



Private Ear

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View from the Helm

After a summer with some of the worst sailing conditions I have seen while at PYC, we are into a great-looking fall, launched last weekend with the TVCC regatta at the Concorde Yacht Club near Knoxville. Because of the qualification rules and light turnout by four of the six member clubs, only Concorde and PYC were scored for the overall trophy, and our four boats took on the 22 entries from Concorde and nearly won it. In the 12-boat non-spinnaker fleet, the teams of **Scott Cline** with **Mark Mentgen** in “Catspaw” (borrowed from **David Bergevin**) and **Guy Campbell** with **Ryan Elverd** took 1st and 3rd respectively. In the spinnaker fleet, **Rob Fowler** with **Frank Hughes** and **Hannah Ginese** took 2nd in Frank’s J22; and **Steve Sherman** placed 2nd with his MC Scow in the dinghy fleet.

Regarding our transition to payment processing through Clubspot, our new management software, a new line item called “Processing Fee” has been added for those paying by credit card or ACH, beginning with 2022 Q2 and Q3 invoices. In a one-time action, PYC combined all members’ processing fees for 2022 Q2 and Q3 with your Q4 invoice, and that 2022 Q4 cumulative processing fee will appear on your 2023 Q1 invoice.

Our processing fee is calculated based on the payment amount and method of payment used—2.9% plus \$0.30 for credit card payments and 0.9% for ACH payments. Though processing fees are often hidden by businesses as an inflated cost of service, processing fees—sometimes as high as 5%—are assessed on all bills paid online and are not unique to PYC; but unlike commercial operations, PYC does not increase our charge for services to cover processing fees. Because Clubspot cannot predetermine how an invoice will be paid, processing fees will be reflected in your invoice in the quarter after they are incurred.

Unfortunately, I will be enjoying the next several months of sailing by watching it from the porch as I recover from a rapid dismount over the handlebars of my bicycle.

Smooth sailing,



Tom

October 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 TVCC
2 TVCC 230PM Dinghy Race	3	4	5	6	7	8 Team Race Regatta
9 Team Race Regatta	10 PYC Board Meeting	11	12	13	14	15 1PM Long Distance Race
16 230PM Dinghy Race	17	18	19	20	21	22 1PM Keelboat Race
23 230PM Dinghy Race	24	25	26	27	28	29 Halloween Regatta
30 Halloween Regatta	31					

November 2022

Sun

Mon

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Sat

		1	2	3	4	5 830AM Work Party 1PM Keelboat Race
6 230PM Dinghy Race	7	8	9	10	11	12 John's Pig Regatta
13	14 PYC Board Meeting	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 2PM Decorating for Christmas	28	29	30			

2022 PYC Race Schedule

October

1st & 2nd

TVCC (Knoxville)

1st 2nd 8th 9th

Adults Learn to Sail

("ALTS")

8th & 9th

Chattanooga Challenge Catalina

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Chair – David Bergevin

Pro A Pro

29th & 30th

Halloween Regatta

Chair – David Varnell

Pro A Pro

15th, 22nd

1:00pm

Saturday Keelboat Races

16th, 23rd

2:30pm

Sunday Dinghy Races

November & December

5th,

1:00pm

Saturday Keelboat Races

6th,

2:30pm

Sunday Dinghy Races

12th November

John's Pig Regatta

Chair – Rob Fowler

Pro A Pro

Weather Permitting

Frost Bite Series

Fleet Captains

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≈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!**



The Poker Run 2022



A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE POKER RUN. I WILL HAVE TO SAY THAT IT WAS LOTS OF FUN. IT TAKES A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPEN. I'M HAPPY TO SAY IT WAS A HIT! I APPRECIATE ALL!

