



Privateer



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB
Lake Chickamauga Chattanooga, TN
January 2021

Cory Richardson, Editor
NewsletterEditor@privateeryachtclub.org

View from the Helm

First of all, thanks again to **Keith Harper** for putting on a great annual meeting. It once again confirms my view that we can carry on with our lives while taking measures to protect ourselves and our friends from the effects of this deadly virus. The vaccine is finally here, and hopefully by Summer, we can get back to a more normal schedule of events at our club. We shall see. In the meantime, planning is already underway for our racing program, and we'll be discussing socials and regattas at our first board meeting this month.

As I mentioned at the annual meeting, we are very fortunate to have been left a club that is in very good condition, both from a facilities perspective and from the standpoint of our activities and program. The board members that you as a membership have elected over the past decade or so have done a great job of building and improving Privateer Yacht Club, and our mission as an incoming board is to continue that momentum. We have several areas that need attention, including our shoreline, storm-water drainage and improved storage in the kitchen. We also need to be aware that the current "A" dock, while still working well, will need to be replaced someday. I think that when that happens, we'll need to try and incorporate some type of breakwater or wave attenuator into the system. A good wave break at the front dock will save us a lot of time and money on repair and maintenance of the docks behind it.

I'm hoping that this year we can start by doing some research into a successful design for the front dock, and we can start putting some money away to be able to pay for it when the time is right.

Finally, having just finished watching the Prada Cup Semi-finals in New Zealand, it has me wondering if it isn't time to try our hand at match racing here on Lake Chickamauga. Many years ago, we had a great time match racing in J-24's, and we even have a Trophy dedicated to that event that we could bring out of retirement. Match racing is a great way to improve your close quarters boat handling skills and learn the Racing Rules of Sailing. Something to ponder as we sit indoors waiting on warmer weather to get here.

Rob Fowler



Coming Events

February 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 The Pandemic Polar Anti- Social- Sailing series	15 President's Day	16 Mardi Gras	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

March 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 The Pandemic Polar Anti- Social- Sailing series	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

RACING REPORT

**FROSTBITE 2021
Polar Pandemic
Anti-Social-Sailing**

FROSTBITE REV 6



Format: PURSUIT: Single hand (Race 1), Double Hand (Race 2), Triple Hand (Race 3), Full Crew(Race 4)

Course and Start Times will be posted in the OFFICIAL RACE NOTICE BOARD on the NORTH side of the clubhouse around 1PM

Will be determined on day of race by Frostbite United (FU)

Will be chosen from a list of predefined courses ATTACHED to this notice

Rules: Rules will be pursuant to COLREGS and the RSS as modified for this series

Scoring: The point system used for this series is based on the **number of boats racing**. For example, say 10 boats are racing. The first place finisher receives 10 points, second place 9 points, third place 8 points, and so on. If you start the race and don't finish, you will receive one point. If there are 4 boats racing, 1st place receives 4 points, 2nd place receives 3 points, etc. Basically, you are rewarded more for beating 9 boats as opposed to beating 3 boats. If you are the only boat to complete the race out of 10 boats, you still get 10 points while everyone else gets one point.

The START and FINISH: 2PM Scratch boat starts. The START line will now be between the RED PY nun and the Green channel marker north of the Red Nun approximately 100 yards. The FINISH line will be the same. (This is a change). Be aware of the shoal area east and north of the green channel buoy.

Schedule of Races: Dec 13th, January 17th, February 14th, March 14th

WOW ! Nice Chairs. Where'd they come from?



You have probably noticed the clubhouse is sporting some new poly deck chairs.

These are gifts to the club by several generous members. Our goal is to replace all of the wooden furniture on the deck and patio area with a wish list of chairs and tables manufactured by Luxcraft in Ohio. We are not using club funds to make the purchase. If you would like to contribute the cost of at least one chair or table get with **Linda Lind** or **Eddie Graham**. Make sure to have your check-book handy.

Linda
lind@gmail.com
423-322-5459

Eddie
egraham54@gmail.com
423-596-4960

For Sale

Catalina 22—\$4,000 - 'Li'l Buoy Blue' - Reconditioned fully race ready, with good sails and gear. **Walt Jenison 423 653-4091, Home 423-886-5655**

J-29— \$12,000 — '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, Out-board 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

MARINE CLOTHING BELOW WHOLESALE

McLaughlin Boat Works was the North American Distributor for Magic Marine Foul Weather gear and clothing. That relationship ended earlier this year and McLaughlin still has a large inventory which they are blowing out at 80% off to PYC members. A \$140 spray top can be had for under \$30. This is an opportunity to own the Cadillac of Marine Clothing at ridiculously low prices. See the catalog at www.magicmarine.com/products for the variety of items offered.

