



Private Ear

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View From the Helm

As you read this, you should have received an email with your 3rd Quarter dues/fees invoice. The email message is from:

Treasurer@privateeryachtclub.org with the subject **Your Privateer Yacht Club invoice** followed by **(your invoice number)**. If it is not in your Inbox, it is likely in your Spam folder. You might need to mark the message as not spam in order to view your statement. I know the billing change has been problematic for some members, including me, for which I am sorry. Fortunately, the majority reaction to the change has been favorable, and I anticipate things going smoother as we all get used to it.

Not surprisingly, there are still components that don't work as well as anticipated. As you come across things that don't work the way you think they should, please contact **Ryan Elverd** who has been performing the much-needed Webmaster duties. Requests for help from Ryan should be addressed to: INFO@privateeryachtclub.org. He will respond as time permits.

I see many members are not taking advantage of the added functionality of the new webpage. Gaining access to the added features requires members to login to their account. Following these steps will get you into the "members" menu:

1. Log into the webpage Privateeryachtclub.org as usual.
2. Select **Member Login** in the upper right corner of the page.
3. On the Privateer Yacht Club Login screen, enter your email or mobile number, and click Next in the blue box.
4. The next screen will welcome you. Now enter your password, and click LOG IN.
5. Select **My Account** in the upper right corner of the page.
6. If you had logged in previously but have forgotten your password, Ryan can reset it for you.

From here, you have access to such things as the Members Directory and your billing information. To access your billing information:

1. Select **Billing** from the menu on the left side of the page.
2. From there, you can see all details of your account and select a payment option (credit card, ACH bank transfer or check).

On our old website, email communications from the Club were addressed using a difficult-to-update list of addressees which were not necessarily tied to the Members Directory. When setting up the new webpage, the addresses in the old Members Directory were used, and it has become clear that not everyone who used to receive communications like the “Private Ear” has been getting them since April. If you want to be on the email listserv, there are two routes:

1. Enter your email address in the Member Information section associated with your membership account,
or;
2. Contact INFO@privateeryachtclub.org with a request to be placed on the list.

The Fourth of July cookout and Independence Pursuit Race were well attended, and everyone had a great time. The race start was delayed 30 minutes to avoid sailing in the rain, but not surprisingly, the wind dropped as the rain stopped. It was wonderful to have 16 registered boats in the race and 107 cookout reservations. It felt like a normal July day in Chattanooga—hot and humid but refreshingly maskless!



**See you on the water,
Tom**

July 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4	5	6 645PM Keel Boat Race	7 645PM Dinghy Race	8	9 1PM Keel Boat Race
10 6PM Dinghy Race	11	12	13 645PM Keel Boat Race	14 645PM Dinghy Race	15	16 11AM Keel Boat Race
17 6PM Dinghy Race	18	19	20 645PM Keel Boat Race	21 645PM Dinghy Race	22	23 11AM Keel Boat Race
24 6PM Dinghy Race	25	26	27 645PM Keel Boat Race	28 645PM Dinghy Race	29	30 11AM Keel Boat Race
31 6PM Dinghy Race						

August 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3 645PM Keel Boat Race	4 645PM Dinghy Race	5	6 11AM Keel Boat Race
7 6PM Dinghy Race	8	9	10 645PM Keel Boat Race	11 645PM Dinghy Race	12	13 2PM Dog Days Regatta
14 6PM Dinghy Race	15	16	17 645PM Keel Boat Race	18 645PM Dinghy Race	19	20 11AM Keel Boat Race
21 6PM Dinghy Race	22	23	24 645PM Keel Boat Race	25 645PM Dinghy Race	26	27 11AM Keel Boat Race
28 6PM Dinghy Race	29	30	31 645PM Keel Boat Race			

2022 PYC Race Schedule

March

March 5 th (after Work Party noon to 1pm)	All Fleet Chairs Meeting
March 12 th 9:00 am	Pro Training
Instructors	Brainard Cooper, Monty Humphreys
March 19 th 10:00am	St Patrick's Regatta
Chair - Orenda Gregory	Pro - Brainard Cooper; A - Pro Monty
Humphrey	