CONGRATULATIONS:

BEST HAND WINNER: MATT LYLE AND RYAN ELVERD
SECOND BEST HAND: LESTER STERN AND BRAINARD COOPER
THIRD BEST HAND: PETER AND SANDY POGGI

THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS:

MAP OF COURSE:

•ROB FOWLER

CHECK POINTS:

•VAN AND MARTINA POLIDORO
•TIM AND LYNN CHAMBERS
•GUY CAMPBELL
•KEVIN GERSCH
•SPENCER WIBERLEY
•DAVID WOLLERT
•LEO GREGORCZUK

PICTURES:

•GREG GOULD AND DIANNE ROLAND

KITCHEN/DECORATIONS:

•NAN BROOKS

RESULT TABLE:

•CHUCK PUGLISI
•SANDY VANDEN BRANDEN

RULES: CHUCK PUGLISI

SPECIAL THANKS TO CONTRIBUTIONS AND DOOR PRIZES:

CHEROKEE DISTRIBUTING
JAY AND STEPHAINE MARTIN
MCLAUGHLIN BOAT WORKS
BLUE STAR SAILS & CANVAS
ANDREW AND LISA POSTELL
BILL & MELISSA KLINGENSMITH
ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS

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Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup

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PYC's Flying Scot Fleet #13 Members Attend Away Regattas

Several of PYC's FS sailors traveled to South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama during September and early October to participate in regattas.

On September 3rd & 4th, seventeen boats competed in the "Scot on the Rocks Regatta" at Lake Murray Sailing Club in Chapin, SC.

Final Results: 2nd - **Lynn & Bill Bruss**; 9th – **Melissa & Bill Klingensmith**; 11th - **Lester & Alaina Stern**; 14th – **Orenda & Martin Gregory**.

Later in September on the 23rd & 24th, fourteen boats competed in the "Scot-A-Hoochee Regatta" at Lake Lanier Sailing Club in Flowery Branch, GA.

Final Results: 2nd – **Lynn & Bill Bruss**; 7th – **Melissa & Bill Klingensmith**; 12th – **Orenda & Martin Gregory**.

On October 1st & 2nd, two of PYC's FS fleet members traveled to Vincent, AL. to participate in the "Great Scot Regatta" at Birmingham Sailing Club located on Lake Logan Martin. Nine boats competed in the Challenger Fleet.

Final Results: 1st – **Melissa & Bill Klingensmith**; 2nd – **Orenda & Martin Gregory**

Attending away regattas is a great way to meet members of other clubs, improve your sailing skills and enjoy the scenery while sailing on different lakes! Flying Scots are easy to rig and trailer. If you are interested in joining PYC's Flying Scot Fleet, contact **Orenda Gregory 706-264-3134**.

