



PYC NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS MARILYN STEINER

Have you ever been asked why the Pentwater Yacht Clubs flies the PYC Burgee above the U.S. Ensign Flag on the Yacht Club flagpole? Several people have inquired or made comments about the fact that the U.S. Flag is on the gaff pole and not at the very top of the flagpole. According to the world's most respected reference Chapman Piloting, Seamanship & Boat Handling, proper flag etiquette for Yacht Clubs states that the flagpole or mast of a yacht club is considered to represent the mast of a vessel, and the peak of the gaff, if one is used, is the place of honor from which the U.S. ensign is flown, just as it would be on a gaff-rigged boat.

The confusion comes in because proper flag etiquette requires no other flag to be flown above the U.S. ensign, and obviously another flag, such as a yacht club burgee at the masthead will be higher than the U.S. flag when the latter is at the gaff. This is entirely proper because "above," in flag etiquette, means "directly on top of."

I also had a discussion with the U.S. Coast Guard and they agreed that the way the Pentwater Yacht Club displays the flags is proper. So, if you are questioned, you have been informed that what you see at the PYC is correct.

Summer is half over and the parties and events have been successful. The upcoming Flag Officer's Ball will be the 2nd of August. Past Commodore, Joe Nameth, and his wife, Rilla, will be hosting the event. This party has been a tradition for nearly 75 years. Although parties are more casual these days, members still do enjoy a great dinner and dancing. There is no need to feel that it is necessary to find other couples or singles to sit with, the hostess will take care of everything. All you need to do is have a good time.

Also, please note that the PYC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 8. Your input and attendance is appreciated. Several By-Law changes will be voted on. New Officers and Board Members will be elected for the next term starting January 1, 2009.

Thanks again to all the volunteers that put forth so much effort to make the parties successful and to all those who prepare and serve the Thursday Night Dinners. Thanks, too, for the committees that do the background work for the Club and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

VICE COMODORE'S REPORT MIKE LAHAYE

WOW.. Here we are, it is now the first of August and I hate to say it but we are on the downside of the summer. This summer has gone by really quick. The month of July was very busy for Marsha and me with the events at the club, the dining room, and our daughters wedding, August should hopefully be cake walk. All of the July events were all well attended.

We had the Little Point Sable sailboat race on the 4th of July. The Spinnaker division was won by Shamrock, and the Main and Jib division was won by M&M. Don Van Zile completed another series of Boater Safety Classes. Thank you Don. The PYC Fashion Show and Lunch had

**FLAG OFFICERS
DANCE Sat, 8/2**

**PYC ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, 8/8**

HOMECOMING 8/14-16

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL
BEFORE FIREWORKS
Sat, 8/16**

**WOODEN BOAT
SHOW Sat, 8/23**

**PAST COMMODORE'S
LUNCHEON Mon 8/25**

**END OF SUMMER DJ
DANCE Sun, 8/31**

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a full house with 125 people in attendance this year, and included fashions from four Pentwater merchants. The event was coordinated by Marsha LaHaye and her committee, well done. I was able to observe the Sail Daze event this year, Sue and Bill Bainton had the kids all over the lake doing their version of "Pirates of Pentwater". The kids really had a great time. Thanks Sue and Bill.

A new event at the PYC this year was the Power Boat Treasure Hunt party. There were a dozen boats and over sixty members in attendance and was a huge success. Thank you, Andrea Ziebarth and Marilyn Steiner for putting this event together. We have just finished another wonderfully successful "Back from the Mac" party. Thank you Janet Weber, Laura Fraga, and their staff of volunteers for another very well run event at the PYC. As you can see the PYC has been a busy place this summer, and we have the DJ booked for The End of Summer Dance Party scheduled for Sunday, August 31 of Labor Day Weekend at 8 pm.

If you haven't had dinner in the dining room yet this summer you are missing out on some great food. Our manager Kari Kokx has been serving some great dinners, and dinner specials. By the way our head cook, Mandy has some great news, she delivered a six pound baby girl, named Madeline. Congratulations Mandy and Aunt Kari.

REAR COMMODORE COMMENTS BILL BULLARD

We are more than half way through the season, and we have enjoyed various delicious Thursday Night Dinners. A special thanks to all the following members who volunteered to chair the dinners: Mike and Marsha LaHaye, Gordy Veldman along with the able mentoring of Bill and Gail Bluhm, Bill and Sue Bainton, Dede Samuels and Joan Van Zile, and Sue Patterson and Mary Sue Rischar. Still to come - Mexican, shrimp, spaghetti, and lamb. Don't forget to buy your tickets. They are available one week prior to the dinner.

By the time this newsletter goes to press, the Nominating Committee will have completed their assignment. As chairman, I appreciate the help and input not only from my committee but from various members for their advice and willingness to become involved.

MEMBERSHIP

The PYC would like to welcome its 26 new members.

