



PYC NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS JOE NAMETH

Annual Meeting Comments

It has been a great year with a few bumps in the road. The club is still wrestling with the long term dispute which spawned separate supporting factions. Progress has been made but more work and cooperation is needed. Marilyn Steiner is the ideal person to put the matter to rest. Please give

her your support.

The Club's financial status is the best in recent history with the dining room in the black for the first time. Marilyn, Ed Everhart and the PYC staff should be recognized for their extraordinary efforts. The mortgage will be paid of in April 2008 and we will be debt free for the first time in recent memory.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Commodore for 2007. Despite the unrest from the dispute mentioned above, steady support from a large segment of the membership reinforced our attempt to bring the PYC back to enjoying good fellowship in a gentlemanly and ladylike environment. Thank you so much for this opportunity.

Weekly sale specials until the end of the season. Please stop by the apparel room and check out the savings on great PYC ware.

Cookbooks have been a sensational success this year. We sold out the first 200 and are now selling the second 200. thank you to Marsha laHaye and Sally Landenberger for all the hard work. So get to the PYC and pick up your copy of the Blue Chair Cooking Cookbook. These also make

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT MARILYN STEINER

Annual Report

With new rules in place, the Vice Commodore was to serve on both the House and Finance Committees, but not to be chair of either, so we were treading on new ground. Ed Everhart was selected as Chair of the House Committee and Dennis Rowley was named Chair of the Finance Committee. Both agreed to remain Chairs of the committees for at least two or three years to establish some continuity for the Club.

Planning for the 2007 summer season started in January when Ed and I hired our Manager, Scott Engleman and Chef, Sandi Carlin. The House Committee was selected

and met the first time on a snowy evening in March. Preparation was underway in April getting the Club ready for business starting in May. The Club was scrubbed by Barb Davidson and all her "maids" and the floor was screened and sealed for the first time in over 20 years. Sally Landenberger and crew gave the Women's room a new fresh coat of paint. Gordy Veldman and Carl Chapman power washed the building, and spent hours fixing cabinets, grills, tables, etc. Janet Webber put her final touches on the Club and everything was ready.

Scott and Sandy hired the staff in April and trained them before opening in May. The computer system

was stable and with some of the staff returning, we had a smooth opening without the POS system crashing. With Scott and Sandi watching food costs, waste, staffing levels and pricing, the season was off to a good start. Customer comment cards were 99.9% positive.

I served on the Finance Committee this year and took on the project of integrating the budget into Quick Books. Going forward this will make budgeting and tracking more efficient. Under the direction of Dennis Rowley and Treasurer Noreen Chapman, I assisted the Finance Committee in updating the Asset/ Replacement Ledger in order to establish a budget for the Capital Account.

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The Social Committees have been hard at work and the Special Events have been successful, thanks to the committee chairs and all the volunteers. A special thanks to Scott for helping to bring the club back to financial stability, thanks to Sandi for all those creative, delicious dinners, and many thanks to Ed for those morning phone calls when we bounced ideas off each other and came up with creative solutions for club issues. As the Vice Commodore, I assisted with the Newsletter and kept the PYC calendar. It was a great year and I want to thank all those who shared their time and talents to make the Club a better place for

REAR COMMODORE COMMENTS MIKE LAHAYE

The Thursday night dinners wrapped up for the season on Aug 23rd. They have all been well attended and a great success. I would like to thank all of the chairpersons for their time and dedication to making the Thursday Night Dinners the tradition they are here at the PYC. A big Thank You goes out to all the volunteers that worked waiting tables and serving the food, without your help these dinners wouldn't be the success they are.

HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES: ED EVERHART, CHAIRMAN

At the season, performance goals were set for the manager and chef. The goals were met and exceeded for the first part of three steps and Scott Engleman and Sandy Carlin were awarded the first part of their performance bonus. They continue to strive to meet the rest of their goals for the season. The House Committee also recommended and the Board of Directors approved \$ 500.00 to be divided by the Manager to reward the work of the staff for their efforts in making this an exceptional year.

Much effort was expended last January to plan, advertise, screen applications, and interview candidates. Through these efforts, we selected Scott Engleman as our manager and persuaded Sandy Carlin to return as chef. With that management team in place, next came the recruitment of an open, hard-working and dedicated volunteer committee. The House Committee worked with Scott and Sandy to set hours, menus, communications, housekeeping schedules, and administrative functions. Those who served on the House Committee were: Ed Everhart, Chair, Marilyn Steiner, Vice Commodore, Mike LaHaye, Rear Commodore, Sarah Champagne, Hilary Benvenuti, Marsha LaHaye, Mark Mullen, Mary Jo Neidow, Dick Ouweneel, Sue Patterson, Dave Peterhans, and Joyce Toner. Scott and Sandy hired and trained the staff.

