

OCTOBER 2016



# Anchor Line

*Pioneer Valley Yacht Club - Longmeadow, MA*

## Commodore's Message

With the wonderful Fall weather upon us, I hope that you will continue to enjoy the PVYC. Members have access to the clubhouse all year long and Fall and Winter offer beautiful views of the river and the wildlife that surrounds us.

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 and tagged your boat and have removed all valuables. Tags are available on the counter in the clubhouse. 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.

Thank you to all members who have already met or will soon meet their 15-hour work obligation for the year--you have helped to make the PVYC the great place that it is! Any members who do not meet the work requirement will be receiving a bill by late November/early December and all 2016 work party assessments must be paid before a membership renewal application will be accepted for 2017. All current members will receive a link to the 2017 Membership Application once it is available in December.

Regards,

*Mary Breeding, Commodore*

## Annual Membership Meeting and Elections



Each year in November, the PVYC holds a General Meeting to allow all members to provide their input, comments, and suggestions for making the club a better place for everyone. As we close out another year and prepare for the next, we hope you will take some time to join together with the Board on **Wednesday, November 9**, at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse. If you cannot attend but have ideas you would like to share with the Board, please feel free to email them to me.

The PVYC is a unique club in many ways. It succeeds thanks to the efforts of our members. Our members through our Committees and Board operate all aspects of our club. This is no small task considering the many age groups and interests at the club. If you are interested in taking a more active role, we can use you!

There are many special projects, standing committees, and special committees where members can help our club as well as gain experience and knowledge of how our club operates. Each year the Commodore also appoints a Nominating Committee headed by the Rear Commodore to develop a slate of candidates to ensure that there are qualified candidates for all positions on the Board.

The Nominating Committee is composed of members who have a long standing commitment to and knowledge of club operations. This year members of the Nominating Committee are Lou Kornet, Bob Hager, Linda Abrams, and Bob Madison. They are tasked with identifying Members whose number of years of club membership, level of involvement in the club, performance on committee work, and participation in club activities will allow them to meet the needs of our club and its members and be effective as leaders moving forward.

An email announcing the annual meeting and elections was sent to all members several weeks ago and the nomination process for 2017 has closed. Please join us at 7:00pm on Wednesday, November 9 to cast your vote for next year's officers and Board members.

We hope that your year at the PVYC has been a great one and that you will join with us to continue to make the club an even better place for all.

Mary Breeding, Commodore, Pioneer Valley Yacht Club  
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### The Back Room

The PVYC House Committee is preparing to clean up the back room of the Clubhouse. If you have any items on the floor, randomly stuffed into a corner, or otherwise considered abandoned by anyone else who has to step over it, please come by to remove or store your belongings or they may be discarded. Thank you!

**Boats Come Out by October 17**  
**Docks Come Out on October 22**



### NEWS YOU NEED:

By now most of our members know that intruders vandalized several boats in the PVYC boatyard on September 27. Please read this update from a September 29th email from Mary Breeding.

“I'd like to provide you with an update on steps that we have taken regarding the vandalism that occurred in the PVYC boatyard on Tuesday evening. The Longmeadow Police were contacted as soon as the vandalism was discovered on Wednesday afternoon and they responded immediately. Later that same afternoon the K-9 dog was brought down and this morning evidence technicians from the MA Environmental Police were walking the property and collected one of the paint cans and possibly other items. The response from our area law enforcement has been prompt and very thorough and they will be increasing their patrols in the area.”