1 (800) 784-6478

4737 Adams Road, Hixson 875 4040

Best hours 10 to 4 Monday through Friday



PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB SHIP'S STORE
available through Coral Reef Sailing

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.

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

Luke Padgett

423-322-8904

lepadgett@gmail.com

Catalina 22 - Hull No. 8329 - 'Windabout' - \$5000 including galvanized trailer. Many upgrades. A really fun boat to sail. We've had many adventures with her, but now it's time for someone else.

Contact Pete Snyder 423-316-6228 or

peterfsnyder@gmail.com

- PYC pin- Taking bids I reserve the right to refuse the bids.
- 2 Anchors— a Early 70's Danforth 13s and a West Marine copy of the Danforth
- Off-Shore compass—Aqua Meter model 142 black Saturn bulkhead mounted with 30 degree card, navagrid and inclinometer, made in USA. \$50 OBO.
- Vang Assembly—1/2" line. \$45 shows use
- Rope—Sampson STA-SET-x 7/16 yacht braid 75'. \$25, never used

Chuck Castleman @ 423-322-0531,
crazydog1102@gmail.com



Privateer Yacht Club Board of Directors Meeting - Agenda Saturday, January 23, 2021

Commodore **Keith Harper** called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and began the in person/Zoom board meeting with the welcome and invocation.

Keith Harper, Commodore: After opening the meeting, Keith provided an overview of 2020. He gave thanks to the Board members for all their help, support and advice during the year. He specifically recounted some words of wisdom from **Payton Ankers** (don't let it burn down), **Rob Fowler** (good and bad commodores...still here!) and **Corey Blair** (keep your head visible and don't mess it up!) Keith thanked everyone for working together and for making 2020 a successful year despite the pandemic. He noted the advice from the local medical community on the Covid situation and the Board's tough decision... to proceed cautiously in 2020 with health and safety at the forefront. **Keith** noted that a number of clubs shut down completely, while PYC still had super strong activities...sailing, some socials and celebrations....and a super strong sail camp!

After completing the review of 2020, **Keith** introduced each Board member for their individual reports.

Tom Clark, Rear Commodore – Buildings and Grounds: Although normal work parties were not held during the year, a list of needs/projects was posted and PYC members stepped up, worked and completed the all the tasks. In addition, Tom noted several special projects which were also completed and thanked those individuals for their hard work and accomplishments.

- **David Bergevin** worked to improve electrical systems safety and also installed lights at the pedestrian walk/ramp at the parking lot.
- **Keith Harper** demolished the old, dangerous steps leading from the drive to the South Cove.
- **Guy Campbell, Rob Fowler, Van Polidoro** built a path from the south cove to the driveway and placed railroad ties for steps at the steepest areas.
- **Eddie Graham, Ryan Elverd, David Varnell, Fred Cook and Lynn Bruss** replaced the deck/porch rail with a round stainless steel version for improved visibility.

Gary Harwell, Treasurer: **Gary** reported that PYC is in good financial shape after completing 2020 projects, including Phase I – Decking for B dock, Phase II – Decking and Electrical for B Dock.

Linda Lind, Secretary: Linda reported that Board Meeting minutes throughout the year were reviewed/corrected by Board members and then sent to **Cory Richardson** for inclusion in the monthly Private Ear. The minutes documented the Board's discussions, actions and activities.

David Varnell, Dockmaster: David noted that there are currently 10 dry slips and 3 shallow draft wet slips available. David thanked all those who helped him during 2020 and mentioned a number of specific accomplishments.

- Trees endangering boats in South Cove and other dry slip areas were removed in February, March and April.
- Flood damage to South cove from the Easter tornadoes was repaired in May and June.
- B Dock Phase I re-decking began in August and was completed in early September.
- B Dock Phase II re-decking and electrical upgrades were completed in November.
- B Dock new electrical and light pedestals were installed on B dock during November.
- B Dock rigging dock bumpers were installed in December.
- 80 old tires from B rigging dock were taken to the city's recycling center in December.
- Many other minor repairs were made to the docks throughout the year.

