

LAKE SOUNDINGS

February 2023



Signals from the Commodore:

Hello and thanks to everyone for the privilege and opportunity to serve as PYC commodore. Thanks also to our previous commodore, Fred Bertoni, for his many contributions to the club's success and help with getting the 2023 PYC Executive Committee launched and underway.

We are looking forward to a great year, with participation from everyone, to make the PYC experience the best that it can be. We will have several new and continuing initiatives to provide updates on during the year, but for now I would like to highlight one important undertaking, the renewal of our lease. Taking the lead on our lease renewal, which has a five-year term due to expire at the end of this year, will be Lease Negotiation Committee members, Kathy Fedick, Larry Rice, Greg Fitzpatrick, Nick Harkola and me. We look forward to inputs from members concerning the lease renewal and will poll the membership in February to solicit ideas and questions. If you prefer not to wait for the polling process to begin to provide input, please send email to me at CM_@pultneyvilleyachtclub.org.

In closing, I will remind everyone of our need for help with events throughout the year. Our vice commodore, Tanya Sanford, along with a small group of dedicated volunteers who supported our events, did a great job keeping the event calendar on track last year. Please send emails to PYCViceComm@gmail.com letting us know which event(s) you would like to host or co-host this year. We will also reach out soon to encourage people to sign-up to staff events. Having the required level of event support will be the key determinant of how many and which events we will have this year.

Thanks & regards, Dan



Flares from the Vice Commodore:

Happy New Year! Finally getting some snow!
First Friday Happy Hours are still going strong. Look forward to seeing everyone Friday Feb 3, 6pm(ish) at K2 Brothers Brewing on Empire Blvd!
Send your ideas for where to meet up next (PYCViceComm@gmail.com).
Saturday February 11 at 2pm we will have our Annual Winter Cabin Party at the Newport Yacht Club! I need a few different kinds of chili with cornbread and the fixins'. Check your email for a flyer with more information. RSVP by Feb 10 please. Volunteers for set up and clean up always needed and appreciated! Many hands make light work; there will be a push to have members volunteer to host/organize club events this year. We will publish a general calendar soon and I urge everyone to adopt an event. If you've sent me ideas THANK YOU (Dave M, I'm working on that steel drum band; Mike Bianchi – great idea for a launch party; Bruce B you are on the books in August)!!. If anyone has ideas or suggestions... I'm open to helping make it happen. I am in dire need of someone to help manage the Merchandise and Online Store. I am hopeful to have 3 opportunities to order this year- (Mar; Jun; Sep). I was disappointed that we were not able to accommodate the few members that asked for a Christmas order; unfortunately there is a time delay and size of order constraint.. Tanya



Notes from the Rear Commodore:

Happy Winter to all PYC members Near and Far. If you are far and are concerned about your boat, feel free to contact me charliecapizzi@gmail.com for an update. With Punxsutawney Phil ready to see his shadow (hopefully NOT) launch is scheduled for Saturday April 29th. We will again have Clark Rigging's most experienced operator, Harley, doing the heavy lifting while our veterans coordinate this busy day. As behind the scenes work continues I would like to thank everyone involved in the sorting, filling-out and filing of paperwork that keeps PYC operating year after year. Charlie

“The sail, the play of it's pulse so like our own lives: So thin and yet so full of life, so noiseless when it labors hardest, so noisy and impatient when least effective.” -Henry David Thoreau, Philosopher

SECRETARY'S Request:

To this PYC Secretary, the first sign of spring is not a robin, geese flying north, or the appearance of new West Marine ads. It is the beginning of the process to compose the year's PYC Log.

We will need a new cover photo. If you have a photo that would be good for the cover, please email it to me. We will look at all the photos that are submitted and choose one for the cover.

Attention all new members: we will include your photo in the membership directory section of the Log if you wish. Just email me the photo that you would like included.

Members who are not new: If you would like to change your photo for the Membership directory section or add one, email your photo to me. If you no longer wish to have your photo included, let me know and it will be removed.

Everyone: Please crop photos for the directory if you can. If not, I will crop it. You can send one photo of each individual, or a single shot of the membership unit. Keep in mind that the photos will be about an inch square or so when printed in the Log, so detail is not going to show up. JPEGs are preferred for all photos. Thank you.

Best,
Leslie
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Keel Talk & Heeling with the Fleet Captain:

Racing Events Schedule will be coming in the next issue of Sounding.

“Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than those you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from safe harbor. Catch the wind in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.” -Mark Twain



Membership News:

Happy February to all! As I'm writing this I'm looking out on our first real snowfall of the season on the shore in Pultneyville. We actually got about 12 inches, and fortunately for us this is the first time this season that our grass has been completely covered. It's been a very kind winter so far here so no complaints! Guess we will see what Punxsutawney Phil has to tell us! All that said, I am pleased to announce that we have a new member that has recently been approved

by the EC. Eric Gesner and his wife Judy have begun a partnership with Larry and Betsy Rice on Zest. Eric has had 51 years of active racing on various boats ranging from Thistles and Sunfish to a 37' Sabre, Hinterhoeller F3, J24, Islander 36 etc., along with racing at RYC, Lyra, Chicago & Huron Mac. etc., and recently on Zest at the PYC. Please give Eric and Judy a great welcome whenever you get to meet them! So...with all that good news...now is the time to get our flyers and brochures circulating to let people know that new PYC members are welcome and what a great Club it is! Now is the time of year



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when folks are thinking about where they want to bring their boats and enjoy the 2023 boating season. I have already had two other very interested possibilities so we have officially begun the 2023 Season but it is up to all of us to bring new members in so PLEASE take an active role in increasing our membership! In addition to attaching the PYC flyer for you to distribute throughout your community. I've attached a picture of Chimney Bluffs taken in 2013 that was recently posted on Facebook. One of the comments mentioned that in the 50's and 60's the cliffs were actually high points reaching into the sky! Enjoy! Hopefully we will see many of you at the upcoming First Friday Happy Hours or at the Winter Cabin Party on February 11th at the Newport Yacht Club! Cathy MacDonald, Membership Chair

