



LAKE SOUNDINGS

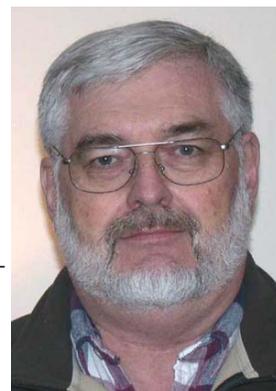
PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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Signals from the Commodore



Fellow Boaters;

Tidbits of information for the month of April:

The Board Of Directors has received the Membership Committee report. Much more information will be forthcoming as we study this report. As received, the report calls for some extensive changes in the way PYC defines membership status. All should take part in any informational get-togethers that are to be set up about these proposals; and we hope to formally bring it out for bylaw approval at the June general meeting. It's in the club's and your best interest to make a point of attending both meetings and have your views rationally expressed.

I met with the Commodores of the local Yacht Clubs recently, and we signed a joint letter to our Congressional Representatives, asking for review and changes to the re-admittance procedures into the US from Canada while we cruise. The three current options are, as many know, cumbersome and inefficient. Perhaps the request for change can at least put the problem on their radar. It would not hurt, if you are a cruiser, to follow with your own letters.

While speaking with Bob Elliott, Commodore of the Genesee Yacht Club, he mentioned that there are changes to the Hospice Regatta planned this year. Their board had just met that day so things are in the rough plan stage for parts of the plan; but they intend to open the regatta up further, with the addition of a Cruising Section for both power and sail boats that do not race. It will be a three-mile cruise addition and will either go up river or out in the lake, depending upon the weather. It may also involve a very large circle raft-up. It will involve a post party that fits well with traditions past. More information will, I'm sure, be forthcoming from Scott as the program develops.

Launch and boat preparation time is here, and again I remind people to work safely. Boats can be repaired fairly quickly; people take longer- and it hurts more.

In the meantime continue to have an enjoyable spring.

Brian McCarthy

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The Secretary's Corner

Hello, everyone;

Membership report as of 3/6/06: 83 voting members, 1 social member, 12 non-voting members and 27 dock renters.

Membership cards were mailed in February; please note that the combination numbers for the Old Clubhouse, New Clubhouse, Shed and Ramp have been changed. The combination for the Pump-Out is the same.

Thanks to Mary Jo and Joe Fortner, the PYC Reciprocal letters have been mailed; 45 to Canadian Clubs and 24 to US Clubs.

Bill Sorrells

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Rear Commodore Reports

Notes from the Engine Room.....

Launch is just a few short weeks away. See page 7 of this issue for your job assignment and schedule. Be sure to read the “Important Notes” and “Launch Guidelines.” If your boat is on the hard at PYC and your name is not on the list, please call Steve Heffron ASAP! Also, note that this year we’re going to try our best to complete launch on Saturday April 22nd. So make sure you and your boat are ready to go when your shift starts.

Work Days

PYC workdays are currently scheduled for May 13th and June 17th. The job assignments will be published in the May Soundings. However, in an effort to be as accommodating as possible, you can contact me up until April 14th with your preference for work date and/or jobtype from the following list (4/15 is the May Soundings article deadline).

Preliminary Project List:

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| Club Beautification | Tree Removal | Dock Repair |
| Raft Repair | Grounds Clean-up | Dock Replacement |
| Shed Repair | | |

Note: One way to secure your preference is to volunteer to be team leader for one of the above projects!

The Baird floating docks need to be installed before April 22nd. This doesn’t count as a workday, but I’ll buy the beer afterwards for all volunteers.

Be safety conscious while working on and around your boat. Read the precautions on your anti-fouling paint to protect yourself and the environment. Wear a dust mask when sanding your hull and be considerate of your neighbors’ exposure to hazardous substances. Make sure you lock your ladder when you leave to discourage theft.

