



LAKE SOUNDINGS

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Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

The weather has been great. People have been cruising and sailing and the water is even warming up enough to start swimming in it. What a difference from the way the season started out. But that is what we have come to expect in the Rochester area.

Not too much is happening this time of year. There are no events and many people are away on vacation. We can, however, look forward to a busy August. On Aug 9th we have the Pig Roast, on Aug 15th – 17th we have the Club Cruise and on August 23rd, the Pultneyville Mariners are hosting the Commodore's Challenge. I hope that I can live up to the last two years of wins that Past Commodore Hamilton enjoyed.



The Nominating committee is hard at work and should have their report ready before the Pig Roast.

The only project that we are currently working on is the Harbor Lighting. While we are pursuing other options, we will at least stop the lights from blinking.

This July, Pultneyville Yacht Club experienced what I believe to be another first. On July 12th, Richard (Dick) Sheehan and Kathleen Wheaton were married in front of the flagpole at the club. We all wish them a long and happy life together.

Well that's about all for now. We will see you all at the club and at the Pig Roast.

Steve Heffron

Commodore



The Happy Couple

Dick and Kathy Sheehan exchange wedding vows before the mast. What better place to tie a knot?

Photo by Brian McCarthy

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The Secretary's Corner

Membership: The number of Voting Members now stands at 103 (107 at this time last year). We would like to welcome our newest member, **Janet Williams** and her daughter, **Maeve**.

Janet, the new owner of *Windfall*, will continue the fine tradition of this vessel. Our other numbers remain the same: Social 1, Nonvoting 16, and CM 1. Jerri Schiff, Membership Chairman and Larry Helber, Dockmaster continue to receive inquiries, so feel free to contact them by phone or e-mail.



Lake Ontario: The Griffos and fellow PYC members took the American Ports/Honeymoon 2003 Cruise. We enjoyed the fine hospitality of reciprocal clubs Henderson Harbor Yacht Club, Fairhaven Yacht Club, and Sodus Bay Yacht Club. The ports of Oswego, Association Island, and our perennial favorite, Sacketts Harbor, top our list for fun and relaxation. All had a spectacular time!

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to PYC Members **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sheehan** who were married at PYC on July 12th. The ceremony took place at the PYC flagpole overlooking our beautiful harbor. A reception for the newlyweds, hosted by Debra Heffron and Jane Hamilton, took place in the pavilion. We wish Kathy and Dick well.

Officer Nominations: If the nominations for Rear Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer are not in this issue, please look for the slate of candidates for the 2004 Board to be posted in the clubhouse.

Club Elections for the 2004 Board will take place at the General Membership Meeting on September 20th preceding the Clambake. We hope to see everyone at this meeting. **ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** Approved in 2001: If you will be unable to attend the General Membership Meeting, I will provide you with an absentee ballot. **Your request for an absentee ballot must be made at least 30 days prior to the General Membership Meeting.**

("Absentee Ballot", continued pg. 3)



Rear Commodore Reports

Notes from the Engine Room.....



Just a few words for my column this month; first the harbor has been treated for weeds (it looks a lot better than last year).

I am also looking for help with the haul and launch schedule. Scott Nichols, who has performed this task in outstanding fashion for the past several seasons, is stepping down from the job. I would appreciate it if you might be interested in the duties involved in planning the club's haul and launch arrangements please give me a call.

Larry Fedick

Absentee Ballot (continued from pg. 2)

which will provide voting options for those items known at that time. The ballot must be completed and signed by the member family unit. **I must receive it by the last mail date before the General Membership Meeting, Friday, September 19th.** Please mail to PYC PO Box 137 Pultneyville, NY 14589.

Change in Member Data: This is a reminder to let me know in writing any changes in phone, e-mail, address, etc. Thanks.

AUGUST: See you at the Poker Race, Pig Roast, Club Cruise, and the Commodore's Challenge.-

Help Wanted: We still need a volunteer for the Reciprocals Chairman. If you would be willing to do this job, please contact Jim Snyder or me.

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Sign up now for the 2003

Club Cruise

Daryl & Michele Hunt

The annual PYC Club Cruise is fast approaching (August 15-17) and will once again feature the lovely harbours of Fairhaven and Sodus Bay. The committee (Michele, Daryl and Dylan) is working hard to make this a memorable event for everyone. We're currently looking for cruising-related contests and competitions of broad appeal (i.e. fun & LWL and horsepower-independent). Let us know if you have any ideas. By the time this issue of Soundings shows up, you'll see a sign-up sheet posted in the clubhouse.

