



Private Ear

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View From the Helm

I plead guilty to being one of the many, more “seasoned” members whose sailing activities are almost exclusively focused on racing. While visiting Charlottetown (PEI) Yacht Club this summer, I learned of their Monday “white sails” event, which makes room for all folks wanting to sail, by devoting an event to fun and camaraderie rather than full-out racing. I also witnessed the fun enjoyed by many new members on various types of boats in the first Poker Run that PYC has had in quite a few years. Most recently, the Team Challenge, which pushed aggressively to encourage new members/sailors to get involved for two days of fun racing, provided a wonderful experience for all involved.

I hope everyone appreciates the value of injecting our sailing events schedule with more opportunities for everyone to get increasingly involved on the water. Having our mid-week events more focused on participation than scoring would be a good starting point, followed by a social hour with grilled hot dogs on the patio. We’ve been there before, and it’s time to get back to it. **Frank Hughes** and the next Race Director would love to hear all suggestions aimed at increasing involvement by more members in our sailing activities.

The sailing season winds down for many of us with the John’s Pig Regatta. As the e-mailed flyer says, the meal will be great, and I encourage everyone to make a maximum effort to attend both the race, which supports the Chattanooga Food Bank, and the dinner. Let’s send the 2022 season off with a flurry of food and fun.

Orenda Gregory has posted a list of small work projects needed to keep the club functioning and looking good. If you can, please join the crew for our fall workday on Saturday, November 5, when we’ll also tackle the bigger jobs necessary to prepare the property for winter, including managing the leaves, which will require many hands and leaf blowers. Satisfaction guaranteed!



**Smooth sailing,
Tom**

November 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri 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 Thanksgiving	25	26
27 2PM Decorating for Christmas	28	29	30			

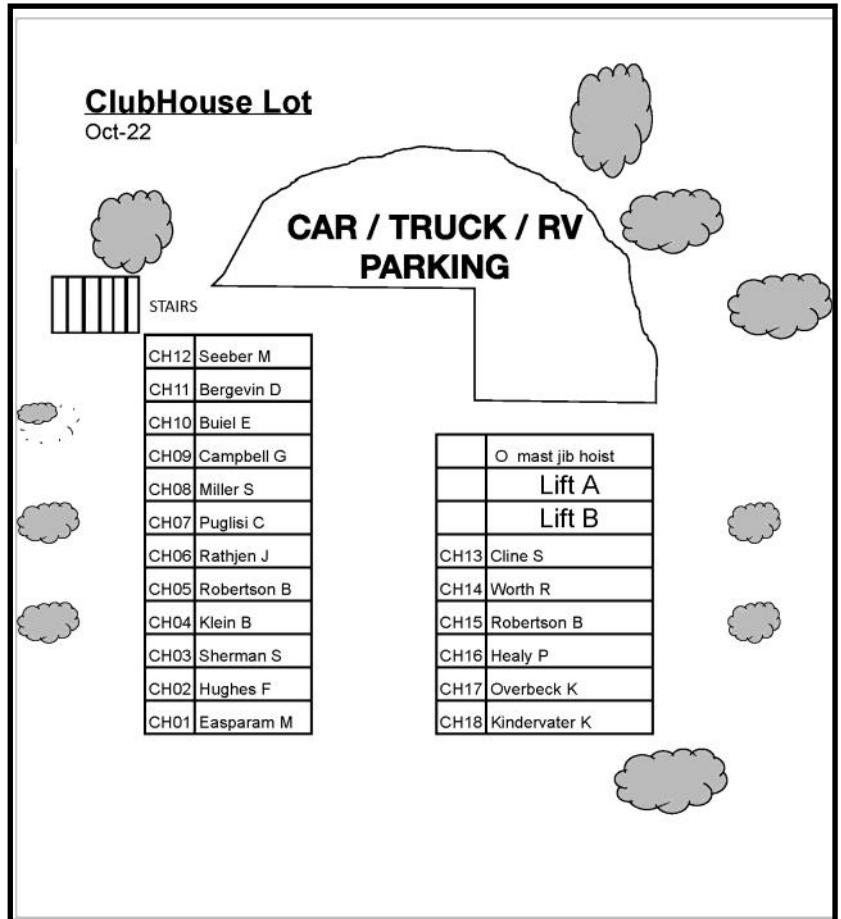
December 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2	3 Christmas Party
4 FROSTBITE Racing Series	5	6	7	8	9	10
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18 FROSTBITE Racing Series	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31

