



Commodore's Corner

by Kris Guccione

It is a great honor to now be included in a long line of Pontiac Yacht Club Commodores writing the first Commodore's Corner of the new sailing season! I am proud to follow so many great volunteers, who have given so generously of themselves to the Club. I wish past Commodore Glenn Smith Sr. (1981) was here to read this; surely he would have some improvements! I miss seeing him on the end of the dock.

The Board of Directors for the 2012 season is a great group of individuals. I am excited to be working with such thoughtful and dedicated people, and am confident the Club will reap the benefits. Never miss an opportunity to thank a Board member or other volunteer for their time and service, it is, after all, what keeps the Pontiac Yacht Club vibrant.

Now, on to business: In this issue you will find the (almost) complete calendar for the upcoming sailing year. Please mark your calendars now for work parties (yes, they are mandatory), potlucks, The Districts, The Whitecap and the Annual Banquet. We have a wonderful Social Committee, led by the lovely Sally Dishaw, putting together another



Moonlight Cruise, evening Happy Hours and all that is already making PYC a bit better!

In an effort to improve Club communications, several hard copies of the Telltales will be available at the Clubhouse. Look for these near the phone in the kitchen. If you or someone you know would like to have the Telltales mailed to your home, please contact our brand new Rear Commodore, Matt Warner. Also along the lines of better communication, the Telltales will include a brief recap from the Board of Directors meetings. Better communication means knowing who you are talking to, or talking about...so, the new directories will once again include pictures. GET PHOTOS IN ASAP to John Morley! And, if you would like to purchase an official PYC nametag, previously spotted only on prominent Board members please see the attached order form!

Looking forward to another summer on Cass Lake, sailing with the largest Lightning Fleet in the World!

Save The Dates

- Spring Recall..... TBD
- Spring Work Party ...April 28, '12
- Hoist In May 6, '12
- Bug Out RegattaMay 6, '12
- First Wednesday Race . May 9, '12
- Memorial Day Pot Luc May 28, '12
- Michigan Districts June 29-30
- July 4th Pot Luck July 4, '12
- Labor day Pot Luck... Sept 3, '12
- Hoist Out..... Oct. 13, '12
- Fall Work Party Oct 20, '12
- Annual Banquette .. Nov. 3, '12

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The Telltales editor is Matt Warner. Please contact me if you have anything for the telltales at: 248-763-3928, rearcommodore@pyc54.org



PONTIAC YACHT CLUB

2011 PYC Racing Recap, Results and Awards

The 2011 PYC lightning race season ended with a ton of excitement that can only be found at the Pontiac Yacht Club (PYC). With so much excitement we find it hard to just select one moment in time. The one event sticking out like a sideways spinnaker is Mark Allen and crew winning the Michigan Lightning District 1st place trophy.

Mark and Crew working together for many years improving their sailing skill grabbed the 1st place win with their mast up in the air and sails set as professionals. Oh, we know Mark likes to give off a humble cool image, but we are sure that he is smiling from ear to ear that windy day. Now that everyone has read this we are sure the bull's-eye on Marks' transom just got a whole lot larger.

Looking at the whole race season the PYC 2011 static show we had :

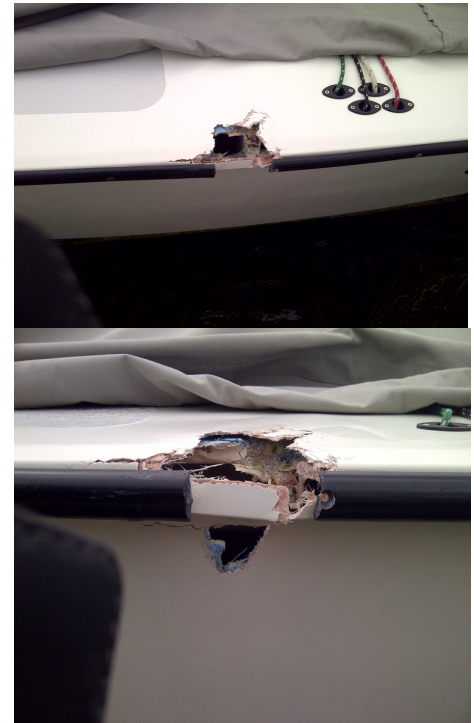
- 48—Race date
- 98—Scheduled races
- 66—Actual races
- 991—Finishes
- 15—Avg. boat/Finish
- 22—Most boat on the line
- 47—Skipper Participating
- 46—Skipper finish one race
- 60—Awards
- 17—Skipper Winning Award

WOW, that is a long list. With static's like this I am sure Crescent Yacht Club is a wee bit jealous. Bay View, yeah they have the BIG boats, but we have the LARGEST One Design Fleet in the Nation, the Lightning.

Of course we could not call ourselves die-hard racers if we weren't trading gel-coat on the race course.

There is no better gel-coat trading that took place in 2011 then Tom Klaban and Matt Warner. YEP, the "Overdrive" took a massive blow to it's rubber rail and hull. It seems Klaban was doing the usual line check on race course side as boats racing where still finishing. One of those boat happened to be Warner in the Mad Duck driving for the finish. With Overdrive on a relaxed star board tack and the Mad Duck on a muscling port track heading toward the finish line at lightning speed the two boats made contact (*Pictures to the left*). We are sure the expletive filled the air like a flock of sea gulls. Well, at least Nickels Boat Work does AWESOME repair work because you can't even tell that Overdrive was injured with a small hole.