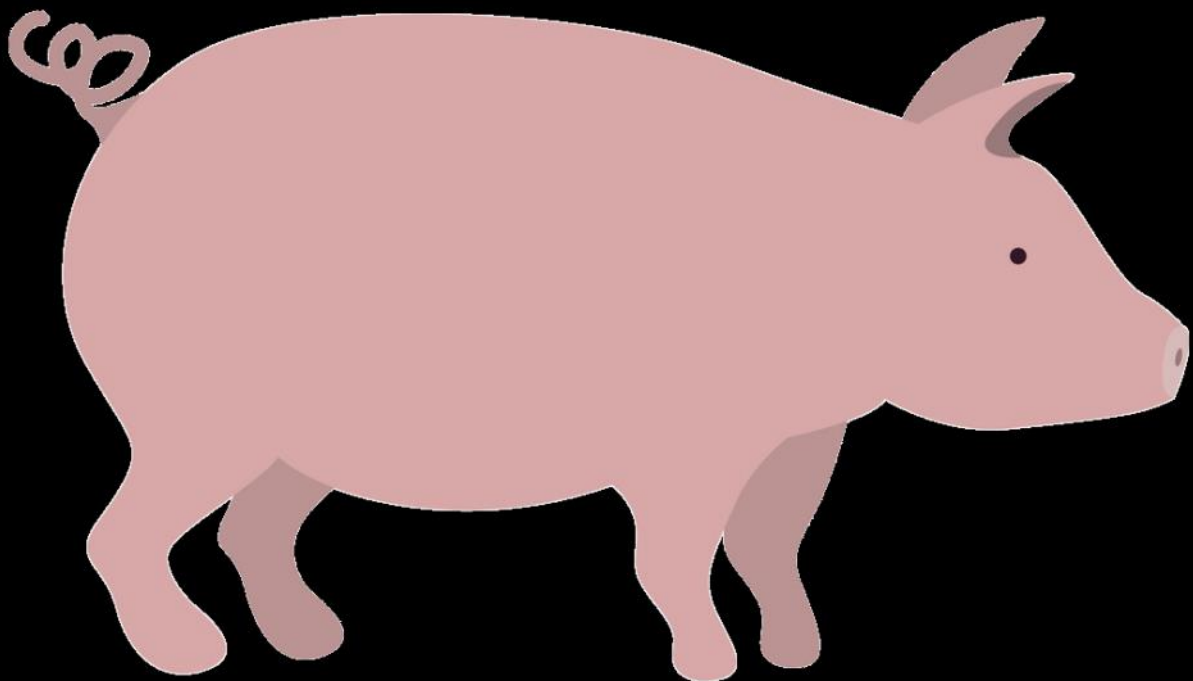


NEED CREW?

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."



PIG REGATTA - NOVEMBER 12

Welcome Our New Associate Members

Steven Smith



My son Tyler and I started crewing with Andrew Postell on his J24 for the Wednesday night races in the summer of 2021. We crewed with Andrew for two out of town J24 regattas over the winter and then again for the Wednesday night keelboat races this year. My daughter Kaitlyn is a little younger so not crewing yet but has still been out with us several times. We've learned a tremendous amount and have really enjoyed participating in those races as well as the weekend regattas at Privateer. We bought our own boat, a Hunter 22, in the fall of last year and that allowed me to learn even more about sailing and, just as importantly, working on a sailboat. Having never owned a boat larger than a kayak before, I'm trying to learn as much as I can as fast as I can. Thrilled to be part of the Privateer family now and excited to see where this can take us !



Amber & David Wattenbarger have lived in Chattanooga since 2010. They enjoy family adventuring - hiking, biking, cooking, reading, traveling - with their two kids, Jude (11) & Gabe (6). David works as a financial adviser for his firm, DRW Financial, and Amber works as a Supply Chain consultant. Jude has enjoyed two summers of PYC Sail Camp and is in his second year practicing on the Optimist

Youth Race team. Gabe loves swimming and biking and can't wait to attend sail camp when he's old enough. Amber & David took Adult Learn to Sail classes this year and look forward to developing their family sailing skills, learning to race, and being part of the community at PYC.

Welcome Our New Associate Members

Jesse and Brittany Watlington.



We have two young kids Amelia and Henry. We have lived in Chattanooga since 2007, residing in Signal Mountain and own Bleu Fox Cheese Shop on the Southside. We both grew up outside Knoxville in Rockwood and Oak Ridge. My husband's family were members of the Concord Yacht Club throughout his entire childhood where he was active in racing and attending/instructing at the clubs Sail Camp each year. Sailing has always been a huge part of our family. I was first introduced to sailing during the 10 years we visited my in-laws while they lived on their Union 36 sailboat. I instantly fell in love. We are very excited for the opportunity to enjoy sailing more and to pass along the love and tradition to our kids.

Mark your calendars now for:

PYC's Fall Work Day!
November 5th
8:30 AM

We need a lot of volunteers to help rake leaves, pick up driftwood and downed limbs, etc. Bring rakes, blowers, tarps, weed-eaters!

Additional tasks will be identified nearer to the work date!

Coffee, muffins, snacks & water will be available!

PYC needs more VOLUNTEERS to help complete the Task List!

