



# Privateer

NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB

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## VIEW FROM THE HELM

January - February 2009

Frequently those who follow football or basketball hear about a player who “took the team on his back” and carried it for the whole season. During this past year Privateer Yacht Club has been fortunate to have had two such “players” in immediate Past Commodore **Walt Jenison** and Junior Program head **Bryson Lesley**.

Walt’s hand can be found in every important milestone achieved at our Club this past year, from building docks and removing fallen trees to his enthusiastic support of our burgeoning Junior Program. His enthusiastic embrace of Steve Sherman’s proposal that we host the **Optimist Southeastern Championship** late in the year played no small part in that successful regatta which drew a near-record 90 entries.

And his successful year was topped off by an **Annual Banquet attendance of 100!** *Congratulations and thanks, Walt*, for a job very well done.

Together with Walt, Bryson oversaw the re-birth of our Junior Program from the erection of the new docks and the construction of the Opti “Class Room” and storage area, to running the summer’s **Sailing School** and traveling with our “**PYC Sailing Team**” of youngsters to regattas as far away as St. Petersburg. Bryson was a fitting recipient of the Brainard Cooper Award as 2008’s “Mr. Privateer.”

For the coming year I have asked Walt to assume the chairmanship of the **Long Range Planning Committee**. Particularly I have asked him and his

committee to take a new look at our dues structure with an eye towards the advisability of increasing our capital assessment to more accurately reflect the increase of this Club’s physical plant and the advisability of adding new classes of membership.

There are currently **nine regattas** on the proposed schedule for 2009. At the annual meeting of the Dixie Inland Yacht Racing Association here at PYC on the last day of January, we committed ourselves to hosting the **Mallory Cup Semi-Finals in June**. Some may remember that Rob Fowler, Eddie Craig and Scott Cline sailed in the finals of the Mallory Cup for the National Championship several years ago. **DIYRA Commodore** for the past two years has been our own **Scott Cline**.

We have settled on the weekend of **Oct.3 and 4th** to host the first of what we hope will be an annual **Optimist** event, building on the success of the Opti Southeasterns and the good will that event generated.

With the addition of **Summer Sail Camp** programs for **Baylor** and **GPS** this year to the one historically offered by **McCallie**, our **Junior Program** will grow this year to 8 weeks of sailing training. Your Board of Directors has voted to move toward acquiring usable **Laser Radials** as “step-up” boats for our successful Opti sailors.

Our plan to accomplish this involves conversion of boats already on the property to the Laser Radial rig

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and the acquisition of one or two more Lasers. This conversion to the shorter radial rig will be made far more economical for our club through the generosity of Steve Sherman and McLaughlin Boat Works.

During 2008, **Paul Healy** spent time and effort arranging to have **Coral Reef Apparel** (see ad this page) carry a line of merchandise which can be embroidered with the PYC logo. I suggest that we patronize Coral Reef all we can. As a long-time customer of this firm, which is the supplier of gear for the US Snipe Class, I can attest to the high quality of their apparel. Coral Reef is not a discount operation, but you cannot find better sailing attire. And there's a bonus: PYC gets a percentage of the sale! Click on the "Ship Stores" tab on the left hand side of the web page.

And finally, **Bryson Lesley** had several loads of rip-rap brought to the Club to stabilize the north bank of the south cove. Some of this material will have to be moved by hand because mechanical equipment can't reach some of the areas that have eroded. We'll be scheduling a work party before the lake comes up.

Remember, *it's YOUR Club*. Let's *all* get involved.

*See you on the water !*  
*Brainard*



## FROM THE DOCK MEISTER

**Dieter Kuberg**

If you have any questions, call me, or e-mail me.

Dieter Kuberg - [dwkuberg@comcast.net](mailto:dwkuberg@comcast.net)

The emphasis is on liability insurance only at this time. There are still quite a few of you that have not submitted your insurance paper. I don't need the actual policy if you are concerned about privacy. All we need is a certificate of insurance for the boat, or a letter from your insurance agent on his stationary stating that your boat "a 19 foot Flying Scot" or whatever you have is covered with liability insurance for this year.