Many thanks go out to all those volunteers involved and especially to Vice Commodore Marilyn Steiner for her tireless help and direction. Also, we appreciated you, the club members, for all your support, participation and feedback.

JR SAILING PROGRAM SUE BANTON, CHAIRMAN

The Pentwater Junior Sailing Program, founded by Barb & Gene Davidson, had another terrific season. One hundred and four kids registered for sailing lessons. Many of the beginners in the Prams moved up to the Sunfish, making our intermediate class one of the best attended. Sue Banton, program coordinator, hopes to add a couple small main & jib boats to the fleet in the future for the students who are ready to move up another level. This season we had our instructors take the American Sailing Association small boat sailing instructor's certification clinic. This season's instructors were Dana Erley, Ken & Tom Hilton, Josh Jenkins, Krystal Dretchen, Andy Henley, Dylan Baker, Ryan & Emily Maiké. All the instructors have come through our program, and moved into instructor positions.

The program's success is mainly due to the many volunteers who help with the fundraisers throughout the season. Our Yard Sale made \$1,699.64, and the Silent Auction /Raffle made \$5,391.00. Winner of the kayak was Sue Johnson (Shirley Eilert's daughter), the adirondack chairs, Hank Gilbert (Sybil & John Gilbert's son), the snow blower, Nick Kassanos. Between the fundraisers, registration fees, and donations the program is able to cover all operation costs. A big "Thank You" goes out to Sally Ouweneel, our program's Secretary/Treasurer, for keeping track of it all.

We especially want to recognize that it is the members of the Pentwater Yacht Club that account for the major supporters of the program, and we are so very grateful. We also want to thank the Club for the space in your

Other key players who also volunteered countless hours for the success of our program this season were Barb & Gene Davidson, Ruth Feuerstein, and Bill Bainton. The following individuals donated the raffle prizes. Gene Davidson, the two adirondack chairs, Sandy & Darrell Wabshall the snow blower, and Bill and Sue Bainton the kayak. Also thank you to the VanZile's for space in their barn to store our equipment, and Dave Roseman for web access. All donations to the organization are tax free as we are a 501-C 3 group. If you would be interested in supporting this group in any fashion please contact us. Once again, "Thank You", for your ongoing support in the promotion of teaching young people to sail.

JUNIOR MEMBER ACITIVITIES

SUE BAINTON, CHAIRMAN

On Monday, July 23, forty fun loving kids enjoyed a great day on the water. Sue Bainton hosted the PYC annual "Sail Daze" for the junior members of the Club, and their guests. The day started with six Sunfish sailboats loaded with five kids, and a Captain provided by the Pentwater Junior Sailing Program. The races went from the Club to Conley's point, around a few No Wake buoys, and back to the Club. From tennis ball tosses to landing a frisbee on "Kayak Joe" the races proved to be fun and entertaining for all. There was the Pram toddler water pool filled with rubber ducks, and of course the Pram prize boat to award all the sailors. Pentwater River Outfitters provided sit-on-top kayaks for the kids to enjoy after sailing. The Sailing Captains proceeded to have a kayak race later on that was so much fun and entertaining that it just may have to become an annual event in itself. To wrap up the afternoon the kids and parents enjoyed a great lunch on the deck. A big "thank you" goes to Sally Ouweneel and her daughter Karen for helping with registration and lunch, chase boat captain Bill Bainton, Susan and Dan Conley for the use of their beach area and the Andy Todd clan for all their help on the water and serving lunch, and Dick Toner for photographing the event.

The August 9th Thursday night dinner hosted by Sue Bainton and the PYC Junior members was another fun and successful event. The Spaghetti was loved by all along with the young kids that did such a fine job of serving and cleaning up. A round of applause goes to the volunteer crew consisting of Ken and Tom Hilton, Andy Henley, Katherine and Will Conley, Maddy Lockett, Kourtney Bluhm (granddaughter of Bill & Gail Bluhm), Josh Jenkins (grandson of Quintus & Donna Renshaw), and Kandice Williams (granddaughter of Sue & Bill Bainton). Of course there were several adult volunteers we would like to thank also. John and Sybil Gilbert, Susan Conley, MaryJo and Andy Todd, and "chef" Vanessa Erickson.

Just a heads up, next year's theme for Sail Daze will be "Pirates of Pentwater Lake". Bury your jewels, arm your boats, or head for the hills, no one will be safe when the PYC Junior Pirates take on the Lake! The date will be set early in the 2008 season, so vacations can be planned accordingly and grandparents can make arrangements to get their grandkids here for the special event.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

SALLY OUWENEEL, CHAIRMAN

The member status is as follows: Members dropped: 48 due to death, marital status and other reasons. New members totaled 49, giving us 551 regular members and 10 intermediate members equaling 561. 14 members had their cards replaced.

A new Standing Rule was put into effect and will read "**All dues must be postmarked by or prior to March 1 to considered timely. Dues postmarked after March 1 will be assessed a late fee.**"

This being the last newsletter for the season, I hope everyone has a great Winter and we will see you in the Spring.

