



Private Ear

NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB

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FROM THE HELM

April 2008

Busy month, with hosting the **Catalina 22** and **Flying Scott** regional regattas, both ably chaired by **Bill Robertson**, with **Brainerd Cooper** as PRO. **Bill** also came in third in his C22 behind two national champions, and **Rob Fowler** came in first in the Scott regatta, with **Tom Clark** third. PYC was complimented by attendees at both regattas for a job well done. Thanks to all that helped and sailed. Great going!

A word of explanation and apology is needed on delayed dues billing and financial reporting. Our new **Treasurer, Carol Cofield**, has been struggling with a new computer and new financial software. Seems we can't live without technology these days, but living with it isn't easy either. She thinks she finally has things working. You may have received your billing by the time you receive this *Ear*. We should be on schedule from here on.

Some may have heard about **an early swim** I took during a windy Saturday race this spring, which brings sailing **safety** to mind. I keep flotation vests on **Tivoli**, the boat I sail all year if weather permits. Problem was that I forgot to put them on **Li'l Buoy Blew**, my C22 for the Saturday race. I did have legal preservers on board, but not the comfortably wearable kind. My crew, **Sandy**, and I both realized we had left the vests on **Tivoli** but didn't want to take the time to go back and get them.

By the third race, the wind was building to over 20 knots, too much for us. Sandy tried to release the jib and couldn't. I jumped to the lee side to free it when

a gust hit, sending me overboard. I think that's the first time ever for me, but *there's always a first*.



WALT SAILING *TIVOLI*

photo by Mike Rasbury

The water was cold, but fortunately not debilitating, and I maintained contact with the boat because I grabbed the mainsheet as I went over. I was able to reboard, primarily because I had installed a permanent boarding ladder on the stern. Under the conditions that day, I would not have been able to reboard without it.

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At least I did something right. Since I single hand often, I had installed a similar ladder on *Tivoli*, my Oday 25, some years ago. I also had the regulation attached throwable preserver on board my C22, but we both forgot to toss it out in case I lost contact with the boat. Good to have it, but not good to not use it.

I *highly recommend* to all sailors, racers in particular, to of course first wear a vest in high wind conditions regardless of the time of year, and install a **boarding ladder** you can access alone from the water. I often hear about doing safety drills in the sailing press, and now after the fact, will be doing so. "All's well that ends well," as they say.

Bryson Lesley donned his blue blazer and visited the **Baylor, GPS and Bright Schools** to solicit attendance for the **Opti** training program this summer. He was warmly received, and we hope to have some new students. All you members with children or grandchildren in the 8 to 14 year age range need to sign them up. You may have seen work under way in the Opti area for new docks and a new covered training pavilion. Bryson has been busy.

See you on the water!

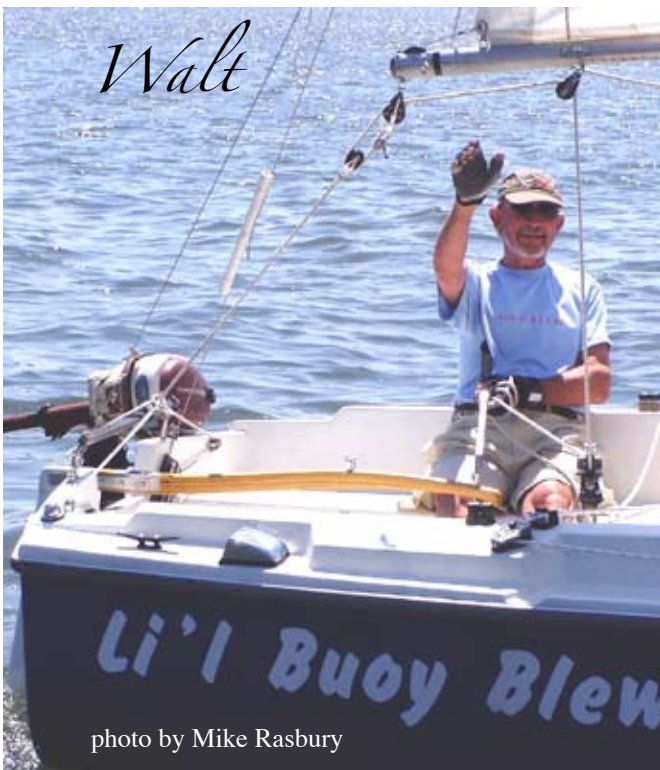


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PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB 2008 SUMMER YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

FOR AGES 8-14

This is open to the community in general. If you have neighbors or friends with children 8 to 14 years of age please tell them about the availability of the camp sessions.

