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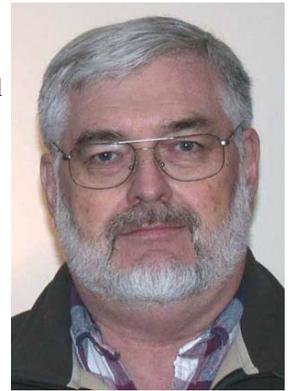


## Signals from the Commodore

Fellow Boaters,

An initial Note: This Soundings issue is noticeably later and that was at my request so that you all may get an accurate synopsis of the budget, which was presented on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. That would have been after our normal publication date. There is no January issue.

Times are a changing, the boats are out of the water and this is my final article as your Commodore for the Lake Soundings. It would be difficult to thank all those who have assisted the Executive Board during two years time but I would like to give you the names of those who have spent hours beyond the norm performing much of both yours and the board's requested work. The board and/or the membership have not always agreed with the results but I cannot fault the many hours of dedication and work that went into the various committees. These committee members, requested from my office, included Wendy Axtell, Jean Belaskas, Don Boesel, Anneliese Bopp, Jack Bopp, C.R. Burcroff, Roger Carr, Roseanne Critchlow, Rich Critchlow, Tom Ecker, Donna Ecker, Doug Felton, Bob Hamilton, Ron Hilgert, Tom Jayne, Mark Laffin, Lynn Lyboldt, John Lyboldt, Stu MacDonald, James Marron, Helen Palmer, Larry Rice, Lou Rohr, Mike Saporito, Jan Saporito, Joan Stage, Terry Weagley, Robin Wilkinson.



I also would like to indicate my thanks to the members of the Executive Board who over the past two years were willing to stay the course to begin the needed changes and improvements that have now begun to bear fruit around the club and whose seeds are planted into several major projects in the upcoming years. Those include Mark Blaakman, Alex Brougham, Rich Critchlow, Merril Gray, Ron Hilgert, Daryl Hunt, Scott Nichols, Bill Sorrells, and Robin Wilkinson.

I would also like to give a thank you to Chip Stevens and the Cornwall Trust. I have indicated to you all, in the past, that PYC as an entity would probably have become insolvent in either August or September of 2005. The Cornwall Trust allowed us to renegotiate our lease payments downward, took over future dredging, and took back the Baird house with its entire shortcomings to PYC.

As those who attended the General meeting are aware, and only about 34% of the club made the effort, the 2007 budget was passed with a membership side deficient of about 3K. This was primarily due to line item corrections to that side of the budget in membership sales tax. There was no prior expenditure line here. The H/L/S aspect of the budget was basically withheld due to unresolved issues with the crane invoice for the 2<sup>nd</sup> haul out. Clark Rigging purchased Webster Crane after the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> haul outs. This resulted in a standard crane invoice from CP Ward to Boulter, which of course was passed on to PYC as is and was over twice what was expected from the old flat rate service. Boulter agreed to absorb the cost by about half but this still leaves a sizable debt to PYC. We meet with the Boulter president this week and hopefully arrive at a more normal invoice for this haul out. The spring launch will go out for bidding to several entities but we fully expect more normal crane rates from now on and that will bring a whole new set of questions relative to hauling at PYC in the next fall. H/L/S formulas will be corrected and discussed by next June's general meeting. On the plus side dues and docks will remain flat for the time being. Monies are in place to rebuild the North shore and ramp in conjunction with the Cornwall trust next Spring.

*Brian McCarthy*  
Commodore

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## The Secretary's Corner

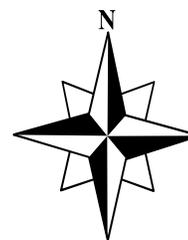
As the year draws to an end, our current membership stands at 91 voting members, 1 social member and 12 nonvoting members. However, we have 2 more applications which have been reviewed and accepted by the board. Both of them will join in January 2007. This should place our membership going into the New Year at 93. For reference, our voting membership in March 2006 was 83 so we have had a significant increase as the year progressed.



The Executive Committee has developed an Incident Report Process that you will find attached to the November Minutes and will be available on the Website. The function of this is to keep a formal club tracking system of all incidents which should enable to us to identify safety problems, prevention of similar incidents and to serve as documentation if any club liability is involved. As there is no Executive Committee Meeting in December, the November minutes will not be approved until January 2007. If at that time, any member has concerns or questions about the process please address them to me or the new secretary, Mark Laffin.

This will be my last contribution to the Soundings as the Club Secretary. I would like to thank all of the club members who assisted me with this position. It is the people who work, sometimes unnoticed, behind the scene that continue to make our club function and an enjoyable experience.

