



LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

August was a busy month, starting with the Poker Fun Race. As it was so popular when we tried it last year in inclement weather, Joe Griffo decided to do a dinghy race in the harbor again. If you haven't heard yet, Debbie and I started the race by rolling Ralph Sylvester's dinghy over and going into the water. I will not go any farther on this as I am sure that Joe will give you all a full account of the activities.



We also had a great time at the Pig Roast. The weather did not look good and so the turnout was not that good but those that were there had a great time and the weather was not bad. For the first time we started out with corn shucking and water balloon contests. Everyone had fun with these games and then filled up on the feast that Mark prepared for us. More details on the Pig Roast are on page six.

The weather was great for the Club Cruise except for some high wind and some thunderstorms that threatened but did not materialize. So the cruise was the typical adventure it usually is with ports of call at Fairhaven and Sodus Point.

And to end the month, on the 23rd it was the Commodore's Challenge with the Mariners' Commodore acting as Host this year, selecting Sunfish as the boat of choice. Members of both clubs looked on from the safety of the beach, armed with snacks and cocktails as we set out in high wind and in rough seas. Sound judgement convinced me that I should be seeking shelter, rather than a pennant, and I gallantly conceded the race- but not before the Mariners' Sunfish broached and went over, tossing their Commodore in the water. Both Commodores are looking forward to a re-match next year.

Consider this as a reminder of the September Meeting just before the Clambake on September 20th at 2:00 pm. This will be your opportunity to vote for the nominated officers and hear the reports from the current officers. Attached is the report from the nominating committee.

Haulout and Winter storage will be due on September 15th. You will be getting the notice and bill for this by US mail shortly.

I would like to revisit the policy for parking your vehicles when you are on Cruise. Quite often during the summer, people are on cruise when events are going on. We expect people to park near the pavilion for these events but there is limited space for everyone. Therefore it is and has been the policy to use the elevated parking

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The Secretary's Corner



August: This month seemed to fly by with all of the PYC events that took place. I hope you were able to attend one or more of these events. This is a working club, and there were plenty of member volunteers in action in August.

Thanks to each of you for your outstanding effort!

Member Volunteer Needed: We need a new Reciprocals Chairman for 2004. This job is mainly done before the boating season begins. Please contact me if you are interested.

Membership: Our voting membership remains steady at 103 (107 last year at this time). If you know of someone who would like to join in September, you should know that dues are half-price at that time. Contact Jerri Schiff for membership, or Larry Helber for dock information.

Haul/Store/Launch: You will be receiving this information shortly by mail. Please respond as soon as possible. This fee is due no later than September 15th. A 10% late fine is added to payments past due.

General Membership Meeting and Officer Elections: Our meeting will take place on Saturday, September 20th at 2:00PM at the pavilion. Our **2004 Officers** will be elected at this time. The Clam Bake will follow at 4:00PM. Hope to see you there.

BoatU.S.: The 2003 Board has renewed our "partnership" with BoatU.S. for another year. Because of this special arrangement, you get 50% off when you join the nation's largest Association of recreational boat owners. You pay one-half of the regular BoatU.S. dues of \$19.00 – only \$9.50 a year! There are many other benefits you receive as soon as you belong to this group, including a

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Rear Commodore Reports

Notes from the Engine Room.....

Summer is moving along fast and soon it will be cradle day. So far the lake level is staying up, half a foot above long term average. Let's all hope it stays a little above average so that we can enjoy a nice fall.



The haul and launch fees are going to be arriving soon. The rate is going to remain the same as last year. Remember that it is still one of the best deals on the lake. If you need help in anyway with your boat just let us know, we will be glad to help.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Sincerely

Larry Fedick



The Great Dinghy Poker Race Results

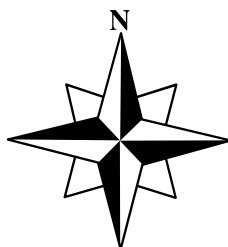
Joe Griffo

Saturday August 2, 2003 marked the second annual dinghy poker race at PYC, featuring six entrants who enjoyed "organized mayhem" at its best. Several additional cards were awarded for the following deeds:

- Commodore Steve and his wife got an extra card for dumping their dinghy before the race started. Debby learned that you don't enter a hard bottom dinghy by stepping on the gunwale.
- Oldest crew Bob and Jane Hamilton.
- Most kids entered in the poker run; Ernie Matyi had all his grandchildren.
- Improvization (having only one oar in the water) Michelle Hunt.
- Finishing the driest- Larry Rice.
- Thinking of these rules awarded me a card.