April

(Spring Challenge) 3 months

23 rd 24 th 30 th	Adults Learn to Sail ("ALTS")
2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 30 th	Saturday Keelboat Races
3 rd , 10 th , 1 st May	Sunday Dinghy Races
7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th	Wednesday Dinghy Races
22 nd thru 24 th	Flying Scot Choo-Choo Regatta
Chair Lynn Bruss	Pro Brainard A Pro

May

1 st 7 th 8 th 14 th 15 th 21 st 22 nd	Adults Learn to Sail ("ALTS")
4 th 11 th 18 th 25 th	Wednesday Keelboat Races
5 th 12 th 19 th 26 th	Thursday Dinghy Races
7 th , 14 th , 28 th	Saturday Keelboat Races
8 th , 15 th , 29 th	Sunday Dinghy Races
14 th & 15 th	US Sailing Ins.
21 st 22 nd	Scowabunga Regatta (Melges)
Chair Mike Easparam	Pro Scott Howard A Pro

June

4 th 5 th 11 th 12 th 18 th 19 st 25 th 26 th	Adults Learn to Sail ("ALTS")
4 th & 5 th	Brown Jug Thistle Regatta
Chair – Adam Ankers	Pro A Pro
1 st , 8 th 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th	Wednesday Keelboat Races
2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	Thursday Dinghy Races
11 th , 18 th , 25 th	Saturday Keelboat Races
5 th , 12 th	Sunday Dinghy Races
26 th	Sunday Dinghy Races

2022 PYC Race Schedule

July

2nd, 3rd

2nd 10:00am

6th 6:45pm

7th 6:45pm

9th 1:00pm

10th 6:00pm

Adults Learn to Sail ("ALTS")

Independence Pursuit

Wednesday Keelboat Races

Thursday Dinghy Races

Saturday Keelboat Races

Sunday Dinghy Races

(Summer & Fall Challenge) 4 months

13th 20th 27th 6:45pm

14th 21st 28th 6:45pm

16th, 23rd, 30th 11:00am

17th, 24th, 31st 6:00pm

Wednesday Keelboat Races

Thursday Dinghy Races

Saturday Keelboat Races

Sunday Dinghy Races

August

13th

Chair - TBD

3rd 10th 17th 24th 31st 6:45pm

4th 11th 18th 25th 6:45pm

6th, 20th, 27th, 11:00am

7th, 14th, 21th, 28th 6:00pm

Dog Days Regatta

Pro A Pro

Wednesday Keelboat Races

Thursday Dinghy Races

Saturday Keelboat Races

Sunday Dinghy Races

September

1st 6:45pm

10th 11th 17th 18th 24th 25th

3rd 11:00am

10th, 17th, 24th 1:00pm

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th 2:30pm

Thursday Dinghy Races

Adults Learn to Sail ("ALTS")

Saturday Keelboat Races

Saturday Keelboat Races

Sunday Dinghy Races

October

1st & 2nd

1st 2nd 8th 9th

8th & 9th

Chair – David Bergevin

29th & 30th

Chair – David Varnell

15th, 22nd 1:00pm

16th, 23rd 2:30pm

TVCC (Knoxville)

Adults Learn to Sail ("ALTS")

Chattanooga Challenge Catalina

Pro A Pro

Halloween Regatta

Pro A Pro

Saturday Keelboat Races

Sunday Dinghy Races

2022 PYC Race Schedule

November & December

5 th ,	1:00pm	Saturday Keelboat Races
6 th ,	2:30pm	Sunday Dinghy Races
12 th November		John's Pig Regatta
Chair – Rob Fowler		Pro A Pro

Weather Permitting

Frost Bite Series

Fleet Captains

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PRIVATEER SUB CULTURE

It may be a surprise to you but there is a lot more than sailing going on with in our membership. Depicted below are 2 such clubs.

Chattanooga Bicycle Club has organized rides almost everyday of the week that vary in speed and length. Over 15 PYC family members participate, including Tom Clark our Commodore. Contact: **Chuck Puglisi**.

Another group is interested in art, painting, sketching, etc. They meet on Thursday mornings at the club and sometimes include lunch. Several of the members teach art, so if you think you would like to try this let **Pete Snyder** know of your interest.