*Bill Sorrells*



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# Rear Commodore Reports

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

Someone said there's no real failure except the failure to learn from our mistakes. In this respect, I'm determined to make this year a success. I've no doubt made a few mistakes in my first year as Rear Commodore, but with the help of many of you, I've also learned a lot – and I'm looking forward to applying those lessons in 2007.

The second haul-out provided many lessons. However, we did get all 39 boats safely hauled without injury or incident. Once again I have to credit the excellent work that haulout coordinators Fred Bertoni and Chris Tertinek did in preparation. Then there were a few challenges: last minute subcontracting of the crane and crew to CP Ward and associated learning curve, missing equipment resulting in an additional setup, a new layout due to the main dock construction and a host of other issues. Despite all this, there was an overwhelming attitude of patience and cooperation to get the job done. And for that, I thank and congratulate all involved. You may have also heard that, we had some serious billing issues related to the subcontracting and complicated by the sale of Webster Crane to Clark Rigging. I'm happy to report that those issues have been resolved to our satisfaction. In the next few months I'll be comparing bids for launch.

The peninsula waler and main dock construction projects have now been completed. As part of the main dock project we removed the "B" docks, which were in pretty bad shape. The plan is to eventually replace them with floating docks. Water and electric service still needs to be restored to the main dock.

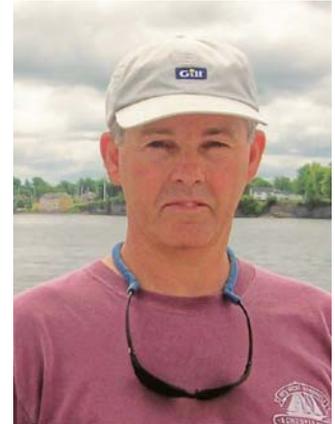
My thanks to those who helped haul the Baird docks, including C.R. Burcroff, Ron Hilgert, Barry Gheer, Dave Weagley, Jon Flowerday, Don Byrnes and Brian McCarthy.

For those who were unable to attend the December general meeting, it was my pleasure to present the 2006 Rear Commodores Service Award to Jean and Tony Belaskas, recognizing the excellent work they've done as facilities managers for the past several years.

Wrapping up 2006, I also want to acknowledge and thank those who always seemed to be there when I needed help (as I so often did). Special thanks to:

- C.R. Burcroff – always there to help, certified forklift wrestler
- Barry Gheer – Lou Rohr-in-training, what more can I say?
- Mark Laffin – mastered the thankless job of Dockmaster – thanks Mark!
- Steve Heffron & Fred Bertoni – great job with launch & haul out
- Don Boesel – nothing he can't fix, certified forklift wrestler #2
- Brian McCarthy – for being there when I couldn't and keeping me focused
- Russ Palum & Chris Tertinek – for keeping the water flowing
- Robin Wilkinson & helpers – good food, good friends, good work
- Tom Broderick, Roger Carr, Dick Darrow, Larry Fedick, Cindy Kukupka, Stu MacDonald, Eric Matteson, Mike Saporito, Dave Weagley - hard working, hard driving workday crew chiefs

*Daryl Hunt*  
*Rear Commodore*





# Fleet Captain's Journal

For those of you who did not make it to the fall banquet, a copy of my slide presentation is located on our web site on the racing page. The presentation took about 35 minutes and by the sound of the applause and laughter, all had a good time. Congratulation again to the award winners:



<b>Trophy/Plaque</b>	<b>Fleet</b>	<b>2006</b>
Thursday Night Series	Spinnaker	1 <sup>st</sup> Earl Chapman - Comic Relief 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tom Foley - Summer Snow 3 <sup>rd</sup> Eric Matteson - Dulcinea
	Genoa	1 <sup>st</sup> Jim Anderson - Soukara 2 <sup>nd</sup> Doug Axtell - Glad Tidings 3 <sup>rd</sup> Scott Nichols - Practice...
Thursday Evening Race		Earl Chapman
Bowersox Memorial Race		Doug Axtell
Jim Ely Memorial Race	Spinnaker	Earl Chapman
	Genoa	Jim Anderson
Bown Memorial Race	Spinnaker	Eric Matteson
	Genoa	Don Burns
Cannan Cup		Jim Anderson
Lake Race Trophy		Eric Matteson
Van Voorhis Trophy		Jon Flowerday
Cornwall Memorial Trophy		Earl Chapman
Cruising Award		Don Bossel
USYRU Sportsman Plaque		Jon Flowerday
Most Improved Racer		Daryl Hunt
P.U.C.R.		Barry Gheer
Cavalier Trophy aka Goody 2 Shoes		Jon Flowerday
On the rocks		Kurt Cylke
Clean Bottom		Scott Nichols
Fleet Captain's Service Award		Doug Axtel, Mark Blaakman, Eric Matteson, Larry Rice, Barry Gheer



Earl Chapman,  
receiving Cornwall Memorial Trophy

Well, this is my last newsletter article and it has been a very interesting season for me being fleet captain, a growing experience in some ways. I've never worried so much over something I can't control, that being the wind and what the wind will be doing on Thursday nights. I usually started checking [www.sailflow.com](http://www.sailflow.com), four days prior of race night to see what is predicted. Being fleet captain has made me step up my sailing game, getting me more interested in the sport, more knowledgeable about the racing rules of sailing, and more observant of the weather and winds. I'm a better racer because of the experience.