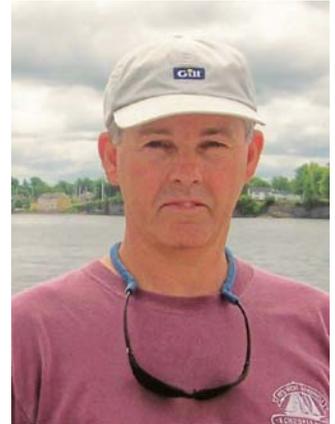


“My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition.”

- Indira Gandhi

Daryl Hunt

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Fleet Captain's Journal

Thanks, Equipment and Schedules

I would like to take this time to thank the chairs that are returning this season to help out: Doug Axtell and Earl Chapman as PHRF representative, Mark Blaakman as club scorer, Eric Matteson with navigation aids. I'm still looking for a boatswain to assist with the raft and the Gull.

I can see why nobody wants to volunteer, because our equipment is in terrible shape. They need more than just a little TLC- they need some major renovations or replacement and with a tight dollar that's pretty challenging to do. Recently, I sent out a request for assistance on trying to find a replacement for the Gull and raft by looking at the possibility of using a pontoon boat. I wish to thank those who responded with ideas or offers of assistance. Unfortunately, our timeline was too tight to do anything for the spring, as I mentioned before, we needed the equipment ready to go in late March for dock repairs.



The engineer in me did not feel comfortable trying to come up with a solution in a very short period of time, without knowing all the requirements. So what I would like to do is use a four step process to come up with something that will meet our needs now and hopefully the future. The first step is to document what exactly we do with our equipment. Second is to convert those actions and functions into requirements. The third step is to brainstorm a bunch of different solutions. The last step is to filter through all those possible solutions and pick two or three that will meet our requirements, and then get firm quotes for the equipment and supplies necessary to buy/build the unit. Hopefully we will have something for the fall- or at least a firm number for next year's budget.

Fleet Captain Work Day is scheduled for the end of the month on the 29th, starting around 8:30 AM. Please contact me if you are available to help.

Now the important stuff, Thursday night races! I plan to follow the same format as the last couple years and have three series: spring, summer and fall. With two picnics one in the middle of the year and one at the end of a year. Something new is a DC race. My thought is that on the races that coincide with the picnics, everybody brings a digital camera out with them and when we get back to shore we will use a multimedia card reader, a laptop and projector and have a little slide show. Later we can burn the images to CD and hand out copies. I know I do not have any images of my boat in action and I'm sure everybody would like a photo of their boat for a screen saver.

2006 Season Race Calendar

Tune-Up Races & Skipper's Meeting => 5/11

Spring Series => 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22 (WX date)

Summer Series => 6/29, 7/6, 7/13 (DC + Picnic), 7/20, 7/27, 8/3 (WX date)

Fall Series => 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, 9/14 (WX date)

Bowersox Race => 5/27, Skippers Meeting at 10AM

Jim Ely Moonrace => 7/7, Skippers Meeting at 6:30PM

Bown Race => 9/9, Skippers Meeting at 10AM

Scott Nichols



Vice Commodore Reports

Greetings all!

This is going to be short for me.

One of the Topics I would like to discuss is Club events and private member parties. All scheduling for any and all of these need to go through me. I, in turn, will place these on a calendar to reserve the pavilion and any other areas of club facilities. I will have a calendar posted in the clubhouse, and we will be going by that one- not the one on the website. To be clear; if someone has scheduled an event regardless of its size and it has been scheduled in advance through me, any impromptu gatherings will need to make other plans. Now this may sound harsh and some may not like this, but last year we had several conflicts that made many people uncomfortable, and caused some unpleasantness.

Well – not on my watch!

Please contact me as early and often as possible when planning an event, and we can hopefully have everything go smoothly. There is always a way.

How many days before Launch?

Robin Wilkinson



What Is The Commodore's Review?

Hi everyone. Are we ready for this year's boating season? Terry and I are, especially now that we are retired. I wanted to make a few comments about the Commodore's Review' which is an annual event that will take place this year on May 20th at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Some tradition has fallen off over the past few years, probably because a lot of people do not know the traditions of the Commodore's Review.

