



PYC NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS MARILYN STEINER

The summer is over and fall is here. At the PYC Annual meeting new Flag Officers and Board members were elected for 2009: Mike LaHaye, Commodore; Bill Bullard, Vice Commodore; Dave Nobles, Rear Commodore; Kathy Ribbens, Secretary; Nancy Hooper, Treasurer; the new Board of Directors elected are: Carl Chapman, Laura Fraga and Dave Peterhans. All of these people are very capable volunteers and the PYC will continue to be a great Club under their direction.

Thanks to the Board Members who will continue to serve: Sue Bainton, Paulette DeHommel, Frode Maaseidvaag, Al Burmester, and Rhonda Buzan. A special thanks to Errol Goldman, Mark Mullen, and Mary Sue Rischar who will complete their terms at the end of this year. Don VanZile deserves special recognition for his dedication and diligence in performing the Treasurer's duties. Thanks to Joe Nameth moving through the chairs as Commodore and one year on the Board as Past Commodore.

The proposed By Laws changes were not accepted by 2/3 of the membership at the Annual Meeting. They were referred back to the committee for more information. The reports given by the Committee Chairs outlined the many projects and work that has been completed by volunteer members of the Club. It was very evident that we have accomplished a great deal in the past year.

Check the calendar for upcoming events. The structural project and the new preliminary budget will be completed by October. Thank you for allowing me to serve as Commodore. I have one more year to serve on the Board and then into retirement. The Club has many great members and it has been my privilege to serve.

VICE COMODORE'S REPORT MIKE LAHAYE

What happened to the summer? Here it is the first of September already, and the kids are back to school, football has started, and the Olympic Games are over. Didn't it just start getting warm a couple weeks ago? This summer sure has gone by quickly this year. I want to thank Kari Kohx and her staff for their hard work this summer, the food was great and the dinner specials were awesome.

The apparel committee has marked down the many of the PYC apparel prices so stop by the club and pickup some end of the season bargains.

The PYC calendar is starting to wind down a little, but we still have some great events coming up for the fall season. The "Summer Wrap-up" party was on Sunday August 31st, with Two to Tango coming back for the entertainment. Our fall hours will begin on Tuesday September 2nd, and we will be open on Friday's and Saturday's from 10am till Midnight and we will be closed on Sunday.

The Fall Festival in Pentwater is September 20th and 21st. The "Citizen of the Year" dinner is Thursday September 25th. The PYC docks will be removed for the season on Saturday October 4th. Bill Bainton is looking for volunteers to help with removing the docks. If you are avail-

SEPTEMBER DATES

DANCE CLASSES
Every Saturday

**CITIZEN OF THE
YEAR DINNER, 18**

FALL FESTIVAL, 20,21

OCTOBER DATES

REGATTA BANQUET
Friday 10th

OKTOBERFEST
Saturday 11th

HALLOWEEN PARTY
Saturday 18th

**MICHIGAN vs MICHIGAN
STATE GAME**
Saturday 25th

CLUB CLEAN UP
November 1 and 2

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able please give Bill a call.

Hilton Marine will be starting on the remaining work on the seawalls when the docks are removed on October 4th. They will be removing part of the south deck, and replacing the south seawall, and will then remove the north deck and north seawall. We are planning on this work being completed by the end of the year, and will be ready for us in the spring of 2009.

The other October events to look forward to are:

Regatta Banquet on Friday 10/10

Restaurant to close on Saturday 10/11

Kitchen cleanup Saturday 10/18

Halloween Party Saturday 10/18

Michigan vs. Michigan State Football Game 10/25

Club Cleanup Sunday 11/1-2

So as you can see we still have many events for the fall season, and we look forward to seeing many of you at the club.

