



The Armchair Yachtsman

Mayfield Yacht Club • January 2012



2011 Commodore's Annual Report

2011 surely will go into the record books as one of the wettest ever. We began the year with record high water for our work parties and I think Prayer Rock was still under water on December first. In between, as always, there were lots of days filled with friends, good times on the water and yes occasionally even sunshine.

Vice Commodore **Don Howe** has been instrumental in continuing the build out of our wider dock system. With his organizational skills and all of our strong backs, he is on track to finish the job this spring bringing relief to those currently living "on the other side of the tracks".

Bob Peryea has done a terrific job as our Rear Commodore. The TV room looks bright and clean with a new coat of paint and the new roof will keep us dry for years to come. I'm sure that Bob will continue to work diligently to keep the house and grounds up to snuff.

Our Treasurer **Ric Klug** did an excellent job keeping us on the straight and narrow financially. Through his guidance we managed to finish the year under budget by over two thousand dollars.

Keeping track of all the comings and goings of everything and everyone at the Mayfield Yacht Club is a herculean task that was most ably handled by **Sonja Hotaling**. In her first year she has really taken the bull by the horns and gotten the job done in fine fashion.

Joe Pitoniak, Immediate Past Commodore, and my friend and mentor, kept all of us on the board from straying too far off the center line. Thank you for your leadership Joe.

Directors of the club are a busy lot. My thanks go to **Paul Baum**, **Debbie Bedford**, **Fred DeMay**, **Ron Frederiks** and **Joe Sacco** for their valuable input, ideas and advice all

through the year. **Paul Baum** and **Ron Frederiks** headed up the By-Law Review Committee, **Fred DeMay** took charge of our Long Range Plan and **Debbie Bedford** chaired both our Sunshine and Awards & Membership committees. Debbie is leaving the board and will be sorely missed.

I would also like to thank all those who served on our many different committees with special thanks to the committee chairs: **David Ashline** who again headed the Nominating Committee. **Maria Sohn** who is beginning her seventh year as editor of the Arm Chair Yachtsman, and **Cheryl & Randy MacNeil** who take care of Printing & Publishing. **Bob Pryba** handled our audit as well as providing sage advice to **Rick Klug** and me. **Duncan Watt & Kathy Day** chaired our Boating Committee with an assist from **Ken Pokalsky** chairing our Jr. Sailing Program and **Devin Van Zandt** chairing our community Racing Fleet. **Paula Rickert** and **Gail Sacco** ably finished their term as Entertainment Committee co-Chairs with help from **Jane Coyle**, **Wendy Pokalski** and **Carolyn Hampton**. The popular golf outing was again organized by **Andy & Betty Harnichar**. **Peter Byron** headed the GSLA Committee and **Joe Muese** continues to represent us with the Sacandaga Protection Committee. **Tom Field** planted more Exclusive Use signs on our island in his role as chairman of the Island Committee. **Jahnn Gibson** continues to remind us of where we've come from as club Historian and **Dave Wilkinson** has kept our radio communication loud and clear. **Dorie Baum** handles Information Systems while **Don Howe** keeps our web site up to date. I'd also like to thank someone who's no longer a member, yet each spring shows up to make sure that our front garden starts off on the right foot, **Joe Pitoniak Jr.**

I would like to congratulate Director-elect **Brian Ashline** as he joins the board this year. I look forward to his help and energy, along with the unique perspective that he'll bring having grown up at the club. I also welcome **Kerrie Vinett** as our entertainment chair and **Karen Lefebvre** as our Sunshine chair. I'm sure these three will do a fine job.

Finally a great big thank you to every one of you who've served on a committee as well as to those who attend multiple work parties each year. You are the folks that truly make the Mayfield Yacht Club a very special place indeed.

Sincerely,
Bill Brandt, Commodore



2011 Vice Commodore’s Annual Report

We truly are an industrious bunch of people. Members worked together to build, deck, power, and install 9 new dock sections. One old dock section was re-purposed as a finger, and seven usable sections were sold. One old section was dismantled.

