

ANCHOR LINE

Pioneer Valley Yacht Club PO Box 60602 Longmeadow, MA 01116 September 2009

Commodore's Message

Your PVYC membership entitles you to use the facilities at the club year 'round from January- December and it is as beautiful a setting in the Fall and Winter as it is in the summer. The docks will remain in place until late October and it's a beautiful place to just sit in an Adirondack chair and watch the world (and the river) go by. We will make good use of our fire pit during the upcoming months and the fire up our woodstove during the Winter. On Friday nights, you'll find many members enjoying dinner at the club. Please feel free to stop by and enjoy the club all through the Fall and Winter months.

As we move into the 'quiet' season at the club, it is even more critical that we all keep the security of the club in mind as we use the facilities. If you are the last person to leave the clubhouse, please be sure that all doors and windows are locked. If you are storing your boat at the club over the winter, please be sure that you have secured your boat and have removed all valuables. If you see anyone at the club who you do not recognize, please feel free to introduce yourself and determine whether he/she is a member. As we do each year for security reasons, we changed the combination to the keypad on the PVYC Clubhouse door during the summer and the new combination was emailed to all members. If you head down during the off season, please be sure you have the new combination—you may find other members there or you may have the whole place to yourself!

Mary Breeding, Commodore

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

All PVYC members are once again invited to attend the annual membership meeting on Wednesday November 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting, elections for the 2010 Officers and Board of Governors of the PVYC will be held. Nominations are open until 5:00 p.m. on October 12 and anyone interested in running for an office or PVYC Board position should email Lou Kornet at LouKornet@comcast.net

The Board of Governors next meeting will be on Monday, October 12th. Future meetings are scheduled for *Wednesday*, November 18th (the general meeting and election), and lastly, Monday, December 14th.

Quotable Quotes

"The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public."

George Jessel

Editor's Note

The deadline for the next issue is November 2nd. Please submit news items by email to: bobbijg2@verizon.net, phone: 413-566-8271, or mail to 36 Wehr Rd, Hampden, MA 01036.

Committee News

Social: *Saturday, September 26th* - Oktoberfest, \$3.pp, bring your fav German dish to share; 6:00pm-???
Sunday, October 4th - sailing regatta, the O'Neill Cup @ 1:30pm; all sailors are invited to participate.
Saturday, October 17th - Family Pumpkin Carving Night 6:00pm-9:00pm
Sunday, October 25th - Chili Cook-Off, make your best crock pot full, \$5. entry fee; come be a taster/judge, \$2.pp; cash prizes awarded! 3:00pm-6:00pm
Saturday, November 14th - Turkey Potluck 6:00pm-???
Saturday, December 12th - Holiday Party 6:00pm-???

Cyndie Eisnor, chairperson

Dock: Saturday, October 24th is Dock Day. All hands should be available rain or shine when the first pin is pulled at 8:00am. Any questions, call 413-566-8271.

Dave Grant, chairperson

Race: Sailing Regatta: The O'Neill Cup

As long-time club members know, Gene O'Neill and his wife, Pat, were very active members of the PVYC for many years. Gene was a Commodore for many years in the 1990s and he is credited by many with getting the club on solid financial footing during some very difficult and challenging times. Pat died a couple of years ago and Gene died most recently in August, 2009. A sailing regatta will be held at **1:30pm on Sunday, October 4** with the winner receiving the O'Neill Cup. All sailors are invited to participate in this event and the more observers the merrier!

The PVYC Is a Working Club

As you know, the PVYC is a 'working' club and, other than a cleaning service and lifeguards, has no paid staff. The dues that you pay cover only a portion of the 'cost' to run the club. Many of our members put in far more than the required 15 hours of work but it seems that there are always a few folks who try to slide by with as little effort as possible. You know who you are—a round of applause for the former and a warning to the latter.

Committee Chairs will be reporting work activity to the Board within the next month or so and bills will be sent to any member who has not contributed the required 15 hours of committee work. If you have not yet completed your committee work hours, please keep in mind that committee work opportunities diminish significantly as the season draws to an end; but it may not be too late to contact your committee chairperson...

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