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FROM THE HELM

August 2008

From my point of view, things have been going quite smoothly so far this year at PYC. I hope that's the general view as well. However, a tree fell in **Dick & Judy Mullen's** yard, and the repercussions have just begun. The tree took down a power line and caused a small brush fire. The Fire Department was called and responded quickly.

The next day, some Hixson firemen came to the club for a follow-up visit as they had some concerns. The cabin "road," which is actually a driveway, is too narrow and winding to accommodate the large fire trucks which the fire station assigned to PYC use. They suggest we post a sign to that effect at the bottom of the cabin road so they don't get stuck. The real problem is that the nearest fire hydrant is over 1000 feet from the club parking lot. The cabins above Mullen's are beyond the reach of fire hoses. The club house is OK, but some of the cabins aren't. More on this when we know more.

There may be more trees around the cabins that need to be removed, and questions about whether cabin owners or the club should be responsible have been raised. The club cabin policy calls for cabin owners to furnish certificates of home-owner's insurance to the club. This apparently hasn't been done and needs to be, along with assurance that cabin owners have the safety equipment and other requirements stated in the cabin owner's policy. Home-owner's insurance should pay for live trees which fall and cause damage. There is some question about dead trees.

A **work party** has been scheduled for **September 6**, and a large effort will be placed upon brush and

some tree removal around the dry sail storage areas. This will require moving boats and trailers for working room. Again, for you boat owners who haven't looked at your boat recently, please do so to be sure your boat can be moved easily.

On a personal note, five C 22 skippers and crew went to the **Rome Sailing Club (RSC)** on **Weiss Lake**, recently. We expected high temperature and low winds. What we got was over 20 knots at the start, rain and building winds. I looked at my crew, **Sandy Vanden Branden**, and realized the wind was too much for her to handle jib and main, but, as she is from windy Green Bay, WS, she took the tiller and I crewed. Things went well until approaching the leeward mark in the third race. I took down the whisker pole, and was moving aft when a gust jibed



photo by Mike Rasbury

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the main and knocked me overboard, still holding the pole. I wasn't in trouble as the water was warm and we were wearing life vests. Sandy did a great job maneuvering to pick me up with the main sail alone. No, I didn't lose the pole. We got reorganized after I got back on board and we finished the race in last place. What we totally forgot was that we had the required life preserver with a 30' line in the cabin. Had we remembered, Sandy could have tossed it out, I would have been on board sooner and we wouldn't have come in last.

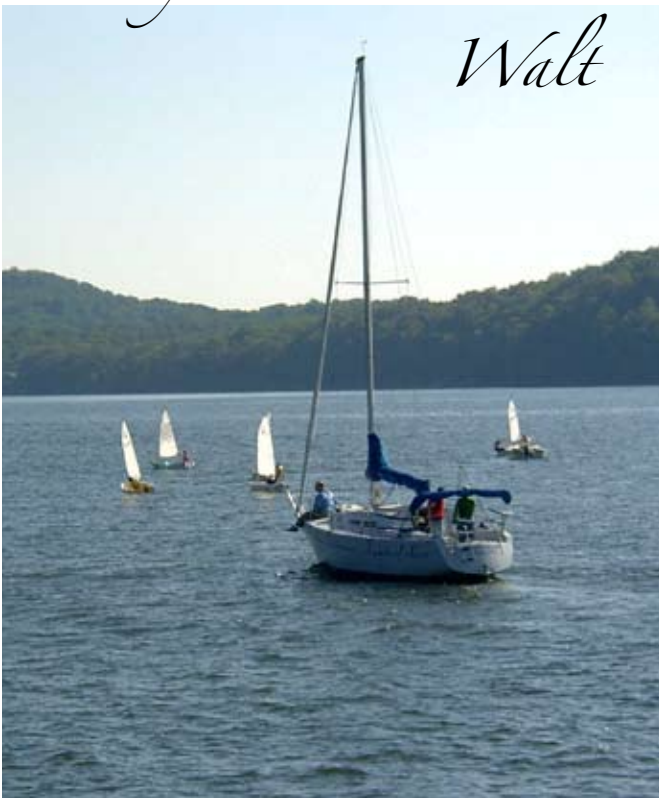
After the race, several folks at RSC said that they do overboard drills. Certainly a good idea, as lake racing can get challenging at times. Of course it's best to stay in the boat, but all's well that ends well.

We've had good turnout for racing on Wednesday nights, and a great turnout for the last **raftup**. We go to Saturday afternoon racing in September which should draw more boats.

Great to see **Opti's** racing on Saturday and Sunday.

See you on the water!