Because of a larger than normal snow pack, we “enjoyed” the benefits of record high water levels (774.47 on May 1, 2011) in the lake. Some benefits: 5 spring work parties, 1 mid summer work party, several smaller work parties / 1 snapped anchor chain / deployment of the high water docks / a dam failure scare / a bent pipe at the head of the docks / a shorted out power connector / and a seemingly continuous adjustment of anchor chains.

The weather was a hot topic this year. I’ve written enough about these events through the year that I can simply summarize these events such: Hurricane! Tropical storms! Tornado! Power outage!

Seven members decided to sub rent their docks. Luckily, they were all filled, as our waiting list for slips was (and remains) quite extensive. One dock went unused for the entire season.

Thanks to the club for approval of additional monies to purchase steel and hardware for the remaining docks. During the two Fall work parties, we saw 9 new sections framed and foamed alongside the usual chores involved in putting the dock system to bed.

There is much still to do. In 2012, we will be completing the new docks, adding an electrical pedestal, installing

3 additional anchors, locating a missing anchor, and replacing chain and wire clips.

Thank you all for your hard work, council, and company. I look forward to serving you in 2012.

Let’s “Get ‘er done!”

Don Howe
Vice Commodore



2011 House and Grounds Annual Report

Greetings and happy New Year to the membership and friends of the Mayfield Yacht Club.

Here it is December and I am starting to put the plans together for the coming year. Wow last year went fast!

The year 2011 has been a busy one for the club. I think that altogether there was a lot accomplished, not just the major projects, but all the little jobs that were completed by you the members. For that I thank all of you.

As a recap, the following are a few of the things that were accomplished this year. Due to the flood, we had to clean up a lot of debris and fix many of the parking rails. We have new shelves for our trophies and a new phone service that’s turned our payphone into a regular phone. The ladies room received a new toilet and paint. The men’s room was caulked and regouted. We put up five new fire and carbon monoxide detectors and the kitchen received a new toaster. The TV room was painted and the main septic tank was pumped. We also purchased two new grills. Those are just the small projects! The big one of course was the replacement roof on the main house and porch with new rain gutters. That is something that hopefully we won’t have to deal with ever again in our lifetime.

Personally, I found the chairmanship of the house and grounds to be a rewarding experience. I thank all of you for your help, encouragement and thoughtful suggestions. I especially would like to thank **Greg & Dianne Harnish** for their outstanding care of our beautiful facilities. I look forward to 2012 with renewed enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Peryea, Rear Commodore



2011 Secretary's Year End Report

Senior Members

January 2011	125
Less – Resignations in Good Standings	10
Plus – New Members voted in	8
December 2011	123

Junior Members

January 2011	31
Less – Resignations in Good Standings	2
Plus – New Jr. Memberships accepted	1
December 2011	30

Prospective Members

December 31, 2011	4
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New Probationary Members

December 31, 2011	12
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During November of 2011, we received two resignations, **Hal and Jo Moore** and **George and Thana Howe**.

Patrick McCutcheon and **Marie McNulty** had completed their prospective membership requirements and subsequently were voted in as new probationary members at the membership meeting on November 8th, 2011.

During December of 2011, we received two resignations, **Mr. and Mrs. Locke** and **Terry and Tina Bard**, reducing the membership count to 123.

We also received a resignation from Jr. Member **Kim Hite** (fka **Kim Reinig**), reducing the Jr. Membership to 30.

For January, month to date, we received a resignation from **John Owens** as well as **Jack and Nancy Willey**, reducing the Senior Membership count to 121.

The following Prospective Members were voted in at the membership meeting on Tuesday, January 10th, 2012: **Martin and Sari Stout**, **Theresa Keller** and **Mike Davis** as well as **Enda and Ann Cormican**. The count of Senior Members after the vote is 124.

Also, in January, we received a resignation from Jr. Member **Victoria Brandt**, lowering the Jr. Membership count to 29.

One Prospective Member failed to meet membership requirements.

Sonja Hotaling, Secretary

2011 Treasurer's Year End Report

As the year comes to a close, I need to thank some of the people who have helped me during my first year as treasurer. In particular, the help of our last two treasurers, **Bob Pryba** and **Lynette Metz**, has been particularly valuable. Their comments, explanations, and suggestions have helped throughout the year. Also the list would not be complete without acknowledging **Dorie Baum**, **Don Howe** and **Bob Pryba** whose help and expertise make the annual chore of mailing dues invoices as easy as possible. In addition, I need to thank the Board of Directors, and in particular Commodore **Bill Brandt** for his help.

