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VIEW FROM THE HELM

April 2009

AS this is being written we have just concluded the very successful **Choo-Choo Flying Scot Regatta**. Sixteen boats from as far away as Illinois and South Carolina sailed the event. Several competitors commented very favorably on the job **PRO Richard Ralston** did on the water and on the shore-side hospitality that was provided by **Stuart and Carol Cofield** and the Flying Scot fleet. **Scott Cline**, sailing with Rob Fowler as crew, finished 2nd (actually tied for 1st and losing the tie-breaker); and **Eddie Craig**, sailing alone, finished 3rd. Very well done by one and all!

Last month's view from the helm concluded with the words, "*stay alert.*" Perhaps it should have more properly enjoined us all to "**Think safe; be safe.**" It is disappointing to report two recent incidents involving members of PYC that deserve comment, one potentially disastrous and one with serious results.

In the first, a PYC member went sailing alone in an MC Scow late in the evening and ended up having to be **rescued** in near-darkness over a mile from the Club following a capsized. **Pete Duvoisin** reported seeing rescue lights in the dark flashing on the water near his home across the lake near the Coast Guard Station. The water in Chickamauga is far too cold this time of year for extended immersion. Several members remember a case of severe hypothermia suffered by a sailor after a Snipe capsized out beyond the "PYC Nun" during the Snipe Southern some years ago. That was in broad daylight in the month of May, not in the near-dark in the month of April.

In the other troubling incident, a member of the Cabin Colony, evidently unable to get the key pad at the Club entrance to function properly, reached through the gate to push the manual gate opening button. The gate began opening before our member could extract his arm from the wire mesh, severely damaging the arm and requiring his hospitalization. Having caught my hand in a washing-machine wringer at age 5, I can certainly sympathize with our member's plight. "Horror" is not too strong a word to use in the situation.

It is hoped that these two "incidents" are the last two of this nature we will have for the year. We've got no way of knowing how many members have gone sailing alone in the dark in years past. Certainly this writer is among them. All who have sailed after dark, especially in a small boat, know what a kick it is, the wind in your face and the water rushing by at seeming warp speed. Let's just never forget basic safety precautions.

Capsized in the water after dark isn't where any of us want to be. Or in the hospital with a mangled arm.

See you on the water!

Brainard



SCOWABUNGA REGATTA COMING SOON!

May 16-17 here at PYC — NOR @ www.MCScow.org



SPENCER WIBERLEY WINS MC SPRING BOARD REGATTA

Spencer port tacked the fleet starting the last race.

Spencer, Bill Humphreys, and Barry Klein attended the **MC Spring Board Regatta**, April 4 and 5.

In the first race Spencer hit the shore line and did a horizon job on the fleet beating the Buccaneer Fleet that had started 5 minutes before the MC's.

In the second race The RC got the timing off 30 seconds to the sequence. Spencer and Barry were called over but not until they were way up the first leg. They returned and Spencer was able to come back to third. Now he was tied for first. Meanwhile Bill Humphreys was winning the second race using his new North Sail.

In the last race Spencer port tacked the fleet and went on to win the race and regatta. Bill Humphreys took the third place trophy with a 5,1,5, while Barry finished 7th.

STEVE SHERMAN WINS MC REBEL ROUSER REGATTA

Four MC's from Privateer made the trip to **Lake Lanier's Rebel Rouser Regatta** April 25th and 26th. The winds were light, but Chris Cyrul and his daughter, Erica, sailed together and found themselves tied for second place on Saturday Night. Steve Sherman was sailing extremely well and ended up winning

the Regatta with a 2,4,4,1,3. Some of the best sailors in the country were in attendance. Even when Steve was behind by over 10 boats he was able to put himself in contention for wins on the last leg. Chris did not have such a good day on Sunday and ended up in 5th place. Other sailors from PYC were Bill Humphreys and Barry Klein. This was Steve's second first place in two weeks as he won the **Punch Bowl Regatta** at **Lake Marin** the weekend before.

Within the next week we will have 2 brand new MC's with the new self-rescuing cockpits.

There are 3 MC's for sale at the club with the coming of the new boats:

Jim Prettyman's #839 for \$2800;
Barry Klein's #1699 for \$5500;
Steve Sherman's #1863 for \$5600.

These MC's are all in race ready condition.