Most of you are probably covered by your homeowner's policy. All you have to do is get it listed. It should not cost any extra. If you race, you need to check to see if it is covered. Some policies exclude boats used for racing.

If you have to buy a separate policy from someone like Boat US. A liability policy will cost you from around \$100 to \$200 depending on the size of your boat.

As for registration of your boat, this is encouraged for boats that are in the water or are used on the lake. State law requires registration of all boats that are powered by anything other than paddles. Boats that are never on the water, don't need registration. I would ask, why do you need a boat that is never on the water? You should probably let it go.

I have been to regattas with my Catalina 22 where you had to submit an insurance certificate to enter the grounds. In the immediate future, we (PYC) will emphasize insurance. You could lose your space if you do not comply with this requirement. The deadline is March 1.

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# RACING RULES CHANGE

## THE BIGGEST “GAME CHANGE” IN THE NEW RULES

On January 1, 2009, the new edition of **The Racing Rules of Sailing** went into effect. Dave Perry, Chairman of the US SAILING Appeals Committee, explains some of the game changes that the new rules will create:

**Rule 18.4 (gybing at a leeward mark) does not apply at a gate mark.** This may be the biggest “game change” in the new rules. When a leeward “gate” is being used (two leeward marks close to one another that boats pass between and exit in either direction), rule 18.4 does not apply (see rule 18.4).

That means that when a boat is approaching a gate mark on the inside with right of way over other boats (and assuming that rule 17 does not apply; i.e., she did not become overlapped from clear astern which would require her to not sail above her proper course), she does not need to gybe to sail her proper course around that mark for as long as she remains the right-of-way boat.

**She may sail farther from the mark than needed to sail her proper course**, even if she has no intention of sailing over to the other gate mark. She might do this because she is having difficulty lowering her spinnaker, or because she wants to push the outside boat outside of the zone or over to the other mark.

Outside keep-clear boats will need to keep clear of her under rules 10 (port/starboard) or 11 (windward/leeward). The take-away here is, more than ever, outside boats should not have their bows “locked” outside of boats they are giving room to or keeping clear of at marks.

A list of 7 rule changes that Dave Perry has found to change the game can be found at:

<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/news/09/0108>

Also, see this website for more information:

<http://optistuff.com/info/faq/articles/Perry%27s%20Take%20on%20RRS%202009%202012.pdf>

# YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM NEED

Bryson Lesley

The **Youth Sailing Program** would like to borrow **Lasers** for use in the Summer Sail Camps. Anyone who will lend us his Laser please call **Bryson Lesley** at 706-375-8750.

PYC will furnish a radial sail and mast for each boat. We will need to borrow the hull, dagger board, rudder, boom, etc...

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## THE 2008 CSC JOHN WESLEY AWARD

Ed Ford, 2008 CSC Fleet Captain

### BACKGROUND ON THE CSC

For those of you who, like me, are relatively new to PYC there may be some confusion as to what is the CSC. In brief, the **CSC**, the **Chickamauga Sailing Club**, was at one time a totally independent entity. In tribute to the big-heartedness of the PYC, it opened its doors to the CSC and allowed that club the use of Privateer facilities.

The **Chickamauga Sailing Club** and the **Privateer Yacht Club** have had an increasingly intertwined history ever since, which has evolved to the point today where all members of the CSC are also members of the PYC and, as a matter of fact, the CSC is now simply a Fleet within the PYC —but a fleet with a proud heritage.

As I mentioned, today the CSC’s members are also PYC members and its doors (or should I say its dinner tables) are open, and it has always welcomed all comers. One of the features of the CSC, in addition to sponsoring the **Halloween Regatta**, Dinner, and Party, and the Wednesday night **JAM (Jib and Main)** races, is the 2nd Tuesday pot-luck dinners. As the 2008 CSC Fleet Captain, I can say that the pot-lucks have been an excellent way for new and associate members to get together and meet people in a low-key social setting and talk sailing and racing.

Since the CSC Fleet sponsors the Wednesday night JAM (Jib And Main) races, the Fleet Captain is responsible, in conjunction with the Past Fleet Captain, to select the CSC John Wesley Award winner.