Please let the editor know of other clubs and we will post them here in Private Ear. A picture is worth a thousand words!

Steve Sherman



Send pictures or info to NewsletterEditor@privateeryachtclub.org



2022 Dog Days Single Hand Regatta And LOW COUNTRY BOIL

DINNER: Rsvp by: Wednesday, august 10, 2022 on website

Saturday, August 13, 2022

*******NOTE: THERE ARE TWO RSVP LINKS BELOW FOR RACING AND DINNER*******

REGATTA: CLASSES: KEELBOAT, DINGHY

Registration: 12:00-12:30 p.m. Skipper's meeting: 1:00 p.m.

First warning signal: 1:30 p.m.

Race entry fee: \$10.00

PRIZES: 1ST, 2ND, 3RD EACH CLASS

SOCIAL: LOW COUNTRY BOIL: hosted by associate member: Matt Lyle

**(Shrimp, andouille sausage, corn-on-the-cob, garlic, onions, small potatoes, brussels sprouts, mushrooms and lemon icebox pie)
beer and wine**



Social Time: 5:30 p.m.

dinner time: 6:30p.m.

**Cost: \$20.00 per person
(food prices have increased)**

COME RACE AND ENJOY SITTING ON THE PORCH EATING SHRIMP.

Dogs Day Regatta Sign-up Link

<https://privateeryachtclub.org/register/regatta/LjOLQEcrX2/class>

Low Country Boil Social Sign-up Page

<https://privateeryachtclub.org/event/sAxlS2prNR>

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILY MEMBERS

Lorene and Leonardo German Gregorczuk

My wife Lorene and I love sailing, and we found PYC on a trip to Chattanooga in 2020. At the time, we lived in Cookeville, traveled many weekends, and camped on the SW side of the clubhouse.

Lorene is originally from Ohio; she grew up Amish, and her family left the community when she was nine. She had never sailed before, but she always was interested in traveling, exploring, and doing new activities. She got involved with sailing, and after some racing in PYC and MYC and cruising in Mobile Bay, the Gulf of Mexico, and Pensacola Bay, she became a knowledgeable sailor.

I am from Argentina, and I started sailing with the Navy. I participated in some La Plata River regattas in 2014 and cruised around South America, North America, and Europe aboard the Navy Tall Ship Libertad in 2016. Also, I sailed The Beagle Channel, Ushuaia city, located 68 NM north of Cape Horn, when I was stationed there in 2017/18. We are very thankful for the people we've met, for sailing, for the racing opportunities, and most of all being part of the PYC. Finally, we want to send our greetings to all members and special consideration to those families member that became our friends.



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER



Alex Moyers Age 68

I grew up on Chickamauga Lake. My Grandfather built three Chris Craft boats from parts he got at Chris Craft on Dodds Ave. Mostly on a 28ft Cabin Cruiser we traveled all over the lake.

I moved to San Francisco in 1976. As soon as I got there I realized SAILING was the thing! In 1982 I took an ASA sailing class in Sausalito from Cass Marina. Once training was completed they had a fleet of different boats for club members to rent. I sailed on all kinds of boats. Bristol 24, J 24, Columbia 22, Catalina 22, Balboa 26, Rhodes 19 and many others.

I owned a Restaurant in Sonoma County for 4 years and when I sold it I went to work for my friend who owned and chartered an OCEAN 71 racing yacht in SF Bay that placed 7th in the first Whitbread Round the World Race. I was first mate and galley slave. We did many many charters with 49 passengers. In the off season (November through March) we sailed the boat to either Mexico or Hawaii. While working for the Second Life I also did boat repair jobs for the Modern Sailing Academy and had access to all of their boats and sailed or Captained many of them including Catalina 22,27,36, Mason 44 J 105 and many others. Because of my schedule of always working weekends I have never had the opportunity to race which I am looking forward to at Privateer.

