



Private Ear

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB
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View from The Helm March 2022

I guess it's fair to say spring has sprung, but the St. Patrick's regatta felt more like Frostbite racing. I enjoyed seeing such a good turnout, and Covid fears didn't dominate conversations. Once again, Tina and her gang put on a great social!

I know many of us get overwhelmed with PYC e-mails, but we all need to pay attention to them. Our quarterly bills will no longer be sent by snail mail. They are now being sent via e-mail and payable by credit card, direct (ACH) or check. Along with this change, the website will be evolving, while retaining many familiar features of the old site.

Be aware that some features will not be available immediately, but we will be working over the next several months to get all aspects of the new site fully functional. So please be patient. We anticipate some glitches as we make the transition, but we know you will enjoy your new and improved PYC website.

As we spend more time at the club this spring, I want to remind everyone of some rules that we need to follow to keep our facility safe and beautiful:

- Swimming is allowed only from the swim platform in front of the clubhouse.
- Fires are allowed only in the fire ring next to the swing set, and care must be taken to ensure the fire is fully out before leaving the area.
- Treat our facility as you would your own home, and remember that some people have a fear of dogs.
- Dogs are not allowed in the clubhouse or on under-roof porches.
- Dogs must be on leash.
- Clean up your dog's poop (bags are provided near main entrance ramp).

I hope we'll be seeing some members who haven't been here recently due to Covid restrictions. The club is looking great, so let's get out and enjoy it!

Tom Clark

April 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1	2 1PM Keel Boat Race
3 230PM Dinghy Race	4	5	6	7 645PM Dinghy series	8	9 1PM Keel Boat Race
10 230PM Dinghy Race	11 6PM PYC Board Meeting	12	13	14 645PM Dinghy series	15	16 1PM Keel Boat Race
17	18	19	20	21 645PM Dinghy	22 Choo Choo Regatta	23 Choo Choo Regatta
24 Choo Choo Regatta	25	26	27	28 645PM Dinghy	29	30 1PM Keel Boat Race

May 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 3PM Keel Boat Race	2	3	4 645PM Keel Boat Race	5 645PM Dinghy	6	7 8AM Wil-derness Frist
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PYC to Upgrade Club Management Software

For many years, PYC has been using, what is now, an outdated software package to manage club activities through the current website. The website software is written in an old computer language and which is difficult to use and to support. In summary, it obsolete.

On February 7, 2022, the PYC Board of Directors reviewed Clubspot, a software package specifically designed for sailing club management. The platform is user friendly and has all the features necessary to help us manage PYC. The platform has one interface to manage membership data, boat data and slip assignments, quarterly billing and payments, socials, regattas/racing, website design/content and sailing camps and classes. As Clubspot's management says "Clubspot is a single, modern software platform that facilitates sailing club operations management. Before Clubspot, private clubs relied on a patchwork of clunky, outdated systems to manage their operations. That meant more cost, administrative headaches and poor user experience. The Clubspot Team has fixed that problem and now over 800 clubs world wide use Clubspot software platform."

At the February 14th PYC Board meeting, the Board discussed the Clubspot demonstration and the very positive and favorable feedback from the Treasurer of Beula Yacht Club in Wisconsin, a club with approximately 180 members, similar in size to PYC. After considerable discussion a motion was made to acquire and implement Clubspot at PYC. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of the Board. An implementation team has been created and the process to migrate to Clubspot is well underway.

Some key features of Clubspot include:

Website Creation and Management:

- Pre-built templates to allow PYC to easily design a beautiful new website
- Drop and drag features to allow PYC to build the website without writing any computer code

Membership:

- Clubspot uses a comprehensive member database which includes member information as well as information on member boats (brand, model, year, length, beam, draft, insurance carrier and slip assignment.)
- The database is easily searched using different search criteria including on member name or member number. The database can be quickly and easily updated as new member or boat information is available.

Automated Billing:

- Clubspot software platform allows for automated billing. Quarterly statements for dues and slip fees are sent out to members via email and payment is accepted through an e-check, similar to on-line payments for home utilities. This process reduces paper and postage costs.
- Club members can also pay for socials on-line through Clubspot.

PYC to Upgrade Club Management Software Continued...

Integration with Quick Books Financials:

- Most importantly, Clubspot interfaces with QuickBooks On-Line, the financial and accounting system PYC's Treasurer uses to manage all club financials.

Bookings and Reservations:

- With Clubspot, PYC members can RSVP to a club social event or reserve a club boat through the website with "the click of button."

