



PYC Newsletter

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Greetings from the Commodore

The Ensign Region 5 Championships have just successfully concluded. Twenty Ensigns and their crews enjoyed Pentwater, our PYC and racing on Lake Michigan. Paul, Sandy and the PYC serving staff were at their best and our guests were very complimentary. Thanks to event chairman Mike LaHaye and his committee for a highlight in this summer's activities and a job well done.

The Golf Outings were well attended. Forty members returned to the Club for dinner after the first rain out. Twenty four showed up again for the cold, wet, weather of the back up date and twelve hearty souls actually played. Thanks Tom Hicks and Doug Osborn for persistence and a good time.

Belated thanks to Mark and Dyanne Mullen and family for another terrific Motown

Party. The clubhouse was filled again with music, dancing and fun. Your Social Committee deftly managed ticket sales.

Thought for the day: I was asked to remind members that following Club rules will help everything run smoother.

Rilla Nameth, assisted by Linda Haan, presented the PYC Style Show and Luncheon to a full house. Sandy Carlin, Club Chef, did double duty preparing the meal and modeling one of the dresses – some talent!

Our Club's Purpose includes "to stimulate and improve sailing, *power boating* and associated sports;" At this writing Al and Kathy Cox, Ben and Louise Gabbard and Frode and Marilyn Maaseidvaag are trying to arrange a PYC Power Boat Rendezvous for all PYC power boaters in mid August. The rendezvous may

include rides for members without boats, may cruise Pentwater Lake or whatever the committee thinks best. The event would conclude with a cocktail party at the Club. Former Commodores Bud Fitch and Bill Bluhm can't remember an organized power boat event in the Club's recent history. More to come.

Finally, Pentwater Homecoming is around the corner. You may not be aware that our club supports the awesome Independence Day and Homecoming fireworks displays as part of our Club's commitment to good Pentwater citizenship.

Please enjoy the remainder of the summer with family and friends.

See you at the August 18th Annual Meeting.

Art Haan, Commodore



Flag this Day

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 19th to celebrate Summer at it's best. Join us for the Flag Officers Summer Ball. Enjoy scrumptious hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, gourmet dining and dancing under the stars to a live band. Come and enjoy all that the Pentwater Yacht Club has to offer. See you there!



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Women's Sail Fish



June: The Women's Sunfish Sail, Fleet #218 officially launched the season on June 13, 2006 on an absolutely beautiful day with perfect wind. We will meet for lunch every Tuesday at the club, rain or shine. Please arrive by 11:30am in time to order and enable us to launch our boats by 1:00pm

Thanks to Dede Samuel, who amidst these hectic days in her life, found the time to deliver a stellar "Sunfish Sailing 101 Seminar" at the club in June. And, thanks to Dave

Roseman also for setting up Joan's boat on the club deck allowing Dede to demonstrate the parts of the boat first hand. We hope to be able to repeat this seminar annually so that new people can ask questions, as well as those of us who have been sailing for a time.

July: Up until July 4, 2006, we had three beautiful days for sailing, and an increase in numbers of boats each week. On July 10, we had 10 boats in the water and 13 sailors (on boats, of course). We have three new members enjoying sailing along with an experienced sailor. And each will move on to sailing alone with other sailors nearby. If you have a used sunfish for sail, please contact either Joan Roseman or Sandy Vielmo. We often have new members ready to go it alone.

We have been sending our sunfish sailing tips and "words of wisdom" from our more experienced sailors in e-mail each week. These can be read and used, or not, by each sailor and relative questions can be asked at our Tuesday lunch. Also, experienced sailors can enjoy solo sailing in the morning with organized sailing for everyone in the afternoon.

In July we hope to practice "starting to-

gether" from the club. Anyone who wants to can round the course marks. However, sailors can elect not to do so if they prefer as we are not actually racing. We would rather, at this time, encourage new sailors to join us, sail along with someone and see if you would enjoy the sport and have some fun.