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# COMING EVENTS

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

## MARCH

Mar 7, 2009	Power Squadron Dinner	6 pm Saturday
Mar 7-8, 2009	Full Moon Raftup	Saturday - Sunday
Mar 9, 2009	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
Mar 10, 2009	CSC Covered Dish Dinner	7 pm Tuesday
Mar 14, 2009	St. Patrick's Day Race (L.D. Race - Cruisers)	TBD Saturday
Mar 14, 2009	St. Patrick's Day Dinner (Door Prize !!!)	6 pm Saturday
Mar 21, 2009	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
Mar 28, 2009	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday

## APRIL

Apr 4, 2009	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
Apr 8, 2009	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
Apr 11, 2009	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
Apr 11-12 2009	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday - Sunday
Apr 12	Easter	Sunday
Apr 13, 2009	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
Apr 14, 2009	CSC Covered Dish Dinner	7 pm Tuesday
Apr 15, 2009	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
Apr 18, 2009	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
Apr 19, 2009	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
Apr 22, 2009	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
Apr 25, 2009	Choo Choo Regatta (Flying Scot)	TBD Saturday
Apr 26, 2009	Choo Choo Regatta (Flying Scot)	TBD Sunday
Apr 29, 2009	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday

## MAY

May 2, 2009	Chattanooga Challenge (Catalina 22)	TBD Saturday
May 3, 2009	Chattanooga Challenge (Catalina 22)	TBD Sunday

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### BACKGROUND ON THE CSC JOHN WESLEY AWARD

The old CSC had an award that was called The Commodore's Award. When John Wesley passed on in 1997, it was renamed The John Wesley Award in his honor.

So, I did not personally know him, but many of you did. John may be gone, but his impact still lives on today as evidenced by the awards given in his name.

I'm told that some of you might consider John cantankerous, but few would deny that he was very in-

involved, and he was a hard-working contributor in the organizations to which he belonged. He left an impression on several of our frequently interlocking Lake Chickamauga sailing and boating organizations. And, in a manner of speaking, if one were a woodsman you would see his tracks everywhere.

He was a charter member of the CSC, and a significant member of Privateer (as evidenced by another John Wesley Award for Best Race Committee, that is not to be confused with the CSC John Wesley Award). I'm also told by my sources (long time members of PYC) that he ran more regattas than anyone else and that he served in various club posi-

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# RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	TIME	DAY	BOAT	PRO	ASSISTANT
11/01/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Graham, Eddie	Snyder, Peter
03/21/08	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Graham, Eddie	Garverick, Tom
03/28/08	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Few, Jonathan	George, Steve
04/01/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Fowler, Rob	Godwin, Tim
04/04/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Green, Herman	Graves, Mike
04/05/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Cruisers	Hearn, John	Halley, Mike
04/08/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Holmquist, Ken	Healy, Paul
04/11/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Humphreys, Bill	Irwin, Scott
04/12/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Cruisers	Sherman, Steve	Jones, Bruce
04/15/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Varnell, David	Morgan, Chuck
04/18/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Spohn, Doug	Campbell, Curtiss
04/19/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Snyder, Pete	Lynn Olson
04/22/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Ford, Ed	Penrose, Stuart
04/25/09	TBD	Saturday	Flying Scot Choo-Choo Regatta		
04/26/09	TBD	Sunday	Flying Scot Choo-Choo Regatta		
04/29/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Kuberg, Dieter	Prettyman, Jim

**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.**

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tions and as Commodore for both organizations.

He also was a contributor to our local **United States Power Squadron** and held the grade of Advanced Pilot. As a Squadron Instructor, he was an ongoing contributor.

So, who do you honor with this award? Wesley left a tough act to follow. I had to satisfy myself and others that we had criteria which best exemplified the man, if I were to give out an award in his name.

### The basis of the award CRITERIA

- He furthered sailing by his many activities in several organizations on Lake Chickamauga.
- He was a productive member of several organizations that were sailing and boating oriented
- He served in leadership positions for those organizations
- His service spanned the years

### The credentials of the SELECTEE

- The selectee has been involved as a member in all of John's organizations
- The selectee's service and membership in those organizations has spanned the years
- The selectee has served in a leadership position for one or more of those organizations
- The selectee has furthered sailing by being an active sailor
- The selectee has been, and is, especially active in one of John's service-oriented organizations

John has certainly set the bar high, but I believe that this selectee deserves the honor.

