Pultneyville Yacht Club





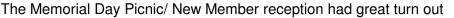


May was a very busy month at the club. The place looks great, thanks for all hard work at accomplishing the things on our project list for workdays. Thank you goes out to **Stu MacDonald** and **Joe Davis** that were the workday chiefs

under Rear Commodore **Tom Jayne** and to **Earl Chapman** who ran Fleet Captains workday while **Dave Muth** was traveling for business. Everyone
should be very proud of the pride that shows up in
the final work completed on the workdays.
Thanks to **Jean Belaskas** and her helpers for

planting the flowers in all of the planters they look great.

This past weekend was the official opening of the Boating season. The weather was on our side we had plenty of wind for the Bowersox Memorial Day race which had great turn out, 11 boats total. For the Commodore's Sail by we had plenty of nicely decorated vessels out there. A special thanks goes out to Rear Commodore **Tom Jayne** and **Pat Sangster** for bringing me out because Larry had to work that evening. It was quite an honor to be out on a Veteran's boat on Memorial Day with Tom's dad's flag flying and Tom's flag flying. Thank you again.



with plenty of laughs and great food shared. **Deb** and all her helpers, thank you for an enjoyable event.

June we have the Commodores Brunch on June 6th followed by the June General Meeting. Hope to see many of you at both events.

See you at the Club,

Kathy



Notes from the Vice Commodore

We have had a great start to the boating season. The work days went smoothly with many hands making light work of the days' activities. The Memorial Day picnic was a success with the weather cooperating nicely. A wonderful day to remember our history of what the day symbolizes. The next event is the Commodore's Brunch. It is shaping up to be a great season ahead at PYC.

Please remember if using the pavilion or kitchen, to remove the trash that

Date	Time	Event
Jun-06	10:00 AM	Commodore's Brunch
Jun-06	1:00 PM	General Membership Meeting
Jun-13	9:00 PM	Tacky Light Night
Jun 20 - 21	5:00 PM	GYC Scotch Bonnet Race
Jun 27- Jul 4		PYC Club Cruise
Jun-27		SBYC Challenge
Jul-02	6:00 PM	Spring Race Series Ends
Jul-04	10:00 AM	Fun Race - All Boats Welcome!
Jul-09		Summer Race Series Begins
Jul 10 - 12		4th Annual GYC/PYC Distance Race

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has been generated. The blue bins are for recycling only. No trash please.

A reminder that the refrigerator and freezer in the club house are for club events and for member use while at the club. They are not for long term use. Please mark your food containers while there and remove when you leave. Thank you for your cooperation.

See you at the lake. Deb



Fleet Captain's Report

We had an awesome Memorial Day at PYC this year! Starting with the raising of the Flags @ 9:00 AM!

The Bowersox Memorial day race was a great one with 11 boats racing 10.5 nautical miles, with the first boat finishing under 2 hours! The winds were from the south with gusts up to 18 knots **yippie i o ki-yay**!!

The race fleet was the largest in the past several years, thanks to all who

came out to race.

1st I got Mine Sean Gillian 2nd My Heine John Kiever 3rd Still Comic Earl Chapman



The Commodores Review was then held followed by a picnic well attended by our members!

The following reminder of the upcoming, Races in June and early July this year.

Date	Time	Event
Jun 20 - 21	5:00 PM	GYC Scotch Bonnet Race
Jun 25	9:00 PM	Johanna Cup: PYC to SBYC feeder race
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Hope to see you all out on the race course, having fun!

Also don't forget that the Club Cruse is set for the end of June. **Jim Deatsch** <u>ideatsch@rochester.rr.com</u> is the host this year and has all the details!! Initial planning is for departure on or about Saturday, June 27. Bound for, Presquile Bay, Murray Canal, Bay of Quinte, Picton, Ontario, Kingston, Ontario, Main Duck Island, Oswego, home. About 6-8 days or so.



Dave



Boys Night Out – Aboard the Scud – Part 1

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"The first cruise was evidently deemed a success, for within a year (Guy)Hance and his buddy were off on more considerable adventures aboard the 26 foot *Scud*. (Dick) Burcroft's father purchased the *Scud*, built by the Ed Long yard on the Genesee River, a few years before. Hance recalled that, "Several of her

type were built - Ben Bradley had one, Jim V-- had another... They were catboats originally, then the masts were moved aft and bowsprits added to make them sloops. " *Scud* was wide and shallow, a "skimming dish" type centerboarder. Off the wind, Hance recalled, she was a flier, but also a handful to manage with her none too large rudder and with her generous gaff main and long boom.

