

## Signals from the Commodore

Hi everybody,

Spring is off to an interesting start. I know you all know that Don and I agonized over the weather forecast for the launch date. While sitting here watching the trees sway and the snow fall, I think we made the right call. We will see you all Saturday the 4th for launch, everything else will remain the same. If any other scheduling changes become necessary due to starting the season a week late, we will send a notice. It will be good to be in the water and sailing again and to see everybody at the club.

Thanks, Steve

## Notes from the Vice Commodore

Welcome to May. Soon the boats will be back where they belong. Let's hope our weather stays warm now. May is always a busy month around the club and this is a big year, it's our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

May 4 **Boats Launch** at 7am its's also Kentucky Derby Day and Sunday is Cinco de Mayo.

May 11 and May 18 are **Work days** starting at 8am

May 25<sup>th</sup> **Commodore's Review (Sail By)** and **New Member Reception** mid afternoon please

bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share. More information to follow.

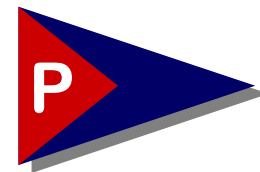
May 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday **Memorial Day Picnic**. Flyer to follow

May 27<sup>th</sup> Monday 9am **Memorial Day Flag Raising**

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1-Jun	2:00 PM	June General Membership Meeting/Club Pavilion --To be followed by appetizers/dessert
15-Jun	9:00 PM	Tacky Light Night

Looking Head ....June 1<sup>st</sup> we are changing the Commodore's Brunch to a **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** -appetizers/dessert following the June General meeting. Flyer to follow



June 21 st Friday night come out and celebrate **Summer Solstice** bring your dinner out and grill at the pavilion. **Jumbo Shrimp** will be playing at the Pultneyville Harbor Grille across the creek.

### July Homecoming Weekend July 19-21

July 19<sup>th</sup> Friday night is the **5K race/walk** followed by a **Community Bonfire** on the **PMI beach** all are welcome.

July 20<sup>th</sup> is the **Homecoming** in the hamlet with antiques, food trucks, quilts, auctions.

July 20<sup>th</sup> the **Homecoming parade** starts at 2pm please let me know if you are interested in having a Boat or car in the parade representing the Yacht club. Hoping to have as many boats lite up for a Harbor Illumination Saturday evening starting at 8pm. Hopefully either red, white or blue lights for our burgee colors.

Save the Date: tell your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers. August 10<sup>th</sup> will be our **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House from 1pm to 10pm**. There will be music, food trucks, lawn games, car show, harbor illumination. Please let me know if you are interested in having a car in the show or if you would be willing to have your boat open for tours. Hoping to have as many boats lite up for a Harbor Illumination Saturday evening again starting at 8pm. Hopefully either red, white or blue lights for our burgee colors. More information to follow.

Should be a great boating season.

See you at the club.  
Kathy

**PULTNEYVILLE HARBOR**  
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# SUMMER RESTAURANT HOURS

THURSDAY - SUNDAY  
STARTING MAY 3RD

THURSDAY  
400PM - 1000PM

FRIDAY  
400PM - 1100PM

SATURDAY  
400PM - 1100PM

SUNDAY  
300PM - 800PM

## WINDOW HOURS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
11:30AM - 3:30PM

\*\*HOURS TO CHANGE IN JUNE



## Rear Commodore's Report

I don't like change but, as I sit here writing this article watching the snow fly and the wind blowing, I guess postponing the launch was a good change. We held off as long as we could but with no hint of change in the weather we decided to postpone the launch to Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully your schedule is such that you can be there for launch (mine isn't) but, as I've said before, "if you cannot be present when your boat is launched, have someone who is familiar with your boat and capable of working your full shift".

The following Saturday, May 11 is our first club workday starting at 8am for members A-J. May 18 is the second



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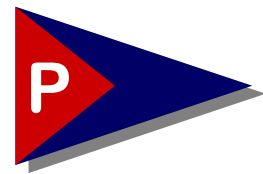
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workday for members K-Z. Joe Davis will be heading up the first workday and Stu MacDonald will be heading up workday 2. Most of the work will be leveling docks, and grounds maintenance. The mast storage racks in the pavilion will be removed, the south rack (closest to Lake Rd) on the first workday and the north rack (closest to the lake) on the second workday. **PLEASE REMOVE YOUR MAST BY MAY 10 & 17 RESPECTIVELY.** Although care is taken should someone have to move your mast “stuff happens”, it’s best if you move it yourself.

