



# LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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## Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

The boating season is in full swing and we have had some excellent weather. We have plenty of social activities coming up so get signed up. The club Roast ( Luau ) is coming up on August 9 and it sounds like a very interesting event with the Hawaiian theme. The flyer to sign up for the Luau is on page 7 of this edition of the "Soundings." PYC is also hosting the Beneteau First 235 Race that day. You may see a couple of visiting tents set up south of the club house that weekend.



The commodore's challenge will be August 23 with PYC hosting. I will be racing against Dave Smith, the Mariners commodore. The race will be at 1 PM and we will host a wine and cheese social after the race.

Our nominating committee is working on the 2008 officer list and we will have the candidates posted soon. Just a reminder, you can contact Mark Laffin for an absentee ballot if you can not make the September meeting.

We have some work projects starting in the harbor and we will try to send out notices a few days in advance to minimize inconveniences. Some of the contractors just show up so please have patience. We are still waiting for the final DEC dredge permits and both Chip and I have been discussing this with Bob Shearer from the DEC. The dredging will start 1<sup>st</sup> in the channel and trucks will be running along the north shore. The next area will be along the north shore docks and several boats will have to be re-located. We will be developing a plan with Jim Hollingsworth and we'll let you know as far in advance as we can about the timing of the dredging and what boats need to be moved. We will have a separate e-mail for progress on the new docks along the south side of the peninsula as soon as Chip can lock in on contracts.

We'll see you at the club,

*Dave Weagley*

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## The Secretary's Corner

Set Sail, Celebrate Life, Support Hospice

It seems hard to believe, but on Saturday, August 16, the Rochester Hospice Regatta will celebrate its 10th anniversary, hosted this year by the Genesee Yacht Club. Plan now to join us in this Great Race for a Great Cause.



If you enjoy racing, you can sign up for the Regatta and get sponsors for your boat. Even if you never race, you can still participate in the Community Cruise and Clambake on Friday, Aug. 15, inviting guests onto your boat to help raise funds.

Check out the Regatta web site – [www.rochesterhospiceregatta.org](http://www.rochesterhospiceregatta.org) – to learn more about this wonderful event. If you prefer, you can enter the Regatta or sign up for the Cruise using our online registration system.

Don't miss the "Raffles" web page for information about the Franz Schwenk painting that you could win . . . with a \$20 donation to Hospice.

Remember, all proceeds from this regatta remain in the Rochester/Finger Lakes area to assist Hospice in helping local families care for loved ones who are terminally ill. The first nine Hospice Regattas raised more than \$400,000 to improve and expand services offered by Lifetime Care Hospice, including the new Hildebrandt Hospice Care Center in Greece. You can contact:

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# Notes from The Engine Room

Believe it or not, it is time to start planning for haul out. Fred Bertoni will be the haul coordinator again this fall. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> will be the first haul date and the 21<sup>st</sup> (if needed). Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> will be the second date and the 19<sup>th</sup> (if needed). You will find the haul-out schedule on page 4.

When the haul, store and launch bills go out, please be prompt with your payments. This really makes planning go easier. Be sure to read the policy on Shoring Boats in the log and comply at haul out.

As of now, I have a few people that still need to complete a workday. Some have already contacted me about this matter. If you have not, it really is time to get the days work completed.

I have been told that a contract has been made and signed with Jim Hollingsworth for dredging. Still waiting for the D.E.C. to grant the OK to start. Hopefully the dredging will be done by this publication.

We are lucky to have Power Squadron Members in our club. They offer safety boat inspections at the club. To have an inspection, see Steve Heffron, Tom Ecker or Joe Griffo. Many already have had it done. I'm sure they would be more than happy to inspect anyone's boat.

Cruising has been going on now for awhile and still time for more. I hope everyone that has been out or are planning to has a great time. If you are headed to Fair Haven be sure to try dining at the Pleasant Beach Hotel. We had a great time there and you will enjoy meeting the new owners.

Remember the clubs remaining social events, and hope to see you at them.

*CR Burcroff*





# Fleet Captain's Journal

The first Pultneyville Yacht Club Great Fiasco Race is now in the history books. Comments made after the race indicate that all participants enjoyed the race. The start was great fun because the start of the race was in the Pavilion. It was a Lemans style start. Each boats crew and skipper had to be in the pavilion and boats were not allowed to be prepared early. Also as each boat left it's dock a horn had to be sounded (a la Mark Laffin). The sound was awesome. Boats had to round every permanent race mark and the zero mark, but could do so in any order. That really made the race a test of strategy rather than one of boat speed and sailing ability. I, as fleet captain added water to the race in the form of two super soakers. A wet t-shirt contest soon followed.



