



LAKE SOUNDINGS

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Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

Now that we have the work behind us it is time to enjoy the summer season. I want to thank everyone for the efforts they did to repair and clean up the club. It really looks good. There was a lot of ice damage this winter and it took extra effort to get the club functional.

You still may have time to sign up for the Commodore's Brunch on June 2 at 11 am. Bring your used boating stuff to sell at the lawn sale and we will also have our club merchandise on sale. The pancakes, french toast, and refreshments are a good way to start the day and the general meeting will follow at 1pm.

Don't forget to change your calendars for the new date for the Commodore's Challenge with the Mariners hosting. We moved it to August 25 because this year's Hospice Regatta is on August 18 at RYC.

The nominating committee for 2008 is being led by Anneliese Bopp. The other members are Diane Boesel, Stu MacDonald, Eric Matteson, and Bob Hamilton. The open positions are Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, and Treasurer. If you are interested in serving on one of these positions or have possible candidates please contact one of the members of the committee.

I'll see you at the club,

Dave Weagley



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The Secretary's Corner

Membership Unit Counts

The membership unit counts stand at 83 Voting, 10 Non-Voting, 0 Social and 1 PMI reciprocal membership as of April 15, 2007.



New Membership Unit!

Please welcome Michael and Linda Simeone and their children Christine and Claudia to our Club. Vice Commodore Wilkinson sponsored the Simeone family for membership. The Simeones are bringing their 21-foot Sea Ray Seville, "Big Guns," to the harbor this year. Please introduce yourself to the Simeone family and make them feel welcome to our Club. We will formally introduce them to the Club at the upcoming New Member Reception.

2007 PYC Membership Log

Alex Brougham is busy editing the 2007 PYC Membership Log. The Log should be published shortly and available to pick up in the Clubhouse over the Memorial Day weekend or at the June General Meeting.

Proposed Change to the PYC Constitution

The membership voted to change the definition of a membership unit and update the Club bylaws last year. The Executive Committee reviewed the PYC constitution and determined that a minor change was in order to bring the language of the Constitution in line with the new membership unit definition. The Executive Committee proposes to change the fourth sentence in Article III of the PYC Constitution from:

"To keep the Club within the financial resources of the *man* of moderate means without handicapping the abilities of the individual or the Club" to
"To keep the Club within the financial resources of the *person* of moderate means without handicapping the abilities of the individual or the Club."

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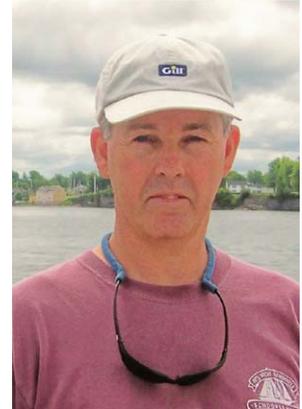
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Notes from The Engine Room

Back in mid-April, as Dave Weagley and I surveyed the ice damage to our docks in the driving sleet, I was not real happy with Mother Nature. A little over a month later, I have to say she's doing her best to make it up to us. We had perfect weather for launch and both workdays! Why is this a big deal to me? Simple – bad weather increases the chance of accidents. We had two accident-free, very productive workdays. Thanks to all who showed up to help out and to the coordinators (Joe Davis, Ernie Matyi) and crew leaders who kept things moving. Thanks to Deb and Abigail Heffron and to Cindy Kukuvka (in addition to flower duty) for leading the lunch crews. Both days we started right at 8am and (in most cases) worked until 5pm. I continue to be amazed and inspired by the dedication of our club members. Despite my assertion that they were exempt on the basis of all of the hours they put into their roles, all of the PYC officers showed up to work. Tom Jayne even brought his tractor with its built-in chipper/shredder. Dockmaster Mike Saporito, HL Coordinator Fred Bertoni, and Facilities Manager Tony Belaskas (“just there to make sure things were done right”) couldn't stay away. Several others worked multiple workdays. I know I run the risk of omission when I start to single people out – so I sincerely hope that everyone involved, named and unnamed, felt a sense of accomplishment at the end of the day. Your efforts are appreciated.



So now the fun starts – social events, campfires on the beach, maybe even some boating...

