



PYC NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS DAVE NOBLES

Welcome to our 76th season. We are off to a fast start having hosted the Royal Wedding Party, Kentucky Derby Party and the PHS Prom already and we have only been open for 3 weeks. Marsha LaHaye has been asked to be our Social Chairperson this year and we are trying to have fun events throughout the summer. If you have an idea for a fun event please see Marsha.

The docks are in and we are ready to start our boating season. The staff is back and we are serving the limited schedule until Memorial Day when we kick off the season. I would like to thank all of the persons who put in so much personal time and effort to get the club up and running. Major work and efforts this spring have included the ceilings installation, the stations committee running smoothly, the apparel ordered and stocked, and the major effort by the house committee to create standardized processes for our club operation. We will be making an effort to provide superb dining for all members and will have a special effort to accommodate those that prefer a vegetarian diet. The attitude of the members has remained positive and we are approaching each obstacle as something that we as a team just find ways to overcome.

We have a new awning ready to go up this weekend so hopefully there will be no more rain drips diluting your drinks or interrupting your relaxation. We will make a special effort to recognize the new members this year and have ordered pineapple flags (welcome symbol) for their tables. Please make an effort to stop and greet our new members as they join us and make them feel genuinely welcome.

Best wishes for a joyous and happy summer season.

VICE COMMODORE'S COMMENTS KATHY RIBBENS

We are very pleased with the dinner attendance that the club enjoyed for the Friday nights that the Club was open during the month of May per the Spring Schedule. Even though the Club had a reduced menu for the limited number of evenings we were open for dinner, we received very favorable feedback on the menu selections that were available.

Starting with Memorial Day weekend, the Club will offer its full menu of delicious appetizers, entrees, salads and desserts. This season, the menu will offer more vegetarian dishes and new desserts that include some of our in-house chef's specialties. Chef Karl will offer specials every night. An email will be sent to the membership every week listing the specials.

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HAPPENINGS

[Boater's Safety Class 9th & 10th](#)

[Spring Festival 18th & 19th](#)

[Father's Day Brunch 19th](#)

[Rootin', Tootin', Boot Scootin' Party 25th](#)

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Reservations - In an effort to balance the volume of meal preparation handled by our great kitchen staff, we plan to change the way that we take reservations. When you call for reservations, the staff will ask you what time you would like to **be seated** for dinner. The staff will schedule the reservation for this time or as close as possible based on availability. We are hoping that this change will lessen the wait for orders to be taken and food to be served by ensuring that the kitchen is not overloaded by too many orders coming in at the same time. We encourage members to come in prior to their reservation time to enjoy cocktails and conversation with friends and family prior to being seated for dinner.

Pineapple Burgees - Please watch for the new Pineapple Burgees on the tables in the Club. These flags indicate members new to our club. Remember back when you were new and watched all of the unfamiliar faces stream by in the clubhouse, and you felt that you really didn't know anyone. Stop when you see a Pineapple Flag, reach out your hand and say hello. It will go a long way to making new members feel welcome, and you may make a new lifelong friend. The pineapple is a symbol of welcome, good cheer and warmth, stemming from a long-standing Caribbean Indian tradition to welcome visitors. American ship captains, upon returning home from sea, would place pineapples or tops of pineapples outside their homes to announce their arrival home and let friends and neighbors know to come and share a tale. So when you see a Pineapple Burgee on a table, stop by and share a tale, extend your hand, and bid a friend welcome. Everyone will benefit from this wonderful tradition.

Improvements – Very soon we will have new blue table covers that will coordinate nicely with our chairs and window treatments. Parts are on order to repair the window blinds so they will work properly. In addition, indoor and outdoor tables will be given a new coat of paint over the next few weeks (painting volunteers would be welcome).

If you haven't already come done to the Club this season, please stop in as soon as possible to see old and new friends and enjoy a delicious meal.

REAR COMMODORE'S COMMENTS CHIP GWILLIIM

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Rear Commodore. This is a great honor. Everyone has been welcoming and wonderfully supportive. I will strive to live up to your expectations.

When things get too hectic this summer, as they often do, come on out to the club on Thursday nights for good food, great company and interesting conversation before attending the band concerts. The club is blessed with numerous outstanding cooks, and Thursday night dinner at the club is a great way to taste some of their creations. After the concerts, return to the club for some ice cream, maybe a drink or two to and to enjoy our beautiful sunsets.

If you are new to the club, Thursday night dinners are a great way to get involved, make new friends and contribute to our PYC community. If you are interested in helping with a Thursday night please sign up on the bulletin board at the club. Your help will always be appreciated.

Thursday Night Dinner Schedule

- June 16----- **Flank Steak** -----Marsha and Mike LaHaye
 23-----**Pork Loin**-----Chip Gwillim / Diana Hooyman
 30 ----- **Pecan Chicken**---Marilyn Steiner
- 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
 18 -----To be announced--Staff

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MARSHA LAHAYE

Rootin' Tootin' Boot Scootin' Party and More

June 25, 2011 will be the date of the first ever Rootin Tootin Boot Scootin Party held at the PYC. Please mark your calendar and save this date.

