



# LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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## Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

We have had a fun summer and some real exciting events. The club cruise was a great success and we had over 60 people at the dinner Saturday night. A big thanks to Jane Hamilton and Judy Overholt for all of your hard work in planning the cruise. The pig roast was also a big hit and a good time thanks to Tom Jayne and his helpers. We still have a couple of events remaining this year so sign up when you get the flyers.



Mother nature is not being very kind to us this year with limited rain and the resulting low water levels. We sounded the harbor in early June and we thought we were going to be OK without dredging again this year. The water levels, however, have been dropping since that time and are now under the long term average. The more serious issue is that the new forecasts indicate that the water will drop another foot by the last haul out. You have all received our notice and decision to modify the guidelines for the early haul. The Trust is trying to finalize the dredge permit and arrange for dredging but the water levels this year are forcing us to haul boats with drafts greater than 4 ft at the early haul.

A reminder from our Sunshine Person Jerri Schiff. Please let her know when you hear of a member having an illness or injury or of a family hardship so that she can respond with a card. We will also respond to recent members. You can contact Jerri at 585 381 9115 or [nnairej@yahoo.com](mailto:nnairej@yahoo.com)

*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 3 PMI reciprocal membership as of August 15, 2007.



### September General Membership Meeting

The September General Membership Meeting will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Cornwall Pavilion. The membership will be electing Club officers for 2008 during the meeting. The slate of candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee is:

Commodore: Dave Weagley  
Vice Commodore: Betsy Rice  
Rear Commodore: C.R. Burcroff  
Secretary: Mark Laffin  
Treasurer: Anneliese Bopp  
Fleet Captain: Tom Jayne

Please contact me by telephone or electronic mail if your membership unit requires an absentee ballot.

### Proposed Officer of the Day Policy

The Executive Committee distributed draft copies of a new proposed Officer of the Day Policy at the June meeting and took comments on the proposed policy from the membership. Several members are preparing an alternative proposal, so the EC agreed to table consideration of the policy until the September EC meeting.

### Volunteer Needed for Marketing Activity

Judy Overholt has investigated the possibility of putting a sign on the Pultneyville Historical Society property on the West side of Hamilton Street Extension. We are confident that a sign will be approved, but we need a Club member who lives in the Pultneyville or Williamson area to present our proposal to the local zoning board and attend the zoning board meetings. All the information will be provided. Please contact Judy or me if you are willing to help.

*Mark Laffin*  
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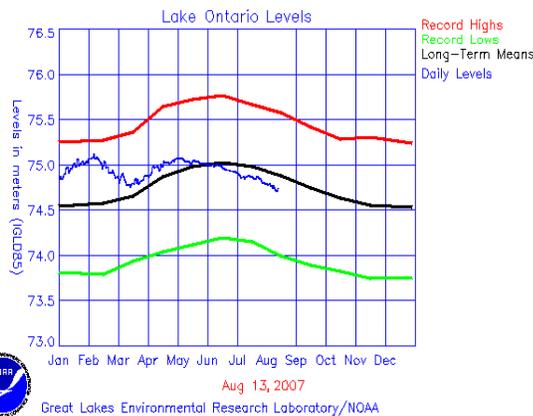
# Rear Commodore Report

## Notes from the Engine Room....

Well, I guess this is the price we pay for all of those beautiful sunny days on the lake... Back in July, we were tracking right on average lake levels and June harbor soundings looked good. However, the lack of rain in May and June caused me concerns, which have since proved to be well-founded. July and August have continued the dry spell and we're now well below average lake levels. This won't be a surprise to anyone by the time this article is published.



By early August I was getting reports of groundings in parts of the harbor. Michele and I did soundings before the pig roast on August 11<sup>th</sup> and found three areas of concern – in front of slips N3-N8; the main channel from P1-P8 and the east end of the south shore/south peninsula channel. These areas ranged from just over 4.3 ft to 5.5 ft. The Army Corp of Engineers estimates that lake level will drop another 12" by mid-October from the mid-August level of 245 ft.



The sad conclusion was obvious – even with dredging, boats drawing over 4.5 feet would be unable to move about the harbor by the second haul-out scheduled on October 20<sup>th</sup>. At the time of this writing, we're hoping to get dredging done before the first haul-out on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Given the uncertainty, we've made the painful decision to put a draft limit of 4 ft and under for the second haul-out. Because of this late

requirement, we've extended the early haul signup deadline to September 1 – the same as the late haul due date.

