



LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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Signals from the Commodore

Follow Boaters

Well the boats are launched and most are getting ready for a hopefully good season. The lake water level is lower than last year per NOAA data, but boats are out sailing. The launch wasn't without incident and we are still looking at that aspect of things.

There is a general membership meeting scheduled For June 10th at 2 pm. However the best part of the day starts at 11pm with the Commodores Brunch. We have several new members and hopefully they will be in attendance so they may be introduced to all. Please welcome them to our club.



The general meeting will present us with general club updates and will introduce two by-law proposals. The first could change the payment dates from Dec 31st to Jan 19th and the second are the changes brought forth by the membership committee report and the May 7th informational meeting. In general these membership proposals, if adopted, will change the membership structure of the club.

There is also the possibility that we will have a new policy on winter boat storage and boat shoring ready for this meeting. A committee, at this writing, is finishing up its report and suggestions to add storage and shoring section to the PYC Policies manual. My intent is to hopefully let you peruse it before this season's haul out. I know that the committee of your peers, all who haul with PYC, have indicated change is necessary due to what seemed a wealth of problems that presented itself over the course of last winter, which could have worsened had we had a normal winter.

If I seem vague on the last two paragraphs it is because I am leaving for California the afternoon of the informational meeting and will not see the results of said projects until I return. I will send out the policy change upon my return. Hopefully it will be acted upon at the June Board Meeting and presented at the General meeting giving plenty of time to enact the changes to your shoring system if need be. I believe an initial conversation with John Lyboldt has indicated that the committee has plans to assist members in any changes.

Vice Commodore, Robin Wilkinson will start the official season off with the Commodore's review; please join him on May 20th to start the season properly and festively.

I'm sure others will update you on some projects around the harbor and on the results of the Membership Q & A meeting from the Membership Committee in their articles in this issue.

Meanwhile have an enjoyable May.

Brian McCarthy

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The Secretary's Corner

Membership report as of 5/1/06: 86 voting members, 1 social member, and 12 non-voting members. We still have about 20 empty docks so if anyone knows someone looking for a dock let our dockmaster know.

Thanks to Alex Brougham, the 2006 PYC Membership Log has been completed and will be distributed at the first general membership meeting on June 10th.

There were about 60 members who attended the Membership Status Informational Meeting on May 7th. The minutes of the meeting have been completed and sent to the Executive Board. As was indicated at the beginning of the meeting all recommendations, suggestions and comments made at the meeting will be considered by the board.

Bill Sorrells

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Rear Commodore Reports

Notes from the Engine Room.....

It's been a busy start to the season but I'm happy to report that the launch and first workday are safely behind us. The crews really worked hard and accomplished a lot. You can't miss the new grill patio – handiwork of Dave Weagley's crew and the beautiful flowerbeds – thanks to Cindy Kuvkova's crew. You've probably also noticed the work of the North (Dick Darrow) and South Shore (Roger Carr) grounds clean-up crews. It's amazing how much brush we carted away. Thanks to Dave Weagley and Tom Ecker for the use of their trailers. You might not have noticed, unless you were one of the beneficiaries, but should appreciate the engineering magic that Eric Matteson's dock repair crew pulled off. There are many other jobs that we often take for granted, e.g. repairing the many leaky dockside faucets, moving masts, mast racks and picnic tables, repairing dinghy racks, and many more.



We did have a few no-shows. So I'm compelled to remind you to review the workday policy in the PYC By-laws published in the back of the membership log. Fortunately, we also had several members pitch in who had already fulfilled their work commitment – Barry Gheer, Tom Jayne, C.R. Burcroff, Eric Matteson – to name a few. Eric was actually double-booked but never complained – at least not so I could hear ;-)

I'm sure there were many sore muscles Sunday (and possibly Monday) morning. But I hope there was also a sense of satisfaction in your contributions to the club. I certainly came away impressed, encouraged and proud of our membership. My sincere thanks to all of you. For those assigned to the June 17th workday – don't worry, there's plenty left to do!

I'm pleased to report that Fred Bertoni has volunteered for the Haul-out coordinator job.

Wanted – Dock Renters

Daryl Hunt



Notice:

The Executive Board has proposed a by-law change that possibly could affect your year end payment dates.

As the end of the year is an expensive time from Thanksgiving onward to Dec 31st, and as disposable income is getting tighter with all local and national increases the board has proposed a simple due date change.

If the attached by law is approved, both your Dues payment and your Dock Deposit will now be due with a postmark date no later than January 19th. The current due dates for both are December 31st.

The extra three weeks is not a huge change but it may help out your personal budget. If approved we will have to adhere closely to the new date as this does increase the burden slightly for the Secretary, Treasurer, and Dock Master. Currently the checks may be held for a bit before depositing. This may not be the case with an this approved change.

If you do not wish to have the extra time you can vote no to the change; or vote yes and allow others the change and you may pay early.

Thank you
Brian McCarthy



Fleet Captain's Journal



Thanks to those that helped out on Fleet Captain work day. Weather started calm but became quite sporty by mid afternoon when the last race marks were placed. Making that last Gull ride a cold and splashy affair.