As there was little or no wind the participants elected to compete under the powerboat rules. Because of this the prizes were awarded to the first six places and dead last. Prizes were awarded to Jon Flowerday in Pandora (6<sup>th</sup>), Doug Axtell in Glad Tidings (5<sup>th</sup>), Larry Rice in Zest (4<sup>th</sup>), Scott Nichols and family in Practice (3<sup>rd</sup>), Robin Wilkinson in Petrel (2<sup>nd</sup>), Tom Foley in Summer Snow (1<sup>st</sup>), and the champagne booby prize to Mark Blaakman in True Colors. All the boats placing were actually sailboats because unfortunately no powerboats entered. After the race hots and hamburgers were grilled and representatives from Hospice Race provided the beer. The celebration lasted well into the evening. It was suggested during the party that at least another race be run later in the season. Also this may become an annual event, hopefully with even more participants.

The spring race series finished last week. This year only one race was canceled due to weather and that was because of too much wind. The results in the genoa fleet are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place Don Boesel in Avalon, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Scott Nichols in Practice, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Jim Anderson in Soukara. The results in the spinnaker fleet are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place Earl Chapman in Comic relief, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mark Blaakman in True Colors, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Larry Rice in Zest. Congratulations to all.

On a more serious note, some of our sailboat owners like to keep the PHRF-LO certificate on their boats in effect even if they are not racing in our Thursday night series. The renewal on the certificate costs the club \$25.00. In the future this fee will have to be paid before the certificate is renewed if the boat is not going to be raced in the series. The racing fee for the series covers the certificate renewal fee. Just a reminder that the PHRF-LO certificate is needed for races like the Scotch Bonnet and the Hospice as well as our Pultneyville special races.

*Tom Jayne*

## 2008-2009 Haul, Storage, and Launch Rates

Early haul-out is scheduled for September 20th. Late haul-out is scheduled for October 18th. Start time for both haul-outs is 7am. Work crew assignments will be included in the September and October soundings. **We need to know if you are not planning on hauling with PYC by Aug 15.**

**Reminder: Due dates for HSL forms and fees are August 15th for early haul and September 1st for second haul.** Per the PYC policy forms postmarked after these dates will be assessed a 10% late fee. Checks will be deposited after September 1st

### Haul, Store, and Launch fee lookup table 2008-2009

Beam	Length																					
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	
6	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$367	\$375	\$383	\$392	\$400	\$408	\$416	\$425	\$433	\$441
6.5	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$370	\$379	\$388	\$397	\$406	\$415	\$424	\$433	\$442	\$452	\$464	\$476
7	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$371	\$380	\$390	\$400	\$409	\$419	\$429	\$438	\$448	\$461	\$474	\$487	\$500	\$512	
7.5	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$369	\$379	\$389	\$400	\$410	\$421	\$431	\$441	\$453	\$467	\$480	\$495	\$508	\$521	\$536	\$549	
8	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$364	\$375	\$386	\$397	\$408	\$419	\$430	\$441	\$454	\$468	\$483	\$497	\$512	\$527	\$541	\$557	\$571	\$586	
8.5	\$361	\$361	\$368	\$380	\$392	\$403	\$415	\$427	\$438	\$451	\$467	\$483	\$497	\$513	\$529	\$545	\$560	\$576	\$591	\$606	\$622	
9	\$361	\$371	\$383	\$396	\$408	\$421	\$433	\$445	\$461	\$477	\$495	\$511	\$527	\$544	\$560	\$577	\$593	\$610	\$626	\$642	\$659	
9.5	\$372	\$385	\$398	\$412	\$425	\$438	\$452	\$469	\$487	\$504	\$521	\$539	\$557	\$574	\$591	\$609	\$626	\$643	\$660	\$678	\$695	
10	\$386	\$400	\$414	\$427	\$441	\$458	\$476	\$495	\$512	\$531	\$549	\$568	\$586	\$604	\$622	\$641	\$659	\$678	\$695	\$714	\$732	
10.5	\$400	\$414	\$429	\$443	\$461	\$480	\$500	\$519	\$538	\$557	\$577	\$595	\$615	\$634	\$654	\$672	\$692	\$711	\$731	\$749	\$769	
11	\$414	\$429	\$444	\$463	\$483	\$504	\$524	\$544	\$564	\$584	\$604	\$624	\$644	\$664	\$684	\$704	\$724	\$745	\$765	\$785	\$805	
11.5	\$427	\$443	\$463	\$484	\$505	\$526	\$548	\$568	\$589	\$610	\$631	\$652	\$674	\$695	\$716	\$736	\$757	\$778	\$800	\$821	\$842	
12	\$441	\$461	\$483	\$505	\$527	\$549	\$571	\$593	\$615	\$637	\$659	\$680	\$703	\$724	\$747	\$769	\$790	\$813	\$834	\$857	\$878	
12.5	\$458	\$480	\$504	\$526	\$549	\$572	\$595	\$618	\$641	\$663	\$687	\$709	\$732	\$755	\$778	\$801	\$824	\$846	\$870	\$892	\$915	
13	\$476	\$500	\$524	\$548	\$571	\$595	\$618	\$642	\$666	\$690	\$714	\$737	\$761	\$785	\$809	\$833	\$857	\$880	\$904	\$928	\$952	
13.5	\$495	\$519	\$544	\$568	\$593	\$618	\$642	\$667	\$692	\$716	\$741	\$766	\$790	\$815	\$840	\$865	\$890	\$914	\$939	\$964	\$988	