Walt



PYC OPTI NEWS

JR SAILING TEAM RACES SUNDAYS

Every Sunday at 2:00 pm, the PYC OPTI Sailing Team will be present at the club. They will be practicing starts and perfecting all points of sailing in anticipation of going to away regattas. Contact **Bryson Lesley** for more information. 706 375 8750.

Work is continuing on preparation for the **South East Optimist Championship Oct 4 and 5 to be hosted at PYC.**

CONTACTS NEEDED FOR SEC's

The South East Optimist Championship committee is seeking contributions from the following companies: Coca Cola Bottling, Wal-Mart, Little Debbie Snack Cakes, BILO, Frito Lay, Moon Pie, Krystal, SunTrust, Provident, and Mayfield Dairy. If you have a connection, friend or neighbor that knows someone in management of these companies, please let Scott Cline or Steve Sherman know. We have specific items we are hoping to get from each company — mainly food and drink for the meals. Also, if anyone in the club would like to donate, that would be appreciated. Scott can be reached at 423-870-2459 or 870-2455 and Steve at 423-875-4040.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the PYC website for most current info. Note that all CSC events are for all PYC members.

Aug 31	Labor Day Party	6:00 PM Sunday
Sept 6	WORK PARTY - PYC Breakfast at 8 Race - Cruiser & C22	8:00 AM Saturday 1:00 PM Saturday
Sept 7	Dinghy Race	2:30 PM Sunday
Sept 8	Board Meeting	7:00 PM Monday
Sept 9	CSC Covered Dish Dinner	7:00 PM Tuesday
Sept 13	Race - Cruiser & C22 Full Moon Cruise	1:00 PM Saturday Saturday - Sunday
Sept 14	Dinghy Race	2:30 PM Sunday
Sept 20	Race - Cruiser & C22	1:00 PM Saturday
Sept 21	Dinghy Race	2:30 PM Sunday
Sept 27	Race - Cruiser & C22 Dock Party - Door Prize !!!	1:00 PM Saturday 7:00 PM Saturday
Sept 28	Dinghy Race	2:30 PM Sunday
OCTOBER		
Oct 4-5	USODA Southeast Optimist Championship	Saturday & Sunday

RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	BOAT	PRO	ASSISTANT
09/06/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Myers, Terry	Jones, Bruce
09/07/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	Overbeck, Kent	Morgan, Chuck
09/13/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Ralston, Richard	Patterson, Curtis
09/14/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	Rasbury, Mike	Pearson, Wade
09/20/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Rathjen, John	Penrose, Stuart
09/21/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	Robertson, Bill	Prettyman, Jim
09/27/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Sherman, Steve	Prevost, Tom
09/28/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	Spohn, Doug	Rodgers, John
10/04/08	Saturday	Optimists	USODA SE Championships	Steve Sherman	Steve Sherman
10/05/08	Sunday	Optimists	USODA SE Championships	Steve Sherman	Steve Sherman
10/11/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Carscaddon, Bruce	Stewart, Gary
10/12/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	Bergevin, David	Sweatt, Kirby

UNMARKED TRAILERS AT RISK

Congratulations to some who have been down to the club and **marked your trailers**. But a pox on those of you who still have unmarked trailers! May you catch the fever and sweat!!! Just kidding...

But, we are going to have to move ALL the trailers down at South Cove on Sept. 6th to trim trees and clean out brush and leaves from the drainage ditches. Some trailers will suffer being moved — with flat tires or no wheels. Be sure your trailer is roadworthy! If trailers are unmarked and not road-

worthy, we may have to drag them off, scratching and squealing, to another location for “mothball” storage. Three months of notification through the newsletter should be plenty of notice.

Please help us out and do the labeling yourself or let me know that you want us to label it for you. dwku-berg@comcast.net is my e-mail address or call me at 423-421-4471. We need to know who owns a trailer in order to contact you about it.

Dieter Kuberg, Dock Meister



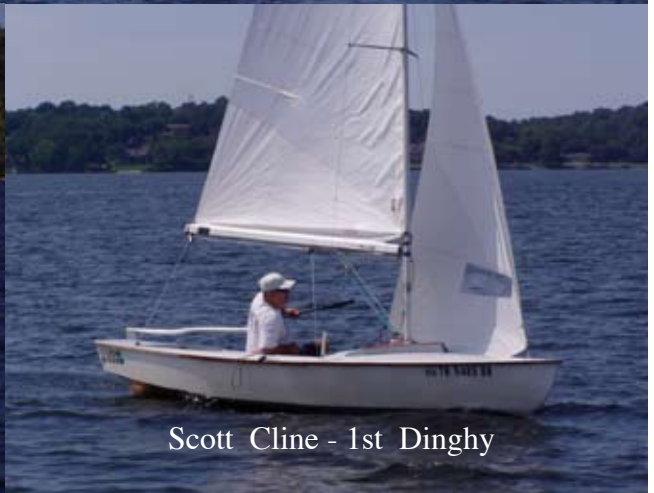
2008 PYC DOG DAYS REGATTA - by Mike Rasbury



