



LAKE SOUNDINGS

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Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

We have the first haul-out behind us and the second haul coming up on October 18th. The water levels stayed on the high side of the Army Corp projections so I apologize for being conservative with the early haul requirements. We did get good news from the DEC on tests done of the harbor bottom core samples which will allow dredging of three critical areas in the main harbor. This would solve the problem of forcing boats to haul early. The number of boats hauling this year has dropped to just over 40 so we will have to re-look at whether we can still have two haul-outs next year.



We have our Fall banquet scheduled for November 8th and a flyer has been sent out by email. We have our next annual meeting on December 7th at 1:00 pm at the Pultneyville Fire Hall to vote on the 2009 budget.

At the September meeting we elected the following officers for 2009:

Commodore	Anneliese Bopp
Vice Commodore	Betsy Rice
Rear Commodore	CR Burcroff
Secretary	Barry Gheer
Treasurer	Garland Nichols
Fleet Captain	Jon Flowerday

Please congratulate them when you see them.

In addition, you voted to allow the Executive Committee to finalize the details of the new lease with the Cornwall Trust and sign the new lease. The projects are proceeding, albeit slower than anyone anticipated, but things are happening. I'm looking forward to more progress in 2009.

We'll see you at the club,

Dave Weagley

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The Secretary's Corner

Membership Unit Counts

The membership counts for the Club stand at 80 voting membership units, 9 non-voting, zero social, and three PMI reciprocal memberships. One voting membership is pending.



New Member Packet Volunteers Needed

I'd like to update the small packet that we give to prospective and new members, and I'm looking for two or three volunteers to help with the update. It would be great if two of the volunteers were members who joined the Club in the past couple of years so we can get your fresh perspective on what you really want or need to know as new members. Please contact me by email or telephone if you are interested in helping out.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Barry Gheer as the Secretary-elect, and the other of the 2009 Club officers elected at the September general meeting. I'm looking forward to a smooth transition of the duties of the Secretary to Barry later this year.

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Notes from The Engine Room

The boating season is coming to an end. The first haul is complete.

At the last general meeting, I again announced we will be following the shoring policy. Each boat using stands must have pads under them or the boat will not be hauled. Also, no cement blocks will be used.

A couple more things on haul out. First and most importantly work safely. Do not walk under a boat while in the air. Do not get between boats until ready to set stands or the boat is almost in the cradle. All sling crews will wear the Bump Caps.

Earlier this year, in an article for the Soundings, I talked about haul not being over until everything is put away. Too many times people leave before all the work is completed. Please help with all things that need to be done.

The second cradle day is October 11th.

The second haul out is October 18th.

Cradle day will start at 8:00 a.m.

Haul out will start at 7:00 a.m.

Because of keeping the Peninsula South Shore open for dock construction, things maybe a little congested. We tried to keep the North Shore Roadway open, but we will see what happens on the first haul out.

Again, thanks for everyone's cooperation and help.

CR Barcroft

Shoring Policy

The first haul-out is in a couple of weeks. Last year the Executive Committee approved a shoring policy governing how yachts are to be stored on shore during the winter. The policy resulted from the recommendations made by a committee of Club members. All yacht owners who are planning to store their yachts on the PYC grounds over the winter should review the policy, which is published in the PYC Membership Log. The policy will be enforced without exception during both haul-outs this year. Particular attention will be paid to the placement of jack stands, plywood pads under jack stands, proper cribbing, and other key requirements to assure the safety of both personnel and yachts stored on shore.

Yacht owners who are not in compliance with the policy will not have their yachts hauled by the Club during the first haul. If yacht owners have not made proper preparations by the second haul, they will not be hauled and will have to make arrangements to haul their yachts at another marina.

If you have any questions about the shoring policy, contact Rear Commodore Burcroff.



Vice Commodore Reports

The Fall Picnic hosted by Rich and Roseanne Critchlow was a great success! Despite a threatening forecast, the showers held off most of the day and the pavilion provided shelter when they finally arrived. Plenty of tasty food was flowing from appetizers, clams, shrimp, chowder, chicken, burgers, dogs and...if you still had room...loads of desserts! Thanks to Rick and Roseanne and their well organized crew for hosting it!



Thanks to those of you who have stepped forward to help with food for haul out. Through a series of miscues, I found out that I unwittingly volunteered Jan Burcroff to organize both, but she has agreed to help anyway. Many thanks, Jan!

Mark and Laurie Blaakman are the hosts for the **Fall Banquet on November 8th**. As announced at the September membership meeting, the banquet will be held at the **Triphammer Grill**, overlooking the High Falls in the Brown's Race section of the city. *Details to the event and a registration flyer accompany this issue of the Soundings as a separate attachment.* The event promises to be outstanding with excellent food, a view of the falls and free cover charge at the Tribeca Night Club for those who want music and dancing later in the evening. Meal choices range in price from \$28 to \$37; prices are understandably a bit higher given the rise in fuel and food prices over the year. However, they are still *very reasonable* considering it includes a full meal, coffee, dessert, gratuity and tax.

As this year's social season draws to a close, I will be sending out a survey to find out what you like and don't like in the way of social programs. Stay tuned to the November Soundings for that. And...be thinking of what events *you'd* like to host/help with next season. I know your creativity is out there! The sign up sheet will be making its way around, beginning with the banquet.

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



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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.



October 11	Second cradle day
October 18	Second haul out
October 25	Fleet Captain Work Day
November 8	Fall Banquet
December 7	Annual Membership meeting- Pultneyville Fire Hall