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VIEW FROM THE HELM

April 2007

*April is the cruelest month, breeding
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing
Memory and desire, stirring
Dull roots with spring rain.*

T.S. Eliot, 1888–1965

It's been said that "April is the cruelest month," but I believe the context was love not sailing. We got off to a great start this month with the final day of the **Spring Regatta**. Though the weather looked ominous, the racers that showed up were treated to a fine day of sailing with **Brainard Cooper** and crew serving as an able race committee.

I want to commend **Walt Jenison** for heading up the two-day regatta and the social event on Saturday. Though I missed the cook-your-own steak dinner, there were many on hand to enjoy the festivities, and **Diane Hickey** won the door prize drawing, which had been building suspense over the last year.

On Saturday, April 14 the weather again cooperated for our first **Work Party** of the year, though rain was forecast. **Joe Alfred and Mike Rasbury** cooked up a hearty breakfast, and the workers feasted before heading to various locations to spruce up the grounds and ready the clubhouse for the spring and summer.

There's something about a work party that sits well with me. When I was an Associate Member, I enjoyed the chance to join in and do my part. Yet, it's more than that. I felt that I was part of something larger than myself, and appreciated the fact

that there were others involved in the same activity. I didn't always know the background of the members I worked with, but I enjoyed the shared enthusiasm for getting the clubhouse and grounds ready for the sailing season or ready for the doldrums of winter.

I don't think I was surprised that the members were willing to do the physical labor involved because I felt that I also wanted to do my part. What surprised me was the camaraderie that always developed in the small working groups. It was a way for me to get to know the members whom I barely recognized. Shared work has a way of bringing out a person's views on a variety of topics. I enjoyed listening to stories of former work parties and the accomplishments, exploits, and feats that seem to have a way of becoming mythic over time.

I learned whom to team with when raking leaves and piling them onto tarps; I learned who would always give me the heavy end in any lifting project; I learned who would carry on an unfinished project after others had gone to lunch; I learned who would work for five minutes and sit for ten; I learned who would talk me through a difficult project so that I had a wealth of information at the end of it; I learned that grown men like to have child-like fun even in the most labor intensive work; I learned that worthy, honest, physical work makes any lunch taste like a five-star meal; I learned that women work just as hard as the men; I learned that our members have a vast array of experience and expertise and are most willing to tell you about it;

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I learned the names of those I didn't know and remembered them; and I learned that in this amazing group of folks no one was above 'lending a hand' for the good of the club.

Maybe we learn as much from each other and about each other sitting on the porch after the day's race and discussing wind shifts and technical points of sail, but I doubt it. Give me the work party every time for life lessons. Just don't give it to me more than twice a year!

April is also the month for the **Chattanooga Challenge** (Catalina 22'a) and the **Choo Choo Regatta** (Flying Scots). May brings the first of the Wednesday night **CSC JAM** series that lasts through August. And don't forget to put Saturday, May 12 on your calendar, for you won't want to miss the **Low Country Boil** and the chance to be the next **Door Prize** winner.

Steve George, Commodore



SEE YOU ON THE WATER !

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the PYC website for most current info on events.

April 28	Flying Scot Choo Choo Regatta	1 pm Saturday
April 29	Flying Scot Choo Choo Regatta	9:30 am Sunday
May 5	Cruiser & Catalina 22 Race	1 pm Saturday
May 6	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
May 12	Cruiser & Catalina 22 Race	1 pm Saturday
	Low Country Boil (<i>door prize!</i>)	7 pm Saturday
May 13	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
May 14	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
May 16	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
May 19	Scowabunga	
May 20	Scowabunga	
May 23	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
May 26	Cruiser & Catalina 22 Race	1 pm Saturday
May 27	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
May 28	Memorial Day	
May 31	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday

CATALINA 22 CHATTANOOGA CHALLENGE

April 21 – 22, 2007 Privateer Yacht Club

by Peter Snyder

The biggest **Catalina 22 Regatta** of the year for Privateer Yacht Club went off *“without a hitch,”* or so it would seem at the beginning. Or, you might say it *“started with a bang!”*

But, the bang some heard was the sound of safety chain hooks snapping open when a trailer on the launch ramp popped off its hitch and barreled down the ramp to land, thankfully, off to one side in the brush. Little damage was done to the boat or anything else, since it went the way it did. On the other side of the ramp were another vehicle and several people standing around. A bunch of fellow sailors jumped to lend a hand and got things squared away in no time.

