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## SIGNALS FROM THE COMMODORE

At a time of year filled with all kinds of celebrations, please join me to recognize some of our own people and the PYC traditions which contribute, to promotion of "...good fellowship on land and good fun and sportsmanship at sea."

In short, the very attributes that will continue to make us a going concern.

**Kathy Fedick** has jumped in with both feet. As Commodore-elect, she has joined the Executive Committee to prepare a 2013 budget and recommendations on Bylaws; she is fully engaged in conversations of the Lease group, headed by **Dave Weagley**, with the Cornwall Trust and she seems to have taken the spirit of the PYC Constitution to heart, joining the Historical Society for Homecoming and encouraging "... cooperation with other yachting organizations ... for the betterment of the community."



These are the kind of long- run, sometimes unacknowledged, working relationships which complement the more 'forward-leaning'

approach and day-to-day activities of the Executive Committee and the corps of Members who step up to the task at hand. We recognized **Terri Bolt**, Chair of the 2012 Nominating Committee, with the Commodore's Service Award at the Annual Cups and Flags Banquet.. Our sincere thanks and vote of appreciation are due to Committee members **Kevin Bouwens, Jane Hamilton, Russ Palum and Jim Wurtenberg.**

Our Club has been fortunate to find many talented and committed people willing to serve. And it shows – in the camaraderie and smiles all around at social events and Thursday night racing, in the attentive upkeep of property and in the responsible growth of Club assets.

Our challenges are familiar as well – attract and retain Members, offer value in programs and follow best practice in governance. To that end, the Executive Committee has reviewed and adopted recommendations of the Bylaws Study Group – **Jim Allen and Scott Boesel.**

Each of you will have an opportunity to weigh in on these matters in consideration of our 2013 Budget and Bylaws recommendations, at the upcoming General Meeting, Sunday December 2, 1:00 P.M., Pultneyville Fire Hall.

Larry

## A WORD FROM OUR NEW COMMODORE

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and long weekend off. I just want to thank the current Executive Committee for all the hard work they have done over the last few years. Some have given the club more than the usual two years –Barry and Jon. Thank you for being there for the club. I am looking forward to being Commodore and thank everyone that has already offered their help to our incoming Executive Committee. This is such a great club and each one of you is what makes it that. See you Sunday at the General meeting at 1pm.

Kathy Fedick- Commodore-elect PYC.

December  
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Activities  
This Month

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



## NOTES FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

The boats are all safe and nearly all covered. Cradle Day and Haul Out from the care and feeding side of the club went well. Thank you to helpers in the clubhouse with food, clean up and closing out our kitchen: **Kathy Fedick, Pat Sangster, Stephanie Fitzpatrick, Carolyn Flowerday, Sue Davidhazy, Christine and Kevin Bowen.**

a great awards program and for making and gifting the new awards to the club. The awards will be a great addition. Thank you **Greg Fitzpatrick** for the use of the slide projector, to **Tim Wozniak** for co-presenting the awards and for being Tim, to **Mike McDonald** for the awesome presentation and sculpture presented for the Goody Two Shoes Award. Mike is a relatively new member. Mike, you'll fit in just fine. Thank you Eagle Vale and their great staff. And thank you to Carolyn and Jon for rounding up the many gifts to members and thank you to all those who donated gifts to the club: **Captain Jack's Restaurant, Carrie Fitzpatrick - PYC glasses, Gus's Family Diner, Pultneyville Deli, Pultneyville Grill, West Marine, Willamson Hardware.** Please support these businesses and be sure to let them know how much you appreciate their donations to PYC! Congratulations to all the award winners!

It's not a secret that PYC wound down the season by rockin' at the Fall Banquet | Cups & Flags. We laughed so hard we cried with our own stories and humor shared with us from Comedian | Magician Sky Sands who even took us on a little cruise. No one got seasick. We had several surprise recipients of awards presented which you'll hear about from the Fleet Captain. My special thanks along with thanks from PYC friends who came to share one of the great joys of being a PYC member go to:

Your hosts **Carolyn and Jon Flowerday**; Carolyn for contacting just about every possible banquet facility in the area, coordinating the banquet menu, and specially made cakes for us, decorating, coordinating all the details, letting us; **Larry Rice, me and the young Flowerdays** bring rocks :-} ,managing reservations and coordinating our menu selections with beautiful hand made origami sail place cards made by Sara Flowerday. Thank you Sara! This just might become a standard! Thanks to Owen and Sara for helping with set up and maybe even polishing a few awards. Thank you Jon for putting together the PYC Summer slide show, handling the music, decorating, presenting

What a great group you are! Thank you all for the fun and laughter. This is what makes PYC, PYC. Remember, mind your manners when you run into someone who is camouflaged and be careful who you give your business card to. Squeak squeak. OMG, I'm still laughing.

Next, see you at the Annual Meeting, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 PM at the Pultneyville Fire Hall where we'll wrap it up for the season. Please bring an afternoon snack to share. Coffee and tea will be provided. The Winter Cabin Party is set for Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mark your calendars and maybe think about getting a kazoo!

