



Private Ear

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View From the Helm

It's hard to believe that the holidays are in full swing, but our decorated clubhouse and well-attended Christmas party are proof that they are. While sitting on the deck recently watching the first Frostbite race, I had a chance to reflect on the past year. It was wonderful to see ten boats start, some with members of the junior racing team, and even though it felt a little like winter, there were four Optis out practicing with Tom Colman. For me personally, my sailing year was cut short due to a biking accident in September that resulted in a broken shoulder and the need for a lot of patience.

I could only lend moral support to the many volunteers at our fall workday, but I admired the impressive pile of leaves and brush they gathered and thought about their significant roles in making PYC such an amazing value for boating in the Chattanooga area. Thank you, volunteers, for *all* you do!

Although our dues cover our required expenses, the tardiness of dues collection has restricted and/or delayed improvements. I expect our transition from snail-mail paper billing to our new e-mail billing system has caused a few delays, as some servers might have sent invoices to your e-mail Junk or Spam folders. So if you haven't seen your billing, please check those folders, retrieve your invoice and begin enjoying the efficiency of our new system.

The following information should make it clear how to view and pay your quarterly dues, which need to be collected within the first month of each quarter. Your invoice will come from Treasurer@privateeryachtclub.org, and the main message will show an image of the PYC burgee. Select View Your Invoice to display it, and make your payment on the next page by selecting Make a Payment.

Converting our system to Clubspot has been beneficial in many ways, but like most new things, it will take a while to get used to. If you have suggestions as to how the process can be improved, please bring them forward so we can continue to implement improvements.

Calling all intrepid sailors for our next Frostbite race on December 18!

Happy Holidays to all!

Tom Clark



December 2022

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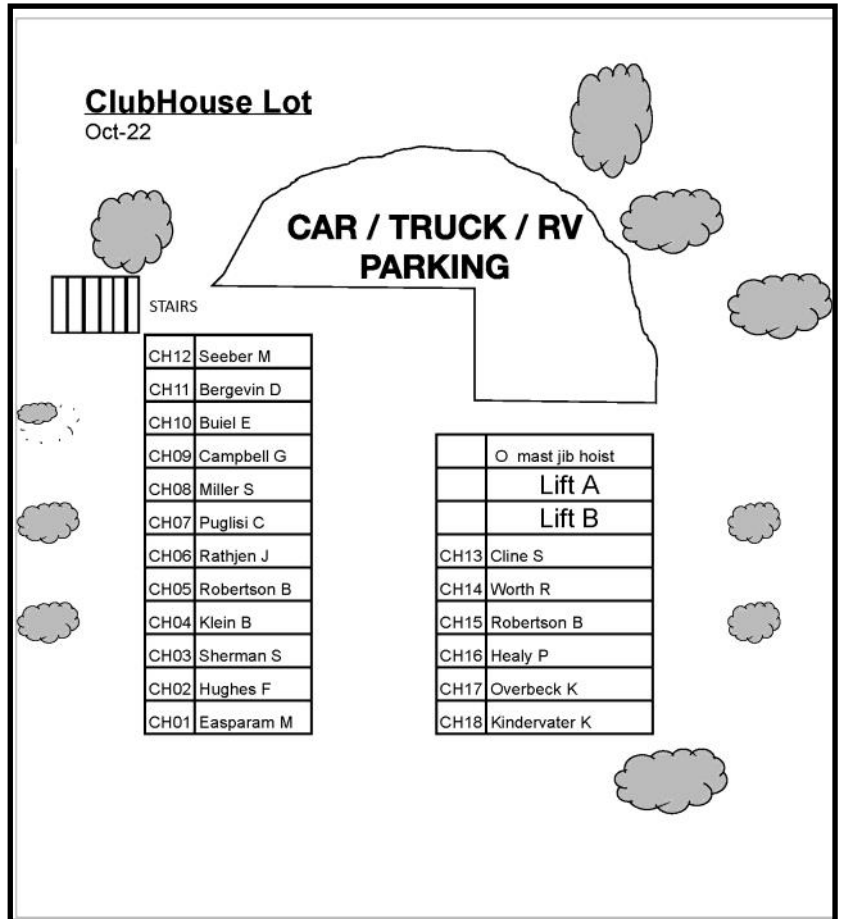
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Vehicle Parking at PYC – Please be part of the solution!