June 9-13	Beginners & Intermediates
June 16-20	Beginners & Intermediates
June 23-27	Beginners & Intermediates
June 30-July 5	Intermediates / Advanced

Choose the week or weeks(s) that you prefer, but note that enrollment will be limited to the first 18 sailors registered per class.

Taught by US Sailing Certified Instructors.
OPTI boat provided for each student

**SAILOR MUST BE ABLE TO SWIM
AND IS REQUIRED TO BRING A LIFE
JACKET TO PARTICIPATE.**

Registration Form
and information available at
www.privateeryachtclub.org

For additional information: Bryson Lesley
(706) 375-8750



CATALINA 22 CHATTANOOGA CHALLENGE and REGION 3 & TN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

April 18, 19 & 20, 2008 Privateer Yacht Club

story by by Bill Robertson photos by Mike Rasbury

The 2008 Chattanooga Challenge was held the weekend of April 18, 19, and 20. **Fleet 95** was proud to host the **Region 3 Championship** in conjunction with the Challenge, which has also traditionally been the **Tennessee State Championship**. The regatta was open to all Catalina 22's, but the Region 3 championship was limited to boats who are members of Region 3 Fleets and the Tennessee Championship was limited to boats who are members of Tennessee Fleets.

We invited **Joe Waters** to come in on Friday to supervise some practice starts and to conduct a seminar that evening. The wind was quite strong and puffy Friday afternoon, so most boats elected to preserve their sails and stay on shore Friday afternoon. The few boats that went out were treated to some one on one coaching from Joe. That evening Joe put on an excellent **seminar** that was enjoyed by everyone, beginning sailors and veterans alike. Fleet 95 sends out a sincere *thanks* to Joe for helping us out with this event.

We arrived Saturday morning to ideal sailing conditions. The winds were steady out of the Southwest at about 15, with some puffs approaching 20. The skies were partly cloudy with abundant sunshine. It was pleasantly cool, with highs in the upper 60's.

After registration, we had a record turnout of 29 boats. Boats came in from **Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Indiana, and Michigan**. There were 16 boats in Gold Fleet and 13 in Silver. Our **PRO Brainard Cooper** set up a near perfect Windward/Leeward course.

Dennis Slaton in *Tar Baby* led the 1st race from the start and would have won it, but got confused about the location of the finish line and ended up in 3rd behind **Reid Collins** in *Chicken Ship* and **Bill Robertson** in *Blind Hog*.

Dennis had it together for the second race and won

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the PYC website for most current info on events.

MAY 2008

May 3	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 PM Saturday
May 4	Dinghy Race	2:30 PM Sunday
May 7	CSC JAM Race	7 PM Wednesday
May 10	SPRING KEELBOAT CHAMPIONSHIP	1 PM Saturday
May 10	Keelboat Champions' Dinner - Door Prize !!	See the N.O.R.
May 11	SPRING KEELBOAT CHAMPIONSHIP	10:30 AM Sunday
May 12	Board Meeting	7 PM Monday
May 13	CSC Covered Dish Dinner	7 PM Tuesday
May 14	CSC JAM Race	7 PM Wednesday
May 17	MC SCOWABUNGA REGATTA	TBA - see N.O.R.
May 18	MC SCOWABUNGA REGATTA	TBA - see N.O.R.
May 21	CSC JAM Race	7 PM Wednesday
May 24	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 PM Saturday
May 25	Dinghy Race	2:30 PM Sunday
May 28	CSC JAM Race	7 PM Wednesday
May 31	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 PM Saturday

JUNE 2008

June 1	Dinghy Race	2:30 PM Sunday
June 4	CSC JAM Race	7:00 PM Wednesday
June 7	Race - Cruiser & C22	10:00 AM Saturday
June 8	Sunday Dinghy Race	2:30 PM Sunday
June 9	Board Meeting	7:00 PM Monday
June 10	CSC Covered Dish Dinner	7:00 PM Tuesday
June 11	CSC JAM Race	7:00 PM Wednesday
June 14	Race - Cruiser & C22	10:00 AM Saturday
June 14	Shrimp Low Country Boil - Door Prize !!	TBA
June 15	Dinghy Race	2:30 PM Sunday
June 18	CSC JAM Race	7:00 PM Wednesday
June 21	Race - Cruiser & C22	10:00 AM Saturday
June 22	Dinghy Race	2:30 PM Sunday
June 25	CSC JAM Race	7:00 PM Wednesday
June 28	Race - Cruiser & C22	10:00 AM Saturday
June 29	Dinghy Race	2:30 PM Sunday

