

# Lake Soundings

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## KEY DATES

Mar 1

- Winter Beach Party



- Hotshots  
1046 University Ave  
- 1 PM

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## Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

and docks. He has the transition well in hand and already has some improvements in mind. I know we both appreciate everyone's patience with the invoices.

I hope everyone's New Year

is off to a good start. This winter has provided a bit of everything with plenty of snow for the winter enthusiasts and some warm weather to enjoy as well (although that day is fast becoming a distant memory).

**Garland Nichols** has the treasurer's position under complete control. I truly appreciate her willingness to takeover the position for me. This allowed me to accept the nomination for Commodore, an offer that took me quite by surprise but came at a time when I was very open to new opportunities. I can honestly say that I am thoroughly enjoying learning the ins and outs of the operation of the club and having the chance to interact with members in new and different ways.

I can happily report that the Executive Committee has begun the New Year with zeal.

**Betsy Rice** has worked really hard to create a new event that will kick those winter blues and help us get in shape for the upcoming season as well. You can find all of the details in her report.

Last, but not least, **Jon Flowerday**, has already shared some new and exciting ideas for the racing program. His devotion to the racing program is obvious and I can't wait to see what else he has in store.

**C.R. Burcroff**, our returning Rear Commodore, has all of our contracts for launch and haul in order and ready to go. I am pleased that we will continue to be able to offer two hauls again this year. Hopefully this year boat owners will be able to choose their haul by the date that best suits their needs rather than by water levels.

Just in case you were wondering, PYC will not be participating in the Rochester Boat Show this year. It was decided by last year's Executive Committee not to continue to participate at this time as we did not feel that the time, effort and expense were providing sufficient results.

**Barry Gheer**, with assistance from **Mike Saporito**, has sent out our invoices for dues

Enjoy your winter,

*Anneliese Bopp*

# Notes from the Vice CCommodore



Welcome to a new year of social activities at PYC. I am looking forward to continuing on for a second year and introducing a few changes in our social calendar.

And...to get right to the changes, the Cabin Party has been replaced with a **Winter Beach Party!**

The event will be held on **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at HotShots Volleyball** at 1046 University Avenue in Rochester, NY (just past the intersection of Culver and University). We have reserved *three sand volleyball courts* exclusively for PYC members. The plan is to have two of those courts in use for a Pultneyville volleyball tournament and the third for sand soccer, frisbee or football (or just building sand castles). Bring your sand toys. The court time runs from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm with food served around 3:30. HotShots is decorated in a tropical theme and has changing facilities, so come dressed for a beach party under those sweats!

*Shake off the winter blues and get active!  
Break out the self tanning lotion to get rid of that "rolled in flour" look!*

*Even if you don't want to play, come along and cheer on your Pultneyville teammates!*

*Cheeseburger in Paradise anyone???*

Included in the menu will be hamburgs, hots and mac-

n-cheese and soda. A cash bar will also be available. The cost for the party, which includes the 2 hours of court time as well as the food/soda is \$14 per person; children under 8 are \$7 and kids under 5 are free!!! We'll also be serving dessert. If anyone is willing to contribute a batch of cookies, brownies, etc. please contact me. To sign up for the party, please return the reservation form, also included with this issue of the Soundings. **Reservations close February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

Thanks to many of you for already volunteering to host and help with another year of social activities. Most of our events are staffed but there are still a few *\*wonderful\** opportunities to help! They are:

- Lunch for Two Work Days in May – these can be used to fulfill workday obligations
- Club Roast in August – already has a group lined up to help but in need of a host
- Oktoberfest in September - also has a group lined up to help but in need of a host
- Lunch for Haul Out – one each in September and October
- Fall Banquet in November

If you are interested, please e-mail me at [brice134@frontiernet.net](mailto:brice134@frontiernet.net) with your preferences. Also, take a look at the Club Calendar for some other changes we'll be trying this year! I'll be implementing several of the ideas voiced in the social survey last fall.

That's it for now. See you at **the beach!**

*Betsy Rice*



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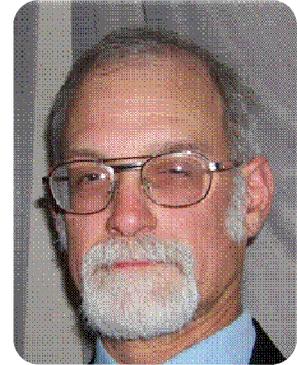
Jon Flowerday-Fleet Captain

## Secretary's Corner

I hope that you all had a good holiday season and I want to thank you for your patience while I was busy tripping over my keyboard. Hopefully you all have received your membership and dock deposit invoices. If you or someone you know has not received their invoice, please let me know. As I write this article I have received replies from about a third of the members, so I do not have a good tally of the membership this month. I want to thank **Mark Laffin, Anneliese Bopp, and Mike Saporito** for all their help and support. The dreaded mail merge turned out to be not so bad, except (as some of you may have notices) getting Word to print the correct number of decimal places. I got some tips from **Scott Nichols** and there they were--two zeros after the decimal and that quick they were gone again. So, if anyone knows the secret please share it with me.

