



PYC Newsletter

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Greetings from the Commodore

The Pentwater Yacht Club is sailing well onto the last leg of the 2006 season.

The Ladies Sunfish Fleet #218 has grown in sailors and experience. The Off-shore fleet, after a slow start, has completed three well contested races. David Bluhm in "Hold On" edged Jack Patterson in "Shamrock" to win the Ensign Summer Series. Three PYC boats sailed well in the Queen's Cup from Milwaukee to Grand Haven.

Please help us congratulate Club member Jim Burch owner of "Thunderbolt" and his crew which included Tom Blackburn, Dave Nobles, Ken Davis and Bill Veine for winning Section 5 of the CYC's Chicago to Mackinac Race.

By the time you read this the

Power Boaters will have had their first Club sponsored Rendezvous. Here's wishing them fair weather and a growing presence in the PYC's Fleet.

Dining at the Club continues to get very positive responses. Thank you to Paul Roy, Sandy Carlin and the PYC staff for extending our tradition of superior food and service.

Back from the Mac was another great party at the Club. Thanks to Janet Webber, Jack Patterson, Tom Sturr and a host of volunteers for making this one of our summer's highlights.

But wait, there is more. This year Life Members and Distinguished Members will join the Past Commodores' Luncheon. Our Aim is to express our appreciation for

their contributions which helped build the Pentwater Yacht Club we have today.

Fall hours will begin September 5th; the clubhouse will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00am to 12:00mn.

The last weekend of the 2006 Club year will include dinner on Friday, October 13th with Dave Walley entertaining from 7-10 pm and the Regatta Awards Banquet for all members on Saturday, October 14th.

Linda and I wish to thank Board Members, Flag Officers, Committee Chairs, the Super Cast of Volunteers and you for making this a memorable year. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Commodore.

Art Haan

**This is the
last News-
letter of the
season!**

Notes from the Vice Commodore

Just so everyone is aware, we were recently advised that food purchase costs in the restaurant are running significantly above last year's purchase costs. You may have seen recent network news reports that three factors have markedly boosted prices for food throughout the country:

A. Fuel costs have risen dramatically, increasing the cost of harvesting and shipping food to market. Last

year gasoline was about cost \$2.32 per gallon, as an example.

B. The lasting drought in our western states reduced crop yields and raised the price of beef. Beef prices are 40% higher and vegetables are not far behind.

C. Emphasis on reducing illegal immigrant labor has forced much higher labor costs for harvesting and processing food stuffs.

As a result the club has had to raise menu offering by 10% to help offset these expenses.

Please continue to support your club and we will work harder to make you dining experience worth your while.

Thanks again,

Joe Nameth

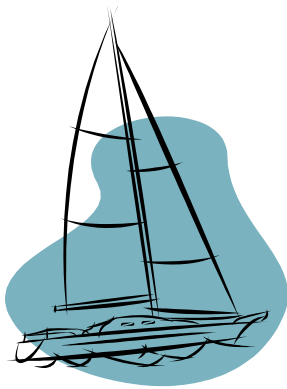
Vice Commodore

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UPDATE ON THE PJ'S

First we want to thank the Pentwater Yacht Club for giving us this opportunity, and space in your newsletter, to help get the word out about the activities of our program. When Gene and Barb Davidson, PYC members, realized we did not have a sailing program for our youth they set their dream in motion. With the gathering of club members and friends they helped raise the funds to establish our junior sailing program through private donations, yard sales, silent auctions and raffles. We serve not only the youth of the Yacht Club, but the youth of the surrounding communities and visiting summer kids.



When the water levels dropped, making launching boats difficult, Gene had the crane built to help everyone get their boats in. The program gives the Yacht Club \$2,500.00 each year to rent the space we use. When the Sunfish fleet grew we contacted the Village to ask for enough property to build a deck to store our program Sunfish on to clear more room for member's boats. Many times members ask to use our boats; unfortunately we are not insured for our boats to be used by anyone except our sailing staff.