Our schedule is to have open sailing at 9:00am and lunch ordering promptly at 11:30am. Dana Erley has been helping us launch the boats and we appreciate her efforts tremendously. Organized sailing for everyone will be to launch our boats from the docks promptly at 1:00pm. Remember that **"we always lunch at 11:30am even if we cannot launch"** because of inclement weather!!

All new sunfish sailors are welcome to sail along with an experienced sailor to see if they would enjoy the sport. And, all are welcome to join us for lunch. Please contact Joan Roseman or Sandy Vielmo, Co-Captains, if interested, or svielmo@charter.net.

Thanks to Janet Webber and Sue Bainton for our new logo!

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee recommended to the PYC Board of Directors to consider adding additional help for the Treasurer and the Secretary because of the increasing work load required of these two positions.

The Board of Directors approved hiring a Bookkeeper proficient in Quick Books Pro to assist the Treasurer with recording the daily sales, auto pays, and other tasks required. The Bookkeeper will prepare the monthly and quarterly tax reports and do the bank reconciliations all under the direction of the Treasurer. Accounting firm, Brickley DeLong, will continue to prepare the monthly financial reports. The Treasurer is responsible

to see that all monies are accounted for and reported to the membership and to prepare the payroll and pay the clubs bills as necessary. Treasurer's stipend will be divided between the Treasurer and the Bookkeeper.

The PYC Board of Directors also approved that the Secretary's position be divided into two positions: the Secretary having responsibility for recording the minutes and all email communications; and the Membership Chairperson having responsibility for maintaining the data base as well as being chairperson of the Membership Committee. It was recommended that the Secretary's stipend be divided equally between the two positions.



Regatta Committee Report

The women's Sunfish Fleet continues to grow and flourish. Anyone wishing to join the fun should contact fleet Captain's Sandy Vielmo and Joan Roseman.

The Ensign Fleet has grown again with the addition of **B&B**, owned by Bill Ribbens and Bill Bullard. Welcome.

The Spring Series I complete, with the following finishes:

1. **Joan!!!**. David Roseman
2. **Troll**. Frode Maaseidvaag
3. **Evenstar**. Tony Sisson

The Summer Series is well underway, with some excellent racing being done.

The main event for the Ensigns was the Ensign Region V Championships, hosted by the PYC and Ensign Fleet 70 of Pentwater Lake. The event started with boat weighing and measuring and an outstanding pig roast on Thursday, July 13. On Friday there were two races, with plenty of wind for exciting racing. Saturday saw very light winds, and the three scheduled races were abandoned. Sunday brought very nice winds, and two spirited races.

A total of 20 boats raced, 11 from Pentwater and nine from as far away as Alabama. The

Principal Race Officer was Peter Blacklock of Muskegon, ably assisted by his wife Varie. The US Sailing judge was Jerry Thomas of Chicago. These people contributed their considerable experience and expertise, and their efforts were flawless.

The results are:

1. **Foxy Lady**. Frank Labelle (Les Cheneaux Islands).
2. **Vulcan** Bob Anchuetz, Cleveland
3. **Sea III** Charlie Sligh III, Holland
4. **Onrust** Wes Kroeze, Cleveland
5. **Altitude Adjustment** Jon Ogborn, Concord Twp, Ohio
6. **Lickety Split** Jim Knape, Marquette
7. **Agent Orange** Jim Burch, Pentwater

Many dozens of PYC members worked very hard to make this a tremendously successful event. Everyone was very complimentary of the venue, planning and support. The PYC provide outstanding food, which was praised by all. Congratulations to everyone who participated in this regatta. Anyone interested in joining in the Ensign fun should contact Fleet Captain Jack Patterson.

The Offshore Fleet is in the midst of its season. If you have an offshore boat, and would like to participate, contact Fleet Captain Bill Bluhm.

The Small Boat Open Fleet needs boats. If you have a boat 16-25 feet in length, and would like to get involved in racing, contact Fleet Captain Bill Bluhm.

