

Signals from the Commodore

February -only **83 days (11 weeks and 6 days)** until the boats are back in the harbor. I can't wait. The **2015 Executive Committee** had our first meeting of the New Year with our New Executive members present. We start the year off by getting things in order – 2015 calendar of events /races, invoices out, etc. Please welcome – **Tom Jayne-Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain- Dave Muth, Treasurer-Scott Nichols and Secretary-Chris Hubbell** and returning **Vice Commodore –Deb Heffron**. Looking forward to working with all of you. I want to thank outgoing Executive Committee members- **Mark Lafflin- Rear Commodore** and **Bob Hamilton- Treasurer** for their successful 2 years on the **Executive Committee** . A special thank goes out to **Pat Sangster, Tim Wozniak, and Chris Hubbell** for all their help with some of the Secretary needs last year and to **Dave Muth** and **Earl Chapman** for finishing up the racing season. Thank you to **Bob Hibbard** for all the work he did in his role as Fleet Captain. I am so impressed on how much camaraderie I see go on throughout the club. I have never seen such a great bunch of people work so well together to get the things we need to get done. Thank you. I am looking forward to serving as Commodore for another boating season. Thank you for all your support. It is going to be a great summer.

Our first event (Cabin Party) well be here soon. Come out and have some laughs and great food. Maybe we will have some snow again this year.

See you at the Cabin party, Stay warm.

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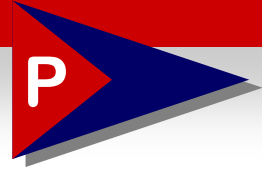
From the Engine Room

Greetings everyone. I would like to first explain the title for my Soundings Article. Even sailboats have something that is heavy, oily, smelly, dirty, noisy, etc that is buried in the dark recesses of the bilge of the boat. It is usually the Captain trying to get an obstinate chunk of iron functioning long enough to get out of the harbor. I resemble that definition, so, hence the title.

I have little to report at this time other than we will continue to move forward on the general recommendations made at the December meeting. In the near future we will prioritize the needs of the harbor and the grounds in general and develop an extended plan to implement the needed work. We also will continue to move forward on work that has already begun.

If members have ideas that will make the club better, safer, and more attractive please feel free to contact me. My e-mail functions most of the time and I always carry my cell. If you don't get a hold of me leave a message. I am always open to new ideas to make our club better and more attractive.

Tom



Secretary's Corner

January 2015 marks my first Lake Soundings article as PYC's Secretary. It's been an eye-opener for me observing how much goes on behind the scenes to make the club run as smoothly as it does, and I'm very excited about the potential this year brings. We have a lot of great things to come. I would like to kick off the New Year by asking for volunteers in two specific areas.

If you have experience or interest in desktop publishing I am looking to fill the position of PYC Log Editor. This involves assembling information, editing text, putting the book together in Microsoft Word, and working with our printer to get the books ordered.

With Scott Nichols moving on to become our Treasurer, we also have a vacancy in the Webmaster role. I am particularly interested in exploring options for moving some of our membership functions into an on-line workflow, and possibly moving the club web site into a cloud-based content management system. If you know what I'm talking about, then you're probably a great candidate to join the web team! If you aren't into the technology as much, but are interested in helping to refresh the web content, I'd welcome that assistance as well. Have any great ideas for things you'd like to see on the web site? Let me know!



I try to check in on Ravat as often as time allows, and even in the winter it feels like the harbor is alive. There's always a faint rustling of tarps in the wind, an occasional line tapping against a hull, and the slow drip of sun-warmed ice migrating from frozen cockpits. Last weekend the subtle swell of the lake under the ice was also making the harbor "breathe" as the ice ground against itself and the docks, unwilling to succumb to the Winter. When I crawl up under Ravat's tarp to check on her, I always take a moment to close my eyes, imagine the summer, and put up my own mental fight against winter. The memories come back in a flood, always warming me up. I hope this newsletter has a similar effect, reminding you of the good times to come in a few short months

Chris.



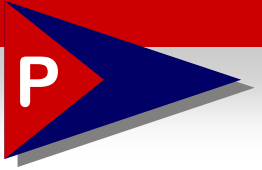
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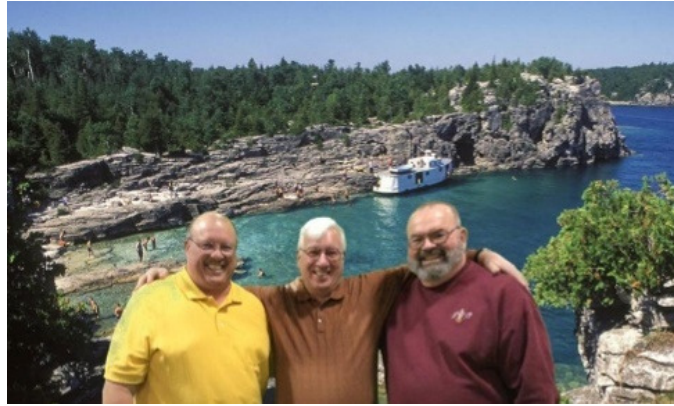
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Fleet Captain's Report

