



Newsletter

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Commodore's Comments

"Say it 'aint so", It's August already!! The good news, summer is in full swing.

First, I would like to praise mother nature for the fair winds, sunshine and warmth. (Last years cold and rainy start is just a fading memory)

July has been a full and fantastic month at the PYC. In addition to the weekly planned events such as Euchre and Bridge (you guys play some serious cards), Wednesday evening and Saturday morning races (you guys seriously sail), and Thursday night dinners (all delicious and sold out), we have had several special gatherings.

The new member brunch was a great success. We are lucky to have so many new and enthusiastic members this year, a hearty welcome

to all. Thank you Marsha La Haye for making it such a success.

The ladies luncheon and fashion show was another sold out event. Thanks to Patty French of Max & Chloe's and Sue Hughes of Elise, for providing us with not only great fashion, but a fun afternoon as well. A huge round of applause for Linda Haan for orchestrating the entire event!

A special Thank-You to Jim Henley, Nicky Haggard, Sandy Carlin and the entire PYC staff for cooking, cleaning and serving all of these events. This team has made every gathering outstanding.

Upcoming special events are as follows:

Tuesday, August 2 – Another great sailing seminar presented by Tom Sturr

(our own weatherman)

Friday, August 5 - The PYC annual membership meeting. Please, come one, come all and participate.

Saturday August 20 – The Flag Officers Ball. Dress up and enjoy an evening of fine dining and dancing. (Dancing on the deck under the stars is highly recommended.)

Saturday August 27 – The annual wooden boat show, which is always a fun way to mix the past with the present.

So, as you can see, there is no lack of pleasure to be had at your club. Hope to see everyone there.

Enjoy

Sandy Wabschall

Notes from the Rear Commodore

The Finance Committee is tracking revenues earned in the restaurant and bar this year. The figures look promising so far compared to last year and we are confident the trends will continue. Data from next month's business should confirm this assessment.

Thursday night dinners remain extremely popular and tickets are sold out weekly. We had to make some necessary adjustments regarding table reservations because some members found it difficult to find seating upon arrival. The new policy of first come-first served seemed to work well and com-

ments from participants were decidedly favorable. We will continue to watch this matter closely.

Membership

We now have 24 on the wait list for 2006.

Upcoming Events

**Annual Meeting
August 5th**

**Flag Officers Ball
August 20th**

**Wooden Boat
Show August 27th**

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Regatta Committee

The women Sunfish sailors are having a great time, and the skill level is rising rapidly. The Ensign Fleet continues to grow, and as many as 14 Ensigns have been on the starting line. The level of competition is high, and the fleet is becoming a lot more knowledgeable. The Open Fleet has a boat or two each race, but could stand to have some more boats. The Offshore Fleet is being rejuvenated, with several boats participating.

If you are interested in racing, either

with your boat or as crew, contact Dave Roseman, or any of the Fleet Captains. These are:

Sunfish Joan Roseman and Sandy Vielmo

Ensign Arnie Samuel

Open Al Ringquist

Offshore Bill Bluhm

We are continuing the seminar series, with some interesting topics coming up. Notice of these will be sent by email.

Women's Sunfish Fleet

The Women's sunfish sail group sails from the PYC every Tuesday starting at 10 AM.

We have newly attained our official Fleet Charter for Sunfish Fleet 218, under the United States/International Sunfish Class Association. We were able to retain the fleet number (218) of previous years.

We have near plans (July to early August) for practice exercises, and will award prizes. And, we have plans for our annual scavenger hunt

at about mid-August, which is always a lot of fun. Again, appropriate prizes will be awarded.

For those who are new to sunfish sailing or those who have some experience, we will have something for everyone. COME JOIN US ANY TUESDAY. LOOK FOR THE OFFICIAL CLASS "YELLOW FLAG WITH BLACK SUNFISH AFFIXED", FLYING FROM THE CLUB YARDARM.

**Ladies
Sunfish
Tuesdays
at 10 AM**

Past Commodores and Senior Luncheon

The annual luncheon for the Past Commodores and the Yacht Club Seniors will be held on Tuesday, August 23 at the Club. The price is \$10.00 - please make reservations by calling the Yacht Club before the 19th of August. The program will be by Barb Davidson and some of the "RED HAT POOPS".

The committee:

Ken and Georgia Lites, Chairmen

Deb Atchette

Bill and Judith Davis

Marge diPangrazio

Tom and Heather Lord



Jr. Sailing Program

A big "thank you" goes out to all the yacht club members that supported the Pentwater Jr. Sailing program garage sale. Joining with the Pentwater community wide garage sale date was a winning idea. The garage sale made approximately \$2500.00. Thank all of you for your donations and the time spent organizing and working at the sale. Start saving for next year's garage sale, and we will again partner with the commu-

nity wide sale. Contact Barb Davidson if you have anything you would like to donate.

The silent auction items are displayed on stage at the club. Take a moment to check them out. The auction will end August 9 at 7:30 pm. There is still time to donate. In the past, so many artists supported this program and we appreciate all that you have done. Contact Barb Davidson if you would like

to donate.

The raffle tickets for the program are for sale at the bar or Barb Davidson has a fistful. They are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Prizes are the rocking horse, getaway at the Grand Plaza and Michigan State game ticket basket. Drawing for the raffle will be at 8:00pm, August 9 at the club.

**Silent
auction
ends
7:30 PM
August 9th**

Flower Committee

Last month's article, "no butts", produced a great deal of good. Many cigarette butts are now finding their way into the containers provided for that purpose. Thank you all for your cooperation.