If you cannot work your workday, please let me, Joe, or Stu know. If someone is filling in for you on your workday be sure they let Joe or Stu know that, there will be a sign up sheet.

The floating docks were put in on April 20, thanks to all who showed up to help. Also , the Tompkins got a new coat of bottom paint and was moved out of the barn and readied for launch.

Lake levels are continuing to rise, remember to check your lines and fenders after launch.

Have a safe launch and smooth sailing,

Don



## From the Secretary

Finally, there’s been some reminder of what PYC really is all about. Since taking over as Secretary late last year, to me the Club mostly has meant meetings and decision-making, spreadsheets and email, documentation and document improvement. (But no personnel issues! That’s been cleverly avoided. The solution? No staff!!) With that exception, though, the work has seemed not dissimilar to the job I retired from more than a decade ago. I’d started to think this wasn’t wonderful, but--ho ho!--just this past week WSJ reported that early retirement in fact is bad, makes one unhealthy and uncles, and it’s much better to keep grinding away. So, uh, thanks, PYC!

The reminder of course is that we’re finally back to boats. So far it’s only been snorting bottom paint sandings, under cradle crawling, and plenty of buffer and wax work, but we’re getting there. Next week boats will be back in the water where they belong, and soon they will be out on the lake. For most of the past month, fishing boats have been slow-trolling past the Secretary’s bedroom window, but as yet no sailboats have been seen. Any wager as to which will be the first?

Yes, the boats were expected to be in the water *last* weekend (especially with someone’s once balmy forecast for the day...), but with the scheduled day’s low temps, high winds—and snow!—likely only those with no schedule flexibility

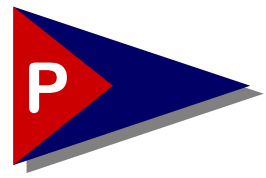


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## Sailor's Dictionary

**D**eck Shoe: A canvass shoe with a rubber sole having a specially designed tread that provides for secure footing on deck unless the deck is wet, the shoe is somewhat worn the deck is worn, or the shoe is wet

were displeased with the delay. And, as we trust all understand and appreciate, the decision wasn't made lightly or easily, and was done in the interest of Club safety.



There was some small excitement during the past month, an instance of what those in the know term “spear phishing”—where an organization is attacked with targeted email that appears to be from a trusted sender. In our case, all on the Club’s “Contacts & Officers” webpage received an email ostensibly from Commodore **Steve Sangster**, first asking for help, subsequently explained to be a payment at Walmart for a Club purchase. To at least this dim-witted recipient, the ruse initially was plausible if unusual, and certainly an order of magnitude in sophistication beyond our friend, the Nigerian Prince. Ultimately, no harm was done and the attack was reported to “appropriate authorities,” as it turned out, an office within Homeland Security. We’ve since heard from a corporate-world son whose employer regularly sends fake emails spoofing the fake emails the bad guys send, so that staff are sensitized and aware. It’s a complex world...

Meanwhile, a special request: As most know, **Darlene Grey** is a long time Club member, but of late we’ve made her membership less pleasant than it should be. For no good reason, it seems Darlene is omitted on almost every Club communication we send, despite multiple corrective efforts. So far, the best we’ve been able to accomplish is to program a keyboard function key with a response that we’re very sorry and assurance that it won’t happen again. It probably hasn’t helped Darlene much, but has been a great time-saver for us. Seriously, when you see Darlene, be sure to be especially nice to her—because we haven’t been.

And the numbers: Treasurer **Dave Kay** reports that as of 27 April, both Voting Members and Boats Docked have declined from numbers reported the previous month, but we’ve gained an additional Social Member, as shown below:

	2019	2018
<b>Paid Members</b>	(as of 27 Apr)	(at year end)
Voting	74	84
Non-voting	7	5
Reciprocal	1	1
Social	3	2
<b>Boats Docked</b>		
Member	67	75
Renter	1	3

Yes, this contradicts our earlier “we’ve seen the worst of it” assurance. As it happened, one paid member decided to take his boat and leave the Club. Another has sold a boat for which a dock had been paid; the member is staying but the boat is leaving. Lastly, one boat for which (only) a dock deposit had been paid had been counted in Boats Docked, but because the full dock fee remains unpaid, the boat no longer is counted in Boats Docked. So, we’re down one Voting Paid Member and three Member Boats Docked. On the other hand, we have gained an additional Social Member, and of course we’re pleased and grateful for that. But as you may know, other PYC boats currently are listed for sale and once sold (or before), there’s no guarantee these boats will remain in the harbor. In short, the numbers may worsen further rather than improve. So, the familiar plea: please do all you can to encourage Club membership to increase. It seems all we need to do is reverse general demographic, economic and other societal trends. That’s not too much to ask, is it?