In the summer of 1927, the two teenagers met one evening in Scud's cuddy cabin in Pultneyville Harbor and plotted to take their racer over to the big summer regatta being held that year in Cobourg, Ontario. As Hance recalled, the charismatic and persuasive Dick "made all the decisions and I got all the blame." The teens agreed to take French leave and go off to the races. "Dick said to look for a lantern on the mast. When it was up, we'd be ready to sail. We left that night on the land wind. Then Dick turned in. It was pretty guiet and a little hazy. Alas, the fickle offshore breeze wafted the sloop a couple miles out into the lake and then deserted her. Scud lay becalmed on the dark waters until; "About 4 am we heard a put-put-put. Dick said 'Sounds like a launch.' It kept getting closer and closer and then here was Leon Boss with his fishing boat. He came alongside with Clarence Burcroft (Dick's father) and threw us a line. Nobody said a thing. They gave us the big silent treatment." The embarrassed teens, once ashore, slunk off to their homes as summer's early dawn paled the eastern sky. Later that morning Guy went out to mend some pasture fence. 'At about 11 O'clock Father came out to talk to me.' He said 'Son I don't know what to think' Silence that went on and on. Then he said 'I had a bulldog that once was so smart, he thought he knew it all. There was no room in his head for more.' Another long silence ensued while perhaps a bobolink soared overhead or bees hummed in the dandelions underfoot as Guy considered the bulldog that was too smart to know any better. Finally Guy's father said 'You pack your suit case and don't be gone more than a week'. Hance laughed, recalling the day, and added "We got to Cobourg with the Scud (about a seventy mile run) the next day!"

In those pre-depression days, yachting on Lake Ontario was a gay time of "smokers", "hops" and formal dances, free flowing booze (in Canada at least), and good times afloat and ashore. As Hance recalled "They were a hard drinking and hard sailing bunch at the Rochester Yacht club before the dues went up from 40 to 150 dollars and it turned into a SOCIAL club".

After plenty of short course racing and post race discussion and analysis over Canadian whiskey and ale, the Cobourg regatta climaxed with a long distance run from Cobourg to Kingston. Hance recalled "First the big boats



took off, they were the sixty and seventy footers, big gaffers. Then the P boats started, then the smaller classes and the schooners and cruisers went. Last to start was the 'veteran class' which included the various small boats, *Scud* among them."

"We had light air at first on a reach. But then after dark the wind came up out of the northwest and blew a living gale. It blew so hard, that one P boat (a sloop rigged racer about 50 foot or so in length) ran across the lake into Oswego. Another one was dismasted. We had the centerboard up and an 18 foot pole out to wing out the jib. We were surfin". That, I suspect, was an understatement. Flying low was probably more like it. The lightweight *Scud*, hard driven by her teenage crew with their good reflexes and nerves of steel, lived up to her name that tempestuous night. Thanks to quick and skillful hands on the helm she survived and by the time she reached the Upper Gap, she had passed through the entire cruiser class and caught up with the fifty-five foot P class sloops. But then her luck changed. The wind went into the east and all but died. Of course, a beamy little gaffer like *Scud* was not at her best beating into a light headwind and contending with left over slop from the night before. By the end of the race off Kingston she was right back with the survivors of the veteran class again.

Hance had fond memories of the hard sailing of competition and the camaraderie of victory celebrations afterward. He chuckled over one memory of a sailor who, after a night of partying, fell into a dinghy and broke his ankle. He was so well pickled, however, he didn't realize it was broken until the next morning. Another yachter, he recalled, disappeared after a party and provoked a frantic man overboard search until daylight, when he was discovered safe and snoring in his dinghy drifted under the dock.