One thing that did slow the process down was verify that I had the correct information. I hope that you all

corrected information on your invoice before you returned them. If you haven't, please do it now. And, you don't need to wait until January to send me changes. While you are at it check your information in the log book. I have received some comments that information is correct in one location and wrong or missing in another. I won't find all these errors without your help. Also, if anyone has information that they do not want published in the log (i.e. unlisted phone numbers; names teenage children) please let me know and I will restrict it to the club officers.



*Barry Gheer.*

## Notes from the Engine Room

Welcome to 2009. It seems Old Man Winter is really doing his thing. We have experienced very cold temperatures which brings me to my first topic.

When it does warm up please go to the Club and check your boat. If you are using jack stands, I am sure they will need some adjustments. It is time to check your boat out, especially if you have not been out in a while.

All of the contracts have been signed. Clark Rigging will be doing the launch and haul. Don and Jon's lawn and Tree will be doing the lawn. Both of these companies have given us good service.

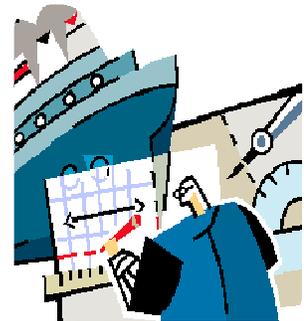
Haul and Launch Coordinator will again be Fred Bertoni. This year **John Howe** will be helping me with Harbor Charting (soundings). I have two positions to be filled. I will be contacting people to fill these positions.

Launch this year is April 25<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> if needed. Mark your calendars.

Work days this year will be May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Joe Davis and Ron Hilgert** will be in charge, again this year. I have several projects for this years workdays. We will do a walk around in March to find more.

It is nice that members step up to the plate to organize and run projects. I thank all of you that have in the past and will this year. Sure does make the Rear Commodore's job go more smoothly.



*C. R. Burcroff*



Here we go! 1<sup>st</sup> off we need to thank **Tom** for the great job he has done over the last two years! Thanks Tom.

Then we need to look forward to the upcoming season. I am really excited about this years

racing. We have a human RC this year! Big thanks to **Steve & Debbie Hefferon** who have offered to do this task. So when you see them, thank them.

There are also some other exciting highlights for this season, The Woman's Skipper Race is going to make it to the calendar. I also am looking forward to the **Sodus Bay Yacht Club Challenge Cup Regatta**. I know that PYC can go & bring that Cup back to P-Ville. I will have the dates posted soon.

Pultneyville Yacht Club will be a full Member Club of LYRA this year, this will allow us 3 voting delegates at the AGM. I attended this past AGM at RCYC back in November.

I will be attending the US Sailing Advanced Race Management Seminar at Rochester Yacht Club on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

**LEARN THE NEW RACING RULES!** If you want to understand the 2009-2012 racing rules you need Speed & Smarts, a bi-monthly newsletter full of race-winning tips on speed, tactics, strategy, rules and more! The next issue explains all major changes in the new rules; future issues will cover each rule in detail. <http://www.SpeedandSmarts.com>

I would also highly recommend joining US Sailing, with your membership you will receive a new copy of the The Racing Rules of Sailing. US Sailing also offers a Handy Guide to the Racing Rules. If we have enough interest we can get bulk pricing.

#### **One of the few rule changes for '09**

**THREE LENGTH ZONE:** On January 1, 2009, the new edition of "The Racing Rules of Sailing" go into effect. Dave Perry, Chairman of the US SAILING Appeals

Committee, explains some of the game changes that the new rules will create:

New three-length zone; no more "about to round a mark." The previous rule 18 (which is the rule for rounding or passing marks and obstructions) began to apply when boats were "about to round or pass the mark or obstruction." Though this was a useful, self-adjusting criteria given the varying speeds and levels of boat handling in the wide spectrum of boats and conditions that are raced

under, it was also very vague and almost arbitrary. The new rules now create a definitive location where rule 18 begins to apply. It is when the boats reach the Zone, which is now three lengths from the mark (see definition Zone; note that sailing instructions can change the Zone to two or four lengths; and team and match racing are staying with two lengths, and radio-controlled boats are staying with four).

The game change here is that even if the boats are approaching the mark quickly and/or have a lot of sail handling to perform before rounding the mark, outside right-of-way boats do not need to start giving room until they or the inside boat reaches the Zone. However, outside boats are required to give the room the moment either of them reaches the Zone, so they must be ready for that obligation. And for boats clear ahead of others, they are "safe" from being overlapped on the inside when they reach the Zone, which is now three lengths from the mark, not two as in the previous rules.