Regattas:

- Clubspot helps manage regattas by allowing the Regatta Chair to easily design and post race events.
- Race participants can register and pay registration fees, etc. on-line.
- Clubspot allows for online scoring of one-design, PHRF, IRC, Portsmouth, Pursuit and Club Series races.
- Racing scores and results are easily accessible on-line to racers.

Camps/Classes:

- Camps announcements can be easily designed and posted on the website.
- Clubspot permits easy on-line registrations, payments and waivers which are specifically designed for camps and junior programs.
- The software allows the use of discounts, coupons and custom pricing rules to offer the right price for each camp, class and session.

New U.S. Coast Guard Fire Extinguisher Regulation Effective April 20

A rite of passage for every boater is the annual spring commissioning. Newly added to the boat owners to-do list this spring will be to check all disposable (non-rechargeable) fire extinguisher dates of manufacture, as well as the label for their U.S. Coast Guard classification.

That's because a new U.S. Coast Guard regulation beginning April 20 for disposable fire extinguishers mandates a 12-year expiration date from the date of manufacture. Boaters can find the manufacture date stamped into the bottom of the bottle or near the UL label. This may be two or four digits — if it is two, as in 08, that means 2008. Additionally, while the new regulation does not change the type (U.S. Coast Guard-rated) or quantity or requirement for USCG approved fire extinguishers aboard, it does specify the minimum Underwriter Laboratory (UL) classification of extinguishers to be carried aboard certain vessels — depending on the boat's model year.

This is the result of phasing out older “B-I” and “B-II” labels for newer “5-B” “10-B” and “20-B” extinguisher classifications. The number in this new rating refers to the size in square feet of the potential fire the device is suitable to extinguish and not the exact weight of the dry chemical inside the bottle.

Vessels on the water today that are less than 26 feet and model year 2017 or older may continue to carry older, dated or undated “B-I” or “B-II” disposable extinguishers. However, when they are no longer serviceable or have reached 12 years of age since manufacture, they must be replaced with newer class “5-B” or greater extinguishers. Boats less than 26 feet and 2018 model year or newer must carry unexpired “5-B” “10-B” or “20-B” fire extinguishers. Having older “B-I” and “B-II” types do not meet the new carriage requirements.

Many retailers today offer “10-B” class fire extinguishers, which may be a good choice as they exceed U.S. Coast Guard minimum carriage requirements for boats under 26 feet, while at the same time giving boaters more extinguishing coverage. For boats 26 feet or greater, however, having one “10-B” aboard does not equal two 5-Bs. Only a “20-B” classification meets the requirement to carry two “5-B” extinguishers. For a look at how many and what type of fire extinguishers are needed aboard all recreational boats up to 65 feet, go to BoatUS.org/Fire-Extinguishers.

BoatUS also notes that most U.S. Coast Guard disposables on the market today carry at least a dual B:C rating, able to douse both liquids and electrical fires, and some boat owners wisely prefer triple rated A:B:C extinguishers, adding a third protection for combustible fires.

To be serviceable, a portable extinguisher must have a pressure gauge indicating an operable range, lock pin firmly installed, clean discharge nozzle, and no significant corrosion or damage. Some more recently manufactured portable fire extinguishers aboard boats today may carry both old and new labeling, for example, having simultaneous “B-I” and “5-B” classifications.

Read more about this at: <https://www.boatus.com/news-room/release/boatus-new-us-coast-guard-fire-extinguisher-r>

Thank you Rob Rupe for the article suggestion!

2022 St. Patty's Day Regatta

Erin go Bragh! at PYC

St. Patrick's Day Regatta and Social were a fun way to mark the start of the 2022 sailing season! Eleven keelboats competed in the regatta in two different fleets. Mother Nature cooperated and provided us with mild temperatures and winds around 15, with gusts to 20+! Thanks to Brainerd Cooper, Monty Humphries and others for serving as our PRO and Race Committee!

Following the regatta, 70+ PYC members gathered to enjoy Irish beer, cocktails and appetizers. Tina Campbell and her assistants prepared a delicious Irish stew with all the trimmings! The Bailey's Irish Cream and Irish whiskey cakes were wonderful! Many thanks to those who volunteered to help decorate, take up money, prep and cook, serve and clean-up! We need and appreciate all of our member volunteers!