Nancy



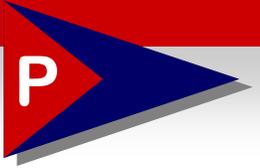
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## THE REAR COMMODORE WALKS AROUND...

These days, about the only thing going on in the harbor are a determined group of men attempting to reposition the salmon fleet onto land, using

small hand-held lifting equipment. Looking at the salmon still swimming around, they need a lot of maintenance. Their bottom paint is peeling off, and they are rife with hull blisters, gouges, and generally all manner of other damage. No wonder these brave men are doing their best to get them onto land as soon as possible.

Indeed, a shoal-draft salmon is about the only craft capable of navigating the harbor at this point, and even they seem to be rubbing the bottom occasionally.

In non-salmon related news, members of the current and incoming Executive Committee met with representatives of the Cornwall Trust a few weeks back, on the subject of harbor capital investment. The group toured the harbor, and noted the many areas where infrastructural help is needed. This was one case where the low water level helped out, since a lot of damage to pilings and retaining walls, which is not normally visible with normal water levels, was laid bare for all to see. These meetings are

important since we need to have an understanding of what needs to be done, and what our priorities around investment of labor and money should be. I know that the incoming Rear Commodore, and the rest of the EC have this at the top of their minds as we enter a new season.

As you all know, dredging occupied us this past summer, and even with all the work, we still have a channel that is not dredged. I have been in contact with the Trust, and they report that they have already opened talks with our dredging contractor for spring dredging (with a barge) of the channel. Hopefully, that can be accomplished, and as plans for that solidify, I expect they will be reported here.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who helped me navigate this role, and for all of the people who just do the stuff that really keeps our club running. Next time you turn on the water, use the pump out, plug something in, have your cradle positioned by the forklift, take a shower, surf the web, or do any number of other things that constitute enjoying our club, take a moment to think about how that stuff keeps running, and who is behind it. You may want to seek them out and offer to help. It really takes all of us to make this work.

Tim



## FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

What a ride! As I make my way to the finish line of being Fleet Captain and hand the tiller over to Doug Axtell, I look back and feel great about how our fleet has grown and developed. We all did a great job!

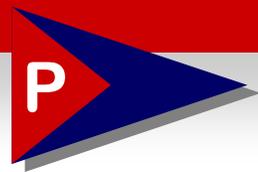
We have put ourselves on the map and really legitimized our program. The club has embraced

our Club Constitution and what our founding members intended our Yacht Club to be. We moved forward with developments in the racing program that couldn't have been possible without the help of so many of you, I thank you. Some of the highlights from the past four years are we are a Full member of [LYRA](#) (Lake Yacht Racing Association) Which gives us 3 delegates in the association, **Greg Fitzpatrick,**

**Tim Wozniak, & Myself, Scott Nichols** has also acted as a alternate. We have taken part in every AGM (annual general meeting) since upping our status with this critical part of organizing & promoting sailboat racing in our LYRA Waters.

## A BRIEF LYRA HISTORY

*On Saturday, 5 January 1884, at the annual meeting of the Toronto Yacht Club, the formation of a yacht racing association of clubs around Lake Ontario was discussed. After much correspondence, on Saturday, 29 March 1884, delegates from the Toronto YC, the Royal Canadian YC, the Oswego YC, and the Bay of Quinte YC met at the Queens Hotel in Toronto, voting their clubs to become the charter members of the Lake Yacht Racing Association.*



*It is believed that LYRA is the oldest association of yacht clubs on the continent; no other similar body is known to exist in North America in 1884. The original constitution stated "The object of the Association shall be to encourage yacht building and yacht racing, and to establish and enforce uniform rules for the government of all races in which the yachts of two or more clubs compete."*

*Today, the annual LYRA regatta brings together yachts from around Lake Ontario and adjacent waters for almost a full week of intensive and exciting racing, including feeder races to the regatta site, the overnight Freeman Races, and three days of around-the-buoys races, with good food and entertainment between. Anyone who has sailed at the LYRA Regatta knows that the events are truly international, giving U. S. and Canadian sailors opportunities to compete and establish strong friendships.*

*In the early years the circuit regatta format predominated. Yachts raced from port to port, day or night, without today's sophisticated navigational aids. In 1887, the fleet rendezvoused in Toronto and raced to Charlotte (Rochester) for two days of course racing. Then they continued to Oswego, Kingston and Belleville (Bay of Quinte).*

*After World War I, course racing became the predominant regatta mode. However, distance racing was revived in 1921, in part, by Charles Freeman, with his donation of the perpetual Charles*

*Freeman Cup and the institution of that race. The first winner of this new cup was Aemilius Jarvis, with the schooner Haswell, on a stormy course from Hamilton to Kingston. The original cup was destroyed in a fire in 1931, but a replica was procured immediately from England. In 1937, Mr. Freeman generously donated a new cup for those classes having no chance of winning the Charles Freeman Cup from the big boats . The Louise Freeman Cup was for the smaller yachts in the long distance racing.*

Other highlights, we are now a three fleet club with two very competitive Spinnaker fleets and a Genoa only fleet. We have a fully staffed Race Committee with designated PHRF-LO Club measures, Score Keeper, & Committee boat the G.E. Tompkins. Again I would like to thank the RC Boat team for doing a exceptional job not only finding the boat but getting the word out & informing the membership on the real benefits that this fine vessel is going to bring to PYC for years to come.