Having some trouble finding a parking spot at PYC on the weekends? The good news is our membership is up (180 strong) and more members are participating in cruising, racing and club socials. Junior sailor and college student teams are also practicing their racing skills on Sunday afternoons. The main clubhouse parking lot accommodates only 37 to 38 vehicles assuming each vehicle parks perpendicular to the sides of the “curb” and doesn’t leave excess room between adjacent vehicles. Parking is not allowed on the main road or boat ramp.



Good news! Additional parking is available for cars/trucks and RVs in the south end (area nearest the lake) of the upper level clubhouse lot, also known as the J-lot. Boat and trailers should not be parked in the main clubhouse parking lot and not in the south end of the J-lot. After a boat is launched, the empty trailer should be returned to its assigned dry slip.

We have several members who need access to the handicapped parking spots. Please do not block access to these spaces.

When you invite guests to PYC, please make an attempt to carpool, especially on weekends and for social activities. You can also meet your guests at the cul-de-sac area before entering the gate and carpool to the clubhouse.

Please be part of the solution to ensure that every member can find adequate parking at PYC! Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Happy sailing!
Orenda Gregory
Rear Commodore
Buildings and Grounds

THE NOVEMBER 5TH WORK PARTY!

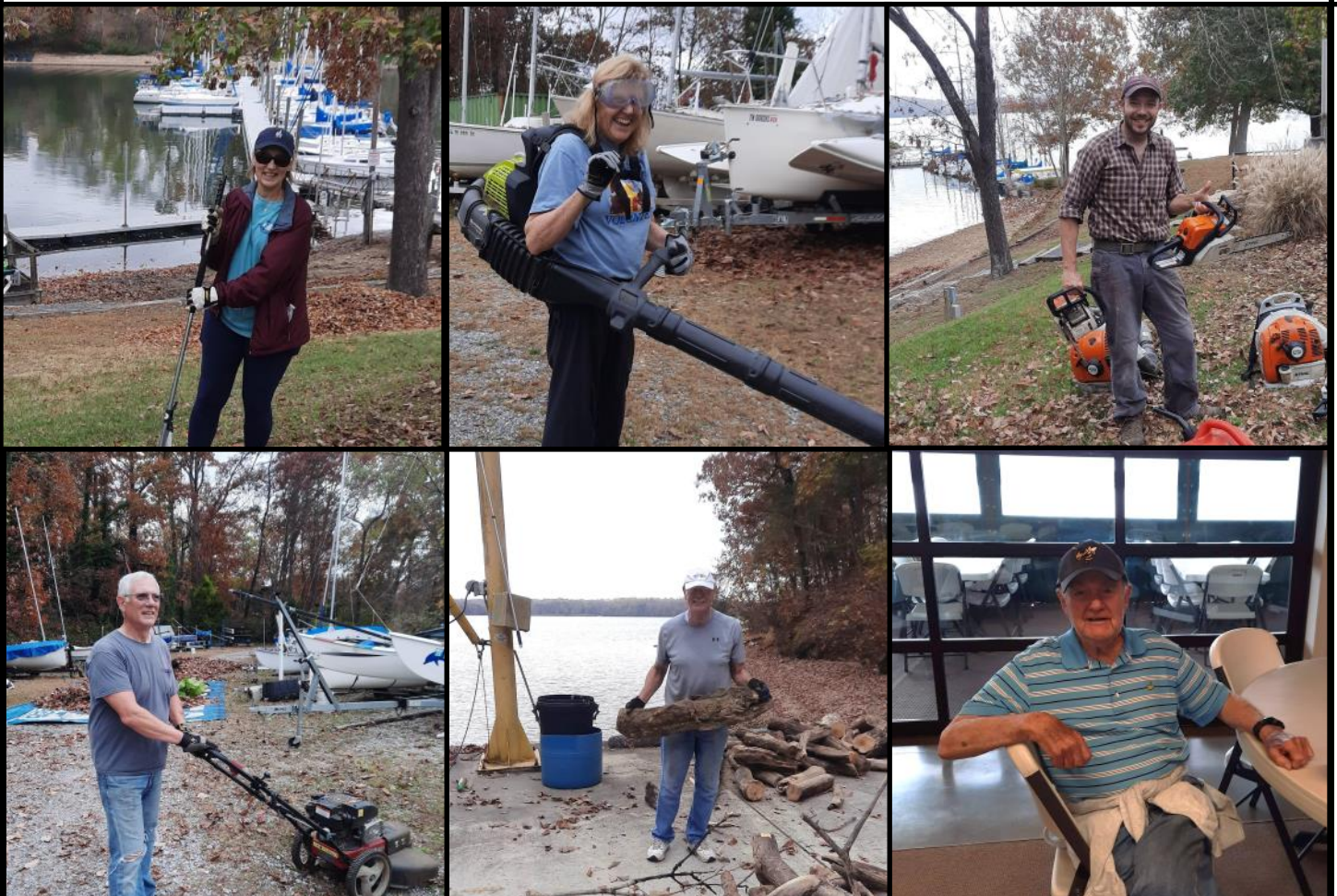
Many thanks to the 69+ members who helped with the Fall Clean-up on November 5th, or who completed work on the "task list" prior to or after the scheduled work day! Working together gives us a great opportunity to get to know our fellow club members and accomplish great things for PYC! Kudos to **Sandy Vanden Branden** for the great pictures!

