

The Soundings

February 2025

Signals from the Commodore:



Welcome to February!! In 84 days, the boats will be back in the water. Launch is **Saturday April 26th!!** Mark your calendars. The 2025 Executive Committee is getting the calendar of events/races/workdays together. Please welcome **Pat Sangster as Vice Commodore** and **Kevin Yager as Fleet Captain, John Garlock as Rear Commodore** and **BOG Chair Dan Socci** and returning **Treasurer Garland Nichols, Secretary David Kay**. Looking forward to working with everyone.

I want to thank the outgoing Executive Committee members Commodore Dan Socci, BOG chair Fred Bertoni, Fleet Captain Mike Bianchi and Rear Commodore Charie Capizzi for all their hard work.

The PYC membership is what makes the club the great place it is. Special thanks go out to the many club members and special committee members who contribute above and beyond the required workdays to help keep the club running smooth.

Looking forward to another successful boating season at PYC with plenty of wind and water.

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Flares from the Vice Commodore:

Hello everyone.

I'm Pat Sangster, your Vice Commodore for 2025. While it has been a slow start, there is a March happy hour being planned (thanks Bruce!).

Also, in the works is a winter activity at one of our local wineries. Look for emails with details once things are confirmed.

Please contact me if you are interested in hosting an event, helping out, or have suggestions. I look forward to seeing everyone in the spring when Steve and I return from Texas.

Stay warm.

Pat Sangster

ANNOUNCEMENT:

NEW 2025 BOATING CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT

By 2025, ALL motor boat operators in NYS regardless of age will need a NYS boating certificate.

Our Club needs as many of our members as possible to get NYS motor boat certification in preparation for 2025.

Sign up today!

There are several options for courses (full list with more information at the end of the Soundings).

We've linked the BoatUS course below. It is online, free, and completion certificates are tied to DMV-NY system for immediate adventure/anchor endorsement. Not a short course, it's a solid 6-8hrs, but what else are you going to do while everything is frozen?

[BoatUS Online Training](#)

Membership News!

Well it looks like the groundhog forecasted another 6 weeks of winter but that will go by quickly and soon will be time to start getting the boats ready to launch in the Spring!

I am pleased to report that we have 3 new members!

Justin Rectenwald has joined as a Voting member. Justin has been sailing with Eric Anderson and has recently bought a 26' Luders sailboat. Justin has 40 years sailing experience and has been a member of the Fairmount Rowing Association in Philadelphia! Welcome Justin!

The next is Robert DuPre. Bob is an avid fisherman and will be docking a 22 ft Grady White power boat at PYC.

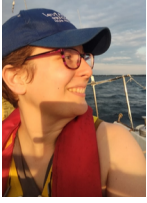
Bob and his wife have several other boats. They live close by in Ontario and are looking forward to enjoying the beautiful Lake! Bob has many years of experience in boating. Welcome DuPres!

Justin & Tracey Tull have joined as social members and are very interested in learning to sail and become socially involved in the Club. Justin has a lot of power boat experience and looking forward to learning sailing. Welcome Tulls!

This is good news but please talk with your friends about the PYC and mention all the newly purchased dredging equipment that will keep our channel in good working order!

Cathy MacDonald

Words from the Editor:



Hello Fellow PYC-ers!

The snow is piling up outside as I write this and I'm counting down the days to launch!

Soon we'll all be back on the water enjoying the water with this amazing community of sailors, boaters and all around water lovers.

Stay safe in the snow!

If you are heading to our winter get togethers and take any photos, please pass on your favorites to me and I'll feature them in our Happenings section below!

Happy Winter!

Rachel

Spring Calendar!

March 7th - First Friday, Three Heads Brewery on Atlantic Ave, starting at 5:30pm

April 4th - First Friday, details TBD

April 26th - Launch Day!

More to come once the full season's calendar is finalized...

2025 NYS Motor Boat Certification Requirement

By 2025, **ALL** motor boat operators in NYS regardless of age will need a NYS boating certificate.

PYC needs as many of our members as possible to get the NYS motor boat certification in preparation for 2025. If you are operating the PYC workboat or Race committee boat we will need to see that you have this certificate in 2025. This certification is valid for life.

Please read the following information and follow the links to find the right online or in-person course for you.

Approved courses include those offered by NYS Parks, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Power Squadrons or U.S. Powerboating. Please refer to "[Frequently Asked Questions](#)" for more information.

o Search for a [U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary boating safety course](#).

o Search for a [U.S. Power Squadrons boating safety course](#).

o Search for a [U.S. Powerboating boating safety course](#).

The U.S. Power Squadrons offers an online course at <https://www.americasboatingcourse.com/>.

New York State Parks and Recreation:

[Safety Courses - NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation](#)

Here is another option for members pursuing the safety course. It's online, it's free, and completion certificates are tied to DMV-NY system for immediate adventure/anchor endorsement. Not a short course, it's a solid 6-8hrs, but what else are you going to do while everything is frozen?

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Dredging Update!

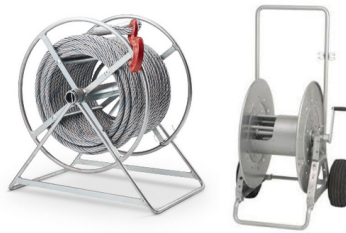
We're gearing up for another exciting dredging week this summer! The exact timing depends on getting the workboat into the harbor and taking depth soundings. In the meantime, we're planning our equipment needs. I'm regularly impressed with some of the home shops members have, and thought I'd share some of our needs in case anyone is looking for a winter project.

Wire Rope Reels

We need reels to manage our cables:

- **Drive Cable:** 500-600 ft long, weighing 70-80 lbs. The reel must be sturdy and portable enough to load on and off the workboat. This cable is currently on a wooden spool in the barn if that's of any use.
- **Cross Cable:** Looking to change the design, potentially using 400 ft cables (40-50 lbs), so smaller scale.

There's no specific design — just something that allows us to unroll and crank the wire back efficiently. If we were to purchase one, it would likely something like one of these.



Pipe handling poles:

We need a couple of poles to grab and maneuver the pipe float straps in the water. Last year, we improvised with fiberglass painter poles and shelf brackets, but they weren't strong enough and broke. Maybe something like this, only with a loop like a shepard's hook on one side of business end to hook pipes with.

Requirements:

- Strong yet lightweight for all-day use.
- 8-12 ft long

Pipe lifting aids:

Moving the pipes is manageable, albeit it a bit awkward. We move a lot of them though. Some handles like this would be helpful. Would need 4-6 of them though.

Likewise, we sometimes have to lift the piping onto the workboat and leaning over the edge to grab it is difficult, and frustrating given we have two hoists on the workboat. Something like this would be a big help, just lighter duty.

If any of these sound interesting enough to take on, drop me a note so I can stop searching for alternatives (echapman@rochester.rr.com). Thanks.