Super big thanks to the 18 members who have completed jobs on the “Task List”!!! I really appreciate your hard work! Eleven tasks are remaining to be completed. If you are an Associate or Family Member and have not yet volunteered to complete a task, please do so. The “Task List” is posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Please sign your name beside tasks you 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. The tasks can be completed on your own time schedule. We need to finish this list ASAP, please.

Task List:

- Cut brush along driveway
- Cut brush around kayak hut
- Weed eat along main driveway both sides
- Weed eat along shore lines
- Weed eat in south cove parking area
- Weed club house planting beds
- Plant flower bulbs in planting beds
- Clean stained / greasy patio under gas grills
- Clean outside tables and chairs on porch
- Unclog gutter downspouts
- Clean gutters (again due to falling leaves)

Questions?

Text or call Orenda Gregory 706-264-3134

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!

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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 – Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2022

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

Guests: Carl Dyer, Ryan Elverd, Mark Mentgen, Pat Crowe, Scott Cline

Tom Clark, Commodore

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm
- Tom presented a proposed to allow a former member to return to the club as an Associate Member due to confused situation with the member's dues payment and lack of accurate contact information. *A motion was made to allow the member to return as an Associate after paying past dues. After a second and a vote, the motion was passed.*
- Tom discussed a proposed Constitutional amendment regarding Associates and wet slip use which he sent to the Board for review several weeks ago. Martin discussed an alternative version of a constitutional amendment addressing the same issue, but also tying up some "loose ends." Tom asked Martin to resend his (Martin's) draft proposal to the Board for review.

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.*

Eddie Graham (Membership Committee) reported for Lynn Bruss, Membership Director:

- Current membership
 - Family membership 148
 - Associate membership 28
 - Associate membership waiting list 7
- Two new Family Memberships were approved
 - Ryan and Haleigh Worth
 - Chase and Victoria Wood
- One former Family Member was added as an Associate provided he pay back dues
- One Associate Membership was rescinded
- Two Associate Members resigned: Brandon Daniels and Allen Ozier
- Three were added to the Associate Member waiting list: Steve Smith, Elijah Praett, Gary Haber
- The Board verified the previous month's vote to offer Bo Cline an Honorary Membership. Honorary Membership was based on interpretation of the By-Law addressing the requirements and limitations for this membership category.

Tina Marx, Treasurer:

- 54 members have not paid 2nd quarter dues/fees yet....several thousand dollars due. Will send paper invoice to each.
- Q3 invoices will include 3 line items: Current amount due; service charge for Q1; service charge for Q2. Tom and Tina M. to discuss more.
- Continue to work on collecting dues from member accounts which are 90 days past due.
- Should the By-Laws be changed to allow the Club to charge late fees for accounts past due by a certain length of time? Tom will draft a proposed By-Law change and email it to the Board for review.
- Will invoice member who was reinstated as an Associate for past dues.
- Reviewed the P&L by month. Still building needed 2022 year end cash reserve.
- Current financials indicate we can spend only \$1,000 near term on discretionary non-capital items.
- Kevin asked Tina M. to check Dock Income indicating it should have increased.
- The Taxes & Licenses line item disparity is due to timing of tax payments.

Kevin Gersch, Dock Master:

- Boat Storage
 - 11 wet slips available – 7 D dock, 2 C dock, 1 B dock, 1 A dock
 - 4 dry slips – South Cove lot
 - 2 dry slips – Cabin Lot
 - 1 dry slip – Clubhouse Lot
- Have experienced a lot of boat/slip changes during the last month.
- One Associate member launched his boat and took a wet slip without permission. Have been working with that Associate on the issue. The Associate will be invoiced for his unauthorized use of the wet slip.
- Working with one member who has 4 boats at PYC to reduce his boat count and comply with PYC rules.
- Safety ladder added to South Cove lot.
- Ropes added to all safety ladders to more easily release lower section of ladder.