Congratulations to **Richard Ralston** and **Carol Fairfield** who won the drawing for the two gift certificates!

A super special thanks to **Alex Rosser** who brought his tree trimming bucket truck, grapple truck and front loader! **Alex** trimmed back overhead limbs that were interfering with the mast-heads as boats are trailered for launching, picked up all the driftwood, downed limbs, brush and leaves!

If you haven't had a chance to volunteer this year, please call or text me! I keep a running list of jobs that need to be accomplished around our club! Remember . . . PYC is a volunteer driven club! We need your help!

Orenda Gregory 706-264-3134



THE NOVEMBER 5TH WORK PARTY!



HALLOWEEN REGATTA



CHRISTMAS PARTY



THE PIG REGATTA



Welcome Our New Associate Members



Dean Morris

I grew up in Chattanooga, served in the Army and returned to attend UTC. After graduation, I lived in Paris France for one year, then traveled to Argentina and Chile and trekked the Andes for a while. I returned to the south, started my career, eventually moving to Richmond Virginia to be close to the Chesapeake. I attended Steve Colgate's Offshore Sailing School in the BVI. I came back and started sailing the Chesapeake on OPB and crewed on a 28 Columbia for a while, mostly cruising the Chesapeake on weekends with a group of other boats.

I also started windsurfing at the Outer Banks. After a year I became dedicated coastal wave sailor, eventually moving to the west coast and transitioning to extreme windsurfing. After 6 years based in Hood River Oregon and the Columbia River Gorge, windsurfing the Gorge and the Oregon coast from Manzanita in the north down to Gold Beach, Cape Sebastian and

Pistol River in the south, I moved to San Francisco where I met Sumi. She is originally from Japan and is currently finishing her PhD in Computational Science. We have enjoyed many adventures together to include riding dirt bikes, traveling and boondocking all over the western US and trekking through all varieties of terrain.

During my time out west, in addition to windsurfing 100+ days per year, I was able to sail OPB occasionally on the Columbia River, San Francisco Bay and San Diego Bay. Unfortunately, due to an injury I had to stop windsurfing. I took early retirement, we left San Francisco and moved to New Mexico to pursue trekking and doing 14ers in Colorado. We moved back to Chattanooga last year. I had the opportunity to sail here last Summer/Fall about 30 days on a Cal 22. I was on the water and in the wind again and it was heaven! I love sailing!! I finally bought my first boat and I'm excited to be a new associate of the Privateer Yacht Club.

NEED CREW?

Has it been a while since you've sailed your boat? Wishing you could find crew to help you sail? We've got you covered!

Whether you're cruising or racing, please consider inviting sailors who are interested in crewing to join you on your sailboat! Put them to work rigging, crewing, helming and stowing the boat. Many of our Associates have completed the introduction to sailing Adult Learn to Sail class. Now they are hoping to refine their sailing skills and learn how different sailboats perform by serving as crew members. New to PYC Family Members who are experienced sailors are looking forward to getting to know current PYC members through sailing. This is a win-win situation! Please consider hosting new PYC members. Help them experience sailing while getting to know others at PYC. Please contact those interested directly.

The "Crew List" link can be found on the PYC website under "Racing" select "Crew Information."

Kitchen and Pantry/Storage Room

Recently a few members got together and reorganized the kitchen and small pantry/storage room. Storage space is very limited so we discarded many old, obsolete, broken, unnecessary items and other “clutter” which had accumulated over the past several years. The two areas are now well organized and clutter free.