Your Secretary,  
Brian Smith



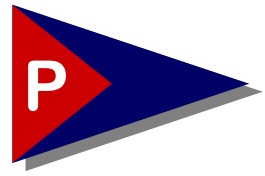
## Calling All Gardeners!!!!

One of the many things that make the Club more like our own home-grown is our vegetable garden. Located on the Southeast side of the Clubhouse, the garden produces enough salad greens to add crunch to our pot-luck fare. The garden plot is available for the 2019 growing season.

Interested in trying your green thumb? Contact **Larry Rice** (Zest).



# Happy 75th!!



Our PYC merchandise team has some New items to help celebrate our 75th birthday. Everything will be on display at most major events in May and June.

In early July we will be announcing the “members only” PYC online merchandise store that will allow you to order anytime. We will send you the store link when the site is live. The link will also be available on the members side of our website in July.

## Fleet Captain's Report

It's here...Launch month! Didn't I say that last month?! Due to the delay in launch, I've moved out the tune-up race by a week. That will also push the start and end of the spring series out a week.

Here are the **new dates** on the racing calendar for the first few months. Mark it down!

- Tune-Up Race – Thursday, May 16
- Spring Series – Thursday, May 23 – July 11
- Scotch Bonnet – June 21 – 22
- SBYC Challenge Cup Regatta – June 29 - 30
- Double Handed Race – July 4
- GYC/PYC Interclub Race and Picnics – July 12 – 13
- Summer Series begins – Thursday, July 18



There was a great turn-out in early April of interested racers at the Coach Tavern. One of the topics discussed was how to increase interest in racing. The following idea was discussed; and it is for sailors *who don't regularly race Thursday nights*.

Is there an interest in forming a “cruising fleet,” sailboats who normally don't race but might have an interest in a less formal race structure? It could look like this:

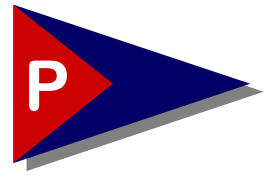
- One season
- Start on Jun 6, 13 races with 6 drops (i.e. you don't have to race for 13 weeks)
- Separate start after “regular” racers start
- No racing fee

If you are a “cruising sailboat” and have some interest in this proposal, please let me know! We may try it for a few weeks and see what happens.

Last but not least, special thanks to **Earl Chapman, Eric Matteson, Eric Anderson and Nick Harkola** for putting in the nav aids in horrible weather – choppy water, rain and hail! It's spring in Rochester... Race marks will be in shortly.

See you for launch!  
Betsy

# 2019 Launch Assignments



**Saturday ~~April 27~~ May 4**

## **First shift 7:am to 12:30pm**

Crew Chief: Joe Davis

Safety: Dave Muth

Fork Lift: Bob Hamilton

Lines: Greg Fitzpatrick / Steve Sangster / Jack Bopp

Sling 1: Scott Nichols / Michael Sander / Jeff Tallon / Nick Harkola / John Garlock

Sling 2: Stu MacDonald / Larry Fedick / Sean Gillen / Bob Hibbard / James Mclean

Cradles/ Orchard/Movers: Donna Ecker/ Pedro Munoz/ Don Byrnes/  
Mike McDonald / Earl Chapman / Fred Bertoni / Paul Cannon / Andy Seniuk /  
Carl Webeck / Kevin Yager / Tom Jayne

## **Second shift 12:00pm to 5:30pm**

Crew Chief: Russ Palum

Safety: Larry Rice

Fork Lift: Don Boesel / Peter Fisk

Lines: Kurt Cylke / Jon Herko / Bob Hoover

Sling 1: Scott Boesel / Rick Walker / Tom Bolt / Dennis Ambrose / Eric Anderson

Sling 2: Doug Axtell / Brian Smith / Stu Pearson / Walt New / Dan Socci

Cradles/ Orchard/Movers: Tony Belaskas / Robert Teese / Louis Allen /  
Kevin LeBlevec / R. Bruce Brannon / Dave Kay / Peter Miller / Dave Peck /  
Donald Smith

# Spring Aboard with the Sea Scout Ship 303

## NYS Safe Boating Course

May 11, 2019 at Newport Yacht Club

New York and most other states do *not* require a "license" to operate your personal recreational boat. However New York State requires certain boat operators to take a NASBLA approved 8 hour course and have a boating safety certificate.