Congratulations to the top three winners in each fleet:

PHRF Fleet A: 1st place: Team I26 Landers/ Blair, Impulse 26
2nd place: David Hensley, J22
3rd place: Paul Healy, Corsair 24

PHRF Fleet B: 1st place: John Rathjen, Catalina 22
2nd place: Bill Robertson, Catalina 22
3rd place: Guy Campbell, Catalina 22

Thank you for supporting PYC's regattas and socials!

-Orenda Gregory



2022 St. Patty's Day Regatta



‘Burning In’ for Rob Fowler



Rob Fowler burning his name on the door

Thank you Rob for everything you did for the club last year as Commodore!

-Cory

2022 PYC Race Schedule

April

(Spring Challenge) 3 months

3rd, 10th, 17th, 1st May 2:30 pm
 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th 1:00 pm
 7th 14th 21st 28th 6:45pm
 22nd thru 24th
 Chair Lynn Bruss
 23rd 24th 30th

Weekend Dinghy Races
 Weekend Keelboat Races
 Dinghy Races
 Flying Scot Choo-Choo Regatta
 Pro Brainard A Pro
 Adults Learn to Sail ("ALTS")

May

8th, 15th, 29th 2:30 pm
 7th, 14th, 28th 1:00 pm
 4th 11th 18th 25th 6:45pm
 5th 12th 19th 26th 6:45pm
 14th & 15th
 1st 7th 8th 14th 15th 21st 22nd
 21st 22nd
 Chair Mike Easparam

Weekend Dinghy Races
 Weekend Keelboat Races
 Keel Boat Races
 Dinghy Races
 US Sailing Ins.
 ALTS
 Scowabunga Regatta (Melges)
 Pro Scott Howard A Pro

June

Weekdays 6th thru 30th
 4th & 5th
 Chair – Adam Ankers
 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 2:30pm
 11th, 18th, 25th 1:00pm
 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 6:45pm
 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 6:45pm
 4th 5th 11th 12th 18th 19th 25th 26th

Sail Camp
 Brown Jug Thistle Regatta
 Pro A Pro
 Weekend Dinghy Races
 Weekend Keelboat Races
 Keelboat Races
 Dinghy Races
 Adults Learn to Sail ("ALTS")

July

10th 2:30pm
 9th 11:00pm

Weekend Dinghy Races
 Weekend Keelboat Races

Weekdays 1st thru 29th

Sail Camp

(Summer & Fall Challenge) 4 months

17th, 24th, 31st 2:30pm
 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 11:00pm
 7th 14th 21st 28th 6:45pm
 6th 13th 20th 27th 6:45pm
 2nd & 3rd

Weekend Dinghy Races
 Weekend Keelboat Races
 Dinghy Races
 Keelboat Races
 Adults Learn to Sail ("ALTS")

August

13th
 Chair - TBD
 7th, 14th, 21th, 28th 2:30pm
 6th, 20th, 27th, 11:00pm
 3rd 10th 17th 24th 31st 6:45pm
 4th 11th 18th 25th 1st 6:45pm

Dog Days Regatta
 Pro A Pro
 Weekend Dinghy Races
 Weekend Keelboat Races
 Keelboat Races
 Dinghy Races

2022 PYC Race Schedule

September

4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	2:30pm	Dinghy Races
3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th	1:00pm	Keelboat Races
10 th 11 th 17 th 18 th 24 th 25 th		ALTS

October

1 st & 2 nd		TVCC (Knoxville)
8 th & 9 th		Chattanooga Challenge Catalina
Chair – David Bergevin		Pro A Pro
29 th & 30 th		Halloween Regatta
Chair - Cory		Pro A Pro
16 th , 23 rd	2:30pm	Dinghy Races
15 th , 22 nd	1:00pm	Keelboat Races
1 st 2 nd 8 th 9 th		ALTS

November & December

12 th November	John's Pig Regatta
Chair – Rob Fowler	Pro A Pro

Weather Permitting

Frost Bite Series

Fleet Captains

Catalina 22	David Bergevin 423-843-1443	dbergevin515@epbfi.com
MC Scow	Steve Sherman 423-432-6501	steve@optistuff
Melges 14	Michael Easparam 423-693-6700	
PHRF	David Varnell 423-875-2387	djvarnell1@epbfi.com
Flying Scot	Orenda Gregory 706-264-3134	Orendagregory@gmail.com
J 22	David Hensley 423-902-3699	Davidfhensley@gmail.com
Junior Fleet	Ed Buie 423-903-7032	edbuiel@gmail.com

Other Contacts

Sail Camp	Tim Chambers 423-718-3704	tim.chambers.2020@gmail.com
Adult Sailing School	Tim Chambers	see above

