



Private Ear

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View from the Helm A PYC Christmas Message

Slowly. Ever so slowly, my hand reaches for my car radio's power button. An outstretched index finger trembles as it nears its target. A single bead of anxious sweat forms on my brow and my whole body begins to quiver, for I know what is to come. Closer. Closer my finger gets. Contact.....power.....volume.....and there it is.....Jingly Jingly Jingly Jingly Mariah Carey's "ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOUUUU!" is blaring from my speakers.

Dear PYC Members: Merry Christmas to you. We are beginning to wind down 2020, and I am beginning to hear a collective sigh of relief. This will be a good year to put behind us.

When I began my yearlong plan in January, the annual Christmas Party and the Annual Banquet were two highlights on my agenda. As everything else has been affected by Covid-19, so too have those events. As much as I would love to carry on and muster through with my original

plans, it would simply be reckless to entertain the thoughts of holding either of those events in any normal fashion.

The Christmas Party must be cancelled. I will dearly miss the gift-trading antics as club members strategize how to best steal their desired gifts away from their friends. **Pete Snyder's** paintings have long been a much sought after gift as were the numerous gag gifts that get passed around. I'm still upset that **Ed Ford** stole my "Bear Claw" slippers two years ago. ;-)) Though we won't have a Christmas Party, I have asked Social Director - **Susan Howell** to decorate the clubhouse. I believe we still need festive decorations.

Our Annual Banquet will be greatly reduced. I have asked several club members, including technical genius **Michael Easparam**, to help develop an entertaining online version of our January Board of Directors banquet. Details will be forthcoming.

The Nominating Committee (**Josh Landers, Guy Campbell, and Keith Harper**) has put together a strong

View from the Helm

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Board of Directors for 2021. Keep an eye on your email box for a proxy vote for 2021's Directors including:

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



We are working hard to keep PYC active through the winter months. **Paul Healy** is, again, taking care of our Frostbite Series. Keep an eye on the club calendar for dates and times. Building and Grounds Director - **Tom Clark** continues to tick off items from his work list. I'm pleased to announce that our multi-year B-Dock project is almost complete. We just have to install the new bumpers and finish off a few tidy-up items.

Now that Mariah has me all revved up, I'm actually excited about the Holidays and the upcoming winter season. I can't wait to get wrapped up in my cold weather foulies to brave the bone chilling elements with all my friends.

**I wish you all a very
Merry Christmas.**

**Looking forward to seeing you on
the water:**

Keith Harper

2020 Commodore

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Coming Events

December 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 The Pandemic Polar Anti- Social- Sailing series	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31		

January 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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RACING REPORT

2020 Racing Report Wrap Up

I cannot believe that the sailing season has gone by so quickly. With a world-wide health crisis shutting down theatres, restaurants, businesses and sporting events, I would have expected PYC's racing to be pretty anemic. I expected time to inch by at a glacial pace, but that's not what has happened. We did race this year, and possibly more than we have in years past. If you include our regattas, we sailed over 60 races this year. During the Pandemic Pursuit Series alone we had twenty-seven different boats compete. In the May Racing Series, we saw 34 boats total, keel-boats and dinghies, sail eight races. It has been a bad year no doubt. It's been a strange year for sure, but as far as racing participation is concerned, it has been way better than I ever thought it would. Thank you to all the skippers and crews who got out there, stared the pandemic in the face (with mask on of course) and continued to enjoy racing on Lake Chickamauga. I hope to have awards to present to all of the winners in each of our racing series at the PYC Annual Meeting in January.

Next, I want to thank everyone that came out and supported our two final regattas of the year. We had a good turnout of thirteen boats for the annual Halloween Regatta, and fifteen boats for the Pig Regatta. Many thanks to **David Varnell**, **Steve Morgan** and the pit crew for preparing some of the best Pig Regatta barbecue I've ever had. Congratulations to **Ed Craig** for his win in the Halloween, and to **Josh Landers** and **Corey Blair** (Team I26) for winning yet another Pig flag. How many flags flying off their backstay will it take to slow them down a little?