Have fun and be safe,

Daryl Hunt



(Secretary, cont).

The proposed change to the PYC Constitution will be put before the membership for a vote at the June General Meeting. If you will not be at the June meeting and would like an absentee ballot, please contact me by telephone or email.

New Yacht

You may have noticed a new yacht in the harbor recently. Bob Hamilton, Judy and I brought our new (to us) 32-foot Nordic Tug trawler to the harbor on Saturday May 12th. We left Buffalo on Friday morning, transited the Welland Canal from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario, and stayed overnight at the Tuscarora Yacht Club in Wilson. We headed east to the harbor on Saturday. We put around 170 miles under her keel and were underway a total of 16 hours. The tug was a lot of fun to pilot and we all enjoyed the trip. We will be renaming her from “Half-Fast” to “Respite” soon. Everyone is welcome aboard; please stop by anytime we are there.



Fleet Captain's Journal

After watching the fantastic Louis Vuitton Cup races yesterday morning and this morning I find that my excitement to get racing is just about uncontrollable. Monday's race was a disappointment as the LUNA ROSSA out sailed the ORACLE and won the race. I found it interesting that the race conditions looked very much like the ones we have, a wind that switches direction and changes velocity very often. Today's race was much different. The wind was steady in both direction and velocity. ORACLE had a bad start, but as the commentator stated "they just chipped away at LUNA ROSSA's lead until the ORACLE won". I was a great race with tacking duels and outstanding tactics.



The first Fleet Captain's workday is behind us. I want to thank those of you who showed up and performed beyond the call of duty. You guys are great. The racing marks are in as are the channel marks. The danger buoy marks the end of a shoal that extends out from the point and contains "Corso's rock". The water depth over the shoal runs from 6 to 8 feet according to Gull's depth sounder. I mention this because I think that the shoal and water depth has changed some since last season.

By the time that you read this the racing season will have begun. The practice race was a grayout, FOG, so we will begin the season racing for real this coming Thursday.

The NOR and SI for the Bowersox Race will be published this week. I would encourage all sailors to join us for the fun. Those of you who are not sailors are encouraged to join us for this exciting annual event. Talk to one of the sailors and I'll give odds that you will get an invitation to come along if there is space available. Also don't forget that the Scotch Bonnet is rapidly approaching on June 16 and 17.

Sail safe and have fun

Tom Jayne



Thank You!

A big "thank you" to everyone who donated flowers or money to help beautify the Club grounds. Also, "thank you" to everyone who came out to help plant flowers, clear and weed flowerbeds, and generally spruce things up.

We are still looking for donations of money or help to plant grass in the area near the flagpole, and to build four wooden flower planters for that area. Please contact me if you would like to help. The benches that are normally sitting near the flagpole are being cleaned and prepared for their summer in the sun and rain, and will be out in their usual places of prominence shortly.

Cindy Kukuwa



Vice Commodore Reports



The Best Kept Secret.

As I tap this out on the keypad I am sitting here looking out over our harbor from the front deck of the PYC clubhouse. Peaceful, serene, Lou Rohr is taking one of his many strolls, Summer Snow's crew is working at stepping the mast, and Merrill, and Cher Gray are settling in for one of their traditional evenings as the day heads to sunset. I think back to why I wanted to be a part of this PYC family, the peace, comfort, friendships and quality family environment. Let us all reflect for a few moments about the joys this place has brought to each of us. And of course the Boating!

Looking about I see a few new boats to the harbor, along with many of several years and in between many, many, many empty docks that could use filling with new members and boats. Let us each pass the word - let the secret out, Pultneyville Yacht Club is not the best kept secret, but the best place to be!

This issue will find our first work days behind us, thank you to all who helped especially Deb Heffron who worked through her birthday – oops Sorry Deb I may pay dearly for that slip!

Again I still need to call and ask, for - volunteers for many remaining events. Hosts for the Club Cruise, and our annual clambake in September. Please contact me.

July 14th @ 9:00 am Pultneyville homecoming & open boats (members only).

July 14 @ 3:00 pm Poker Fun Race.

July 27th, 28th, & 29th PYC Annual Club cruise (Need Hosts).

August 11th @ 3:00 pm Annual Pig Roast & Poker Race.