The review is a season kick-off with a parade of boats. The tradition is to decorate your boat with flags or banners, and parade past the Commodore's boat. The decorations are not required- they just add some color. Weather permitting, the Commodore will anchor in the cove outside the harbor, and each boat will pass the Commodore's boat single file, and blow a horn.

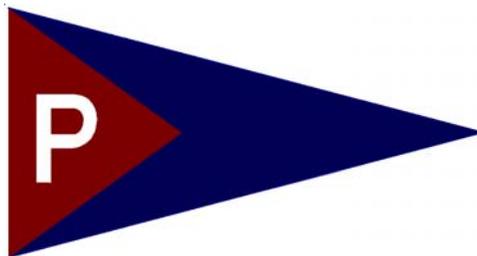
It is a fun way to start the season, and it is quite a sight to see a big line of decorated boats. So let's see everyone taking part this year.

Dave Weagley

Launch Day, Last Year



Here's hoping April 22, 2006 is as "launch day friendly" as this day was the beginning of last season. Notice the blue sky, the sunshine- and the shorts?



**2006 PYC Launch Job Assignments
Saturday April 22nd**

When Where	Saturday 7 AM South Shore Peninsula	Saturday 12 PM North Shore
Safety Officer	Roger Carr	Chris Tertinek
Crew Chief	Fred Bertoni	Steve Heffron
Fork Lift	Don Boesel	Doug Felton
No. 1 Sling	Tom Bolt David Kay Doug Axtell Kermit Sleggs	Russ Palum Mark Laffin Scott Nichols Robin Wilkinson
No. 2 Sling	Daryl Hunt Jim Allen/Kurt Cykle Jr. Larry Rice Chris Abate	Stu MacDonald Jack Bopp Chris Yeager Tom Broderick
Harbor Cradle & Boat Moving	Jim Markowitz Harry Miller Charlie Fitzgibbon Lou Rohr Tom Jayne Tom Broderick Peter Fisk Ron Pretzer Adrian Moritz Marc Mistsaro Jon Herko Todd Guftatson Jim Anderson Ron Hilgert Tony Belaskas Roy Thurston Tom Foley	Joe Davis James Marron Chip Stevens Merril Gray Bob Hamilton Mike Saparito C.R. Burcroff Marvin Hill Joe Fortner Tom Pautz
Orchard Cradle	Mark Blaakman Jim Wurtenburgh Tim Craft	Larry Fedick Don Byrnes Michael Melich
Truck	Dave Weagley	Tom Ecker
Lines	Cindy Kukuvka Janet Williams	Ralph Sylvester (Tony) Rich Critchlow

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **If you do not see your name on this list and want your boat hauled, call Steve Heffron at (585)370-8216 ASAP.**
- **AM shift runs from 7:00AM to 1:00 PM -- PM shift runs from 12:00PM to 6:00PM.**
- **We will start on the South shore, then the Peninsula, then the North Shore.**
- **We anticipate that the boats on the North Shore might carryover into Sunday**

Lunch will be served between shifts

LAUNCH GUIDELINES:

1. Meet at least 5 minutes before your shift starts. Let's not have the crane waiting for us!
2. Have your boat ready before your shift. (30 foot tag lines fore and aft)
3. Keep slings out of the dirt. Dirty slings scratch hulls. Wash them if needed.
5. Safety issues:
 - Do not walk or stand under a boat while it is in the air
 - Do not walk or stand between the crane operator and signal man.
 - Don't lift more than you are able, ask for help when needed.
 - Sling crews MUST wear hard hats.
 - Keep your eyes open and use common sense.



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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.



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| April 22 | Launch Boats |
| April 29 | Fleet Captain Work Day, 8:00 AM |
| May 13 | Work Day #1, 8:00 AM |
| May 20 | Commodore's Review, 1:00 PM |
| May 27 | Bowersox Memorial Day Race, 10:00 AM
Picnic follows at 5:00 PM |
| June 10 | Commodore's Brunch
New Member Reception, 11:00 AM
General Meeting, 2:00 PM |