



LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

The boats are in the water and the first two workdays are behind us. These were huge accomplishments given the low water conditions as well as the challenges given us by the Ice Storm 2003. I was proud to see how the members turned out to help clean up the club grounds and the result was outstanding.



Memorial Day weekend has cruised by and the Commodore's Brunch and membership meeting is coming up on June 7th. The Commodore's Brunch also falls on National Trails Day and we have been asked to share our property to allow hikers to walk through part of it on a hike through Pultneyville. They will be walking down Hamilton Street Extension, around Apple Blossom Point and back out Hamilton Street Extension. While this will be occurring during the brunch, we should look at this as an opportunity to advertise our club. We will make sure that we have a table of flyers available and if anyone would like to be ambassadors of the club in case of any questions, please contact Diane Griffo. A copy of the memo that I received describing this event is included in this issue. Everyone is invited for the completion at Forman Park at about 12:30 with refreshments and lunch available, if it was pre ordered, at the West Pavilion.

Please let's keep in mind that there is a membership meeting at 2:00 that day. We would like everyone to come as this is one of your opportunities to help chart the course of the club.

The board has discussed the dates of the membership meetings and have decided change the date of the December meeting to the first Saturday in December. This will be discussed in the membership meeting.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events.

Steve Heffron

Commodore

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The Secretary's Corner

Membership: Please give a warm PYC welcome to our newest members **Michael and Nancy LaHaye**. The LaHayes have docked at PYC for a few years as non-members, and have now decided to join us. This brings our voting membership total to 102. Our other numbers remain the same.



Marketing: Did you spot our ad in the Lake Life supplement of the Post Messenger April 30 edition? I'd also like to let you know that our "trifold" with the dock rental insert is available in the Clubhouse. We often have visitors who are just looking, and our members give impromptu PYC tours. This is one instance where we want visitors to leave with club information and contact phone numbers. Please, help yourself.

Speaking of phone numbers, Membership Chairman, Jerri Schiff's phone number is 585-381-9115, and Dock Master, Larry Helber can be reached at 585-670-9435.

Officer of the Day: Dick Darrow is preparing this year's schedule for **OOD**. Members responsible for dates in June are listed are this issue. If you have any questions about this program, please call Dick at 315-331-5005, or refer to the **OOD** notebook located in the Clubhouse. If you are unable to work on your assigned date, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

Quiet Time Policy: The board has adopted the following policy: "In the immediate areas around the docks, members and guests shall respect quiet hours from 10:00PM to 8:00AM. Activity and noise in these areas and during these hours shall be negligible or at a minimum level that does not disturb other members."

Membership Logs: The 2003 Membership Logs will soon be available in the Clubhouse. Please don't forget to pick yours up.

Meeting Dates: Please note that our December meeting at the Pultneyville Firehall has been changed to **Saturday, December 6th**.

Our first General Membership meeting of 2003 will take place on Saturday, June 7th at 2:00PM. We hope to see a big turnout at the meeting and at the ever-popular Commodore's Brunch. Don't forget to sign up.

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Rear Commodore Reports

Notes from the Engine Room.....

It has been a very busy spring-slash-winter. We did accomplish a lot of work. The south cove docks are in and look good and repairs on several other docks are done (some of that work was done before launch.) All the ice storm damage has been cleaned up, two work days are complete and the club grounds look good again.

I would like to thank everybody whose help made this all possible. Without all your help these tasks would not have been completed.

Sincerely,

Larry Fedick
Rear Commodore



Update on Reciprocals

by Jim Snyder

For years our practice – and that of other yacht clubs - has been to mail out cards and letters extending reciprocal offerings to visitors from other clubs. This has worked well, albeit in a somewhat labor-intensive manner.

This year, in an effort to reduce time and cost, we decided to utilize the internet for transmitting this information. Many clubs have web sites and email addresses and it seemed a worthwhile way to go. This saves the cost of printing and postage by attaching a document file to an email and sending it off to the other clubs. This has been done with all the clubs with whom we have maintained reciprocity and that have operating web sites with email contacts. Some forty clubs have been contacted in this manner. There were a number of very positive responses and no negative replies. Receiving the document file allows the recipient to print it or otherwise post or store it for the use of the club's membership.

There is another source of reciprocals information available to boaters on Lake Ontario and some connecting waters. That is the web site www.lakeontariosailing.com that lists a number of clubs along with their reciprocals and their web sites. Some clubs list all the clubs with which they have reciprocity. Most of them provide a wealth of information regarding their facilities, attractions, events, etc. Clubs with which we have reciprocity have their web addresses listed as the last item on our summary sheets that come out each year, and which may be in this issue of *Soundings* or the next.

