



## Newsletter

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### Greetings from the Commodore

Well, that went fast! Are we really getting ready to say Hello to Fall? I doubt that we could have dialed up a finer Summer season.

We rounded up July with yet another fantastic Bac From the Mac party where the food, beer, dancing and tall tales of seasoned sailors prevailed. Thank you so much to Janet Webber, Jack Patterson, Tom Sturr, Mike Russell and the many VOLUNTEERS who work so hard to make this event so enjoyable (not to mention profitable as well!)

Congratulations are in order for Tom Blackburn on "Agent Orange" and his crew for first place in the Summer Ensign racing division. All hands on deck included Jim Burch, Kathy Burch, Mike Smith and Bruce Vanderlaan. It was a lively series and fun was had by all.

Again, we can be proud of Jim Burch on "Thunderbolt", for placing first in the Queens Cup Race. On top of that, coming in second in class and

eighth OVERALL in the Chicago-Mackinac race. Tom Blackburn, Ken Davis and Dave Nobles were the PYC crew that helped make up this winning team. Yeah team!

The annual meeting was well attended and quite lively!! It was great to see so much member participation. The message was loud and somewhat clear. We seem to be experiencing a lack of communication.

Let me be the first to say – there are no SECRET PLANS or MEETINGS! Communication is still a two way street. All board meetings have always been, and still are open to the membership. The minutes of each meeting are, as always, available by request. I encourage all who have a concern, suggestion or even a compliment, to attend the meetings or contact a Flag Officer, Board Member or a Committee Chairperson.

We are a club that is 550+ members strong. Not everyone will agree on every issue,

however we can, at the very least try to work together.

The Board of Directors is an elected body whose purpose is to represent the voice of the membership – period. Nothing of magnitude can be implemented without the consent of a majority of membership. We will continue to grow and change, and as we do, new IDEAS emerge.

If I am not mistaken, our wonderful Ensign Fleet, the Pentwater Junior Sailing Program, Thursday night dinners, special events, communication via E-mail and even this very newsletter all started out as IDEAS.

The concept of debt retirement is not new. How should we pay for a much needed new roof, a sinking parking lot, a new grill for the kitchen so we can cook? The prospect of reading next Springs newsletter – PYC CLOSED BY MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION – has prompted new IDEAS for a chit system to protect our

private membership status.

There is no doubt in my mind that we have one of the most unique Yacht Clubs on the Great Lakes and we want to hold on to that very special and traditional spirit. Please be assured that there are no plans to build a Trump Tower Club!!

So as we move forward, I would like to say that I am proud to have represented you and to have been part of a wonderful group of people whose passion for the Pentwater Yacht Club amazes me.

I'd like to thank my fellow flag officers, board (not bored) members (past and present) as well as all the committees and volunteers who have spent many hours making our enjoyment of the Pentwater Yacht Club a priority.

Just a closing thought – in the words of Eleanor Roosevelt: Great minds discuss ideas; Average minds discuss events; Small minds discuss people.

Have a safe and happy Fall and Winter and we will look forward to seeing you in the Spring.

Thank you so much - Sandy Wab-schall

### What do you think? *(A somewhat regular column, which begins*

. Some say that having the loan note for the PYC is good because that is a way for newer members to share in the cost of improvements made in the past. Others say to get rid of the debt promptly because the Club (like individuals and families) should always have some financial flexibility. What do you think?

. Some say that the tent which is put up each year at the "Back from the Mac" party would be good to have all summer long. Others say that they want to be out in the sun. What do you think?

. All members would like to have reliable food service. At the current menu level? One of the

members is a professional at laying out such facilities as our. If improvements in the building layout would clearly improve the food service objective, would you want to look seriously at that possible improvement? What do you think?

. Who should you talk to? Whomever you wish. We see each other at the Club. The names of the Commodores and Board members are on each newsletter, and email addresses are in the PYC Year Book. Committees and their members are also listed in the Yearbook. What do you think?



**Don't  
miss  
PYC  
Bargains**

## Super Clothing Sale

We hate to sound too commercial but all items must go!

If you hurry down to the PYC, you will find all items acquired in 2004 are now 50 percent off their original price and everything from this year is now 30 percent off.

Where else are you going to find such bargains and at the same time support your local yacht club.

Hurry on down!

## Rear Commodore's Report

The eleventh and final Thursday Night Dinner was Aug 18. Almost all were completely sold out which suggests that this event remains very popular at the PYC. We owe a great deal of thanks to those volunteers who made the dinners so successful. Some worked three or more any many assisted two times. For those unable to assist this year, please consider volunteering for one or more dinners next

year. I believe you will find the experience to be rewarding and an opportunity to meet other members. Thanks again to all who supported us this year.

Joe Nameth

Rear Commodore



## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The Pentwater Junior Sailors and the committee responsible for their fundraising send all donors, workers and buyers a “**Big Thank You**”. Each year the businesses, artists, craftsmen and volunteers donate many items and much time to guarantee the success of the annual Pentwater Junior Sailing Fundraisers. All their en-

thusiasm and support are greatly appreciated. Whether you donated or purchased from the Garage Sale, the Silent Auction, and Raffle or gave your time, without YOU the program would not be possible. A special thanks to Barb and Gene Davidson for all their work. With the success of the fundraisers we will be able to keep

the program going for another year. The program this year hosted 98 area youths and next year we anticipate many more for beginning and/or intermediate sailing.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU...THE PROGRAM



## Coming Attractions

A very special night is planned for Labor Day weekend. PYC is going all out by offering a seafood buffet with scampi, chilled shrimp, crab legs, and many more seafood favorites.. On Friday, September 2nd, there will be a dinner/dance with a 50s and 60s theme presented by David Walley, Pentwater’s own “good music” D. J. David always welcomes your request favorites.

