



LAKE SOUNDINGS

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Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

I guess I should not have complained about the warm December and lack of snow. We finally had enough snow at the cabin party to sled and cross country ski although most people stayed warm by the fire. It was good to see so many people turn out for the event and it was good to talk to a few new members.



Our membership level continues to be a concern so I am encouraging everyone to help promote the club to family members and friends. Please forward any ideas you have for advertising or increasing membership to Judy Overholt.

The executive committee is continuing the planning for the upcoming boating season. Two areas we are finalizing are the haul and launch budget and deciding on a priority for capital improvements for this year.

Dave Weagley

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Vice Commodore Reports

Brrrr.....

Hope everyone is keeping warm and well shov-eled.

This year's cabin party was a great success,- great food, great snow for all of the outdoor fun, and the best part- great company!

Special thanks to our hosts Jon & Carolyn Flowerday and all the other helpers.

Again we have many events this upcoming season, so mark your calendars.

See you all, around the club.



Robin Wilkinson

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Notes from The Engine Room

I hope you all survived the taste of real WNY winter we received in February! As of mid-February, our new dockmaster Mike Saporito reported 79 PYC members had requested docks for the 2007 season. That's close to where we were last year. At the end of 2006 season we had ten non-member renters. If all ten return, we'd have 89 docks occupied or only ~75% of our capacity. So spread the word to potential members and renters. Remember, first year renters are eligible for member dock rates.

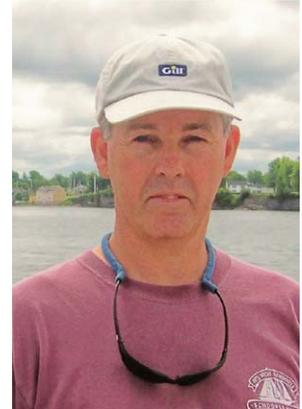
Thanks to Fred Bertoni for agreeing to handle launch coordination this year. We're reviewing quotes from three local crane companies and will make a decision soon as to who will replace Webster Crane, which was sold by Boulter last November to Clark Rigging.

We're in the process of compiling and prioritizing the list of projects for 2007, guided by the excellent work of the Dock Master Plan Committee, led by Mike Saporito last Fall.

Lastly, I'm compelled to mention that there are several instances of noncompliance with the PYC Shoring Policy which was introduced in 2006. As the snow melts and the ground softens, the risk of damage to your and adjacent boats increases dramatically for improperly shored vessels. I strongly urge all members storing boats with us to review the policy and your setup. The policy is available for download in the members-only section of the PYC website (www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org).

That's all for now. Next month's report will include launch assignments and the tentative list of 2007 projects.

Daryl Hunt



Last summer down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert an hour east of Bakersfield, CA, some folks new to boating were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 foot boat going. It was very sluggish in almost every maneuver no matter how much power they applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted into a nearby marina, thinking someone there may be able to tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out-drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch. So one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard.

(NOW REMEMBER...THIS IS TRUE.)

Under the boat, still strapped securely in place... was the trailer!

Submitted by Jim Anderson



Fleet Captain's Journal

I am sitting here looking out the window at all the snow and am finding it hard to believe that we will be involved in setting marks, getting the navigation aids in position, and launching boats in just over two months.

At the present I am confirming committee member and other volunteers for positions that fall under the fleet captain. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the positions please give me a call. Speaking of volunteering, the first Fleet Captain work day will be the 28th of April beginning at 8AM. Give me a call and reserve your space at this mind bending event. Hard work is guaranteed for one and all.



This season, I am thinking about going back to two series. Thinking back to the fall series this past year, it seems to me that we did a lot of drifting, slatting, and banging. It is my feeling that if we had two longer series we would have better results. If we ended up with a tie, we could always have a sail off race to settle the tie. Any thoughts about this please contact me and give me your opinion. I have not spoken to the race committee about this and of course it would be a decision that I would want to have made by all of you that are involved.

Speaking of involvement, power boaters, have you any thoughts about an activity that you could be involved in? Perhaps a predicted log race, or an invitation race on a sailboat. I would really like to have an activity that includes all members of the club in some sort of Fleet Captain activity. Give it a thought and send me some suggestions.

It is cold here in the back room where we keep the computer, so I think that I will close and go sit next to the wood stove where it is warm.