Now that we gone over the past it is time to move forward with excitement for the 2012 PYC Race season. Lets not for get PYC will be hosting the Michigan Lightning District regatta in June. It would be great for



Above: Overdrive damage OUCH!

- to help out a little more so the club is sparkling as we welcome many visitors to PYC for this event. As a working club there is always something to do, just ask. We may be a small club but we all have big hearts.

| Pontiac Yacht Club 2011 | | | | |
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| Sunday Series | | | | |
| | Spring | Summer | Fall | Overall |
| 1st | Mark Whatley | Tom Klaban | Mark Whatley | Tom Klaban |
| 2nd | Bill Ziegler | Tom Crosby | Tom Klaban | Mark Whatley |
| 3rd | John Garrison | Mark Whatley | Mike Welch | Bill Ziegler |
| 4th | Tom Crosby | Neil Willetts | John Garrison | Tom Crosby |
| 5th | Greg Harris | Bob Mathers | Bill Ziegler | John Garrison |
| Wednesday Series | | | | |
| | Spring | Summer | Fall | Overall |
| 1st | Mark Whatley | Tom Klaban | Tom Klaban | Tom Klaban |
| 2nd | Mark Allen | Mark Whatley | Mike Welch | Mark Whatley |
| 3rd | Mike Roualet | Charlie Hess | Mark Allen | Mark Allen |
| 4th | Mike Welch | Mark Allen | Andy Monique | Mike Roualet |
| 5th | John Stromberg | Mike Roualet | Tom Crosby | Mike Welch |
| Regattas | | | | |
| | Fleet Champ. | Memorial Day | July 4th | Labor Day |
| 1st | Mark Whatley | John Morley | Tom Klaban | Mike Welch |
| 2nd | Tom Klaban | John Garrison | Tom Crosby | Tom Crosby |
| 3rd | John Garrison | Mark Whatley | John Mathers | Neil Willetts |
| 4th | Tom Crosby | Neil Willetts | Joel Humphrey | Tom Klaban |
| 5th | Bob Mathers | John Mathers | Neil Willetts | Mark Whatley |
| | Commodore's Challenge | Junior Championship | Persistence | White Cap |
| 1st | Eric Klaban | Kevin Ziegler | Matt Warner | Tom Klaban |
| 2nd | Mike Losert | Caleb Mathers | Most Improved | MI District |
| 3rd | Joel Hofman | Branden Warner | Andy Monique | High Point |
| 4th | G. Reinheimer | | Sportsmanship | Mark Allen |
| 5th | Joe Smyk | | Mark Allen | |



Anouncements

PONTIAC YACHT CLUB NAME TAG ORDER FORM

If you would like to purchase a magnetic nametag (\$5.00 ea.) Please print this page, fill out the order form, and return with payment no later than **April 1, 2012** to:

Kris Guccione

10704 Ludlow Ave,

Huntington Woods, MI 48070

Name _____ \$5.00

(Please print)

Name _____ \$5.00

(Please print)

\$ _____ Total

(checks payable to Kris Guccione)

Name tags will be ready for pick up at the spring Work Party April 28, 2012!!!

Attention:

Photos for the PYC Directory

Do you hate seeing the same people week after week at the club and not knowing their names? So do we! It is time, therefore, to collect photos for the PYC Directory. Last year, we asked members for a photo of themselves to put into the directory and over 30 of you responded. Let's see if we can double that this year. Our goal is to have a complete photo album to let you put names and faces together.

Send photos to Vice Commodore John Morley at john.b.morley@gmail.com. I can work with any format. Send one right away before you forget! Photos must be received by **April 1, 2012** to be included.

Announcements

Time Honored Club Traditions

Donuts and Coffee at the Work Parties.

Leaning on a rack at the work Party!

Hank Callahan.

Seeing old friends

No large parties on Wednesdays or Sundays.

No glass bottles (beer/wine coolers etc.) on Club property.

No smoking in or near the Club House (20'-0" perimeter).

Not feeding the ducks!

New Lock for Boat Ramp

A new combination padlock will replace the key padlock at the launch ramp. The combination lock has four numbered wheels similar to brief case locks.

The combination is 1934, the year the club was founded.

To operate the lock, perform the following steps:

To unlock:

- 1) set combination to 1934.
- 2) Press shackle into body. It will spring back and open.

To lock:

- 1) Change combination
- 2) Press shackle into body.

Now you don't have to remember your keys!!!



2012 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

ILCA Membership by Bob Mathers

It has come to my attention that there are many PYC owners who, for several years, have not paid their annual dues to the International Lightning Class Association. This is unfortunate since the ILCA is experiencing some financial problems and most of their income is from Lightning owner's dues. PYC is proud of being the largest Lightning fleet in the world, but it is a fact that several smaller fleets have more paid ILCA members than we do.

Many years ago the board decided that PYC should be true supporters of the Lightning class and made the membership in the ILCA a requirement to keep a Lightning on the grounds or at the dock or to participate in the racing program. For complete wording of these rules see pages 4 and 5 of our directory and the back page of the race schedule. The paid annual ILCA membership decal must be displayed on the starboard side of the boat near the transom.

Send ILCA dues directly to the ILCA office. A membership application is available at www.lightningclass.org, or send your check to me Bob Mathers.

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.

Alternate Work Assignments

Please contact

Mark Goldman

for Alternate work assignments at
248 203-2515

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

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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Largest Lightning Fleet



Feb. 2012

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 PYC BoD Meeting @ 7 | | | | |