



PYC NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Here we are in the summer hours already. The combined sail and power boat review was held on Sunday June 9 followed by cocktails and snacks. Our first Thursday Night Dinner was on June 21. Gee, it's great to be back into the swing of "good times".

So far all is well. The new staff is catching on quickly and we brought in a wonderful group of new members at the New Member Picnic. Please introduce

yourselves and get to know them—they are a very impressive group and will be a wonderful addition to our membership.

We are beginning to have a problem with regard to our limited parking spaces. This is aggravated when the Village has arts and crafts shows and other events which draw large crowds throughout Pentwater. Therefore, we are posting someone who will ask for membership cards before

entering the parking lot when these events occur. Car pooling is encouraged on these occasions to give the largest possible access to members of the PYC.

We hope you find the PYC to be warm and receptive and use our facility often. If something doesn't seem right, let us know so we can fix it. The main thing is to ENJOY YOUR SUMMER with us.

Joe Nameth, Commodore

Members, Pick up your free 2007 PYC Yearbook from PYC Manager, Scott or from Assistant Manager, Greg. Extra Yearbooks are available for \$5. It is a great convenience to have an extra copy at your second address, your car or your boat.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Manager, Scott Engleman, has hired a very capable staff that strives to offer a pleasant dining and social experience for members and their guests. The House Committee is working with the staff to bring you good food and good service. Check out the menu, prices on some items have been decreased. A special thanks to Ed Everhart, Chair, and the House Committee.

Please remember that the servers and bartenders appreciate and depend on your tips. The servers are expected to arrive at work 1 to 2 hours early to help set up and also to stay to vacuum and mop after we

all leave. Their hourly wage is \$3 per hour and that doesn't pay for much more than the gas to get to work. They depend on their tips to meet their expenses or to save for college next fall. The labor market is very tight in Pentwater and we are competing with many other restaurants for labor.

When members dine at large round tables with other members, the servers have requested that couples sit together if they are requesting separate checks. This will help them identify couples until they get to know everyone.

Gordon Veldman has spent

many hours working the "punch list" of tasks that are routine maintenance and some that are not very routine like reinforcing cabinet shelves, power washing the building, and installing lights behind the bar. He has been assisted by Carl Chapman and Tom Simms. The Ensign sailors wrestled the deck tent up after adjusting the poles. Thanks to all those who volunteer to make the PYC a better place. The busiest part of the summer is about to begin. Check the calendar and come and participate. It is time to enjoy!

Marilyn Steiner

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REAR COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Thursday Night Dinners for 2007

Thursday Night Dinners started on Thursday June 21. Scott Engleman, the PYC Manager hosted the first dinner—Caribbean Pork. This was followed up with the Ensign sailors hosting their Flank Steak dinner on June 28. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the club to see if you can help, and have a great time meeting other members of the club. **Mike LaHaye**

July 5—Ham July 12—Lasagna July 19—No dinner July 26—Pig Roast Aug 2—Shrimp Boil
 Aug 9—Spaghetti Aug 16—Lamb Aug 23—Mexican

HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES:

The Yacht Club dining experience appears to be a good one. The food is great, the service is friendly and prompt, the menu is constantly being adjusted to our patron's needs and taste, the facilities are clean and improved and our new manager seems quite capable and friendly. This opinion is evidenced by our increased attendance over last year's attendance and thanks to our manager's skill, the costs are down over last year's costs. So what does the house committee want to know? We want to know about your experience and how we can improve. As an example, we know the dining chairs are not the most comfortable and we are looking into and trying to get new and more comfortable ones. We know some folks want the tent up sooner in the future. How do we know these things? Members tell us their wishes and concerns. We are developing a new comment card that will give you a chance to rate your experience or make a hand written comment. Please use the comment card, you can give it to your server, put it in the comment mailbox or put a stamp on the pre-addressed side and drop it in the mail. Verbal recommendations to the commodores, the committee chairs, or the managers are also appreciated. Please enjoy your club and continue to enjoy it by letting us know! **Ed Everhart, House Chair**

FLOWER COMMITTEE

The committee welcomes two new members, Linda Haan and Jenny Cisler. We are appreciative of their skill and enthusiasm. We would also like to acknowledge Shirley Eilert who will work occasionally arranging flowers inside the club and Joan Cuchna who volunteers to help out with watering several times each season. Welcome and thanks to these four women.

