



Commodore's Corner

by Gary Reinheimer

Spring is officially here, so it's time to get back on the water. YEAH! We are gearing up for another fun filled year at PYC. The board has been busy preparing for the 2010 season.

Our Race Committee Chair, Bill Ziegler is preparing for a spring recall event scheduled to occur late afternoon on Sunday after spring work party. Bill has a guest speaker coming and dinner following the speaker. (More to come on this topic). Bill and Tom Crosby have purchased 2 beautiful trophy cases to display our perpetual trophies, which are already in the clubhouse. A new mark has been purchased so we will have marks that will remain inflated for the entire race.

The Boat Committee, which includes Ed Diakow and myself, have plans to repaint the deck and cabin top of Old Blue a nice bright white, which should last for many years. The whaler has already had it's outboard repaired, including a refinished propeller and is currently in the shop getting a fiberglass console and bench seat installed. Mark Kramer has agreed to donate time to completely rewire the whaler so the



electrical system will be in working order.

The grounds committee has installed a light switch on the harbor floodlight so that it can be turned on when needed without running upstairs in the clubhouse. A combination lock will be put on the launch ramp gate so you will not need your key to launch your boat. We are still looking for ideas to make the launch ramp less slippery. If you have any ideas please contact me.

Spring work party is scheduled for **APRIL 24 and 25**. Please plan to attend. If you are not available on those dates we need lots of help **preparing** for dock-in. That means that we need workers a week or 2 prior to that date. So, check your schedule and if you can not make it on the 24th call either myself (248-420-2991) or Bill Sanders for alternate assignments **well ahead** of dock-in. There is a **\$75 penalty fee** for not participating.

At the work party we will be asking you to sign up for a committee.

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Work Party!
Saturday April 25th
9AM and April 26th,
9AM. Alternate work
assignments available.
Please contact
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The Telltales are edited by Kris Guccione. Please contact me if you have anything for the telltales at: 248-547-7915, rearcommodore@pyc54.org

Commodore's Corner Cont.

Committee choices include Club Boats (my favorite) which involves maintaining all the support boats and engines, Grounds which oversees lawn care, beach area, trees, and flowers, House which maintains the club house, both inside and outside, Docks whose domain begins where the side walk ends, Race which insures that all equipment needed for racing is in working order, as well as insuring race committee is present for each race, Harbor Master duties include parking of boats on and off the water and insuring that current stickers are present on all boats kept on the club property, Entertainment Committee makes sure we have social events well organized, and Junior Program which maintains the junior boats and organizes the junior season. So you can see that there are many options to choose from. Please remember that this is a working club which depends on it's members to keep it alive and well.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Alternate Work Assignments

1. Repair damaged dock stanchions
2. Put upright supports in for docks
3. Assemble all necessary equipment for dock-in
4. Paint Old Blue and reinstall deck fittings after painting
5. Insure Old Blue Engine in working order
6. Reconnect plumbing in club house
7. Organize Memorial Day Party
8. Organize Labor Day Party
9. Organize Fourth of July Party

2010 Spring Recall

By Bill Ziegler

Greg Fisher to Speak

Mark the date Sunday April 25, 2010 on your calendar NOW! Of course it is the Sunday of Work Party Weekend, but it is also the date of the 2010 PYC Fleet 54 Spring Recall.

The Spring Recall is . . . a Meeting . . . a Party . . . a Seminar . . . a Perfect way to wrap up the Work Party weekend and get ready for the sailing season . . . it's all of this and more!!!

The Spring Recall is the one opportunity for us to spend a little time exchanging information and ideas on our favorite summer-time activity. We will discuss this year's schedule, qualifications to be scored in a series, special mini-regatta formats, etc. This will also be a great time to sign up for your Race Committee obligations.

This year, the Spring Recall will also feature the **FIRST ever PYC Chili Cook-Off**. You will be treated to the best that our Past Commodore's can muster. You know they can sail, you may be dying to find out if they can cook. You must come, taste and vote for the best Chili. The maker of the winning Chili will be suitably recognized. Don't miss this soon to be World Famous event! In addition to the Chili we will be serving thirst quenchers and other complements to make a complete sailor's meal.

If a Chili cook-off is not enough to get you out of the house, then maybe a sailing seminar conducted by Greg Fisher of North Sails will do the trick. We have had the pleasure of Greg's expertise in helping us tune our boats and trim our sails in the past. This seminar will be a "chalk talk". Come to learn; bring your questions and curiosity. These sessions are best when the audience fires away with questions and situations. I think you will find this rare opportunity a real benefit in getting your head on straight for the upcoming season.