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

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



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

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

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

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

Happy sailing!
Orenda Gregory
Rear Commodore
Buildings and Grounds

2022 PYC Race Schedule

November & December

5th, 1:00pm Saturday Keelboat Races

6th, 2:30pm Sunday Dinghy Races

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

Weather Permitting

Frost Bite Series

Fleet Captains

Catalina 22

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The First Annual Team Challenge



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN....

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

LET'S GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT
ON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

AT 2:00

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

COME LISTEN TO CHRISTMAS MUSIC
AND
ENJOY OTHERS COMPANY

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED





JINGLE AND MINGLE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd,
SOCIAL: 6:00 p.m.
DINNER: 7:00 p.m.

Come jingle and mingle and celebrate our tradition Christmas Party.
Santa will be present and The Night Before Christmas will be read.

If you are attending and have children,
please bring a wrapped gift with your child's name.
These gifts will be handed out by Santa.

DINNER:

WE ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO BRING A COVERED DISH
(REMEMBER TO BRING ENOUGH TO GO AROUND).
P.Y.C. WILL PROVIDE HAM, DESSERT, ROLLS

DRINKS:

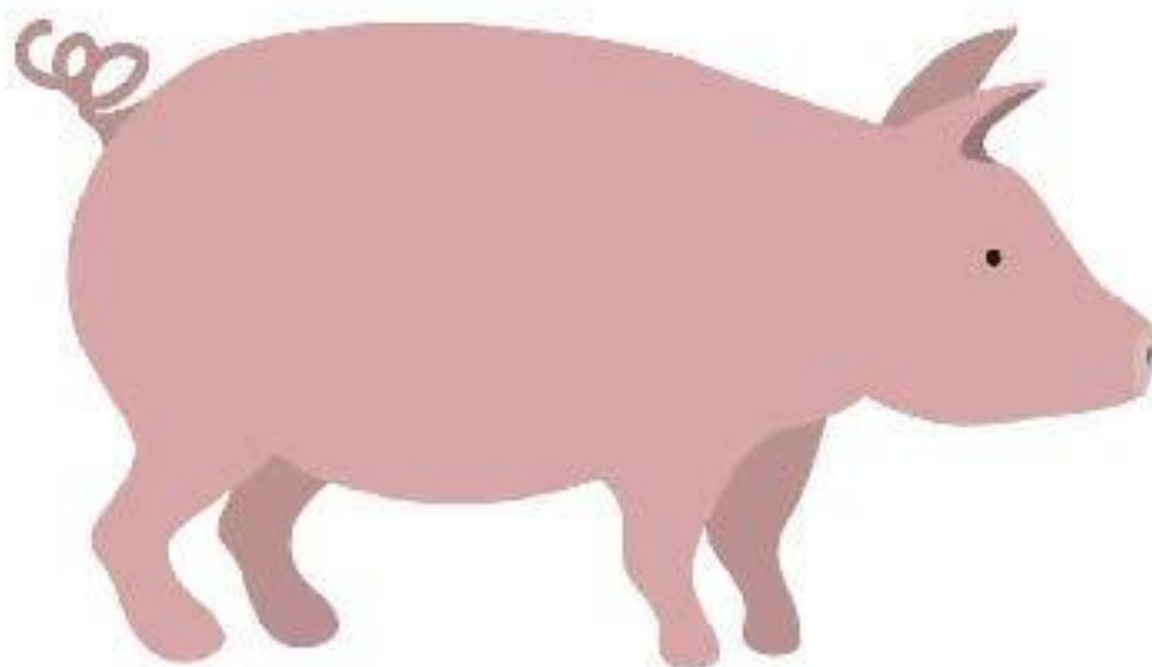
IT'S BYOB, PYC WILL PROVIDE COFFEE, TEA & WATER

FUN:

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE:
BRING A WRAPPED GIFT OF \$25 VALUE FOR EACH PERSON
PARTICIPATING IN THE GAME.

