



PYC NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS DAVE NOBLES

The club is now open for the season and it appears our efforts to improve our food and service is being enjoyed by many of our members. Please remember to make a reservation for dinner on Friday evening if possible. This allows us to help time our service so that you are provided the best we can provide. We have replaced stove that we were having problems with which should help our food preparation and timing. The House committee and Vice Commodore are working hard to make your visits to the club the best possible event possible. We want the club to be a happy place where we can dine, socialize, boat, and enjoy the best scenery in town.

We are entering into several modifications to the club that I would like for you to be aware of. The south entrance to the front deck is in the process of being modified into a ramp access with no steps. The parking spot to the south of the pathway is being created as a Handicap Access Van Accessible location. The sign is in place and the walkway and pavement will be painted shortly to show it as handicap access and also the pathway will be marked for lift operation. As our members age this should make access to the deck easier. We are expecting to have railings on both sides of the ramp for assistance. All of the docks are being equipped with non skid and have had railing installed for support. We want our club to be SAFE and accessible for all of our members. Shortly we will be providing a railing on the ramp at the front entrance to prevent someone with a walker or wheel chair from dropping over the edge and creating a potentially harmful fall.

We hope your use of the club creates great pleasure and value for you. Thank you for your comments and observations helping us improve the club. As many of you know I will be participating in the Chicago to Mackinac race in mid July. Should something come up that requires immediate attention please speak to any of the flag officers who can act in my behalf.

Best wishes for a joyous and happy summer season.

HAPPENINGS

[Boater's Safety Class 7th & 8th](#)

[Icecream Social/ Fireworks 3rd](#)

[New Member/ Flag Officers Cocktail Party 9th 5:30](#)

[Art Fair 9th](#)

[Fashion Show 11th](#)

[Back from the Mac Party 22nd](#)

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VICE COMMODORE'S COMMENTS KATHY RIBBENS

The big news is that the kitchen has a new (slightly used) stove. The old stove was approximately 50 years old and had clearly reached the end of its usefulness. The ovens would not hold temperature, there was a problem lighting the flat top (a safety issue) and it would not stay hot. The new stove came from a school that only used it for making sandwiches on the grill. The ovens and the burners look as though they had never been used. Karl and John both say that the stove works well and has improved the process of providing members with good food.

We have added a Saturday morning burrito breakfast of an egg burrito, fried potatoes, juice and coffee to be served from 9:30 to 11:00 at a cost of \$3.50. Speaking from experience, it was a great way to start the day. We will run this special for several weeks. If members respond and like this addition, we will keep it on the menu.

We have made a change in the Sunday morning brunch. The brunch will include a full menu of both breakfast and lunch items priced at \$12.00. However, for members who make a reservation, the price will be \$11.00. This is intended to give the kitchen a better idea of how many people to provide for and to keep waste to a minimum.

July will be a month full of events. The July 4th weekend fireworks and ice cream social will be held on July 3rd. The Flag Officers and New Members cocktail party will be held on Saturday, July 9th. The Fashion Show and Luncheon will be held on Monday, July 11th beginning at noon and the PYC, as in the past, will donate 20% of ticket sales to the Susan G. Koman Search for the Cure Breast Cancer Fund. The Back-from-the-MAC party will be held on Friday, July 22nd. There will be no Thursday night dinner on the 21st due to the Back-from-the-MAC party the following day. And last but not least, there is a PYC boat review tentatively scheduled for Sunday, July 31st. In addition to all of the above, we have begun a Tuesday night game night for all ages. A buffet is served from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., after which fun and games are the business of the evening.

It has been a good June (except for the weather) for the PYC and we are looking forward to an even better July.

REAR COMMODORE'S COMMENTS CHIP GWILLIIM

Well, we have just completed 3 Thursday Night Dinners with great success, tasty food and record turnouts. This month we will be having 3 Thursday Night Dinners. July 7th will be our "Red White and Blue" Dinner followed by the "Pig Roast" on July 14th, and ending the month on July 28th with the "German Dinner". We will not be having a Thursday Night Dinner July 21st because "Back from the Mac" is Friday, July 22nd. Remember it's the volunteers and the diners that make our Thursday Night Dinners the wonderful success. Thank you to all who participated.



THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER SCHEDULE

July 7 ----- **Red, White and Blue**--Gwillim's /LaHaye
 14 -----**Pig Roast**-----Sue & Rick Patterson and Mary Sue Rischar
 21st -----**No Thursday Night Dinner** --- "Back from the Mac" Fri.
 28 ----- **German**----Sue & Bill Barinton

August 4 ----- **French**-----Kathy Ribbens
 11 ----- **Lasagna**-----Diane and Bill Bullard

FUN NITE

Every Tuesday night, 7—9, we have Family Game Night. This is for all members, young and old. Come early for dinner special or come afterwards just for the fun. Get to know your fellow PYC members—renew old friendships and make new ones. If your family is busy, you don't have to bring them. Perhaps they can come next time.

FLAG OFFICERS COCKTAIL PARTY/NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

WHAT - Flag officers cocktail party/New member reception

WHEN - Saturday, July 9

WHERE - PYC

TIME - 5:30 to 7pm

WHY - Come join us for complimentary appetizers and cash bar to meet your 2011 flag officers and to welcome new members to the Pentwater Yacht Club. Summer casual attire appropriate.

FASHION SHOW

The Pentwater Yacht Club Luncheon and Fashion Show will be held Monday, July 11th. Seating will begin at noon and lunch will be served at 12:30. Clothing and accessories from Kitt'n Kaboodle, Marilyn'Style, Max & Chloe's, Pentwater River Outfitters and Gardener's Folly will be featured. Tickets for the lunch and fashion show are \$12.00 and are available at the PYC and all participating shops. As in the past, 20% of the ticket sales will be given to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund to fight breast cancer. Guests are welcome.

APPAREL LAURA ELLAM

The Apparel Committee has continued to stay busy this year, getting in some new Tervis Tumblers, Mugs and Accessories. These items are great for the beach or boat and we now have lids so you can take them with you without worrying about spills. There is a new design this year, so make sure to stop down to the Apparel Store and check them out. If you are looking for a cooler to take with you on the boat, we have them as well. They come in a variety of colors and hold up to 12 cans, plus ice. We also have a wide variety of t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts and sweat-shirts for every member of the family. Looking to keep the sun off your face, we have a wide variety of hats and visors for you to choose from. Make sure to watch for both e-mail and flyers at the club for special savings on select items throughout the summer. Pentwater Yacht Club apparel items make great gifts for out of town family and friends, so please stop down and bring them along as well and see what we have available this year.

NEW ENSIGN SAILOR MARSHA LAHAYE



Allie Stage, granddaughter of Mike and Marsha LaHaye learns to sail the Ensign at an early age. She is 2-1/2 and loves to sail on grandpa's boat. Picture was taken by Aunt Laura Ellam on June 11th, 2011. I wonder how many other future Ensign sailors we have at our PYC?

GIN POLE

An informal "Gin Pole Team" was formed a few years ago by interested PYC Ensign sailors and others with the needed special skills. The result is a safe and well- designed Gin Pole that will serve the PYC sailors for many years. This project could never have been completed successfully without a very special team member, Ted Cuchna, whose contribution was essential for this effort. Thank you very much Ted Cuchna!!

This new and permanent PYC Gin Pole is a mechanism for installing and removing masts on sailboats of 30 feet or more in length. It can only be operated by a trained person and must only be used for sailboat masts and never for hoisting people. This gin pole is donated to the PYC by the Ensign sailors.

BACK FROM THE MAC MARSHA LAHAYE

The Back from the Mac Party is quickly approaching. The date is Friday July 22, 2011. The band, Mid-Life Crisis will be the same as last year. If you were there you know they played a great variety of music for our dancing and listening pleasure and if you weren't there you missed a great evening. Mid-life Crisis has been the number one band in the Grand Rapids area at least five years running.