When is it, again?: Sunday April 25, 2010. All Day? No, it starts after the Work Party on Sunday afternoon . . . 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Where is it?: The Sylvan Lake Community Center (2456 Pontiac Dr. Sylvan Lake, MI 48320) This is just a few blocks down Orchard Lake Road from the Club - to the East.

Who is it for? All Pontiac Yacht Club members, their crew and guests are welcome. Don't miss this great kick-off event. See you there!

There will be a short general membership meeting at the Spring Work Party on Saturday morning, April 24 to discuss several issues including race scheduling, race committee assignments, vote on amendment to By-Laws as discussed at the November Annual Meeting and Banquet, etc. Notice regarding the proposed amendment will be mailed to membership five days prior to meeting as stated in our By-Laws.

IMPROVE YOUR RACE RESULTS

By Bill Zeigler

Take Care of Business

The Race season is not that far off. If you haven't started working on your boat, you may already be behind! Soon, we will be toiling away at the Work Party and then putting our hoists in the water. The official club Race Schedule kicks off this year with the Bug Out Regatta on Sunday May 2. The warning gun will be at 1:00 PM. Will you be ready?

In addition to getting your boat ready consider that, as a skipper, you MUST also address each of the following:

- ◆ Be current on all of your Club dues and pay all fees and fines. When you receive your boat decal, please be sure to display it in the upper starboard corner of your transom.
- ◆ Support the Lightning Class by becoming a dues paying Skipper, at least. In addition, it is highly recommended that you purchase two Crew memberships. The Crew memberships can be issued as "credit cards", rather than for a specific individual - don't let not having a regular crew be a reason for not supporting the Class. These will come in handy whenever you sail in a sanctioned Class regatta. Be proud, join the Class that gives our boats value and display the Lightning Class decal on the Starboard side hull just forward of the transom
- ◆ Support our Club racing by signing up for two (2) Race Committee responsibilities. Put your name on the Race Committee sign-up sheet at the Spring Work Party or during the Spring Recall (see announcement in this issue of the TellTales). Open

sign-ups for Race Committee will be taken on a first come first served basis. If you are unable to attend either one of these events, please contact me on 248-930-8894 or, preferably, by e-mail at ziegler-zoo@comcast.net to let me know for which duty (Old Blue or Whaler) and date you would like to sign up. I realize that not everyone has a strong desire for a particular date and "will serve when needed". Unfortunately, that doesn't make for a robust racing program. So, following the initial period of first come first served sign-ups, the remaining open Race Committee slots will be filled by randomly assigning people to the remaining open slots. You will be responsible for fulfilling your obligation on that date or arranging a swap with someone else if you are not able. I will distribute the completed Race Committee assignment sheet to all skippers.

These are three simple things. But, all of them are crucial to having a successful racing program and a strong Class. Let's do our duty to keep the racing program vibrant, fun and viable . . . do your part.

Attention Racers! In order to be scored for the upcoming season each skipper must have:

- Paid his club dues for 2010
- Have a current ILCA Sticker on his boat
- Have a current club sticker on his boat

Registered to serve as race committee on at least 2 separate dates

HOIST IN 2010 Season

Hoist in this season is scheduled for **Saturday May 1st with Sunday May 2nd as fallback** in the event we have poor conditions on Saturday.

We will start with the right side of the main dock at 8:00 am this includes the following members: Admonius, Roberts, Beaubain, Garrison, Von Oeyen, Williams, Dickson, Chavez, Korn, Smith, Bowers, Dziuba, Dennis, Sanders, Longe, Matora, Harris, Handelman, DeVilbis, Whately, Thomlinson, Monique, Stromberg. We expect to have this portion of hoist in completed by 10:00.

The left side hoist placement will start at 10:00 am. This includes the following members: Thurtell, Webb, Hecker, Hess, Morley, Willetts, Welch, Lieberman, Roulet, O'Korn, Krammer, Mathers, Burns, Henderson/Meyers, Pedilla, Foley, McQueen, Finsilver, LaPalme, Zeigler, Black, Crosby and Hafley.

It is the responsibility of each hoist owner to be present or have a surrogate present for this event.



Meet the 2010 Board of Directors



Gary Reinheimer

Commodore

Commodore 2009 and 2010, Chairman of PYC Boat Committee, Crew for Mike Hecker aboard lightning 15346 on Wednesday and Sunday, member of PYC for about 10 years, own CL 16, sunfish, and windsurfer, wife and best friend Arlene, Kids Julie age 20 and Danny age 18 (computer expert).