As it turned out, this was the only excitement for the day on Saturday since there never was enough wind for a race all day long. About ten boats went out and chased after the wind, sizing each other up from time to time as they drew close. But, alas, no official race that day.

The catered dinner was great that evening with chicken and tasty meatloaf, a great salad with choice of homemade dressings, good bread, and coconut cake or banana pudding for dessert. It sure looked like and sounded like all were having a good time!

Sunday started out slow, also. But, the forecast called for winds getting up to 10 mph and better in the gusts. As the lake began to fill in with ripples, sailors started rushing around to get on the lake. The committee boat darted out and set up a windward/leeward course with the small committee boat and two chase boats helping.

Brainard Cooper did another splendid job as PRO. The rules had been changed on Saturday to allow the last race on Sunday to begin as late as 2 pm. The 18 boats were split into two fleets, eight in the Gold, and ten in the Silver with two fleet starts per race around six minutes apart. The first race was

once around the course, and the second race was twice around the course.

Competition was pretty tight in the Gold Fleet, with some in the Gold Fleet passing some of the Silver before finishing. The two starts definitely helped some of the less experienced racers get in there and mix it up without messing with the faster, more experienced and dedicated racers.

Mike Rasbury was on the Committee Boat with his trusty digital camera and got many good pictures (see some on the following pages).

The top four results for each fleet are shown on page 7 of this newsletter. For complete results, go to the club website at www.privateeryachtclub.org. Bill Robertson with his crew, John Rodgers, took the honors as Tennessee State Champions. The trophies were nicely done plaques of carved wooden half hull models with full wooden sails.

Man y thanks to Bill Robertson for organizing the well run regatta and to all those who helped so much. Thanks, also, to the five skippers who brought their boats from out of town. At least three of them took home trophies! Perhaps next year we will see more from out of town.

Enjoy Mike’s pictures!



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1ST
GOLD
FLEET



First Place Bill Robertson with crew,
John Rodgers, *BLIND HOG*, # 569.

1ST
SILVER
FLEET



Kent Overbeck awards David Pilcher & daughter
sailing *SHADOWFAX*. #5459.

2ND
GOLD
FLEET



Kent awards Rob Fowler & Tom Clark,
sailing *WIND CHASER*, # 15556.

2ND
SILVER
FLEET



Kent Overbeck awarding David Bergevin
sailing *BADAM*. # 12454.

3RD
GOLD
FLEET



Bill Robertson awards Kent Overbeck,
sailing *FROG ZILLA*, #185

3RD
SILVER
FLEET



Kent Overbeck awarding Bob Johnson,
sailing # 11618.

4TH
GOLD
FLEET



Kent Overbeck awarding Charla Steele,
sailing # 209

4TH
SILVER
FLEET



Kent Overbeck awarding Pete Snyder,
sailing *WINDABOUT*, # 8329

SCOWABUNGA REGATTA

May 19 - 20, 2007

<http://www.mcscow.org/>

OK all you “scowliwags,” shake out your sails and get ready for the *Scowabunga Regatta* coming up next month! You can register online at the above web address, and/or see who has registered already. Be sure to contact all your friends from out of town who would be interested. Here are some pictures from last year to whet your appetite!