PYC is fortunate to welcome back Brooke Stone on Saturday, September 24th, the weekend of Fall Festival. Brooke is a new performer at PYC this year and her first show was a real success. She is a singer, flutist, and composer. Nationally recognized since 18, she gives over 200 performances each year. Her versatility is evident in her genre which ranges from clas-

sical to contemporary music.

Mike Snell will be with us again to end the season on October 7th.

Many thanks to PYC members for their show of support towards our entertainers

Ruth Geller, Chairperson

**David Walley  
Sep.2  
Brooke Stone Sep24  
Mike Snell  
Oct 7th**

## Nautical Definitions

**ABOARD:** A piece of lumber you can use to repair your vessel.

**AFT:** Automatic Flotation Thing. The Coast Guard requires you have a personal flotation device for each member on board your vessel. These are the ones that inflate automatically when you hit the water (and you

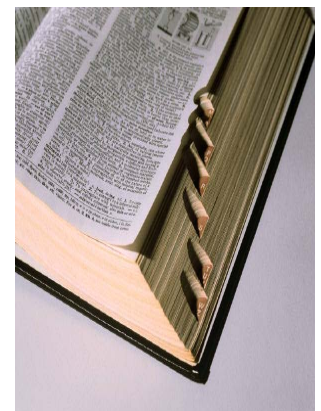
will hit the water!) to prevent drowning.

**ADRIFT:** A method of moving across the water when nothing on your vessel works. You normally do not have a lot of input as to where you are actually going, but you can get there.

**ANCHOR:** A mechanical device that's supposed to keep the vessel in one

place (see dragging). These devices are sometimes used to submerge expensive anchor lines and chain when used without proper termination at both ends of the anchor line.

**ASTERN:** A type of look. Your spouse gives you astern look when you attempt to buy things for your new vessel.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 David Walley DJ 7-10 PM 50s and 60s Music	3 Open & Ensign Racing 11 AM
4	5 PYC Fall Hrs Fri. & Sat. Only 10AM-12PM Lunch 11:30— 2PM Dinner 6-9 PM Bar All Day	6	7 Bridge Club 1:00 PM  Pentwater Lake Sailing 6 PM	8	9	10 PYC Board of Directors Meet- ing 8:30 AM  Open & En- sign Racing 11 AM
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18	19	20	21 Bridge Club 1:00 PM  Pentwater Lake Sailing 6 PM	22	23	24 Open & Ensign Racing 11 AM 5K & 10K Run Fall Festival Brooke Stone 7-10PM
25 Fall Festival	26	27	28 Bridge Club 1:00 PM  Pentwater Lake Sailing 6 PM	29 Service Club Citizen of the Year Dinner	30	

## Regatta Committee

The Summer series for the Ensign and Open Fleets has concluded. The winner for the Ensigns was *Agent Orange*, owned by Mike Smith and Tom Blackburn. Second place was *EvenStar*, owned by Tony and Pam Sisson, and third place was Hull no, 644, owned by David Bluhm. Congratulations to all. Ensign racing continues to grow and thrive.

Speaking of thriving, the Women's Sunfish Fleet continues to have great camaraderie and sailing. Anyone interested should contact Joan Roseman or Sandy Vielmo.

The Offshore Fleet has had as many as nine boats racing, and is moving forward. If you are interested in this fleet, contact Bill

Bluhm or Dave Roseman.

The Sailing Seminars have concluded for the season. We had many interesting presentations, covering a wide variety of subjects. These have been very successful, and it should be possible to build on them in coming years.



## Webmaster & Newsletter Notes

The website has been growing since 1998, making ours one of the older yacht club websites. Everyone is invited to contribute information or pictures. Send them to [dlr@eolas.com](mailto:dlr@eolas.com).

This is the final newsletter for 2005, where has this year gone? This has been a year of transition as the newsletter moved to Microsoft's Publisher program which gives much greater flexibility and capability than the previous program used by the club. We also moved a good deal of our distribution list to PYC's web page where members can download the current

and previous issues using Adobe's Acrobat reader. This has caused several members problems but trust that each new newsletter is easier for members as they become familiar with the process. The club saves nearly \$200 on each issue, or \$1000 each year. If you have any concerns or have missed a newsletter, please contact Jerry Saylor at 231-869-5295

**Please  
contribute  
to PYC's  
website.  
Last  
Newsletter  
of the Year**

## New Flag Officers for 2006

- **Commodore:** Art Haan
- **Vice-Commodore:** Joe Nameth
- **Rear-Commodore:** Marilyn Steiner
- **Secretary:** Joyce Toner

- **Treasurer :** Noreen Chapman

Let's give outgoing Commodore Sandy Wabschall a hardy round of applause for a job well done. The hours that our Flag Officers and Directors spend each year are untold. The compensa-

tion is low except for the appreciation that we can give them for working on our behalf. Thank you all.



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## **Club Info.....**

### **Did You Change Your Email Address or any other personal info????**

Send all NEW info to "[pyc@charterinternet.com](mailto:pyc@charterinternet.com)". (Email addresses solely for PYC use.)

#### **Flag Officers & Board of Directors**

Commodore	Sandy Wabschall
Vice Commodore	Art Haan
Rear Commodore	Joe Namath
Secretary	Joyce Toner
Treasurer	Noreen Chapman

Board of Directors: Past Commodore Al Doctor, Jim Alfredson, Errol Goldman, Katy Guerico, Mark Mullen, Dick Ouweneel, Mary Sue Rischar, Marilyn Steiner, Don VanZile