Chattanooga Choo Choo Regatta 2022

April 23, 24th



Privateer Yacht Club Welcomes You To The Chattanooga Choo Choo Regatta-Fleet 13

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Schedule of Events

Friday - April 22nd

6:00 PM Cookout

Saturday - April 23th

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Registration

12:00 PM Skipper's Meeting - lunch
available

1:00 PM - Warning Signal First Race

5:00 PM - Refreshments

6:30 PM - Dinner Served

Sunday - April 24th

8-9:30 AM Breakfast

10:00 AM - Warning Signal

No Races started after 12:30 PM

ASAP after racing- Lunch and Awards

Prizes Awarded to the Top Five

Costs

\$90 Registration Fee includes:

Saturday continental breakfast

Saturday lunch for two

Saturday appetizers & steak or salmon dinner for two

Saturday Dark "N' Stormy cocktails and beer

Sunday full breakfast & Mimosas for two

Sunday lunch

Friday cookout - \$5 -collected on Friday

Additional weekend meal package - \$40

Additional Saturday dinner - \$20

Registration Link:

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/aGFwFUHRDx>

Questions:

Contact: Lynn Bruss

Lynnb403@gmail.com

Release of Claims

The organizing Authority for this regatta is the Privateer Yacht Club.

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See the Rules of Racing Rule no. 4, Decision to race.

Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against Privateer Yacht Club, the regatta host,

and Privateer Yacht Club, the property owner, their officers, directors, members, committees and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after regatta.

Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of The Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

Saturday night Dinner/ Social is also open to club members!

Dinner is \$20 and steak or salmon. You cook it yourself!

Reservations need to be made by April 16th.

Reservations @ <https://privateeryachtclub.org/shop/regatta/aGFwFUHRDx/merchandise>

SPRING 2022 ADULT LEARN TO SAIL COURSE

Dates for the five-week Spring 2022 courses are:
Saturdays April 23 & 30, May 7, 14, & 21
or Sundays April 24, May 1, 8, 15, & 22

Classes are from 9am until noon
Price \$500

For more information, contact **Tim Chambers**
Email: tim@psef.us
423-718-3704

Please join me in welcoming Bill and Sherry Jennings as Family Members to PYC for a second time! Bill and Sherry were members in the late 90's through 2010. Since then, they have been busy cheering on their daughter in track, cross country, theater & choir and enjoying other wonderful family adventures.

With their daughter off to college and retirement on the near horizon, they are ready to return full steam ahead to sailing.



I'm happy to report that they are now proud owners of a Flying Scot. In the past, they've owned a West Wight Potter 19, Beachcomber 24, an MC Scow and have crewed on many other boats.

So be sure to introduce yourself or reconnect with this fun couple!

-Lynn Bruss

How to request or change Wet and Dry Slip Assignments

During the last work day, new dry slip markers were installed between every other slip. The hope is that these signs will provide much needed organization to the dry slip areas. Each slip is 10 feet wide. If you are assigned a dry slip, please keep your boat/trailer within your 10 feet allotment. Thanks to those who helped install the markers!!

Dock Master -Kevin Gersch



For Sale

Catalina 22—\$3,500 - This is one of the early (1972) C22s that were light weight and known for their speed. The Boat comes with a 6 HP Tohatsu motor (Worth \$700) and a 3.5 HP Tohatsu Propane motor (Cost New \$1700). Both in good working condition. The sail inventory includes: New Never used Blue Star 135, almost new 150 Genoa, A standard Jib and main both in good racing condition, The jib has only been used 6 times, New Jib Sheets, Center post mainsheet cleat, there is a new line for the centerboard hoist, Anchor, Life jackets, Trailer with good tires, spare tire with cover. Cushions have been stored at home and are in good condition.

Contact: Steve Sherman 423-432-6501

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

Your ad here!
Send to
Cory.pyc@gmail.com

Optimist for sale—\$2000
Don Hayes 423-304-8318



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 (R2)

Monday, March 14, 2022

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

Guests: Carl Dyer

Tom Clark, Commodore

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm
- Thanks to Orenda Gregory for the recent work party and to Tina for the work party breakfast.
- Electrical work on “A” dock is complete. David Bergevin installed GFI’s. Cost estimate was \$3000, actual cost was \$3300.
- Officer report should be on current projects/activities. Any new items should be discussed under “New Business.”
- A discussion of Clubspot will follow officer reports.

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.