Please sign up early to help in our planning. As an added incentive, the first n boats to sign up, where $0 < n < 20$, will receive an interesting if not valuable commemorative item.

You can also sign up by contacting us via email: drhunt@rochester.rr.com

Fleet Captain Reports

On The Range...

LIFE IS A SERIES

We are rolling right along with our Thursday evening and weekend Woman Skipper's and Genoa only round the buoys race series. We've had a good turnout on Thursday and some close races. I appreciate the effort it takes to get boat and crew ready. However, these encounters are rewarding and make for a very pretty sight on the water.



Among the 'new' boats and crew are *Moonstruck* (Alex Brougham), *True Colors* (Mark Blaakman), *Escapade* (Gene Fuller), *Scimitar* (Marv Hill with Dave Kay crewing) and *Windfall* (Janet Williams). I encourage others to give it try. There is no fee for weekend races. Skippers meetings are at 1:00 P.M. Races are self timed. There are prizes for all participants.

The results of the Thursday evening Spring Series, which concluded with a picnic on June 19th, are-

	Genoa	Spinnaker
1st	<i>Avalon</i> (Don Boesel)	<i>Comic Relief</i> (Earl Chapman)
2nd	<i>Windstar</i> (Bob White)	<i>Cebare</i> (Larry Fedick)
3rd	<i>Practice</i> (Scott Nichols)	<i>Moonrise</i> (Jim Ely)

Congratulations folks! Fly those pennants proudly!

Mark your calendars for the Club Cruise, August 15-17. Daryl and Michelle Hunt (*Discovery AND Sea Dog*) and Paul and Amy McDonald (*Moon & Stars*) have volunteered to organize and to lead our band of adventurers. Please let them know your of your plans and suggestions. A delicious schedule conflict is in store for Saturday, August 23. Both the Commodore's Challenge, with PMI hosting, and the GRHCA Hospice Regatta will occur on that day. Be on the lookout for opportunities to participate, sponsor and to spectate. Elsewhere in this issue read about Joe Griffo's plan for a Poker/Dinghy race in the harbor on August 2.

A special "thank you" to Russ Palum for donning his diving gear to un snag the anchor rode on the Green (#3) channel mark and to drag it off the remains of the old pier. A very pleasant surprise: A new, waterproof tarp showed up for the *Gull*. Thanks, methinks, are owed to our Boatswain, Peter Fisk.

Finally, I hope that someone out there is keeping track of the (mis)fortunes of our fellow boaters for the various annual awards. I suppose these people could even be the basis of an informal nominating committee.

Larry Rice

Vice Commodore Reports

I would like to thank Merrill and Cher Gray for taking care of the Open Boats and the BYO picnic this past month. It is reassuring to know that someone is willing to pitch hit when needed.

Enclosed in this Soundings are the flyers for the Pig Roast and the Clam Bake. If you have not registered for the Pig Roast and would like to attend, please send in your form ASAP. The deadline for the Clam Bake registration is September 12th. Please remember that these are catered events and late registrations are subject to a \$2.00 per person fee.



Mark August 23rd your calendars for the Commodore's Challenge. The Mariners will host the event this year. Lets cheer Steve and his crew on to another win for PYC.

If you would like to have your images of this season included in the slide show at the Fall Banquet, please forward them to Anneliese or Jerri Schiff. We would like the slide show to be as inclusive as possible.

Jack Bopp

Rah, Rah, Ri-Ra

*Eckers Take Champlain Tour,
Watch Grand-daughter Compete*

Tom and Donna Ecker, known for their often extended voyages, embarked this summer on a circumnavigation of the Adirondacks. Actually the mountains have little to do with the voyage except that Lake Champlain lies conveniently in the folds of land between the Adirondacks and the Green Mountains of Vermont.

The trip is two-fold; first, it's a nice trip along several beautiful waterways. Second, their grand-daughter, 10 year old Christine Frawley, was to be a contender in the North East Regional Figure Skating Competition in Burlington, Vermont. Burlington conveniently has several marinas that front on Lake Champlain and plenty of room for "*Ri-Ra*," the Eckers' version of an Irish Roamer. The itinerary included travelling down the St. Lawrence River to Sorel, then on to Lake Champlain via the Chambley Canal.