The Sailing Seminars have concluded. We had a total of 10 presentations, and an average attendance of 25-30 people. A lot of knowledge was exchanged. Visuals from some of the seminars are available on the PYC website.

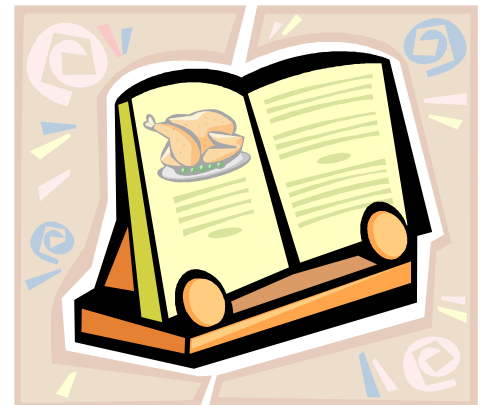
Racing contributes to the excitement and vitality of our Yacht Club. Anyone who is interested in participating, at any level, in any role, should contact Dave Roseman, Regatta Committee chair, or any of the fleet captains.

Apparel and Cookbook Committees

The apparel committee would like to remind all of the PYC members that there is still a good supply of Pentwater Yacht Club apparel available, and if there is something you would like and we don't have your size, we can order it for you as well. We have grilling aprons for your cookouts, various men's hats, t-shirts for men, women, and kids. We still have a good number of PYC wine glasses still available. Please check out the apparel in the new lighted display case, that was built by Tony Sisson, with materials donated by

Tony, Jack Patterson, and Gordy Veldman. Stop any of the PYC staff and they can assist you with your purchases.

The PYC cookbook committee of Marsha LaHaye and Sally Landenberger is coming along real well. They are still accepting recipes from any of our members until the end of the season. The cookbooks will be compiled over the winter, and will be available for purchase in the spring. Please keep sending the recipes in to Marsha or Sally. Their emails are: marshalahaye@gmail.com, and sally.landenberger@gmail.com.



Ensign Region 5 Regatta

The 2006 Ensign Regional Championship Regatta hosted by Ensign Fleet #70 at the Pentwater Yacht Club was a huge success. The out of town visitors raved over what a great yacht club we have, and they felt the hospitality given them was outstanding. Many of them asked that we do this again sometime in the future. I would like to congratulate all of the committees that performed at peak performance during our great event. The committees were headed by the following members:

Food Committee – Duncan Erley, Marsha LaHaye, Joan Roseman, and Sandy Vielmo

Hospitality Committee – Joan Cuchna

Housing Committee – Leonard Hilton

Launching Committee – Jack Patterson

Sail Measurement/Weigh-in

Committee – Dave Roseman

Protest Committee - Frode Maaseidvaag

Publicity/Advertising/Newsletter Committee - Tom Sturr

Race Committee – Bill Bluhm

Race Information Committee - Tony Sisson

Scoring Committee – Al Ringquist

Treasurer – Gary Nicholson

Trophy Committee – Jack Patterson

We were very fortunate to have three people on the Race Committee that are not members of the Pentwater Yacht Club, (but would love to be members) they were Peter and Varie Blacklock, from the Muskegon Yacht Club and Gerry Thomas from Chicago Yacht Club. They did a great job running the regatta.

I would also like to thank the following members of the PYC for the use of their boats, and/or their time working with the Race Committee. Janie Tibbits,

Larry Zahner, Bud Fitch, Lars Maaseidvaag, Phil Arnold, Bill Bullard, Don VanZile, Joan VanZile, Sandy Strong, Ed Ackerman, Ben Gabbard, Russ Murphy, Mary Sue Rischar, Carol Hilberry, Joan Goldner, John Neidow, Al Cox, Al Burmester, David Bluhm, Dede Samuels, and Tom Hendricks.

We hope to have many pictures put on the PYC website highlighting this event. Thank You Don VanZile.