PLEASE RSVP ON CLUBSPOT BY: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB 2022 PIG REGATTA



REGISTRATION - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
SKIPPER'S MEETING - 1:00 PM
FIRST START - 2:00 PM
HAPPY HOUR - 5:30 PM
BBQ DINNER SERVED - 6:30 PM

REGATTA FEE - \$20 DONATION TO
CHATTANOOGA FOOD BANK
DINNER COST - \$15 PER PERSON
REGISTER / RSVP ONLINE
www.privateeryachtclub.org

Sailing Instructions available online
Questions? - email cfowler410@comcast.net

Welcome Our New Associate Members

Eli Pruett



I moved to Chattanooga in 2015 and I have loved the water activities this beautiful area has provided ever since. I am a mechanical engineer by profession, and I love to learn new things. One day I spotted a beautiful sailboat out on the lake and decided that would be my next experience to learn. PYC has allowed me to begin to learn about the world of sailing and I can't wait to continue my journey as a member.

Robert & Carla Krigelman

Robert and Carla moved to Chattanooga in 2014, and Robert is currently the General Manager, TVA Nuclear Quality Assurance. In his spare time, Robert plays tuba in the local community band and volunteers with the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera. Carla dedicates her time helping



others, volunteering her time to the YMCA and Erlanger Hospital, preparing tax returns for lower income individuals and families through the Urban League VITA program, and crocheting lapghans and creating quilts to donate to various charities. Robert and Carla are often seen with their Havanese dogs, Isabella and Reina.

Privateer Sailing Education Foundation



While the temperatures are predicted to get colder, PSEF planning for the 2023 season is red hot!

We are having our end of the year cookout Nov 6th to thank the sailors and parents for coming out and sharing our 2023 growth plans with everyone. We are actively looking for coaches and adding to the team early in 2023. **Andrew Postell** has agreed to take over as President of PSEF and the PSEF Board thanks **Spencer Wiberley** for all his contributions to our program. Breeze has been strong for the sailors and everyone has demonstrated great improvement in their boat handling skills. 2023 sailing plans include targeted travel regattas for all fleets (Opti's, Lasers and 420's), hosting a college regatta at PYC and continuing to promote our growing sport and club.

Registration for sail camp will open early February.

Kitchen and Pantry/Storage Room

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

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

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Tina Campbell, Social Director

Safety Ladders

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



From the Dockmaster

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

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."

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

1972 Catalina 22– Lil Buoy Blue

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

Steve Sherman—423-432-6501

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

Luke Padgett, 423-322-8904,

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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.

Minutes of the PYC Board Meeting

October 10, 2022

Members in attendance: Tom Clark, Frank Hughes, Tina Marx, Lynn Bruss, Tim Chambers, Kevin Gersch, Tina Campbell, Rob Fowler.

Guests: Doug Spohn

- The meeting was called to order by the commodore at 6:00 PM

Membership Report – Lynn Bruss

- During meeting introduced new associates: Robert Krigelman & Carla Eymann, Alexis Rosser, Scott Curry Family, Amber and David Wattenbarger, and Steve Smith
- Prospective associate members were introduced by Lynn Bruss
- Lynn discussed two associate members who are up for Family membership, Peterson Hostetler and Chris Griffith. There was a lengthy discussion regarding Hostetler. After the discussion, there was a motion and second to approve Hostetler. The motion passed 7-3.
- Another brief discussion was held regarding Griffith. After a motion and second to approve the membership, the board voted unanimously to approve. Since there are no vacant family memberships open, Griffith is pre-approved and will become a family member automatically once there is a vacancy.
- Frank Hughes commented that Lynn Bruss has been doing a great job as membership director.

Treasurer's Report – Tina Marx

- Tina Marx handed out the latest club financial report. There was a brief discussion regarding members who are in arrears and those who pay late.