Our **Scowabunga Regatta** is May 16 and 17 here at **Privateer**. Well over 20 MC's are expected from an eight state area including Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida. It should be our best event.

Jan and David Varnell could use some help in the kitchen.

Editor's note: Thanks, Steve, for the news - and congratulations!



FOR WOMEN ONLY

The first meeting for Women Only was a great success with 12 ladies in attendance. We enjoyed getting to know each other better and the food was a **WOW!**

We look forward to having even more ladies on the first and third Tuesdays — In May it will be on the 5th and 19th at 6 PM, rain or shine. If it's shining, come prepared for getting out on the water if so desired — no pressure. We want you either way.

We plan to go on through October. The more the merrier! Please come and join us, ladies.

When April steps aside for May,
 Like diamonds all the raindrops glisten,
 Fresh violets open every day,
 To some new bird each hour we listen.

Lucy Larkum (1826-93)

2009 OPTI - LASER PYC YOUTH SUMMER SAILING CAMPS

It is sign up time for the OPTI/LASER summer sail camps. Registration forms and information are available at www.privateeryachtclub.org and at the PYC clubhouse.

The dates are as follows:

- May 25 - May 29
- June 8 - June 12
- June 27 - July 3

We have already received several applications and the prospect of having full classes seems probable.

Looking forward to a great summer on the water.

Bryson

COMING EVENTS

Check the PYC website for more info. All PYC members invited to all CSC functions.

MAY

May 2	Chattanooga Challenge (Catalina 22)	TBD Saturday
May 3	Chattanooga Challenge (Catalina 22)	TBD Sunday
May 5	For Women Only - to be announced	6 pm Tuesday
May 6	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
May 9	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
May 10	Dinghy Race (Mother's Day)	2:30 pm Sunday
May 11	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
May 12	CSC Covered Dish Dinner	7 pm Tuesday
May 13	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
May 16	MC Scows Scowabunga	TBD Saturday
May 16-17	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday - Sunday
May 17	MC Scows Scowabunga	TBD Sunday
May 19	For Women Only	6 pm Tuesday
May 20	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
May 23	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
May 24	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
May 27	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
May 30	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
May 30	Low Country Boil — Door Prize!!!	7 pm Saturday
May 31	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday

JUNE

June 2	For Women Only	6 pm Tuesday
June 3	CSC JAM Race	7:00 pm Wednesday
June 5	TGIF Mid-Lake Social	After 5 pm Friday
June 6	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
June 6-7	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday - Sunday
June 7	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
June 8	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
June 9	CSC Covered Dish Dinner	7 pm Tuesday
June 10	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
June 13	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
June 13	Dock Party!!! Door Prize!!!	7 pm Saturday
June 14	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
June 16	For Women Only	6 pm Tuesday
June 17	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
June 20	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
June 21	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
June 24	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
June 27	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
June 28	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday

May 15-22
May 23-28

Catalina 22 Northern Gulf Coast Cruise
Catalina 22 Nationals

Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Ft. Walton Beach, FL

RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

David Varnell — Race Committee Chairman

DATE	TIME	DAY	BOAT	PRO	ASSISTANT
MAY					
05/02/09	TBD	Saturday	Catalina22	Chattanooga Challenge	Bill Robertson
05/03/09	TBD	Sunday	Catalina22	Chattanooga Challenge	Bill Robertson
05/06/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	McPhee, Bruce	Schmitt, Garrett
05/09/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Ed Craig	David Cox
05/10/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Deiter Kuberg	Mark Mentgen
05/13/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	McLeod, Ian	Seeber, Mike
05/16/09	TBD	Saturday	MC Scow	Scowabunga	Steve Sherman
05/17/09	TBD	Sunday	MC Scow	Scowabunga	Steve Sherman
05/20/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Myers, Terry/Joyce	Stewart, Gary
05/23/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Lee, Scott	Prevost, Tom
05/24/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Eddie Graham	Rodgers, John
05/27/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Overbeck, Kent	Sweatt, Kirby
05/30/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	King, Peter	Vanden Branden, Sandy
05/31/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Ralston, Richard	Wiberly, Spencer
JUNE					
06/03/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Rasbury, Mike	Adams, Scott
06/06/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Rathjen, John	Alfred, Joe
06/07/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Robertson, Bill	Andrews, Dan
06/10/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Ives, Bob	Bissell, Bob
06/13/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Klein, Barry	Bumgardner, Tom
06/14/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Jenison, Walt	Campbell, Guy
06/17/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Cooper, Brainard	Cline, Bo
06/20/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Crowe, Pat	Cox, Lloyd
06/21/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Williams, Dan	Ralph Bush
06/24/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Abrams, Jody	Esperam, Mike
06/27/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Bergavin, David	Adams, Steve
06/28/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Carscaddon, Bruce	Campbell, Mike

