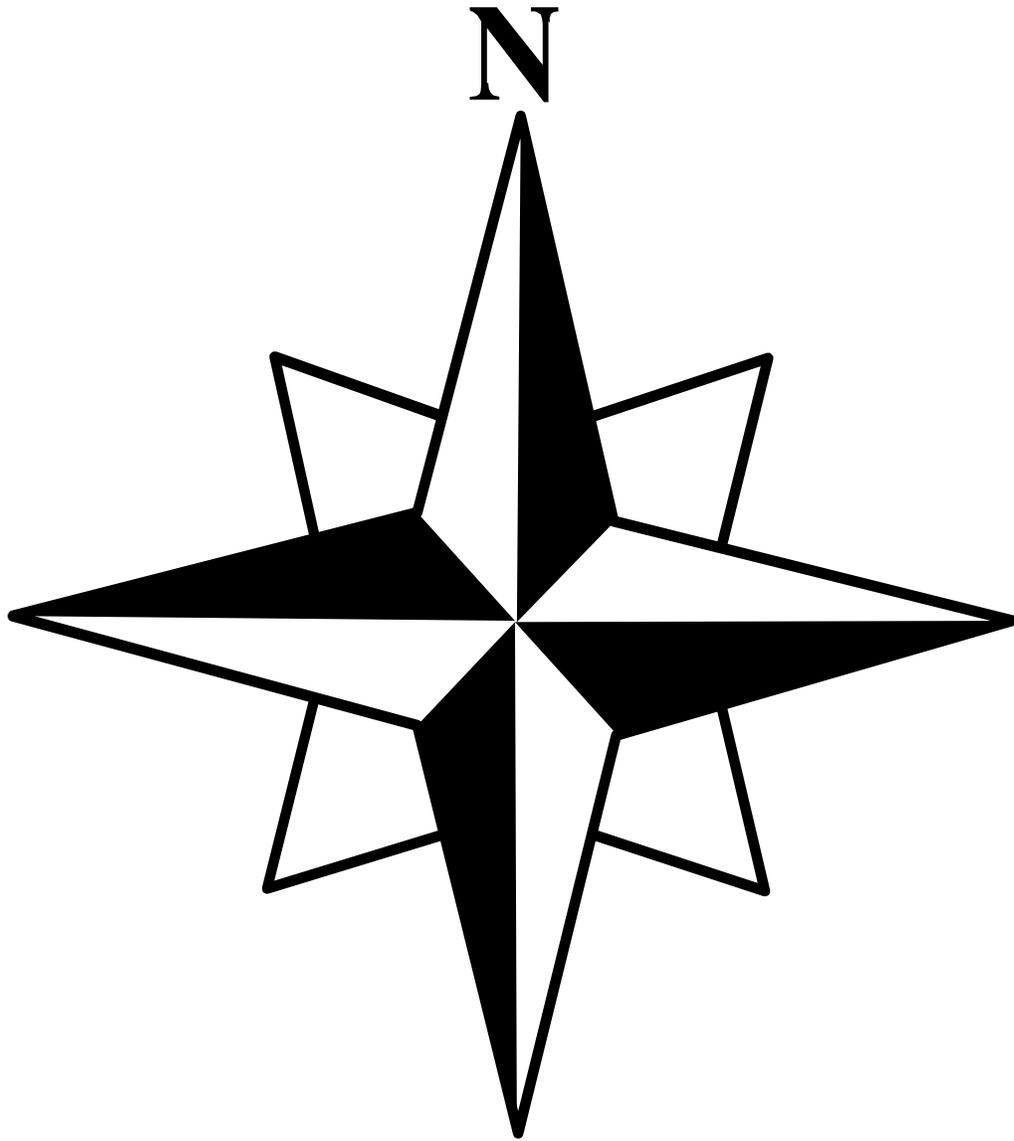
Amount enclosed: _____ (\$20.00/family, \$7.50/adult)

2006 PYC Calendar of Events

February 2 rd to 5 th	Rochester Boats Show
February 12th	Winter Cabin Party @ 1PM
April 22nd, 23rd	Launch Boats @ 7AM
April 29 th	Fleet Captain Work Day @ 8AM
May 13th	Workday #1 @ 8: 00AM
May 20 th	Commodore's Review @ 1PM
May 27th	Bowersox Memorial Day Race @ 10AM & Picnic Follows @ 5PM
June 10th	Commodore's Brunch, New Member Reception @ 11AM General Meeting @ 2PM
June 17th	Work Day #2 @ 8:00 AM
June 24th	BYO Picnic* @ 1PM
July 7 th	Jim Ely Memorial Moon Night Race @ 7PM
July 15th	Pultneyville Homecoming / Open Boats * @ 9 AM; Poker Fun Race @ 3PM
July 28th, 29th, 30 th	Club Cruise
August 12th	Club Roast *, Fun Race @ 3PM
August 19th	Commodore's Challenge* @ 1PM PYC Host Year
August 26 th	Hospice Regatta, Rochester
September 2rd	BYO Picnic @ 5PM
September 9th	Bown Race @ 10AM
September 16th	1st Cradle Day @ 8:00 AM
September 16th	General Meeting w/Elections @ 2PM & Fall Picnic @ 4PM*
September, 23 rd	1st Haul Out @ 7:00 AM
October 14th	2nd Cradle Day @ 8:00 AM
October 21st	2nd Haul Out @ 7:00 AM
October 28 th	Fleet Captain Workday #2 @ 8AM
November 11th	Fall Banquet
December 3 rd	Annual Meeting @ Fire Hall @ 1PM

* These are shared events with PYC and Mariners.







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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.



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