Income

The 2011 total income exceeded the budgeted amount by approximately \$5400. Most of the \$2074 reported in Miscellaneous was from dock sales associated with the dock upgrade, which as one shot income was not budgeted. Without the unplanned dock sales, income exceeded the budgeted amount by approximately \$3400. For the conservative financial planning used by MYC, this is a good result.

Other line items including HRBRRD fees, Dues, Ice, Initiation Fees, and NYS Sales Tax, also exceeded the budgeted goals but were still inline with expectations. Docks barely missed meeting its income goal and is not a concern. Interest income was down because of lower interest rates and was reduced accordingly in next years budget.

Operating Expenses

Overall operating expenses were almost \$2000 under budget, which is a good result. While many individual budget items came in under budget, several line items were over budget including Insurance, NYS sales tax, Payroll, and House and Grounds. Discussion of these line items occurred in the October ACY treasurers budget report and will not be repeated here.

Overall, each of the individual officers and committee heads did a good job of managing their budgets, and I applaud their efforts.

Summary Balance on Hand and Reserves

Despite an intensive dock upgrade campaign and roof replacement, MYC has continued to maintain adequate reserved and unreserved funds for routine operation and planned capital expenditures. However, it is important that MYC continues to fund the capital escrow account to rebuild our total cash reserves for future planned and unplanned capital expenditures.

Ric Klug, Treasurer



2011 Sunshine Year End Report

The year 2011 was filled with many "Ups and Downs" for many members of the Mayfield Yacht Club. Thanks to the membership for always keeping me updated – you made my job as "Sunshine Chair" so much easier!

*Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Bedford
Sunshine Chair*

New Additions:

Chris and Leslie Emr – welcomed a new son – baby gift sent

Gary and Karen Powell – welcomed a new grandson – card sent

Gerry and Karen Lefebvre – welcomed a new granddaughter – card was sent

Anniversaries/Special Birthdays/other (cards sent):

Peter and Helen Schnitzer – celebrated their 50th anniversary

Peter Schnitzer – celebrated a special birthday

Gerry Lefebvre – celebrated a special birthday

Dave Jablonski – celebrated a special birthday

Illnesses/Hospitalizations/Surgeries:

Marion Mehner – hit by a car while in Florida – a card was sent

Bob Thompson – suffered a stroke – a fruit basket was delivered

Joe Rossi – broke his leg – a fruit basket was delivered

Otto Mehner – hospitalized for tests – a card was sent

Suzanne Roti Roti – had surgery – flowers were delivered

Kevin Killgallon – had gallbladder surgery – a card was sent

Peter Byron – had knee replacement surgery – a fruit basket was delivered

Karen Lefebvre – had outpatient knee surgery – a card was sent

Diane Harnish (our caretaker) – had hip replacement – flowers were delivered – had Second hip replaced a number of weeks later – a fruit basket was delivered

Dave Shear – had knee replacement surgery – a fruit basket was delivered

Carolyn Ojamaa – broke her ankle – sunshine gift was sent

Terry Pitoniak – broke her ankle – flowers were delivered

Mike Hands – had back surgery – a fruit basket was delivered

Peter Schnitzer – had outpatient/carpal tunnel surgery – a card was sent

Loni Koubek – had knee replacement surgery – flowers were delivered

Dave Wilkinson – was hospitalized following a car accident – a fruit basket was delivered

Marion Mehner – had outpatient surgery – a card was sent

Deaths:

Diane Kilbourn – lost her father – donation made to Alzheimer's Association

Dave Japikse – lost his mother – a dish garden was sent

Walter Ledbetter – lost his sister – a card was sent

Les Slater (member) – passed away on April 29 – donation made to Seventh Day Adventist Church

Pat Halsdorf – father passed away – dish garden was delivered

Eleanor Reppenhagen (honorary member) – passed away – donation made to Gloversville Public Library

Stacy Gordon – lost her father – a dish garden was delivered

Eileen Litwas (perspective member) – passed away on August 6 – a card was sent

Awards and Membership Committee Request

The Awards and Membership committee is looking for three volunteers to be on the committee. We are also requesting nominations for the Chatterton/Sheppard's awards.