**Sunset is still my favorite color,  
and rainbow is second.**

*Mattie Stepanek*



## THE BOYS ARE BACK submitted by Bob Madison

Jon Lasko and his crew of four (Paul Lewis, Ted Maresh, Ron Hirsch and Bob Madison) just finished chartering a 41' Irwin sailboat (<http://www.swiftlyachts.com>) ODIN off Cape Cod and the Islands (Martha's Vineyard & the Elizabeth Islands). Seven days of sailing – all in good weather. Overnight stops at Oak Bluffs, Menemsha Harbor and Cuttyhunk Island across from New Bedford, MA. Speaking of New Bedford, we learned about a new superstition: Apparently bananas are unlucky in New Bedford. We were approached by several fishermen and advised not to bring our bananas aboard. Not to worry. We are not fishermen so the superstition did not apply. That's all for now. Ron Hirsch promised to write an article for the Anchor Line later from the point of view of a kayak boater. Oh, by the way. Ron Hirsch celebrated a birthday aboard ODIN (the two digits of his age adds up to 14). See picture below right. The picture on the right was just taken of Ron and Joanne on Mt. Rainier on August 1, 2016.



*Spooky Soup and Stew*

*Pot Luck*

Halloween is just around the corner...join us for some spooky soup and stews provided by your fellow FYC members. The social committee will decorate in Halloween style and provide the Spooky desserts and drinks!

A FUN FAMILY TIME IS GUARANTEED FOR ALL!

Wear a costume and enter to win a prize!

Saturday, October 22, 2016

6pm-9pm

RSVP to: [nurseflyer@hotmail.com](mailto:nurseflyer@hotmail.com)

### HARD WORK, REAL FUN, TRUE IMPACT #1

Thank you to our Social Committee led by Linda Betley, for all the great events hosted at the Club this year! And we're not done yet!

**Saturday, November 12, 6:00 PM**

**Talkin' Turkey Potluck**

**Saturday, December 17, 6:00 PM**

**Holidays Around the World**

### HARD WORK, REAL FUN, TRUE IMPACT #2

The results of the 20th annual Source to Sea Cleanup on September 23 & 24, 2016 is currently being tallied. In 2015, nearly 2,300 volunteers in 141 cleanup groups joined the 2015 Source to Sea Cleanup. These groups spanned nearly the entire length of the CT River from near the Canadian border down to the mouth of the river in Old Lyme, CT and included many tributaries along the way. This hard work removes some amazing junk from our rivers. In 2015, the 50+ tons of trash collected included nearly 11,000 beverage containers and at least 1,437 tires. Volunteers use human power and sometimes heavy equipment to pull out everything from recyclables, fishing equipment and food waste to mattresses, televisions and refrigerators. The water is cleaner, river banks are safer and the wildlife are happier thanks to the generous efforts of the sponsors, businesses, watershed organizations, Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops, school groups, municipalities, and community members who make the event possible.

Trash Tally 2015 - Hardworking Source to Sea Cleanup groups haul so much trash from in and around our rivers and streams that it is impossible to account for everything. Actual numbers and weights are likely much higher than listed here.

**Did you know?** The source of the Connecticut River is Fourth Connecticut Lake in Pittsborough, NH at the Canadian border. It begins its seaward journey at an elevation of 2,660 feet above sea level some 410 miles from Long Island Sound where it enters the Sound at Old Saybrook, CT.

Item	Quantity Reported
Scrap metal	17,615 lbs.
Construction materials	1,608 lbs. carpet, 23 paint cans, 5 bags nails, 3 buckets tile, truckload wood scrap, ladder
Styrofoam	240 lbs., 8 dock floats
Pharmaceuticals & personal care	133 diapers, 28 needles
Mattresses	18
Automotive	13 oil containers & 3 gallons motor oil, 5 bumpers, 3 car batteries, 2 car seats, 1 child safety seat, 40+ pieces of metal & plastic car parts
Electronics & appliances	41 batteries, 16 TVs, 5 grills, 3 phones, 2 washing machines, radio, computer & monitor, laptop, microwave, window fan, refrigerator door, plug in car vacuum
Furniture	23 chairs, 2 toilets, 2 sinks, corner shelf, drawer, ottoman, wooden cabinet, table legs, metal folding bed, bath tub
Toys	46 balls, 14 balloons, frisbee & stuffed animals

### Get it in the Anchorline!

Member news? Selling your boat? Other item of interest? Please submit your news items, boats or items for sale, general information or special announcements to [judithdanek@yahoo.com](mailto:judithdanek@yahoo.com).