NOTE: IF YOU DISCOVER A PROBLEM WITH ANY OF THE COMMITTEE OR CHASE BOATS, PLEASE NOTIFY GUY CAMPBELL ASAP.
(423-421-2329)

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

PYC PHRF Fleet Meeting Minutes – Apr 11, '09

Scott Cline brought the meeting to order at 11:00 AM, and gave the fleet a presentation of the past efforts to **increase participation**. Scott made the point that changes in scoring, number of fleets and schedule had rarely helped increase the number of boats on the starting line. Scott suggested that we keep the schedule and rules as they are for this season, with one exception. He suggested that many people had commented on

how much they liked the pursuit race format, and suggested that we try more pursuit races during the year.

Bill Robertson commented that the C22 fleet was going to change its fleet scoring by having a single fleet (Silver Fleet) and four exempted boats. He also commented that he thought Catalina's should all start at one time instead of giving Silver Fleet boats an advantage. Some discussion of the merits of the

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split C22 fleet and C22 handicap adjustments ensued.

Bill Robertson made a motion to have **one pursuit race per month**, and that one design boats, i.e. C22's, J24's, etc., would all start at the same time (C22's start together at the C22 start time, J24's start at the J24 start time, etc.). The motion was seconded and passed after brief discussion.

Mike Rasbury will not be available to do the dinner for the **PHRF Spring Regatta**.

There was some discussion of the racing and social calendar, and that there were a lot of regattas scheduled over the next month or so. **David Varnell** suggested that the fall might be better for a PHRF regatta. **Dieter Kuberg** made a motion to **cancel the Spring Regatta**. The motion was seconded and passed with no discussion.

Bill Robertson made a motion that the start time for June be changed from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The motion was seconded. **Scott Cline** argued that the 10:00 AM start was historically better because of wind and fewer motor boats at that time of day. Others argued that they would not be able to make a 10:00 AM start. After much discussion, the motion was voted on and passed. (July and August start times will remain at 10:00 AM)

Scott Cline asked for nominations for fleet captain for 2009.

Mike Seeber was nominated and **elected unanimously** as the next fleet captain.

Rob Fowler volunteered to serve as **PHRF handicapping chairman** for a second year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM

Respectfully submitted by Rob Fowler

WORK PARTY A BIG SUCCESS



photos by Sandy Vanden Branden

Our annual **PYC Work Party** to “summerize” the club was a great success. **Over forty members** came out and worked hard to improve the grounds and clubhouse.

A delicious breakfast was served by the ladies and everyone went to work. The roof leak was repaired successfully. **Britta Kindervater** volunteered to clean and repair all the burgees in the clubhouse, so they were removed in record time by several of the men.

Guy Campbell volunteered to replace the counter tops and they look great! Tina, Quade and Garrett grabbed a paint brush and started the painting process at the bar area. The spirit of all the volunteers was tremendous and greatly appreciated.



NEW TECHNICAL RACE PROGRAM MAY BECOME AVAILABLE

by Steve Sherman

One recent Wednesday night Spencer Wiberly headed up the Race Committee. As a part of the evening, he put GPS transponders on every boat. Afterward in the club house, he replayed the races on his computer which had graphics and statistics on each boat. Speed, pointing angle, and other data were displayed.

One boat was seen reaching around the up wind mark. When asked what was going on, the skipper responded that a knot had gotten into the main sheet and he couldn't bear off because of it.

Another skipper watched his speed go back and forth

from 3 to 5 knots. He was giving a graphic lesson on the effect of heel and weather helm on speed.

Spencer had this equipment because he uses it with his **Optimist Race team in Newport, RI**. Spencer coaches ("Team Fast") and flies up there about 15 weekends a year. A friend of his developed the entire teaching aid.