John Mathers

Vice Commodore

I have had the great privilege of growing up at PYC. My parents used to take me sailing in their first lightning and put me in a bouncy chair. (Parents of babies, that is not a PYC safety recommended activity.) I owned my first sunfish when I was 12 and my first lightning at 16. My dad and I own a boat together and sail it together often. Whenever we can we bring along one of my kids and make it a three generation boat. Lots of fun.

I have a wonderful wife Cathy. We got married at PYC in June of 2008. Our kids our Kevin who is 22, graduated from CMU, lives with us and works in marketing. Hannah is 18, a wonderfully talented person and plans to go to Wayne State. Caleb is 16 and is the captain of his soccer team and is very busy traveling and playing soccer. Rebekah is 13, plays softball and likes to sail.



Tom Crosby

Past commodore

Ever since my Dad built a Sailfish from some plans he got from Popular Mechanics, I've loved sailing. I grew up on the Chesapeake Bay, have cruised its waters extensively and also spent several years racing on Lake Pontchartrain in New Orleans (well before Katrina). I've raced one design 420's, Lightnings, Shields, and Solings as well as IOR and PHRF boats, like Olson 30's Tartan 10's, Ranger 37's and J-42's; have raced in a Port Huron - Mackinac Regatta and delivered a boat back from Bermuda, but I still get a kick out of sailing against the skilled skippers at PYC! The competition is keen, the friendship fabulous and the Board Members are Bitchin! Enough alliteration - how about going out for a sail?



Steve Handelman

I have been a member of PYC since about 1995. I was first a Laser sailor and in 1998 I bought my Lightning, Shenandoah. Please catch me at the club, just to say hello or with any questions you may have.



Bill Zeigler

Harbor Master

I am the current owner of Lightning 15125. I have owned three Lightnings since 1994. The first time I sailed a Lightning was in 1978, but I have been sailing since I was 9-years-old (that was WELL before 1978). So you'd think I would be better at this by now, but for whatever reason it is what it is.

I originally joined PYC in 1992 and became Commodore in 1999. In 2005 I left "to pursue other interests". Alas, I could not stay away, so I rejoined the Club last year. It is great to be back. Someday soon we will recall these as the good ole days and I want to be able to remember them as spent sailing away summer days on Cass Lake . . . there is nothing better.

My family includes my wife, Paula, and our three children. Rachel is finishing her junior year in college. Hannah is wrapping up her first year at college and Kevin is the only child left behind; suffering through the last part of his sophomore year in High School under the crushing oppression of two parents intent on trying to get it right one last time! I have the full support of my family to go off sailing. Occasionally they join me, but as often as not I am looking for crew.



Salo Korn

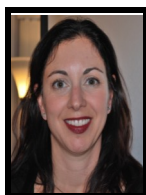
Treasurer

I have been a member of PYC since 1983. Over the years I have been the Dock Committee Chairman, the Boat Committee Chairman, a board member, Secretary, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore, Commodore, and Past Commodore. I am currently the Treasurer and have been since 1998. I am now retired after 35 years with Chrysler working in Engine Research and Advanced Engine Development.



Matt Warner

Hi. My name is Matt. I have been a member of PYC and racing lightning's for a couple of years. I grew up around sail boats and started sailing before I outgrew my diapers. But with each day on the water there is always something new I learn make sailing the most interesting sport I have ever enjoyed.



Kris Guccione

Rear Commodore

This will mark my twentieth summer sailing at PYC! I grew up sailing on the Great South Bay, off of Long Island New York. I married into the club, and a long tradition of sailors in 1990. The Pontiac Yacht Club has since become a cherished tradition in my life. I have served on the Board of Directors, as House Committee Chair, and as Wally Smith's wife!! We are, I believe, the sole surviving husband and wife racing team - Gator 14601!

We have two boys Michael 11, and Scott 8 who are still not convinced sailing is fun!



Sally Dishaw

On the personal side, my husband, Rick, and I first became acquainted with the PYC when we searched out and enrolled our two children, boys, now ages 14 & 15, into the Junior Sailing Program two summers ago. Since Rick & I both sailed as kids, we wanted our kids to share in our love for the wind & water. As we chauffeured the boys back and forth to the lessons, we all became pleasantly aware of the easy-going, yet professional, atmosphere that surrounds the club. We became members in April of 2009. My husband quickly joined the crew of one of the Lightnings and raced almost every Wednesday and Sunday last summer. I took the Adult Sailing Class last summer, and who knows? ...maybe racing is in my future, too! I'm looking forward to another great season at PYC and look forward to meeting



Cathy Burns

Secretary

A retired executive assistant, Cathy is now serving her 2nd year on the board as secretary. She and Norm are long time members of PYC. She prefers leisure sailing to racing. They have enjoyed 3 vacations in the Caribbean where they chartered 36 ft. - 40 ft. sail boats with Norm as captain and Cathy crewing.



