



Commodore's Corner

by Gary Reinheimer

Looking good!!!

Lots to report this month.

The big news is that we now have a new refrigerator in the kitchen that actually works. Under the constant supervision of Salo Korn, the refrigerator has been replaced and is functioning well. Lets party!

Another long awaited addition to PYC is a newer pontoon boat. The boat was donated by Gavin Awerbuch. The boat is 24 feet long, has a 40 hp tilt-up outboard, plenty of seats and storage, a sun canopy, and swim ladder. It is now in use by the Junior Sailing Program, and will serve as a spectator /rescue boat as did our old pontoon. The old pontoon will be used as a work boat for dock installation and hoists, when not in use it will be stored on the property. It is currently located in the far corner of the upper lot. The work pontoon now stores equipment used for docks and hoist, including the hoist dollies, freeing up room in the clubhouse for other items. Ed Okorn has been instrumental in making this



happen. He has been working diligently to get the boat ready for use, even in the rain. Thank you Ed for all your efforts and thank you Gavin for this most generous donation, it will be well used for many years to come.

Congratulations are in order to Steve and Naomi Handelman on the birth of another granddaughter, Nava Lior Reeves, who is doing well, and Salo and Sue Korn who's daughter was recently married at PYC. Since the wedding Salo tells me that his daughter has even come out to the club for a sailboat ride which has not occurred for many years.

On a more serious note, I would like to remind everyone to help maintain the club property. Often a piece of equipment is damaged, breaks, or just wears out. If you see something in need of repair or replacement, report it to a board member and volunteer to help resolve the problem. Also, suggestions to make the club even better are always welcome. Many hands working together lighten the load.

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The Associates Dinner— What a great night!!

Thank you Leslye and Glen Gardner for ANOTHER fantastic party! 40+ members and new associates mingled and dined under the porch on turkey burgers cooked to perfection (before the rain hit) buy our new and seasoned grill masters!

Who is planning the party for next year?????

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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,

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Race committee aboard the whaler should make sure that when they put the boat away after racing, it should be left clean, gas tank filled, ship shape, drain plug removed, and engine tilted out of the water. I have heard from the junior program that after a race day the whaler is often left in less than spartan condition. Please make every effort to maintain this boat. Without it we would not be able to race!

Health wise, the board has approved the purchase of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). This device is used to restart the heart in individuals who hearts have gone into fibrillation, (**Fibrillation** is the rapid, irregular, and unsynchronized contraction of muscle fibers) which can occur suddenly. If fibrillation can be recognized and corrected **rapidly** with the use of an AED, the individual's chances of recovery are markedly improved. This device is easy to use and can be used by non-medical personnel until EMS are on the scene. Always use the house phone (land line) to call 911 in such emergencies first. This is only an FYI. We plan to conduct programs to teach members basic CPR and proper use of an AED. If you are interested in helping out with this project, please contact myself or any board member.

The summer is going fast, so make sure to enjoy the club while you still have the chance.



Junior Sailing Corner, by Charlie Hess

The PYC junior sailing program has several exciting announcements!

First, PYC has won the Sears Cup Semi-Final regatta held at Crescent Sail Yacht Club on July 25-27! Our team of Nick Harris, Josh Abbott and Elise Hess competed in Lightnings against six other teams representing clubs across Ohio and Michigan. The conditions favored our young team with light and shifty conditions on Lake St. Clair under beautiful clear blue skies both days of competition. With Nick at helm, Josh in the middle, and Elise working forward, they finished day one with 1-1-1-3 and led by 6 points heading back to the harbor. Day two gave them a 2-2-3, allowing their dropout to be the 3rd and win by two points over a charging team from Youngstown who took three bullets on Tuesday. The win qualifies this first year team to advance to the Sears Cup National Championship Finals that will be held in San Diego on August 14 through 19. If you have been on the lake racing at the club this summer, I am certain you have noticed this team out on Wednesdays and Sundays practicing in preparation. Nick Harris has a great feel for the helm and has made dramatic improvements with his starting. Josh has found the mojo on spinnaker trim, and Elise has found her second home on the foredeck. I remember their first sail in June and can tell you that this team has put a lot of hard work into developing their skills. **Congratulations to each of them!** This is the first PYC team in a decade at least to win the Area E National Semi-Final regatta. Between Greg Harris and myself, we have taken a team each year for the past 8 years to venues like Rochester Yacht Club, Lake Cowan, Sandusky Sailing Association, and North Cape to compete in Sonars, This-tles, and Flying Scotts. I can tell you that there is "no place like home" and "no better boat than a Lightning" for our PYC sailors! As a closing note, this team has three more years of eligibility left before they no longer qualify for Junior status with US Sailing. Something tells me we will see excitement from this team for awhile!