Jeanne Bentley (Grand Rapids, MI), Lynn and Jacquie Boynton (Sanibel, FL), Nancy and Philip Ceton (Hudsonville, MI), William and Mary Ann Harris (Norfolk, VA), Diedre and Joel Hubscher (Katy, TX), Thomas and Jill Joyce (Northfield, IL), Laurel and Albert Kamen (Washington, DC), Douglas and Christina McVie (Tucson, AZ), Doug and Theo Messerlie (Atlanta, GA), Margaret (Gigi) Mitchell (Clarkston, MI), Tave and Lesley Reser (Indianapolis, IN), Virginia Seyforth and Robert Boss (Grand Rapids, MI), Micki Stejskal (Pentwater, MI), Linda and Stanley Waruszewski (Whitehall, MI), and John Young, Jr. (Grand Rapids, MI).

Our new members bring with them a wide variety of backgrounds and include several CEOs, CFOs, and Presidents; a School Administrator, a CPA, and an Office Manager; and several members involved in publishing, commercial printing and insurance. The Club is adding 13 new power boaters and 10 new sailors to its fleets, and perhaps best of all, the PYC is gaining 12 children and young adults ranging in age from 25 to 4 years of age. All of us 'oldsters' love to see the 'youngsters' joining the PYC family.

We, the membership of the PYC, are so glad to have you with us; Welcome aboard.

COME ONE COME ALL to the ice cream social after the band concert and before the fireworks on Sat Aug 16th at 8:00. This is a delightful way to get ready for the fireworks for homecoming. Make your sundae special and visit with others.

APPAREL COMMITTEE LAURA ELLAM

The apparel in the PYC store has been selling very well this whole summer and remember that we have a whole lot of summer left and plenty of apparel for all of your needs. We have items for children, women and men as well as items such as burgees, drink cozies, cook-books and blankets. The sweatshirt blankets have really gone fast so stop by and pick out a color that is to your liking. Don't forget that PYC items make great gifts as well. Tuck that favorite PYC T-shirt or sweatshirt into a package for someone special on Christmas morning. A PYC item opened on Christmas morning will surely bring back memories of all the delightful summer days spent sitting in the Blue Chair Lounge. What better gift could you give than a memory of Pentwater.

FASHION SHOW

The PYC Flip Flop summer Fun Fashion Show took place on July 14, 2008 and 104 tickets were sold along with serving lunch to over 12 models who helped make the event a success. Four stores in Pentwater brought fashions to the club for modeling. They included Craze, Max & Chloe's, Pentwater River Outfitters and Provisions. The ladies and one man, modeled everything from a little black dress that could be worn for many different occasions to men's shorts and shirts and even sleepwear. The clothing was also accessorized by things such as purses, hats, shoes, and big sunglasses. Lunch included quiche, scones, fresh fruit with dip and even Morat's cake truffles for dessert. It was a fun luncheon and style show and I look forward to seeing what fashions will be popular for next year.

I would like to thank the committee that helped organized this event this year and they included Marsha LaHaye-Chair, Diane Bullard, Dolores Sturr, Sally Landenberger, Lisa Stage, and from Texas, Joan Noble. Thank you also to Patty French, Laura Nugent, Joyce and Jim Jacques, and Annette Monton for providing fashions and good fun with the descriptions of the clothing.

Don't be left out next year. Put the fashion show on your calendar as soon as the date is announced.

REGATTA COMMITTEE FRODE MAASEIDVAAG, CHAIRMAN

The PYC sailing fleets are in full swing with both PYC local racing and participation in races sponsored by other yacht clubs. Four PYC boats participated in the Queen's Cup sponsored by the South Shore Yacht Club and they are: Condor (Bill Bluhm), Miller Time, (Barry Miller), Sojourn (Art Haan) and Thunderbolt (Jim Burch). There were 164 boats participating in the total fleet and they placed as follows:

Thunderbolt: 3rd place in Division 5 and 23rd in the fleet.

Condor: 4th place in Division 6 and 29th in the fleet

Sojourn: 11th place in Division 11 and 90th in the fleet

Miller Time: D.N.S. (results under protest)

This is an outstanding performance of the Offshore Skippers and their outstanding crews.

The PYC sailors have in recent years frequently finished high in both the Queen's Cup and the Mackinac Race. Jim Burch, who placed third in division 5 this year, has been outstanding and together the Offshore Sailors have accumulated many awards and flags for the "Yachting Wall" of our Club. Dave Bluhm has indicated that this might be his last year sailing/racing the grand Condor. In the past 6 years alone Bill Bluhm and his crew have returned home from the Queen's Cup with two 1st places, one 3rd and one 4th this year. Thank you Bill for all you and your crew have done for PYC racing.

Three PYC Ensigns participated in the Ensign Class Region 5 Regional Races in Hessel/Cedarville, MI on July 11 & 12. Wings (Leonard Hilton), M&M (Mike LaHaye) and Troll (Frode Maaseidvaag) and their outstanding crews raced against 25 other boats and returned home without trophies but with many new friendships formed.

We are all grateful and proud of the efforts and accomplishments of our PYC sailors that represent our club so excellently. You are all an important asset to our yacht club.