We have implemented a trial of using LED lights for the center channel, number 1 and 2 navigation aids. The new lights are more efficient, staying brighter longer and are more reliable than incandescent lights. We also have a new navigation aid, a white warning buoy over Corso's rocks, which is in response to a request at the December meeting by Ed Walluk when he clipped the rocks and damaged his keel/hull joint, totaling the boat.

Now that the season has begun, please think about how we can be better salespeople in order to attract new people into the sport of boating and to our club. Show them the value of boating as an activity for the whole family, where everyone can participate and enjoy the water. So this summer give the family down the street a ride on your boat for a sunset cruise or a co-worker a chance to come out on Thursday night races to try out sailing and maybe get them hooked. We need to keep this club vibrant, alive and growing.

June Race Dates

Thursday Night Races, spring series continues on 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22 (WX date). On June 15th a presentation on Lake Ontario 300 Challenge after the race. Summer series begins on 6/29

Scotch Bonnet Light 35th anniversary race on June 16th and 17th, note that this is the same weekend as work day number 2.

Scott Nichols

Greetings!

Hope everyone had a great Mothers day!

We now have several of our major early season club events behind us.

I personally extend warm thanks and deep appreciation to all of you who work so steadfastly behind the scenes to provide the necessary and greatly needed support and wonderful homemade dishes to refresh and nourish the work crews. Well done, and Thank you!

Looking ahead this month we have the Commodore's review on Saturday the 20'th. Then we have the Memorial Day Bowersox Memorial race followed by PYC's Memorial Day picnic on the 27'th.

The Bopp's will be hosting with many fun activities included. Invite your friends, keep a lookout for the flyers and please sign up early. A good time shall be had by all!

In June on the 10'th we have the Commodore's brunch followed by the PYC General meeting. I would like to strongly reinforce and encourage studying in depth the proposals and changes that are going to be presented at this meeting. The more informed we are before hand, the more professional we can be and move through these in a timely fashion. Please also review the Roberts rules of order as well. Speaking openly – due to a history of past outbreaks, disruptions and ignoring the procedures of following the Roberts rules of order, I am very strongly considering not serving beverages of alcohol content until the conclusion of the meeting. This has been strongly expressed to me by several members, and this decision falls exclusively under my flag.

Please feel free to openly approach me to discuss this logically from either viewpoint, as I said; "I am very strongly considering this action". I have not made a firm decision either way at this time.

We need someone to assume the role for our club merchandizing. Promoting sales of burgee's, hats, shirts, carry bags to fellow members and others. And we also have a need to develop a strong marketing committee to promote our fine club around the lake and to attract new members and dock renters. My initial thoughts are to recruit someone who has not been in this club role previously. Please see me in person for these great assignments.

We have a great season to enjoy ahead of us; the water levels may prove to add some interesting channel transits. If we could only get that New England storm system to stall over the middle of the lake....

Let us all be careful and enjoy a safe boating season.

Robin Wilkinson

OFFICER OF THE DAY INSTRUCTIONS

HOURS of DUTY: Friday 6PM - 9PM Saturday, Sunday & Holidays 2PM - 8PM

- 1) After arriving for duty, **please place your initials next to your name on the assignment sheet** located on the inside cover of the O.O.D. guest registration book on the table in the clubhouse.

PLEASE WEAR THE MESH VEST WHICH WILL IDENTIFY YOU AS OFFICER OF THE DAY

- 2) Check the guest dock and all vacant slips in the harbor (see #3 below regarding vacant slips) for visiting boats to make sure they have been signed in.
- 3) Assign guests to known vacant slips - **check slip availability using the “club sign out” sheet located in a three ring binder in the clubhouse.** If necessary, and at their own risk, guest boats may be rafted off each other at the guest dock. No more than two abreast should be allowed.
Order of preference **A)** Without making a big deal out of it, try to fit a guest boat into the smallest slip where it will fit. Save larger slips for larger boats. **B)** If you have a choice of several slips, pick the slip where our member is not due back for several days. If the member should return early, there's a better chance of his or her slip being available.
- 4) Maximum length of stay at the club is **3 days** except under emergency conditions which requires approval of a club officer.
- 5) **Sign in the guest skipper and collect any applicable dock fees. THIS IS NOT DISCRETIONARY**
- Check the **reciprocal club*** list, in the back of the O.O.D. notebook, to verify appropriate fees.
***ASK TO SEE VISITORS CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD AS PROOF OF AFFILIATION**
 - Be sure to discount Canadian, cash, currency 1.1203 (0.8926)***. Payment by check in U.S. funds is preferred. (**\$20.00 U.S. dollars = \$22.50 Canadian dollars** ***Conversion results 28 April 2006)
 - **Make out a “Guest Registration” sheet** (found in O.O.D. notebook). Any special communications to the next O.O.D. should be noted on this form.
 - Issue a receipt to the skipper for funds received if requested. **Put funds in envelope & place envelope in ice collection box. DO NOT LEAVE CASH OR CHECKS IN THE CLUBHOUSE.**
- 6) Visitors with no club affiliation, or from non-reciprocal yacht clubs, or clubs for which we have no established schedule should be charged our normal fee of **\$20.00/day for up to 3 days.**
\$22.50 Canadian
- 7) **Additional charges: Use of pump out \$5.00, for any guests in our basin (regardless of club affiliation).**
\$6.00 Canadian
- 8) **Any fees collected for the day should be put in envelope & placed in ice collection box (old club house).**
DO NOT LEAVE CASH OR CHECKS IN THE CLUBHOUSE.

