



# Privateer

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## VIEW FROM THE HELM

October 2009

**We've** been reminded this past week of just how fortunate we are to participate in the sport of sailing and how connected we are to those with whom we compete. Just over a week ago some of the senior PYCers organized a get-together of **old-time PYC Snipe sailors** at the Club on a Friday night. Friends from long past spent the evening telling and re-telling old tales and re-acquainting themselves with friends from long ago. [See picture of Brainard with his old Snipe name plate, below, that Lloyd Cox had found and presented to him. - Ed.]

**Bill Roberts**, who grew up at Privateer and has designed fast catamarans and held many major sailing speed records, came from West Palm, **Kathy and Jeannie Bronaugh** came from Atlanta. And others, whose competitive sailing ended half a century or more ago, were at home with present-day sailors. Scrap books were brought out from dusty shelves, and we all spent time looking over three tables of photos and memorabilia from PYC's early history.

And now these past 4 days, your commodore (that's me, of course) has been assisting on race committee for the **Snipe Class U. S. Masters Championship** at the Atlanta Yacht Club (on the water PYC was represented by **Steve Sherman** and crew **Garrett Campbell**). The event, part a very serious regatta, part reunion, brings senior Snipe sailors (skippers over 45 and total crew age of 80) together each year. It seems such a unique experience to maintain friendships all over the US, some of which date back over 50 years.

What is it that cements these bonds? Is it that we've all been equally wet and bruised, exhausted and miserable? Is it that we have all suffered under the same autocratic race committees, outrageous race courses, and protest committee decisions that baffle rational thought? In the end, those who carried home the silver and those who didn't, we're all a fraternity. I have to think that the experience is unique, not often duplicated in other sports.

I had the good fortune to meet **Dick Tillman** (who has sailed here at PYC numerous times) at a Snipe Nationals in the summer of 1951, and to see him sailing at a high level this many years later is gratifying. Dick's book on sailing a Laser is still the Bible in that class. I met our own **Pete Duvoisin** at that

same regatta in Green Lake, WI. A year later I met a young **Jerry Thompson** from Long Beach, CA. I think about the fact that almost 60 years ago we were scarcely more than boys, one from Clearwater, one from central Indiana, one from Southern California, and one from East Tennessee; and the sport of sailing still connects us together all these years later.

One also meets sailors never previously met, but whose names one had known for years from reading regatta reports when one was young, and others not seen for many years who return for competition for this one event.

And I'm left with the feeling that the more we compete (especially traveling to events away from home), the more we give to our sport, the more it rewards us.

Closer to home, a **work party** last weekend closed the Club-house porch up for the winter. **Bryson Lesley** and **Walt Jenison** finished removing the section of concrete patio that was uneven, and **Walt and David Bergevin** removed the rather extensive root system that was causing it. As this is being written the section has been framed in and awaits the pouring of new concrete.

Another work party will address other housekeeping items as our racing season winds down with the **Halloween Regatta** and **John's Pig Regatta**.



# PIG REGATTA 2009

**F**orty years ago, the following column was printed in the November issue of the Private-Ear:

## Cox Winner In Unique “Pig Regatta”

Privateer’s cruising fleet was out in all of its majesty November 21, participating in a regatta which provided members one of the most fun-filled days of the year.

This event, springing out of an offer by **John Wesley** to roast a whole pig for the club’s next social, may have breathed new life into the cruising fleet and set skippers to thinking about a regular racing schedule next spring.

“**A pig roasting.**” The idea was knocked around by the Board of Directors at its October meeting. “A pig regatta,” said **Dean Hearn**... and an idea was born.

While John, assisted by **Moe Adams**, tended the fires and watched that pig turn over and over (more than 3,000 turns... for them that’s interested in statistics) cruising skippers selected crews (the more the better) for the afternoon’s race, conducted by **Colman Keane**.

**Lloyd Cox** with his 22-foot Morgan took first place in the competition with **Brainard Cooper** chalking up second, and guest, **(Gary) Caldwell**, winning third. Other skippers participating were **Dave Mitchell, Cecil Pearce, David Fosbury, Clyde Allen and Dick Galley**.

**Since 1970** the Pig Regatta has grown into our best attended annual event, regularly drawing as many as 25 boats, and occasionally attracting crews from neighboring yacht clubs. Several years ago, the format was changed and a special” Pig handi-

cap” was established to make sure everyone gets a chance to do well, and to keep things interesting. The **pursuit start** is widely enjoyed and contributes to the relaxed atmosphere of the regatta. The 2009 Pig will be held on November 14th, and once again there will be great racing followed by some of the best barbecue this side of Memphis. Also, we will



again be supporting the **Chattanooga Food Bank** by requesting food donations in lieu of a registration fee. Due to the current economic conditions, many area families are in need, and the food bank is doing it’s best to provide for them. I would like to ask the PYC membership to do its part in helping the Food Bank by showing up on November 14th to support this event, sail in the largest Pig Fleet in history and donate the most food we’ve ever given. Sail the race, feed your face and help your neighbors!

