



PYC NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

GREETINGS FROM THE COMMODORE

Welcome to the 2007 PYC summer season! The club will open as usual beginning with Mother's Day weekend. Despite the lousy winter weather, we are preparing for another banner year for the PYC.

The spring cleanup has been rescheduled for May 4 and 5 in order to give workers more time to refinish the dining room floor. We would appreciate help from as many as possible so that the club can be ready for our May opening. We will provide beer, soda and pizza for lunch for those who are helping. Working with fellow members is always a positive experience.

Several projects are now underway. The plumbing is

being repaired/replaced and will be ready for our opening in May. The parking lot will also be resealed and striped during the first few days in May. This will maximize our limited parking area by defining where vehicles can be parked. The project will have to wait until early May because the contractor advises that warm weather is necessary before the sealant is applied.

As mentioned in the letter accompanying the dues statements, we are trying to reduce the annual loss incurred by the restaurant. We believe this can be done and still provide an enjoyable dining experience. Marilyn Steiner and Mike La Haye are working hard and have offered recommendations which should help us meet our objectives.

We all look forward to a suc-

cessful year and the calendar suggests that the PYC will have activities for most everyone. We hope you use the club and get to know as many other members as possible. We are fortunate to have a membership with diverse experiences and talents that can help make the club the social and sailing center for the Pentwater area. Let's all participate and work together so that we can fully enjoy our facility and the fellowship of other members.

If I can do anything to improve any aspect of club management, please let me know. I really hope to bring the PYC together and will do anything reasonable to make your summer (therefore mine) the best ever.

Joe Nameth, Commodore

Spring Clean Up
Saturday May 5
9:00 am —3:00 pm
Pizza lunch provided
Sunday May 6
12 noon —finished

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The House Committee under the direction of Ed Everhart has been very active this winter and spring. Scott Engleman has been hired as the new Manager. He has years of restaurant experience and has worked for large chain restaurants

such as Applebee's and most recently a large restaurant and banquet facility in Tiffin, Ohio. He has been both a chef and a manager with experience in inventory and cost control. He is excited about the opportunity at the Pentwater Yacht

Club and intends to further his schooling in hotel and restaurant management during the off season.

Happy Hour and Early Bird specials will be offered from 5:00 to 6:00 on Fridays. **Marilyn Steiner, Vice Commodore**

HOUSE COMMITTEE NOTES:

Members have volunteered for committee assignments and met during the winter and spring. Much planning has gone into making this the best season yet. House Committee Members have selected areas of focus to insure that the club operates smoothly.

. A note of appeal to you, our member customers; please help Vice Commodore Steiner and I give Scott good feed-back concerning the operation at the yacht club. If you notice anything that needs attention whether it is windows or service, Marilyn, Scott and I need to know. Please fill out the comment cards or give Marilyn or I a "heads up" by phone or personnel comment and we will take action on those items that are reasonable and within budget restraints. We cannot make your club experience better if we do not have good feed-back. Thanks for your help and have an enjoyable summer.

Ed. E. Everhart, House Chairman

House Committee Areas of Focus

Ed Everhart	Chairman
POS System	Marilyn Steiner, Hilary Benvenuti
Housekeeping	Sarah Champagne, Sue Patterson, Mary Jo Neidow
Inventory	Dick Ouweneel, Joyce Toner, Dave Peterhans
Tent & Carpet Cleaning	Mark Mullen
Spring & Fall Clean up	Barb Davidson
Promotion	Marsha LaHaye
Painting Furniture	Rilla Nameth, Marilyn Steiner, Ed Everhart

Exciting, late breaking news.....The dining room wood floor has been refinished! It is so beautiful, clean and shiny!

REAR COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Thursday Night Dinners for 2007

We still have some openings for chairpersons for the Thursday Night Dinners. The sign up sheets will be in the club within the next couple of weeks. Here is the current dinner schedule for the upcoming season.

June 14 th - Flank Steak Dinner	Ensign Fleet #70
June 21 st – Chicken ??	Open
June 28 th – BBQ Ribs ??	Open
July 5 th - Mexican Dinner	Candace Chandra
July 12 th – Lasagna Dinner	Bill and Gail Bluhm
July 19 th - Cheeseburger in Paradise ??	Open
July 26 th – Pig Roast	Sue Patterson and Mary Sue Richar
Aug 2 nd – Shrimp Boil	Terry Foster
Aug 9 th – Italian Spaghetti	PYC Junior Sailing, Bill and Sue Bainton
Aug 16 th – Lamb Dinner	Sue & Rich Patterson, and Caroline& Mitch Schwass
Aug 23 rd – Ham Dinner	Dee Samuels and Joan VanZile

Please contact the chairpersons if you are interested in working a Thursday night dinner and please give Mike LaHaye a call if you would like to chair any of the open dates. The open dinner selections are only suggestions. Impress you fellow PYC members with your own specialty.