From the Engine Room

The first and second work days are now in the history books. Much was accomplished by both the first and second work crews under the direction of **Joe Davis and Stu MacDonald**. Some of the highlights, of course, the repair of Docks, building fender boards and installing, Removing docks that are too damaged to be repaired and building replacements. Other projects of note include repairing the entry porch so that the door opens. Adding those wonderful light one the top of the ramp and porch posts. Cleaning the raised garden and replanting. Removing the pile of crusher run and placing it where it was needed (thanks

tractor Bob). New plastic panels to prevent more damage in the shower rooms. Damaged tile removed and replaced are just a few of the tasked that were accomplished in the club house. A new roof over the electric panel and ice machine were built. Lastly, all the normal maintanence tasks that need to be accomplished to keep our club looking like the best kept secret on Lake Ontario. I wish to thank all the people who did yeoman's service on each of the work days.

There are many more projects that will appear during the season that I will need work crews for. If you have not completed your work day, I hope that you will be available for these projects. I have talked to Rolf Wagor about driving the piles for the new docks and the ones that have heaved during the winter. I hope that he will be coming the weekend of the sixth of June. I will have Chris send out a request for help when Rolf calls me with confirmation that he will be here. Notice will be short.

Lastly, I wish to thank the crew, **Bob**, **Bob**, **Chris**, **Barry**, **CR**, **and Pedro** who showed up to help install the cables for the new WyFi system. It was hot and humid and the cables still go install with only a small hiccup. We rented a trencher and had not done 6' before we found the telephone cable and drain from the pavilion. The rest of the trenches were done by hand with a pickaxe and square shovels. Again, many thanks guys.

Lastly, if you go up on Cherry Point please do not go seaward of the fence. The point is undercut badly and could collapse.

Smooth seas and smooth sailing
Tom

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2015 Club Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Jan-19	11:59 PM	Annual Dues Renewal and Dock Deposit Deadlines
Mar-19	11:59 PM	Dock Fee Deadline
Mar-21	1:00 PM	PYC Grounds Walk
Mar-22	12:00	Winter Cabin Party, Kanatota Lodge, Webster Park
Apr-18	8:00 AM	Launch Floating Docks
Apr 25 – 26	7:00 AM	Spring Launch (April 26 only if needed)
May-02	9:00 AM	Fleet Captain Work Day
May-07	6:00 PM	Tune Up Race
May-09	8:00 AM	First Club Work Day
May-14	6:00 PM	Thursday Night Spring Race Series Begins
May-16	8:00 AM	Second Club Work Day
May-15	9:00 AM	Memorial Day Flag Raising
May-25	10:00 AM	Bowersox Memorial Day Race
May-25	3:00 PM	Commodore's Review
May-25	5:00 PM	Picnic and New Member Reception
Jun-06	10:00 AM	Commodore's Brunch
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Jul-17		Lake Ontario 300 Race
Jul-18	TBD	Hamlet of Pultneyville Homecoming Parade
Jul 24 - 25		Youngstown Can Am Regatta - YYC
Jul-28		LYRA - Centennial Cup: GYC> SBYC
Jul-29		LYRA - Freeman Cup - SBYC (Short & Long Course)
Aug 01 - 02	4:00 DM	LYRA - Course Racing - SBYC
TBD	4:00 PM	Open Boats - Open to the public
Aug 07 - 08	TBD	Youngstown Unlevel Power Boat Regatta
Aug-08	10:00 AM	PYC Lady Skipper Race
Aug-08	4:00 PM 11:59 PM	Club Roast
Aug-15 Aug-15		Haul Sign up/ Payment Deadline PYC Poker Run - Power and Sail boats welcome!
Aug-15	TBD	Rochester Hospice Regatta (GYC Host)
	TBD	Commodore's Challenge (PMI Host)
Aug-29	10:00 PM	Jim Ely Memorial Moon Race
Aug-29 Sep-05	10:00 FM	Bown Race
Sep-03	10.00 AW	Summer Race Series Ends
Sep-11	8:00 AM	First Cradle Day
Sep-12	2:00 PM	General Membership Meeting and Officer Elections
Sep-12	4:00 PM	Social Event
Sep-12	10:00 AM	Pumpkin Race Series Begins - All PYC and Mariner Sailboats welcome!
Sep-19	7:00 AM	First Haul-out Day
Oct-10	8:00 AM	Second Cradle Day
Oct-17	7:00 AM	Second Haul-out Day
Oct-24	9:00 AM	Fleet Captain Work Day
Nov-14	5:30 PM	Fall Banquet/Cups and Flags
Dec-12	1:00 PM	Annual General Membership Meeting; Pultneyville Fire Hall
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