If you would like to nominate someone or volunteer for the committee, please e-mail **Paul Baum** at: pbaum@nycap.rr.com.



Sunshine Report

Hello MYC Members,

This is the transition time for the 'Sunshine Chair' and before I include a little introduction, I wanted to send **Deb and Bill Bedford** 'Accolades' for all the information and updates on our MYC member families as 'Sunshine Chair'.

During their tenure, several things occurred. In sharing of this information to us through the ACY, we, as members, were also able to reach out to our members whom had fallen ill. Additionally, the spot, Deb & Bill expanded into keeping the members up to date with some positive happenings and 'tidbits' within the MYC membership families.

The 'Speedy Recovery' cards and gifts to those who have been injured or experienced a bout of bad health were well appreciated by those who received them; as evidenced by the numerous thank you notes on our hallway bulletin board. Also their updates included some positive highlights' of the lives of the folks of MYC. When you see them on the docks, wish them a 'Job Well Done'.

Gosh, by Golly!! I hope their shoes can be filled properly. With this being stated, I do ask all of your help to spread a little 'Sunshine' in the day of some of our lives by sharing names and information with us as soon as you have become aware. We certainly will appreciate this assistance as the job cannot truly be done without this feedback.

Oops! The introduction: **Karen and Gerry Lefebvre**, Dock 4E, MYC members for a few years. We will be happy to spread some good will and send 'Speedy Recovery' wishes. Deb has shared a lot of her expertise and we are ready to go.

Our e-mail: lefebvrek@nycap.rr.com, phone **518-459-4518**, and emergency cell: 518-669-6525

Thank you and have a great 'Sunshiny Day'!
The Lefebvres

Our first notice:

Congratulations to Commodore **Bill and Ann Brandt** in the marriage of their daughter, Victoria to Evan Workstus and 'Forever Best Wishes' to the happy couple.

2011 Awards and Membership Report

This year's Awards and Membership Committee consisted of **Gerry Lefebvre, Chis Daly, Dave Jablonski, Helen Schnitzer** and myself. We met on Saturday, May 7, 2011 to nominate, discuss and vote for an individual or individuals to receive the Mayfield Yacht Club's prestigious Chatterton Award. This year we also received numerous nominations for the award from the membership.

Randy Putnam was nominated and voted to be the 2011 recipient of this honor. His name now appears on the trophy as a special "Thank You" from the Mayfield Yacht Club!

No other awards were recognized by the committee during to 2011 year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Bedford
Awards and Membership Committee Chairperson

Winter Party

See Attached Flyer

Saturday, February 25, 2012

The festivities begin at 12 noon

Chili cook off at 5 pm

Skiing at Royal Mountain

Before the Winter Party

9 am – 12 noon

\$25 for all areas

\$15 for the beginners area

\$15 for rentals



Photo courtesy of Don Howe

MYC By-Law Proposed Change

ARTICLE IX
DUES and DOCK FEES

SECTION 3(f) **A member after payment of dock rent may request in writing, that the Dock Chairman sublet his / her dock space for the balance of the year. All sub-rents will be in accordance with Article III, Section 1(a).** Club members who have paid dock rent shall dock their boat in the rental space no later than July 1 of that year. If the dock renters plan to begin to dock their boat after July 1st they shall notify the Dock Chairman in writing of that planned date by June 15th. If a rented dock is unoccupied by July 1st and above notification has not been received by the Dock Chairman, the Dock Chairman may rent that dock to another member for the balance of the season, **The sub-renter shall pay the established yearly dock rental fee based on his or her boat size including all fees and taxes times a multiplier shown below.**

In the event that a member's dock is so sub-rented the original dock renter will be reimbursed the amount paid by the sub-renter or the original slip rent including tax and fees, which ever is less.

Sub-rent Start Date	Multiplier %
Prior to June 1	90
June 1 and prior to June 16	80
June 16 and prior to July 1	70
July 1 and prior to July 16	60
July 16 and prior to August 1	50
August 1 to year end	40

The sub-rent start date will be determined by the sub-renter and the dock chairman.