This 2008 CSC John Wesley Award winner is a grand lady and her husband who, due to her serious illness, cannot be at the Annual Meeting — except in spirit.

I'm proud to name **Molly Cox and Lloyd Cox** as this year's award winners.



# ORANGE BOWL OPTI REGATTA

December 26-30, 2008, Biscayne Bay, Miami, Florida — by Seth Rosenthal

**I heard** that the **Orange Bowl Regatta** was a tough race and that some people don't finish, but I was completely psyched up about it. I love heavy wind, and planing the boat is *awesome*.

When I got there I saw boat valets putting the Optis in the water and pulling them out when they were done. The **Coral Reef Yacht Club** was absolutely phenomenally incredible!!!

When you walked through the club there were booms flying around everywhere because of the heavy wind and one smacked me in the head - *ouch!* There were Optis as far as you could see, there was hardly any walking room. When the valets put my boat in on the first day, there was absolutely no wind in the harbor, and I was very upset because I thought it was like back home.

Then as soon as I got out of the harbor there was probably 15-17 knots. It was very nice to be able to move on the race course -- forward, not backward like at the Southeasterns -- *I love* this wind!

Then on the last day the wind was very dead (like at home) and I placed 5th out of 57 in that race instead of 14th in heavier wind. Some of the things I learned include that the kids try to talk you out of stuff, and when they do, it is best to know the rules so they don't talk you into doing a 720, or say they're going to protest to make you do 720's when you really don't have to.

I also learned how to go over wavy water and not submarine by sitting further back in the boat. I am looking forward to going back next year, but this time in blue fleet. I think if I improve getting to the windward mark before next year I will do **WAY BETTER!!!!!!!!**



For more information and pictures go to: <http://www.coralreefyachtclub.org/index.cfm?menu=7560>

# PICTURES FROM THE ORANGE BOWL REGATTA

by Stephanie Rosenthal



PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB  
2009 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
January 17, 2009

After a social hour and dinner at the **Valleybrook Golf and Country Club**, Commodore Walt Jenison called the Annual Membership Meeting of Privateer Yacht Club to order at 7:53 pm.

Walt made a short address, thanking everyone for the privilege of serving as Commodore and saying that he thoroughly enjoyed his term, thanks to the Board and all the great volunteer workers.

He mentioned that he and Marcia were practically newcomers, having been in the club for **only 31 years** and referred to **Pat & Jeannie Crowe** and **Herman & Jo Ann Greene** who have been in the club for 50 years. Others like **Brainard & Louise Cooper** and **Bo & Libby Cline** have been in the club a long time, too. The point was that we have some great members who stick with it, and he wanted to encourage all to do the same.

The first order of business was the introduction of Associate Members and visitors. Commodore Jenison then expressed his appreciation to **Joani Koch, Barbara Snyder, Britta Kindervater and Sandy Vanden Branden** for the great job on the festive dinner decorations. He also wanted to thank **Mike Rasbury and Tom Clark** for the great slide show of pictures from this past year.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

##### **Peter Snyder, Secretary and Editor, *The Private Ear*:**

Pete thanked everyone who sent in photos and stories for the newsletter throughout the year and encouraged others to do the same this coming year. Deadlines are the Monday after the Board meeting, or the third Monday of each month.

##### **Carol Cofield, Treasurer:**

Carol reported that the club has more funds on hand going into the new year than we had last year. Actual numbers will be in the regular quarterly report sent to members.

**Paul Healy, Social Director**, was absent and on a Capitol detail "guarding the President."

##### **Dieter Kuberg, Dock Master:**

Dieter reminded everyone that they must have each boat on PYC property properly registered and evidence of insurance in the Dock Master's hands by March 1.

