



# PYC NEWSLETTER

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS    MARILYN STEINER

The 2008 summer at PYC is in full swing. Many events are planned for July and members are encouraged to participate. July 3 is the Pentwater fireworks and deck party. The view down the channel is spectacular.

The very popular PYC Style Show and Luncheon is at noon on Monday, July 14. The Vice Commodore's wife, Marsha LaHaye, is hosting the event and has several shops in town participating. There will be styles to suit everyone. Please call in your reservations.

A Power Boat Treasure Hunt is a new event planned for Saturday, July 19, starting at 6:00 pm. There will be prizes for the best decorated boat and solving the clues and finding the treasure. If you do not have a boat and want to participate, buy a ticket and we will find you a boat ride so that you can hunt for treasure. Andrea Ziebarth is heading up the committee and we have heard that she is a great party planner. Watch the posters for boat registration and tickets.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Back from the Mac Party is Friday, July 25. Laura Fraga and Janet Webber again co-chair the event. Watch the boats from the Chicago to Mackinac Race sail into the Pentwater Yacht Club to party. Join the cook out, dancing, and fun. Don't miss this – "The party of the year!" Thanks Laura and Janet and all the PYC volunteers for helping.

The PYC survey was tallied and the top activity for most members is dining and/or socializing with friends. Those who are involved with sailing activities rate that as their number one activity. We have a good combination of members with various preferences and we hope to accommodate all of them. Planning Committee Chair, Darrell Wabschall and the Planning Committee will report other priorities such as acoustics, dining room chairs, etc. as they make recommendations for next year.

Member pictures are needed for the website. Please email a photo to Web Master, Andrea Ziebarth at [abziebarth@yahoo.com](mailto:abziebarth@yahoo.com). Membership is down slightly this year and we have openings for a few more members. If you have friends that have shown interest in joining the PYC, invite them to one of our parties or for dinner. Membership applications can be downloaded from the website: [www.pentwateryachtclub.com](http://www.pentwateryachtclub.com) or picked up at the office. If you have any comments or concerns, please let me know. **See you at the Club.**

## VICE COMODORE'S REPORT    MIKE LAHAYE

The time is slipping by already; we are soon to be into July. We have had the Mortgage burning party, New Member Luncheon, Father Day Cookout, 2 Thursday night dinners, PYC Boat Review, and Caribbean Party, since the last newsletter. Please plan on attending more of these events, as they are put on for you the members. There is a lot of work done behind the scenes to put on these events, and we want all of our members attending.

The remaining seawall work has been put on hold until after the PYC closes at the end of October. The deck is back together, the canopy has been put up, and the new tables and chairs have been put together, and the deck is now open for business. I want to thank the

**FIREWORKS & DECK PARTY, JULY 3**

**BOATING SAFETY CLASSES, JULY 10-11**

**STYLE SHOW, JULY 14**

**SAIL DAZE, JULY 18**

**TREASURE HUNT, JULY 19, 6:00**

**BACK FROM THE MAC, JULY 25, 6:00**

**GOLF - MONDAYS**

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many workers that put the canopy & frame back up. Dave Roseman, Tom Sturr, Bill Bullard, Jack Patterson, Russ Murphy, Don VanZile, Dennis Rowley, and last but not least Duncan Erley. Thank you, Al and Sandra Burmester for installing the new line for the railing along the south wall of the deck. Ed Everhart and his crew put the new tables and chairs together. By the way the new chairs do rock, and several members have already been caught taking naps in them. Bill Bainton and his crew did a great job getting the docks back in the water, and the boats are now starting to fill the slips.

If you haven't been to the club for dinner yet, you are missing out on some great food. Our manager Kari Kohx, and her cooks have been doing a great job with the food, and our assistant manager Jason Smith, and the wait staff have been working hard to please our members. Kari has been offering two dinner specials every night, and one of them is for under \$10. The draft beer has been a hit in the bar. We have been trying several different kinds of beer. So far Sam Adams Summer Ale and Beach Bum have been the favorites.

The apparel committee still has a good selection of PYC apparel still available. They make great birthday, and holiday gifts. See Kari or Jason if you would like to check out the PYC apparel. We have a busy July coming up, and we want to see all of you at the PYC. If you have any problems please don't hesitate to let me know.