In 1999 I qualified for a USCG 100 Ton Master with Sailing endorsement. I also bought a 1965 Cascade 42 ketch. I spent 6 years rebuilding the boat and in 2001 sailed it single handed to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

I returned to Chattanooga in 2002 and got a job as a charter captain with the Chattanooga Ducks. I left my boat in a DRY Marina in San Carlos, Mexico. In the off season I would return to my boat and sail the Sea of Cortez. I did that until 2008 when the owner of the Ducks wanted to sell the business. I bought the Ducks but had to sell my boat. I owned the ducks until 2019 when I sold it to the Southern Belle. I continue to work for the Ducks to this day as a captain.

I have been missing sailing so in 2016 I bought a Corsair F28 R. I needed a trailerable sailboat but I wanted something exciting so I bought this one. I have been trailering it back and forth to Florida. I have sailed it a few times on the lake here but it is a lot of effort to set it up and break it down for only a day sail so it is in storage. My plan is to take it permanently to Florida but in the mean time I am excited about Privateer YC and being able to get on the water. I am willing to help in any way I can taking that I work Friday, Saturday and Sunday for now, i plan to stop working in the near future.

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

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,
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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

Monday, June 13, 2022

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

Guests: Scott Cline, Ryan Elverd, Carl Dyer

Tom Clark, Commodore

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm
- Clubspot has made financial management/reporting much easier. Electronic payments are working well. Email communications are easier.
- Tom presented the draft capital budget and the projections for the next 14 years.
- Tom also presented the current projects list which was divided into capital and non-capital projects based on estimated cost and expected life.
- The proposed dishwasher and warming oven were moved from 2022 to 2023.
- The proposed commercial range and oven was moved from 2023 to 2022.
- As a group, the non-capital discretionary projects were categorized into A) Essential for club operations, B) Need but not critical and C) Nice to have. The goal is to complete the "A's" in 2022. The "B's" may also be completed. The timing of the expenditures will be based on quarterly financial position and cash flow.
- Tom will send the Board a list of the non-capital projects for prioritization. He will also send an updated list of capital items for Board Member review and updates.

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 148
 - Scot Irwin resigned several months ago.
 - Marji Cyrul resigned 05.31.22
 - Bert Poston resigned 06.13.22
 - Associate membership 30, the current maximum
 - Timothy Knight resigned
 - Scott Jenison was added
 - Associate membership waiting list 14.
 - Removed Michele Dicks at her request

- Added Robert Krigelman
- Added Alexis Rosser
- Added Scot Curry
- Added Josh Mackey
- Lynn presented the Membership Committee's recommendations for the next two Family memberships. After a motion, second and vote on each individually, the two new family memberships were approved.
 - Leo and Lorene Gregorczuk
 - Andrew Postell
- Lynn presented the Membership Committee's recommendations to rescind the Associate Membership of three Associates. After a motion, second and vote on each individually, the motions to rescind were approved.

Tina Marx, Treasurer:

- Club income is on track with prior years.
- Club expenses are up slightly in 2022 due to electrical work on the docks and clubhouse.
- Past due accounts over 120 days are being called and mailed to address payment.

Kevin Gersch, Dock Master:

- Boat Storage
 - Wet slips - 12 available (1 A dock, 2 B dock, 2 C dock, 1 D dock, 6 E dock)
 - Dry slips - 0 Cabin Lot
 - Dry slips - 4 Clubhouse Lot
 - Dry slips - 4 South Cove.
- Thanks to Tom Clark and David Bergevin for replacing ramp on "A" dock.
- Thanks to Tim, Paul, and Bob for repairing the "hole" in the dinghy dock.
- Replacing the wooden ram to the dinghy dock will cost approximately \$4,500.

Orenda Gregory, Rear Commodore – Buildings and Grounds:

- A big THANK YOU to Steve Sherman and Van Polidoro for cleaning and re-sealing tile floors and showers in both bathrooms!
- Still need to mulch planting beds and playground. Cost is estimated \$800-1000.
- The convection oven is on order. Delivery is expected in November.
- The new reach-in refrigerator was installed Wednesday 05.18.22 ahead of the Scowabunga!
- The PYC Dog Policy has been redrafted and will be published on the Club website. It is included in the PYC Rules. New posters have been placed around the clubhouse. Recently had a couple of complaints of people tying dogs to vehicles bumpers and to clubhouse deck furniture. In both instances, the dogs were left unattended.
- The PYC-PSEF Sailboat Use Policy, PYC-PSEF Sailboat Rules and associated documents have been revised and have been sent via email to Board members for their review.
- The approved purchase and installation of a 6' fan for the back porch is on hold pending an installation date.