Sequin Sold

Former PYC members Mildred and Earl O'Laughlin have sold their sailboat, *Sequin*. The vessel will remain in the Caribbean where Earl and Mildred lived aboard and traveled for many years. Mildred, who was PYC's first historian, and Earl still enjoy reading the "Lake Soundings." They are now land-based and live in Laurel, Maryland. Will the O'Laughlins visit PYC this year? Perhaps!

Vice Commodore Reports

By the time you read this, the first two work days and the first two social events (Commodore's Review and the Memorial Day Picnic) will be in the past. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the volunteers who so graciously donated their time and expertise to the feeding of hungry clubmates. For launch, thanks go out to Gail McCarthy, Cathy MacDonald and Jerri Schiff. Especially helpful was Cy Pentkitis with her brilliant timing by arriving with the donuts exactly as the crews took their breaks. On the first work day, Carol Brickle and Jan Burcroff were terrific. This article was written prior to the second work day and the two aforementioned social events. Even though the volunteers for those events are not acknowledged by name at this time, please realize how much I value your help. Lastly, Thanks to Rich and Roseanne Critchlow for hosting the Memorial Day Picnic.



We have two social events in June to look forward to. The first is the Commodore's Brunch on June 7th. If you have not sent in your registration, please do so as soon as possible. The flyer can be found in this issue of the Soundings. The night before the Brunch, I will assemble a team of volunteers to cut fresh fruit for fruit cups. If you would like to help, please let me know.

At the Brunch, George Del Vecchio will be selling club merchandise. George will also be taking orders for custom apparel, with the name of your boat embroidered on the exact color and style you want. Lets have those of us with PYC duds wear them to display what is available.

On June 29th, we will have our Open Boats. Myself or a representative will pass out balloons to those offering hospitality and refreshment aboard their boat. Lets try to get as many people involved as possible and make this a real event. We will conclude the day with a BYO picnic under the pavilion. Please bring a dish to pass and your beverage of choice.

Jack Bopp

Vice Commodore

"Dog Rules" or is it, "Dogs Rule?"

The green areas of the North Shore and Apple Boon Point are popular walking areas and vistas for many club members. However, several members have been seen walking their dogs and allowing their dogs to run loose in these north shore areas this Spring. Please remember the PYC policy on dogs. Specifically, **"pets are not allowed on the Club grounds except when going to or from a member's boat, and must be on a leash. Pets may be exercised in the orchards west of the Club grounds. Members must clean up after their pets."**

Crossing the Bar



The PYC membership extends our deep feelings of concern and support to Jane and Bob Hamilton and family on the passing of Jane's mother May 9th in Pennsylvania, after a long illness.

Soverign of the Seas

by

John Seyna

The Sovereign of the Seas was a remarkable ship in many ways, another Donald McKay clipper, built in Boston in 1854. It was one of the larger ships being built at the time, even though many experts warned McKay that it would be much too big to be profitable. But Donald McKay was a firm believer, and he not only intended for it to be the biggest merchant ship in the world, but also the fastest.

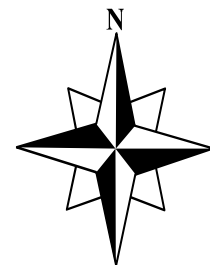
She measured 265 in length, 44 in breadth, and 2,421 tons. Her mainmast was 100ft, and the main yard was 93ft. She first sailed for San Francisco, going around the Horn from the East, and made very good time. Even though she lost both fore and main topmasts. As amazing as it sounds, the repairs were made at sea, and the ship made



it to San Francisco in what was considered very good time. The Sovereign of the Seas did prove to be very fast indeed many times logging 17-19 knots.

In 1858 she was sold to a German company entering the Hamburg to Sydney to Shanghai run. Even though the ship performed marvelously, at one time making 22 knots, the first passage was an unfortunate one. The ship ran aground on a sand bar in Shanghai and

had to be unloaded, and then the crew came down with cholera. The end came for this beautiful ship in 1859, when she ran aground in the Malaccas, and was a total loss, although most of the cargo and equipment was salvaged.



"Why is it that people park in a "driveway" and drive on a "parkway?"

The same confusion seems to reign among some club members at PYC. Club rules clearly state that **"Members can park their cars on the stone road ways that are part of the lease."** Yet many members appear to feel that it is necessary to drive off the stone roadway and park on the grass. Some days there are more cars parked on the lawn than picnic tables.

A Reminder on Guest Parking.....