Ed Okorn



Lance Lis



Mike Hecker



Phil Thomlinson

Top Story of the Month

Breaking news.

Mark Allen with crew members Beth Groesbeck and Mark Whatley took first place in a race at the St Pete's Midwinter Lightning Regatta on Tampa Bay. They took 7th place over all only 6 points separated them from receiving a trophy. Way-to-go Mark! All of us at PYC are very proud of your accomplishment.



Mark Allen, Beth Groesbeck, Mark Whatley



2010 Youth Sailing Program Registration Now Open

- ◆ 2 Week "Learn to Sail" Summer programs
- ◆ Intermediate or Advanced 2 Week or 1 Week programs
- ◆ PYC Jr. Racing Team
- ◆ Appropriate for kids and teens from 8 years old through 17



Board of Directors Meeting Summary:

2010 has been another busy year for your Board of Directors. Below is a very brief synopsis of 2010 meetings:

- Some of the items discussed and handled in January included: discussion on proposed 2010 budget, handling of anticipated chimney repair, having two general membership meetings per year, handling of race committee scheduling, activity on PYC website and additional in-service for general membership at spring work party, requests from Jr. Sail program.

- In February discussion and decisions involved: adoption of 2010 budget, chimney repair/reconstruction, member Directory to be posted on website with an opt-in option plus the usual hard copy of the Directory, request from Jr. Sail program to discuss upgrade of pontoon boat, adult sail classes, alternative work assignments.

- The March meeting had an equally full agenda including: re-cap of work related to water main break causing water in Club House, usage of Club House by someone other than a Full or Life Member, review of items to be handled at Spring work party (besides the usual items!), acquisition of 2 trophy cases (sale items from closing of Summit Macy's store), in-depth discussion re. pontoon boat, a Board in-service on new features of the website, preliminary race schedule, race committee assignments.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSOCIATES (Check out their photos on the kitchen fridge)

Paul & Elena Nagel

pnagel@TIR.com

248-334-1959

Paul has thirty years sailing experience and now will enjoy PYC with Lightning 14652.

Paul & Lynn Lieberman

lynnpaul@aol.com

248-626-3509

Paul noticed our sign and ended up in the adult instruction class. Now he is supplementing his many years of sailing with Lightning 15160

Franklin & Melanie Lindblom

franklindblom@sbcglobal.net

248-644-1629

Frank has been sailing small boats all of his life. He will be keeping a Thistle at the club and would also like to crew on Lightnings.

Glen Wilcox & Anca Trandafirescu

gwil@umich.edu

734-834-4762

Glen and Anca, new owners of #13934, are planning for some relaxed sailing, plus introducing their daughter to the sport

Pontiac Yacht Club on Facebook

By Andy Martin

As part of updating PYC's website, we have added a Facebook page. The usual Facebook openness means that anybody can write on the wall by becoming a 'friend' of the group. Feel free to follow (or take part in discussions) in the group, show off pictures, talk about your sailing or just lurk (which means watch but don't take part - but where's the fun in that?).

Search for Pontiac Yacht Club from the Facebook homepage.



Claire Dodds/Karen Johanns

Claire_d@comcast.net

775-636-6337

Claire has taken the adult sailing class and is looking forward to crewing.

Jaime & Victoria Vigrass

jvigrass@raytheon.com

248-798-9608

Many years of sailing have led Jaime to PYC and a search for the right Lightning.

Dan & Sara Webb

usa1925@yahoo.com

586-480-3500

After skipping a d/24 for nine years, Dan is switching to Lighting 14970,

PYC Saved from the Flood

By Tom Crosby

The Club dodged a bullet on Saturday, February 20 when Bill Ziegler, who was delivering a trophy case to the Clubhouse, nearly fell and busted his watchamacallit when he slipped on water on the Clubhouse floor. After a brief reconnaissance, he discovered that the shutoff valve for the water line to the Clubhouse had failed, that water had filled the old pump house pit (located on the street side of the building, behind the women's locker room) and was flowing freely as a small stream around the west side of the clubhouse, over the yard, past the beach and onto the ice!

Bill notified the maintenance personnel at the City of Orchard Lake, who came out to locate and turn the water main off at the street. He and his son then pumped out the water from the pit and cleaned the water off of the clubhouse floor with a wet-vac.