##### **David Bergevin, Membership Director:**

Current membership totals:

- 118 Family Members, down from 123 at this time last year;
- 14 Associate Members, up from 12 last January;
- 9 Junior Members
- 10 Family Members moved on, unfortunately one by death.

##### **John Rathjen, Director of Club Boats:**

John stated that our Race Committee boats are an aging fleet. The large Committee Boat is 40 years old. In order to take proper care of these boats, a team approach needs to be developed because it is too much for one man to do.

##### **Bryson Lesley, Dir. Building Grounds & Docks:**

Bryson took the opportunity to publicly thank his wife, Linda, for her work in the clubhouse, especially in redecorating the bathrooms, and noted that she has plans for more improvements.

Bryson noted the great growth of the **Opti program**, with plans for '09 to have one week sail camp each for **Baylor** and **GPS**, and three weeks for **McCallie**, and the rest of the time for **Privateer kids**.

A drawing was held for the \$500 attendance prize, and Bill Humphreys name was drawn. Since he was not in attendance, the prize went unclaimed and the prize for attendance at the next social will be \$250.

There being no Old Business Commodore Jenison proceeded with **NEW BUSINESS** as follows.

#### AWARDS

**Ed Ford**, the outgoing **Chattanooga Sailing Club Fleet Captain**, related some **CSC** history and briefly mentioned the differences in the several **John Wesley Awards** (see his article elsewhere in *The Private Ear*). For advancing sailing on Lake Chickamauga, **Molly and Lloyd Cox** were awarded the **CSC John Wesley Award**. Molly was also elected Commander of the Chattanooga Sail & Power Squadron.

**Tom Clark** announced that the **John Wesley Best Race Committee and Most Outstanding Regatta Awards** go jointly to **Bryson Lesley** for his work with the **Youth Sailing Program** and to **Steve Sherman** for the **SE Champion Optimist Regatta**.

**Steve Sherman** thanked Tom and reported that 89 boats competed, which was a *lot*. He added that he was so impressed that **more than seventy-seven PYC volunteers helped out** during the weekend activities. He said, "It was most gratifying and most fun. Thank you!" He also thanked **Steve George**, who passed his US Sailing instructor qualification to help teach the Junior Sailors.

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Assisted by Brainard Cooper, **Ed Ford** announced the CSC Fleet Awards for the **Wednesday Night Jam Series**:

Scott Irwin – 5th  
John Rathjen – 4th  
Rob Fowler and Tom Clark – 3rd  
Bill Robertson – 2nd  
Scotty Cline – 1st

**Stewart Cofield** presented **Flying Scot Fleet** awards to:

Bill Robertson – 3rd  
Eddie Craig – 2nd  
Rob Fowler – 1st

**Chris Cyrul** called up the **MC Scow Fleet** awards:

Steve Sherman – 4th  
Barry Klein – 3rd  
Bill Humphreys – 2nd  
David Varnell – 1st

**Scott Cline** got up to present the **PHRF Fleet** awards, but first led the party in singing “Happy Birthday” to his father, **Bo**, who was **89** years young this day. Bo got up and issued a racing challenge to all the **youth**, “**70 and younger!**”

**Scott** reported 29 boats raced in the PHRF races, and three Catalina 22's were at the top:

Barry Klein – 3rd  
John Rathjen – 2nd  
Bill Robertson – 1st

**Bill Robertson** announced that **Fleet 95** now has 39 boats, but they all need to be registered with the National Catalina 22 Association. He then presented Catalina 22 fleet awards to **Silver Fleet** winners:

Tom Prevost – 4th  
Guy Campbell – 3rd  
Scott Irwin – 2nd  
Ed Ford – 1st (promoted to Gold Fleet)

**John Rathjen** came forward with a special presentation award to the skipper who participated the most but did not place high enough to win hardware. This gives him some hardware! **The Rusty Anchor Award** went to **Guy Campbell**, who sailed in 24 Catalina 22 races this year.