We would like to send words of appreciation to the following members who have shared the bounty of their gardens with us this month: thanks Pat Fawkes and Karen Way. The committee

appreciates your generosity.

We would also like to welcome new members to the committee, many of whom have been working since the beginning of the season without recognition. New members who have joined the committee are Marge diPangrazio, Sally Hendricks, and Pat Stierle. Also on the committee for the second year is Sally Landenberg whose name failed to appear in the book, this

year.

I hope you've all noticed the great look of the flower boxes and planters, this summer. Part of this was due to good flower selection, but a larger share of the credit goes to the outside work team who groom and maintain them. Say "thanks" to Sue Carson, Sandy Vielmo, and Sally Hendricks, when you see them. Great job, team.

**No Butts
continued**

A Bit Of Nautical Humor

Dead ahead, through the pitch-black night, the captain sees a light on a collision course with his ship.

He sends a signal:
"Change your course ten degrees east."

"Change yours ten degrees west," comes the reply.

The captain responds,
"I'm a United States Navy captain! Change your course, sir!"

"I'm a seaman second

class," the next message reads. "Change your course, sir."

The captain is furious.
"I'm a battleship! I'm not changing course!"

"I'm a lighthouse. Your call."



August 2005

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1PYC Summer Hours Monday thru Saturday 10 AM 12 PM Lunch 11:30 AM 2 PM Dinner 6-9PM Euchre 7:00 PM	2 Solo Sunfish Sailing 10 AM Sunfish Lunch 11:45 AM Fleet Sail 1PM "Pickin in Pentwater" on the Green	3 Bridge Club 1 PM Pentwater Sailing 6 PM	4 Thursday Night Dinner Lamb	5 PYC Annual Meeting	6 PYC Jr. Sailing Fund Raiser Open & Ensign Racing 11AM Sunset Down the Channel
7	8 Euchre 7:00 PM	9 Solo Sunfish Sailing 10 AM Sunfish Lunch 11:45 AM Fleet Sail 1PM "Pickin in Pentwater" on the Green	10 Bridge Club 1 PM Pentwater Sailing 6 PM	11 75th Pentwater Coming Thursday Night Dinner TBA & Les Bailey Memorial Band Concert	12 75th Pentwater Coming	13 PYC Board of Directors Meeting 8:30 AM 75th Pentwater Coming Open & Ensign Racing 11AM Fireworks Sunset
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Stations Committee Update

The slips have all been rented for the 2005 season, some new rub rail added, a few minor repairs completed, yellow caution paint on areas to alert to gaps in the floating dock connections and new "no fishing" signs painted on docks. We had a members grandchild get a fish hook in their foot off the south basin floating dock and the board of directors felt that painting signs would help remind members, and those who venture out from the village green, that there is no fishing al-

lowed on the docks. As for our front dock, we still need to remind members that we do not allow transient docking on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays. Please help enforce this rule if transients approach or ask for docking on these days. We have a large number of member boats that use the front dock at various times during the weekends and we feel that our members should have first priority. The staff and manager have a sheet of docking rules and numbers to assist transient

boaters in finding slips at the three local marinas if needed. We also want to remind our members that the marina area consists of floating docks and this means that there will always be movement of the docks when walked on, so please be cautious when using them. May you all have a wonderful time on the water whether it is looking out at it from your favorite blue chair or gliding over it in your boat. Isn't summer grand!



A "Wet & Wild" Time at Sail Daze

The "Sail Daze" sailing fun day held July 7, 2005 was enjoyed by 47 junior members and guests and even some parents who got to ride in the mini "Escape" Fun Crafts with their toddlers. The two boats were provided by PYC member Greg Slocum and Johnson Outdoors Watercraft Company. The little boats were electric powered and shot water approximately 50 feet. The six Sunfish sailboats used were provided by the Pentwater Junior Sailing Program and were excellent targets for the

water boats while they raced. Our Sunfish were captained by some of our advanced junior sailors, Tom and Ken Hilton, Arthur and Ron Mack, and Brent Sonin. Daryl Fitch and Dana Erley, program instructors also helped as captains. The Sunfish sailboats were crewed by six juniors on each boat and had to race around markers, send a swimmer to Captain Joan VanZile's pontoon boat to pick up balls and water frisbees then sail back to the Yacht Club dock and throw items in the tub up on the

dock, while being blasted by dock manned water gun guys. Sue Bainton, event organizer, set up a "Pram Tub" filled with water and floating ducks which doubled as squirt guns for the peewee sailors. After the Sunfish sailors came in to eat, Sue took the younger peewee sailors on the "Pollywog" Sail. These kids were ages three to four and are now hooked on sailing. After the sailing fun races the group enjoyed dogs grilled by "chef" Mike Todd. A special thanks to Sally Ouweneel and her

daughter for handling the check in table and all the other parents who helped with serving lunch and kid control. The kids each received a Sail Daze Crew T-Shirt to commemorate the day. Thanks to a large donation by Jim March and Sue Bainton we were able to cover all costs above the fee charged for the event. There will be a set of photos for all to enjoy over on the bulletin board next to the junior room. (Same area the sign up board was at.)

From the Vice Commodore

Another summer of memories is speeding along. Jim Henley, Nikki Huggard, Sandy Carlin, Chris Salazar, Lisa LaHaye and the rest of the staff take pride in your response to their food, drink

and service.

The dinner menu is being expanded at the end of July to provide you more variety. As always, nightly specials will continue.

A terrific buffet is planned for Friday, August 5, before the Annual Meeting. Service will last until 6:30pm to allow time to rearrange the seating. See you at the Club.



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