



# LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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## Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

The 1<sup>st</sup> event of the year is behind us with a successful cabin party at Webster Park. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event with plenty of food and socializing.

The water level projections by the Army Core for the next 6 months look good for adequate water for launching our boats and for boating in Lake Ontario. Chip Stevens got a new 5-year dredging permit signed last fall but it needs to be modified to cover the new depths that we have agreed to. He is meeting with the DEC on February 25 to initiate the changes to the permit. Chip is trying to get some of the dredging done before and right after we launch our boats.



We conducted our first lease discussion meeting for 2008 on February 15 and we will be sending out a separate letter in the next few weeks to list some of the topics we are discussing and let you know the progress we are making.

CR Burcroff and I will be walking around the club in late March to start a work list. If you know of areas that need repair please e-mail CR or myself so we can add the items to our list.

We'll see you at the club,

*Dave Weagley*

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## The Secretary's Corner

### Membership Continues to Decline

As of February 11, 2008 the membership unit counts are 74 Voting, 9 Non-voting, and 0 Social. The Executive Committee approved two new Voting membership applications, which will increase the Voting membership units to 76 if these two families follow through and join the Club. However, we are still down six Voting membership units from December 2007.



The chart (see chart, separate attachment) shows how many voting members we started the year with in January (blue bars) and how many Voting members we ended the year with (red bars). Voting membership units are declining faster than we are able to replace them with new 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. Our working Club depends heavily on our Voting members to make it successful.

Recruiting new members is crucial to the financial health and continued existence of our Club, and everyone's responsibility. 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.

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# Notes from The Engine Room

Here it is the middle of February. At this writing, winter has been typical for Upstate New York.

Launch will take place April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> (if needed). Again, Clark Rigging will be handling the launch. Fred Bertoni will be in charge.



This month we will be looking around the club for our work days projects. As soon as we know, we will publish them.

Don Boesel is working on the gin poles. They both should be in good working order by the time needed. We are looking for someone to do the repairs on the dry sail crane.

With winter about half over, please go to the club and give your boat a good look. If you have stands, check them and adjust them if needed. Check the covers. I hope you have already done this. If not, please take the time to do it.

The dock master informed me, we have about seventy members that have sent in dock deposits. It would be nice, if we picked up some people from the Boat Show.

*CR Burcroff*



# Fleet Captain's Journal

Each year about this time we start thinking about what we are going to have to do to get ready for this years boating season. The navigation aids need to be overhauled. This year I hope to be able to replace all the lights with new and brighter ones. I have been in contact with the state and they are going to help use with some new equipment. I don't have any ideas about what to do about the light pollution that makes the marks hard to see other than newer brighter lights. If anyone has an idea to help with this problem, let me know and I'll follow the information down.



The raft needs to be rebuilt this year. I feel that the raft is no longer safe. At our last board meeting a pontoon/party barge was discussed as a replacement. If anyone knows of one about 20 feet long for sale for a reasonable price would you give me a call and I will follow up the lead. I would prefer one that has a motor and a trailer. Our budget is limited so price is important. As long as the floats and deck sub structure is sound, condition is not important, as the deck structure will have to be rebuilt to our use requirements.

I am really looking forward to this coming season. I hope to see a lot of activity and new members at the club.

*Tom Jayne*



## Vice Commodore Reports

Our social calendar led off with the Cabin Party on a cold and **WINDY** February 10, 2008. A small – about 35 – but hearty group braved the wind and cold for the occasion at Webster Park. **Cathy and Stu MacDonald** and their crew did a yeoman's job of providing delicious and warm (!) food for the occasion. Wind chills of **-20 degrees** did not deter this gang from cooking hot dogs and burgers outside! Three kinds of chili, corn bread and many delicious side dishes provided by members rounded out the menu. Yummm! The lake looked spectacular, as long as you didn't want to sail on it. Sun, clouds, blues, greens...and 10-12 foot waves crashing on the frozen beach! As Larry would say..."Look at all that good wind going to waste!"



Since the last newsletter, **Jim Wurtenburg** has volunteered to be the **Merchandise Manager**. He is enthusiastic about rejuvenating our merchandise line so look for some new choices in the spring. Thanks, Jim! Also thanks to several of you who have volunteered to help with Work and Cradle Days.

However, there are still a few *\*key\** spots where some help would be appreciated. They are:

- Club Cruise in late July
- Fall Picnic in September (already has a full committee but needs a chair)

If you are interested, please e-mail me at [brice134@frontiernet.net](mailto:brice134@frontiernet.net) with your preferences.

That's it for now. Looking forward to spring!

*Betsy Rice*

*(Secretary's article continued from page 2)*

## **Membership Cards**

Membership cards were mailed in mid-February. Please contact me if you have not received your membership card in the mail.

## **New Officer of the Day (OOD) Policy**

The Executive Committee approved a new Officer of the Day Policy at the February Executive Committee meeting. The new policy was sent out by electronic mail to the membership.

## **PYC Booth at the Rochester Boat Show**

PYC once again had a booth at the Rochester Boat Show. Thank you to everyone who helped set-up, host and tear down the booth. Unfortunately, there did not appear to be as many people attending the show compared to years past, and there was very little traffic at the PYC booth. We did not get a single firm inquiry about membership or dock rental this year. The Executive Committee is discussing whether or not to rent a booth at the show next year. The booth rental is \$500 and we considering other ways that we could spend the money to attract prospective members and dock renters.

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## 2008 Pultneyville Yacht Club Calendar

Updated February 20, 2008

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
February 7 - 10		Rochester Boat Show
February 10	1:00 pm	Winter Cabin Party
April 26 – 27	7:00 am	Launch Boats (April 27 only if needed)
May 3	8:00 am	Fleet Captain Work Day
May 10	8:00 am	First Club Work Day
May 17	8:00 am	Second Club Work Day
May 24	1:00 pm	Commodore's Review
May 25	10:00 am	Bowersox Memorial Day Race
May 25	5:00 pm	Memorial Day Picnic
June 7	11:00 am	Commodore's Brunch and New Member Reception
June 7	1:00 pm	General Membership Meeting
June 13 – 14		Scotch Bonnet Race
June 21	1:00 pm	BYO Picnic*
June 21 – 22	7:00 pm	Jim Ely Memorial Moonrace (Full moon on 6/18)
July 19	9:00 am	Pultneyville Homecoming and Open Boats*
July 19	3:00 pm	Poker Race
July 25, 26, 27		Club Cruise (destination to be announced)
August 9	3:00 pm	Club Roast and Poker Race
August 16		Hospice Race (Rochester)
August 23	1:00 pm	Commodore's Challenge* (PYC Host)
September 6	5:00 pm	BYO Picnic
September 6	10:00 am	Bown Race
September 13	8:00 am	First Cradle Day
September 13	2:00 pm	General Membership Meeting and Elections
September 13	4:00 pm	Fall Picnic/Clambake
September 20	7:00 am	First Haul-out Day (September 21 only if needed)
October 11	8:00 am	Second Cradle Day
October 18	7:00 am	Second Haul-out Day (October 19 only if needed)
October 25	8:00 am	Fleet Captain Work Day
November 8	Evening	Fall Banquet (location to be announced)
December 7	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.



April 21-22	Launch Boats
May 5	Fleet Captain Work Day
May 12	First Club Work Day