Keeping the clubhouse clean and manageable is a number one priority. Going forward, if you have an item or items that you think would benefit the club and wish to donate them, **please contact** the Social Director and/or the Rear Commodore (Building and Grounds) **BEFORE** dropping items off at PYC. The Social Director or Rear Commodore will let you know if the items are needed and, if so, where to store them.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Tina Campbell, Social Director

Safety Ladders

Over the last couple months, several volunteers have installed 11 safety ladders and signs on the docks. As the cold weather comes, please make note of where the ladders are in case of a man-overboard situation. Note: these ladders are meant for emergency only; NOT for swimming around the docks. We hope you appreciate the added safety measures at PYC.



From the Dockmaster

If you haven't noticed, our boat storage space is getting full. I would like to remind everyone that any changes, adds or drops of wet or dry slips start with a slip application. If the desired slip assignment is not available, you can then be put on the waiting list if desired. The submit date on the application is used to determine priority. Emails are good for questions but not for assignment requests.

For Sale

J-29— \$10,000 — ‘*Maniac*’ - 2 mains, 4 spinnakers, several genoas, and even a couple of small jibs, Navman instruments including depth/speed/wind, with 5 displays VHF, Stereo w/CD, Outboard motor, Autohelm, Built-in manual bilge pump, Solar battery charger, Relatively new (2017) battery, Large awning. Several scratches, dents, and other imperfections.

Tim Chambers 423-718-3704

2005 WAVELENGTH 24, “CALIENTE”

INCLUDED WITH THE BOAT: Like New North 3Di 150% Genoa, 1 year old spinnaker, New 100% Dacron jib, Pacific Dual Axle Trailer, Cockpit cover, Lifting strap, trailer strap, life jackets, Spinnaker and Genoa sheets, Faired keel, and rudder
Asking Price: \$12,000

Contact Rob Fowler - 423-468-0149

Contact Tom Clark – 706-280-4225

1972 Catalina 22– Lil Buoy Blue

This is a well maintained early (1972) C22s that were light weight and known for their speed. Sail Number 1804. The hull is fully race ready. Keel and bottom faired for racing. Work done by class National Secretary, Dennis Slayton. The Boat comes with a 6 HP Tohatsu working motor with 25 inch shaft. This boat needs to go to a racer, not a cruiser.

Steve Sherman—423-432-6501

Looking for a small sailboat with trailer, such as a ‘Flying Junior’, etc.

Luke Padgett, 423-322-8904,

lepadgett@gmail.com

PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB SHIP’S STORE

Go to this website: https://stores.inksoft.com/privateer_yacht_club.
Check back later for member discounts during promotional sales on all types of apparel and gear, even outside the range of customized pieces.

Privateer Yacht Club

Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes

Monday, November 14, 2022

Attendees: Tom Clark, Frank Hughes, Orenda Gregory, Rob Fowler, Tina Marx, Tina Campbell, Kevin Gersch, Tim Chambers, Martin Gregory

Guests: Carl Dyer, Ryan Elverd, Scott Cline, Guy Campbell, Paul Healy

Tom Clark, Commodore

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm
- New associates introduced themselves
 - Jesse Watlington and family
 - Julie Wright and son
 - Eli Pruett
 - Dean Norris
- Tom discussed the Non-Capital Items list. A few new items have been added. The priorities have been adjusted based on input he received from the Board Members. These projects will be addressed as funds are available.

Martin Gregory, Secretary:

- The minutes had been reviewed by the Board and corrections had been made. *After a motion and a second, the minutes were adopted.*

Rob Fowler reported for Lynn Bruss, Membership Director:

- Current membership
 - Family membership 150 including Peterson Hostetler, Chris and Missy Griffin
 - Associate membership 30 including Dean Norris, Gary and Cookie Haber, Jesse Watlington and family, Julie Wright and son, Eli Pruett
 - Associate membership waiting list 1 including Trevor Curry
- The Board voted to grant Chuck Castleman Honorary Membership

Paul Healy Presentation - Buildings and Grounds Security Systems:

- In past meetings the Board had discussed the need for a security system at PYC.
- Orenda asked Paul Healy to present his recommendations at the 11/14/22 Board Meeting.
- Paul presented a summary showing security level versus intrusiveness on an X-Y grid. He also noted costs.
- His discussed several options including...
 - Locks/better locks
 - Cameras (stand alone, SD cards)
 - Gate code changes/updates

