



# LAKE SOUNDINGS

PULTNEYVILLE YACHT CLUB

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## Signals from the Commodore

Dear Members,

Winter is still insisting to stay with us right now but soon spring will be upon us and we will start seeing everyone get their boat ready to be put in the water.

It was nice to see everyone at the Winter Cabin Party. I am sorry that I had to leave in such a rush but I trust that everyone enjoyed themselves.



In this issue of the Lake Soundings you will find the Calendar of Events for this year. You will notice a few differences from years past.

The major difference is the inclusion of two sets of Cradle Days and Haul outs. This exhibits the board's commitment to trying to make these events convenient for everyone. We will be sending out a questionnaire soon to get an idea of which day each of you would like to haul out. Even though we have a committee that is putting a plan together to present to you for procuring and operating a travel lift, we would not expect to fully implement that plan this year.

In addition to that, you will also notice that on Memorial Day Weekend, we will be planning some special events to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pultneyville Yacht Club. We hope that everyone will plan to stay at the club that weekend to enjoy all of the festivities. More on that will come later.

In the next issue we will post workday schedules along with information on the type of work that we will be doing. I know that I have shown up to many workdays only to find that I have brought the wrong tools. If you know the kind of work you will be doing, you can make sure that you have the right tools.

I am looking forward to a warm and eventful summer and to seeing you all at the club.

*Steve Keffron*

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## The Secretary's Corner

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



**Membership Count:** Membership is currently 91 voting, 1 social, 17 non-voting

**Welcome to New Members:** We have two new member couples, Jack and Elfie Boonstra, and Joe and Mary Jo Fortner. If you see them please say hello and make them feel welcome.

**Open Committee Chair:** Jim Snyder has stepped down from the Reciprocal Privilege Committee. I would like to thank Jim for all his good work and invite anyone who is interested in carrying it on to contact me.

**Membership Drive:** We are continuing to experience 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. Thank you to all who volunteered your time at the booth. Thanks to your efforts we have leads on 17 potential new members.

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.pultneyvillyachtclub.org](http://www.pultneyvillyachtclub.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



# Rear Commodore Reports

## Notes from the Engine Room.....

Hello, everyone, Spring is on its way!

Now that we have established the working calendar for the club and know what our work days are going to be, we can move ahead and do some planning for the actual work that needs to be done. There are going to be four work days this year, the addition of a fourth work day in the fall to accommodate hauling our floating docks after the haul-out and before snow flies. Right now, that is the only project that needs attending to on the fourth work day but the fall work day may also lend itself to some other type of activities as well.



The club calendar is contained in this issue of the Soundings so you can see the dates that have been selected for the three spring work days. Rather than assigning members to a work day based on their position in the alphabet, we are going to try a different approach this year. The various jobs that are similar in nature are being grouped into projects, and we will be asking for crew chiefs to lead the various teams on each project. Re-construction and repair of several docks in the harbor are at the top of the list. The projects will be published in the Soundings next month along with the crew chief's name so you will know who to get in touch with to get on the team for a particular project. Some members may have the tools and the desire to work on dock building or repair, others may prefer to work on repairs to the clubhouse and so on. This way, you get to pick the project you want to participate in. Anyone who does not select a project will be required to appear for work day three and help finish whatever work is left.

We have been working on the weed control project for this summer. Larry Fedick is in the process of getting the required notifications out to area residents to finish the permit process, and a contractor has been secured. Dredging permits are in place and dredging in the harbor is scheduled for this summer.

We are talking with Chip Stevens as a representative of the Cornwall Trust about making repairs to the north shore bank of the north fairway. Chip has asked for a proposal that would shore up the eroding bank. Following that, we are looking at the installation of a new docking system in front of the repaired bank that would let us make maximum use of the space, which is presently underutilized.

That's it for now. Watch for the project list in next month's *Soundings* and pick your favorite project.

*Merril Gray*

## 2004 PYC Calendar of Events

February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Cabin Party
April 24 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>	Launch Boats
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fleet Captain Work Day
May 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 8: 00AM	Work Day #1
May 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 8: 00AM	Work Day #2
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Commodore's Review
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bowersox Memorial Day Race & Picnic, 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Commodore's Brunch, New Member Reception, General Meeting
June 19 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM	Work Day #3
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Open Boats & BYO Picnic*
July 17 <sup>th</sup> @ 9 AM	Pultneyville Homecoming
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	August Board Meeting @ PYC
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pig Roast *
July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup> , August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Club Cruise
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Commodore's Challenge* PYC Host Year
September 4 <sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM	BYO Picnic
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Bown Race
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Picnic* & General Meeting w/Elections
September 18 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Cradle Day
September, 25 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Haul Out
October 16 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cradle Day
October 23 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Haul Out
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Banquet
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Meeting @ Fire Hall

\* These are shared events with PYC and Mariners.

# Vice Commodore Reports

The cold and snow of early February actually provided the perfect weather for our Winter Cabin Party, the first social event of 2004. Mother Nature provided us with a blazingly fast track of ice for those who braved the sled slopes. The rest of us gathered near the wood stove in the Parkview Lodge to catch up with good friends and to talk of warmer days. The delicious chilies provided by Marv Hill and Larry and Betsy Rice filled us with inner warmth. We were also treated to many appetizers, salads and desserts as well as the dogs that Marv and Tom Dobbins braved the elements to grill for us.



Launch days are less than two months distant and it is time to begin planning, not only for the preparation of your boat, but for the care and feeding of launch crews. If you are able to volunteer your time and expertise to prepare and serve coffee breaks and lunches on these two seminal days then please contact me.

Though it may seem a long way away (and it is), we are pleased to report that we have booked the Daisy Flour Mill for our Fall Banquet on November 13. You won't want to miss the Fall Banquet in this our 60<sup>th</sup> year. Once again we will be presenting a year in review slide show. As the sailing season unfolds please remember to share with us the many images of your time on the water. We will be taking photos of the many club events but we have to rely on you to share photos of your vacations, cruises and other boating related adventures. Anneliese has already begun this year's slideshow so please forward photos at any time.

Jack Bopp



Winter Cabin Party



# 2004 Boat Show

*by Bob Hamilton*

This year the Pultneyville Yacht club participated with numerous other vendors and clubs in the Greater Rochester Boat show. Based on attendance and potential members and dockers we talked to, we expect the show to be a success for PYC. The show ran from Wednesday evening until Sunday afternoon, closing just in time to make the Super Bowl event.

I want to extend a great round of thanks to all the members who participated at the booth to help sell our “Best Kept Secret on Lake Ontario”. So thanks for your support to: Tom and Donna Ecker, Brian and Gail McCarthy, Dave and Terry Weagley, Tom Jayne (for a last minute shift change), Joe and Diane Griffo, (for covering two shifts), Merrill and Cher Gray, David Kay, Earl Chapman and Jane Hamilton. Alex Brougham also provided a fresh stack of flyers and inserts as handouts to the interested parties.



I want to extend special thanks to my setup and tear down partner and supplier of the booth raw materials, Eric Matteson. With his display booth and all the “marketing collateral” we accumulated to get ready, the booth looked great as seen in the attached photo. We were across from the Abbott’s ice cream stand and the Convention Center bar, so we saw a lot of traffic.

Hopefully, the interested visitors will turn into members and dockers. The initiation and dock “deals” were viewed positively and, with some follow-up from our Membership Chairperson Jerri Schiff, the interest can turn into PYC harbor members.

Promoting our club does not stop with the Boat Show, each of you as members should also be watching out for potential members or dockers. Word of mouth has always been our best promotion process, so give it your best for the benefit of the club.

Bob Hamilton



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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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