**Bill Robertson** presented the Catalina 22 Gold Fleet awards:

Walt Jenison – 6th  
Bryson Lesley – 5th  
Craig Lenfesty – 4th  
John Rathjen – 3rd  
Rob Fowler & Tom Clark – 2nd  
Bill Robertson – 1st

**Bryson Lesley** presented the **Junior Achievement Award** to **Seth Rosenthal** as the outstanding Junior Sailor. Others mentioned for their achievement were: **Christian Cyrul**, **Erica**

**Cyrul**, **Garrett Campbell**, and **Chris Waters**.

**Commodore Walt Jenison** presented the **Commodore's Award** to **Linda Lesley** for all her hard work around the club and for letting Bryson do so much.

**The Brainard Cooper Memorial Award** was presented by last year's winner Chris Cyrul to **Bryson Lesley** for all his hard work and positive influence on PYC, especially in the Youth Sailing Program.

Scott Cline presented the **Hank Zander Award** to **Bill Robertson**.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee, **Steve George**, presented the following slate of officers to serve PYC for the year 2009:

Commodore	Brainard Cooper, Jr.
Vice Commodore	David Varnell
Rear Commodore	Dieter Kuberg
Secretary	Peter Snyder
Treasurer:	Carol Cofield
Director (1 year)	Bryson Lesley
Director (1 year)	David Bergevin
Director (2 year)	Guy Campbell
Director (2 year)	Scott Irwin

After a motion by Scott Cline with a second by John Rathjen, the slate was **approved by acclamation**.

Following presentation of the gavel to newly-elected Commodore Cooper, **Sandy Vanden Branden** asked to be recognized to read a **short tribute to Walt** for his year of service as Commodore. Among other things, she mentioned some “titles” associated with Walt - “Yankee, good looking Bohemian, the Repair Man (with Bryson), equipment operator (also with Bryson), dock remover and shelter engineer.” Everyone had a good chuckle and reminisced with her over the past year.

Flags of rank were presented to new officers, after which the meeting was adjourned by Commodore Brainard Cooper upon a motion and second from the membership.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Peter Snyder, Secretary**

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“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going...”

John 3:8

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TRULY AWESOME STILL PHOTOS & VIDEOS

[http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2009/01/sailing\\_around\\_the\\_world.html](http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2009/01/sailing_around_the_world.html)

<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/News/08/Inmarsat/leg4.asp>

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

# PYC BOARD MEETING

Minutes — February 9, 2009

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

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

Observers present: Q. Campbell P. Crowe  
M. Irwin B. Ives  
D. Mullen R. Ralston  
B. Robertson

- **Scott Ferguson** from Huffaker & Associates presented the 2009 Insurance Policy and reviewed coverages and premiums. Several questions were asked and answered.

- Minutes of 2009 Annual Meeting were approved. Kuberg moved. Varnell seconded.

## OFFICER REPORTS:

### Brainard Cooper, Commodore

- **Brainard** would like to develop more of a monetary incentive program to increase participation of more members. Other clubs do this regularly. Also, the capital assessment and dues structure needs to be looked at. Walt commented that the **Long Range Planning Committee** will have some input on that, but that right now, we are not in need of more funds. Dave Varnell said he hoped the membership and Board would be polled on priorities for spending. Walt said they would. Brainard concluded his remarks by reporting that he is working on an annual budget for the club.

### Pete Snyder, Secretary-Editor, *The Private Ear*:

- Pete would like to have more people lined up to do photography and write articles for the newsletter.

### Dave Varnell, Vice Commodore-Race Committee Chairman:

- Dave announced that the racing program will begin mid-March for Cruisers and April 19th for dinghies.

- Dave attended the recent **Dixie Inland Yacht Racing Association (DIYRA)** meeting. Our regattas for this year are now on their schedule. DIYRA will have their Quarter Finals (Mallory Cup) for Flying Scots here sometime in June. This needs to be held before the Semi-Finals in Bay St. Louis, Miss, on July 11-12.

### Dieter Kuberg, Dock Meister/Dry Slip Director:

- Dieter has received relatively few **Certificates of Insurance**. Everyone with a boat at the club needs to provide a copy of his proof of insurance. It was suggested that if a skipper does not have his copy in to Dieter by the March first deadline, his dry storage space and/or his wet slip might be up for use by a skipper who has submitted his. Dieter will consider alternatives and send a letter to every individual member who has not submitted his proof of insurance.