- License plate reader/camera.
- One Board Member asked “what is the problem we’re trying to solve.” Past events discussed included...
 - Gasoline being stolen from the dinghy dock shed. (now corrected with lockable gas storage cabinet)
 - Two outboard motors stolen
 - Two cars wrecked in the parking lot...with no one claiming responsibility for the damage
 - One abandoned car...ultimately turned over to the Chattanooga Police
 - Locked freezer door forced open; lock broken
 - Food in the Club’s refrigerator/freezer being stolen
 - Clubhouse supplies being used for non-club sponsored events.
 - Trespassers frequently observed on club property entering...
 - through or around the front entry gate
 - via the harbors and docks
- *After considerable discussion, a motion and a second, the following was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board:*
 - *Purchase three (3) inexpensive trail cameras with infrared capabilities and SD cards. Mount one camera at the entry gate and two in the kitchen/pantry.*
- After the motion, there was some additional discussion about the need to upgrade the entry gate code system. The current code has not been changed in a long time and is widely known. Frank noted that his subdivision employs a gate code system which allows for multiple, individual codes which can be easily updated. Such a system could be used at PYC to establish separate codes for...
 - Members
 - Vendors/contractors (Lawn Care, HVAC Repair, Plumbing, Trash Collection, etc.)
 - Classes (Adult Learn to Sail, Diesel Engine Repair, Art, Cards, Walking)
 - Regattas (Choo Choo, Brown Jug, etc.)
- Frank agreed to send his HOA security contact information to Paul Healy. Paul agreed to research the gate code security system and options.

Tina Marx, Treasurer:

- Property Taxes in the net amount of \$14,000 are due. This excludes property taxes paid by cabin owners.
- Accounts receivable are behind \$10,000....24% of Family Members, 16% Associate Members and 35% of Junior members are past due on their 3rd quarter dues payments. One hardship included.
- Propose a flat 10% fee for past due fees beyond 45 days.
- Frank noted that if late a whole quarter then Club Rules for delinquency apply.
- Kevin noted that only members in good standing may hold wet/dry slips. Members delinquent in dues payments are not members in good standing.

- Frank commented that the Balance Sheet shows significant depreciation; future expenditures will be necessary to refurbish or replace those depreciated assets.

Kevin Gersch, Dock Master:

- Boat Storage
 - 6 wet slips available – 3 E Dock, 1 D dock, 1 C dock, 1 B dock, 0 A dock
 - 3 dry slips available – 1 South Cove lot, 2 Cabin Lot
- Have experienced a lot of boat/slip requests during the last month.
- A cleat pulled loose on B dock (Bill Richard's boat and slip) due to high wave action.
- A thru rod on A dock needs replacing
- Monty Humphreys installed a ramp at the end of A dock and the end finger.
- New, stronger batteries have been installed on B Dock lights.
- Boats and trailers have been moved from the J Lot car parking area. Kevin thanked Orenda for her help getting them moved.

Orenda Gregory, Rear Commodore – Buildings and Grounds:

- Had a good turnout for the 11/05 work day: 43 Family and Associate Members participated. In addition, 26 Family and Associate members worked independently before 11/05 on the task list posted in the clubhouse. Five (5) of those who worked independently also participated on 11/05! Thanks to all who helped cut/trim brush, weed eat, collected downed limbs and driftwood, raked leaves, planted flowers and helped with breakfast and inside projects! A special thanks to Associate Alex Rosser who owns Cut-Rite Tree Service for bringing his professional tree trimming/removal equipment to PYC. The heavy equipment made the work easier! Carol Fairfield and Richard Ralston won the door prize drawing for helping with the work day.
- Thanks to Dianne Roland and Greg Gould for donating and spreading mulch in the planting beds near the clubhouse.
- Ken Pickering installed new fire brick in one of the two fireplaces. The repaired fireplace will be evaluated mid-winter and if holding up, the second fireplace will be repaired in a similar manner. **Based on the fireplace's design, only small fires should be permitted. Fire poker should be used carefully.**
- Orenda noted that two containers of charcoal fire starter fluid were found inside the clubhouse, one on the fire place mantle and one in the Regatta/Board room. Lighter fluid is dangerous and should never be used to start indoor fires. Likewise, it should not be stored indoors.
- Martin and Orenda helped Steve Sherman install the vinyl window and door panels to the deck/porch to enclose it for the winter.
- The new stove, convection oven and warming oven were used for the Halloween and Pig socials and worked very well. The need for the convection oven to be vented is being discussed. The convection oven is to be used only for Club sponsored events. The elements on the new commercial range do not "glow red" when hot, so caution should be taken when using the stove.