Orenda Gregory, Rear Commodore – Buildings and Grounds:

- New convection oven is operational. Some specific steps to cool the unit are required post-use to avoid burning out the fan motor. Instructions will be posted. The unit is to be used only for Club socials. Tom will obtain/install a lockout plug for the unit. Orenda will check with the distributor and/or manufacturer on venting requirements.
- May need additional trays for the new warming unit. Check current tray inventory.
- Recent heavy rains have created a “gully” where the paved road/boat ramp and the clubhouse parking lot interface. Tom recommended moving gravel to replace that which the rains washed away. Tom commented that the runoff control is a multi-step process.

- Republic Sanitation changed the trash pick-up schedule to Thursdays. As long as trash from weekend socials is bagged, foul odor from the dumpster should be minimized.
- A 6' fan for the back porch (parking lot side) is the next item on the non-capital project list.
- Will follow up with Embark on repairing the ceiling sheet rock which was damaged by a roof leak.
- Steps from J Lot to the Clubhouse parking lot are very slippery. Pressure wash and apply non-skid? Replace....add to non-capital list if under \$5,000.
- Reminders about the "Volunteer Task List" have been emailed to the membership. There is a printed copy on the table in the hall by the Bulletin Boards. Only a few tasks have been completed....THANKS to those who have volunteered! Quite a number of open tasks remain. Volunteers are asked to select and complete tasks around the Clubhouse and on the grounds...and to record their work on the "Task List."
- A club wide work day will be scheduled soon as the daytime temperatures begin to fall.
- Official club wide work days seem to work better than "work on your own schedule task lists."
- The Board could consider a policy that requires members to volunteer a minimum number of hours per year or, at their discretion, or pay a fee in lieu of volunteer work.

Tim Chambers – Director Club Boats:

- Reorganized ground tackle, etc. on committee boat and skiffs.

Tina Campbell – Social Director:

- "Poker Run" on-the-water social was a big success. Received a lot of positive feedback from participants....more events of this type. Relaxed, comfortable, more involvement. More ideas?
- A big THANKS to the Matt Lyle and Ryan Elverd, winners of the Poker Run, for donating their winnings to PSEF!
- All Fleets Race and Social is scheduled for October 8/9th
- Halloween Regatta and Social is scheduled for October 29th
- PIG Regatta is scheduled for November 12th
- Will decorate the Clubhouse for Christmas on November 27th
- Christmas Social will be December 3rd

Frank Hughes, Vice Commodore – Racing:

- TVCC: Still need PYC participants to sign up....non-spinnaker fixed keel boats. Group accommodations available based on total headcount.
- The All Fleets Race is scheduled for October 8/9. Include J22's and J24's, plus other keel boats with similar PHRF ratings and FS dinghies.
- 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:

- PSEF/Junior sailors will race dinghies (Optis, Fusions, 420's) Sunday afternoons at 1:30pm.
- Steve Sherman and/or Ed Buiel are overseeing the Sunday Junior races. Contact either Steve or Ed with questions/concerns.
- With PSEF/Junior Sailors and PYC Dinghy Fleet both racing Sunday afternoon, close communication is needed to ensure safety boat coverage is available for both groups.

New Business:

- PYC parking is limited, when multiple events/activities are scheduled on the same weekend days. Members may have difficulty finding parking spots on Saturdays and Sundays.
- The "lake end (south east end)" of J Lot was officially designated for car parking, however the "cars only" sign has been removed and some boats and trailers are now parked there. Need to get the boats/trailers moved out of this "cars only" parking area and re-install the sign.
- The Board was advised that there are "lots of boats" (wet/dry slips) at PYC which are not used and are not maintained. Some boats are very dirty and some have vegetation growing on them at the water lines. It was suggested that the Board consider a new policy to address boat maintenance.
- The Board discussed how to encourage members to accept Board positions. One suggestion was to formalize "assistant" positions for selected Board positions which provide on-the job training for successors.
- Board members can get help by creating informal teams or committees.

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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