I am excited to announce that we are entering the "next chapter" with our junior sailing program! We have just purchased 5 new boats for the junior program. What is noteworthy about this, is, well, the boat! What is undeniably the most exciting new platform for junior sailing and going to be extremely fun for kids, is, well, the boat. It is the O'Pen Bic dinghy, which is a 9 foot, open transom hot-rod that is modeled after the Open 60 (foot) ocean racers. Fast, fun and the very latest in technology for kids. Clear mylar sails that are not square, but flat-topped triangles, like shapes that adults sail with. This new design has begun to revolutionize junior sailing in Europe and now taking hold in the US. Clubs like Rochester Yacht Club and Buffalo Canoe Club have fallen in love with this boat. PYC is on the lead in the DRYA with this purchase as no other clubs have begun to build a fleet. But, it isn't "if", it is only "when" this boat will finally become the main platform for junior single handed sailing instruction and for racing. Outside of the general excitement this boat will generate for sailing, there is a very practical reason we have purchased this one-design platform. As kids begin to outgrow or age-out

Of the Optimist one-design boat, their choices are Laser Radial or 420 double-handers. Most kids are not ready or big enough to handle the Laser Radial, so these "tweeners" as I call them, often drop out of sailing, few to return. Since PYC does not have a 420 fleet, we cannot help our kids bridge this gap. The O'Pen Bic is the perfect solution! I encourage you to visit www.openbic.com and take a look at the videos about this great little dinghy!

To begin building interest and momentum for the O'Pen Bic, we will be running an "O'Pen House for Jr Sailing" on Sunday August 29 from 2 until 6. We'll be inviting all the junior programs from other clubs in the area to stop by and test drive this little hot rod. Please let your juniors know about this special day we are planning. It will be a blast!

Our summer instruction program has been terrific this year! Lots of kids, lots of great times, lots of great sailing. Our staff, led by Eric Ellison, continues to offer an outstanding program and value for juniors. There is one more two week session left starting on August 2nd.

In closing, I like to announce that Christy Ellison will be delivering Eric's third child soon, with a target delivery date of Sunday August 29. If you see Eric at the club, please say hello.

Go PYC Jr. Sailing!!!



The PYC Jr. team of Nick Harris, Elise Hess and Josh Abbott, has just won the Sears Cup semi-Finals!

PYC Family O'pen Bic Debut

Plan on coming to the Club Wednesday night August 25, not only because it is the Commodore's Challenge and an opportunity for pizza AND beer, but because the 5 new O'pen Bics (really cool racing boats specifically designed for the tweenagers will be on display and available for demo rides! Bring the next generation of PYC sailors!

WOW-Bayview Yacht Club Women on Water Regatta

August 13th - Clinic

August 14th & 15th - Regatta for the Natalie J. O'Niel Trophy

Ladies, we would like to invite you to the 7th annual running of the BYC WOW event includes a one day racing clinic followed by 2 days of competitive women's racing. The Friday racing clinic will be lead by head coach, Dawn Riley, and include world renowned women racing sailors, Dana Riley and Annie Nelson.

The clinic will target intermediate to advanced level women racing sailors. It will consist of classroom and on-the-water instruction and conclude with a debrief session at the end of the day.