Beam and length dimensions in feet. Round your dimension to the table entry

TRAILERABLE BOATS STORED FOR WINTER = \$150

SUMMER (2009) STORAGE FOR CRADLES, STANDS, TRAILERS = \$30/year

**See Haul Launch and Store Registration Form Next Page (Page 6)**

# 2008 Haul Launch and Store Registration Form

Fold & tear here - send lower portion with check to Anneliese Bopp, Club Treasurer.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to participate in: ( check one )

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Early haul out (Sept 20) due date 8/15

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Late haul out (Oct 18) due date 9/1

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Not Hauling ( due 8/15 )

Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Beam: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Slip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Anneliese Bopp

PYC Treasurer

7273 Maple Ave.

Sodus, NY 14551-9621

My cost for H/L/S from table above: \_\_\_\_\_

\$150 Trailed Boats Winter Storage: \_\_\_\_\_

For PYC Use

\$30 for Summer Store of cr/tr/stds: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

10% Late Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Chk OK: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered XLS: \_\_\_\_\_

Chk Treas.: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: PYC  
by postmark )

Include 10% late fee after applicable due date (checked



# Vice Commodore Reports

## Reminders! Reminders! Reminders!

Next up on the social calendar is the **Club Cruise**. It will be **August 2 – 3**, hosted by **Jon and Carolyn Flowerday**. The cruise will be to the **Sodus Bay Yacht Club** to take advantage of the reciprocal privileges we enjoy there. *Please contact the Flowerdays if you are interested in going.*



Quickly following is the **Club Roast on August 9<sup>th</sup>**. This year's roast will be a luau theme and hosted by Merrill and Cher Gray. The flyer for the Roast is available on page 7 in this edition of the Soundings.

The **Fall Picnic on September 13** will be hosted by **Rich and Roseanne Critchlow**. Mark your calendars now for this event! Details and flyers to be published soon.

With haul dates rapidly approaching (Yikes!), I could use a few more volunteers to help with food on those dates. **Jan Burcroff** has graciously agreed to chair/volunteer for both, but extra hands make the work go more quickly. The dates are **September 20** and **October 18**. Extra hands are particularly needed for the October haul.

**Mark and Laurie Blaakman** are beginning the planning for the **Fall Banquet in November**. As a place is booked, we will let you know the location.

And...a reminder to those of you who use the club's coolers, barbeque tools, etc. You are welcome to use them but please leave them **clean and dry**. They have been found with creepy crawlies in them recently. With the warm (and humid) weather, it doesn't take much for them to grow!

As always, many thanks to all who have volunteered to help keep the club's social season going. We couldn't do it without you!