CHOO CHOO REGATTA

April 28-29, 2007

The **Flying Scot Choo Choo Regatta** is coming to town again on April 28-29. Those of you who receive this newsletter by e-mail can read this before the race. The last two years have seen exciting racing with fairly strong winds and cool temperatures. This year promises to be warmer, with a high near 75 degrees. You have to be there to find out about the winds, however!

FLYING SCOT HISTORY

The **Flying Scot** is a 19-foot day sailer found throughout North America. The large, deep cockpit is ideal for family sailing, providing safe, comfortable sailing for up to eight people. If your interest is racing, a crew of two or three will find the Scot a great boat for competition at all levels. The Flying Scot is easily trailered and rigged; and can be launched in as little as 12” of water.

The Flying Scot was designed in 1957 by Gordon K. (Sandy) Douglass. He wanted a new type of boat built out of a new material called fiberglass. The late **Gordon Douglass** was an internationally known racing champion, so he designed the Scot for speed. His past successes with molded plywood included the Thistle and Highlander. The Scot is a low-displacement design (she sits shallow in water) and she has a flat, tapered shape in the stern which allows her to plane. This means she will come out

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of the water and is not limited to her waterline hull-speed. With over 200 square feet of sail area, she has the “engine” to move well in any wind speed. Get her on a beam-reach with 15 knots of wind, and experience the thrill of a planing hull!

The year 2007 marks the *50th year* of continuous production of the Flying Scot sailboat. Currently, new Scots are identically constructed by Flying Scot, Inc., and strict class rules prevent changes that could make older boats obsolete. With over 5700 boats built, used boats are available as well. In 1998, the Flying Scot was awarded the high honor of being included in the American Sailing Hall of Fame.

The Scot’s performance offers thrills to even the experienced sailor and provides for tight, competitive racing. There are more than 100 fleets racing Flying Scots in the USA and Canada. The Scot is normally raced with a crew of two or three. Its sail plan consists of main, jib and spinnaker. Simple rigging and uniform construction fosters tactical racing.

The Flying Scot Sailing Association sponsors many national, district and regional events each year. In addition to the North American Championship (open to any Scot sailor who wishes to attend), there is a Wife/Husband National Championship, a Midwinter’s, a bi-annual Canadian National Championship along with many regional, district and local events with distinctive individual character.

The Flying Scot has been used for many of the US Sailing events including the Mallory, Adams, Sears Cup Championships and Championship of Champions. The Scot helped premier sailing to the Special Olympics World Games in 1995 as the official two athlete boat.

Racing fleets, however, only account for about one-half of the Flying Scots sailing. The boat is an excellent gunk hole cruiser and family day-sailer. There are frequent non-race events in popular cruising areas. Sailing a Flying Scot can be like joining a large family -- the class is well known for

welcoming new sailors and helping them improve, with strong friendships and great social events.

If you are interested in learning more about this versatile day sailer come out to the **Choo Choo Regatta** on April 27-28, 2007 at Privateer Yacht Club. This event will include a special tribute to the Flying Scot and the racing is always exciting and competitive in our spring breezes.

You can find the Notice of Race here:
<http://www.privateeryachtclub.org/Choo%20Choo%20Regatta/2007/Choo%20Choo%20NOR%202007.pdf>



photos from last year by Mike Rasbury

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DREAM CHASER HEADING IN AFTER A GOOD WEEKEND OF RACING

photo by Mike Rasbury

PYC BOARD MEETING

Minutes — April 9, 2007

Meeting called to order, 7:03 PM

Members Present: George Jenison
Duvoisin Koch
Cooper Clark
Mullen Healy
Kuberg Polidoro
Observers: Pat Crowe Scott Irwin
Pete Snyder Tom Coleman

March Minutes read and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **George** asked to move this topic to the head of the meeting so that **Tom Coleman** could make a presentation to the Board. Agreed.