Club policy also clearly states that **"guests should park their cars at the club house."**

The entire purpose of this rule is to assure that the guests of one member do not interfere with

another member's enjoyment of the club. Violations of this policy become painfully evident on Thursday nights during the racing season. Club rules state specifically that **"each member is responsible for the behavior of his or her guests."** Racing skippers, then, should remember that their crews are their guests and **skippers are therefore responsible for the actions of their crews while at the club- including where they park their cars.** There is plenty of room for extra crew parking on the North Shore, along the north and east sides of the parking lot, and on the plateau. **Please remember that the space in front of a slip should be saved for the member whose boat is parked there.**





OFFICER OF THE DAY INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for helping to make our club a desirable spot to visit. **You are our ambassador for today.** Please try to accommodate our guests. It would be helpful if you kept your VHF radio (hand held if possible) tuned to channel 16 and as O.O.D. respond to all calls seeking Pultneyville Yacht Club. You may be able to assign a slip to a guest before they enter the harbor. It is our goal to try and please every guest. Remember to extend a warm welcome to our visitors.

HOURS of DUTY: Friday 6PM - 9PM Saturday, Sunday & Holidays 2PM - 8PM

- 1) After arriving for duty, **please place initials next to your name on the assignment sheet** located on the inside cover of the O.O.D. guest registration book on the table in the clubhouse.

PLEASE WEAR THE MESH VEST WHICH WILL IDENTIFY YOU AS OFFICER OF THE DAY

- 2) Check the guest dock and all vacant slips in the harbor (see #3 below regarding vacant slips) for visiting boats to make sure they have been signed in.
- 3) Assign guests to known vacant slips - **check slip availability using the "Cruising Sign-Out" sheet located in a three ring binder in the clubhouse.** If necessary, and at their own risk, guest boats may be rafted off each other at the guest dock. No more than two abreast should be allowed.
Order of preference: **A)** Without making a big deal out of it, try to fit a guest boat into the smallest slip where it will fit. Save larger slips for larger boats. **B)** If you have a choice of several slips, pick the slip where our member is not due back for several days. If the member should return early, there's a better chance of their slip being available.
- 4) Maximum length of stay at the club is **3 days** except under emergency conditions which requires approval of a club officer.
- 5) **Sign in the guest skipper and collect any applicable dock fees. THIS IS NOT DISCRETIONARY**
-  • Check the **reciprocal club*** list, in the back of the O.O.D. notebook, to verify appropriate fees.
***ASK TO SEE VISITORS CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD AS PROOF OF AFFILIATION**
 -  • Be sure to discount Canadian, cash, currency 40%. Payment by check in U.S. funds is preferred. \$20.00 U.S. dollars = \$30.00 Canadian
 -  • Make out "**Guest Registration**" sheet (found in O.O.D. notebook). Any special communications to the next O.O.D. should be noted on this form.
 -  • Issue a receipt to the skipper for funds received if requested. Give funds to club treasurer (see 8 below).
- 6) Visitors with no club affiliation, or from non-reciprocal yacht clubs, or clubs for which we have no established schedule should be charged our normal fee of **\$20.00/day for up to 3 days.**
- 7) **Additional charges: Use of pump out \$5.00, for any guests in our basin (regardless of club affiliation).**
- 8) Any fees collected for the day should be given to the club treasurer, club officer or the O.O.D. chairman. **DO NOT LEAVE CASH OR CHECKS IN THE CLUBHOUSE.**
- 9) If you have any serious problems call O.O.D. chairman - Dick Darrow at 315-331-5005.
- 10) If you are unable to fulfill your assigned date, find a replacement, notify the O.O.D. chairman, and change the O.O.D. sign-in-sheet accordingly. file -ood5.03

O.O.D. Assignments 2003

DATE	DAY	NAME
30-May	Friday	Palum
31-May	Saturday	Pautz
1-Jun	Sunday	Penkitis
6-Jun	Friday	Pretzer
7-Jun	Saturday	Roetling
8-Jun	Sunday	Rohr
13-Jun	Friday	Saporito
14-Jun	Saturday	Schiff
15-Jun	Sunday	Seyna
20-Jun	Friday	Shults
21-Jun	Saturday	Sleggs
22-Jun	Sunday	Smith, D & C
27-Jun	Friday	Smith, T & A
28-Jun	Saturday	Snyder
29-Jun	Sunday	Sorrells
4-Jul	Friday	Stage
5-Jul	Saturday	Stevens
6-Jul	Sunday	Sylvester
11-Jul	Friday	Szlucha
12-Jul	Saturday	Tertinek
13-Jul	Sunday	Thurston
18-Jul	Friday	Tomory
19-Jul	Saturday	Travis
20-Jul	Sunday	Walluk