### REAR COMMODORE COMMENTS BILL BULLARD

Thursday Night Dinners got off to a great start - a sell out! The Ensigns put on a great flank steak dinner. Thanks to all the volunteers and the members who supported them. The lasagna dinner followed, and it too went well. Don't forget the July 3 dinner and the ice cream social after the concert. View the fireworks from the deck with members and friends. We still are in need of a chairperson for the Mexican Dinner on July 31. Anyone interested on lending a hand?

The Nominating Committee is busy gathering a list of candidates for the 2009 season. Thanks again to Fred Cisler, Noreen Chapman, and Dick Ouweneel for their able assistance.

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ED EVERART, CHAIRMAN

Our stove finally gave up on us after only 18 years. We got Board of Directors approval for a reconditioned one with a grille, salamander and convection ovens. The kitchen staff is delighted and thanks you and the Directors for your support.

When you have lunch or dinner at the club, make sure the wait staff gives you a ticket for the drawing. The weekly drawing will be for a free lunch or for a free dinner. Get your ticket each time you have a lunch or dinner.

A mid season **Work Bee** is planned for Sunday, July, 27 at 11:00 am. There is a plan to do those housekeeping chores that need to be done more than once a year. The wood floor will need to be scrubbed, light fixtures washed, carpets cleaned, coolers cleaned and bathrooms deep cleaned. We are looking for members who are not here in the Spring or Fall to help and would be willing to volunteer 2 hours this summer. Come down to the Club and Barb Davidson will be happy to assign her maids to a task.

We still need volunteer greeters for July. Please call Barb Davidson 869-5342 or sign up at the bulletin board at the club. It is great fun and a nice way to meet members and their family and friends.

The comment cards are available and we hope you will use them for compliments as well as suggestions for improvement. We would urge you to immediately let Manager Kari know if your meal happens to be unsatisfactory. She will make the proper adjustments. Please do not go home unsatisfied.

All the new tables and chairs are now available on the deck. The tent is up and your table is waiting. **COME ON DOWN!**



### Power Boat Treasure Hunt & Deck Party

**Saturday, August 19—6:00 pm. Bring your deck boat, fishing boat, ski boat, dinghy, or whatever floats and has a motor. If you don't have a boat, come to the club and be assigned to a boat. Each boat gets clues for the hunt. A prize for the best decorated boat and prizes for those who solve the clues and find the treasure. Deck party afterwards with hamburgers & hotdogs on the grill. Tickets are \$10 per boat and that includes five participants. Extra tickets can be purchased for \$3.**

**APPAREL COMMITTEE LAURA LAHAYE, CHAIRMAN**

Summer is almost in full swing and the PYC Apparel committee has a number of new t-shirts, tanks and polo shirts for all members of the family. We also have some great sweatshirts and sweatshirt blankets that are perfect for cool evenings at the Lake. Need a great gift for a friend or family member? The Apparel committee has chosen a number of great gifts as well, with shot glasses, beer koozies, and Turvis Tumblers. Stop in to the PYC store and check out all that we have to offer.

**JUNIOR MEMBER ACCITIVITIES SUE BAINTON, CHAIRMAN**

Plan your vacation to include attending **"Sail Daze"** for all PYC youth members, members grandkids and guests. The event will be Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 1:30. This year the theme will be "Pirates of Pentwater". All kids ages 5 and older are welcome. The crews along with their Captains will sail Pentwater Lake to seek out lost crew, find buried treasure, rescue crew members, and capture pirate ships. We will have the water filled "duck pool" and a choice of a sailboat or pontoon boat ride for the kids under five. Kids can wear their favorite pirate attire, and it is a good idea to bring water shoes and a towel. Water gun is optional, but a must for self-defense! The Club does not have enough life jackets for all youth, so in order to be sure your child can participate in the "on water" activities make sure they bring their own life jackets. There will be lunch provided, prizes from the treasure chest, and a T- shirt to commemorate this special event. Cost per child is \$5.00 which will be collected the day of the event. Please sign up on the board in the Junior room, and to be sure to list your T-shirt size as "Y" for youth or "A" for adult. If you have any questions please contact Sue Bainton at 869-8641.