These are all great fun events to invite friends and family for a great time. We have a fun year ahead let's get underway!

Robin Wilkinson

Critchlow Adventures in Florida: The St. Petersburg Lighted Boat Parade

In December of 2005, we were in St. Petersburg for the “Lighted Boat Parade” and thought that this is something we could do and enjoy. So the day after Christmas 2005, we went to Wal-Mart and bought 35 strings of blue lights for \$1 per string.



In December 2006, we decorated our sailboat “AGAPE” in all blue. The decorating took the form of a tall blue tree. We plugged the lights together to form strings that went from the 55’ masthead to a circle of points on the deck around the mast. The strings were raised by means of halyards.

To the vertical “tree”, we added icicle lights along the gunnels. We also turned on the anchor light which gave the effect of a white star at the top of the tree. If we do say so ourselves, she was beautiful.

The parade was the evening of December 9. The weather was terrible. We had 25 knots of wind and 5 foot seas. Part of the parade was around the St. Petersburg pier which is in exposed waters. However, off we went.

There were about 30 boats in the parade. None sank; all were wet and cold.

We attended the awards ceremony afterwards hoping we might pick up some award in the locally fierce competition.

Several of our friends in the marina had also decorated and entered their boats. Three won awards. As we approached the end of the ceremony, we were somewhat disappointed we had not picked up at least a 4th place plaque.

The ceremony was troubled by a less than adequate sound system and a sweet lady announcer whose voice did not project well. At the end of the ceremony, we heard “AGAPE” called but the associated boat number was not ours. Somewhat confused, we started to make our way toward the front. They corrected the announcement to “AGAPE”, number 14, which was our number.



The Critchlows

2007 Pultneyville Yacht Club Calendar

Updated May 9, 2007

(Changes/updates will be sent by email and published in the Lake Soundings)

Date	Time	Event
February 1 – 4		Rochester Boat Show
February 11	1:00 pm	Winter Cabin Party
April 21 – 22	7:00 am	Launch Boats (April 22 only if needed)
April 28	8:00 am	Fleet Captain Work Day (new date; moved from May 5)
May 12	8:00 am	First Club Work Day
May 19	8:00 am	Second Club Work Day
May 26	1:00 pm	Commodore's Review
May 27	10:00 am	Bowersox Memorial Day Race
May 27	5:00 pm	Memorial Day Picnic
June 2	11:00 am	Commodore's Brunch and New Member Reception
June 2	1:00 pm	General Membership Meeting
June 16 – 17		Scotch Bonnet Race
June 23	1:00 pm	BYO Picnic*
June 23 – 24	7:00 pm	Jim Ely Memorial Moonrace
July 21	9:00 am	Pultneyville Homecoming and Open Boats*
July 21	3:00 pm	Poker Race
July 27, 28, 29		Club Cruise (destination to be announced)
August 11	3:00 pm	Club Roast and Poker Race
August 18		Hospice Race (Rochester)
August 25	1:00 pm	Commodore's Challenge* (Mariners Host)
September 1	5:00 pm	BYO Picnic
September 8	10:00 am	Bown Race
September 15	8:00 am	First Cradle Day
September 15	2:00 pm	General Membership Meeting and Elections
September 15	4:00 pm	Fall Picnic
September 22	7:00 am	First Haul-out Day
October 13	8:00 am	Second Cradle Day
October 20 – 21	7:00 am	Second Haul-Out Weekend (October 21 only if needed)
October 27	8:00 am	Fleet Captain Work Day
November 10	Evening	Fall Banquet (location to be announced)
December 2	1:00 pm	Annual General Membership Meeting; Pultneyville Fire Hall

* Event shared with Pultneyville Mariners



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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.



- June 2 Commodore's Brunch
New Member Reception 11:00 AM
- June 2 General Membership Meeting 1:00 PM
- June 16-17 Scotch Bonnet Race
- June 23 BYO Picnic 1:00 PM
- June 23-24 Jim Ely Memorial Moonrace 7:00 PM
- July 21 Pultneyville Homecoming and Open Boats 9:00 AM
Poker Race 3:00 PM
- July 27-29 Club Cruise (destination to be announced)