Our annual Cup's & Flags was a whopping success! **Carolyn** did a fantastic job putting this event together with **Nancy Gong's** help at Eagle Vale.

Again thank you to all who have helped me throughout these past four years, I couldn't have done it without you. Also remember that this is you're club, get involved, get informed, & be aware.

Jon



## **REMINDER!**

There is typically no LAKE SOUNDINGS issue published in January (so don't be watching for it! Think about getting the boat ready instead!).

We'll be back in February, along with the 2013 Club Calendar

The Editor

## **AND A PARTING THOUGHT FROM OUR OUTGOING TREASURER**

You'll often hear, "If you want to make a difference or change something, get involved!". As a new member of PYC and a newbie boater, I was eager to meet fellow members, learn about the club, and just maybe even make a small difference using skills I already had.

I was very excited when the club graciously accepted my nomination for treasurer - yay! It's turned out to be a tough year... Not because of PYC, but the "real world" obligations. As I look back I'm happy to say I learned a few things, duties have been accomplished, and preparations are underway to hand the role over to Bob. I'm also sad to say that I didn't have many opportunities to hang with those I met along the way. Heck, I got out on No Worries only three times!

2013 is set up to be a much improved year, on so many levels. I'm still eager to be involved in some way; maybe I'll even try a different role in the future! I hope you feel the same about your role as a PYC member. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your treasurer. I wish you and your families much health, happiness, and warmth for the holidays and coming year.

Pamela

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# 2012 Pultneyville Yacht Club Calendar

Updated Jul 02, 2012

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

Date	Time	Event
Jan 19	11:59 PM	Annual Dues Renewal Deadline
Feb 26	1:00 PM	Winter Cabin Party
Apr 7	9:00 AM	Launch Floating Docks
Apr 14-15	7:00 AM	Launch Boats (April 16 only if needed)
Apr 21	8:00 AM	Fleet Captain Work Day
Apr 22	10:00 AM	General Meeting—PYC Fire Hall
May 5	8:00 AM	First Club Work Day
May 12	8:00 AM	Second Club Work Day
May 26	10:00 AM	Commodore's Brunch
May 26	1:00 PM	Commodore's Review
May 27	9:00 AM	Bowersox Memorial Day Race
May 27	4:00 PM	Memorial Day Flag Raising
May 27	5:00 PM	Picnic, and New Member Reception
May 28	4:00 PM	BYOTB & First Tea Time Chef—Hors d'oeuvres
Jun 9	1:00 PM	General Membership Meeting
Jun 15-16		Scotch Bonnet Race
Jun 16	4:00 PM	Tea Time Chef—Hors d'oeuvres
Jun 17	1:00 PM	BYO Picnic
Jun 21	7:00 PM	Jim Ely Memorial Moon Race (Full moon Fri Jun-4)
Jun 23-24		SBYC Challenge Cup
Jul 6	TBD	PYC Long Distance Challenge Race (To Cruise Site)
Jul 6- 8		Club Cruise (Fri—Sun) (tentative)
Jul 7	TBD	Fun Race (Cruise Event)
Jul 15-22		Dredging
21-Jul	11 AM	Pultneyville Homecoming
	4 PM	Open Boats / Progressive Tea Time
21-Jul	3 PM	Fun Race
21-Jul	Sunset	Tacky Light Night and Overnight
27-Jul	TBD	Zumba at the Lake
28-Jul	Sunset	Pajama Party
28-Jul	10-12:30	Health and Wellness Clinic
29-Jul	9AM	Light Breakfast
4-Aug	11:00 AM	Ladies Skipper Race
4-Aug	5:00 PM	Club Roast
15-Aug	11:59 PM	Haul Signup/ Payment Deadline
18-Aug		Hospice Race (Rochester)
25-Aug	1:00 PM	Commodore's Challenge* (PYC Host) (Watch for changes)
Sep 1	9:00 AM	Bown Race
Sep 1	5:00 PM	BYO Picnic (Cornwall Pavilion)
Sep 8	9:00 AM	First Cradle Day
Sep 8	2:00 PM	General Membership Meeting and Officer Elections
Sep 8	4:00 PM	International Feast
Sep 15	8:00 AM	First Haul-out Day
Oct 13	9:00 AM	Second Cradle Day
Oct 20	7:00 AM	Second Haul-out Day
Oct 27	9:00 AM	Fleet Captain Work Day
Nov 3	Evening	Fall Banquet/Cups and Flags Eagle Vale Country Club
Dec 2	1:00 PM	Annual General Membership Meeting; Pultneyville Fire Hall

\* Event shared with Pultneyville Mariners