One additional consequence... Although we don't have good count at this time, we do know that we currently have 26 members with boats drawing over four feet. This means the early haul will most likely run two days, Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We expect we will be able to complete the late haul on Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>. It's interesting that a year ago we were wishing we had more boats signed up for early haul – I guess there's some truth to the saying 'be careful what you wish for!'

## Daryl Hunt

*"He is the best sailor who can steer within fewest points of the wind, and exact a motive power out of the greatest obstacles."*  
– Sir Walter Scott



# Fleet Captain's Journal

By the time that this issue of Soundings reaches you the close of boating season will be very close. The wind goddess has not been kind to the Thursday night racers. This has been the season of no wind. Hopefully next season will be better.



The racing awards will be awarded at the end of the season, so please return any trophies that you may have so that the appropriate actions may be taken with them to get them ready to be awarded at the end of the season.

I would like to ask a favor of everyone. Please, if you see a problem with the navigation aids, phone me and let me know so that I can take action to get them working again. This year we have had problems with the lights that I didn't know about for three or four days. I would hate to have someone damage a boat or worse because I didn't know that there was a problem. Call me on my cell phone any time. The number is 585-802-5416.

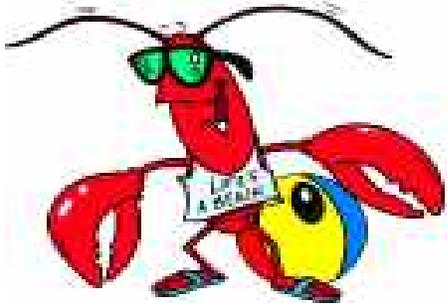
I am working with Brian Kempf from NYS parks to replace our wornout, waterlogged marks with new proper marks in the spring. With that will come new lights that should be easier to see. Also, with the new marks we will have to apply for a new permit from the Coast Guard. This will allow the Coast Guard to contact us directly if there is a problem.

Remember that September 8<sup>th</sup> is the Bown race. Skippers meeting will be at 10AM in the Pavilion. Also, I am looking for volunteers for the Fleet Captain's work day on Oct. 27.

Happy sailing!

*Tom Jayne*

# Lobster and Seafood Bash



*Sunday, Sept. 2nd  
@ 5:30 pm*

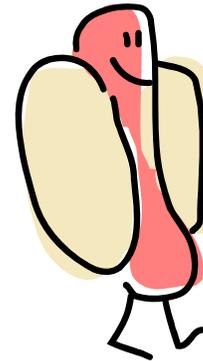
## Lobster Dinner #1:

World famous Pultneyville clam chowder,  
1 1/4 - 1 1/2 lb. whole lobster,  
salt potatoes, coleslaw, dessert,  
wine, beer and soft drinks.



## Chowder & Hotdog Dinner #2:

World famous Pultneyville clam chowder, 2  
Hotdogs, salt potatoes, coleslaw, dessert,  
wine, beer and soft drinks.



## Hotdog Dinner #3:

1 Hotdog, salt potatoes, coleslaw,  
dessert and soft drinks.

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Seafood Meal Deals

Name \_\_\_\_\_

#1 Lobster Dinner      \$23.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#2 Hotdog & Chowder      \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#3 Hotdog Dinner      \$ 4.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks Payable To:

*Pultneyville Mariners*

**RSVP by 8/28/07**

Kelly DuPlessis  
3252 Pintail View  
Walworth, NY 14568

Please Enclose Coupon with Reservation!!  
*Robin Walker*

# Revised Haul-Out Schedule

## 2007-2008 Haul, Storage, and Launch Form

Early haul-out is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> if needed. Late Haul-out is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Start time for both haul outs will be 7:00 AM. Work crew assignments will be included in the September and October Soundings.

