



PONTIAC YACHT CLUB

Winter 2018



Commodore's Corner

Keith Beasley, Commodore

Happy New Year to all! I hope your holidays were great. Although snow and ice are still on the grounds of PYC and more to come, your 2018 Board has already begun meeting and working. 2018 will be a busy year at PYC! We are looking forward to a great sailing, picnicking and beach season!

This is the summer we are hosting the ICLA Sponsored National Women's, Juniors' and Masters' (WJM) Regatta at the Club. This will be a big undertaking. The Committee led by Vice Commodore Karl Aavik has been meeting and already has made a lot of progress in planning for the event. Karl will be writing more in his update in this issue.

As a consequence of the WJM, it was decided that we will not be having a Whitecap Regatta this September. It will just be too difficult to put on a month after the WJM Regatta.

The WJM regatta also led the WJM Committee and the Board to look at our facilities. Club Secretary Cathy Burns tells us that the Great Room and Kitchen of the Club have not been updated for about 22 years. The House Committee and the Board are moving ahead with a cost-effective repair. The whole area has been freshly repainted. We are taking out the cabinets, the counter tops, etc., and preparing for new ones. The floors will soon be redone with epoxy and a compass rose. Other minor, but important changes will be made. We will be aiming to have the bulk of it done by April 9th, when Junior sailing is scheduled to begin. It is not that far away!

The Hoist Out and Dock Out went very well this fall, thanks to changes in procedure that require all Hoist owners to be present and help with all hoists. Dock in and out also went well, especially due to the help of Junior Sailors, who waded in the cold water for the hard tasks needed there. Remember, ours is a volunteer organization that depends on members to continue pitching in to help. If more members join in, we will all reap the benefits. Unfortunately, it is a small percentage of members that do the lion's share of the volunteer work at the Club. We are very grateful to them for their service. We do have some new members that are helping in their areas of expertise. That is wonderful! Please consider where you can help. Please join the standing committees or help out where needed when you can. In particular, Andy Monique could use some ongoing help on the Dock Committee. Let me know if you can help!

Which brings me to alternative work assignments. At a minimum, each is member is required to come to the Spring and Fall work parties, send a suitable, capable replacement or do an alternative work assignment. This season I will be in charge of alternative work assignments. Please contact me if you want an assignment or if you know of work that needs to be done at the Club. I also have a list from our Treasurer of members who have not yet completed their assignments from prior work days that I will be calling upon.

Here's looking to a wonderful year!
Keep calm and sail on!

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Important Dates

HS Sailing Begins	Apr 9
Spring Work Party	Apr 21
Spring Recall	Apr 22
Hoist In	Apr 28
Bug Our Regatta	Apr 29
First Series Race	May 2
WJM Regatta	Aug 2-5

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WJM Update

Karl Aavik

I love writing about sailing on the same day I snowblow the driveway. How else can I stay sane during these God forsaken winters!

As you probably know by now, our humble club is sponsoring the Lightning Class Women's, Juniors' and Masters' North American Championship. We have a great core of people who have been working on preparations already for several months, but don't feel left out, there are plenty more opportunities to get involved.

Here's a quick rundown on things you can expect due to the WJM regatta:

Schedule: The schedule looks like this: Boats will be arriving on Thursday, August 2nd and we will have an opening ceremony that evening. All members are invited to join in for the fun that evening, whether you are racing or not. Racing starts on Friday and goes through Sunday, April 5th.

Club Disruption: For all members, be aware that we will begin working in earnest on preparations after racing the prior Sunday, July 29. That week there will be lots of setting up and prep work aside from the actual racing, so keep that in mind as you plan social activities at the club.

Lightning Racers: For Lightning racers, there are a few things to be aware of. First, with the effort going in to the WJM's, we will NOT be hosting the Whitecap this year. Second, we will interrupt only two regular race dates for the WJM's, Wednesday August 1 and Sunday August 5. Beyond that we'll have a typical sailing season.