*Betsy Rice*



## Crossing the Bar

PYC extends its care and concern to Larry Rice and his family, on the passing of Larry's father Jack on July 13, 2008 at the age of 90. Among his many accomplishments, Jack was a member of the National Ski Patrol at Hunt Hollow; skiing and sailing were among his favorite pastimes. For those wishing, please consider honoring Jack with a donation to the Eastern Division of the National Ski Patrol (c/o David J. Nelson, Memorial Fund Chairman, 2 Terrace Road, Boonton, NJ 07005

# Luau

## Annual Pig Roast

Saturday August 9th, 3:00 pm

The theme is a Luau so please come dressed for the occasion. Each member or guest will need to bring a Hawaiian Dish to pass. The club

will supply the pork, turkey, salt potatoes, baked beans, corn, beverages as well as paper plates and utensils

Please furnish the following according to your last name:

Salad dish A-G

Hors d'oeuvre H-O

Dessert P-Z

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Member and Guest adult, \$13.00 each, Children 6-12 \$6.00 each, children 6 and

under free. **Please —Reservations needed by August 2nd.**

Total No Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Total No Children \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Pulneyville Yacht Club

Send Reservations to Cher Gray

4087 Lake Rd

Williamson, NY 14589

# 2008 O.O.D. Assignments

DATE	DAY	NAME	DATE	DAY	NAME
23-May	Friday	Heffron	18-Jul	Friday	Sleggs
24-May	Saturday	Herko	19-Jul	Saturday	Snyder
25-May	Sunday	Hilgert	20-Jul	Sunday	Sorrells
26-May	Monday	Howe			
			25-Jul	Friday	Soule
30-May	Friday	Hunt	26-Jul	Saturday	Stage
31-May	Saturday	Johns	27-Jul	Sunday	Stevens
1-Jun	Sunday	Kay			
			1-Aug	Friday	Thurston
6-Jun	Friday	Kilbury	2-Aug	Saturday	Watson
7-Jun	Saturday	Kukuvka	3-Aug	Sunday	Wilkinson
8-Jun	Sunday	Leavitt			
			8-Aug	Friday	
Wurtenberg					
13-Jun	Friday	MacDonald	9-Aug	Saturday	Allen
14-Jun	Saturday	Mackenzie	10-Aug	Sunday	Anderson
15-Jun	Sunday	Marcellus			
			15-Aug	Friday	Axtell
20-Jun	Friday	Markovitz	16-Aug	Saturday	Belaskas
21-Jun	Saturday	Matteson	17-Aug	Sunday	Bertoni
22-Jun	Sunday	Matyi			
			22-Aug	Friday	Blaakman
27-Jun	Friday	McLean	23-Aug	Saturday	Boesel
28-Jun	Saturday	Nichols	24-Aug	Sunday	Bolt
29-Jun	Sunday	Palmer			
			29-Aug	Friday	Boonstra
4-Jul	Friday	Palum	30-Aug	Saturday	Borresen
5-Jul	Saturday	Rohr	31-Aug	Sunday	Byrnes
6-Jul	Sunday	Schultz	1-Sep	Monday	Chapman
11-Jul	Friday	Sangster			Rev. 03/19/
2008					
12-Jul	Saturday	Saporito			
13-Jul	Sunday	Schiff			

**Duty hours: Friday ( Three consecutive hours between 6:00PM to 9:00PM )**  
**Saturday, Sunday & Holidays 3:00pm to 6:00pm**

A Sailor's Story  
or  
How I spent my "Father's Day" Weekend  
*by Robin Wilkinson*  
*One account of the Scotch Bonnet race*

On Friday evening north of Rochester harbor the weather was a bit sporty, I had the unique opportunity to see lightning boil water “again”, and I would guess about a mile distant, several times. Each strike had my Marine VHF radio produce broadband white noise for several seconds – until one deafening strike behind the boat which I did not see to guess the distance, but it definitely added a flashbulb effect to the vicinity. I realized it was closer than most would like (yes - including me) and I had a concern my radio had become fried, since it went to white noise and did not recover. I did turn it off and turned it on again after a short period of time, fortunately it was ok. During this time 14 boats (with full crews mind you) wisely dropped out and headed for safe harbor.

During this time I saw heavy winds blowing the tops clean off the waves that were being driven our way – the water looked like froth, and it was coming fast.

We received a radio warning that winds were gusting over 35 knots at Braddock's bay; making a quick time/distance calculation I knew it would be on us in five minutes tops.....

As I was finishing up reducing sail estimating a point of sail for 40 + mph winds (turns out they gusted to 54, I personally only saw 38 on my masthead instruments, but I have not had time to properly calibrate them yet for this season) Most sailboats pull in all of their sails and start the engine at about 25-28 MPH of wind....

