



Private Ear

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View from the Helm August 2022

I just returned from an organized trip around the Canadian Maritime Provinces with Mary Beth, and I enjoyed seeing a lot of ocean without the heat, crowds and sand usually associated with trips to our Southeastern shores. On a gorgeous afternoon, I spent time visiting with members of the Charlottetown Yacht Club on Prince Edward Island, but they can depend on sailing only June to September. Their photo gallery included numerous shots of keelboats in midweek races, with clearly more crew than needed to handle the boats, but with just enough to have a fun evening on the water, and it struck me that we might have lost

some of *our* fun. Just a few years ago, it was challenging to keep enough hot dogs on hand for the informal social after Wednesday evening races. This year there were several times when we didn't even bother cooking dogs for lack of turnout.

The upcoming Poker Run on September 10 at 3:00, with a social to follow, is a great chance to get out for some FUN sailing and socializing. We have a great facility, so let's take advantage of it. Watching others sail from the porch is nice, but viewing the action from a sailboat should be our preference.

There is a new two-day event planned for October 8-9 which will have something for everyone. Keelboats will race on Saturday and Flying Scots on Sunday, and we hope to have at least 15 boats out each day. It sounds like fun to me, so come join us!

Orenda Gregory has been working to connect anyone interested in sailing-through-crewing with skippers who need crew, providing a wonderful way for newer members to get sailing experience and meet fellow members. One of the most important criteria used by the Board when deciding whether an Associate will be offered a Family Membership is sailing activity during their one-year Associate Membership. What a terrific opportunity to gain that experience and have fun doing it.

Just a couple of reminders regarding our adoption of Clubspot for managing most of our data-related tasks:

1) Reserving spots for our social and racing events is now largely managed from the website and can be billed to your membership account.

2) You will be billed for these charged activities on the next quarterly invoice. Our plan is to eliminate any paper billing by the end of the year.

3) All information about your account, as well as methods to make payments, can be found on our website, Privateeryachtclub.org.



See you on the water

TOM CLARK

September 2022

Sun

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

October 2022

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						1 TVCC
2 TVCC	3	4	5	6	7	8 PYC Team Race Challenge
9 PYC Team Race Challenge	10 PYC Board Meeting	11	12	13	14	15 Long Distance Race
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Halloween Regatta
30 Halloween Regatta	31					

2022 PYC Race Schedule

September

1 st	6:45pm	Thursday Dinghy Races
10 th 11 th 17 th 18 th 24 th 25 th		Adults Learn to Sail ("ALTS")
3 rd	11:00am	Saturday Keelboat Races
10 th , 17 th , 24 th	1:00pm	Saturday Keelboat Races
4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	2:30pm	Sunday Dinghy Races

October

1 st & 2 nd		TVCC (Knoxville)
1 st 2 nd 8 th 9 th		Adults Learn to Sail
("ALTS")		
8 th & 9 th		Chattanooga Challenge Catalina
Chair – David Bergevin		Pro A Pro
29 th & 30 th		Halloween Regatta
Chair – David Varnell		Pro A Pro
15 th , 22 nd	1:00pm	Saturday Keelboat Races
16 th , 23 rd	2:30pm	Sunday Dinghy Races

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

Catalina 22	David Bergevin	423-843-1443	dbergevin515@epbfi.com
Melges 14 & MC	Steve Sherman	423-432-6501	steve@optistuff.com
	Josh Landers	412-303-4219	landerjc@westinghouse.com
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Flying Scot	Orenda Gregory	706-264-3134	Orendagregory@gmail.com
J 22	David Hensley	423-902-3699	Davidfhensley@gmail.com
Junior Fleet	Ed Buiel	423-903-7032	edbuiel@gmail.com

PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB TEAM RACE CHALLENGE

October 8-9

Join your fellow club members for a special two-day inter-club regatta featuring keel boats and dinghies, including dinner and social on Saturday night

Teams will consist of two experienced skippers and two “crew” with little or no racing experience. Eligible crew can be junior members, associate members or family members who don’t race, but are interested in seeing if the racing experience is something they might enjoy

Skippers who have access to a **keel boat** and a three-person **dinghy** will “pair up” and register their team (Team names encouraged)

Crew for each team will be selected by **lottery** at the skippers meeting

RACING will be held on Saturday (keelboats) and Sunday (dinghies)

Registration Fee: \$25.00 per team – Covers racing, Sat. dinner and Sun. breakfast.

We need all who are interested to register as early as possible so that we can match the number of teams with the number of crew

Register as Team or as crew with Frank Hughes, Regatta Chair

Complete information, rules and schedule provided on the PYC website
423-593-3500 or frank.hughes@smartbank.com



AROUND THE CLUB





≈HALLOWEEN≈ REGATTA & SOCIAL

October 29 & 30

**IT'S NOT JUST A REGATTA,
IT'S A HALLOWEEN PARTY**

BOAT REGISTRATION: \$10.00

REGISTRATION: 10:00-11:00am SKIPPER'S MEETING: 11:15am

FIRST WARNING SIGNAL: 12:30pm

THERE'S NO BONES ABOUT IT!!