We will again be serving a great meal starting at 5:00 p.m. The menu will be pulled pork, brats, corn-on-the-cob, salad bar and desserts. There will be late night snacks as well as you continue to dance the night away.

A T-shirt contest was offered this year and the winner will be announced the night of the party. We have had several nice designs submitted, but like always it is a secret until the night of the party. Everyone will want to purchase a shirt to wear and to keep as a souvenir.

Volunteers are always needed for this party to be a success, so when you see the sign-up sheet in the club, be sure to sign your name and help make the party a success.

If you have any questions about **the Back from the Mac party** at all, please contact Mike or Marsha LaHaye, chairman of the party.

We are looking forward to our 15th annual **Back from the Mac Party on July 22, 2011.**

SAILING NEWS MARSHA LAHAYE

Ensign Fleet 70 was chartered in 2000. The Ensign Class commemorates its 50th anniversary this year. The boat was designed in 1962 by Carl Alberg for Pearson Yachts in Rhode Island. The Ensign is a 22-1/2 foot keelboat that is both a day sailor and racing boat. It carries a crew of four people and has become North America's largest class of full keelboats. Fleets range from the Northeast to the Great Lakes and from Texas to the Rocky Mountains.

Jack Patterson, Gary Nicholson and Dr. James Wahl were the first three boats on Pentwater Lake back in 1997. From those three boats the fleet grew and grew. There are now 26 boats registered to Fleet 70 and about a dozen of those boats are on the start line every Wednesday and Saturday for racing. The fleet in Cedarville has 73 boats to their credit and there are also fleets in Menominee, Holland and Marquette to round out the other Michigan fleets.

The Ensign is a very stable and comfortable boat. It is a very nice boat for the family to take a nice sail on and it is also a great boat for the weekend racer. The National Ensign Class has local, regional and national races every year. There is even a mid-winter race in Dunedin, Florida every St. Patrick's Day weekend.

All of the boats in Fleet 70 are classic Pearson boats built between 1963 and 1983 when they quit making the boat. The keel numbers in our fleet range from #313 owned by Mike and Marsha LaHaye built in 1963 to #1774 owned by new owners Michael & Terri Linvall built in 1983. Ensign Spars started making new boats in 2001 and they have made boats up to keel # 2029 so far.

Fleet 70 has three series of racing during most years starting with a spring series followed by a summer and fall series. There are also special races for the 4th of July, the Wooden Boat Show and the Arnie Samuel race.

The fun for Fleet 70 doesn't end in October when the boats come out of the water. They continue to gather once a month for dinner in what they call the "No Gotta Regatta". It is fun for all involved.

If you would like to learn more about the Ensign sailboat or if you would like a ride on an Ensign, please get in contact with any of the Ensign owners or talk to Jack Patterson, the Fleet Captain.



BOATERS SAFETY CLASS DON VAN ZILE

The first of three 2011 Boating Safety Classes was held June 9 and 10. Twelve people signed up for the class. Eleven completed and were issued the certificates. The small size early June class was necessary for Pentwater school attendees who wanted the class after summer recess started and prior to starting summer jobs, but too early for many from other school districts who were still attending classes.

The next Boating Safety Class is scheduled for July 7 and 8, 2011. As of June 20 we have signed up 31 attendees. This class will fill to capacity and some future potential attendees who will want the July class will be referred to the class to be held on August 8 and 9, 2011.

To accommodate the larger July class size, current plans are to move the class from the youth room to the dining room, using the computer projector, the pull down screen at the stage and Power Point software.