The Offshore Fleet is growing and enjoying a great racing season. They have scheduled 8 races this season and are always looking for more participation. If you have an offshore boat, and have any interest in racing, please contact Fleet Captains Dave Dice or Bill DeHommel. The fleets are very interested in accommodating 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Ensign race Flag officers dance
3	4	5 Sunfish solo 10:00 lunch 11:30 sailing 1:00	6 Bridge 1:00 Ensign Race 6:00	7 No Lunch Shrimp dinner	8 Annual meeting	9 Ensign race Off shore race
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24 31 Off shore race DJ Dance 8	25 Past commodores and distinguished members luncheon	26 Sunfish solo 10:00 lunch 11:30 sailing 1:00	27 Bridge 1:00 Ensign Race 6:00	28	29	30 Ensign race

STATIONS COMMITTEE BILL BAINTON, CHAIRMAN

The stations committee has approved the use of Sunfish dollies for kayak storage. The fee for a dolly is \$ 100 for the season and there are some still available. Contact committee chairman Bill Bainton. Remember that any sailboat or kayak using the dollies must fit the length, beam and weight parameters of a Sunfish sailboat. A ladder has been placed on the east wall of the north basin to make it easier to use the small beach area there. We have made several repairs to the docks this summer due to minor weather and boat damage. If you notice damage, please call it to the attention of a committee member so we can continue to keep up on maintenance.

Day use and club functions for member boats have kept the front wall busy. It is good to see so many boaters using the club. The board approved some additions and changes to the day use docking policy at the July meeting. These will be posted at the club. We sometimes have slips available for daily use/rental by club members when the slip holder has their boat out of the water. If you want a slip for a few days, check with Bill Bainton to see if one is available for your boat. There are different size limitations depending on the slip, but generally maximum length 20 feet, maximum beam 7 feet.

There are several upcoming functions will limit the marina and wall use. The front wall is closed to member boats on Friday, July 25 for the Back From the Mac party. On Saturday evening August 16, front docking is prohibited during the fireworks (signs will be posted). All boats must be out of the marina on Friday August 22 and Saturday August 23 for the Wooden Boat Show. If you have any questions about the marina call Bill Bainton.

Adopted by Stations Committee 5/17/08 Approved by board 7/19/08

Addition / change to PYC marina rules regarding reciprocal and guest docking

Under article II Marina Fees and dock Regulations

Under Item E. Front Dock Fees - PYC Members add the following:

1. If a member is a guest on a boat, that boat may temporarily tie up at PYC for free for up to 4 hours to use the club facilities only. The member and the guest boaters are to remain on PYC property the entire time the boat is at the club. If the member leaves the club, the boat and any non-member crew must also leave.

Under Item F. Front Dock Fees – non-PYC Members (Reciprocal club members)

2. (Day use) Reciprocal club member boats may tie up at PYC for free for 1 hour.

- **Boats staying between 1 and 4 hours will be charged at ½ the daily rate**
- **Boats staying over 4 hours will be charged the full daily rate. (This does not allow the boat overnight docking except as permitted by our current policy.)**
- **At least one crew person from that boat capable of handling the boat needs to be on club premises if anyone leaves the property.**
- **Reciprocal boats are to use the north 40 feet of dock. (The club manager or stations committee may allow an exception if a member boat is tied up on those 40 feet, but the reciprocal will move there the space opens.)**
- **Reciprocals must raft if more than one boat wants to tie up.**
- **No reciprocal docking is permitted on Saturdays, holidays, or PYC special events.**

The club reserves the right to move the boat as necessary.

WOMEN'S SUNFISH FLEET 218 SANDY VIELMO & JOAN ROSEMAN



Ahoy! The sunfish chicks are sailing. Come one and all and join us. Newcomers are welcome. You can sail with an experienced sailor or ride on the chase boat. Don always likes to have company on the boat with him. Sometimes he has to go into the water and needs someone to drive the boat for him then. We have been having fun despite the iffy weather. We have lunch at 11:30 and are ready to start sailing by 1:00. We take off from the docks. We have a teen launching the boats and putting them away. Come and have fun with us on Tuesdays. We always meet no mater what the weather, as we all have to eat and the camaraderie is great.

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Blue Chair Cookin, is alive and well!

Just a reminder that we still have plenty of the cookbooks left for your own personal use or to give as gifts. They make wonderful birthday or even Christmas gifts, so don't forget to pick up a couple or more for your gift giving before you leave Pentwater for the season. The books are only \$15.00, so they are very affordable for every occasion. Last year I had to mail several books to people after they got back home from Pentwater and that costs \$5.00extra for postage, so plan ahead and buy soon!

There are many recipes that have been served on Thursday Night dinners. You will find recipes for breakfast, lunch and dinner time. Try Connie Dumas's Dutch Babies for Breakfast or Dolores Sturr's easy butter cookies or Marilyn Steiner's Honey Pecan Fried Chicken. I had better close for now as I am getting hungry. Maybe I'll make Diane Bullard's Basha's Beef Burgandy for the family tonight.

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