Lynn Bruss, Membership Director:

- Current membership
 - Family membership at 151, the current maximum*
 - Associate membership at 30, the current maximum
 - Associate membership waiting list at 11
- Per the By Laws, Family membership now has to fall to 149 before another member can be added.*
- Bill Jennings, former member in good standing reapplied for membership. When a member before, Bill was very active with the

Club. He just purchased the Campbell's Flying Scot. Lynn asked for a motion to vote on Jennings' membership. After a motion and a second Bill Jennings was voted in as a Family member.

- Tina Campbell mentioned that the membership list includes a number of people who are no longer members of PYC.
- Curtis Russell delivered his application for associate membership in person just before the beginning of the Board Meeting. Curtis's application can be accepted once he has sponsors. At that time he can be added to the associate member waiting list.

Tina Marx, Treasurer:

- After considerable work, Quick Books data is now very clean.
- Tina will email members whose accounts are past due.
- After a discussion it was agreed that new members joining mid-quarter will be billed on a prorated basis when they are admitted as Associates. Tina and Lynn will communicate on admission dates.

Kevin Gersch, Dock Master:

- Wet slips - 9 available – E dock
- Dry slips – 4 available in south Cove; 4 available in Cabin Lot
- Lester Stern has been assigned a dry slip for his FS
- Dry slips were measured and signs installed during the 03.05 work party. Each dry slip is now 10.5' wide.
- Will add "No Parking" signs at the yard arm by the J-lift.
- Will obtain a quote for a new ramp for the Optimist dock
- Tim mentioned there is a "hole" in the Optimist dock where a support was removed. The hole will be repaired.
- Thanks to David Bergevin for his work on A dock electrical system

Orenda Gregory, Rear Commodore – Buildings and Grounds:

- Many thanks to all club members who helped with the 03.05.22 work day! Much work was done inside the clubhouse and on the grounds.

- An ongoing “TASK LIST” is being developed and will be posted in the clubhouse for members to sign up and note tasks completed. We need & appreciate our volunteers!
- Thanks to David Bergevin & Tom Clark for repairing the entry gate. David Bergevin also installed timers on the clubhouse dining area lights.
- After several calls and two onsite meetings with Jani-King Cleaning, service has improved. Cleaning is now being done each Friday to provide a clean clubhouse for members during the weekends.
- Quotes from Jani-King and Stone Source should be received soon for having the tile/grout in the restrooms cleaned and resealed.
- Embark Construction has the club roof leak repair on their list, but currently there is not a target date for the work.
- Carl Humphries has quoted two options on delivery of gravel for the pathways from the clubhouse to Fusion dock and from the boat ramp to E dock. Leftover rock is to be spread in parking areas.
 - \$750/load for 2 loads....future delivery
 - \$850/load for 2 loads....immediate delivery
 - How to spread the gravel along the paths is to be determined, but there are several options...maybe some members have a Dingo, Gator and trailers, tractor with a front end bucket, etc. that can help us. (If you do, please contact orendagregory@gmail.com)
 - After a motion and a second, the request to purchase 2 loads of gravel for immediate delivery was approved.
- Need to mulch several areas on the grounds. The city offers free mulch to those holding a valid TN driver’s license. Need to check the quality of the free mulch. Bagged mulch is also an option, but may be expensive. Will also check with other possible sources...tree companies, etc.
- A couple of “fire rings” have been constructed on the club property...on the shoreline “point” just south of the clubhouse and on the south shore of the South Cove. Tom Clark will address this issue in the Private Ear.
- Club members who know of urgent needs for buildings and grounds can email Orenda at orendagregory@gmail.com with pertinent information.

Tim Chambers – Director Club Boats:

- Over hauled pontoon boat is back in the water. Will add throwable life rings.
- Need throwable flotation devices on every PYC boat.
- Need first aid kit on every PYC Boat. Est. \$40-50. Expenditure approved.

Tina Campbell – Social Director:

- The Argentina Social was good. Collected \$530 versus actual expenses of \$731.
- The St. Patrick's Day Regatta and Social is scheduled for March 19, 2022.
- The Chattanooga Choo Choo Flying Scot Regatta and Social, sponsored by the PYC Flying Scot fleet, is scheduled for April 22, 23 and 24. Working with Lynn Bruss and Orenda Gregory on the details. **NEED Volunteers.**

Frank Hughes, Vice Commodore – Racing:

- The racing schedule has been set and will be published ASAP.
- Wednesday – Keel boats
- Thursday – Dinghies
- Saturday/Sunday – Keel boats or dinghies; alternating weekends. Specific day to be determined on Thursday of the week based on weather/wind forecast for the weekend.
- Chase boat has been requested for dinghy races.
- Race Committee assignments are being refined and will be published next week.