Many thanks to Paul Roys, Sandy Carlin and the PYC staff for their help in putting on the regatta. Without your support we would not have been able to put on such a great event. We really do have a great club and village and it was fun to be able to showcase it to other Ensign sailors and their families from the Midwest region.

Many thanks and great sailing,

Mike LaHaye

2006 Ensign Regional Regatta

The Big Storm.....Riding it out at the PYC

It was an exciting and scary time for all at the Club, Monday, July 17. The crew from Sail Daze had just cleaned up the boats, gear and goods from a fun day and sat relaxing on the deck before Mother Nature unleashed a mighty blow. When the winds first picked up Bill Bainton caught the chair heading airborne over the south rope rail. Sue & Bill Bainton, Paul (Club Manager), Vanessa Erickson, Daryl Fitch, Bruce Vanderlaan, Tony Monton and Laurie Woodhull proceeded to move all the south side deck furniture up into the corner and get inside just before the deck canopy decided it was time to leave. For a moment the sound it made had us thinking the entire roof was coming off. The same crew moved

up the dock shoving blue chairs in and removing the table and chairs from the north end of the dock up against the building. We had two inflatables blow into Macy Mullen's yard, one into the water which Bill Bainton managed to get tied up before it floated away during the storm. The large tree in front uprooted bending the PYC welcome sign completely over and flattened the flower bed. Looks as if the flower committee will be looking for some petunias to plant now that there will be sunshine in that area. We also had Sunfish flying up and down off their dollies, prams sliding off their dollies and blowing into the park. An inflatable sailing program dingy flipped with the motor stuck upside-down in the dirt. The same crew that saved the furniture went out and put all the boats

back on their dollies. A special thanks to Daryl Fitch (PJ's sailing instructor) for going in after the storm and swimming out to retrieve one of the Blue Chairs that was floating out the channel. Daryl then saw another Blue Chair under the pilings of the north deck and crawled in and freed the chair and it too was hauled back up on the deck. The awning stayed bunched up at the end of the framing and with the help of Josh Jenkins, Sue and Daryl they were able to get it down before it sustained any further damage. We fared quite well concerning the straight line winds that hit our Club, but most importantly no one was injured.

Sue Bainton

Rear Commodore Items

Nominating Committee:

Several PYC members have voiced that they have interest in becoming PYC Board Members. There are three positions open for the Board. The Nominating Committee recommended and it was approved by the Board that the slate include six names and that the membership vote for three candi-

dates. The three candidates with the most votes would be elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting to serve on the board. The slate with all candidates for all offices will be mailed to the membership ten days prior to the Annual Meeting on August 18, 2006.

Thursday Night Dinners: Thursday Night Din-

ners have been nearly sellout each Thursday. Thanks to the Chairpersons who have organized and served Thursday Night Dinners so far: Marilyn Steiner, Joan Cuchna, Tam Zahner, Bill and Gail Bluhm, Sue and Bill Bainton, and Mary Sue Rischar and Sue Patterson. Each dinner has been great, thanks to their efforts and their committees who

work so hard to serve the delicious meals. There are five more dinners scheduled, so be sure to get your tickets early.

Contributions:

Thanks to Stuart and Eleanor Hartger for donating the CD changer for the dining room, and thanks to Nick Kassanos for contributing money for the new TV in the bar.

Vice Commodore's Report

The restaurant continues to improve its' service and dining experience. As a result, more members are using the club for dining and social occasions. This makes reservations very important to our continued success.

Reservations are based upon the number of meals that can be prepared in the

kitchen in a specific time-frame. This is because our modest kitchen facilities limit our ability to provide quality service when the number of people exceeds the kitchen's capability for that period. Many observe unoccupied tables as a signal that we can easily accommodate others when, in

fact, the kitchen begins to backup.

So, you can see why it is so important to make reservations. However, we will always accept those who could not or did not make reservations. All we ask is that you be prepared to wait a few more minutes than normal. We work very hard to

ensure that each patron has a positive experience and will do everything possible to achieve that goal.