DATE	DAY	NAME
25-Jul	Friday	Walvoord
26-Jul	Saturday	Weagley
27-Jul	Sunday	Webb
1-Aug	Friday	White, B & J
2-Aug	Saturday	Wolfe
3-Aug	Sunday	Wurtenburg
8-Aug	Friday	Abate
9-Aug	Saturday	Allen, C & G
10-Aug	Sunday	Allen, J & D
15-Aug	Friday	Anderson
16-Aug	Saturday	Arrabito
17-Aug	Sunday	Axtell
22-Aug	Friday	Ball
23-Aug	Saturday	Bertoni
24-Aug	Sunday	Blaakman
29-Aug	Friday	Boehly
30-Aug	Saturday	Boesel
31-Aug	Sunday	Bolt
1-Sep	Monday	Borresen

Duty hours: Friday 6:00PM to 9:00PM
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays 2:00PM to 8:00PM +

COMMODORE'S BRUNCH & NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH
10:00 AM at PYC PAVILION

**Pancakes, French Toast, Sausages, Maple Syrup, Adult Brunch Beverages, O.J., Coffee,
Soda, and more...**

We will be concurrently having a "BOAT STUFF" lawn sale adjacent to Pavilion.

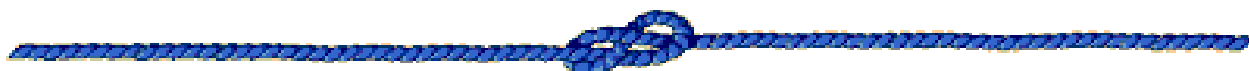
Reservations # _____ @ \$6.00/Adult
Required # _____ @ \$3.00/ Child
By 5/31 # _____ @ \$7.00/ Guest

Please mail reservations to:

Brian McCarthy
PO Box 81
Pultneyville, NY 14538.

Name _____

Total _____



Launch Day 2003 - A Look Back



Images courtesy of Jack Bopp and Cy Pentkitis

National Trails Day Hike Event Comes to PYC

An open letter to Commodore Steve Heffron

Steve,

Thank you and the Club for sharing your grounds for the hike. Also for calling attention to it in your upcoming news letter. Here's a letter describing the event.

National Trails Day falls on Saturday June 7th this year. It's a day to communicate, celebrate, and increase awareness of the beauty, healthfulness and importance of trails. The American Hiking Society is the initiator of this annual event with a web site to publicize the hundreds of local events scheduled that day around the country. (www.americanhiking.org)

Trail Works is a local volunteer group dedicated to encouraging the development of trails in Wayne County and has planned a "Williamson Walk in the Country" as a contributing event on National Trails Day. The planned 3 - 4 mile route was made possible with the permissions of private, town, and civic organization land owners. Participants will pass through field and forest, a trail under construction and one completed nearly 200 years ago, the historic hamlet of Pultneyville and some wonderful Lake Ontario vistas and resources. The purpose of this cooperative event is to heighten awareness of and support for eventually achieving the cross-town trail system, envisioned in the Williamson Town Master Plan, with later connections to a Wayne County trail network. The event will be publicized widely as a time to enjoy a sample of the simple beauty around us and to seek ways to secure the same for future generations.

The 3-4 mile route includes:

- Start at Forman Park (west pavilion #1)
- South across private land to the "Bicentennial Trail" loop
- West across private property to Jay Street
- West through Pig Lane - an 1800's public right of way
- A stop at the Pultneyville Historical Society Home to visit and pick-up a self guided, "Walking Tour of Historic Pultneyville"
- A loop through the adjoining properties of the Pultneyville Historical Society and Reformed Church and Centennial Park
- A loop up Hamilton Street Extension and through the grounds of the Pultneyville Yacht Club and Pultneyville Mariners
- Return along Lake Road to Forman Park for refreshments.

The national theme of "Healthy Trails, Healthy People" provides the ideal reason to enjoy the beauty of spring. Please mark your calendars for 10am, June 7th to meet at the west pavilion #1 at B. Forman Park, Lake Rd, just east of Pultneyville, where the rain or shine hike begins and ends. A lunch option at a modest cost may be preordered upon arrival to supplement the refreshments provided after the hike. A trail poker run is also planned with prizes awarded at 12:45.

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<http://www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org/>

PYC LOG

The PYC LOG is our way of telling the members what is in the wind for the coming weeks. Please read it over and mark your calendars for these important Club events.



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| June 7 | Commodore's Brunch, New Member Reception,
General Meeting |
| June 14 | Work Day #3 begins at 8:00 AM |
| June 29 | Open Boats
BYO Picnic |
| July 19 | Pultneyville Homecoming Weekend |