The Social Committee chaired by Marsha LaHaye with members Joan Noble and Carol Barnes have been busy this winter planning this party along with many other social events for the PYC summer season.

Many social events will be taking place this summer starting with the annual Mother's Day Brunch that was held on Sunday May 8, 2011. Thursday night dinners will kick off on June 16th with Flank Steak on the menu. Father's Day Brunch will come next on June 19 followed by the Boot Scootin Party on Saturday June 25 with music by Joanne and Steve Steiner.

Friday July 22, 2011 will see the club hosting the 15th Back From The Mac Party. The band for that event will be again Mid-Life Crisis that we have had for the last two years. Bill Briggs will provide the pig for the pig roast and corn and the other usual items will make up the rest of the menu.

We hate to think of August rolling around already, but August 6 will be the date of this year's Commodore's Ball, so be sure to mark that date with a red circle around it, as well. One week later will be Pentwater's annual Homecoming Festival and there will be usual Ice Cream Social and Fireworks on Saturday August 13th on the deck of the PYC.

One last major event is always the Wooden Boat Show held this year on Saturday August 26th. Don't miss it.

If you have other ideas for Social activities, please be sure to get in touch with the committee. Marsha LaHaye 869-9226. The committee hopes to see you all at many or all of these events.

CEILING DAVE PETERHANS

"A huge, large, big, gigantic, **"THANK YOU"**, to all who helped get the job finished by sanding, priming and painting (several coats) of over 800ft. of wood trim:

Mike & Marsha Sue Bainton Chip Gwillim Kathy Ribbens Bill Bullard Darrell Wabschall

STATE OF THE CLUB

Spring brought many changes to the club. The ice melted off the lake and the basin got dredged and the docks put in. Now the boats are arriving. The dining room got a new ceiling and lighting along with a fresh coat of paint. Soon there will be a new awning, new table linens and the shades will work once again.

Along with the new things there are a lot of "old" things still in place. Our manager Debbie, the two cooks, Karl and John, and many of the wait staff are back, bridge is in full swing, Thursday night dinners start on June 16th, sailing will, hopefully, be able to start soon (weather permitting), and the many activities where we comrade with old friends.

NATIONAL ENSIGN INFO MARSHA LAHAYE

Both Mike and Marsha LaHaye now serve on the National Ensign Class Association Board of Directors. In February of 2010, Marsha became a member of the board in the capacity of Rear Commodore in charge of Membership. She works closely with Kay Snider the Treasurer of the ECA. Between the two of them they try to identify new boat owners as potential ECA members. They also keep track of all of the members and make sure that the dues are collected from one year to the next.

Mike was approached by the nominating committee in August of 2010 and was ask if he would serve in some capacity on the board. Mike agreed, and as of February of 2011 he is now the new Vice Commodore of Regional Affairs. His job will be to keep track of all of the fleets in the various regions around the country and to promote the organization of new fleets, when possible.

Both positions require Mike and Marsha to attend meetings in both August at the National Ensign Regatta and in February at the Ensign Annual Meeting. The meetings are always held at different locations around the country, so not only do they serve on the board, but they get to see different parts of the country and usually different yacht clubs. This past February they traveled by train to New London, CT for the Annual Meeting. The next meeting will be held prior to the National race in Canandaigue, NY.

This August will be a very exciting regatta for the Ensign sailors. It will be the 50th anniversary of the Ensign National Championship Regatta. It will be held August 14-18 on one of the Finger Lakes in Canandaigue, NY. What an experience that will be for all who attend.

The Ensign Class Association was founded in 1962. It is an organization those objectives are to promote and develop Ensign Class racing under uniform rules, to maintain the one-design features of the Ensign, and to promote the use of the Ensign as a family boat for recreational sailing.

The ECA is a great group of people from around the US that love to sail and have fun doing it. Mike and Marsha are both proud to serve on the Board of this organization.

SAILING NEWS MARSHA LAHAYE

Most of us would love to sail in March, but in Pentwater that never happens. Well, Mike LaHaye had a chance to sail this March, but not in Pentwater. He sailed at Dunedin, Florida in the Ensign Mid-Winter Races with Joel VerPlank from Alabama. Each year during March the Dunedin Boat Club hosts the Ensign Mid-Winter Races and this year was no exception. The races were held March 18-20, 2011. Ten boats in all participated. A fun time was had by all.

One of the best factors that lead to great mid-winter races this year was the weather. On most days, the temperatures were in the low 80's with a gentle breeze that picked up every afternoon.

The Race Committee was lead by Jim and Claire Tidgemeyer from the Cleveland Yacht Club. They were able to get in 4 races each on Friday and Saturday and 2 on Sunday before the boats were pulled and put back on trailers for the ride home.

