



Commodore's Message

The Pioneer Valley Yacht Club is a beautiful place all year round. Many of us enjoy spending time at the club during the winter when the river and grounds have a special beauty, particularly when viewed from in front of a warm fire. I hope that you will take full advantage of your membership and stop by the clubhouse this winter. You may be the only one there; you may find a few members enjoying a light dinner or a glass of wine, especially on the weekends. Some members stop down on Friday nights for an impromptu 'potluck'; any member is welcome to bring a favorite dish and join in.

It takes the efforts of many committed members to make the PVYC the wonderful place that it is. During a recent power outage due to a fallen tree, we benefited from the efforts of some very dedicated club members. Ben Kubera let us know of the problem so that WMECO could be notified; John Mientus waited hours for them to arrive to restore our power. During very cold weather, John Dalsey, Dave Mientus, Dave Grant, Ali Clifford and Carol Craven (and I'm sure I'm missing a few) often make special trips to the clubhouse to ensure that the wood stove is kept burning 24/7. This saves us significant propane expense and also ensures that pipes in the clubhouse don't freeze. Some of these same folks also snow blow and shovel the sidewalks when needed. Paul Gentile deserves a great big thank you for plowing our parking lot and creating a path so that we can get propane deliveries.

The Pioneer Valley Yacht Club is a beautiful and special place all year 'round thanks to so many dedicated members. Please take the time to thank them when you have the opportunity. Best wishes to all PVYC members for '09. Upon renewing your membership, I hope you stop by to enjoy the PVYC's special beauty on one of these wonderful winter days.

Mary Breeding, Commodore

The Board of Governors next meeting will be on Monday, March 9th @ 7:pm. Future Monday meetings are scheduled for April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, Wednesday, November 18th (general meeting/election), and December 14th.

At http://www.ourpvyc.net/officers_and_board.html you will find a list of current BOG members, officers and committee chairs. These folks donate countless hours toward the betterment of the PVYC; if you have any concerns about the club, I am sure that any of these folks would be happy to hear from you. It is important to continually involve new members in the governance of the club and we do sometimes have a position open for an Alternate on the BOG. So, please contact me at breeding@stcc.edu or (413) 567-7957 if you have an interest in being considered for a future opening.

INTERESTED IN PURCHASING:

- O'Day Mariner
Contact: Bill Collins at (413) 567-0410 or email collinsfamily@runbox.com
- Sunfish
Contact: Rick Hartmann at (860) 668-5990 or email topsail53@aol.com
- Small sailboat
Contact: Janice Patel at jjpatel@massmed.org

Editor's Note

This is the first issue of the Anchor line for the '09 season. The deadline for the next issue is April 15th. 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, March 14th St. Patrick's Day Potluck Dinner Luck @ 6:00pm. Bring an Irish dish to share; dessert & coffee will be provided. \$3.00 pp.
Saturday, May 9th New Member Meeting, 10:am
Monday, May 25th Memorial Day picnic, 12 - 2:pm
Saturday, June 20th Summer Kickoff Dance, 6:pm -?
Saturday, July 4th Independence day picnic, 12-2:pm
Wednesday, July 22nd Family Fun/Swim night, 5-8:pm
Monday, September 7th Labor Day picnic, 12 - 2:pm
 For more info, go to http://www.ourpvyc.net/2009_social_calendar.html
 Cyndie Eisnor, chairperson

Membership: January 31st was the first payment deadline to renew your '09 membership; March 31st is the deadline for the final payment. Late fees will be added to any membership that is not paid by the deadline dates; spaces will be offered to those on the waiting list for any renewing memberships not paid in full by March 31st. The application and details are at <http://www.ourpvyc.net/membership.html>
 Linda Abrams, chairperson

Pool: The PVYC may have a lifeguard position open for the '09 season. If you have a relative or friend who is interested and meets the following requirements, please have him/her contact Bud Breeding at 567-7957 or budagh@yahoo.com as soon as possible: at least 16 years old, Certified in Lifesaving, First Aid and CPR
 Bud Breeding, chairperson

The PVYC Is a Working Club. Each membership is expected to either contribute 15 hours of work/season or pay a \$225 (\$15/hour) committee work assessment when submitting their membership application. In completing their applications, members could select from the following committees; assignments for returning members should be finalized by mid-March:

Boatyard	JasonKology	413-5662243
Dock	DaveGrant	413-566-8271
Grounds	JohnMientus	860-749-0381
House	Ann-MarieKristoffy	413-567-8389
Membership	LindaAbrams	413-567-1710
Pool	BudBreeding	413-567-7957
Race	CoryWhite	413-567-3512
Social	CyndieEisnor	860-731-0812

Each committee member is responsible for contacting his/her committee chairperson to determine work assignments/work party dates. Due to the club's seasonal nature, work projects are completed between March and November. Any membership that has not contributed 15 work hours by late Fall will be assessed **\$20/hour for work hours not completed.**

BOATS FOR SALE:

- Rhodes 19, 1977, built by O'Day, 19 foot centerboard version, blue hull with white deck; includes 2 sets of sails plus a spinnaker, 1980 "Lady Bee" trailer with new tires and hubs, and an O.B. motor,\$4,500
Contact: Bill Collins at (413) 567-0410 or email: collinsfamily@runbox.com
- Point Jude sailboat 1978, 16 foot, very good condition. Trailer included \$1,300
Contact: Bob Hager, (413) 786-7243 or email: bobhager4@netzero.net
- Century Resorfer, 16 foot, 1958, new trailer included \$4,500
Contact: Bob Hager, (413) 786-7243 or email: bobhager4@netzero.net
- Point Jude (hull #27), PJ15, 15'8" LOA, \$2,000 including trailer& 4hp outboard
Contact:Gregory Gale, (413) 596-5542 or email ggale_1@charter.net

Quotable Quotes

"There ought to be one day – just one – when there is open season on senators."
 Will Rogers