Happy sailing

Tom Jayne



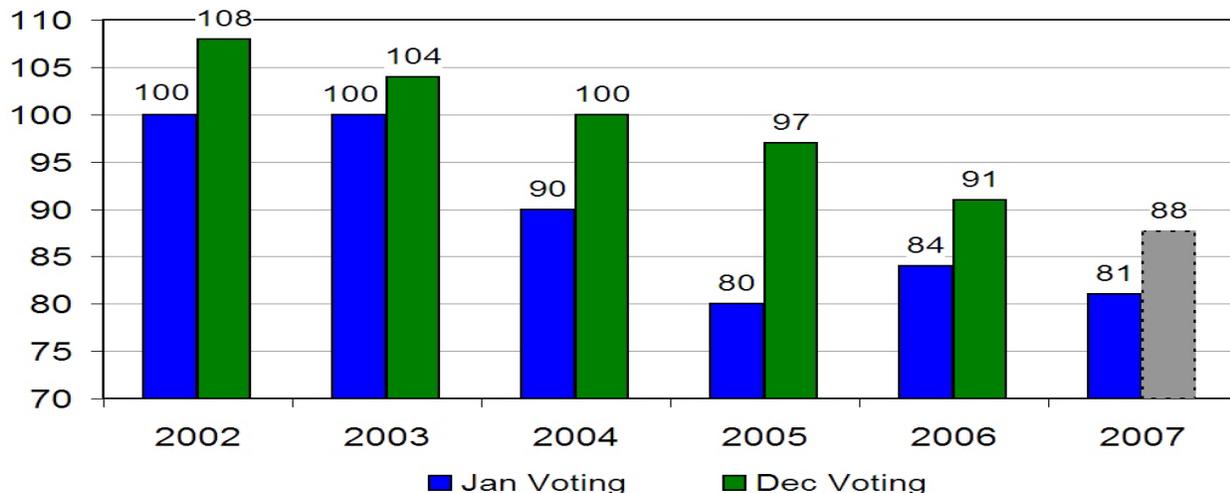


The Secretary's Corner

Membership Is Steadily Declining

The Club membership stands at 81 Voting, 9 Non-Voting and 0 Social members. We began the year with 84 Voting members in 2006, and 80 Voting members in 2005.

We are ending each year with approximately 4 fewer Voting members than the year before, a disturbing trend shown on the chart below:



The chart shows how many Voting members we started the year with in January (blue bars) and how many Voting members we ended the year with (green bars). If the trend continues, we will end 2007 with an estimated 88 Voting members.

Voting members are the backbone of our Club. The impact of fewer Voting members is felt in several ways: Less money to pay the fixed expenses of the Club and to invest in improvements to our facilities, fewer boats in the harbor and the loss of income from dock fees, potentially higher fees for dues and dock rentals, fewer people to help out on Club work days, fewer people to help with haul and launch, fewer people to host and attend social events...the list goes on.

Recruiting new members is crucial to the financial health and continued existence of our Club, and everyone's responsibility. We did a great job of recruiting new members in 2004 and 2005, and we need that same effort in 2007. PYC can't be "the best kept secret" on Lake Ontario anymore! Tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers about our Club and encourage them to visit. Speak to other boaters that you meet as you cruise nearby and tell them what a great Club we have; invite them to a social event or for a tour of the grounds.

We are competing with the local marinas, which are aggressively expanding their social events and improving their grounds and facilities to attract dock renters. Please make every effort to tell people about our Club and encourage them visit, and hopefully join, the Club.

Membership Cards

Membership cards were mailed in late January. Please contact me if you have not received your membership card in the mail.

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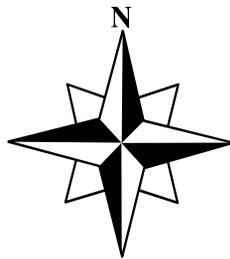
From The Treasury

From a financial point of view the last month has been great for the bank account balance. I have deposited all the checks received so far for membership dues and the dock deposits from voting members. At this point in the year our overall membership is shy of our full year target by 7 voting members. Total membership funds received so far this year are \$34,833 or about 92% of the plan that was presented in December. The dock deposits received of around \$21,900 indicate that we currently have about 77 members reserving a dock in 2007 at this point.

These numbers continue to track to the trend we have seen for several years and clearly indicate that we all need to work to find those extra new members for the club to prosper and so that we can continue with the maintenance and improvement plans reviewed in December.



Ron Hilgert



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Changes to Club Policies

The Executive Committee approved changes to the Club Policies. The Club Constitution, Bylaws and Policies will be published on the “members only” web page of the PYC web site and will be included in the PYC Membership Log published in late May.

PYC Represented at the Rochester Boat Show

PYC once again had a booth at the Rochester Boat Show. We shared the booth with the Pultneyville Mariners. Thanks to everyone who helped make our booth a success! We received several inquiries from prospective members and dock renters and we will be following up on each opportunity.

We will be putting advertisements in the local newspapers in March and April to attract members and dock renters. We will also be putting up flyers and distributing PYC brochures in local businesses. The flyers will be posted on the “members only” PYC web page so you can post them in your favorite places.

Mark Laffin





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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.



April 21-22	Launch Boats
April 28	Fleet Captain Work Day
May 12	First Club Work Day
May 19	Second Club Work Day
May 26	Commordore's Review