Enjoy the Fall Colors

REAR COMMODORE COMMENTS BILL BULLARD

What a summer! Diane and I would like express our appreciation for the words of encouragement and thanks we received from many members. As you know, the Thursday night dinners began on June 19 and ended on August 21. We served approximately 960 adult and children meals. Thursday night dinners are, as I have said repeatedly, like a mini-Thanksgiving meal each week where we come together with friends to share delicious food in a great atmosphere. Again, I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to the chairpersons that took on the task of organizing and supervising the dinners: Mike and Marsha LaHaye, Gordy Veldman, Bill and Gail Bluhm, Bill and Sue Bainton, Dede Samuels, Joan VanZile, Mary Sue Rischar, Kari Kokx, Terry Foster, Vanessa Erickson, Sue and Rich Patterson, Caroline and Mitch Schwass. Also, a big "thank you" to the many volunteers who served on the various dinners. They are your friends and neighbors who have stepped forward to help. The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well at the PYC. Additionally, we had two ice cream socials that generated a ton of smiles.

I was also fortunate to have a nominating committee who took their assignment very professionally and seriously. Dick Owenel, Fred Cisler, and Noreen Chapman were diligent and very helpful. We feel that we have a good slate of board members and Flag Officers who will work to make the Pentwater Yacht Club a friendly and inviting experience for all members.

Again, my thanks to all who helped make our Rear Commodore year a rewarding and learning experience.

BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS PENTWATER YACHT CLUB

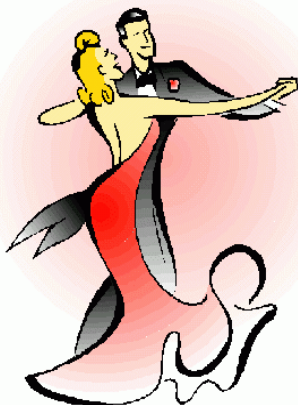
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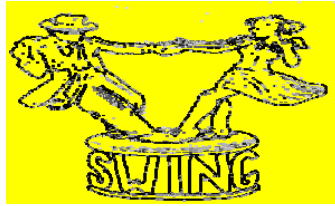
WALTZ –

Saturdays, 10 am.

Four weeks of waltz lessons for beginners. Students will learn the basic elements of the waltz and also the technique needed to dance the waltz successfully. Couples & Singles welcome.

Cost: \$40 per person for four sessions, to be paid at the first class. Call Mary Benjamin, Certified Instructor, 517 712- 6674 or 231 869-8921 to sign up.





EAST COAST SWING –

Saturdays, Pentwater Yacht Club—September 6, 13, 20, & 27. Four weeks of beginning east coast swing lessons at 11:00 am. Students will learn the basic elements of the dance. Singles and couples welcome. A very fun, energetic dance.

Cost \$40.00 per person for four sessions, to be paid at the first class.

Maximum 20 people. Contact Mary Benjamin @ 517-712-6674 or PYC 231 869-8921.

APPAREL COMMITTEE LAURA ELLAM, CHAIRMAN

The apparel committee would like to say thank you to everyone who stopped by our store over the summer to browse and even purchase items. We had a great year and will be continuing to mark things down as the summer comes to an end. Please make sure that you stop by in the next couple of weeks and get your last PYC apparel items of the season!! Thanks and see you next summer.

REGATTA COMMITTEE FRODE MAASEIDVAAG, CHAIRMAN

The end of the PYC sailing season is rapidly approaching. The season has been successful with many boats and people participating. It is an exciting and friendship building sport

The Offshore Fleet is ending their successful racing season on August 30. They had 8 races this season with great participation. Fleet Captains Dave Dice and Bill DeHommel are hoping for more offshore boat participation next year.

The Ensign fleet has completed a successful Summer Series and started the five-race Fall Series. The Arnie Samuel Memorial Race was completed on August 16 and the Wooden Boat Show Fun Race was sailed with great wind and a few rain drops.

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.

The Regatta Committee end-of-season Awards Banquet is planned for Friday, October 10 and all are invited. Hope to see you all there!

HOUSE COMMITTEE ED EVERHART

As we move into the final days of summer, please keep in mind that there are many special activities coming up this fall that should be some real good times. So many activities are scheduled that we need to move the final clean up date to Sat. Nov. 1 at 9:00 am for both the kitchen and the house. Mom used to say that "Many hands make work light". If you can set that date to help out, you would be greatly appreciated.