**FLOWER COMMITTEE DEDE SAMUEL, CHAIRMAN**

Well folks, many tired backs and hours of labor have produced a new look for the front flower bed. Over time you may have seen the old square bed being torn out and the bulbs removed by Sally Landenbergr, Marge diPangrazio, Connie Dumas, and Dede Samuel. Some time afterward, the boards that surrounded the old bed were pulled up by Ted Cuchna and his "Deere", after which Bill Green broke up the big boards, pounded flat the nails and hauled the debris off to the Twp. Transfer Site in Ted's old, white "Pentwater" truck. As the old square was being redesigned and laid out by Gail Zink and Norm Booth, you noticed piles of sod mounding up and later Carl Chapman and Skip Barnes completed the shovel work. They turned over the soil, enriched the bed with fertilizer and mulch. Pots and flats of flowers begun to appear, signaling the return of color to the front of the club. Gail, Norm, Dede and Connie met to decide which flowers to use and how to place them in the design. Trips were made to local nurseries and flowers purchased. Finally, the new plants were set in to the existing soil, which was greatly enriched by black DPW compost delivered by Mike Russell. Mike also made quick work of removing the pile of old sod clumps.

On a broader scale, there is more landscape work to be done. But, for now, it is gratifying to see the progress occur. A million thanks to all the mentioned above, who have worked to get the garden underway and to Commodore Marilyn, for her help and support. It has been a time of intense work, but also fun and companionable.

The landscaping committee can use more occasional help, especially in the pick and shovel division. It would be nice to develop a pool of strong guys and girls to help with the other aspects of the Landscaping plan as it moves along. Call Dede, Connie or Gail to volunteer, remembering that "occasional" is the key work.

Oh yes, we have saved the bulbs and would like to offer some of them to club members who may be interested. Give Dede a call. In the meantime, please take a close look at the beautiful new garden.

**COOKBOOK COMMITTEE MARSHA LAHAYE & SALLY LANDENBERGER**

Just a quick reminder that the 2007 Pentwater Yacht Club cookbook, Blue chair Cookin', is still available. This one if a kind cookbook is only \$15 per copy. The cookbook contains the best recipes from members, family and friends. It includes a number of the Thursday night dinner selection recipes as well. If you haven't purchased one for yourself, we strongly recommend getting one. Or, think about buying one as a gift. The cookbooks can be added to a basket with cooking supplies and given for any occasion. **HAPPY COOKING!** For more information contact the editors, Marsha LaHaye: 869-9226 or Sally Landenberger: 869-9210.

**BOATER'S SAFETY CLASS DON VAN ZILE**

**GET YOUR BOAT "DRIVERS LICENSE"** Michigan State law requires completion of an eight hour instructional course in boating safety for youth 12 to 16 years of age to operate a boat powered by a motor larger than 6 HP. The same law requires ADULTS who accompany youth on personal watercraft to complete the same course.

# JULY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Sunfish solo 10:00 lunch 11:30 sailing 1:00	2 Bridge 1:00 Ensign Race 6:00	3 Red-wht-blue dinner Fireworks	4 Little Point Sable Race	5 Ensign race Off Shore Race
6	7 Golf	8 Sunfish solo 10:00 lunch 11:30 sailing 1:00	9 Bridge 1:00 Ensign Race 6:00	10 Ham dinner Boating safety class 8-12	11 Boating safety class 8-12	12 Ensign race Off shore race Fine arts fair
13	14 Style show and luncheon Noon	15 Sunfish solo 10:00 lunch 11:30 sailing 1:00	16 Bridge 1:00 Ensign Race 6:00	17 Pig roast	18 Sail daze PYC Youth	19 Bd of Dir meeting Ensign race Power boat treasure hunt + deck party
20	21 Golf	22 Sunfish solo 10:00 lunch 11:30 sailing 1:00	23 Bridge 1:00 Ensign Race 6:00	24 NO DINNER	25 Back from the Mac party	26 Ensign race Off shore race
27 PYC Work bee 11:00	28 Golf	29 Sunfish solo 10:00 lunch 11:30 sailing 1:00	30 Bridge 1:00 Ensign Race 6:00	31 Mexican dinner		

This course was offered in public schools in Oceana County and was discontinued in 2007. The required course is offered at the Pentwater Yacht Club free of charge on July 10th and 11th this year. If you, or anyone you know, would like to take this class, a sign up sheet is on the bulletin board at the club with more details. Or call Don Van Zile at 869-4539.

