

SET & SAIL – December 2007

COMMODORE'S REPORT - Bernie Strohmann

On behalf of the Directors and the Manager of the PYTC I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year. With all the help we received from a lot of members, I feel we can say that we had a very successful year and we hope that the momentum we created, will carry over into the coming year.

All the best to you and your families.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT - Vince Rabbitte

Probably the most important event that occurred this year in the club was the appointment of Bernie as Commodore. He has been a tower of strength in every department of the PYTC whether it was the building and its maintenance; the cradle and trailer compound; the tennis courts upgrade; the grounds generally; the Y-dock and sailing; indeed all aspects of the club was within Bernie's orbit of enthusiasm, energy and dedication. It was a pleasure to have been associated with such a dynamic personality. We sincerely thank him for such a great contribution in 2007.

My main hope for next year is to have a bright, young, energetic Executive to manage the PYTC for 2008 and beyond. Vince Rabbitte, Vice Commodore.

STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Sean Brown

My most enjoyable event was the International Potluck Supper. I had never attended this event before. Carole and I thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment and the great variety of food. We will certainly be back next year.

I hope we continue the momentum we have gained. This year we made substantial improvements to the club both inside and out, and more members are now using the club. I look forward to seeing some new faces at our seasonal work parties. Merry Christmas to everyone! Shawn Brown. Staff Captain

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT - Don Money Penny

The PYTC Grande Prix 2007 Regatta was the most memorable event for me. As always the event is well attended and highly competitive. We had ordered a new mainsail for "Kilroy" and it didn't arrive until just as we were leaving the dock to start racing on Saturday morning. We hastily changed sails and got underway without much time to set the new sail. At the end of the day's racing we were enjoying dogs and refreshments on the docks and discussing the new sail with our competitors. Having said that I wasn't happy with the fit of the new sail, three very knowledgeable skippers jumped on the boat and went back out on the water to tune the mast to the new mainsail. We stayed out there until it was too dark to see and the dogs were all gone. The next day "Kilroy" went out and took two "bullets" (firsts). These guys, after a long day of hard racing had gone back out for several hours to help a fellow sailor improve his boat. That kind of camaraderie is common on the docks of PYTC and they are a credit to their sport.

Hopes for 2008

One would be remiss not to mention the atmosphere created within the clubhouse this year. The many hours of hard work to rejuvenate the facilities along with the many improvements achieved this year have given us a new sense of pride. The board, under the leadership of our Commodore has revitalized PYTC. Well done! The sense of hospitality and friendliness offered by our Manager and her staff has made everyone feel

welcome as soon as they enter the building. The club is gaining a very positive reputation within the community as a relaxing, enjoyable experience. Sharon is to be congratulated for her efforts in making the club both accessible and fiscally successful.

My fervent wish for 2008 is that the PYTC membership recognizes and appreciates how far the club has progressed in the last year. Their responsibility now is to ensure that the new board is strong, competent and committed to maintaining this direction and continues the present prosperity we have enjoyed over the last year. Choose you board candidates wisely, and then support them well.

Congratulations and best wishes to the new board for 2008.

TENNIS NEWS - Carol Zumpano - Secretary

The highlight of 2007 for me was the resurfaced tennis courts, and the clubhouse and grounds maintenance organized by Bernie. My hopes for 2008 are that we continue as a united club, and work more closely with the Marina Management Committee. Happy New Year. Carol Zumpano, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP - Tracy St. Claire

My most enjoyable event was the Commodore's Ball and the Sailpast. The band at the Ball kept everyone dancing until the end and it was great to see the members all dressed up. I really enjoyed the spirit and camaraderie of the six or seven boats and crews that came out for a cold and blustery Sailpast.

What are your hopes for 2008 at the PYTC? I hope that we continue with the great parties that we had this year and have even more participation. I also hope that Sharon continues to have boundless energy, like she did this year, to organize the club, its events and keep making great food. Finally, I hope that Bernie enjoys his well-deserved break after putting in so much time and effort getting us on track this year. Tracy St. Claire

GARDENING AT PYTC - Kate Kimberley

The highlight of 2007 for me was to see junior lessons in place as well as a PYTC Junior Tennis team representing Penticton in valley tournaments. Thanks to Robert Bettauer for his enthusiasm in creating such a professional learning environment for our junior players. My hopes for 2008 would be to see a Junior sailing program re-introduced to our club. The junior members are our future. Kate Kimberley

BITS & PIECES - Kate Kimberley

The PYTC Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2008. Nominations close January 7th. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. If you have any suggestions for candidates for the Board of Directors for the upcoming year, please contact Carol Zumpano, 492 5814, Shawn Brown 490 8195 or Doug Russell 493 1039 who are on the Nominating Committee. Carol has the nomination forms. I know that not everyone is attracted to the idea of being a Board member and attending meetings, however, it is only one meeting a month and it is satisfying to look back on the past year and consider our accomplishments. We certainly cannot operate WITHOUT an energetic group at the helm, backed up by a host of willing volunteers.

Seattle Boat Show, January 25, 26 and 27, 2008

The Kelowna Yacht Club has forwarded this information, inviting us to join their club in a bus trip to Seattle for the Boat Show.

Cost is \$122.00 plus tax includes bus trip and driver gratuity. Rooms have been reserved for KYC at the Holiday Inn Express for \$119.00 per night plus taxes, and includes hot continental breakfast, payable upon check out. Check the KYC website for further details kelownayachtclub.com

Sign up early to ensure your spot. No refunds or cancellations after January 15th, 2008. Chris Anderson is the contact person at 250 762 3310 ext. 222.

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