Thank you for supporting our club.

Joe Nameth

Vice Commodore

PYC Juniors Fun Times & Sailing News

On Monday, July 3, a small group of kids showed up for our Rhythm and Movement for Fun and Health morning, and had a great time. Sue Bainton, with the help of her daughter, Marlene Williams and granddaughter Katrina showed the kids how to use wood drums, rattles, shakers and brightly colored fabrics to march, drum and dance for fun. We had fun background music that "rocked" the Club and everyone who came in that morning was movin' and grovin'. The movement created by all the action was a great way for the kids to exercise their bodies. We even had a few parents and teenagers join in on using the drums. It was obvious by those who joined in and members, who observed that this was a great way to move, exercise and have some fun.

On Monday, July 17, the PYC hosted the Annual "Sail Daze." It is usually a day of fun games on the water, but Mother Nature handed us winds gusting to 28 mph. so we had to move the games to relay races on the Village Green. Sue Bainton, Sail Dazes organizer, and her PJ's Sailing instructors, Daryl Fitch, Josh Jenkins, Tom & Ken Hilton and Alex Ordoobadi headed up the teams as "Captains." We had 23 kids involved ranging from 5 to 17 years of age. The races included running for gear and rigging prams to dousing the captains with buckets of water while sitting in the prams. After the relay races the kids enjoyed a water gun fight and lunch on the deck. All participants got a "Sail Daze Crew" shirt, race participant ribbon and a few prizes from the

loaded "Prize Pram." Also available for the kids to enjoy were three sit-on-top kayaks donated by the Pentwater River Outfitters Store which is located just east of the Club. We hope that next year the winds will be a bit gentler and we can enjoy "Pirates of Pentwater Lake" games on the water. This fun event would not have been possible without the help of Sally Owenneel, her daughter Karen, Marilyn Steiner, Bill Bainton, Vanessa Erickson, Laurie Woodhull, PYC staff and the Pentwater Police Department's megaphone obtained by Jack Patterson.

The Pentwater Junior Sailing Program (PJ's) wants to remind everyone that our Silent Auction and Raffle drawing will be held Sunday, August 13 at 2:00

p.m. at the Club. Our main prize is the two-seater Emotion "Co-motion" yellow kayak that can be seen riding on top of Sue Bainton's wagon. You can't miss it! There are tickets available from Sue, if she is not on the Lake sailing, Barb Davidson, the PYC bar and any other representative that is helping the PJ's Program sell tickets. The second prize is a beautiful garden bench made by the Programs founder Gene Davidson, third prize is two tickets to this seasons Michigan vs Michigan State game this fall. This raffle and Auction is our main source of funding for the sailing program. We are a 501 C3 organization and welcome donations to our Program.

August 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Women's Open Sunfish Solo 10 am Lunch 11:45am Fleet Sailing 1pm	2 Bridge Club 1 pm Pentwater Sailing 6pm	3 Thursday Night Dinner Shrimp Boil	4	5 PYC Board of Directors meeting 8:30 am Open & Ensign Racing 11 am
6	7	8 Women's Open Sunfish Solo 10 am Lunch 11:45am Fleet Sailing 1pm Sunset Down the Channel	9 Bridge Club 1 pm Pentwater Sailing 6pm	10 Thursday Night Dinner Lamb Les Bailey Memorial Concert	11 75th Pentwater Homecoming Celebration Thursday thru Sunday	12 Open & Ensign Racing 11 am Offshore Fleet 4pm Parade Fireworks
13 Pentwater Jr. Sailing Program Fund Raiser	14	15 Women's Open Sunfish Solo 10 am Lunch 11:45am Fleet Sailing 1pm	16 Bridge Club 1 pm Pentwater Sailing 6pm	17 Thursday Night Dinner Mexican	18 PYC Annual-Meeting	19 Open & Ensign Racing 11 am Flag Officers' Ball
20	21	22 Women's Open Sunfish Solo 10 am Lunch 11:45am Fleet Sailing 1pm	23 Past Commodore & Senior Luncheon 12pm Bridge Club 1 pm Pentwater Sailing 6pm	24 Thursday Night Dinner Ham	25	26 Open & Ensign Racing 11 am Wooden Boat Show & Parade
27 Offshore Fleet 1:30pm	28	29 Women's Open Sunfish Solo 10 am Lunch 11:45am Fleet Sailing 1pm	30 Bridge Club 1 pm Pentwater Sailing 6pm	31		

