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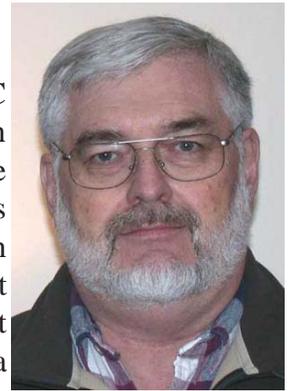
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## Signals from the Commodore

Fellow Boaters,

I have to start this message on a serious note. The facilities chair has informed the EC in early June that a large part of a shipment of ice brought in this year has not been paid for but is gone. Last year the loss of funds was also noted. Also, someone late last year thought it was fun to pull the plug and lose all the remaining ice and gives Facilities something to do to clean the resulting mess. Social activities have been accounted for. The ice supply is there for your convenience at a reasonable price. It must pay for itself. It is not some great profit venture. Having your fellow boaters not pay puts the board in an awkward position. The first suggestion was to lock it with a combo lock now, and the second, which was chosen, was this note. The next proposal may be to discontinue it and ice may be purchased, from then on, at the Pickle. It's your choice. We'll review the status of funds in August.



The General meeting was held after a chilly, windy Commodore's Brunch. Hats off to those members, led by Debbie and Steve Heffron, who had a slightly miserable day to do an outstanding job.

The vote to change By-Laws for reception of Dues and Dock deposit was approved. Both are now due Jan 19<sup>th</sup> off from the prior Dec 31<sup>st</sup> date.

Membership was informed of two adds to PYC Policy: The first is on non-storage of vessels on the hard at PYC during the season. The second is the new PYC Shoring policy. Both go into effect immediately and into next year's log. The shoring committee has indicated a willingness to put a group effort into getting ready for this year.

The vote on By-Law changes to redefine the definition of membership and bring it into the modern world was tabled and sent to committee. Since the original committee was dissolved with reception of their report I have asked Roseanne Critchlow and Tom Ecker to be the committee to look back again at this item.

The membership change from present Voting, Social, and Non Voting to five new types of membership was defeated by the quorum of members. The current structure setup remains as is outlined in the Log.

Lake levels are slightly down but holding somewhat positive at this date. We are at a lower water level than last year and thanks to The Cornwall Trust's deep dredging last year our channel is usable. I gather both Brockport and Braddock Bay are difficult if not impossible to use. Pay attention to the ranges, and do not drift South of it.

I hope your enjoyable summer continues.

*Brian McCarthy*

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## The Secretary's Corner

As of 6/1/06 PYC membership has remained stable in the past several months at 86 voting members, 1 social member, and 12 non-voting members. We are anticipating another new member imminently. As of December 2005 we had 96 voting members so we are still below last year's numbers. We have placed PYC advertisements in all three Wayne County Pennysavers, the local Palmyra Paper, the Williamson Sun and Record and the Wayne County Mail and Webster Herald. This covers all of Wayne County and the Webster area; hopefully we will obtain some responses. I will also leave some copies of the PYC flyer that the ad was developed from so if any member has an appropriate location to post the flyer, they may do so.

Again, the 2006 Membership logs are in the new clubhouse with each member's name on the reverse. If you notice that any of your information is incorrect, please let me know by sending the information on the corrections page and we will update the Membership Log on the PYC website.

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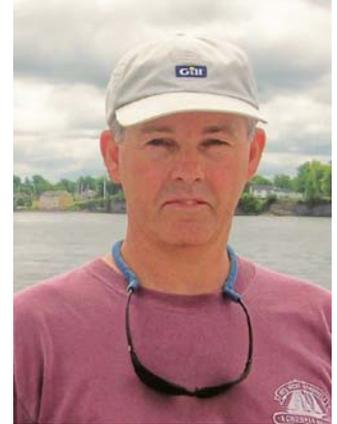
*Bill Sorrells*



# Rear Commodore Reports

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

Since I submitted a pretty comprehensive report for the June General Meeting, I'll keep this short. Many thanks to the work crews and leaders for the June 17<sup>th</sup> workday projects: driveway and parking lots; painting, staining and power-washing; dock repair and a number of miscellaneous jobs. I also want to thank those who helped out with the refreshments and lunches for both workdays – great job! The kitchen floor and weed control projects are complete. By the time this is published we may even have a new shed floor – or at least a good plan. You might have noticed that the real problem is that the west side of the shed is slowly sinking!