We want to thank all who helped make our Silent Auction and Raffle such a success this season. We raised close to \$6,000.00. It would not have been possible without the dedication of Barb Davidson, Ruth Feuerstein and the many volunteer helpers from the Club. Sue Bainton had a bit of separation anxiety when she had to part with the yellow kayak she kept on her car for eight weeks to advertise the raffle. It has a new home now with raffle win-

ners, Kay and Duncan Erley. The second prize, a beautiful garden bench, was won by Susan Patterson and Gene Morgan won the tickets and tailgate basket for the MSU vs U of M football game. We cannot say enough about the support we receive from the members of the Pentwater Yacht Club, our community of local residents and summer resorters. Without all of you we would not be able to provide our sailing program at such a reasonable price, and offer sailing scholarships to the youth in our area and surrounding communities.

Unfortunately summer has come to an end, our program is packed away neatly in Don VanZile's pole barn. Thanks Don and Joan! One last thank you to those who volunteered to see that the everyday operations ran smoothly through the summer. Our program President, class coordinator and certified instructor Sue Bainton, our Secretary, Treasurer and class coordinator Sally Ouweneel. To Bill Bainton who stepped in as chase boat backup and boat repair man, also Dick Ouweneel as our "temp" secretary and class coordinator when Sally was out of town.

Just a reminder, we are a 501c3 *tax deductible* organization if you would like to make a donation to the program.

We will be upgrading and adding a new schedule for next summer, so be sure to check us out on the Clubs website or our program website at www.pentwaterjuniorsailing.org Registration begins May 1, 2007, only eight months away!!

Stations Committee Update



The summer is coming to a close, and Labor Day weekend is a time to enjoy one last blast of summer before we gear up for our fall activities. Whether it be continuing to golfing, attending football games or preparing gardens for the winter we all have things to do. Unfortunately that also means preparing the Yacht Club small boat marina for the winter. The fall northerly winds and storms create a surge down our channel opening up potential for damage to our docks which we have seen in the past. This creates a need to remove our floating docks in early October. We want to

remind all boat owners in slips and Sunfish sailors using the dollies that they need to remove their boats from the slips and dollies by October 5th. We need time to prepare the area for dock removal on Saturday, October 7th. We would also like to remind all members that we need the front dock clear Saturday, October 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a big job each fall and spring, and we greatly appreciate the cooperation we have been given by the boaters at PYC. If you are interested in volunteering for this project please contact Sue Bainton, Stations Chairperson.

Regatta Notes

Sunfish

The women's Sunfish Fleet continues to grow, and is having a great time on Tuesdays. There are several new members this year, and as many as twelve boats have sailed on a given day. Anyone interested in joining the fun should contact Fleet Captains Joan Roseman or Sandy Vielmo.

Ensign Fleet

The date of the sun setting in mid-channel has passed, and the Ensign Summer Series has concluded. Jack Patterson's *Shamrock* and David Bluhm's *Hold On* tied for first place in the Ensign Summer Series, with David winning on a tie-breaker. Leonard Hilton's *Wings* was

third. Congratulations to all.

There is still time for a lot of good racing, well into the Fall. The quality of the sailing continues to escalate. At least one member of Fleet 70 is planning to sail in the Ensign Nationals in Cleveland. If you are interested in participating with the Ensigns, contact Fleet Captain Jack Patterson.

Open Fleet

The Small Boat Open Fleet needs more boats. If you have a 16-25 foot boat, and would like to do some enjoyable racing, contact Fleet Captain Al Ringquist.

Offshore Fleet

Fleet Captain Bill Bluhm has varied the racing days and times to increase participation, but we still need more boats. Some Ensigns are planning to race with this fleet in coming weeks. Please contact Bill with questions of suggestions.

Race Committees

We have been fortunate to have a faithful band of people who have served on Race Committees. Most of their activity has been with respect to the Ensign and Open Fleets. Our race committee members have become much more experienced over the past few years, and are doing a stellar job. If you are interested in serving on a race committee, especially for off-

shore races, please contact the Race Committee chairman, Janie Tibbits.

Thunderbolt

The Regatta Committee joins the rest of the PYC in congratulating skipper Jim Burch and his *Thunderbolt* crew on winning Section 5 of the Chicago-Mackinac Race. *Thunderbolt*, a Tripp 33 representing the Pentwater Yacht Club, finished 47 minutes ahead of her closest competitor to win her section of the 2006 Chicago-Mackinac Race. The crew included PYC members Jim Burch, Tom Blackburn, Dave Nobles, Ken Davis and Bill Veine, and Andrew Brasmer (Grand Marais, MN), Dan Morris (Edina, MN), and Tom Keenan (Madison, WI).