BOATS FOR SALE:

MC SCOW #839 - Totally reregged, new top cover,

new tires on trailer \$3000 - call Jim Prettyman

MC SCOW #1573 w/ trailer & cover, several suits of sails, 1994 model \$3000 - call Gary Stewart

S-2 7.9 1986 model - \$15,000 - call Jon Bell

S-2 7.9 #430 1985 model, race ready with trailer \$17,500 OBO - call Bill Robertson

“Here lies the body of Michael O’Day,
Who died maintaining the right-of-way;
He was right -- dead right -- as he sailed along
But he’s just as dead as if he’d been wrong.”

Source: **Yachtsman’s Omnibus**
by H. A. Callahan

RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

FOR MAY & JUNE 2008

DATE	DAY	TIME	BOAT	PRO	ASSISTANT
05/03/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Duvoisin, Pete	DeHart, Bob
05/04/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	Graham, Eddie	Deierhoi, Tyler
05/07/08	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Cruisers	Fowler, Rob	Duke, Andy
05/10/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Green, Herman	Easparam, M.
05/11/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	Hearn, John	Everett, Jack
05/14/08	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Cruisers	Holmquist, Ken	Ford, Ed
05/17/08	Saturday	MC Scow Regatta		Scowabunga	Steve Sherman
05/18/08	Sunday	MC Scow Regatta		Scowabunga	Steve Sherman
05/21/08	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Cruisers	Humphreys, Bill	Garverick, Tom
05/24/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Sherman, Steve	George, Steve
05/25/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	Varnell, Dave	Godwin, Tim
05/28/08	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Cruisers	Spohn, Doug	Graves, Mike
05/31/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Lee, Scott	Halley, Mike
06/01/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	Lenfestey, Craig	Healy, Paul
06/04/08	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Cruisers	Kuberg, Dieter	Irwin, Scott
06/07/08	Saturday	10:00 AM	Cruisers	Lesley, Bryson	Jones, Bruce
06/08/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	MacPhee, Bruce	Morgan, Chuck
06/11/08	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Cruisers	McLeod, Ian	Patterson, Curtis
06/14/08	Saturday	10:00 AM	Cruisers	Myers, Terry / Joyce	Pearson, Wade
06/15/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	Overbeck, Kent	Penrose, Stuart
06/18/08	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Cruisers	Ralston, Richard	Prettyman, Jim
06/21/08	Saturday	10:00 AM	Cruisers	Rasbury, Mike	Prevost, Tom
06/22/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	Rathjen, John	Rodgers, John
06/25/08	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Cruisers	Robertson, Bill	Schmitt, Garrett
06/28/08	Saturday	10:00 AM	Cruisers	Sherman, Steve	Seeber, Mike
06/29/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	Spohn, Doug	Stewart, Gary

IN CASE YOU CANNOT DO YOUR RC DUTY,
BE SURE TO GET
A DEPENDABLE SUBSTITUTE.

NOTE: IF YOU DISCOVER A PROBLEM WITH
ANY OF THE COMMITTEE OR CHASE BOATS,
PLEASE NOTIFY JOHN RATHJEN **ASAP**.
(423-843-1718)



photo by Mike Rasbury

Our own **Barry Klein** won *1st place* in the **MC Scow Class** at **Western Carolina Sailing Club's Springboard Regatta** on Hartwell Lake near Anderson, SC. There were 39 contestants in several classes including Flying Scots, Buccaneers, Lightnings, and MC Scows. The winds were 15-25 mph and gusty. *Nice goin' Barry!!* He also sailed his C-22 in the Dauphin Island Race. Ask him about that one.



it going away, followed by **Reid** in 2nd and **Tommy Smith** in 3rd. The wind was a bit stronger for the 2nd race.

Tom Clark and **Rob Fowler** on *Duck Soup* got hit with an unexpected puff and shift, backwinded the genoa and had a *full knock down* in their new Sport. However the strength of the boat prevailed and it came up high and dry and none the worse for the wear. **Rob and Tom** finished 6th in that race, but were just getting started.