PYC Planning Committee

The duties of the Planning Committee are stated on page 23 of the members handbook. "The Planning Committee shall develop short, medium, and long term plans for changes to the club..." In the past the Planning Committee has focused on long term planning and our club is in sound financial shape as a result of the financial plan adopted by the membership last year to pay off the mortgage when the current balloon payment comes due.

We have now been charged with developing a Business Plan (Typical Business Plans have a life of three to

five years.) that will serve to guide the club through the next several years.

WHAT will be included in the business plan? Our preliminary meetings discussed:

- Business plans commonly are directed at Bankers & Investors. This business plan is to be directed at PYC Membership.
- Business plans commonly concentrate on marketing and profit making. Improving the PYC Membership experience will be one of our goals.
- Business plans commonly concentrate on building

or expanding the business. We should avoid dwelling on that subject until after our existing indebtedness is paid off and the 2005 approved assessment is either eliminated or reduced. We want to keep membership in the club affordable.

- Business plans commonly begin with a strategy for operations. We are getting details on strategies other private clubs use that would be applicable to PYC to maintain continuity in staff management.

In the June 2006 Board of

Directors meeting the flag officers were charged with meeting to agree on maintenance of continuity in the administration of the club.

Their work should complement and fit into the work of this committee.

We want to see positive change in club appeal to all age groups, an affordable club, involved in and supporting our youth and our community with programs where members support each other.

Don Van Zile

Stations Committee Report

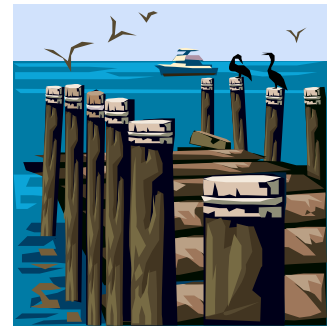
The docks at PYC have been enjoyed by many so far this season. It is a joy to see members using their boats for such a variety of activities. We have boats leaving our docks to go sailing, tubing, fishing, jet skiing, kayaking, and motoring to sight-see.

We need to once again remind members that the lower

front docks in the south basin are for 24 foot or smaller boats, and that there is a four hour limit with no overnight docking. The no overnight docking rule is a regulation governed by our DEQ marina operating permit.

Just a reminder, any boat left on the PYC front dock must register in the Club. Your first night (four times per

season) is free. There is a maximum of two nights in a row per visit, other than the free night the fee is \$.40 a foot. If the Club is closed when you tie up to the dock, please return the next day and register your boat for the night it stayed before leaving. Any questions concerning dock usage please contact Sue Bainton, Chairperson.



Plan Ahead for September

The Entertainment Committee has lined up two new groups to perform in September that have connections to PYC. On Friday of Labor Day Weekend, Hugh Kerr, one of our newer members, will bring his group, Bubblin' Crude, which plays Easy Listening and Dancing Music, up from Bloomfield Hills to

play for us. They will entertain from 7:00-10:00 P.M.

During Pentwater's Fall Festival, Zach Russick, who many members know as the Huntington Bank Manager in Pentwater and Hart, will play with his Jazz Combo, West Side Trio. This will be Saturday

evening (September 23) from 7:00-10:00 P.M.

Make plans to be there if possible for both evenings. We have wonderful people in the Yacht Club and Pentwater, and we want to show them that we appreciate their talent!

Marge Young and Valerie Nelsen

**Don't forget
the Annual
Meeting on
August 18th**

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