Mike LaHaye, Rear Commodore

SAILING SEMINARS

Sailing Seminar Series 2007

6:00 pm, PYC

May 1— Starting, upwind, downwind, rules before and after the gun. With Peter Blacklock

May 8— Bottom, brightwork, hull finishing. With Tony Sisson

May 15— Hardware and instruments. With Dave Roseman

May 22— Taking the marks, general, in a crowd, upwind, downwind, taking the A mark, turning mark, winds. With Jack Patterson

May 29— Sailing information Sunfish sailors

June 5— Spinnaker work, setting/sailing/stowing. With Bill Bluhm and Hilton crew

Tom Sturr, Seminar Chair

LOAN REPAYMENT

The goal of the PYC being debt free by 2008 is a bit closer. The Board approved the payment of \$37,500 to be applied to the building loan principle, leaving a balance of \$50,463.65. \$27,500 was collected from member debt retirement assessments and \$10,000 was from the capital fund.

The action is in accordance with the plan and it is expected that the loan will be completely paid off by April 2008.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 11 PYC Opening Day
- May 13 Mother’s Day Brunch
- June 3 New Members Picnic
- June 10 Boats Pass in Review
- June 17 Father’s Day Brunch
- June 23 Summer Party with “Bubblin Crude”
- July 7 Flag Officers Cocktail Reception
- July 9 PYC Style Show & Luncheon

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 20 Back from the Mac
- August 4 Salute to the Flags
- August 12 Power Boat Rendezvous
- August 17 Annual Meeting
- August 21 Past Commodore’s Luncheon
- August 25 Wooden Boat Show
- November 3 Michigan vs. Michigan State

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Sailing Seminar Wind, Rules 6:00 pm	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Sailing Seminar Hull Finishing 6:00 pm	9	10	11 Spring hours begin Open 10—Midnight	12 Bd. Of Dir. Meeting 8:30 AM Open 10—Midnight
13 Mother's Day brunch 11—2	14	15 Sailing Seminar Instruments 6:00 pm	16	17	18 Bridge 1:00 Open 10—Midnight	19 Open 10—Midnight
20 Women's Club Wine Tasting	21	22 Sailing Seminar Marks 6:00 pm	23	24 Service Club Banquet	25 Bridge 1:00 Open 10—Midnight	26 Open 10—Midnight
27	28 Memorial Day Parade	29 Sailing Seminar Sunfish 6:00 pm	30	31		

BLUE CHAIR COOKIN'

NOW AVAILABLE

The Pentwater Yacht Club cookbook entitled **Blue Chair Cookin'** has been published and is now ready for purchase. The cookbook contains the best recipes from members, family and friends and has been compiled into an attractive keepsake. A significant number of members contributed delicious recipes. Several helped with the design of the cookbook including Becky Taylor, Janet Webber, and Bill Bluhm.

The cookbooks can be purchased at the Club beginning the opening day, May 11th. This one of a kind cookbook will be available for just \$15.00. They would make a perfect gift for you or to give to others for any occasion. Don't forget Mother's Day is just around the corner.

The cookbook contains about 400 well-loved recipes including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and many other categories. Recipes include the contributor's name enabling you to find the recipes of family and friends. For more information contact editors Marsha LaHaye at 869-9226 or Sally Landenberger at 869-9210.

Sally Landenberger & Marsha LaHaye

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Membership Committee reports that we have 46 vacancies for new members this year. We have 59 people on the wait list, so most people will be offered membership. Letters have been sent inviting them to join the Pentwater Yacht Club, and initiation fees and member dues are beginning to be received by the PYC. We will have a list of those new members in the next Newsletter so that you can welcome them into our Club.

A special event "New Member Picnic" will be held at the PYC on Sunday, June 3 to welcome new members. New members, their sponsors, and all members are invited to attend the event. More details will be found in the June Newsletter.

Please remember to affix the stamp to your Membership Card and carry it with you at all times. You will be asked for the card when you make purchases at the club. Please also remember that only members can make purchases unless it is an "open" event when the public is invited to participate. There are three of those "open" events scheduled this year: Summer Party with Bubblin Crude, Back from the Mac and the Wooden Boat Show. At those events we have a special liquor license so that non-members may make purchases.

Sally Ouweneel, Membership Chair

STATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The dock launch is scheduled for Saturday, May 5 from 9 am until approximately 1:00 p.m. We need volunteers with waders. We also ask that all members keep the front dock clear from 8:00 am until the dock launch crew is done. Members who would like to volunteer should contact Sue Bainton, Stations Committee chairperson at wsbainton@aol.com or call (734) 395-7575.

Sue Bainton, Stations Chair

Anyone for Bridge? The bridge group is starting on Friday, May 18 at 1:00. Call Tink Witt at 869-4291.

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NOTES:

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Friday, May 11 PYC Opens	Lunch 11—2	Early Bird Dinner 5—6	Dinner 6—9 Reservations
Saturday, May 12	Lunch 11—2		Dinner 6—9 Reservations
Sunday, May 13	Mother's Day Brunch 11:00—2:00		Reservations please!

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Flag Officers & Board of Directors

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

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