Ken Holmquist - 1st Keelboat



Spencer Wyberly - 1st Single Hand Dinghy



Scott Cline - 1st Dinghy





FULL MOON OVERNIGHT CRUISE

NORTH OF HARRISON BAY — AUGUST 16-17, 2008 - photos by B. Snyder (u.n.o.)



photo by Overbeck

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Sunday Dawn





AUGUST 10, 2008 - SUNDAY AFTERNOON DINGHY RACE

photos by Bobby Thompson



WOW - Women On the Water — SAILING LESSONS

BEGINNERS OR INTERMEDIATE - coming soon to a dinghy near you!

Contact Steve George at 423-667-2493, 423-624-7858 or csps6george@bellsouth.net

SAILING EXCITEMENT

by Bill Berry

If you want more excitement in your life,
Buy a sailboat and sail with your wife.
Someone should be the skipper.
Someone should be the crew.
Solving that dilemma should be exciting for you.

An exciting exercise that's worthy of note,
Is how you select the name of your boat.
Is it Avenger, Bruiser, Crusher or Brute?
Princess, Misty, Dawn Treader or Cute?

While sailing Misty on the bay or the lake,
There's an exciting decision that you should make.
Will you cruise?
Will you race?
Or stay tied to the dock at a comfortable place?

Alas for me, there's no retreat.
My skipper and I are going to compete!
It's exciting to race!
We work like Hell!
(What do they mean by "DAL"?)

CONTACT YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

Walt Jenison, Commodore: 423-886-5655
Brainard Cooper, Vice Commodore: 423-622-6081
David Bergevin, Rear Commodore: 423-843-1443
Steve George, Past Commodore: 423-667-2493
Carol Cofield, Treasurer: 706-517-5689
Peter Snyder, Secretary: 706-891-0858
Bryson Lesley, Building and Grounds Director: 706-375-8750
Dieter Kuberg, Wet & Dry Slip Director: 423-842-6714
Paul Healy, Social Director: 423-892-1838
John Rathjen, Club Boat Director: 423-843-1718
Dick Mullen, Honorary Director: 423-875-9998

PYC BOARD MEETING

Minutes — August 11, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Commodore Jenison.

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

Observers present: S. Cofield P. Crowe
M. Esparam B. Robertson
M&D Arnold

Minutes of June meeting were approved. George moved. Healy seconded.

- **Mike and Debra Arnold** were introduced as new Associate members. They come from Coconut Grove and were sponsored by Walt Jenison and John Rathjen.

- Three folks were introduced from **Boat U.S.:** Stacy & Shane O'Neal and Shane Taps. Boat U.S. now has three full time **tow boats** near us on the Tennessee River: one at Harbor Lights Marina, one at Island Cove, and one at Hales Bar. They estimate a 30 to 45 minute response time to our area. Phone for a tow: 800-391-4869 or hail "Tow Boat U.S." on VHF 16, If you subscribe to the unlimited towing option in your Boat US membership, which costs \$34 per year, the towing coverage is unlimited. Otherwise Boat U.S. membership only covers the first \$50, and their rate is \$150 per hour. Their boats are brightly marked as "Tow Boat U.S." Shane O'Neal is also a certified instructor with Sea School, for those who want to become licensed captains. That course costs \$595 for an individual, or \$450 for each of a pair.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **David Bergevin** reported that an American Heart Association instructional program for **CPR** and use of an **AED** could be held for \$40 per student, with a minimum of 6 students. It would be 3 to 4 hours long, and could be done at PYC. They would need \$12 per student in advance for the training manuals. Please contact David Bergevin if interested.

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OFFICER REPORTS:

Walt Jenison, Commodore:

- Walt expressed concern about the lack of response to Kuberg's efforts to get **trailers marked**. This really needs the attention of all involved so that certain trailers can be moved to do maintenance work around South Cove and the Cabin Lot. Trees need to be trimmed or felled and brush and debris need to be cleaned out. Paving is another concern. Certain nameless trailers have flat tires or other obstacles to moving them.

Steve George, Past Commodore:

- **George** passed around a few copies of the **Long Range Planning Committee questionnaire** for a preliminary Board review. He will pass the final one before the board before sending it out.
- **George** mentioned that we have some **safety issues** that need attention re chase boats and youth sailing before the OPTI Southeastern Championship in October.