The committee has nearly all its membership in residence, now, and you can expect to see table flowers and an entryway center piece every week through Labor Day. This hardworking group includes Sue Carson, Jenny Cisler, Marge diPangrazio, Connie Dumas, Linda Haan, Sally Hendricks, Lynne Hicks, Sally Landenberger, Linda Osborn, Pat Stierle, Sandy Vielmo and Gail Zink with extra help from Shirley Eilert and Joan Cuchna. Our committee members work on a schedule to provide care for and arrangement of flowers each week. If you love flowers and would like to help out from time to time without having the responsibilities of the full committee, please call Dee. It is a long summer and we can always use a "hand".

Several members have offered flowers from their gardens for our use and I would like to extend that offer to anyone who may have gardens from which flowers could be shared. Please call Dee or Connie.

I would also like to say thanks to Sue Bainton for her support of our work and for her recent donation of two, new 100' hoses. That will make our work easier reaching the window boxes. We also appreciate all the good comments. **Dee Samuel, Chair**

BACK FROM THE MAC

THE 8TH ANNUAL PARTY

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY—JULY 20TH 2007

OUTDOOR GRILL BUFFET

MUSIC BY MONTGOMERY STREET

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SIGN UP SHEET ON BULLETIN BOARD OR PYC WEBSITE

Laura Fraga, Chair

JR SAILING PROGRAM

Raffle tickets are on sale now!

PYC members are selling raffle tickets for the Jr Sailing Program. There will also be a silent auction. Both will happen on Aug 14 at 3:00. Items for the raffle drawing and the silent auction can be viewed after Aug 1st. People wanting to donate items for the silent auction please contact :

Barb Davidson 869-5342 or Ruth Feuerstein 869-2810

1st place	12"one person kayak
2nd place	Lawnboy snow blower
3rd place	2 Adirondack chairs

PYC APPAREL

The PYC store is filled with many new items for the 2007 season. Not only does the apparel room contain clothing for men, women and children, but we have also stocked some great items for your home. We have wonderful keepsake mugs with an etching of the front of PYC front dock on them along with Tervis Tumblers with the PYC burgee. Both of these items will look great in your home or even on your boat. We have a wide selection of T-shirts in long and short sleeved, sweatshirts in several different colors, and plenty of hats, croakies and many more fun items. Please stop by the club and check out all the PYC apparel. **Marsha LaHaye**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We are accepting applications for new members to add to the Wait List which is posted on the inside bulletin board at Club. So if you have a friend or neighbor who is interested in becoming a member, they can get a membership application at the Club or on the website www.pentwateryachtclub.com.

It has come to my attention that we need to review Guest Privileges. A guest may visit the Club a maximum of four times while in the company of a Member. After the four visits, they will be asked to join the Club. Also, a guest (children, grand-children or friends) can not use your membership card to purchase food and drinks. Please read about guest privileges on page 13 in the House Rules which are in your Yearbook. If you have any questions, please call or email me. If we all follow the PYC rules, it is easier on the Staff and the rest of the Members. **Sally Ouweneel, Membership Chair**

Additions to yearbook: **Jean Witt**—Distinguished Member

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JULY 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Sunfish solo 10:00, lunch 11:30 sailing 1:00 Fireworks	4 Little Sable Point race	5 Ham dinner 6:30 Ice cream on deck after concert	6	7 Flag Officers Cocktail Reception Ensign race
8 Elwin Kent Memorial race	9PYC Style Show & luncheon	10Sunfish solo 10:00, lunch 11:30, sailing 1:00	11 Bridge	12Lasagna dinner 6:30 Boating safety class 8-noon Civic band	13 Open 10— Midnight Boating Safety class 8-noon	14 Bd. Of Dir. Meeting Art Fair Ensign race Offshore race
15	16	17Sunfish solo 10:00, lunch 11:30, sailing 1:00	18 Bridge	19 Civic band concert No dinner	20 Back from Mac Party	21Ensign race
22	23 Sail Daze 11:00	24Sunfish solo 10, lunch 11:30, sailing 1:00	25 Bridge	26 Pig roast— 6:30 Civic band concert	27	28 Ensign race Offshore race
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BLUE CHAIR COOKIN' COME AND GET IT!