HAPPY HOUR 5:30pm DINNER 6:30pm

SOCIAL: \$15 KIDS UNDER 11: \$7

•CHILI •VEGGIE CHILI (WITH FIXINGS)

•DESSERT •KEG •WINE

**BEST DRESSED COSTUME CONTEST: ADULT AND CHILD
KIDS TABLE, BON FIRE AND LOTS OF FUN!**



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."

New member Ryan Elverd working on his boat



PYC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

While PYC hires a crew to clean the bathrooms each week and to cut the grass every other week, please remember that PYC has no employees to keep the buildings and grounds ship shape! All able bodied members are encouraged to invest in PYC through their volunteer work at the clubhouse and on the grounds. The following jobs can be completed on your own time schedule.

This "Task List" will be on the table near the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Please sign your name beside tasks you have worked on and completed. If you partially complete a task, please note work completed and work remaining. Associates: please document your volunteer work on the task list and on your log in the Associate Notebook.

Questions? Text or call **Orenda Gregory 706-264-3134**

Task List:

- Wash outside windows of clubhouse
- Clean cobwebs off the clubhouse porch
- Dust the porch fans
- Blow leaves off the patio and porch
- Clean leaves out of the clubhouse gutters and downspouts
- Trim shrubs on the waterfront side of the clubhouse
- Cut back brush along pathways
- Cut underbrush and clean up around the kayak huts
- Weed-eat! Everywhere you see weeds! Cut them down!
- Weed the planting beds; plant flowers or bulbs in the beds
- See something broken, if you can, fix or repair it
(if not able to fix or repair, report it via text to Orenda Gregory 706-264-3134)
- Empty the clubhouse trash cans (inside and outside)
- Clean up behind yourself when you use the kitchen
(wash / dry utensils and cookware and return to appropriate storage area)
- Clean the grills
- Remove driftwood and fallen branches (smaller pieces of driftwood and small branches can be placed near the firewood stack by the fire pit)

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

Your AD Here!

Cory.pyc@gmail.com

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 Draft 1

Monday, August 8, 2022

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

Guests: Carl Dyer, Ryan Elverd, Mike Allen, Amy Fife

Tom Clark, Commodore

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm
- Tom presented a draft of a proposed Constitutional change regarding Associate members and asked the Board to review it and provide feedback.

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
 - Associate membership 28
 - Marc Erickson resigned
 - Associate membership waiting list 10
- Two new Family Memberships were approved
 - Matt and Margaret Lyle
 - Ryan Elverd
- One Family Membership reinstatement request was denied
- Two Associate Memberships were rescinded
- One Honorary Membership request was approved
- One Honorary Membership offer was approved pending review of Constitutional limits

Tina Marx, Treasurer:

- 58 members have not paid 2nd quarter dues/fees yet...approximately \$20K. Will send follow up letter with Clubspot/account login/set up instructions after end of August.
- Continue to work on collecting dues from member accounts which are 90 days past due.
- Will send bill to associate who resigned.
- Reviewed the P&L by month. Expect to pay \$20K in taxes in October.
- Have set target amounts for year end 2022 cash on hand and capital budget.
- With current financials, can only spend for "regular expenses" for the balance of the year.

Kevin Gersch, Dock Master:

- Boat Storage
 - 11 wet slips available – C and D Docks
 - 3 dry slips – South Cove lot
 - 4 dry slips – Cabin Lot
 - 0 dry slips – Clubhouse Lot
- Tony DiSanto purchased a 27' boat and has submitted a wet slip application.
- Has 21 volunteers Saturday for the safety ladder assembly and installation work party!
THANKS to all volunteers! Installed 10 ladders on Docks A-E. Have one to install on South Cove dock. Have one extra ladder...most likely will install on A dock. Also have signs for each ladder "For Emergency Use Only."
- New slip assignment "maps" have been placed on Bulletin Board.

Orenda Gregory, Rear Commodore – Buildings and Grounds:

- New convection oven has been delivered. Need different "coil". Need modified wiring.
- New warming unit has been delivered. Need trays for unit.
- Freezer lock has been replaced. Signs placed on freezer and refrigerator...locked.
- Carl Dyer reported mildew in the men's showers and suggested adding another vent fan or another a/c vent.
- Recent heavy rains have washed some gravel in the main parking lot creating gullies. Tom recommended moving gravel/rip rap to replace that which the rains washed away.
- The six burner commercial electric stove is the next priority item on for the Kitchen upgrade project...\$5,300 to \$7,100.
- The area between the clubhouse steps and the dock steps needs pavers or concrete. The item is #3 priority on the non-cap list.
- Orenda emailed a "Volunteer Task List" to the membership last week. There is also a printed copy on the table in the hall by the Bulletin Boards. Volunteers are asked to select and complete tasks around the Clubhouse and on the grounds...and to record their work on the "Task List." One Volunteer has already completed a task!

