

LAKE SOUNDINGS

May 2023



Signals from the Commodore:

The season is underway! Thanks to everyone who made launch day a success. A shout out to my fellow sling crew members who spent their shifts scaling ladders and ducking the crane cradle, which provided a continual reminder of the benefit of wearing helmets. Our helmet utilization was a bit lax this year, possibly initiated by the

helmet barrel being placed in an obstructed view location at the start of the day. Let's be sure during haul to have the barrel with helmets in plain sight at all times.... and to wear them!

Development of our marketing plan for attracting new members, led by **Cailin Capizzi** and **Cathy MacDonald** continues to make progress. Everyone can help with this effort with mentions of PYC to friends and relatives. If possible please consider visiting Google and giving our club a review and maybe post a photo. We encourage members to host meetings at PYC for other associations and groups that they participate in. For example, on July 12 we will host a Webster Chambers of Commerce event that will be open to PYC club members as well. These events showcase our beautiful location and broaden our visibility across nearby communities. If you have ideas for an event, send an email to [cm @pultneyvilleyachtclub.org](mailto:cm@pultneyvilleyachtclub.org)

Thanks & regards, Dan



Flares from the Vice Commodore:

At last, the 2023 Season is officially here! Many hands made light work on Launch Day on a chilly and rainy day. Thank you to **Pat Sangster and crew (Nancy Gong, Greg/Deb Ostenburg, Ann Teese, Betsy Rice, Stephanie Fitzpatrick, Ann Cannon, and CC)** for getting lunch to the table.

May starts up the summer with several opportunities to get together; Friday Night Happy Hours, Thursday Night Racing, Work Days, and Memorial Day.

- Friday May 5; 6pm. First Friday Happy Hours. It's Cinco de Mayo, bring your favorite tequila and your sombrero!
- Saturday May 20. Club work day #1.
- Saturday May 27; 2pm. Start the summer with our Memorial Day Cookout. Burgers and Hotdogs; cost: \$10per adult. RSVP by 5/22. I will be looking for grill masters; food prep; set up/clean up; decorations!
- Monday May 29; 9:30am. Annual Flag Raising Ceremony with the Bowersox Race to follow.

June events need sponsors/hosts. (I will be traveling).

- Friday June 2; 6pm First Friday Happy Hours
- Saturday June 3. Club Work day #2.

- Saturday June 10; 10AM. We are bringing back the Commodore's Review (at 10am) before the General Membership Meeting and New Member Reception (at 2pm).
- Wednesday June 21; Summer Solstice Social Event. I would like to have some sort of celebration for the longest day! I don't have any specific plan or idea; any suggestions will be considered!

And speaking of the calendar... I tried to share a link to the google calendar but not everyone was able to open/use it. It is now available on the PYC website. I am sure someone out there can help me publish the calendar online to potentially link into our personal calendar apps?

The PYC store for club merchandise can be up and running soon. Ordering will be fully online this year with delivery to the merchandise coordinator for distribution to the members. If I can get a volunteer to take over the club store for the spring, we could have swag by the June membership meeting; otherwise it'll get done when I get back. The items offered has been stagnant for a few years; let me know what clothing and accessory items you would like to see in the store.

Dom Paz is an accredited VSC examiner available during the week for boat safety inspections. Inspections can be requested through the USCGAUX web page (https://wow.uscgaux.info/i_want_a_vsc/index.php).

Also, let me know if you would be interested in a basic CPR class if it was offered at PYC.

The cure for anything is salt water; sweat, tears, or the sea.

Tanya

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Notes from the Rear Commodore:

2023 Launch... "Success"... Thanks to our veteran members **Russ P.**, **Fred B.**, **Joe D.** and of course **Larry F.**, our ever diligent safety officer, I am happy to report all vessels made a big splash without incident. Thanks to **Steve S.** for the use of his equipment. i.e. tractor and trailer, which made cradle relocation to the orchard a breeze. **Bob, Earl,** and **Steve** installed the fingers on the floating docks. Please reach out to your dock mates & friends for help with stepping masts. With weather rapidly improving, the gin pole is a busy place. "Busy but Steady".

Saturday May 20th is our first CLUB WORKDAY. We will gather at 8 am for coffee & donuts. Members with last names beginning with A thru K will be given their assignments at that time. Come prepared with gloves, chainsaws, rakes, and shovels. The second CLUB WORKDAY will be on Saturday June 3rd. Reach out if you need any additional information. Charlie



From the Secretary's Pen:

Hello PYC,

Your 2023 Log and membership cards should be available the week before Memorial Day if all goes as planned at the printers.

When they are ready, I will set them out on the big table in alphabetical order by surname as before. I'll send an email to the membership when that's been done.

Happy spring, and see you at the Club! Thanks, Leslie



Membership News:

Launch was a success and soon the harbor will be filled with standing spars again ready and waiting for many “Happy Times” on the water!

I am pleased to report that this month we have had two new Voting members. **Christian** and **Stephanie Bieg** and their sons John and Jacob. The Bieg’s rented a dock last year and really enjoy the Club’s atmosphere, the friendly people, and the beautiful location. They have an 18’ Baja and recently bought a 23’ Chaparral.

Our newest Voting member is **Greg Sarbou**.

Greg has owned a boat since he was 8 years old. He grew up on the Genesee River and has been a member of RYC for the past 10 years. Greg went to Penn State NROTC and was an officer on a nuclear submarine for 5 years.

Please be sure to give them all a warm welcome and introduce yourselves when you see them at the Clubhouse and around the property.

It’s the time of year when there is excitement about the upcoming season so I cannot emphasize enough... NOW is the time for every member to do your part in letting others know about PYC and all it has to offer, so we can increase our membership numbers. The flyer is attached as the last page in every month’s Lake Soundings. Please take the time to print a few copies of it and post out in your community where folks can find where they can get information and help in learning what PYC is all about! We also have our new PYC brochures that are available in the Clubhouse to distribute to various businesses or individuals that you feel would have a high interest in the Club. Hope to see everyone soon at the Club!

Cathy MacDonald, Membership Chair