The amount of water lost was sizeable. Considering the large diameter of the water main and the football-field size of the water puddle on the frozen lake, it's fortunate that the rupture was on the upstream side of the water meter! We were indeed fortunate that the leak was discovered early, as others had been on-site the day before and had not seen or heard any indication of the rupture. Had Bill not been there, this leak may have continued undiscovered for days or weeks! At present, it does not appear that any significant washout of soil around the foundation occurred as a result of the flooding.

House Committee personnel will be meeting prior to the Spring Work Party to discuss options for repair

abandonment of the old water well in the pump house and weatherization or closure of the pit itself. Many thanks to Bill Ziegler for his prompt response to what may have been a pretty disastrous situation.



Time Honored Club Traditions

Homemade Cookies provided after the races by the Race Committee.

Leaving the Clubhouse and grounds cleaner than you found them.

No using member info for business purposes.

Good sportsmanship and family friendly explicatives on the race course.

Volunteering to do more than is expected.

A topless Mike Roulet.

Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day Potlucks.

Some sunshine, some wind and lots of fun!

Pontiac Yacht Club Defined

By Tom Crosby

"... Inactive is, "not functioning or operating; making no effort; sluggish; indolent." In a club like PYC where we are a "hands on" organization, there is little room for inactivity. We count on each other to help out in order to make things happen, from building the docks at the beginning of the year, to serving on Race Committee Duty, to volunteering to host the Beer and Pizza nights, holding holiday Potlucks and putting together the Whitecap Regatta and the Annual Awards Banquet. Even the most pleasurable events at the club, like sailing a Lightning, require teamwork. If individual club members who have implicitly agreed to participate and share in carrying the load of the Club's activities fail to do so, they are letting others down by failing to perform to expectation, and the work will either fall unequally to the remaining members, or it will fail to be carried out.

I prefer to lead by example and have signed up early for Race Committee duty to get the dates I wanted, and to encourage others to sign up early as well. In addition, I have volunteered to step in when there was a vacancy on the Race Committee roster and have run the race in sort of a "sacrifice of the one to serve the needs of the many." Unless there is a more full roster of Race Committee positions, it may be necessary to go to an alternate plan and initiate a Draft system where the remaining Race Committee duties are assigned to those who have not yet signed up for duty. If that is the case, the time slot will be the responsibility of the assignee. If there is a scheduling conflict with the assigned date, it will be the responsibility of the assignee to arrange for a substitution. If the assignee fails to appear to serve on Race Committee, he will be keelhauled and flogged around the fleet."

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB PARTY AGREEMENT

PYC Host Name: _____

Phone # (s) _____ Email Address: _____

PYC Host Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rear Commodore Authorization: _____ Date Authorized: _____

Date of Party: _____ Type of Party: _____

Number of Expected Guests: _____ Time Period: _____

Approval by the Rear Commodore is required for parties larger than 15 with a maximum of 75. At the discretion of the Rear Commodore parties may be held any day with the exception of holidays, Wednesday evenings, and Sundays. The Host must remember to share the club facilities with club members, bearing in mind that at present there are only 24 picnic tables.

Please leave the club in as good shape, if not better, than you found it. Information regarding club usage can be found in the yearly membership directory but please be aware of the following:

- ◆ Members shall be present when guests are on club grounds
- ◆ No glass beverage containers are permitted on the grounds
- ◆ No swimming after sundown

Before you leave:

- ◆ Clean up picnic tables and dispose of garbage in the dumpster
- ◆ Clean up kitchen and return borrowed utensils
- ◆ Make sure the locker rooms are in order
- ◆ All club property should be returned to clubhouse, i.e. plastic lawn chairs stacked under awning, toys returned to sand box, small boats returned to racks
- ◆ Make sure all windows are closed and doors, and ramp gate are locked
- ◆ Wash and return all soiled dishtowels and cloths

If you have any questions, please call the Rear Commodore - Kris Guccione at 248-547-7915 or rearcommodore@pyc54.org. This agreement is not valid without Host and Rear Commodore signature. Finalized agreement must be posted at club prior to the event.

Pontiac Yacht Club

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The World's
 Largest Lightning Fleet



May 2010

SAT / SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
24/25 (April) Work Party Spring Recall	26 (April)	27 (April)	28 (April)	29 (April)	30 (April)	1 Hoist In 8 AM
2 Hoist In 1PM Bug Out	3	4	5 Lightning Racing *	6	7	8
9 10 AM Lighting Racing	10	11	12 Lightning Racing *	13	14	15
16 10 AM Lighting Racing	17	18	19 PIZZA NIGHT Lightning Racing *	20	21	22
23 10 AM Lighting Racing	24	25	26 Lightning Racing *	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day Pot Luck @1:00pm					