Spencer is going to meet with the software developer and try to work out a deal with him. If he can, Spencer would make it available to the club whenever he could be there to run it. Everyone would have to buy their own gps, but the cheap ones work fine.

This poem is from 1997 and one of our haulouts back in Trinidad where lots of boats were being spruced up.

ODE TO BARNACLES

by Britta Kindervater

It's a hard life for a barnacle,
Roaming the deep blue sea
Till it finds a suitable spot —
And it won't be under a tree.

It eyes that fresh bottom paint
With centuries old scorn,
Confident it'll conquer
And make your hull home.

The skipper tears his hair
And wonders what's to be done.
The only answer we can give
Is scrape till they are gone.

As the captain dives on in
They wait, shaking in their glue.
He takes one look at them
Then goes to get the crew.

"Be kind and gentle to them.
Don't make them homeless,
Or else you might get in trouble
When you haul on the windlass."

"They will scatter and clog
All drains and scuppers —
A real mess on deck
And you'll need fly swatters."

Oh why can't the chemists
Find out it's secret core
That shell is much harder
Than any Micron 44!

But what if they did?
How would you feel?
No more scraping the hull,
No more fondling the keel.

A yachtie wouldn't know
What to do with extra time,
As bottom maintenance is gone —
But with me it'd be *fine!*

From Muscle Shoals: Here's a link to our website where you can view the April edition of *The Lifted Tack*. It includes the NOR/Registration for the **Confederate Admirals** and **Dixie Scot Challenge** as well as a glimpse of what's going on in our club.

http://msscclub.org/files/MSSC_Lifted_Tack_04-09-2009.pdf

Please consider joining us for any of the upcoming events.

Pat Hauffe, Editor, *The Lifted Tack*



THE TGIF MID-LAKE SOCIAL

Announcing:
 The Monthly - Friday Evening
 Mid-Lake Grilling & Chilling Celebration
 BYO... Grilling item, drinks, bathing suit & Tall tale



We will meet 200+ yards out from the PYC Club House Deck
 Where the water is 12-15 feet deep & the anchoring is easy.

Some time after 5 pm - until...
 (insert Your own personal curfew)

June 5th
 July 10th
 August 7th
 Sept 4th

Raft up or Anchor out,
 Bring a grill or borrow
 some room on a neighbor's.
 Kick back & Thank God It's Friday

SEE YOU ON THE LAKE



For those of you who missed the **Italian Pot Luck**, here's a taste of what was there. Thanks to **Paula Deene** and our own **Donna Sweatt**:

PESTO CHEESE BLOSSOMS

Serves: 15 to 20

Prep Time: 20 min

Cook Time: hr min

Inactive Prep Time: hr min

Level: Easy

Ingredients:

- 1 (8-ounce) package sliced provolone cheese
- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, at room temperature
- 20 pistachios, shelled
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves
- 1/2 cup fresh parsley leaves
- 1/2 cup pine nuts
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 ounces oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes

Directions

Line a medium bowl with plastic wrap, leaving enough over-

hang to cover the top. Reserving 3 slices of the provolone, line the bottom and sides of the bowl with the remaining provolone, overlapping the slices. For the cream cheese layer, process the cream cheese, pistachios, and 1 of the garlic cloves in a food processor until blended; scrape the mixture into a bowl and set aside. For the pesto layer, process the basil, parsley, pine nuts, and the remaining garlic clove in the food processor until blended. Dissolve the salt and pepper in the olive oil and mix well.

With the machine running, add the oil in a fine stream. Scrape this mixture into a second bowl and set aside. For the tomato layer, drain the tomatoes, reserving the oil. Puree the tomatoes with a small amount of the reserved oil in a food processor. Spread some of the cream cheese mixture over the cheese slices lining the bowl. Layer the pesto mixture, half of the remaining cream cheese mixture, the sun-dried tomato mixture, and then remaining cream cheese mixture in the bowl. Cover with the remaining provolone. Bring the edges of the plastic wrap together over the top and secure with a twist tie. Freeze until firm. Remove the plastic wrap and invert the mold onto a serving platter. Serve with party crackers.

This will keep in the refrigerator for up to 3 months.

PYC BOARD MEETING

Minutes — April 13, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Commodore Cooper.