This has been a difficult year for the House Committee. Prices were up and sales were down. Each year we seem to begin the year with all new staff who have to learn our operation. I am sorry to report that our year will not be more profitable than last year but we do anticipate that there will not be a great loss similar to some we have experienced in the past. This ends my two year term as house Chairman and I want to give everyone my thanks for their support and patience. I look forward to sharing our activities with you this fall and urge you help on "clean-up day". Thanks again

SEPT 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Ensign Race	4	5 Bridge	6 Ensign race Dance Lessons 10 & 11 am
7	8	9 Sunfish solo 10:00 lunch 11:30 sailing 1:00	10 Ensign Race 6:00	11	12 Bridge	13 Ensign race Bd Dir Meeting Dance Lessons 10 & 11 am
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STATIONS COMMITTEE BILL BAINTON, CHAIRMAN

It was a good summer at the PYC marina. The docks saw lots of use from the membership and some reciprocals. So far the new policies the committee established this summer seem to be working well.

New railings were installed on the ramps in the south basin. A big thank you goes to the committee members and others who helped monitor the docks at the wooden boat show, and to the slip holders for their cooperation moving their boats out for this PYC special event.

We are looking forward to the seawall project being completed this fall. Boaters will be notified when they need to remove their boats so the docks can come out.

JUNIORS SUE BAINTON, CHAIRMAN

This season "Sail Daze" had a recorded breaking crowd for Chairperson Sue Bainton. We had so many kids that we had to hold land games for part of the group while the other team kids went out on the sailboats for their fun races. There were 64 kids who attended, including PYC junior members, grandkids of members and guests. This year's theme was "Pirates of Pentwater". The kids enjoyed the races on land and sea, a picnic lunch, picking out prizes from the treasure chest, receiving a commemorative T-shirt and pirate bandana. A big thank you to helpers Sally Ouweneel, Susan Conley, and Elizabeth Todd Lockett, Joan VanZile with her "pontoon" island boat, and chase boat pirate operator Bill Bainton.

The PYC youth members also did a fine job with the hosting of the Spaghetti Thursday night dinner held on Aug. 14. Kids that helped out were PYC youth members Ken Hilton, Will and Catherine Conley, and Miles & Jane Hubscher. Other helpers were Kandice Williams, granddaughter of Sue & Bill Bainton, Courtney & Patrick Bluhm, grandkids of Bill and Gail Bluhm.

When PYC Youth Committee chairperson, Sue Bainton, gave her report at the annual meeting there seems to have been some confusion as to what she was taking some time off from. Sue is not taking on any committee commitments next season at the PYC which includes the PYC Youth Committee events such as Sail Daze, but she will still be running the operations of the Pentwater Junior Sailing Program.

WOMEN'S SUNFISH FLEET 218 SANDY VIELMO & JOAN ROSEMAN, CHAIRMEN


Ahoy! The **SUNCHICS** got started off slowly this year due to the cool temps in June. However, since the first of July we have been sailing every Tue. Sometimes with only 3 boats and other times we have had 8-10 boats. We welcome all ladies to join us. We have a great time and fun learning new things, as each Tue has had different weather conditions. We want to thank Don Van Zile, and thoew who rode with him, who has diligently followed the "chics" in the pontoon boat and has even gotten in the water a number of times to aid in righting the boat. He always welcomes anyone who wishes to ride with him. The more the merrier. Lets hope that the weather is a tad warmer, as well as the water, next year so we can have a longer sailing season. Watch for more information in next year's newsletter.

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Open on Labor Day 10—10

PYC New Fall Hours starting September 2

Fridays 10 am—12 midnight Lunch and Dinner served

Saturdays 10 am—midnight Lunch and Dinner served

Closed Sunday—Thursday

Commodore	Marilyn Steiner
Vice Commodore	Mike LaHaye
Rear Commodore	Bill Bullard
Secretary	Kathy Ribbens
Treasurer	Don Van Zile

Board of Directors:

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