Rob Fowler

# COMING EVENTS

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

## NOVEMBER

1-Nov-09	Race - Cruiser & C22	2:30 pm Sunday
3-Nov-09	COPS (For Women Only)	6 pm Tuesday
7-Nov-09	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
7-Nov-09	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday - Sunday
8-Nov-09	Race - Cruiser & C22	2:30 pm Sunday
9-Nov-09	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
10-Nov-09	CSC Covered Dish Dinner	7 pm Tuesday
14-Nov-09	John's Pig Regatta (Door Prize Drawing)	TBD Saturday
15-Nov-09	Race - Cruiser & C22	2:30 pm Sunday
17-Nov-09	COPS (For Women Only)	6 pm Tuesday
21-Nov-09	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
21-Nov-09	Power Squadron Chili Dinner	6 pm Saturday
22-Nov-09	Race - Cruiser & C22	2:30 pm Sunday
28-Nov-09	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
29-Nov-09	Race - Cruiser & C22	2:30 pm Sunday

## DECEMBER

5-Dec-09	PYC Christmas Party (Door Prize Drawing)	6 pm Saturday
7-Dec-09	Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ Commodores Home	7 pm Monday

# RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

David Varnell — Race Committee Chairman

DATE	TIME	DAY	BOAT	PRO	ASSISTANT
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
11/01/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Cruisers	Cofield, Stewart	Healy, Paul
11/07/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Craig, Ed	Irwin, Scott
11/08/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Cruisers	Cyru, Chris	Jones, Bruce
11/14/09		Saturday	Cruisers	John's Pig Regatta	Rob Fowler
11/15/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Cruisers	Duvoisin, Pete	Wyberly, Spencer
11/21/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Green, Herman	Campbell, Curtiss
11/22/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Cruisers	Graham, Eddie	Bill Jennings
11/28/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Few, Jonathan	Penrose, Stuart
11/29/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Cruisers	Fowler, Rob	Coolidge, John

## ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS REGATTA

Birmingham Sailing Club - Report by Bryson Lesley

Sept 5th & 6th

Privateer Sailors **Seth Rosenthal**, **Christian Cyru** and **Erica Cyru** attended the Annual Opti Regatta at Lake Martin. We were delighted to see **Erica** and **Christian** round the weather mark in first and second place in one race. The wind on Saturday was 8 to 13 mph. Sunday morning gave light air

but enough for three races.

Seth finished 4th in his class. Christian finished 2nd in his class. Erica finished 5th in her class. There were 39 boats, total.

Check out this kewl **OPTI** video site:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/OPTISTUFF>

# PIRATES OF PRIVATEER OPTI CLINIC

Saturday, October 3, 2009 - photos by Mike Rasbury & Bobby Thompson

One recent Saturday, with great weather and a variety of wind, PYC held a **Pirate's Opti Clinic** with **Tom & Tommy Coleman** coaching. Lunch & dinner was provided, and the day was made complete with a maiden lashed to the mast of a pirate ship, swarthy pirates, *LOUD* cannon fire with voluminous smoke, ransom and a treasure hunt. If you missed being there,



you missed a really great experience, especially the kids in their Optis challenging frothing whitecaps with *no fear!* A few other dinghies were out, too. The Clubhouse was decorated like a pirate's den. And "pirates" of all ages were running around. This event was partly sponsored by McLaughlin Boat Works, America's only Opti Manufacturer.







## MOTION

October 12, 2009

### A Motion:

To amend the By-Laws of Privateer Yacht Club Article 1 to read: **Family Class Initiation Fee** shall be **\$1000**.

To be effective on the date of membership approval and applicable to all membership applications received after that date.

This motion is to be publicized in *The Private Ear* in November and December and voted on at the PYC Annual Meeting in January 2010 either by vote of a quorum present or by written proxy to be mailed out with the Annual Dinner invitations and returned to the Commodore.

### JUSTIFICATION

The **PYC Initiation Fee** has been \$ 600 since the late 1980's. In that time period, PYC has invested well over \$500,000 in improvements to the main

channel seawall, the quality of docks, the South Cove seawall and dry sail parking area, and numerous smaller projects. In addition, Hamilton County increased the 2009 PYC property assessment by approximately 100%.

**The Initiation Fee** is actually a **capital assessment** to “buy in” to the club facilities and infrastructure. This is not a proposal to raise income for PYC, but to ensure that new members are making a sufficient investment in the Fixed Assets of the Club provided for them by PYC members who had the foresight to maintain a high quality sailing club on Lake Chickamauga.