Members present: D. Bergevin G. Campbell
 C. Cofield S. Irwin
 W. Jenison D. Kuberg
 B. Lesley P. Snyder
 D. Varnell

Observers present: S. Cline S. Cofield
 P. Crowe S. George
 M. Irwin D. Mullen
 R. Ralston B. Robertson
 S. Vanden Branden J. Shepherd

• **Minutes** of March 2009 Board Meeting were approved. Kuberg moved. Jenison seconded.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Carol Cofield, Treasurer:

- **Fred Koch** helped Carol to close out the books for 2008.
- The tax situation on dues has changed. Carol will have to send out a billing to every member for tax on the first quarter dues.
- Carol submitted a balance sheet as of April 13, 2009.
- B. Lesley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Kuberg seconded; accepted.

David Varnell, Vice Commodore – Race Committee Chairman:

- David announced that the racing program has begun for Cruisers, and April 19th will start the dinghy races.
- The **PHRF Fleet** voted to **cancel** the **PYC Spring Regatta**. David has reassigned a regular race committee for that weekend.
- **Richard Ralston** inquired about the **VHF** radios because he is the PRO for the Flying Scot Regatta. David has the radios available now with chargers, kept in a locked metal cabinet. A duplex receptacle will be added to the inside of the cabinet for charging. Two bull horns are also stored there. Richard

also asked about flags. They should all be on the large committee boat was the answer.

Rear Commodore Dieter Kuberg, Dock Master & Dry Slip Director:

- Dieter reported that all the wet slips are full, except the temporary summer slips. The Dry Slips are basically OK.
- Dieter has received about 80 percent of the **Certificates of Insurance**. If someone does not have his proof of insurance on file with Dieter, and someone who does wants his slip, there may be a problem...
- David Varnell reported that **Ed Chapin** will be **selling his J-24** that is on A Dock. That will open one wet slip.
- Bill Robertson reported that he showed **Jon Bell's S2 7.9**, but he doesn't know if it will be bought, yet.

Guy Campbell, Club Boat Director:

- All the club boats are running. But, the idle is a bit fast on the big committee boat. He will have **Adam Rosenthal** follow up on this as well as the shifter of the small committee boat. Guy replaced the prop on the small committee boat.
- B. Cooper asked about the **plaque rack** on the large committee boat. Guy said he added a rail to help hold in the plaques. Question was raised about having some wooden plaques made that would not sink. Guy will look into this.
- The small committee boat has been brought around to a different slip that should be easier for members to get it in and out.

David Bergevin, Rear Commodore — Membership:

- **Scott Adams**, approved for Family Membership last month, has sold his business and is moving to California, so he will likely be resigning.
- **Jim Prettyman** has been transferred to Raleigh by his employer and has submitted his resignation.
- **Jonathan Few** is up for Family Membership. David moved that he be accepted. Dieter seconded. Accepted!

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- We still have **119 Family Memberships** – no bottom line change since last month.

Scott Irwin, Social Committee Chairman:

- Scott announced that the **Italian Pot Luck Dinner** will be this coming weekend. The **Shrimp Boil** is being moved to May 30 th. And, the **Dock Party** will be in June.
- **Bill Humphries** asked about having his daughter's wedding at the club in September, but it's the same day as the Cheeseburger Social. Scott will get with Bill to see if it could be timed to not interfere.
- Scott is inaugurating a new social event, the **TGIF Mid-Lake Socials**. On weekends of the scheduled Full Moon Cruises there will be a Friday Raft Up (June 5, July 10, August 7, and Sept 4) about 200 yards out from the clubhouse for those who want to tie up, barbeque on board and maybe swim – sort of a grill and chill thing.
- **Richard Ralston** commented that the **CSC** needs a **Fleet Captain** and **programs** for their monthly meetings. Comment was made that the **PHRF Fleet** may do the Halloween Regatta.

Bryson Lesley, Director of Building, Grounds and Docks:

- **Kudos to Guy Campbell and Linda Lesley** for replacing the counter tops and renewing the wall behind the bar. Guy volunteered to replace the countertops and donated the material and labor to the club. He totally replaced the wood on the sink side of the counters. **Thank you, Guy!**
- Bryson reported that Linda wants to install 3 new lights above the countertop which will cost about \$75. Kuberg moved to approve the expenditure. Jenison seconded. Passed.