2006 O.O.D. Assignments

DATE	DAY	NAME	DATE	DAY	NAME
26-May	Friday	Davis	21-Jul	Friday	LaHaye
27-May	Saturday	Durfee	22-Jul	Saturday	Lybolt
28-May	Sunday	Ecker	23-Jul	Sunday	MacDonald
29-May	Monday	Fedick			
			28-Jul	Friday	Marcellus
2-Jun	Friday	Felton	29-Jul	Saturday	Markovitz
3-Jun	Saturday	Ferguson	30-Jul	Sunday	Marron
4-Jun	Sunday	Fisk			
			4-Aug	Friday	Matteson
9-Jun	Friday	Fitzgibbon	5-Aug	Saturday	Matyi
10-Jun	Saturday	Flowerday	6-Aug	Sunday	Melich
11-Jun	Sunday	Foley			
			11-Aug	Friday	Miller
16-Jun	Friday	Fortner	12-Aug	Saturday	Mistersaro
17-Jun	Saturday	Fuller	13-Aug	Sunday	Moritz
18-Jun	Sunday	Galaskoy			
			18-Aug	Friday	Palum
23-Jun	Friday	Gheer	19-Aug	Saturday	Pautz
24-Jun	Saturday	Gray	20-Aug	Sunday	Rice
25-Jun	Sunday	Griffo			
			25-Aug	Friday	Robinson
30-Jun	Friday	Gustafson	26-Aug	Saturday	Roetling
1-Jul	Saturday	Hamilton	27-Aug	Sunday	Rohr
2-Jul	Sunday	Hauck			
3-Jul	Monday	Heffron	1-Sep	Friday	Saporito
4-Jul	Tuesday	Herko	2-Sep	Saturday	Schiff
			3-Sep	Sunday	Shults
7-Jul	Friday	Jayne	4-Sep	Monday	Sleggs
8-Jul	Saturday	Johns			
9-Jul	Sunday	Kay			
14-Jul	Friday	Kakuvka			
15-Jul	Saturday	Laffin			
16-Jul	Sunday	LaGrou			

Duty hours: Friday 6:00PM to 9:00PM Saturday, Sunday & Holidays 2:00PM to 8:00PM +

Barque PICTON CASTLE

Join Our Great Lakes Trip, Summer 2006!

SAILING FROM Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, June 30, 2006 and returning in mid-September, the *Picton Castle* will take part in the American Sail Training Association's 2006 Tall Ship Challenge®—Great Lakes Series. She will pass up the St. Lawrence River and Seaway and through the lakes, visiting several ports going each way, and return via Prince Edward Island. We invite sail trainees to join us for one-week, two-week, three-week, or up to ten-week legs. No sailing experience is needed.

Picton Castle trainees stand watches as apprentice deckhands on this Class "A" square-rigged ship, learning seafarer's arts: handling sails, scrubbing the deck, taking the helm at the big teak wheel, raising anchor, hauling on lines, helping in the galley, going aloft (optional), or keeping lookout.

Planned Legs, Summer 2006

Leg 1	Lunenburg to Cleveland	June 30 to July 13 (2 weeks) (report to ship June 26)
Leg 2	Cleveland to Green Bay	July 14 to July 28 (2 weeks)
Leg 3	Green Bay to Chicago	July 29 to August 5 (1 week)
Leg 4	Chicago to Port Huron	August 6 to August 18 (2 weeks)
Leg 5	Port Huron to Toronto*	August 19 to August 27 (1 week)
Leg 6	Toronto to Lunenburg	August 27 to September 11 (2 weeks)

*Tentative

A few days of each leg will be spent alongside as part of a tall ships festival in the various ports. Trainees give tours of the ship to the public, and also have some time off to visit other ships and pursue personal interests. The other days will be spent sailing or motoring between ports. Get a taste of shipboard life, learn some mariner's skills, and meet new shipmates from the USA, Canada, and beyond. The longer you are on board, the more you will learn.

Who Can Sail: Men and women age 15+. We have plenty of sail trainee positions open. No experience is needed. Couples are welcome.

Cost: US\$600 per week (\$700 Canadian).

How to Apply: Please visit our web site (www.picton-castle.com), where you can download an application form. Or contact us at the address below by phone or e-mail to receive an application form.

We hope you'll sail with us! Call or e-mail us any time for more information.

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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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| June 10 | Commodore's Brunch
New Member Reception, 11:00 AM
General Meeting, 2:00 PM |
| June 17 | Work Day #2, 8:00 AM |
| June 24 | BYO Picnic, 1:00 PM |
| July 7 | Jim Ely 'Moonrise' Memorial Night Race, 7:00 PM |
| July 15 | Home Coming, Open Boats 9:00am |
| July 28,29,30 | Club Cruise |