Newsletter Items

Newsletters are edited by one or two people but are really the product of many people's efforts. Barb Davidson does a wonderful job of soliciting items from various members and prodding regular contributors to send in

their items on a timely basis. Joyce Toner produces the labels from our membership lists and tries to ensure that the newsletter is sent to the right address in the right month. Dick Toner ably assists her. Maggie Say-

lor helps fold, seal and stamp each Newsletter sent by regular mail, and Dave Roseman puts a finished copy on the Club's website for the vast majority of readers. Without their efforts, there would be no news!

September 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Hugh Kerr Entertains 7-10pm	2 Open & Ensign Racing 11 am
3	4	5 Fall Hours Be- gin Fri & Sat Only Lunch 11:30-2pm Dinner 6-9 pm Bar 10am-12pm	6 Bridge Club 1 pm Pentwater Sailing 6pm	7	8	9 PYC Board of Directors meeting 8:30 am Open & Ensign Racing 11 am
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17	18	19	20 Bridge Club 1 pm Pentwater Sailing 6pm	21	22	23 5 & 10K Beach Run Open & Ensign Racing 11 am Fall Festival Zach Russick Jazz Combo 7-10pm
24 Fall Festival	25	26	27 Bridge Club 1 pm Pentwater Sailing 6pm	28	29	30

Rear Commodore's Report

Finance Committee Report:

The Finance Committee met in August to discuss budget to actual financial numbers for the current season. After reviewing the numbers, the committee made a recommendation to the House Committee to consider some mid-season corrections. More people are dining at the club, but the cost of food has increased substantially so that member dues are supporting

more of the restaurant sales than were budgeted.

Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee did not meet this month. The slate for new officers and board members was approved at the July Board meeting and will be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Thursday Night Dinners:

Thursday Night Dinners con-

tinue to be popular and well attended by members. Chairpersons Sandy Vielmo, Stuart and Eleanor Hartger, Sue and Rich Patterson, Caroline and Mitch Schwass, Sandy and Darrell Wabschall, Dee Samuel, and Joan VanZile all have hosted excellent Thursday Night Dinners. Many hours of planning and preparation goes into each dinner. A total of 132 volunteers served on the Thursday Night Dinner committees this year. Thanks to each of you.



Back from the Mac & Thanks to Dede

Our 7th annual **BFTM** was **JULY 28TH ...** a night at the "Blue Chair Lounge".

It was our biggest and most successful event ever.

Over 500 PYC members and visiting Mac sailors attended. PYC hosted over 40 race boats, we served over 350 dinners and danced well past midnight.

We're happy to announce that it was not only an enjoy-

able night but a very profitable night for our club, too. Thank "you" go out to the army of member volunteers who helped with everything from set-up, cooking and clean-up, to selling shirts and tickets.

Special thanks to Tom Sturr "Grill Guru" and Mike Russell "Wing King" and Paul, Sandy and the entire staff did a great job too. thanks to all.

Next year we're requesting a bigger planning committee, so please consider signing up to help. Thanks, Janet Webber and Jack Patterson (co-chairs)

Thank you to Dee Samuels and family for the generous donation of the two new wicker cocktail tables, in honor of **Arnie Samuels ...** most appreciated.



Coming Entertainment.....

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 pm.

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.

To entertain us on the last Friday night of

the 2006 season we have David Walley, who will be performing on Friday, October 13, which is Oktoberfest Weekend in Pentwater. He is also a resident of Pentwater, and has performed for us before. Come and enjoy David's Discjockey skills and celebrate the end of a great year!

New Flag Officers for 2007

- Joe Nameth** **Commodore**
- Marilyn Steiner** **Vice Commodore**
- Mike LaHaye** **Rear Commodore**

Congratulations! Let us all give them our support.



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Vice Commodore	Joe Nameth
Rear Commodore	Marilyn Steiner
Secretary	Joyce Toner
Treasurer	Ed Everhart

Board of Directors: Past Commodore Sandy Wabschall, Jim Alfredson, Errol Goldman, Kati Guerico, Mark Mullen, Dick Ouweneel, Mary Sue Rischar, Janet Webber, Don VanZile