Even though Bob and Jane finished first on the water, Michelle Hunt with only one oar in the water and her son Dillon had the best poker hand and therefore were declared the winners. Dillon remarked that it was the most fun he ever had.

I too had a great time and only wish that more families participated. Next year I think we are going to have a poker race with the dinghies but it is going to have a treasure hunt theme. I want to thank all the people who volunteered to hand out the cards and those who manned the garden hoses.



Commodore

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lot for parking when you are on cruise. I don't believe that this area has gotten full yet this year but if it does, you can use the parking lot near the pavilion starting at the fence near the road. **The area east of the club house parking lot is reserved for our tenants and should never be used by members especially for long term parking.**

We have had many visiting boats at the club this year. As you know, our OOD policy only covers the club on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. If you are at the club during the week and see a boat come in, please help them to a dock if necessary, encourage them to sign the guest register and collect money from them if required according to the policy in the OOD manual. If you would do this, the club would be viewed as a friendlier place and we could collect dock money that would otherwise not be collected. There are envelopes on the back of the OOD manual for you to put the money in and deposit in the ice money box in the old clubhouse. The general reciprocal policy is that we allow the first two(2) nights free and \$20.00 for each additional night. If the boat is not from a reciprocal club the charge is \$20.00 per night

We will see you at the club and out on the water.

Steve Heffron

Commodore

Nomination of Club Officers

The PYC nominating committee, composed of Donna Ecker, Paul Roetling, Terry Wolfe, Cher Gray and Rich Critchlow(Chair) is pleased to make the following nomination for the respective officer positions on the PYC board. All nominees have been interviewed and have agreed to serve if elected.

Commodore	Stephen Heffron
Vice Commodore	Jack Bopp
Rear Commodore	Merril Gray
Secretary	Alex Brougham
Treasurer	Jane Hamilton
Fleet Captain	Larry Rice

Respectfully,
Rich Critchlow
Chair of the nominating committee

A "Rohring" Good Time

What do the numbers 1 and 80 have in common? Not much, unless you happen to be the most senior member of the Pultneyville Yacht Club who is celebrating his 80th birthday. Club members and friends plotted and schemed to stage a "surprise" birthday party for Lou Rohr at the Pavilion this past month, complete with balloons and cake. In his typical modest fashion Lou was unruffled as he accepted the honor, commenting that he was not really "surprised" except by the number of people who showed up. Members, past members and many old friends were on hand for the event. In his colorful career, Lou has led the life of a WW II Navy Pilot, College Professor, and of course, ardent Sailor among other things. Lou is at the top of the list in many ways, including our club seniority roster.



*Lou Rohr
Happy Birthday, Lou!*

Vice Commodore Reports

The Pig Roast was once again a huge success. The weather was cooperative – not too hot and just a light shower late in the day. Many thanks go out to Nancy Gong and Peter Fisk for hosting this event. Additional thanks are extended to Nancy, Alex Brougham and Eric Matteson for organizing the Pre-Roast Games. That was a great way for kids, young and old, to work up an appetite. I am willing to wager that Mark (the caterer) has never served such skillfully shucked corn!

Joe Griffo was Admiral-for-a-Day as he organized this year's Poker Race, the results of which are seen on the previous page. What a great way to cool off on a hot August afternoon!



The Club Cruise was favored with good weather and an enthusiastic turnout. Thanks to the Hunt's and the McDonald's for making the arrangements for us. More details will be forthcoming in the October issue when pictures will be available.

The flyer for the Clam Bake is in this issue of The Soundings. Please remember that this is a catered event and reservations are due by September 13th. If anyone would like to help out setting up, checking in or cleaning, please contact Jim Wurtenbug or myself.

Jack Bopp

Secretary's Report

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merchandise catalog, discounts on fuel, low-cost insurance, and more.

If you would like to renew or join BoatU.S., contact Member Services at 800-395-2528, or www.boatus.com. Our group number is GA80260Y.

September: Here too soon, but have a great month.

If you have any question or concerns, please contact me.

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Thank You, PYC Family

First Mom's passing, and now Dad. Your cards, prayers and hugs have been very comforting. Thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Thank you, everyone, and God Bless.