Dockmaster Report – Kevin Gersch

- Kevin Gersch reported that there are seven wet slips and three dry slips available.
- David Bergevin has replaced / repaired the lighting on "B" dock
- There are some steel tie rods that need replacing on "A" dock.
- There was some discussion, led by Vice Commodore Frank Hughes, about relocating some of the under utilized boats from the "J" lot down to the roadway dry sailing storage so that some of the J-24's stored there can be more easily launched. The dockmaster will look at the situation, talk to boat owners and see if some relocation can occur.

House and Grounds Report – Orenda Gregory

- David Bergevin has installed a large ceiling fan over the front porch seating area.
- The new freezer in the kitchen pantry room has been broken into several times.
- Orenda has updated the volunteer task list posted on the bulletin board.

- Orenda has met with the janitor service to discuss the mildew problem we currently have in the bathrooms. They have suggested that the bathrooms are not adequately ventilated.
- Embark has been contacted by Orenda to repair the water damaged area in the ceiling area around the fireplace.
- A member had placed "Do Not Use" notes on both fireplaces. Fowler inspected and there are cracks in the fire brick panels in both units. The fireplace in the main room is the most damaged, with a large ¼" wide crack running across the back panel. Tom Clark suggested that there is a patching compound that can be used. Fowler discussed replacing the panels. It was agreed that the patching compound should be tried first.
- Orenda has re-organized the storage room.
- Orenda and martin have sprayed for roaches in the kitchen, but it has not been successful. They may contact a pest control company in the future.
- We continue to have a problem with members anonymously leaving items at the club, "Free to a good home". These types of donations need to be coordinated with the House and Grounds director, and not just dropped off in the clubhouse. They are usually things that no one wants, and then someone will have to take time to dispose of them.
- Hughes and Clark discussed the need for security in the clubhouse, and specifically the use of closed-circuit cameras. After some discussion amongst board members there was a motion and a second to study what type of system PYC could best use, and the potential cost.
- A Fall Cleanup work party is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5th.
- Steve Sherman has offered to donate a canoe to the club, and build a rack to store it on. The board discussed the question of need, and whether or not the club needs another boat to maintain.
- There was discussion regarding the large tree overhanging the docks in the back of the main harbor. A quote for \$1200 to take the tree down and remove the wood was received. It was mentioned that if the tree is a hardwood, then the club could pay to have it taken down safely, but the wood could be split and used as firewood. This will be investigated.

Racing Program Report – Frank Hughes

- The Team Challenge Race held on October 8,9 went very well. Ten teams participated, with 15 associates / juniors / new sailors signing up to crew for the experienced "skippers". The team of Scott Cline and Steve Sherman, along with crew Jude Wattenbarger, dominated the series. David Hensley, Rob Fowler and Eric Richardson were second overall.
- The Halloween Regatta and Social will happen on October 29, 30, followed by the Pig Regatta on Nov. 12.

Social Program Report – Tina Campbell

- The Halloween Social is coming up, as reported, followed by the Pig on November 12, and the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 3rd.
- Doug Spohn was in attendance and requested the use of the clubhouse for a Wood Turner Group meeting. As there were no conflicts, the request was approved.

Club Boats Report – Tim Chambers

- One of the chase boats caught a fishing line, which damaged the prop shaft oil seal. The seal is being replaced.

PSEF Report – Tim Chambers

- The adult Learn-to-Sail Program is winding down. There was some discussion regarding scheduling of educational events that conflict with regattas.
- The Junior Racing Fleet will continue to hold races until the end of the year.
- PSEF has a new president, Andrew Postell.

Old Business - None

New Business – Clark discussed the proposed by-law change which would institute a late fee for members who are more than 60 days in arrears. The amount of the fee was discussed, and amounts ranged from 4-5% of the outstanding balance. It was decided to table this item till the next meeting.

Clark also discussed the need to continue the process for capital planning and priorities. He briefly discussed parking lot drainage and parking lot lighting as possible spending targets.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Rob Fowler, Past Commodore



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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