Tim Chambers – Director Club Boats: (Rob Fowler reported for Tim)

- The motor on the Whaler would not come up to speed and was revving too high. Problem was a bad rubber hub bushing. Same problem happened to the Skiff 2 years ago. Options were to replace the bushing or to replace the whole propeller. Cost was about the same, so the whole propeller was replaced. The old prop was 13 pitch. The new one is 12 pitch which is better for low speed control, better towing power and slower top speed...all good things.
- Most of the Sail Camp boats have been put back on their trailers. The Whaler is on the dinghy dock.
- The Dog Days Race Committee has requested the Whaler and Large Rib. Bob Bissel will launch the Large RIB in time for the regatta.

Tina Campbell – Social Director:

- Have a request from Greg Gowan, Power Squadron to use the clubhouse for and engine maintenance course. The course is 2 hours/week over 11 weeks. Exact dates are to be determined. Approved.
- Have 65 RSVP's for the Dog Days Regatta and Social 08.13.22. Sign up has been cut off and food has been ordered.
- Planning a "Poker Run" on-the-water social for September 10th.
- 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
- Last Sunday, July 17 the kitchen smelled like fish and the garbage cans were full. The club rules allow the club to charge \$100 with board approval to have the kitchen cleaned if not cleaned by the party using the kitchen.

Frank Hughes, Vice Commodore – Racing:

- Chase boat training sessions have been successful. 25-30 people have been trained so far. Thanks to David Bergevin for teaching the class.
- The Chattanooga Challenge has been cancelled.
- Planning is underway for a One Design Regatta for PYC Members. Will include J22's and J24's, plus other keel boats with similar PHRF ratings. More details to follow.
- Orenda advised that Ryan posted a list of approximately *18 individuals who want to crew for races or cruising* on the PYC website. She encouraged all Skippers to contact help provide opportunities for these people to crew.

Rob Fowler, Past Commodore – PSEF:

- Sail Camp filled 173 spots with 152 unique campers (some campers attended more than 1 week. Both numbers are new records.
- This year had six (6) Level One instructors and five (5) Counselors. Three of the instructors were from the Atlanta Yacht Club, who brought some new ideas to share.
- The best two weeks of camp this year were the last two weeks of July. Normally the wind is better in early June.
- Sail Camp would like to thank the J22 fleet for loaning their boats for keel boat sailing in week 5's "Advanced Race Week" session. Thanks to J22 owners David Hensley, John Roberts, Frank Hughes, Steve Sherman and John Littlefield.
- Sail Camp would also like to thank the PYC membership for the use of the Clubhouse and Harbor.
- Megan Cline will be Co-Director of Sail Camp 2023 and will be Director in 2024. She has been a Camper, Counselor, Instructor and Head Instructor, so she understands the program better than anyone. The Sail Camp schedule fits nicely with her future work schedule as an elementary school teacher.
- Fall Adult Learn To Sail Saturday classes are fully booked. There are some Sunday class openings.

- The PSEF Flying Scot has been upgraded with a mast flotation device and a new summer cover.
- PSEF is making plans for its annual "Ready or Knot" Junior regatta in mid-September...weekend of September 17th.
- Ed Buell has withdrawn from his role as Race Team Coach so PSEF is looking for a replacement.

New Business:

- Orenda reported PYC has a new contract with Republic Service for waste removal. The container size remains the same. The pick up (emptying) cycle of 1x/week remains the same. The monthly fee is now \$165 representing a \$3,200/year saving or a 62% cost reduction.
- Martin asked the Board for approval to post the revised PYC-PSEF Sailboat Program policy, rules and forms. Approved. Martin will get with Ryan on posting the revised policy.
- Insect Pests: Members have reported seeing ants and roaches in the clubhouse and fly larvae in the trash cans containing food waste. The Board asks Members to clean up the kitchen after use and to empty trash cans. PYC does not have a pest control service. Martin has sprayed Ortho Home Defense product twice now around the baseboards in all parts of the clubhouse. Ryan suggested "Do Your Own Pest Control.com" as a source for commercial pesticides for DIY application.
- The storage room needs reorganizing.
- PYC Insurance has increased by 17% since last year. Need to check the coverages and obtain new quotes.
- The Club answering machine is connected to the Fire Alarm panel. When unplugged, the Fire Alarm system is disconnected. Recommend moving the answering machine to the Office and "hard wiring" the phone line on the counter directly to the alarm system.
- Need to provide lockable storage for club-use-only supplies (paper plates, napkins, plastic cups, plastic utensils, etc.)
- Cleaning instructions have now been placed on both of the new Weber gas grills so that users know the proper cleaning procedure.
- Unsupervised children were reported in clubhouse and on swim dock (without life preservers). Need to check verbiage in Club Rules and Constitution.
- Club gate is being left open a lot, allowing non-members open access to the Club and grounds.
- The "Private Property, No Trespassing" sign on the right side of the gate is hidden behind the "Emergency Evacuation" sign. Recommend moving the "Private Property, No Trespassing" to the left side of the gate/fence.
- Need to encourage member volunteers. Need more people engaged in club projects.

Adjournment:

- Tom asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. After a second and voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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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