The 3rd race was won by **Reid** with **Rob** and **Tom** in 2nd and **Dennis** in 3rd. **John Rathjen** had his best finish in that race with a 4th. Saturday ended with *Chicken Ship* in 1st and *Tar Baby* in 2nd, with *Duck Soup* and *Blind Hog* tied for 3rd.

In the **Silver Fleet**, Saturday's races were dominated by **Matt Perry** and **Tom Prevost**. Matt ended Saturday with a 1st and two 2nds, and Tom finished just behind with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Everyone was worn out and hungry after a hard day of sailing. We enjoyed a wonderful catered dinner by Events with Taste, a few malted beverages, and most people retired early to rest up for Sunday's racing.

Most people were happy to wake up Sunday to much lighter winds and more sunshine. **Brainard** postponed, waiting for the wind to fill in. The wind

finally showed up in time for us to complete one more race.

It started out light out of the northwest. **Reid** and **Dennis** got off the line cleanly followed closely by **Bill Robertson**. Up at the windward mark, the wind got lighter and shifty. **Dennis** was able find the puffs followed by **Bill** and they were able to get around the windward mark cleanly. The rest of the fleet got bunched up in a group and struggled to get around the mark.

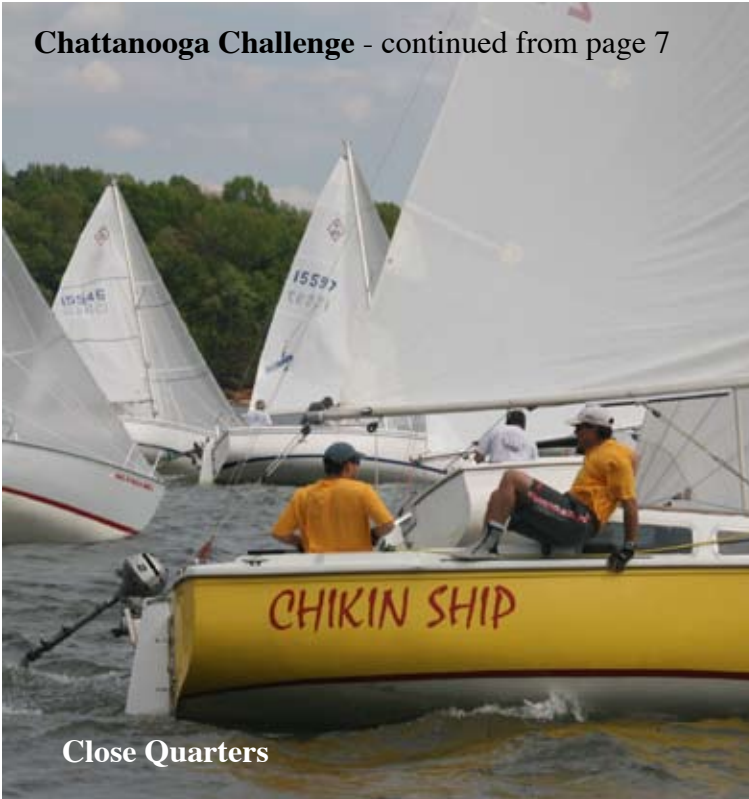
The wind finally filled in a bit stronger and with a good lead already, **Dennis** finished the last race with a strong lead followed by **Bill**. **Rob & Tom** were in 3rd and **Pete Page** came in 4th. With the win in the last race, **Dennis** had the **Region 3 championship** sewn up. With a 2nd, **Bill** broke the tie with **Duck Soup** to take 3rd in the Region and the **Tennessee State Championship**.

In the **Silver Fleet**, **Tom** wrapped up the win with a 1st in the last race, with **Walt Jenison** making a comeback for a 2nd. For **Tom**, the win was quite impressive since this was his first regatta and he had only sailed his boat a couple of times before entering the event. He will be a force to contend with in the future.

Fleet 95 would like to thank all of the out of town participants and invite everyone back next year.



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Close Quarters



Knot Guilty?

PYC's Ed Ford piloting *Sea Ya*



**Rich Fox, Commodore
C-22 National Association**



PYC BOARD MEETING

Minutes — April 14, 2008

Meeting called to order 7:04 PM

by Commodore Jenison.

