



# LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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## Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

The year is coming to a close but we still have one meeting left. It's your chance to see and vote for the 2008 budget and to express any ideas you have for the upcoming year. Chip Stevens will also be making a presentation on what he presented to the Williamson planning board for developing the 78 acres west of the yacht club. The Trust is pursuing low interest loans to be able to get enough money for dredging and capital improvements to the harbor and Chip will provide an update on this at the meeting.



We concluded the social season with the Fall Banquet at the Green Lantern and everyone had a good time. We had an excellent turnout and my thanks again to Don and Dianne Boesel for hosting this event. Thanks to Jerri Schiff for the wonderful door prizes, and to Scott Nichols for the slide show.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee for all the work they put into the club this year. There is a lot of time spent in monthly meetings and all of the other work at home and at the club. We had a good team that worked well together.

We'll see you at the December meeting.

*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 memberships.



### December General Membership Meeting

The final general membership meeting of 2007 will be held on Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 1:00pm at the Pultneyville Volunteer Fire Department hall. Park at and enter through the rear of the building. The agenda for the meeting will include:

- PYC Board of Governors report
- Executive Officer reports
- 2008 PYC budget proposal and vote
- A presentation by the Cornwall Trust on their proposal to develop land West of the harbor

The general meeting will adjourn and be followed by a ceremony to present the racing awards to the PYC racing fleet. Fleet Captain Tom Jayne will preside over the awards ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### PYC Lake Soundings is Official Source of Club Information

The Officers would like to remind everyone in the Club that the PYC Lake Soundings is the official source of important Club information, including the Club Calendar of Events, Haul/Launch dates, social event flyers, and many other topics of interest. Please make sure that you are receiving the Lake Soundings by electronic mail (preferred) or postal mail every month. If you are not receiving each edition of the Lake Soundings, please contact me so I can verify your mailing information.

### 2008 Membership Dues

2008 membership dues invoices will be sent out in December and payments will be due in January. If you have moved or your mailing address or email address has changed, please let me know before December 14th.

Calm seas and fair winds!

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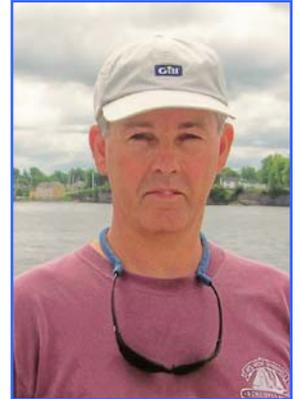
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# Notes from The Engine Room

This is my last Soundings article before turning the Rear Commodore flag over to the able hands of C.R. Burcroff. So, I thought I'd use the opportunity to share some of my thoughts and learnings.



But first a few words of thanks... Thanks for the trust, patience and encouragement. I never took that lightly. Thanks for the guidance from Commodores McCarthy and Weagley, fellow officers and my predecessor Merrill Gray. And most of all, thanks for the countless hours given quietly by so many of you – often without asking – to keep things running and get things done. I have to single out one person who went above and beyond the call. Mike Saporito performed the difficult duties of Dock Master with patience and class. He took initiative on several improvement projects including the harbor safety ladders and was always around to lend a hand. When you see Mike, thank and congratulate him as the recipient of the 2007 Rear Commodore's Service Award.

And some say that being a PYC officer is a thankless job...!

So what have I learned over the past two years as your Rear Commodore? Plenty! Here's my top 10 list:

- #10 Ask four PYC members how to solve a problem and you'll get six solutions.
- #9 Electrical fires are exciting and smell funny.
- #8 Don't do email when you're stressed-out.
- #7 Being organized is important. But putting it in a spreadsheet doesn't make it so.
- #6 Jan Burcroff makes the world's best peanut-butter cookies.
- #5 The collective knowledge and skill of the PYC membership is incredible.
- #4 Plan for the future. Then expect the unexpected.
- #3 Jerry Lewis' Labor Day telethon could be shortened to one hour if Jane Hamilton was in charge of fund-raising.
- #2 It really helps to get things in writing.
- #1 Patience is a virtue. But sometimes you need a hammer - and to really get anything done you need a forklift.

It's been fun! Best of luck CR!

Daryl Hunt

*Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm. – Publilius Syrus (306-378 AD)*



# Fleet Captain's Journal

*'Twas the 15<sup>th</sup> of November and all thru the yard,  
Not a sailboat was sailing—  
The water's too hard!*

*The sails were all folded neatly away,  
Awaiting the breezes of April and May.*

*The crews were all snug in their bars with their beers,  
Toasting their trophies with boisterous cheers!*

*The skippers were planning their tactics and starts,  
Referring to ratings and studying their charts.*

*When cell phones exploded with such a loud clatter,*

*We jumped from our chairs to see what was the matter.*

*Your boats are in trouble, sound the alarm!  
There's foul weather coming that might do them harm.*

*We sped to our cars and raced to the club,  
Holding our breath to see what was up.*

*It was stormy and dark. a terrible night!  
With ominous thunder and bolts of bright light.*

*When who to our wondering eyes did show up,  
But a white bearded codger in a gold pickup truck.*

*Practice, Pandora, Penelope and Zest,  
Shook in their cradles with all of the rest.*

*He spoke to each boat over and over,  
Calming their quaking and checking their cover.*



*With a wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
He soon let us know we had nothing to dread.*

*He spoke not a word, but went straight to his truck.  
Then turned one last time and said what the heck!*

*I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,  
Happy boating to all and to all a Good Night.*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who gave me help to complete this season, and especially Jon Flowerday for the great historical pictures of grand ole Penelope. I hope to see all at the annual meeting.

*Tom Jayne*





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<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.

December 2      Annual General Membership Meeting;  
Pultneyville Fire Hall, 1:00 PM