Mike crewed for Joel VerPlank who formerly was from Holland Michigan, but relocated his business to Tennessee. Joel got his start in racing with Charlie Sligh. They raced together for many years and for many years made the trek down to Florida to race. Charlie no longer is able to race, so Joel takes his own boat and looked for new crew members.

BOATERS SAFETY CLASS DONVAN ZILE

Last year three separate Boating Safety Certificate Classes were held. The total of 64 boaters completing this course indicates that there is a demand for this class and will support three sessions again this year. Marine Deputy Sheriff Tim Simon has requested that we again schedule classes in June, July and August of 2011. The proposed dates are:

Thursday & Friday following school closing, June 9&10, 2011
 Thursday & Friday following July 4 Holiday , July 7 & 8, 2011
 Monday & Tuesday preceding Homecoming. August 8 & 9, 2011

Please sign up for the session most convenient for you and/or your child as soon as possible. The classes are limited to 30 students per session.

As per past agreement the Sheriff will provide all of the instructional materials, the Yacht Club provides the space and the Pentwater Sportfishing Association covers all out of pocket expenses. All publicity gives equal billing to the Sheriff, the Yacht Club and the Pentwater Sportfishing Association as sponsors.

APPAREL LAURA ELLAM

Summer is quickly approaching and with it comes spending lots of time at the PYC. The apparel committee has once again been busy this winter bringing in a number of great new items for men, women and children. We have brought in new sweaters, sweatshirts, long sleeved t-shirts, twill shirts, knit shirts and polo shirts. We also have new short sleeved t-shirts, kids t-shirts and sweatshirts and new coolers that every family needs to take on the boat or even just to take to the beach. Once again we have brought in a number of hats and visors to keep the sun out of your face while spending time outside. Next time you are down at the club, make sure to stop into the "Ship Store" and check out all that we have to offer. See you in the blue chairs!!

JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Ensign Race
5 Buffet 11-2	6	7 Sunfish sailing 11:00 Lunch 12:30 or 1:00	8 Ensign Race 6:00	9 Boater Safety Class 8-12	10 Boater Safety Class 8-12	11 Ensign Race Offshore race Bd Dir Meeting 8:30
12 Buffet 11-2	13	14 Sunfish Sailing 11:00 Lunch 12:30 or 1:00	15 Ensign Race 6:00	16 Flank Steak dinner	17	18 Ensign Race Pentwater Spring Festival
19 Father's Day Brunch Pentwater Spring Festival	20	22 Sunfish Sailing 11:00 Lunch 12:30 or 1:00	22 Ensign Race 6:00	23 Pork Loin dinner	24	25 Ensign Race Rootin', Tootin', Boot Scootin' Party/Dance
26 Buffet 11-2	27	28 Sunfish Sailing 11:00 Lunch 12:30 or 1:00	29	30 Pecan Chicken dinner		

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MARILYN MAASEIDVAAG

We are pleased to welcome many new members in 2011. We hope we will get acquainted at club activities soon. Try to make a point to welcome each one personally.

Jenne Samuel and daughter Aleah (8), Larry and Chris Conroy and son Dan, an Intermediate Member, April Watkins and Clyde Sheets; children Jackson (11) and Della (8) Ronald and Sandra Thompson, Jim and Janet Blanchard, Lee Rhodes, Leo Woodley, Jr., Bud and Frances Johnson, Donald and Doris Thompson, Larry and Cheryl Martenette, Jim and Pat Collins, Brian and Cathy Monton

INTERMEDIATE MEMBERS are children of members between the ages of 21 and 26 who carry a membership card, but no voting privileges. In addition to Dan Conroy, we will see Evan and Sarah Gwillim, Jeff Burdick, Matt Cross, Kristi and Kyle Dicks, Kenny Hilton, Nick Warren and Margret Hooyman. A SPECIAL WELCOME to this group!



WOMEN'S SUNFISH FLEET 218



Ahoy Past, Present and Future Sunfish Sailors and Friends!

Last year it worked out well to put the boats in at 10:30 and sail at 11:00 on Tuesdays. We have found that the winds are more gentle at that time. 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 have had quite a few 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. We will be sailing as many Tuesdays as possible as soon as the weather and water temps permit. Hope to see more of you out for sailing this summer. If you have any comments or questions contact Joan Van Zile dkvanzile@yahoo.com

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WELCOME BACK SUMMER!

Come check out the club with it's new ceiling and lighting. Food is as good as always. Atmosphere is friendly. See old friends and meet new ones. Let's get this season started off with a bang!

Commodore	Dave Nobles
Vice Commodore	Kathy Ribbens
Rear Commodore	Chip Gwillim
Secretary	Gay Birchard
Treasurer	Nancy Hooper

Board of Directors:

Al Burmester, Annette Hilton, Carl Chapman,
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