Members present: D. Bergevin C. Cofield
B. Cooper S. George
P. Healy W. Jenison
D. Kuberg B. Lesley
J. Rathjen P. Snyder

Observers present: S. Cofield P. Crowe
S. Cline R. Fowler
R. Ralston B. Robertson
J. Shepherd K. Simons
Doug Spohn

Minutes of March meeting approved. George moved, Healy seconded.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Walt** stated that there had been an e-mail vote whether all club members should be automatically invited to all club functions or whether it should be left to the discretion of the event chairman. The vote was 5 for and 1 opposed, assigning the decision to the regatta chairperson.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Steve George, Past Commodore: No comments

Brainard Cooper, Vice Commodore — Racing:

- Race Committee for the Chattanooga Challenge needs more volunteers.
- **Carl Labbe** has resigned from PYC and retired from doing the mailed RC notices. Brainard will do them until he finds someone else. Steve Adams has bought Carl's boat, but Steve needs to apply for membership. Carl's boat has been in slip B-29.

David Bergevin, Rear Commodore — Membership:

- Resignation letter from **Carl Labbe** stated, in part: "I have thoroughly enjoyed my years with the Privateer Yacht Club, and all the members. Although

I didn't race very often, many folks will remember the old man with the grandchildren sailing, towing them behind the boat, fishing, swimming and diving from the boat, etc., and just sailing lazily along by myself on a warm day. WOW!! What a way to grow old!!"

- As of Carl's resignation, we have 124 family members, and the cap is 130.

- **Guy Campbell** has completed his year as an Associate. Snyder moved and George seconded and a vote accepted him as a Family Member. Now we have 125 Family Members.

- **Sandy VanDen Branden** has completed her year as an Associate. George moved and Rathjen seconded. Vote accepted her as a Family Member. Now we have 126 Family Members.

- **Andy Duke** has been listed as an Associate for one year, but he has made no entries in the Associate's logbook and has paid no dues. Rathjen made and Healy seconded motion to drop Duke's membership. Passed.

- **We currently have 10 Associate Members in the queue, and only four Family Membership slots open.**

John Rathjen, Chairman of Land Committee:

- John has been working on a letter to the sons of **Marge and Buzz Lamb** about **cabin ownership**. Copies have been circulated to the board via e-mail. **Richard MacLean**, lawyer and club member, has reviewed it and made a couple of suggestions. John read the latest version to the board.

- **Ken Simons** was recognized on behalf of the Lamb sons. Ken stated that **Stuart Lamb** is working in Iraq for another 2 months. Both sons want to keep ownership of the cabin. They just found out that they can obtain membership forms on the club website. Ken checks the cabin weekly. Kerry Lamb checks it about every 3 weeks. Ken requested, since the "boys" grew up in that cabin, that they be granted family membership, allowing them to skip the one year Associate Membership requirement.

- After a long discussion about the issues involved the general consensus was that the board felt it would

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be inappropriate to go against the PYC constitution in order to grant Ken's request.

- George moved and Cofield seconded a motion to accept the letter submitted by Rathjen, which passed.

- **Rathjen** moved that Simons' request be put to an up or down vote. Healy seconded. The request was voted down.

- **Rathjen** stated that in 2010 the bulk of the leases will expire, and the club will have to look carefully at the lease language.

Pete Snyder, Secretary — Editor, *Private Ear*:

- *The Private Ear* will be included on the PYC website. Pete needs to get the modified pdf files (without treasury statements) to Bill Robertson by the next board meeting.

Carol Cofield, Treasurer:

- **Carol** is still having difficulties with the **new software**. But, she found someone at Rob Fowler's office who has begun to help her.

Dieter Kuberg, Dock Meister & Slip Director:

- **Names** need to be **on trailers**, or slots with no-name trailers will be vacated. Scott Cline will show anyone how to use the stencils in the club storeroom.

- There are only one or two wet slips available. Dry slips are also about full.

- **Bergevin** commented that the TVRA requires active registration on all boats in the water.

- **Kuberg** added that all boats should have insurance.

- **Kuberg** stated that according to the wet slip policy, just because someone buys a member's boat, he does not automatically get the slip with it.

John Rathjen, Club Boats:

Work completed to date:

- **Both pontoon boats** have been cleaned up, batteries charged, gas cans filled, engines verified operable, and minor repairs made.

- The **Boston Whaler** has been functionally checked and is OK for use, except the registration has not been located. Registration cards are on the pontoon boats. The **Carolina Skiff** card is in hand.

- Two sets of keys for both pontoon boats and both chase boats have been sorted and identified with ID tags. The primary set is hanging by the stereo player next to the kitchen door. The spare set is located in the medicine cabinet in the kitchen.