The member will be allowed to occupy the sub-rented dock following receipt, by the Treasurer or Vice Commodore, of all applicable fees and proof of insurance, **as in accordance with Article IX section 3 (g).**

In the event that a member's dock is so sub-rented the original dock renter shall be reimbursed 1/160th of the original dock rent multiplied by number of days sub-rented. The member will be allowed to occupy the sub-rented dock following receipt, by the Treasurer or Vice Commodore, of all applicable fees and proof of insurance.



Echoes From The Past

Last month, I wrote about the now defunct Ladies Auxiliary, how and why it was founded, what its purpose and activities were, how the ladies were cued in to the men's activities, and how and why it ended. I would now like to give you an example of the activities and events which the ladies were involved in, and how they sort of revolved around what the men were doing. Here are the Ladies Auxiliary minutes of the June 6, 1972 meeting.

June 6, 1972

Our meeting was called to order by Audrey Nelson (the Commodore's wife). A total of 8 members were in attendance. Betty Bodwell reported a balance of \$75.00 in the treasury. Last year's balance was \$153.55. From that, \$88.55 was spent on curtain material for the clubhouse; \$10.00 was taken in on dues-thus, a balance of \$75.00

Motion was made by our President (Audrey Nelson) that a "volunteer" come forth to serve as Secretary. A few "encouraging" words from our President made it necessary for this writer (Marie Hollmann), to volunteer.

The first order of business was a vote of thanks and appreciation to Carol Stoddard and Walley Norden for their efforts in the purchase of the curtain fabric and the help of the crew who made the new clubhouse curtains (moss green and burnt orange plaid drapes). Min Lamboy, Claire Leverault, Ruth Pannenberg, Loretta Whalen, Carol Stoddard and Walley Norden are the gals who did the sewing. The curtains are up and all present agreed that an excellent job had been done.

Many items of interest were discussed. Since only 8 members were present and so far, until this meeting only ten dollars had been collected, we all agreed that it would be well to put a reminder in our monthly club publication about the existence of our auxiliary. All ladies ought to be encouraged to join, and especially to send in their dollar donation membership fee if they cannot attend meetings.

Some discussion centered around the idea of a telephone committee as a good means of communication when necessary. We discussed also the possibility of club patches as an Auxiliary project, which would be both a service and profit-making function.

Discussion of our July 4th party arrangements lead to the agreement and recommendation that members and guests bring their own meat to accompany the salads, etc. that can be purchased. Carol Stoddard asked that information be secured from members in the immediate yacht club area concerning caterers.

Since the office of Treasurer was open, Lila Tregaskis was persuaded to "volunteer" for the job.

Since the Men's Meeting had come to an end, at this point, ALL DISCUSSION CEASED, and an immediate motion was made by Anne Swanker, quickly seconded by Ruth De Hollander, that the meeting be adjourned. Refreshments were then served (by the interrupted Auxiliary members), and enjoyed by all.

*Respectfully Submitted,
by Marie Hollmann, Secretary*

As soon as the men's meeting was over, John Pannenberg would come over in front of the French doors and wave his arms. This was the signal for the women to immediately abandon any further discussion, jump up, and run into the kitchen to attend to the refreshments which they had provided for the evening. Quaint, ain't?

*Jahnn Swanker-Gibson
Historian*

Save the Date!

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 10

7:30 pm

Board of Directors Meeting

MYC Clubhouse – Rules of Conduct Review

Saturday, February 25

12:00 Noon

Winter Party & Covered Dish

MYC Clubhouse



Mayfield Yacht Club, Inc.

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For Sale...

2001 Pram Sailboat hull #573 – Excellent condition. With hiking straps, all lines clippable, oars with new oarlocks, great for starting sailor to learn the basics offered at \$1,000. Call Jon @ 495-4066 or jon@jonrickert.com

1987 Aloha 30 Sailboat – Ron Holland design. Includes dodger, 2-main sails, 5-head sails, new spinnaker, auto pilot and much more. Asking \$27500. Call Don at 774-1783. For more info go to www.alohaowners.com