**Important Change:** Due dates for HLS forms and fees are August 15<sup>th</sup> for early haul and September 1<sup>st</sup> for late haul. Per PYC policy, forms postmarked after these dates will be assessed a 10% late fee. Checks will be deposited after September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Haul, storage and launch fee lookup table**

Beam	Length																				
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
6	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$335	\$342	\$350	\$357	\$364	\$371	\$379	\$386	\$393	\$400
6.5	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$338	\$346	\$354	\$362	\$370	\$377	\$385	\$393	\$401	\$410	\$421	\$432
7	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$339	\$347	\$356	\$364	\$373	\$381	\$390	\$398	\$406	\$418	\$430	\$442	\$453	\$465
7.5	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$337	\$346	\$355	\$364	\$373	\$382	\$391	\$400	\$410	\$424	\$436	\$449	\$461	\$473	\$486	\$498
8	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$333	\$342	\$352	\$362	\$371	\$381	\$391	\$400	\$412	\$425	\$438	\$451	\$465	\$478	\$491	\$505	\$518	\$531
8.5	\$330	\$330	\$336	\$347	\$357	\$367	\$377	\$388	\$398	\$409	\$424	\$438	\$451	\$465	\$480	\$494	\$508	\$523	\$536	\$550	\$564
9	\$330	\$339	\$350	\$360	\$371	\$382	\$393	\$404	\$418	\$433	\$449	\$464	\$478	\$493	\$508	\$523	\$538	\$553	\$568	\$583	\$598
9.5	\$340	\$351	\$363	\$374	\$386	\$397	\$410	\$425	\$442	\$457	\$473	\$489	\$505	\$520	\$536	\$552	\$568	\$583	\$599	\$615	\$631
10	\$352	\$364	\$376	\$388	\$400	\$416	\$432	\$449	\$465	\$482	\$498	\$515	\$531	\$548	\$564	\$582	\$598	\$615	\$631	\$648	\$664
10.5	\$364	\$377	\$390	\$402	\$418	\$436	\$453	\$471	\$488	\$505	\$523	\$540	\$558	\$575	\$593	\$610	\$627	\$645	\$663	\$679	\$697
11	\$376	\$390	\$403	\$420	\$438	\$457	\$475	\$493	\$512	\$530	\$548	\$566	\$584	\$602	\$621	\$639	\$657	\$675	\$694	\$712	\$730
11.5	\$388	\$402	\$420	\$439	\$458	\$477	\$497	\$516	\$535	\$554	\$572	\$591	\$611	\$630	\$649	\$668	\$687	\$706	\$726	\$745	\$764
12	\$400	\$418	\$438	\$458	\$478	\$498	\$518	\$538	\$558	\$578	\$598	\$617	\$638	\$657	\$678	\$697	\$717	\$737	\$757	\$777	\$797
11.5 5	\$416	\$436	\$457	\$477	\$498	\$519	\$539	\$560	\$582	\$602	\$623	\$643	\$664	\$685	\$705	\$726	\$748	\$768	\$789	\$809	\$830
13	\$432	\$453	\$475	\$497	\$518	\$539	\$561	\$583	\$604	\$626	\$648	\$669	\$690	\$712	\$734	\$756	\$777	\$798	\$820	\$841	\$863
13.5	\$449	\$471	\$493	\$516	\$538	\$560	\$583	\$605	\$627	\$650	\$672	\$694	\$717	\$739	\$762	\$785	\$807	\$829	\$852	\$874	\$896

Beam and length dimensions in feet. Round your dimension to the nearest table entry  
 TRAILERABLE BOATS STORED FOR THE WINTER = \$150  
 SUMMER STORAGE FOR CRADLES, STANDS, TRAILERS = \$30

Fold & tear here - send lower portion with check to Ron Hilgert Club Treasurer by due date to avoid late fee.

For your records: Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Length: \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
 Beam: \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
 Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs  
 Slip: \_\_\_\_\_

**I plan to participate in:** (check one)  
 Early haul-out (Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>) **Due date: 8/15**  
 Late haul out (Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>) **Due date: 9/1**

**Mail to: Ron Hilgert  
 PYC Treasurer  
 P.O. Box 501  
 Fairport, NY 14450-0501**

My cost for H/L/S from table above: \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$150 Trailed Boats Winter Storage:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$30 for Summer Store of cr/tr/stds:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**10% Late Fee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR PYC USE:**  
 Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chk OK: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Entered XLS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chk Treas.: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check payable to: PYC *Include 10% late fee after applicable due date (checked by postmark).*

**Note: No late fee for early haul if check received by September 1<sup>st</sup>.**



## **LAKE SOUNDINGS**

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### **Pultneyville Yacht Club Site at the Web:**

<http://www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org/>

## **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.

September 1	BYO Picnic, 5:00 PM
September 8	Bown Race, 10:00 AM
September 15	First Cradle Day, 8:00 AM
	General Membership Meeting and Elections, 2:00 PM
September 22	Haul-Out