- The damaged area on the **aluminum rowboat** has been prepared for welding and the boat has been taken to Steve Morgan's shop for repair.

- A full set of RC signal flags and a set of aluminum course marker signs have been fabricated for the CSC pontoon boat and are available on board.

- A good quality battery charger with engine starting capability has been purchased and located in the storeroom.

Open items:

- Locate registration for Boston Whaler.

- The plywood deck on the CSC pontoon needs to be replaced in the off season. A temporary repair (by scabbing plywood over the rotted areas) needs to be made ASAP.

- The wiring on both pontoon boats needs to be checked for continuity and repaired as required.

- A general checkout of the Carolina Skiff still needs to be done.

- The frame for displaying course markers needs to be replaced on the CSC boat.

Bryson Lesley, Director of Building, Grounds and Docks:

- **Water** is now available on C, D and E Docks.

- The **Opti dock** base is done, have yet to do the shelter.

- **Bryson** got a quote from a paving contractor for four inches of concrete with wire mesh for \$2.04 per square foot, if we will do the grading and sub-grade preparation. Another quote for asphalt was \$3.60 per square foot. There is approximately 10,000 sf in

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the South Cove area that needs to be done.

- A discussion arose about the **two boat hoists**: How long can a boat be on a hoist? The guideline is two weeks. **Kuberg** asked how that is to be enforced. **George** volunteered to write a policy and provide a well marked calendar on the clubhouse wall for hoist reservations. **Members are to contact Steve George for use of a hoist.**

Paul Healy, Social Director:

- There is no social event this month.
- The May 10 Crawfish Boil is out, but there will be some sort of social event then.
- **June 14 will be a Shrimp Low Country Boil.**
- Paul needed a host for the July 4 Social. Catalina Fleet 22 was “volunteered.”

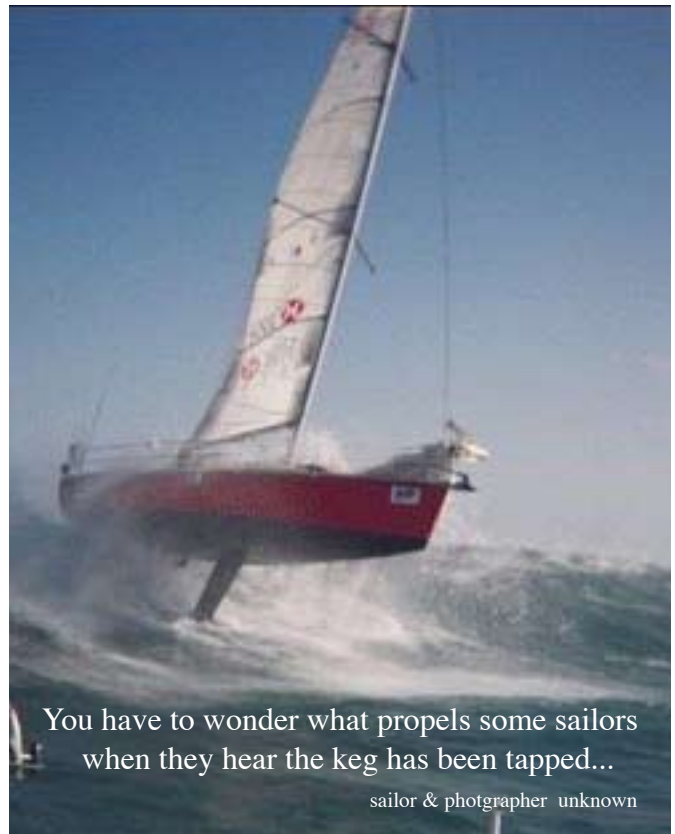
NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion came up about water sealing wooden dock planking. No action was taken.
- **Rathjen** is planning to hold another Land Committee meeting as soon as he receives a response from the Lamb family.
- **Walt** commented that he appreciates **Ken Simons’** input.
- **Carol** received a Thank You card from **Bill & Martha Berry** for the flowers.
- Motion to adjourn by George, second by Bergevin – passed. Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

**Respectfully submitted
Peter Snyder, Secretary**



Finally arriving ... Summer



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- Dick Mullen, Honorary Director: 423-875-9998

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.



TANGLE AT THE LEEWARD MARK
2008 CATALINA 22 CHATTANOOGA CHALLENGE

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