- **Tom Coleman** presented his draft plan for “**Chat-tanooga Community Boating**”. Coleman is a former head of the **US Sailing Center** in Coral Gables, FL and is an awarded Olympic sailing coach currently working at McLaughlin Boat Works. His concept for the program is to include all segments of our city’s citizens with an emphasis on youth, bringing Sea Scouts, Venture Scouts, and other like organizations under one umbrella. He would like to have PYC’s support. He outlined several potential scenarios from having PYC be the host venue to having Booker T. State Park as the host venue with PYC support and assistance. He thanked the Board for its attention. The Board will discuss.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tree removed** from E Dock. Cost \$350.
- 6 new boat stands and two slings purchased for the **J-Boat Lift**. Cost \$1000.
- Spring Regatta** successful with 19 boats registered.
- South Cove parking extension** work begun. Parking area to be increased by approximately 100 ft by 40 ft. (perhaps enough area for 10 to 12 addi-

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tional boat parking spaces. Cost \$6900. Lengthy discussion of proper procedures for approval of capital outlays.

e. Launching ramp repair – Broken concrete replaced. Jenison feels ramp is sealed and now needs some water flow management to prevent ramp from being undermined.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Walt Jenison, Vice Commodore:

- As mentioned before, Spring Regatta successful. Regatta took in slightly more than was spent. 19 boats participated in good wind.

Pete Duvoisin, Rear Commodore:

- Has prepared new, more complete forms for associate members that will include the names of sponsoring members.

Brainard Cooper, Secretary:

- Thanked Pete Snyder for filling in last month and asked for him to do it again in May.

Tom Clark, Past Commodore:

- Presented plan for connect rigging dock to B dock more permanently by moving the rigging dock up against the launching ramp and building a replacement for the “tight rope” of two boards currently in use. He also presented a plan to remove the “dog-leg” leading to B dock. Cooper motion, Duvoisin second to proceed. Passed.
- There was a discussion of putting more permanent **flotation under the rigging dock**. Will consider this more fully in the
- It was noted that new **chafing gear** has been installed by member **Bryson Leslie** and his son John. The Board expressed its thanks.
- **Clark** also led a discussion of dock options for the **South Cove**. While a dock on each side of the harbor would provide a lot of dockage, there would be only about 50 ft between the docks, making maneuvering difficult, if not impossible. An alternate plan would include a long dock along the north shore extending

around to the north at the mouth of the harbor which could be connected with a ramp at each end.

Fred Koch, Treasurer:

- Presented financial report. Discussion of continuing utility expense. Polidoro to bring an electrician up to see if we have a ground in our wiring.
- Past-due dues increasing. Letters to be sent to those whose dues are delinquent. Currently \$1000 is past due in excess of 180 days.

Dick Mullen, Dockmaster/Dry Storage Director:

- South Cove parking bid of \$6900 was accepted. Other bids for the same work obtained were \$15,000 and \$18,800.

Van Polidoro, Building & Grounds Director:

- Announce a **work party** for Saturday April 14. Need volunteers for general clean-up including making the Club House porch ready for summer.

Dieter Kuberg, Social Director:

- **Diane Hickey** won the **\$650** attendance drawing at the Spring Regatta Party.
- **Stan and Cathy Groff** have requested use of the Club House for a graduation party for daughter Becky between 6 and 10 PM on May 18. Kuberg motion, Cooper second. Passed.

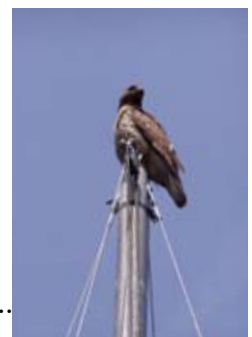
Paul Healy, Membership Director:

- **Associate Members** recommended for full membership: **Ed and Lorraine Ford, Scott Irwin, Bob and Bonnie Bezkor, Spencer Wiberley. All approved.**
- **Guy Campbell** approved for Associate Membership. Sponsored by Pete Snyder and Eddie Graham.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15

Submitted: **B. Cooper**

He doesn't miss a thing...





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 it's 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.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL! photo by Mike Rasbury

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