After a stop-over at Burlington to watch the skating competition, Donna reports that she jumped ship and returned home by car with her son-in-law, while Grandpa continued the sea voyage home accompanied by daughter Kelley, skater Christine and her brother Pauli. The voyage would continue through the Champlain Canal, the upper reaches of the Hudson River, then on to Oswego via the Erie Canal system.

At this writing, no word on how Christine fared in her skating competition, and no word on how Grandpa made out, travelling with all those grandchildren.



Heard and Seen Around the Club

Officers of the club are receiving comments and complaints about the casual way people seem to be discarding their refuse on and around club grounds. Empty cans and other leavings seem to start showing up close to and during weekends when the club is most heavily in use. Please remember that there is a receptacle available for you to dispose of your trash. It's the big green dumpster behind the picket fence, over by the water department.

PYC ANNUAL PIG ROAST



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH

Enjoy a morning and early afternoon of sailing and boating, then come join us for the picnic. Tea time activities for young and not so young. Or just come by for Tea Time Cheering.

3:30 CORN SHUCKING CONTEST. Corn must be ready for the Caterer at 4pm. Corn Master; Nancy

4:00 WATER BALLOON EVENT Bring a change of clothes or towels. Hydro Master; Dave Weagley

4:30 THREE LEGGED OLD SAIL BAG RACE. Bring a sail bag or the like. There'll be an award for the best decorated sail bag. Three Legged Master; Alex Brougham

Prizes for every age for each event are made possible by the generous fun loving donations from our friends at

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5:00 PIG ROAST PICNIC

MENU

Roast Pork, Roast Turkey, Salt Potatoes, Bean Salad, Stuffing, Corn-on-the-Cob, Green Salad, Sauerkraut, Penne Pasta w/ Marinara Sauce & Cheese, Dinner Rolls, Relish Tray, Fruit Tray, and Dessert.
Soda, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Wine, Beer, Coffee and Bottled Water

VEGETARIAN MENU: In addition to the above meatless selections, Nancy's baked vegetable buns.

RESERVATIONS NEEDED BY AUGUST 1ST

MEMBERS:		Qty	Ext	GUESTS		Qty	Ext
Members; Adults	\$20.00 x	_____		Guests; Adults	\$22.00 x	_____	
Vegetarian Members; Adults	\$11.00 x	_____		Vegetarian Guests; Adults	\$13.00 x	_____	
Children 6-12	\$10.00 x	_____		Children 6-12	\$10.00 x	_____	
Children under , our guests.							
Total Member's reservations	\$	_____		Send to: Nancy Gong & Peter Fisk			
Total Guests Reservations	\$	_____		42 Parkview Drive			
Total	\$	_____		Rochester, NY 14625-1034			
				? 's Nancy 585-288-5520 ngong@rochester.rr.com			
				Make check payable to: Pultneyville Yacht Club.			
				\$2.00 additional each after August 1st.			

PYC CLAM BAKE
Saturday, September 20th
4:00 pm



Menu

Chicken, Italian Sausage, New England and Manhattan Clam Chowder, Salt Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Relish Tray, Fruit Tray, Rolls, Ice Tea, Lemonade, Beer and Wine, Pop and Bottled Water and Cookies and Brownies

Note: The basic \$18 price per adult does not include any clams or shrimp. Clams are priced at \$6.00/dozen and Shrimp are priced at \$5.00/serving. You must order exactly what you want.

Name _____

Send Check Payable to PYC

Adults @ \$18 _____

Guests @ \$20 _____

Children (7-13) \$9 _____

Vegetarian Meals @ \$9 _____

Dozen Steamed Clams @ \$6 _____

Shrimp Cocktail @ \$5 _____

This is a catered event so please get your reservations in by September 12th. Reservations made after September 13th will incur a \$2.00/person charge.

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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.



August 2	Poker/Dinghy Race in the Harbor
August 9	Pig Roast
August 15-17	Club Cruise
August 23	Commodore's Challenge Race, Mariners Host
August 23	Hospice Regatta
August 31	BYO Picnic, 5PM
September 6	Bown Race
September 20	Clam Bake and General Meeting with elections of Officers