Rob Fowler, Past Commodore – PSEF:

- 140 Sail Camp slots have been filled. There are 35 spots left.
- 9 individuals have registered for Adult Learn To Sail class spring session. There are 3 spots left.

New Business:

- *Cabins:* Tom has drafted a letter to cabin owners advising them that rates for water and trash removal rates will be adjusted to reflect current rates for PYC. Cabin lease rates will be adjusted per the lease agreements to bring them to current rates.
- *Clubhouse Acoustics:* Acoustics in the clubhouse are bad because of a lot of reflected sound. Tom proposed install white acoustic panels on ceilings in selected places, carpet tile in the main commons room and also to install foam boards on/under the round tables. Carpet tile has estimated 7 year life. Costs for tile at flooring outlets can range in price from \$0.60/sf to \$1.50/sf. Non-outlet prices range up to \$3.50/sf. Edging and taxes would be additional. The Club would need approximately 1,250 sf. After a motion and a second, the proposal to install carpet tile was approved. Lynn, Tina and Orenda volunteered to be the carpet tile design selection team.
- *Clubhouse P/A System:* The current P/A system is very poor. Tom said he would ask Mike Easparam to develop a proposal for a new club sound system.
- *Ceiling Fan - Back Porch Seating Area:* Tom suggested we add a ceiling fan to the back porch seating area. Electrical supply is already there. Approximate cost \$400. After a motion and a second, the motion to add a ceiling fan was approved.
- *Camp Fires:* Campfires on Club and TVA shoreline property represent liability issues. Tom will address the issues (including "No Burn Warnings") and PYC policy in the Private Ear.
- *Dogs on Club Property:* The current PYC policy states that dogs are to be leashed when on Club property and dogs are not allowed in the clubhouse or on the porch/deck. Owners should also clean up their dog's poo. This is also applicable for visitors as well. Three signs will be installed on PYC grounds addressing dog control. Tom will address these issues in the Private Ear.

- *Dock Safety:* Two weeks ago a PYC member fell into the water in the harbor and had great difficulty getting onto the dock. Low water temperatures made the situation more dangerous. Tom proposed adding safety ladders at various points on each dock and providing safety “hoops” and first aid kits. Tim Chambers, Tina Marx and Tom Clark volunteered to be the Dock Safety Team and address these issues.
- *Racing Flags for Chase Boat:* Tim Chambers proposed adding a set of racing flags for the chase boat. The proposal was approved.
- *Budget:* Frank Hughes suggested that we set up a “reserve” to accrue for the planned kitchen renovations. Tina Marx will set up a club budget in the near future to aid in cash flow analysis.
- *Icemakers:* Both old icemakers have been repaired. Repair technician advised that the icemakers PYC has are better than the newer ones and parts are readily available. New icemaker compressors fail frequently. Accordingly PYC’s order for a new icemaker will be cancelled.
- *PYC Sign:* The broken PYC sign near the top of the street leading to the cul de sac will be replaced. The new sign will say only “PYC” and will have arrow(s) pointing in the direction of the club’s driveway.
- *Club Security:* Tom suggested that Club security be discussed at the May or June Board meeting.
- *Clubspot.* Tom asked for feedback from Tina Marx and Lynn Bruss who have been working with Clubspot.
 - Tina has already done some significant data clean up in preparation for the implementation. She has a meeting on Wednesday 03.16.22 with Clubspot to address some of her questions. The Board agreed with the suggestion to add a 1% surcharge for ACH (e-check payments) and a 3% surcharge for credit card payments. Checks can still be accepted but are expected to be the exception.
 - Lynn advised that she did some updates and is doing some testing of Clubspot’s regatta functionality by adding information for the upcoming Choo Choo regatta. It is not “squeaky clean.” She will

add SI's for the regatta and some additional information when it is available.

- Tom advised that the “framework” will be ready next week...week of March 21st so we can populate the web page. After a call with Clubspot, the membership will receive a letter from the Board describing Clubspot and advising the membership what to expect and what to do regarding Clubspot signup, etc. Martin Gregory will draft the communiqué. Tom will provide a new list of all PYC members for the email.
- Tom also advised that different system access levels are set for Board members and membership in general. These levels of access will probably be changed as needed after implementation and system go live.
- *PYC Policies:* How are PYC Policies updated?

Adjournment:

- Tom asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. After a second and voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.



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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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