

The Soundings

March 2025

Signals from the Commodore:



Welcome to March, may it go out like a lamb!! It was great to see those that came out for our First Friday Happy Hour at Three Heads Brewery. Fun place, thanks Bruce for planning the event for us, we missed you there. Met some new members that night, Tim and Tracy Tull, Mickey, Ella and Ozias Jordan. We are glad to have you join the club. Looking forward to a wonderful boating/sailing season.

As mentioned in my February Soundings article, I will work with PYC member Ira Goldman to set up a date for him to teach the NYS Safe Boating certificate course. Below is the information I sent out: I started a list of the members that responded that they are interested in attending the class. More information to follow.

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The Executive Committee went through the calendar of Events/Workdays/Races/Meetings, looks like a busy fun season ahead. Special thanks to Kevin Yager for creating the PYC calendar to get us all moving!! Great job Kevin!!

Mark your calendars for the upcoming workdays in April and May, all our membership levels except non-voting are required to fulfill their workdays.

Looking forward to warmer days ahead to help us get the boats ready to Launch on April 26th.

Kathy Fedick

PYC Commodore

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Flares from the Vice Commodore:

Hello Everyone,

Although we are closer to launch than haul, we have secured a date and location for our fall Cups and Flags Banquet. Please hold November 1 for a fun evening at Glendoveers located on Old Browncroft Rd.

The April First Friday, 4/4/2025 at 6:00 will be at the K2 Brewery in Walworth (previously Freewill School). There is a kitchen. Consider inviting anyone interested in boating and maybe we can gain some new members!

I am looking for volunteers to assist with breaks and lunch for launch and workdays. Please let me know if you are interested. Thank you.

Stay warm.

Pat Sangster

REMINDER:

NEW 2025 BOATING CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT

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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](#)



Photos by Kathy Fedick

Membership News!



Hello everyone!

It's hard to believe we are into Spring and it is time to get the covers off the boat and prep for launch in April! Hopefully you can enjoy the beautiful days ahead of launch!

I'm pleased to welcome our newest Social members Mickey Jordan, his wife Ella and their son Ozias. Mickey is a member of the Bremerton Yacht Club in WA. The Jordan's are now shopping for their new sailboat and are planning on bringing it to the harbor and becoming voting members. They are very much looking forward to being active in the PYC! Mickey has had a great deal of sailing experience.

Also, once again, please do let your non-PYC boating friends know that the recent dredging effort and purchase of new dredging equipment will insure good harbor depth in the future.

It is important to let other boaters know as the harbor depth has often discouraged some from joining PYC in the past and we need to continue to bring in new members!

Cathy MacDonald



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Flags from the Fleet Captain

Finally some mild weather has arrived at Pultneyville and it's got me thinking about another fun year of racing!

The Fleet Captains work day will be 4/19 at 8 AM. We will work on getting the ground tackle repaired on the marks and bouys, get them put out, floating out the docks, commission the committee boat, and generally get stuff ready to go.

To get us off to a good start we're going to have our Thursday night tune-up race on 5/8, followed by a Tune-up Regatta on Saturday 5/10. (Bring your mittens.) This way FFC Mike won't have any excuses..

This year we are featuring the Pink Cup Regatta on the weekend of June 21st. Mark your calendars! The Jim Ely Memorial Moon Race is scheduled for Saturday August 9th. There will be a very full moon that night rising at 8:50 PM! We'll have the Rocci Regatta on July 5th. Bring Kids! I penciled in a '50 Mile' Race on a Friday 8/15 this year. My thinking is that if we're going to sail 50 miles we might as well go someplace. Two places we could head include Fairhaven for their Regatta, or Rochester for the Hospice Regatta. More to come on this, send me your ideas. Hopefully we have a lot of good conditions for weekend events this year. Check the calendar for other events.

If you're new to racing and want to get involved let me know. We can help you get started, get you a crew spot, or help you find crew. Most importantly we need race committee volunteers. Crewing the race committee boat is perhaps the most fulfilling and least costly role in yacht racing. The barrier to entry is low. There's no agony of defeat. It's just strong beverages and free boating all summer long.

I've populated our google race calendar with this year's events. Check the QR code or go here:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=ODgwNjI5NDI5MmNkNTI2YmZjMmM2NjIjNzZlNjg0OTRhZDQ2ZmUyYmFjMjc1OGVLZjlxNzg3YWY5MDMzODI2MkBncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>

I'm Looking forward to seeing you on the lake.

FC Kevin



Tips from the Treasurer:

Please use the table below as a reference for you. Mark your calendars, these due dates do not change, it's part of our Bylaws & Policies.

PYC Invoice Schedule throughout the year

PYC Invoices to Members will typically come from: PYCtreasure@gmail.com

Check your Inbox Folder, also check Junk Folder, if you haven't added email to your trusted contacts

PYC Invoices	Approximate Send Timeframe	Per Bylaws & Policies:	Late Fee
		Due Date (Postmarked)	
Membership Dues & Dock Deposit	Jan 1st	January 19th	10%
Dock Balances Due	Feb 23-27th	March 15th	10%
Haul/Launch Fees	July 20-July 27th	August 15th	10%
Other Bills throughout the season, if applicable (example: new dingy)	When Treasurer gets request	Due on Receipt	
New Memberships Applications	Within 7 days, After EC Approval	Due on Receipt	

Note: Storage fees, are billed with above invoices, where applicable.

Payments are made payable to: Pultneyville Yacht Club

Send payments address will be on each invoice, please follow instructions

Messages from the Rear Commodore:

Happy 2025 PYC Crew:

The beaver is back in the harbor and so are the fish. I've heard the first charter boat will be in by the time you read this.

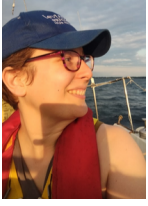
- The water level is low at 244.3, climbing slowly and predicted to be about 8 inches below last year's levels. The Earl Chapman Dredge Team will take soundings to see what high spots developed over the winter. Dredging is anticipated later in the summer.
- The water will be hooked up the week prior to launch. As well as WiFi and garbage pick-up.
- April 12 Executive Committee walk-through at 9am. Feel free to join us or send ideas to me.

- The work boat will go in the water during the week of April 14.
- April 19 Fleet Captain work day which will include floating docks, north shore fingers to be added after launch. (At least 8 people are needed for floating dock installment-contact me)
- April 26 Launch north shore 7am, 1st crane location on the Peninsula by 10am
- May 17 Required Work Day A-K
- May 31 Required Work Day L-Z

I look forward to working with all of you!

John

Words from the Editor:



Hello Fellow PYC-ers!

As we're coming into warmer weather, we'll all be out at the club more often. Send me your favorite photos for inclusion in future happenings.

Happy March!

Rachel



Photo by Kathy Fedick

April Calendar!

April 4th - First Friday

April 19th - Fleet Captain's Workday

April 26th - **Launch Day!**

May 5th - First Friday Happy Hour

May 8th - Fleet Tune Up Race

May 10th - Fleet Tune Up Regatta (tentative)

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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?

[BoatUS Online Training](#)

Another option Ira told me about is @SBYC. For information, the Iroquois Sail and Power Squadron is teaching the Americas Boating Course at SBYC on April 26 and May 3

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so this may also be of interest to PYC members. The Americas Boating Course is more detailed than the basic NYS Safe Boating Course but is also recognized by NASBLA and NYS.