Susan Howell, Social Director: **Susan** noted that "The year began with much promise and lots of fun activities planned...." After the successful socials of the Commodore's Dinner in January and the festive Mardi Gras Party in February, plans for the balance of the year "came to screeching halt and we were forced to back burner our plans." Bearing in mind the CDC guidelines and the Tennessee Governor's mandates, the July 4th social was held but with the membership divided into two smaller groups for two different outdoor meals...lunch and dinner. Many private parties and social gatherings booked by members were cancelled as covid restrictions on large gatherings continued. Members practiced social distancing and wore masks inside the clubhouse as required.

Eddie Graham, Membership Director: **Eddie** said there was concern about maintaining membership in light of the covid pandemic, but in retrospect, loss of membership was not a concern. During the summer membership applications continued to flow in and current membership is as follows:

- Family memberships 150
- Associate memberships 21
- Junior memberships 21
- Out of town memberships 16
- Honorary memberships 6

Paul Healy, Club Boat Director: **Paul** said “Special thank you to **Tim Chambers, Steve Sherman and Josh Landers** for help on many of these projects” and reported....

- All motor boat registrations are up to date.
- The Flying Scot with the serial number GDB03346G090 was donated to the club on or around 12/17/2015. There is a title issued by the State of New Jersey and executed by John Hird of Rumson NJ to transfer title to PYC. There is no bill of sale on file for this transfer. There is no current registration issued for this boat. We need to find the bill of sale and then the vessel can have the tax paid and it then can be registered.
- 2021 Spring Maintenance will require oil change, lower unit oil change, oil filters, spark plugs and impeller replacement on all motors. All club motors are now four stroke engines, negating the need for mixed fuels.
- 2020 Club boat director projects completed were: Sale of excess/obsolete equipment Pontoon Boat and Carolina Skiff. Purchase of Carolina Skiff with Yamaha 60 HP four stroke. Purchase of 50 HP Honda four stroke and installation on PYC RC Boat. Installation of swim ladder on PYC RC boat. Replacement of Mooring lines on all club boats. Purchase and installation of Gas Locker. Disposal of waste fuels and oils at City Hazmat facility.
- Recommended 2021 Projects to be tackled are: Re-deck or repair and paint the PYC pontoon deck. Replace anchor lines for PYC pontoon boat, install a float valve operated bilge pump in the Carolina skiff. Repair rub rail port side Whaler. Batteries should be inspected and tested for an estimate of life remaining, any over 4 years old should be replaced.

Josh Landers, Past Commodore: **Josh** opened with “What a 2020!” Josh noted from his vantage point that because of the hard work of the Commodore and the Board, PYC had a successful, healthy and active 2020 despite the pandemic and the issues which it brought. As liaison between PYC and PSEF, **Josh** reported that Tim Chambers and company did an excellent job with Sail Camp while operating under Covid re-

striction...”They made it work!” All campers had temperatures checked daily, all wore masks, all were in small groups and all social distanced. In addition, one specific boat was assigned to one specific camper for the entire week. Sail camp campers totaled 114 for the June 14 through July 24 camp season. Campers from eight different states participated. Some highlights include the following:

- 21 new sailors learned to sail in separate morning and afternoon sessions
- 4 new boats were donated to PSEF, including a Flying Scot which allowed for more adult students
- Junior sailors participated in four regattas...in Optimist’s, 420’s and Lasers.
- Approximately \$3,500 was raised during PSEF’s fall fund drive.
- Ten ageing Optimists were replaced with new boats. The old boats found their way to other youth sailing programs.
- 2020 was the first sail camp where sailing was extended to juniors of all ages in three fleets Optimist, 420’s and Lasers.

Rob Fowler, Vice Commodore – Racing: **Rob** commented that the year began with concerns and fear over the direction of club sailing due to the pandemic. During March/April racing activity was low, but activity picked up significantly with the May Series which saw 27 different boats participate. May Series was followed by the Pandemic Pursuit Series, the Fall Series, The Dog Regatta, The Pig Regatta and the Halloween Regatta. Bottom line...lots of racing in 2020...60 different races with 50 different club members participating. Rob thanked the sailors, the Race Committees and to **Corey Blair** for keeping up with all the scoring and results...all making the 2020 series successful.