I would like to thank the race committee, Doug Axtel, Mark Blaakman, Eric Matteson, and Larry Rice for their diligent work. I would also like to thank all the folks that came out to race, without you guys we would just be a marina.

Have a safe and happy holiday and I will see you on the water in the spring.

*Scott Nichols*  
*Fleet Captain*



## Vice Commodore Reports

Well, we have put another great season in our wake, with 2007 ahead.

There were many fun events, and some that we were unable to obtain hosts for hopefully this upcoming year more members will be able to volunteer their excellent talents to host our events with co-hosts.

We had a nice cozy gathering at our Annual PYC banquet. Special thanks to Our Hosts Daryl and Michelle Hunt, and Jerri Schiff for everything to make this event go well. The awards ceremony was short and sweet with all who had performed excellent duties above and beyond the normal call.

Hopefully this upcoming year will find many of you volunteering to host, co-host, and assist as helpers with our many events and parties. This is the best way to have everything be fun and successful, and will eliminate cancellations. This is a club of volunteers for the man of moderate means and it is just plain wrong to expect one or only a couple of people to do all of the work and I am confident we can break out of that old trend with everyone stepping up and doing their part.

You will find the early flier for the annual Cabin Party on page 7 of this issue of the 'Soundings.' This is a fun event for all club members, friends, and family. It is a good time to join together for our first event of the New Year!

Are we ready for 2007?

*Robin Wilkinson*  
*Vice Commodore*





## From The Treasury

For those of you who were unable to make this year's general meeting I will highlight a few of the key financial points presented.

First we closed November out with close to \$62,000 in the bank. This number will soon be reduced by close to \$21,000 in expenses that need to be paid out of our 2006 revenue.

A good portion of these remaining expenses include the bills for this year's second haul and next spring's launch. In addition, we have already made commitments with the Cornwall Trust for infrastructure improvements in 2007 that will require an estimated funding by the club in the range of close to \$24,000. All these facts, when combined would leave us with about \$16,000 in the bank as our cash reserve at the end of 2007.



During 2006 along with assistance from the Cornwall Trust, we made infrastructure investments of close to \$44,000, a process we will continue, although probably not to the same scale, in 2007. Projects planned for 2007 include repair of the North Wall to the West of the little peninsula, replacement of the launch ramp, and work on utilities along the North Wall and the guest docks.

Your board worked the budget process this year with a desire to hold the line on both dues and dock rates with no increases for 2007. On Board's behalf I presented a 2007 operating budget that, while addressing a number of required projects, maintains current dues and dock rates for the next year. As a club we improved our membership position during 2006 and these extra members have allowed us to hold the line on your total membership costs.

So for 2007 dues for voting members remain at \$460 including sales tax. Dues for non-voting members will also remain at 2006 levels of \$108 including sales tax.

**Remember that your dues and your dock deposits must be received by January 15 this year rather than by December 31<sup>st</sup>, you should be receiving communications from the Secretary and Dock Master very soon on these subjects.**

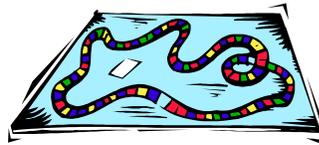
The only other change of significance is that we did not budget any income for 2007 from the storage of boats as part of H/S/L activities. Given the potential of significant increases in crane rates projected for 2007 we felt that it would not be wise to create a budget that required "S" income to balance our books. This probably sounds a lot more ominous than it may well turn out to be but we decided to take a conservative approach to revenue until we resolved some of the H/S/L cost issues that have resulted since Webster Crane has been sold, and the "bargains" we have seen in the past might be in jeopardy.

We will be soliciting bids during the coming months for 2007 haul and launch and will report back to the membership in late spring or early summer once we have more data to share.

*Ron Hilgert*  
*Treasurer*

# 2007

## PYC WINTER CABIN PARTY



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11th at 1:00 PM  
White House -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 west of the intersection of Holt Road and 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.

**Save the date! We will be sending out a formal reservation form for R.S.V.P.  
Shortly When Hosts have volunteered.**



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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.



February 11, 2007

Winter Cabin Party, 1:00 PM  
White House Pavilion, Webster Park