New this year is the Coach's Review! Racing skippers and their crew are invited to bring their own boat to the clinic for a day of skill building. Working with the team, a coach will develop drills that target "the problem" and fix it. This is an awesome opportunity to elevate your team performance to the next level! Regatta days, Saturday and Sunday, will include U20, One Design, and PHRF fleets. PHRF fleet races Sunday only. All fleets race for the Natalie J. O'Niel Trophy which is awarded to the first place winners of each fleet at the Awards Party Sunday afternoon. Register today for the Clinic and Regatta and take your racing to the next level. This is a unique opportunity for fantastic competition and camaraderie for women racing sailors! U20 Formatted clinic : \$140 per person Coaches Review clinic: \$100 per person Prices for regatta vary by boat. More info at byc.com/wow We welcome your questions. Contact either Barb Somes or Lauren Knoles at wow@byc.com

Laser Clinic July 17

On Saturday July 17th, we arranged for EJ O'Mara to give us an afternoon of coaching Laser sailing at PYC. EJ is based in Burton Michigan and has been doing very well in Laser sailing championships around the US. His goal is to make it into the 2016 Olympic USA Laser sailing team, to be held in Brazil. As a Laser sailor in that class, he is very skilled at both rigging the boats, recommending hardware set ups, and of course getting around the circuit, upright, and in the lead.

I organized the afternoon after observing that the most Laser's I'd ever seen at the club at any one time was maybe 5 or 6, and yet there are over 20 sitting on racks, some in desperate need of loving care and attention. I first sailed a Laser (badly) in the 80's on some water filled quarries near Oxford, England. I recall it being great fun, and it was my first choice years later when I wanted to join PYC. It's an easy to maintain boat, intended for the single hander, unstable and fast especially on a windy reach, and with a choice of smaller sail sizes for when it gets too windy (or the sailor is too light for the conditions). The first Laser was revealed in 1971, and since then there have been nearly 200,000 boats (by comparison, Sunfish first appeared in 1952, and surpassed 300,000 boats in 2001).

EJ spent a good hour or so briefing us on how to set up the boats. He was able to clear up some questions such as vang and cunningham tension and "on and off" marks, and ways of reducing the amount of line coming back into the cockpit. He was pretty rude about my antique vang, but hey – I have bigger issues (such as keeping the mast pointing upwards)!! We got some good hints and tips on hiking and ways to hold the tiller, which I put into practice when we got on the water.

We rigged up, and were about to launch, when I notice the skies were not as friendly looking as they were earlier. A quick check on the PYC computer showed Severe Thunderstorm Warnings, with a couple of cells both North and South of Cass Lake. We had a quick discussion and launched anyway, staying in sight of the club house, a quick reach away if the weather turned really nasty. What happened was that the wind got up tremendously as the cells passed, leading to some very exciting sailing. Reaching a Laser in that wind is akin to surfing, when the spray goes over your head and you need a snorkel to breathe. Jibing was not for the faint hearted in such conditions, but we got some exercises in.

Bill Ziegler motored EJ around very skillfully, hovering just a few feet behind fast moving Laser's while EJ barked instructions and encouragement. Bill must have been tired watching for signs of us (me) about to capsize so he could avoid the wreckage – Thanks Bill!!

EJ also got onto individual Lasers, giving the sailor a demo from the Whaler. It was great watching somebody with that much ability, run through some moves and making it all look easy. Certainly some things, such as how to hold the tiller (the javelin grip) were very beneficial to me personally. Still couldn't master not letting go of the tiller very briefly when tacking, but in lighter winds I am looking forward to working on that. As EJ said "when you let go of the tiller, bad things happen".

Towards the end of the session, the wind speed climbed again and we headed back to shore after about 2hrs on the water. EJ was able to debrief and answer questions, and as an instructor he was very able to put across complex ideas about boat handling.

In total we made donations of around \$240 to EJ's fundraising to keep him competing towards joining the Olympics, and the only cost to PYC was fuel for the Whaler. The feedback I got from the Laser sailors who joined the session was very positive, and I would like to thank all those who attended from making the event the success that it was. Next time a little less wind (or a smaller sail) would be a benefit for those using a full rig, but apart from that I hope we can repeat the event in 2011.

Andy Martin

Time Honored Club Traditions

Reading the Club Rules on pages 1 and 2 of the directory!

Swimming only on the left (west) side of the main dock and not between boats!

Putting wine, beer and wine coolers in roadie cups! NO glass bottles!

Returning plastic chairs to the clubhouse after use.

Showing up Saturday night at the Whitecap for the beer bash and dinner!