- Dieter also commented that the South Cove gravel boat parking area needs to be paved.

### David Bergevin, Membership Director:

- **Stuart Penrose** is an Associate Member, ready to be voted upon for Family Membership. Bergevin moved, and Snyder seconded. Motion passed.

- **Keith McConnell** has relinquished his Family Membership.

- **James Christiansen** was not approved for Family Membership due to lack of participation.

- We now have 119 Family Memberships and 14 Associates.

### Scott Irwin, Social Director:

- Scott presented several motions for dates which were all voted upon and passed. They included a request that the **Valentine and Burning-in Party** be moved to the following Saturday, February 21. The Groffs have requested use of the clubhouse on March 8. The Power Squadron will have a gathering on March 7, also their Oktoberfest will be on October 17, and their Chili Dinner on November 21.

### Bryson Lesley, Director of Building, Grounds and Docks:

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- Bryson pointed out that the clubhouse floor has been polished. All commented on how great it looked. Linda wants to do more to remodel the clubhouse. Brief discussion resulted in a request for a written proposal, so the board might know what to expect.
- **Eddie Graham** would like to sell his Laser to the club. Bryson is trying to get up to seven Lasers set up with radial rigs for an intermediate sailing program. Some of the boats will be borrowed, but PYC will own the radial rigs, to be purchased through Steve Sherman. David Bergevin moved that the club purchase Eddie's Laser, Irwin seconded and the motion passed.
- Bryson reported that he needs \$3700 for floats to refloat the old wooden Opti Docks with sealed foam floats. The new docks are not deep enough (five feet deep) for the Optis to be pulled up on and walked around. The EZ Dock system has 40" and 80" deep sections as well as the 60" sections we have now. Bryson will look at the options and get back with the board.
- Bryson has scheduled an OPTI Regatta for October 3-4, but it will not be as large as the South East Championships we had last year. Expect 30 to 50 boats.
- There are several people interested in adult sailing classes, and Bryson is looking into how this might be done.
- Dave Varnell stated that some of the shoreline southeast of the clubhouse is eroding and requires strengthening with a few small loads of rip-rap. Dave made a motion that up to \$1000 be used for this purpose, Bergevin seconded and the motion passed.
- Dave also reported that we need to have the BBQ pit refurbished. Bryson will look into this and make a proposal to the board.
- Dave recently brought a 32" TV down to donate to the club and left it in the clubhouse. It has been stolen.

**Guy Campbell, Club Boat Director:**

- The large committee boat has a leaking pontoon. Adam Rosenthal is donating a mechanic's time to work on replacing this boat's impeller and lower unit oil. He also has a trailer the club can borrow to pull the boat out and work on the pontoons. Guy is also looking into the small committee boat's gearshift problems.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Brainard brought up the flagpole replacement and suggested that the pole location be moved up closer to the clubhouse and that a plaque be installed nearby honoring Owen Duffy. Pat Crowe is still researching prices for aluminum poles. He plans to simply cut the old pole down, saw it up and remove it.
- The question was raised about the members' handbook that was supposed to be passed out at the Annual Meeting. Healy will be contacted for a report on the handbook.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Walt made a motion to purchase four new hand held VHF radios for use in regattas. The old ones have evidently been stolen. Varnell will purchase these for up to \$450, total. Snyder seconded, and motion carried. Irwin volunteered to donate a lockable steel cabinet to keep the radios and bull horn secure. Bryson will locate it with power for recharging the radios.
- Bill Robertson brought news that John Rodgers would like to donate his Flying Scot to the club, if the club would own it. The Flying Scot fleet will maintain the boat for membership use, including sailing lessons. Kuberg moved that the club accept John's donation and Varnell seconded. Motion carried.
- Brainard pointed out that the new sofa cushions we had been sitting on were made by Britta and Kent Kindervarter. Several members commented that they were much more comfortable than the old cushions, and sure do look a lot nicer.
- Motion to adjourn by Kuberg, second by Bergevin – passed. Meeting adjourned 8:52 PM.

**Respectfully submitted  
Peter Snyder, Secretary**



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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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— Steve Sherman

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