- It was noticed that the **burgees** had been removed from the ceiling. Bryson said that **Britta Kinder-vater volunteered** to take the burgees and handwash them to remove stains and sew / repair them where frayed. Linda wants to have the ceiling painted. Comment was made that it would be more interesting if the beams were a darker color than the cream colored tongue and groove for contrast, rather than all one color. **Commodore Cooper** reminded all that the Board had asked for a **written proposal** on the clubhouse remodeling, so that all could participate in the process and know what to expect.

- Bryson and Brainard dumped some rip rap which did not fall quite where they intended. It will take about four volunteers to toss it where it needs to go. (Already done since Board meeting.)

- The **Opti Docks** will soon be in place.

- There were 3 Optis that sailed all the way to the dam and back on Sunday. Sail camp registration forms are on the club website. It already looks like we will have a full house for the PYC classes. Bryson is going Thursday to Baylor with an Opti and a Laser to promote their sail camp - also going to GPS on Friday.

Walt Jenison, Past Commodore:

- Walt reported that the **Planning Committee** has had one meeting. They have been looking at a **five year plan**. David Varnell commented that we need a **one and two year plan**, also. The Committee will make suggestions to the membership and solicit comments to establish direction.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A plumber is coming to look at lowering the men's urinal.

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available through Coral Reef Sailing

Go to this website:

http://coralreefsailing.net/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.

• **Pat Crowe** has five people who have volunteered to help remove the **old flagpole**, and he promised to have it down by the next board meeting. Brainard suggested that maybe the upper two thirds could be cut off and re-used. He would really like to have it relocated up nearer the clubhouse.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Sandy Vanden Branden** presented a project she has been working on to draw more women out for sailing and fellowship. She and **Deb Arnold** and **Barbara Snyder** have been planning something for **women members only** and would like to have the Board’s approval. They want to meet on the **first and third Tuesdays** of each month at the clubhouse, beginning April 21 and going through October. They have had offers of five boats to use, and will sail on those evenings when weather permits. They also want non-sailing women members of all ages to feel welcome, too. Pete Snyder moved it be approved. David Bergevin seconded. Motion approved.

• There is a question about **John Roger’s** donation of his Flying Scot to the club. Bill Robertson asked for John if the club would take responsibility for maintaining it. **Stewart Cofield** spoke up and said that he would tend to it with the Flying Scot Fleet.

• Brainard reported that Fred Koch sent a letter to the board recommending that the club buy a **laptop** for the **Treasurer** to use. There has been a lot of frustration trying to transfer software from one computer to another as the Treasurer’s duties changed hands. Carol will submit a proposal for the Board to consider.

• **Brainard** reported that Steve Sherman asked **Stephanie Rosenthal** to look into advertising the Junior Program in the Times-Free Press’s **“Spring into Summer”** special edition, due out April 26. Brainard stated that there are two reasons to advertise – to get business and to keep business. He passed around a quarter page ad, a half page ad and a smaller ad – all very nice looking. If we put an ad in the paper, we can add as much copy for a story as we want, essentially. Walt commented that the **Junior Program** is already filling up. Bryson

asked about having more **adults learning to sail**. We would need certified instructors. We only have a few. Would our liability insurance cover this? That will be addressed. Brainard asked if we want to **put the smallest ad in the paper**. Walt moved to do so and Scott seconded. Motion carried. Varnell stated that we need to have a plan in case there is a large response. Along these lines, Stephanie has also contacted **Chattanooga.com** and the Signal Mountain **Mountaineer**. Scott commented that we should invite the paper here whenever there is a medium sized or larger regatta. We should solicit paragraph sized comments from visitors on the fun, etc...

• P. Snyder asked that newsletter copy and photos be sent to him on time, preferably by the third Monday. Things that come in right at the end of the month pose a difficulty getting them in. Also, he needs new sailing photos. Please send ‘em in!

• Motion to adjourn by Kuberg, second by Bergevin – passed. Meeting adjourned 8:05 PM.

**Respectfully submitted
Peter Snyder, Secretary**

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David Bergevin, Membership Director	423-843-1443
Scott Irwin, Social Director:	423-802-5277
Guy Campbell, Club Boat Director:	423-421-2329

I have found violets.
April hath come on,
And the cool winds feel softer.

– Nathaniel Parker Willis (1806–67)



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.

STEVE SHERMAN WINS REBEL ROUSER REGATTA - see story on page 2

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