Fleet Racing Awards, in alphabetical order, are:

- **Peyton Ankers** – 1st Place Pandemic Pursuit Series
- **David Bergevin** – 2nd Place PHRF May Racing Series, 2nd Place PHRF Fall Racing Series, 3rd Place PHRF Midsummer Series
- **Lynn Bruss** – 3rd Place Pandemic Pursuit Series, 3rd Place Portsmouth Midsummer Series
- **Ed Buiel** – 1st Place Wednesday Night Series, 1st Place PHRF Midsummer Series
- **Team Caliente** – 2nd Place Pandemic Pursuit Series, 2nd Place Wednesday Night Series, 3rd Place PHRF Fall Racing Series
- **Tim Chambers** – 3rd Place PHRF May Racing Series
- **Ed Craig** – 3rd Place Portsmouth May Racing Series, 1st Place Portsmouth Midsummer Series

- **Orenda Gregory** – 2nd Place Portsmouth May Racing Series
- **Martina Guilfoil** – 1st Place Cruising Fleet Fall Series
- **Frank Hughes** – 1st Place PHRF May Racing Series
- **Team I-26** – 3rd Place Wednesday Night Series
- **Katie Landers** – 2nd Place Cruising Fleet Fall Series
- **Chuck Puglisi/Pat Crowe** – 3rd Place Cruising Fleet Fall Series
- **Bill Robertson** – 2nd Place PHRF Midsummer Series
- **Steve Sherman** – 1st Place Portsmouth May Racing Series, 2nd Place Portsmouth Midsummer Series, 1st Place PHRF Fall Series

Other Awards:

- **Steve Sherman** – PSEF Award: Steve Sherman presented the 2020 PSEF Award for Best Junior Sailor 2020 to Will Buiel, son of Ed and Sarah Buiel. Will began sailing at age 5 on the family's cruising vacations and transitioned into Optimists, Lasers and 420's. Steve noted that Will is a strong team player and is always willing and able to help other sailors. Parents ED and Sarah recognized Will's passion for sailing and supported him in his sailing activities. Will is the 24th recipient of this reward, which represents sailors who promote sailing in Chattanooga and the world. Congratulations Will!
- **Keith Harper** – Commodore's Award: Keith presented the Commodore's Award to Steve Sherman for his unsurpassed love for and service to sailing and to Privateer Yacht Club. Keith noted that Steve cares about everyone and that PYC is made better by his presence. Congratulations Steve!
- **Rob Fowler** – Brainard Cooper Award: Rob Fowler presented the Brainard Cooper Award (Deed of Gift) to Keith Harper, who, although a relatively new PYC member, has worked hard to learn all about sailing and continues that quest for sailing knowledge today. Keith's sailing goal is to one day sail to chilly, old England. Congratulations, Keith!

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Josh Landers – Nominating Committee Report: **Keith** presented the following nominees for the 2021 PYC Board of Directors.

- Commodore – **Rob Fowler**
- Vice Commodore – **Tom Clark**
- Rear Commodore – **Frank Hughes**
- Secretary – **Martin Gregory**
- Treasurer – **Mitch Kohlmann**
- Dockmaster – **Kevin Gersch**
- Club Boats – **Tim Chambers**
- Membership – **Linda Lind**
- Social Director – **Tina Campbell**

Voting for the 2021 Board was done via online-proxy with 69% of the club members voting. All nominees were approved by the vote.

Keith Harper – Presentation of Officer Flags: **Keith** presented new Board Officers with flags representing their office.

Keith Harper – Passing of the Gavel: **Keith Harper**, Commodore 2020 passed the gavel to Rob Fowler, Commodore 2021.

Rob Fowler – Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Rob adjourned the meeting.

Martin Gregory
Secretary



Rainbow on the River by Laura Dillon

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.

www.privateeryachtclub.org
Privateer Yacht Club
4713 Privateer Road
P.O. Box 1041
Hixon, TN 37343

PRIVATE EAR is a monthly publication written by PYC Club Members, and compiled by: **Cory Richardson**

CONTACT YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

Rob Fowler, Commodore
Commodore@privateeryachtclub.org

Tom Clark, Vice Commodore, Racing
RacingDirector@privateeryachtclub.org

Frank Hughes, Rear Commodore,
Buildings & Grounds
Building-Grounds@privateeryachtclub.org

Mitch Kohlmann, Treasurer
Treasurer@privateeryachtclub.org

Martin Gregory, Secretary
Secretary@privateeryachtclub.org

Tina Campbell, Social Director
SocialDirector@privateeryachtclub.org

Kevin Gersch, Dockmaster
Dockmaster@privateeryachtclub.org

Tim Chambers, Club Boat Director
ClubBoatDirector@privateeryachtclub.org

Linda Lind, Membership Director
MembershipDirector@privateeryachtclub.org

Keith Harper, Past Commodore
PastCommodore@privateeryachtclub.org