Directory correction: James and Nancy Hawks Pentwater phone number 231 869-5319

Name addition: Mary Cheryl Hargrove, (change)700 S Beach, (change) mhargrov@aol.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Arnie Samuel memorial Ensign race Open 10-Mid
2 Open Noon-7pm Light Menu	3 Open 10-10	4 Sunfish solo 10:00, sailing 1:00 Fall hours	5	6	7 Open 10-Midnight Bridge 1:00	8 Bd. of Dir. Meeting Ensign race Open 10-Midnight
9	10	11 Sunfish solo 10:00, sailing 1:00	12	13	14 Open 10-Midnight Bridge 1:00	15 Ensign race Open 10 - Midnight
16	17	18 Sunfish solo 10, sailing 1:00	19	20 OCAF auction 6:30	21 Open 10-Midnight Bridge 1:00	22 Ensign race Fall Festival Open 10-Midnight
23 30	24	25 Sunfish solo 10:00, sailing 1:00	26	27 Citizen of the Year dinner	28 Open 10-Midnight Bridge 1:00	29 Ensign Race Open 10-Midnight

FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT DENNIS ROWLEY, CHAIRMAN

During the year the Finance Committee prepared the budget for the Board, considered non-budgeted expenditures, examined the books and reviewed all Club investments.

Operating expenses are within or below budget and doing well. In 2006 each month's expenses were greater than income in May, June, July and August. This year expenses for May, June and July were less than income. This year's expenses have decreased 21% while income has increased 3% over last year.

Commercial loan status:

Balance	12/31/2006	\$91K
	7/31/2007	\$45K

This loan should be paid off in 2008 and the \$50 Debt reduction assessment eliminated in 2009.

Avoiding any unforeseen expenses the Club should show a profit for 2007.

Capital Account: the "Savings Capital Improvement" account has been the same for at least three years (approximately \$64K). There is the potential for some large expenditures in the near future which have been reported by special committees, but no final plans have been made. Any profits from 2007 should be transferred to capital account to minimize special assessments in the future and to spread the costs out over all members.

REGATTA COMMITTEE FRODE MAASEIDVAAG, CHAIRMAN

We again all have had great sailing so far this summer. The Sunfish, Ensign and Small Open and Offshore Fleets are enjoying great participation. Again we remind everyone to come to the PYC and participate or just watch. The Summer Series of the Ensign/Small Open Fleets is completed. The Fall series has started. The Offshore Fleet has completed the racing series.

The Regatta Committee awards dinner will be Friday, October 12 and everyone is invited.

We all congratulate Jim Burch and his crew on **Thunderbolt** for again ably representing PYC in the Chicago to Mackinaw race.

STATIONS COMMITTEE Sue Bainton, Chairman

The annual dock removal is scheduled for Saturday, October 6th starting at 9 a.m. All boats need to be out of the marina by Thursday, October 4th in order to prepare the docks for haul out. The front dock will also need to be clear from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the 6th. Volunteers are needed, and if you have waders please bring them.

Questions? Call Sue Bainton - 869-8641.



WOMEN'S SUNFISH FLEET 218 SANDY VIELMO & JOAN ROSEMAN

Fleet 218, better known as the "Sailin' Sun (Fish) Chics" has enjoyed a great sailing summer. We have 10 boats in the water each week since the beginning of June with only two rain days, so far. Our group is going as weather permits into September. If we cannot sail, we will always lunch together, rain or shine. We invite you to join us for lunch whether they sail or not.

We wish to thank Don Van Zile for being our chase boat "Captain" along with his crew of John Neidow and Al Burmester. We appreciate your dedication and good nature in helping us out. (And, anyone who wishes to get out on the lake on any Tuesday is welcome to come to the club and enjoy a pontoon ride.)

We would also like to thank Dana Erley and Kenny Hilton for helping us launch our boats this summer. You make our sail day so much more enjoyable. We appreciate you both.

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NOTES: Annual Meeting Election Results, Officers and Board Members for 2008:

Marilyn Steiner, Commodore, Mike LaHaye, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Bill Bullard, Secretary, Kathy Ribbens, Treasurer, Don VanZile, Board Members: Al Burmester, Rhonda Buzan.

CALENDAR DATES: **Oct.6 Docks come out** **Oct. 13 Board of Directors meeting**
and end of season dining **Nov 3 Michigan vs Michigan State** **Nov. 9 End of season clean-up**
Nov. 10 Board of Directors meeting **Nov.11 End of season clean-up**

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Vice Commodore Marilyn Steiner
Rear Commodore Mike LaHaye
Secretary Joyce Toner
Treasurer Noreen Chapman

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Errol Goldman, Art Haan, Frode Maaseidvaag, Mark
Mullen, Dick Ouweneel, Mary Sue Richar, Don VanZile.