- The freezer lock has been broken again. A new lock will cost approximately \$45. This is the second time the lock has been replaced this year.
- Mildew reported in the men's shower area. Options to correct the mildew include: add HVAC vent or a heavy duty vent fan on a timer. Tom will discuss with David Bergevin.
- Embark has not yet repaired the sheet rock ceiling which was damaged by a roof leak.
- Steps from J Lot to the Clubhouse parking lot are very slippery. A short term fix is to pressure wash and consider applying stucco mesh, or some other non-skid material, to the treads. Full replacement may be required later. Can proceed with pressure washing and non-skid. Replacement of the steps should be added to the non-capital list if under \$5,000.
- The old refrigerator now stored outside is molding and presents a danger of lock-in to young children. Recommendation is to discard of the old refrigerator. All Board members agreed.
- Tom advised that funds are available for installing a concrete pad between the porch steps and the swim dock steps. Orenda and Ryan Elverd will discuss.
- Tom advised that funds are available for installing an asphalt rainwater "bump" to help direct rainwater runoff away from the clubhouse parking lot. Orenda will contact an asphalt company and develop the plan.

Tim Chambers – Director Club Boats:

- Recently made a \$150 repair to the skiff.
- All club motor boats are in good condition.
- Annual maintenance on all boat motors will be done in December.

Tina Campbell – Social Director:

- The "Pig Regatta and Social" was a big success. Had approximately 100 people attending.
- Rob reported 15 keel boats participated in the pursuit race and that \$500 was raised for the Chattanooga Food Bank.
- A "decorate the Clubhouse for Christmas" party will be held at 2:00 pm November 27th.
- Christmas Social will be 7:00 pm December 3rd.
- Several members have been granted use of the clubhouse for their private parties.

Frank Hughes, Vice Commodore – Racing:

- Racing season is over.
- Cory Blair will be heading up the "Frost Bite Series" which will begin soon.
- Lake water levels are low...probably not at their lowest point yet.
- In next couple of months, will draft new proposal for racing and race committee 2023. A simpler program is being considered.
- More "fun sails" are being considered to encourage non-racer participation.
- David Varnell is the chair of the Halloween Regatta and will provide details.
- Rob Fowler is the chair of the PIG Regatta and will provide details.

Tim Chambers reporting for Rob Fowler, Past Commodore – PSEF:

- Andrew Postell will be leading the PSEF program in 2013

- The PYC and PSEF Boards are researching insurance policy options...separate or combined...in order to lower overall insurance costs. The proposal should be available within two weeks so the new policy can go into effect in December, 2022.

New Business:

- The Clubhouse Parking Lot has a maximum capacity of approximately 36-38 vehicles, depending on how vehicles are parked. Additional parking is needed. "Cars Only" signs have been re-installed in the south end of J lot for additional car/RV parking space. Boats and trailers should not be parked in this designated area.
- When in use in the enclosed porch, the tall propane heaters can damage the vinyl molding around the windows on the overhead doors and can also damage the vinyl window panels which enclose the porch. Also, storing propane inside is dangerous. The Board discussed options...
 - Assign specific spots for the tall heaters so that they are away from heat sensitive materials.
 - Sell or discard the tall heaters and get some which are smaller/lower and can be placed away from vinyl/plastic.
 - Store the propane cylinders outside.
 - A final decision regarding the heaters was not made.
- Rob has provided a sketch/schematic/plan of a proposed "Learning Center" to the PSEF Board. Additional work is required on the project...including ball park budget, funding, etc. One Board member asked about the impact of this PSEF expansion on PYC.
- The Board will not pursue any changes to the Constitution nor the By-Law this year.
- The Nominating Committee is headed by Rob Fowler. Please advise Rob if you are aware of possible candidates for Board positions.

Adjournment:

- Tom asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. After a second and voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Privateer Yacht Club

was organized on July 25, 1940, in order to promote sailing in the Chickamauga Lake area and particularly in Chattanooga; to teach its members to talk the language of the sea and build up a marine tradition for "The Great Lakes of The South"; to help promote water safety and a code of ethics for the waterways; to form a social and activity nucleus for people in the area interested in sailing; and to develop an active relationship with other sailing and boating organizations to promote racing and other boating activities.

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