Diving off the dock at least once a year!

Smiling and introducing yourself again and again!



Best Wishes

On Saturday, July 10th, Emily Korn and Ian Lannen were married at the yacht club.



IT'S A GIRL!!

Stephen and Naomi Handelman became grandparents for the fourth time on July 9. Nava Lior Reeves weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. Nava lives in Silver Springs Maryland with her parents and older brother

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?).

Finally—We have a brand new refrigerator!!! Thank you to all, who helped to procure the new fridge! Speaking of the new fridge.... Members should NOT leave food in the fridge (or cabinets) from day to day. What you bring, please take home with you! This includes, but is not limited to soda, condiments, leftovers. Anything left will be thrown out weekly. The Management

Wanted

Volunteers wanted for very exciting and fulfilling positions on the

Entertainment Committee!

Please contact Kris Guccione if you are interested in helping with, or hosting a potluck, the Whitecap Regatta, or Annual Banquet!

Alternate Work Assignments

Please contact

Bill Sanders

for Alternate work assignments at 248 203-2515

Remember: Hosting a Potluck or other Club event is an alternate work assignment option!!

2010 PYC Special Race Events

31-Jul	Saturday	Races count only toward Club Championship - Day 1
1-Aug	Sunday	Races count only for Club Championship - Day 2 . . . Races DO NOT count in Sunday Series
25-Aug	Wednesday	Commodore's Challenge - All boats are to be skippered by a "regular" crew member other than the skipper. Races will NOT be scored in the Wednesday night series for any boat.
5-Sep	Sunday	Races count in the Sunday Series AND Labor Day Regatta
6-Sep	Monday	Races count in the Labor Day Regatta ONLY

Did They Abscond With Each Other?

The red canoe and the red, white and blue Sunfish. Do you think they ran away together? They must have planned it over the winter because they have both been missing for several months. Maybe they wanted to spend the summer in northern Michigan or maybe the canoe and the sunfish wanted a larger lake. Who knows? But they shouldn't have felt unappreciated.

The Hafleys, 248-360-8595, owners of the red canoe, and Joyce von Drehle, 248-729-7148, owner of the Sunfish (name on the stern) would appreciate any clues.

Contribute and Benefit

Contribute your Michigan condo, cabin or cottage as a charitable donation to the Pontiac Sailing Education Foundation for a week or a weekend. It's a great tax write-off for you and gives us the opportunity to award scholarships for the Jr. Sailing program and also to help with the Jr. Sailing Racing Team, among other things.



For Sale

Optimist for sale - \$900.00
Hull # EUHO 3220189

Stored indoors during winters
Includes sail, spars and foils
Very good condition
Please email Carol
cjcox@comcast.net



FOR SALE

Wayfarer (fiberglass) and Trailer



- 1969, very good condition
- New Main Sail
- Jib Sail older but still usable
- Tapered Ian Proctor racing mast with internal halyards
- Rebuilt center trunk
- New floors
- Refinished Tiller and Rudder
- Pamco Trailer with new tires and rims

Contact Bob Chiaravalli
248-681-0777
Robert@hrstrategy.biz

The White Cap Regatta

Mark your calendars now... The Whitecap is Saturday September 11 and Sunday September 12. This regatta is a Pontiac Yacht Club tradition drawing 30-40 boats to the starting line! The competition is stiff even if the wind is not! The raucous dinner on Saturday evening is for everyone—NOT ONLY SAILORS! Come hear the lake war stories and share a beer. Cheer on your favorite boat from the pontoon. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

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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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Club Championship	2 PYC S4 W1 Meghan Harris	3 3pm - Andy Monique Andy Monique	4 CSYC Regatta	5 4pm - Bob Mathers -	6	7 2pm - Bob Loch -
8	9	10 DRYA Instructors	11 DYC Regatta	12 DRYA Banquet 4pm - Ron Neuman -	13	14 2pm - Bob Mathers -
15	16	17 9am - Men's Club	18	19	20	21 12pm - Ed Dalkow -
22	23	24	25 Commodore's Pizza/Beer Night PYC Family Open House Open Bics Debut	26	27	28
29 Jr. Sailing Open House	30	31	1	2	3	4