- Still need David Easparam to review and make recommendations for enhancing the club's acoustics and sound system.

Tim Chambers – Director Club Boats:

- Replaced 6 year old battery on the skiff. Also working a minor electrical problem.
- Bought new deck box for the pontoon to organize buoys and ground tackle.
- Replaced the leaking gas tank on the large RIB.
- Approved moving the pontoon trailer to the Hill Top lot.

Tina Campbell – Social Director:

- Had a great turnout for the Luau Social. A big THANK YOU to Katie Landers who organized and managed the social!
- July Fourth Pursuit Race and Social is scheduled for 07.02.22. Need info. Tom Clark will send out information for the 10:00 to 12:00 pursuit race. Paul Alderman's son has volunteered to play the acoustical guitar at the social.
- Dog Days Regatta is scheduled for 08.13.22. Need information.
- September...no social planned at this time
- Halloween Regatta and Social is scheduled for October 29th
- PIG Regatta is scheduled for November 12th
- Christmas Social will be either December 3rd or 12.10.22
- Recommend increasing charge for socials to offset rising costs. Need to break even.

Frank Hughes, Vice Commodore – Racing:

- Purchased new 3 new inflatable buoys for dinghy racing.
- Conducted a "hands on" chase boat training session a couple of weeks ago. Primary focus was handling the chase boat in close quarters and man-over-board practice.
- Will resume chase boat classes Saturday. Goal is to cycle through Assistant PRO's and Associates. Training for PRO's is optional. Training/learning priorities will be:
 - Mark/pin deployment and recovery
 - PRO's requests
 - Rescue - sailors
 - Recovery – boat
- Tom noted that chase boat training is a multi-step, multi-year educational process.
- Frank noted that we should encourage all associates to participate on race committee...volunteer, watch, listen, learn.

Rob Fowler, Past Commodore/Tim Chambers – PSEF:

- Sail Camp is going well. Have completed week 1.
- Have 165 registered and expect a few more registrations.
- Camp during July 4th week will be a little different. Most campers will be experienced, and the focus will be more on racing

- Have 10 participants in the June Adult Learn To Sail Class. Including spring, have had a total of 19 students.
- Recommend advertising Instructor Training more heavily.

New Business:

- Further discussion of the proposed "Excess Slip" was tabled until the July Board meeting.
- Lynn also presented some rewording of the description of Associate Membership as found under the Membership Information "tile" on first page of PYC's website. The changes are to clarify Associate member responsibilities. After a motion, second and a vote, the changes were approved.
- Orenda advised that the freezer lock has been broken and needs to be replaced. Will get cost estimate.
- Orenda advised sheet rock repairs to ceiling in fireplace area are on hold pending end of Sail Camp.
- Downspouts on front of clubhouse seem to be blocked. May need to add more downspouts to handle the water volume. May want to consider leaf or gutter guards. Orenda to research and get cost estimates?
- Tina Campbell recommended PYC obtain Corporate Membership cards for Sam's and for Costco to facilitate purchases made on behalf of PYC. PYC would pay the corporate membership dues. *After a motion, a second and a vote, the motion was passed.*
- Tina Campbell request approval to purchase 2 barbeque grills, 1 commercial food processor, 1 commercial vegetable and fruit chopper and 1 hand mixer with an estimated cost of approximately \$2,300. The equipment is needed before the July 4th social. The expenditure was approved.
- Tina Campbell advised that the wall switch controlling the flood lights which highlight the fireplace, was hot to the touch. David Bergevin checked it. Tom Clark recommended we ask David to install a timer on those switches.
- There was a discussion of PYC's "Galley" rules and of un-supervised minors in the clubhouse.

Adjournment:

- Tom asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. After a second and voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.



Sail Camp staff enjoying a cookout before the work starts.

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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