The New Pentwater Yacht Club cookbook entitled **Blue Chair Cookin'** arrived about a month ago and sales of the cookbook have been wonderful. We have sold over 125 books so far. Not only are they a perfect present to yourself, but they also make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, or even a thank you gift. At only \$15 you can afford to buy more than one.

The cookbook contains about 400 well-loved recipes including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and many other categories. Over 50 members have contributed to the recipes and include the contributor's name enabling you to find the recipes of family and friends. The cover design by Becky Taylor makes it a book that you will want to sit out on the counter and let everyone admire it. Please stop by the club soon and purchase one or several. They are going FAST! For more information contact editors Marsha LaHaye at 869-9226 or Sally Landenberger at 869-9210.

Sally Landenberger & Marsha LaHaye

REGATTA COMMITTEE

We again have had excellent presentations and attendance at the sailing seminars. This year we were fortunate to have local sailors and Peter and Vari Blacklock from Muskegon give outstanding seminars. We all, both new and seasoned sailors, learn something new every time. Everyone is welcome to participate. If anyone has suggestions for seminar topics for next season, please contact anyone on the Regatta Committee.

The Sunfish Fleet includes the most enthusiastic sailors, and is going very well. See below.

The Spring Series for the Ensigns concluded on June 16, and the Summer Series will start the following Saturday. The level of skill for this fleet continues to grow, and the racing should be very good. This fleet provides the core for PYC racing. The fleet numbers about 16 boats, and is very inclusive. It has owners and crews of both sexes, a very wide age range, and a very wide range of skills.

Virtually all Ensigns are more than 30 years old, and used Ensigns can be purchased for less than the cost of a new Sunfish. The Fleet tries to accommodate everyone who wishes to crew. If you would like to experience Ensign sailing, come to the PYC dock on Wednesday afternoon about 5:30 pm and we will find room for you on one of the boats.

The Small Boat Open Fleet needs more boats. If you have a 15-25 foot boat, and are interested in some low-key racing, contact Fleet Captain Tom Hendricks.

The Offshore Fleet also needs more participation. If you have an offshore boat, and have any interest in racing, please contact Fleet Captains Dave Dice or Bill DeHommel.

We have a good Race Committees and the marks have been updated, so we have a good infrastructure. The racing marks have been repaired and placed under the volunteer leadership of David Dice (Lake Michigan) and Jack Patterson (Pentwater Lake) and their volunteer crews. Both have provided supplies for the repairs at no cost to the PYC. The Regatta Committee, the PYC sailors and all of us at PYC are grateful for their continued significant contributions.

Frode Maaseidvaag Chairman, Regatta Committee



WOMEN'S SUNFISH FLEET 218

June 12 was the first sail for the fleet and the earliest we have been in the water for at least a few years. We had seven sailors and five boats in the water with absolutely beautiful sailing weather. We have a few new sailors this year and encourage anyone interested to join us! We have lunch at the PYC at 11:30am every Tuesday rain or shine, and launch our boats from the docks at 1:00pm if weather permits. If you think you might be interested in sailing, join us for lunch, and perhaps share a ride with

another sailor. We hope to begin starting "together" at the club again this year and sail the marks at our own pace. We hope to have a fun and a good sailing season marked by such a great start.

We are looking for someone on occasion to join Don VanZile on the chase boat to help spot the sunfish sailboats and enjoy some time on the water. If you are interested, please contact one of the Co-Captains.

Sandy Vielmo and Joan Roseman Co-Captains, Women's Sunfish Fleet 218

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