



LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members.

I hope that everyone is weathering the cold OK. Just think, in about two more months we will be preparing the boats for the water again.

We extend Tom and Donna Ecker our condolences on the passing of Tom's mother Evey on January 14th.



The board is already making plans for the upcoming season. Our new Rear Commodore, Merrill Gray has compiled an exhaustive list of projects for us. We will try to indicate who the crew chiefs are and what jobs we will be doing on any given workday. Remember that if you need to change your workday, you should contact Merrill and if possible the crew chief to arrange the change.

As was discussed in the Annual meeting, the board has decided to adopt a policy for this year only to waive the initiation fee for new members if they plan to keep a boat in the harbor for two years. We are hoping that this will generate some additional new members that we might not have gotten otherwise. This action is similar to actions being taken by other clubs in the area. If you know anyone that might be considering membership, make sure that you tell them that this would be the best time and they could save the initiation fee which with taxes amounts to almost \$600.

We also discussed alternative methods of hauling and launching boats. A committee has been formed, headed up by Mike Saporito, to look into these alternatives. The committee has already met and is working on various ideas and estimates that will be presented at the June meeting. This is an early plug that the June meeting would be a good one to attend.

You should have already received the registration form for the Winter Cabin Party on February 8th. This is always a fun time. I hope to see you there.

Steve Heffron

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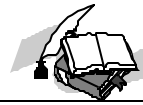
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The Secretary's Corner

Welcome to the New Year at

PYC: The board has had its first meeting and we are looking forward to finding solutions to our club's problems of decreasing membership and deteriorating facility. I have found encouragement reading through the club history and the records that were passed on to me in that we have faced major challenges in the past and have been able to work through them as a club.



I would like to thank Diane Griffo for all of her help in getting me going as your new secretary. I would also like to thank all of the committee members who have decided to have a go at it for another year.

Membership Cards: Cards have been mailed and you should have received yours by now. Please contact me if you have not.

Membership Count: 90 voting, 0 social, 18 non-voting, and 5 lake soundings as of Jan 15th. Last year at this time we had 100 voting, 1 social, 15 non-voting, and 4 lake soundings. If you have not sent in your dues, but would like to remain a member, please contact me or any other board member to discuss your situation.

Membership Drive: We have experienced a significant decrease in membership, so we all need to do whatever we can to bring in new members. Toward this end we had a booth at the Rochester Boat Show again this year. Thanks to all who volunteered their time at the booth. I would encourage everyone to hang up and hand out our recruitment flyers wherever and whenever they see fit. Please contact Jerri Schiff or myself if you have any leads on potential new members. Please also let us know if you have any ideas about advertising and/or attracting new members. Please contact me if you would like flyers to post or hand out. Potential members can also visit our web site at www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org for information and a printable membership application. Our Membership Chairperson is Jerri Schiff (585-381-9115) and our Dock Master is Larry Helber (585-670-9435). Persons interested in our racing program may contact our Fleet Captain, Larry Rice (585-473-9363).

Alex Brougham

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Rear Commodore Reports

Notes from the Engine Room.....

Hello, everyone;

As you have seen in the Commodore's letter, the new board has had its first meeting and we are in the process of organizing and scheduling for the coming season at the club.

Another function of that meeting was to transfer responsibilities from previous officers to the new. While there has been a change in responsibility I am glad to be able to report that there will be a continuation of strong support for the Rear Commodore that will carry forward from the previous administration. Specifically, past Rear Commodore Larry Fedick has agreed to continue as liaison with government agencies for the purpose of gathering the permits the club needs for such things as dredging, weed control and so on. Larry has also agreed to continue to carry forward into the new season on the dredging project that will take place this year. These are very important areas that Larry has a special expertise in and has developed key contacts that do not transfer easily and I am very happy to have Larry's support in these matters. Also, Dock Master Larry Helber is continuing on in that role this year, and Tony Belaskas returns for another season to keep the club's facilities in good order. I welcome their support.

I am also grateful for the number of club members who have already come forward to offer their assistance as we work through the operational needs of the club- of which there is a long list. We are putting the list in order of priority and will have more information for you on that after the next meeting. Generally, there are two areas of concentration- dock repair and security, and improving the appearance of the club. Sound docks and a safe environment not only serve our members but also are an attraction to potential new members. Keeping the club looking good, whether that means mowing the grass or repairing the siding that blew off the club house last fall, protects the club's investment and also helps attract new mem-

bers. There are other tasks at hand such as shoreline repair on the North Shore and breakwall improvement to reduce silting in the channel. Whether we move forward on these and other issues depends on opportunity and availability of funds. None of the issues we have are insurmountable.



Look for more details in the next issue of the "Soundings," and we'll see you at the Cabin Party.

Merril Gray

Crossing The Bar

The club extends its sympathies to Mildred O'Laughlin on the passing of her husband Earl, who died on Nov. 26, 2003 at the Chesapeake Hospice House.

The O'Laughlins were past members of the club who kept in touch with the PYC by continuing to receive Lake Soundings, and in many cases contributed accounts of their sailing adventures. They both retired in 1978 to live aboard their sailboat and cruise the East Coast, Bahamas, Bermuda, Virgin Islands, and the Caribbean. They moved to Laurel, Maryland three years ago.

Earl was a Commodore of the Sennear Cruising Association, and a member of the Grenada Yacht club. He raced out of Rochester Yacht Club and served on Race Committees for local Regattas. He was 76.

The club also extends its sympathies to Past Commodore Tom Ecker and his family for the passing of Tom's mother Evey Ecker-Smith, January 14, 2004. Donations can be made to:

Bethany House of Hospitality
169 St. Bridget's Drive
Rochester, NY 14605

Fleet Captain Reports

On The Range...