For a complete explanation of the racing rules, get Dave's classic book Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing available from US SAILING's on-line store at <http://store.ussailing.org>.

Look for a calender of events in the near future. Until next month

Fair Winds & Full Sails,

Jon



To all PYC Members;

We're putting together a PYC Recipe book! So frequently we ask for recipes of food and drink shared with our friends at the club. Now there's an easy way to do just that. If you have a recipe that you've shared at PYC on land or on the water send it in!

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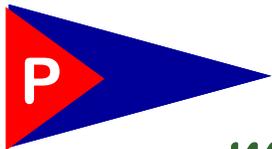
- :- Name of the recipe***
- Name of book if it's from a published book***
- Recipe***
- Your name and boat name***
- Optional: if it was shared at a specific PYC event, i.e., picnic, brunch, roast, cruise. If you won a prize for best . . . or runner up at the Memorial Day Picnic, let us know that too!***

We'll publish it in a new section to come on the PYC website.

Send your recipes in the body of an e-mail message, or plain text to: [ngong@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ngong@rochester.rr.com)



It's awfully difficult for the Sunshine team to stay on top of everything going on with all the club members without everyone's help. Please be sure to bring to Jerri Schiff's attention any occasions, happy and sad, for any of our club members that you hear of.  
Thank You!



## PYC LOG

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The PYC Log is our way of telling the members what is in the wind for the upcoming weeks. Please read it over and mark your calendars for these important club events

- **SUN - MAR I**      Winter Beach Party - Hotshots - 1:45PM

# 2009 PYC Winter Beach Party

## Sunday, March 1st

### Hot Shots Volleyball - 1046 University Avenue

*Come join us for this first Pultneyville event of its kind!*

•Gather at 1:45

- Court time from 2:00-4:00 pm
- Food served at 3:30
- Dessert to follow

•Cost \$14 per person; \$7 kids under 8

- Includes 2 hours court time
- Hamburgs, Hots, Mac-n- Cheese
- Soda
- Cash Bar



Kids under 5 free!!!

Bring your soccer balls, nerf balls and frisbees!

*Changing facilities available*



#### RESERVATION FORM

Please complete and return before:

**February 19th, 2009**

Make Checks Payable to: **Pultneyville Yacht Club**

Please return to: **Betsy and Larry Rice**

134 Beckwith Terrace

Rochester, NY 14610

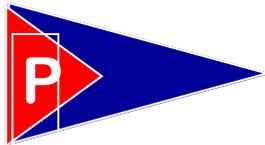
Telephone: **585-473-9363**

email: **brice134@frontiernet.net**

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

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$14/adult; \$7/child)



# 2009 Pultneyville Yacht Club Calendar

Updated Jan 12, 2009

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

Date	Time	Event
March 1	2:00 pm	Beach Volleyball Party
April 25 – 26	7:00 am	Launch Boats (April 26 only if needed)
May 2	8:00 am	Fleet Captain Work Day
May 9	8:00 am	First Club Work Day
May 16	8:00 am	Second Club Work Day
May 23	1:00 pm	Commodore's Review
May 24	9:00 am	Bowersox Memorial Day Race
May 24	5:00 pm	Memorial Day Picnic
June 6	11:00 am	Commodore's Brunch and New Member Reception
June 6	1:00 pm	General Membership Meeting
June 6 – 7	7:00 pm	Jim Ely Memorial Moon Race (Full moon 6/7) <b>Preliminary</b>
June 20 – 21		Scotch Bonnet Race
June 20	1:00 pm	BYO Picnic* (Cornwall Pavilion)
July 18	9:00 am	Pultneyville Homecoming and Open Boats(11 am – 1 pm)*
July 18	1:00 – 3:00PM	Ice Cream Social
July 18	3:00 pm	Fun Race
July 31 -- August 2		Club Cruise (Fri—Sun)
August 8	10:00 am	Ladies Skipper Race
August 8	5:00 pm	Club Roast
August 15	1:00 pm	Commodore's Challenge* (PMI Host)
August 22		Hospice Race (Rochester)
September 6	9:00 am	Bown Race
September 6	5:00 pm	BYO Picnic (Cornwall Pavilion)
September 12	8:00 am	First Cradle Day
September 12	2:00 pm	General Membership Meeting and Officer Elections
September 12	4:00 pm	Oktoberfest
September 19	7:00 am	First Haul-out Day (September 21 only if needed)
October 10	8:00 am	Second Cradle Day
October 17	7:00 am	Second Haul-out Day (October 19 only if needed)
October 24	8:00 am	Fleet Captain Work Day
November 7	Evening	Fall Banquet (location to be announced)
December 6	1:00 pm	Annual General Membership Meeting; Pultneyville Fire Hall