### REGATTA COMMITTEE FRODE MAASEIDVAAG, CHAIRMAN

The PYC sailing season is underway and all the fleets are getting the boats in the water and sailing and racing. The summer is at hand! We have excellent Race Committees and we are looking forward to an outstanding Racing/Sailing season.

The Offshore Fleet is 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.

Four boats are representing the PYC in the Queen's Cup race and the details will be in the next Newsletter.

The Racing/Sailing Seminars are completed and the participants, both new and experienced, learn something new in each of the seminars. Thank you Tom Sturr for making it all happen.

### STATIONS COMMITTEE BILL BAINTON, CHAIRMAN

The docks are in! At a meeting with the commodores and Ralph Hilton, our contractor, on June 1<sup>st</sup>, we set a deadline to begin the seawall project so that it would be completed prior to the end of June. When the Corps of Engineers permit had not arrived by the deadline, we determined that the docks would be put in and the seawall work postponed until fall. The docks were installed Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Mike Russell helped clear the work area with his front end loader on Thursday. On Saturday a crew of 15 installed the docks: Al Burmester, Ted Cuchna with his tractor, Dave Dice, Duncan Erley, Vanessa Erickson, Mark Gamble, Len Hilton, Mike LaHaye, Mark Mullen, Wayne Preston, Mark Rowe, Greg Slocum, Micki Stejskal, Aleksy Urick, and Bill Bainton. The staff at the club provided lunch when the job was complete. On Monday, Mike Russell and Bill Bainton set the poles and the docks were ready for use on Tuesday. Boats are slowly coming in. A big thank you goes out to all who helped, and to boaters and members for their patience and understanding this spring.

There always seem to be little tasks that need to be done in the marina. For our next little project we plan to install a ladder in the north basin and carpet a spot on the deck edge so it is more usable for kayak launching. The water depth in the marina is up several inches from this time last year and is forecast to stay above last year's levels all summer. Although still below long term averages, Lake Michigan is currently 7 inches above chart datum.

Now that boating season is underway, I would like to remind everyone of a few dock rules. Boaters, if you leave your boat at the club overnight, remember to sign the registration book at the bar. Members are allowed 4 free nights, *but not consecutively*. The member rate is 50¢ per foot. No overnight docking is allowed on the face of the floating docks. Reciprocals are welcome Sunday night through Thursday only and should tie up at the north end if that space is open. We do not allow reciprocal docking on Friday or Saturday night so that the wall is open for day use and overnight docking by PYC members' boats. If anyone has a question pertaining to our marina, please feel free to contact me.

### WOMEN'S SUNFISH FLEET 218 SANDY VIELMO & JOAN ROSEMAN



**Ahoy!** The sunfish chicks are ready to sail. Come one and all and join us. Newcomers are welcome. You can sail with an experienced sailor or ride on the chase boat. We will be more than willing to teach you how to sail if you are interested. We have lunch at 11:30 and are ready to start sailing by 1:00. We take off from the docks. The dollies are out and ready for boats and the davit has been tested out and works for launching the boats. Come and have fun with us on Tuesdays. We always meet no matter what the weather, as we all have to eat and the camaraderie is great.

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**Golf Anyone??**

**Join PYC Friends**

**Mondays**

By popular demand, golf outings will be scheduled for Monday mornings. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board at the Club or call Mary Jo or John Neidow 231 869-5967 to sign up for tee times.

**THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU !!!**

To all the PYC members that contributed to the Pentwater Junior Sailing Program's annual garage sale. The sale was a big success! We had 2 storage barns full to the brim. Some of you donated items and some donated their time and hard work. The continued success of the program depends on all of you. We appreciate every year all that you do. Thanks again!

The fund raising continues. Buy an engraved brick for the "Walkway to the Water" path at the new pavilion on Lake Road. The annual raffle ticket sale is in full swing. Prizes are: A Cummins-Onan 4000 Watt Generator, Co-motion, single kayak, Tail Gate Basket with tickets to the Michigan State/Iowa game and 2 Adirondack Chairs. Also, a Sun Fish has been donated and is open for bids with proceeds going to the program. Barb Davidson & Ruth Feuerstein

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