I saw a chance to make really good speed, and at first, thought I could make it north and possibly get ahead of the worst of it – well it also was spreading north.

It was about to become a “very sporty ride”.....

Now basic physics apply to how fast non-planning, displacement boats can travel through the water. Mine can only go 6.243 knots. Yes there is a reason I am making this point...

The winds are upon me – I had just finished closing up the boat water tight to keep the green water out had barely finished reefing the Genoa and was not quick enough to re-trim the main sail for this onset of wind and driving rain. At this point I had a really good start and was way out ahead of most of the fleet and several boats later said they saw my boat get knocked over hard by the first blast of the storm, and thought I would call it quits. However from my perspective I was knocked over hard enough to put the side of the boat in the water, but still not as bad as I have had it wacked before. I knew she could take this in stride easily. Straightened it up trimmed the main for this wind and continued north trying to sail her hard and get to the northern edge of the storm. It really looked like I was going to make it at first but it turned out that was where it was the strongest. Fortunately the wind was coming almost from due south – well it was very active sailing and before long I thought, this feels a little fast.... Glanced at the instruments and they all were averaging well over 8 knots or 9 MPH. turns out the waves were a little larger than I would later tell anyone since to surf a 26' nearly 4 ton boat takes a lot of wave and wind in the right combinations. Also there is zero room for any mistakes or distractions under these conditions it could be fatal to boat and crew, the attention to every aspect of sailing the vessel, the conditions around, everything has to be at 200%....

My kind of party.....

Then after the storm passes it gets boring, nice easy breeze that drops to less than 2 knots as the northern target is being approached, the Sun should be starting to come up but there is no way it will be seen - there is a pea-soup fog, full senses on alert – can't see for more than 50 to 100 feet in any direction. Listening, smelling, looking (yeah right) intently for anything that could be another vessel – like a big lake freighter bearing down, thinking if one is on a collision course will I have time to maneuver clear in time? It would be tough.

Then I think I smell frying bacon – can't tell anyone about this they will think I am going nuts... Afterwards I overhear several other folks talking about smelling bacon. Turns out a lake freighter had passed by that no one could see, but some heard, and they must have been fixing breakfast for the crew. Well, I guess that is one of the things that can linger in dense fog..

Ok – think I hear birds, Yes!

Ugh – now the smell of an island heavily populated only by seagulls - the island is near... then I can hear waves on the rocks, double check my charts, course, and depth – dead on course. Round the island passing close enough to the race committee boat that we could have thrown baloney sandwiches at each other, would have loved one about then – a protein bar did not have the same appeal after smelling bacon earlier. Now after some extremely light air slow maneuvering, I am clear of the island and heading back to Rochester – 37 miles to go, it is 06:19:53 and I am looking forward to getting back in time for dinner. Had a really good run, passed over ten boats (my pre-planned course played out) and then 2 miles from Rochester - - - Dead-CALM!!!! Arghh....

Floating around for a couple of hours with the finish line in site - literally cursing at the lack of air selfishly thinking I could have been real close to being one of the fastest finishers – and doing it single-handed against fully crewed boats... Alas – arrogance once again set adrift.....

Finally – enough of a breeze to ghost along to the finish – across finally...

A sporty event experiencing each of the extremes this lake can throw at you, surviving it safely, finishing and winning my division easily – and yet I wanted more.....

Maybe next year - - -



## Thank You PYC

This past weekend Rochester Power Squadron (RPS) held their 2008 Rendezvous in Pultneyville. It was a fun filled event from the start of the day. Along with RPS, many PYC members and Canadian Visitors attended.

A very special Thank You to Cheri and Merrill Gray, for their help was endless.

PYC is the best on Lake Ontario.

Rochester Power Squadron  
Commander Steve Heffron and Debbie Heffron





## LAKE SOUNDINGS

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Pultneyville, NY 14538

### 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.



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| August 2-4   | Club Cruise<br>Sodus Bay Yacht Club   |
| August 9     | Club Roast, Poker Race and 2008 Beneteau First<br>235 LOCCR Events start at 3:00 PM                 |
| August 16    | Hospice Race- Rochester   |
| August 23    | Commodore's Challenge 1:00 PM, PYC Hosts Mariners   |
| September 6  | BYO Picnic- Cornwall Pavilion<br>Bown Race  |
| September 13 | First Cradle Day<br>General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers<br>Fall Picnic and Clambake |