

Rochester Hospice Regatta Reaches 10th Anniversary

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10th Anniversary Race for Lifetime Care

Lots of people at Pultneyville Yacht Club know about the annual Hospice Regatta but I'll bet very few really know the history behind this race and its long standing cause. This year the regatta celebrates its tenth annual running with the Set Sail, Celebrate Life motto on August 15th and 16th, 2008. PYC's own late Jim Ely was one of the founders of this local regatta and his legacy lives on as both a racing and a fundraising challenge to the boating community, its friends, and all families in the greater Rochester area.

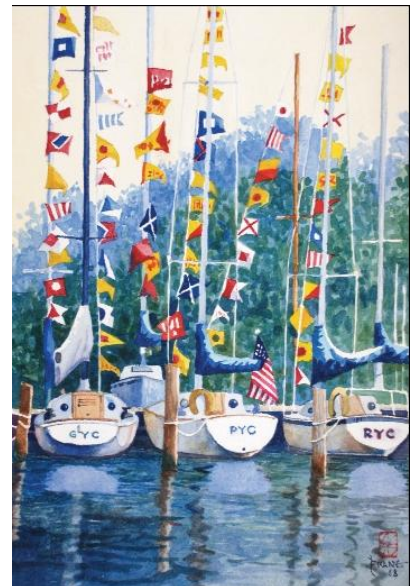
PYC has historically contributed a significant portion of the funds raised by what is clearly a smaller contingent of racing boats and this speaks highly of the generosity and hard work of PYC members and sailors alike. We are appealing for increased support this year as part of the 10th anniversary theme. In order to meet this goal in an atmosphere of rising gas prices and everything else we are asking you to please do one, or even all, of the following:

1. Donate \$10 or 10% more
2. Ask 10 friends to donate that haven't before
3. Ask 10 fellow boaters to race or cruise

This year's regatta events will feature:

- Community Cruise & Clambake on Friday August 15th
- Hospice Regatta Race & Party on Saturday August 16th

Power and sail boaters alike are asked to join again in this year's activities. The Community Cruise and Clambake is a unique way for our power squadron to join in. Last year I hosted 3 memorial sponsors on my boat for a ride on the river, a sail on the lake, wine, cheese, beer, etc and it was as fun and gratifying for me as my guests. The clambake afterwards features great food, music and conversation. Racing on Saturday will be followed by an awards ceremony and more good food at the Genesee Yacht Club. Please come out and have a great time. I look forward to seeing many of you at the event and encourage everyone to once again be Hospice Heroes! To learn more please visit <http://www.lifetimecare.org> and click on the regatta logo.



Franz Schwenk painting to be raffled this year. PYC is featured in the middle!



PYC's Mark Blaakman gets writer's cramp in a bittersweet struggle to put over 60 names on the memorial sail.