New York State provides boating safety certificates to those people who successfully complete a New York State Safe Boating Classroom Course. New York State also recognizes the safety certificates issued by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the US Power Squadron. Boating Safety Certificates from several online course providers are approved for New York State residents

Who needs a boating safety certificate in New York?

### Motorboats

If you were born on or after May 1, 1996 you will need a boating safety certificate.

### Personal Watercraft

If you are 14 years of age or older you must have a boating safety certificate.

**When:** May 11, 2019, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

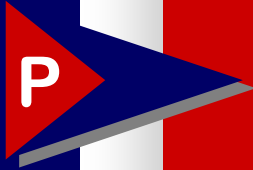
**Location:** Newport Yacht Club

**Cost:** A donation of \$25 to Sea Scout Ship 303 covers the cost of the course materials and instruction but also includes the 2019 registration fee for anyone who decides to join the Ship. Students under the age of 18 receive their Safe Boating Certificate card free from NYS, students over the age of 18 must pay NYS \$10 to receive their Safe Boating Certificate.

**Instructor:** Ira Goldman, [igoldman@localnet.com](mailto:igoldman@localnet.com)

**Registration:** course size is limited to 25 participants, first priority will be given to SS Ship 303 and Newport YC members.

# Pultneyville Yacht Club 2019 Calendar



Date	Time	Event
19-Jan	11:59 PM	Annual Dues Renewal and Dock Deposit Deadlines
2-Mar	2:00 PM	Winter Cabin Party @ Newport Yacht Club
15-Mar	11:59 PM	Dock Fee Balance Due
2-Apr	6:00 PM	Racing Organizational Meeting
20-Apr	9:00 AM	Fleet Captain's Workday/Launch Floating Docks
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22-Jun	12:00 AM	GYC Scotch Bonnet Race (GYC)
29/30-Jun		SBYC Challenge Cup
4-Jul	TBD	Double-Handed Race
6-Jul		PYC 50 Mile Lake Race
11-Jul	9:00 PM	Spring Series ends, FC Picnic
11/13-Jul		Eastern Yachting Circuit (EYC) @ Henderson Harbor
12/16-Jul		Lake Ontario 300
13/14-Jul		GYC-PYC Distance Race
18-Jul	6:30 PM	Thursday Night Summer Race Series Begins
19/21-Jul		Pultneyville Homecoming Weekend
21-Jul	Noon	Johanna Cup (Skipper's Mtg)
29-Jul/4-Aug		LYRA – Oakville/Bronte Harbour Hosting
3-Aug	9:00 AM	PYC Women's Skipper Race
10-Aug	1:00 PM	75th Anniversary Club Open 1pm to 10pm
15-Aug	11:59 PM	Haul Sign up/ Payment Deadline
24-Aug		Commodore's Challenge (PYC Host)
24/25-Aug		Sodus-PYC Distance Race
31-Aug	9:00 AM	Bown Race (Skipper's Mtg)
5-Sep		Summer Series Ends – FC Picnic
14-Sep	2:00 PM	General Membership Meeting and Officer Elections, Club Pavilion
14-Sep	4:15 PM	Social Event -- International Festival
14-Sep	7:00 PM	Jim Ely Memorial Moon Race (Skipper's Mtg)
21-Sep	8:00 AM	First Cradle Day
22-Sep	Noon	Pumpkin Series Begins – All PYC and Mariners Boats Welcome (4 wks)
28-Sep	7:00 AM	First Haul-out Day
5-Oct	4:00 PM	Social Event
12-Oct	8:00 AM	Second Cradle Day
19-Oct	7:00 AM	Second Haul-out Day
26-Oct	9:00 AM	Fleet Captain Work Day
2-Nov	5:30 PM	Fall Banquet/Cups and Flags
1-Dec	1:00 PM	Annual General Membership Meeting, Pultneyville Fire Hall