Happy New Year to all!!! We missed you all in Toronto! Earl, Tom and I had a great time at the Boat Show! All types of power and sailboats to meet the appeal of anyone. There was an indoor lake that we watched some amazing wake boarders execute all kinds of stunts. A 350 pound catamaran that can do 40 knots.....WOW!!!! It was a nice weekend dreaming about boats, telling stories about the club and dreaming about the upcoming season. I know when it is -4 degree Fahrenheit and boating on Lake Ontario is not on most people's minds but it sure was ours.



Prior to the boat show I was called by a Lee Sails and told about their asymmetrical spinnaker sale going on. Visit: <http://www.leesails.com/> if interested.



We are working on the 2015 Calendar of Events for the PYC Family which should be finalized and published within the next month. Two upcoming events will be the Cabin party and a Race Fleet 2015 get together to talk about the upcoming race season and how we can improve over the last few outstanding years that we have had.....Lightning boats return to the harbor.....get more kids and young adults on crews... more PYC boats out on the race course???? Just a food for thought before we meet.

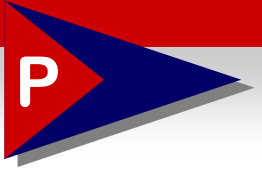
Also lake races to plan on participating in to represent our club...there is one for everyone!!!

- GYC Scotch Bonnet Light Race***
- SBYC Challenge***
- GYC/PYC Race***
- Lake Ontario 300***
- Youngstown Can AM Regatta – YYC***
- Centennial Cup***
- Rochester Hospice Regatta***
- Freeman Cup - SBYC Hosting***
- LYRA Course Racing - SBYC Hosting***
- YYC - Unlevel - Power Boat Regatta***

Keep Warm and have a good January!!!!
Dave



The thoughts and prayers of the membership are with Mike and Mary Jane McDonald with the passing of Mike's father, Patrick J. McDonald, on Jan 2nd.



Notes from the Vice Commodore

I am looking forward to a fun and enjoyable season this year. The dates for the events have been selected and plans are under way. Several members have stepped forward and have signed on to host or to help at the events. If you have an interest in an event whether to host or help just email or call. The Cabin Party is first on the calendar and plans will be announced soon. We are hoping to do a joint event with another yacht club.

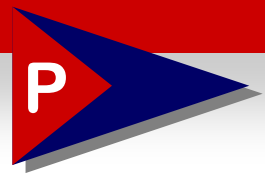
Stay warm.....

Deb



PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

2015 Club Calendar



Date	Time	Event
5/2/2015	9:00 AM	Fleet Captains Work Day
5/7/2015	6:00 PM	Fleet Tune Up Race
5/14/2015	6:00 PM	Thursday Night Spring Series
5/24/2015	TBD	Memorial Day Picnic
5/25/2015	10:00 AM	Bowersox Memorial Day Race
6/5/2015	TBD	Commodore's Brunch
6/20/2015	TBD	GYC Scotch Bonnet Light Race
6/27/2015	TBD	PYC Club Cruise
6/27/2015	TBD	SBYC Challenge
7/4/2015	10:00 AM	PYC Fun Race - All Boats Welcome
7/9/2015	6:00 PM	Thursday Night Summer Series
7/10/2015	TBD	GYC/PYC Race
TBD	TBD	PYC Poker Run - Power and Sail boats Welcome
7/17/2015	TBD	Lake Ontario 300
7/24 - 25	TBD	Youngstown Can AM Regatta - YYC
7/28/2015	TBD	Centennial Cup
7/29/2015	TBD	Freeman Cup - SBYC Hosting
7/31/2015	TBD	LYRA - SBYC Hosting
8/8/2015	TBD	Club Roast
8/7 - 8	TBD	YYC - Unlevel - Power Boat Regatta
8/8/2015	10:00 AM	PYC Lady Skipper Race
8/15/2015	TBD	GYC/RYC Hospice Regatta
8/29/2015	10:00 PM	Jim Ely Memorial Race
9/5/2015	10:00 AM	Bown Race
9/12/2015	TBD	Fall Event
9/13/2015	1:00 PM	Pumpkin Series - All PYC and Mariners Boats Welcome
10/24/2015	9:00 AM	Fleet Captains Work Day
11/14/2015	TBD	Club Banquet