I mentioned the following in the general meeting report but they bear repeating:

- We need dock renters!! Don't be shy – spread the word!
- We are again planning an early and late haul-out. Fred Bertoni has agreed to be the Haul-out Coordinator.
- For those participating in haul-out and winter storage, we will be implementing a new shoring policy – a measure that we feel is overdue and will make for a safer and less-stressful off-season.
- Lastly, I want to update you on an issue that I'm sure is of some concern to many members – the navigability of our harbor. This is a function of the lake level and of the degree of deposition and shifting of the basin profile. The lake level has been tracking slightly below average (~6") since April. As you should know, the Cornwall Trust has assumed responsibility for dredging. In effect, we don't have direct control over either factor. However, I have recently completed and sent revised harbor soundings to the Trust as input for their decision-making. In the meantime, I'd advise those with deep draft vessels to stay on the center channel range marks, especially west of the last year's break wall reinforcement.

*Daryl Hunt*



# Fleet Captain's Journal

Our next major race is the second annual Jim Ely Moon Race, a memorial race in honor of the late Jim Ely, a long time PYC racer. Race will take place the night of July 7<sup>th</sup>. Captains meeting will take place at 7:00 PM, first gun at 8:00 and sunset at 8:50. With any luck there will be a strong breeze and a clear sky for star gazing. The Moon will be nearly full and Jupiter showing brightly and being off shore we will not have the sky dimmed by light pollution.

Our Thursday night summer series continues through July. On the 13<sup>th</sup> we have a digital camera race and then the mid season picnic with a slide show of all the photos. A digital camera race is where we bring out our cameras and take pictures of each others boats; hopefully taking a nice shot of another racer's boat and in turn having a nice photo of your own.



We currently have a Fun Race on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July, Pultneyville homecoming weekend, starting in the late afternoon when the sea breeze is the strongest. Fun races are a great way of learning about the sport and are more active then just heading out for an afternoon cruise. Please watch your email for additional races as they are scheduled.

With an eye toward the fall banquet please drop me a line if you see any candidates for our ever popular Goodie Two Shoes and On the Rocks awards. Anonymity or glory can be arranged for the source of a good tale.

## July Race Schedule

Summer Series => 7/6, 7/13 (DC + Picnic), 7/20, 7/27

Moon Race => 7/7

Fun Race => 7/15

*Scott Nichols*

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Rich and I had a life-changing situation when we were on our boat in Florida this April. Briefly, one of our dock friends drowned by his boat. Rich and five men retrieved our friend Mark's body from the water right at the dock.

We wrote an article for our church newsletter describing the event and the happenings that followed Mark's death. Rich and I wound up conducting a memorial service for Mark that was attended by Mark's family and friends, as well as our own dock neighbors. As I already indicated, the event was life-changing for us in a number of ways.

If anyone is interested in reading a copy of the article, please call us, or stop us at the yacht club, or send us an email and we will send it to you.

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# Vice Commodore Reports

Hello!

We are well into the beginnings of our boating season. Several events are behind us and several more are yet to transpire.

The one thing I would like to reinforce this issue is one of the foundational sayings our great Club is based upon.

A “Working Man’s Club!”

We may need to address that concept as I frequently see the many Ladies pitching in with a great intensity on a regular basis.

Now back to the theme. We all need to help out more at all events and functions. Leaving much of the work to only a few folks is just not fair as they really do more than most realize. I really want to express, “many hands make for light work”.

As everyone pitches in even a little more, there is more fun had by all, and just think about how much help you would enjoy if you are one of our fine Hosts. Yes?

We are a carry in, carry out club. Now for those who may not know what this means, we carry out what we carry in. Personal items, trash, boat parts, etc. Each one of us is responsible for keeping our club areas clean and tidy; this especially includes social events, work-days, personal use of any facilities on any area of PYC grounds, including basic clubhouse housekeeping after personal use.

I am still looking for hosts to organize the following events: Club cruise and our fall banquet. Please consider these events and they can always be co-hosted.

Also we can use volunteers for our upcoming annual pig roast in August.

I extend many thanks to Steve and Debbie Heffron and their many helpers for the excellent Commodore’s Brunch event.

Fair winds and bright horizons,

*Robin Wilkinson*



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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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| July 7        | Jim Ely <i>'Moonrise'</i> Memorial Night Race, 7:00 PM      |
| July 15       | Home Coming, Open Boats 9:00 AM,<br>Poker Fun Race, 3:00 PM |
| July 28,29,30 | Club Cruise   |
| August 12     | Club Roast, Fun Race 3:00 PM                                |
| August 19     | Commodore's Challenge 1:00 PM<br>PYC Host Year              |
| August 26     | Hospice Regatta, Rochester                                  |