David Bergevin, Rear Commodore -Membership:

- We have one less family membership. George DeLong has resigned. But, Michael Easparam is up for Family Membership. A vote was taken and he was voted in. Now we have **125 Family Memberships**.
- **Mike and Debra Arnold's** Associate member application was accepted, which brings us up to **12 Associates**.

Pete Snyder, Secretary -Editor, The Private Ear:

- No report

Carol Cofield, Treasurer:

- Carol gave her report and it was accepted. Kuberg moved and Lesley seconded.

- The quarterly statements have gone out.

- There are a few members whose dues are in arrears. Carol will draft a letter for the Commodore to send them.

Dieter Kuberg, Dock Meister & Dry Slip Director:

- **Dieter** has reviewed the Wet Slip Policy that was adopted in '06. He said it does all it's supposed to do for us. There is also a Dry Slip Policy which he will find and review. The Wet Slip Policy will be posted on the PYC website, and it may be published in the newsletter.
- Discussion expanded to other policies that may not be common knowledge. **Paul Healy** volunteered to assemble a booklet with the bylaws and important policies printed for distribution at the Annual Meeting.

John Rathjen, Club Boats:

- We now have a **gas locker** over near the BBQ shelter. Members serving on the Race Committee will need to get a key from the key rack to refill the committee boat and chase boat tanks. The large Committee Boat uses straight gas, but all the others use oil in the gas.
- John has looked into registration for the Alumi-craft, and is working on that.
- The bow eye on the Boston Whaler has been sealed up.
- Steve George will make a list of safety items that need to be done before the OPTI Regatta in October.

Bryson Lesley, Director of Building, Grounds and Docks:

- The entry gate has been painted, as has the entry sign.

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- **Linda Lesley** has been painting the Ladies' Rest Room. She and Bryson will do the Men's Room next. Both will have new soap and towel dispensers.

- **Bryson** is making a new pennant sign for the front gate.

- **Bryson and Brainard Cooper** went to visit the Lake St. Claire Yacht Club in Michigan. It was very impressive.

- 5 or 6 of our **OPTI** sailors are going to Birmingham the last weekend in August. Also, the Opties have been getting good participation on Sundays.

- **B Dock electrical** service has been restored. Because of that, the streetlight near the rigging dock has come to life, again.

- **Walt** asked to schedule a **Work Party**. It will be **September 6th**. We need to do a lot of tree trimming. Three more poles need to be placed in the new docks at South Cove. We need to build a ramp to the left rigging dock by the Opti Dock. The swimming dock down by the channel needs to be re-decked – splinters are bad, now. The steps going down to the swimming dock need to be pressure washed and stained.

- A discussion came up about the **flag pole**. It needs to be painted, but weighs 2500 lbs. and will need a boom truck to lift it out and lay it down, then re-raise it. S. George made a motion to have the flagpole taken down so the situation can be assessed closely and a decision made what to do with it. Rathjen seconded. Motion passed.

Paul Healy, Social Director:

- Paul submitted invoices for the Shrimp Boil beer & wine.

- Several members have asked to reserve the clubhouse for “private” occasions. Sept 12th will be a rehearsal dinner by Jude Widener. Oct 11th will be Judy Mullen's High School Reunion. October 17th will be the Power Squadron's **Octoberfest**. November 22nd will be the Power Squadron's **Chili Dinner** that's open to all PYC members.

- **The Pig Regatta** will be November 8th and September 27th will be a **Dock Party**. [updated Dock Party date)

NEW BUSINESS:

- **John Rathjen** - We need to adopt a policy of having the Race Committee, Social events and major regatta schedules published in time for the Annual Meeting.

- **Pat Crowe** suggested that we have PYC stickers on members' cars. No motion was made.

- **Stuart Cofield** made the observation that on the back side of the trailer storage at South Cove is a drainage ditch that is filled with leaves. This will hopefully be addressed during the September 6th Work Party.

- Motion to adjourn by George, second by Rathjen – passed. Meeting adjourned 8:34 PM.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) **Steve George** will list safety items that need to be done on club boats before the big OPTI regatta.

- 2) **Kuberg** will continue to work on getting trailers marked. He will also review the 06 Dry Slip Policy.

- 3) **George** will refine the Long range Planning questionnaire.

- 4) **Paul Healy** will pull together a PYC Bylaws & Policies booklet for the Annual Meeting.

- 5) **Jenison & Lesley** will organize the September 6th Work Party.

- 6) **Carol Cofield** will draft a letter re overdue member's dues.

Respectfully submitted
Peter Snyder, Secretary

“Men in a ship are always looking up,
and men ashore generally looking down.”

- John Masefield, *The Bird of Dawning*



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.

David Barrow's Alexa & dinghy before the full moon.

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