In lieu of racing information from Larry, the editors have elected to forward a letter to our membership that was received from the Brockport Yacht Club regarding their 100th Anniversary and some activities that may be of interest to our membership.

The Editors



Dear Fellow Yachtsmen & Yachtswomen:

In 2004 Brockport Yacht Club celebrates its' 100th Anniversary, and the members and friends of your yacht club are invited to attend an afternoon of sailing adventure with the world renowned yachtsman Gary Jobson.

Join us on Saturday, April 3, 2004 at 2:00 PM when Gary Jobson will share his expertise on" Ultimate Sailing", a 90 minute video presentation & narration featuring the 2003 America's Cup Race, the Volvo Ocean Race, Polar Sailing, Antarctica, Arctic, Cap Horn, sailing trends, and an Olympic Preview.

A one hour social with beer, wine and soda, gourmet cheese & crackers, and veggies & dip follows the presentation.

This event will be held at the SUNY Brockport College Campus in the Seymour College Union Ballroom. On Saturdays open parking exists on the Campus and we will attempt to post signs directing you to the correct building and entrance adjacent to the Ballroom.

This letter is an invitation to your organization's members and friends to attend this celebration. Gary is a world renowned yachtsman and dynamite speaker and we look forward to having you join us.

The all inclusive price for this event is twenty dollars (\$20.00)U.S. per head.

Tickets are available from the following people:

Tom Grape

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Rochester, NY 14612

Tel. 585-621-5282

e-mail: gtelgrape@worldnet.att.net

Jack Evans

60 Charlton Road

Rochester, NY 14617

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Vice Commodore Reports

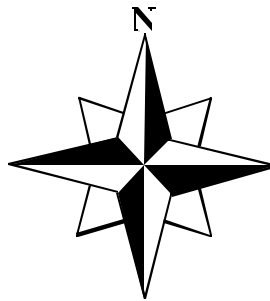
Vice Commodore Reports

It has been a long and brutally cold winter. Many of us haven't seen each other since the Banquet and it will be good to gather around the fire with good friends and spend some time together at the Cabin Party. This event is only a few days away, so if you haven't yet sent in your registration to Marvin, please do so ASAP. A copy of the flyer is included in these Soundings. By all means, bring your sleds, cross-country skis, snowshoes or any other winter toys you might have. Also bring cards or your favorite board game to enjoy as you thaw out. Once again we will have an assortment of fine chilies to warm you from the inside out. Anneliese and I look forward to seeing you there.



Jack Bopp

PYC SOUTHERN RENDEZVOUS!



If you still haven't made plans for your spring break, here's the perfect excuse for going south. The 2004 PYC Southern Rendezvous has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 3rd, at 2:00 P.M., at the clubhouse of Longboat Key Moorings, Longboat Key, Florida.

For additional information, directions, or to request a flyer or make your reservation, please contact Anne Artman at artmanann@aol.com or 941-495-1244.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND BE THERE!!!!

From The Treasury

Happy New Year! A new year is beginning. Let us hope it will be a prosperous year for us.

If you missed the December meeting, let me give you the "Bottom Line."

Capital Assessment of \$32.50 per member needed to make 2004 loan payments

Slush Fund Status:

2003 year end \$27,000
Goal -\$20,000
Surplus \$ 7,000
Add. Dock Repair -\$ 4,500
Remaining Surplus \$ 2,500
2004 Budget Deficit -\$14,560
2004 Opportunity -\$12,060

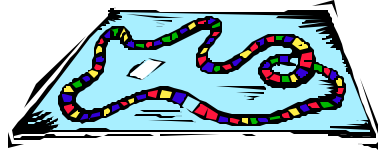
Turning a Negative into a Positive!

The easiest way to turn this negative \$-12,060 into a positive is gain new members. As of this report we have one new member and two more possible members. The club hosted a booth at the Rochester Boat Show at the Riverside Convention Center at the end of January in an effort to help generate new members, as it was a successful venture for the club last year. Your personal outreach can help bring in new members. Every member is an ambassador of the club. Anybody you know who has an interest in boating is a potential member if you tell them about our great club. If you are not sure about membership details have them call Jerri Shiff @ 585-381-9115 or any PYC Officer. All of us working together at PYC can make 2004 a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Jane Hamilton



PYC WINTER CABIN PARTY



**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8th at 1:00 PM
PARKVIEW LODGE-WEBSTER PARK**

The Winter Cabin Party is a great opportunity for all of us to get together in the off-season. The lodge is located just west of the intersection of Holt Road and Lake Road in Webster on the south side of Lake Road.

- ❖ This location is convenient to sledding hills and cross-country trails.
- ❖ Bring sleds, toboggans, cross country skis etc. for outside fun.
- ❖ Also bring cards and your favorite games for inside fun.

We will provide beer, wine, pop, hot chocolate, chili (meat and meatless), and hot dogs.

Please bring:

- ❖ a dessert (if your last name begins with A-E) or
- ❖ a salad (if your last name begins with F-O) or
- ❖ an hors d'oeuvre (if your last name begins with P-Z).

Cost: \$20.00 per family, \$7.50 per adult.

RESERVATION FORM

Please return by; January 31, 2004

Please return to: Marvin Hill

752 Dewitt Road

Webster, NY 14580

Telephone: 585-671-1037 email: mmarvhill@aol.com

Name: _____ Number of people attending: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ (\$20.00/family, \$7.50/adult)



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Pultneyville, NY 14538

Pultneyville Yacht Club Site at the Web:

<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.



February 8	Winter Cabin Party
April 24, 25	Launch Boats