JULY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Queen's cup race	2 Ensign Race
3 Buffet 11-2 Ice cream social, fireworks	4 Little Sable Point race	5 Sunfish sailing 11:00 Lunch 12:30 or 1:00 Family fun night	6 Bridge 1 Ensign Race 6:00	7 Boater Safety Class 8-12 Red, White, Blue dinner	8 Boater Safety Class 8-12	9 Ensign Race/ Offshore race Art Fair Bd Dir Mtg 8:30 New Member/ Flag Officers Cocktail party
10 Buffet 11-2	11 Fashion show	12 Sunfish Sailing 11:00 Lunch 12:30 or 1:00 Family fun night	13 Bridge 1:00 Ensign Race 6:00	14 Pig Roast dinner	15	16 Ensign Race
17 Buffet 11-2	18	19 Sunfish Sailing 11:00 Lunch 12:30 or 1:00 Family fun night	20 Bridge 1:00 Ensign Race 6:00	21 No dinner	22 Back from the Mac Party	23 Ensign Race Offshore race
24 Buffet 11-2	25	26 Sunfish Sailing 11:00 Lunch 12:30 or 1:00 Family fun night	27 Bridge 1:00 Ensign Race 6:00	28 German dinner	29	30 Ensign Race
31 Buffet 11-2						

ACTIVITIES

Those of you that attended the “Boot Scootin’ Party” on June 25 know what a great band we had. The food was good, atmosphere pleasant, company wonderful. We try to put on activities for everyone. I have heard many despairingly remarks about activities. Please come to the events before talking them down. You might like what is happening even though it may not sound like your “thing”. We didn’t go for dinner as we had company. We did go after they left and enjoyed the band and the fun that all were having. Whether you dance, drink, or not, (I don’t do either) you can have a blast with many good friends.

Another activity is the Tue Family Fun Night. I went and there were some playing dominos others playing cards. All were laughing and having fun. There are more activities planned. Come to the activities you might find that you “like” them.

BOOT SCOOTIN’ PARTY ANDY AND JOAN NOBELS

PYC’s First Party of the Season. Saturday, June 25 the first “Boot Scootin” dance was held at 7:00 PM. A light dinner was served from 6:00. Western style decorations adorned the entrance to the Club, and the entryway was decorated



with saddles and riding tack, loaned by Jill and Dr. Rick Williams. DJ music and line dancing instruction was furnished by Joanne and Steve Steiner who did a fantastic job at music selection of slow numbers and Western line dancing instruction. Skip Barnes perfected a Florida version of the Texas 2 step; Sue Bainton took the stage by storm, and should have been worn out on Sunday. Nancy Hooper showed Andy Noble how to do an enthusiastic “Twist” number. Bill and Judith Davis lead the Conga Line through the club and outside on the deck. A great time was had!

WOMEN’S SUNFISH FLEET 218



Ahoy Past, Present and Future Sunfish Sailors and Friends!

Well the weather hasn’t cooperated with us so far for sailing. The water was slow to warm up and the rain (it seemed at times) was continuous. Even the temperature has been more fall like rather than spring/summer. Hopefully July will treat us better. We encourage anyone who wants to sail in a sunfish to join us. We have a teaching program set up for anyone who wants to learn to sail. Remember, even if you don’t sail you have to eat lunch and we always welcome anyone to join us at that time. We will sail at 11:30 and have lunch at noon (or as close to noon as we can get back). We enjoy having friends meet us for lunch. Don Van Zile is very diligent in following the sailors, in a pontoon boat, in the event something should happen to one of them or their boat. He likes to have people ride with him while he is “chasing women” in the event he does have to get into the water to assist. If you have any comments or questions contact Joan Van Zile dkvanzile@yahoo.com

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ATTENTION!!!

Sat 9:30 to 11:00—Breakfast for all those who is interested. Breakfast burrito, orange juice and coffee \$3.50

Sunday Brunch 11am to 2pm—Brunch for all. Omelet station, eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, chicken, potatoes, veggies, fruit, juice, danish, desert \$11 with reservations \$12 without reservations \$6 children under 12

Tuesday Fun Nite—Games for the whole family at 7pm.

Every week—Daily specials for both lunch and dinner. Check emails to see what each week.

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