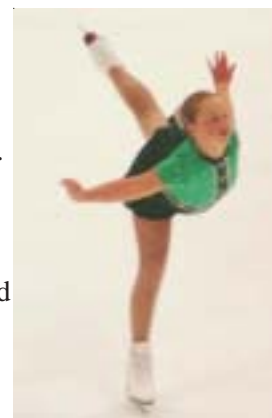
Jane and Bob Hamilton

Rah, Rah, Ri-Ra!

The Rest of the Story...

You'll recall last month's tale about Club Members Tom and Donna Ecker and their epic journey, circum-navigating the Adirondacks with a stop along the way in Burlington, Vermont. The Ecker crew made the Lake Champlain stop so that they could watch granddaughter Christine participate in a Regional Ice Skating Championship. And now, for the rest of the story.

The skating competition was a great success, with Christine taking the Junior Class Freestyle Silver Medal. The victory was followed by the return trip home via the Champlain canal, Hudson River and onward through the barge canal system. In all, Tom says they passed through 61 locks during the trip, each young crew member performing an assigned task and keeping a journal of their passage. Tom says they were too busy to be bored!



Tiny Dancer, Big Medal!

Pig Roast A Huge Success

An unfortunate circumstance for the pig, but a picnic in the grand style for all those who attended.

This year's pig roast featured several games and contests not seen in past roasts. The following is Nancy Gong's commentary on the events of the day and contest results.

Corn Shucking Contest

Corn Master Nancy Gong, *Tai-Pan*. 1st, Duiyoung Lee, Guest of *Tai-Pan*; 23 ears of corn. 2nd, Tom Rice, *Zest*, 22 ears of corn; 3rd, Kenzie Smith, Guest of *Tai-Pan*, 20 ears of corn. "Most Determined" Award went to Brooks Nagle, 7 year old grandson of Roger and Helen Carr, *Champagne*, who shucked 7 ears of corn, working furiously with all his might to keep up with the big kids. Special thanks to the fellow shuckers and cheering crowd.



Water Balloon Event

Hydro Master Eric Matteson, *Dulcinea*, who now has permanently wrinkled fingers after filling and tying 200 balloons. Water activities included longest distance catch, balloon traveled the longest distance when hit with a tennis racket and largest water balloon without popping. According to Eric, The Big Winner was Larry and Tom Rice of *Zest*. Tied for second place was Brian Nagle, Ken and Carolyn Souser of the Carr family, *Champagne*. Kenzie Smith with *Tai-Pan* took third place and had a good run around after the scheduled events. I counted at least 14 competitors plus a few cameo visitor appearances with good clean fun!!!

Three legged race

Three legged master, Alex Brougham of *Moonstruck*, who set a very long course!!!

1st over, Ken & Carol Souser, guests of Roger and Helen Carr, *Champagne*

2nd over, Tom & Larry Rice, *Zest*

3rd over, Doug and Wendy Axtell, *Glad Tidings* who had a great start till Wendy started laughing so hard she lost her concentration!

And once again, who could not get a charge out of seeing Brooks and his mom on this hike when at the halfway mark he had one leg in the sack and one was dangling in the air as his mom carried him under his arm! What a sight!



And what of the pig and turkey roast? It was great food and company.

Special thanks to Parkleigh and Craft Company No. 6 for providing the really cool gifts and prizes. A fun afternoon of libations, fun, friends and food brought to you with your help by Jack and Anneleise Bopp, Nancy Gong and Peter Fisk, Alex and Ann Brougham, Eric and Tracy Matteson, Master and Assistant Hydro Filler, Larry Rice, Official Scorer to the many Aqua aficionados-young and not so young, Tom Szlucha of *Swoose* with his nifty camera and on-the-spot picture printer, and once again the cheering audience. Nathaniel Axtell of *Glad Tidings* loved drinking from the leaking balloon. He thought it was a new sort of drinking fountain but then he figured out how to toss them. And, geez- that Larry Rice! He always seems to be there to help along with everyone one else who helped to pitch in as well! And, of course, the side show was Freddie and Oliver, Nancy and Peter's happy, but sad looking Basetts *or were we their side show?*

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.



September 6	Bown Race
September 20	Clam Bake and General Meeting with Election of New Officers
October 11	Cradle Day
October 17-19	Haul-Out
November 15	Fall Banquet
December 7	Annual Meeting at Pultneyville Fire Hall