What's next? **Paul Healy** will be running a pandemic version of the popular Frostbite Series, which will kick off with a single-handed event in December. Races will also take place in January, February and March. Watch for more information in the newsletter or on the web site.



Rob Fowler
PYC Racing Director

PSEF YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

In parallel with the club's activities, the PSEF junior and adult sailing programs have finished for the year. As of now, we plan to resume junior training at the end of February. An adult spring learn-to sail program is scheduled for April. If any members are interested in either of these programs please feel free to contact Spencer Wiberley at Spencer@optistuff.com.

The PSEF board would like to give a huge thank-you to all the members that contributed in our fall donation drive. If anyone is still interested, we still have several hats available at the \$100 donation level. 100% of the money received will go toward adult and junior sailing education.

We are excited to announce that Monty & Sue Humphries have donated their Flying Scot to PSEF. We will use the boat to expand our adult learn to sail program, increase the flexibility of Sail Camp, and to give our juniors the opportunity to train in a 3 person boat. Along with the two PYC Flying Scots, this boat will be available for use by club members.



Spencer Wiberley: Vice President, McLaughlin Boat Works / Larsen Marketing



Viola Wiberley and Kaulani Sherrow



Tuck Lehn and Brody Balogh

The spring 'Adult Learn to Sail' course will be on April 24th, May 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd. More info can be found on the PYC website under 'SAIL EDU' or you can contact **Tim Chambers** directly at 423-718-3704 or via email at tim@psef.us.

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.

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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.

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Best hours 10 to 4 Monday through Friday



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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

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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,
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Minutes of PYC Board Meeting November 9, 2020

Meeting called to order by **Commodore Harper** at approximately 6:00 PM

Approval of minutes: Minutes were approved as presented

Treasurer's Report: Gary Harwell handed out and made summary statements regarding the balance sheet and accounts receivable. There were no questions, and there was a motion and second to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Commodore's Report: The last meeting of the board and commodore's dinner will be on December 14th at the PYC clubhouse.

Racing Director's Report: Rob Fowler reported that the Halloween Regatta was a success and well attended. The commodore remarked that the event was very enjoyable. Next up is the annual "John's Pig Regatta" which will be this coming Saturday. (Notice of Race has been emailed to the membership). **David Varnell** mentioned that he had received enough orders to go ahead and order the meat. (cost is \$10 per lb.)

Building and Grounds: Tom Clark reported that there will be a grounds cleanup work party on November 21st. This will primarily focus on yard cleanup and leaf removal. He also mentioned that B Dock's electrical system has been re-wired. The club hired Lawson Electric to do the work for \$20,000.

Dockmaster: David Varnell reported that the re-decking of B Dock is almost complete. He also reported that the hilltop trailer storage area is in the process of being cleaned up, but there is still some work to be done up there. **David** made a motion that the club purchase new dock bumpers for the rig-

ging segment of B Dock, which would replace the fabric covered tires that were there. Cost for the bumpers is \$1,959. The motion was seconded and approved by the board after brief discussion.

Membership: Eddie Graham was not present, and no report was given.

Social Director: Susan Howell discussed the plans for the commodore's dinner and the annual banquet. The commodore commented that he was working on plans for both events. There was some brief discussion of possible menu items, including hot dogs for the commodore's dinner.

Club Boats: Paul Healy mentioned that he is looking into re-decking the pontoon boat, or possibly re-finishing the existing plywood deck.

Past Commodore: Josh Landers was not present to give a report on the PSEF program, but **Steve Sherman** was present and gave a brief report about the leasing of equipment between PYC and PSEF. The discussion was regarding the fees charged for this activity, and possibly how to simplify the process and the accounting. There was also some discussion between board members regarding the simplification of keeping track of the hours logged on different equipment. Discussions between PYC and PSEF will continue.

Old Business: none

New business: none

There was a motion and second to adjourn, and the meeting ended at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted by **Rob Fowler**



Tuck Lehn and Brody Balogh participate in sailing with the Privateer Sailing Education Foundation.

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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