Hoist Owners: For Lightning owners who have their boat on a hoist, we will be asking for your help. We plan to utilize as many hoists as possible for visiting boats to reduce the traffic and congestion in the parking area. To that end, we will be asking all hoisted Lightnings who are not participating in the regatta to move onto trailers for the week of the regatta. We realize this is inconvenient but it will make a huge difference in our ability to host a goodly number of guest boats. If you need help moving your boat on and off your trailer for that week, let me know.

Chartered Lightnings: All Lightning owners should have received a message from Bill Ziegler regarding providing boats to visiting sailors who cannot bring their own boat. If you do not plan to sail in the WJM Regatta and are willing to charter your boat to a guest, please reach out to Bill and let him know, williamjziegler@gmail.com.

Housing: We would like to provide housing, particularly for visiting junior teams, in club member's homes in order to reduce the cost of their participation. See the attached article (next page) from Joan Green for details.

There is a lot more going on behind the scenes, and don't be surprised when I or another WJM planner taps you on the shoulder and asks for help. Hopefully you won't mind pitching in and helping the rest of the sailing world discover what a gem we have here at PYC.



Housing for Crews During the WJM Regatta

Joan Green

Many of the crews arriving for the big Regatta , August 2,3,4,5 , will be in need of a place to stay . While they will be supplied with a list of motels and hotels along with a campground option, some sailors may enjoy a private home accommodation not too far from PYC. If you would have room in your home for some tired sailors for a few nights please contact Joan Green, e-mail jwgreen1@me.com. I will then get back to you for your information. If you are planning to be out of town, and would like to help out PYC, and are comfortable opening your home Thursday through Sunday, this may help a family from out of town. Please be aware most meals will be available at the club and these accommodations are for overnight and bathroom use. Please contact me as soon as you know this is a possibility.

Junior Sailing Coach Needed

Eric Ellison & Lynn Frikker

We are looking for a PYC racing sailor to guest coach with our Varsity Team every Tuesday and Thursday, from April 12 until May 24 this Spring. The time is from 4-7 pm on those evenings. If you are interested you can [click on this link](#) to sign up for different time slots. If you have questions, contact either Eric Ellison (ellisoneric79@gmail.com) or Lynn Frikker (mfrikker@comcast.net).



Pontiac Yacht Club Sailing Awards 2017

Sunday Series			
Spring	Summer	Fall	Overall
Karl Aavik	Tom Klaban	John Garrison	John Garrison
John Garrison	Karl Aavik	Tom Klaban	Tom Klaban
Tom Klaban	Mike Hecker	Karl Aavik	Karl Aavik
Mike Welch	Liz Obermaier	Mike Hecker	Mike Hecker
Bill Ziegler	Matt Warner	John Ostrander	John Ostrander
Wednesday Series			
Spring	Summer	Fall	Overall
Mark Allen	Mark Allen	Tom Klaban	Mark Allen
Karl Aavik	Tom Klaban	Mark Allen	Tom Klaban
Tom Klaban	Joel Humphrey	Karl Aavik	Joel Humphrey
Joel Humphrey	John Garrison	Mike Welch	Karl Aavik
John Garrison	John Ostrander	Mike Roualet	John Garrison
Regattas			Club
Memorial Day	July 4th	Labor Day	Championship
Tom Klaban	Tom Klaban	Tom Klaban	Mark Allen
Mike Welch	Greg Harris	John Morley	Tom Klaban
Mike Hecker	Mike Hecker	Tom Crosby	Karl Aavik
Bill Ziegler	Matt Warner	Mike Welch	John Garrison
Joe Lapalme	Phil Tomlinson	Bill Ziegler	Mike Hecker



Junior Championship:

1st: Liz Obermeier

2nd: Luuk Schmit

3rd: Tom Frikker

Commodore's Challenge:

1st: Bill Blackmer

Michigan High Point:

Tom Klaban

Clarence Holman Most Improved Award:

Liz Obermeier

Sportsmanship:

Bill Ziegler

George Bery Persistence Award:

Rob Schmit

Bob Mathers Award:

Lynn Frikker

Ransom/Callahan Award:

Salo Korn

Silver Service Award:

Esther Callahan