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**David Varnell, Vice Commodore**

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### CURMUDGEON'S OBSERVATION

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft.

Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.



**CRUISING PHOTO** by **Eddie Graham** at left, taken from his Catalina 22, *Yee Haa*, up river at **Hiawassee Island** this month.

**CRUISING PHOTO** above is by **Jane Overbeck** with Kent on *Jeremiah* (beach anchored) off the coast of Florida on Crooked Island this month with other trailer sailers from middle Tennessee, Lake Lanier and Ft. Walton Beach.

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## BOAT FOR SALE

**1976 NACRA 5.2** for sale with trailer by Bill Richards for \$850 - mainsail only, no jib. Call 423-842-7070. (North American Catamaran Racing Assoc.)

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“When He thunders, the waters in the heavens roar; He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth. He sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from His storehouses.”

Jeremiah 51:16

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

September 25, 2009

Mr. Pete Snyder, Editor:

Some time ago **Judy Mullen** sent me a copy of the **August '09** edition of *The Private Ear*.

Thank you for your fine article and pictures of my brother, Dick. I know he truly loved sailing and was very proud to be a member of PYC.

The camaraderie with fellow members made his final years of life very happy.

Again, thank you for your kindness.

**Tom Mullen**

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**Capt. John Paul Jones**, sometimes described as father of the U.S. Navy, summed it up this way in 1778:

“I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast; for I intend to go in harm’s way.”

# Proposed PYC Policy for Boat Storage Assignments

October 2009 - Dieter Kuberg, Dock Master

**Editor's Note:** Our Dock Master has endured some frustration with the current policies for boat storage and wet slips. As such he has combined the two into one simpler procedure. Please review and contact him with any comments:

[dwkuberg@comcast.net](mailto:dwkuberg@comcast.net) - or call 423-842-6714

Hopefully, it will be acted upon at the next board meeting.

## GENERAL

1. This procedure shall supersede and replace all previous policies.

2. Slips will be assigned to sailing craft only. The only non-sailing-craft allowed to be stored in the harbor or on club owned property are the Club-owned race committee boats, rescue boats and workboats. (See item 10, below, for kayaks.)

3. No boat shall be stored or docked at Privateer Yacht Club unless the attached application / agreement (Attachment A) has been submitted to the Dock Master for approval. This includes all boats already slipped, and is necessary for the Dock Master to be able to identify each boat. Each space or slip is assigned to one member only and may not be transferred by anyone but the Dock Master.

4. If a boat is sold, the space or slip is not transferred automatically to the buying member. The selling member must turn in the space by submitting "Attachment B" to the Dock Master, and the buying member must apply for the space by submitting "Attachment A". Assignment priorities shall apply for reassignment.

5. All trailers shall be identified with the owner's name clearly visible on the trailer. The name shall be in 1 inch high block letters visible near the front on the port side.

6. Spaces and slips shall be charged for the entire month, there will be no partial rentals. Rental shall be charged until "Attachment B" has been submitted to the Dock Master and it has been acknowledged. The Dock Master is responsible for providing the member with an acknowledgement of the request within 48 hours.

7. A member cannot maintain a slip or space for the explicit purpose to provide a space or slip for another member. Temporary usage of a space or slip shall not exceed a maximum of 30 days. After that, the space may be reassigned.

8. Boats in dry slips or wet slips that are abandoned (non-payment) for 6 months shall be sold to the highest bidder for amounts owed. Any sale of abandoned boats must be approved by the board of directors. Any balance shall be returned to the owner.

9. Boat owners shall be responsible for maintaining liability insurance for all boats and trailers stored at Privateer Yacht Club.

10. Kayaks may be stored on the kayak rack, and should not be left strewn around the grounds. Liability insurance and registration requirements do not apply to kayaks.

## DRY STORAGE SPACES

1. All trailers in dry storage spaces shall be marked with the name of the owner in 1 inch high block letters in a con-

trasting marking (black or white) on the front, port side of the trailer.

2. Only one boat with trailer may be stored in one space.

3. All other items in the space must be stored on the boat or trailer. There shall be no loose items in the space.

4. Associate members shall be limited to one storage space.

5. The space must be kept clean, neat and orderly, including keeping weeds and underbrush trimmed.

6. Trailers must have fully inflated tires suitable to transport the trailer fully loaded around the club grounds without causing damage to the trailer or tires.

7. A family member shall be limited to a maximum of 3 spaces.

## WET SLIPS

1. The boat must be maintained in seaworthy condition and be capable of being sailed.

2. The owner must maintain adequate dock lines and fenders to safely secure their boat without risk of damage to surrounding boats and/or docks.

3. The boat and related equipment, such as lifting devices, must be adequately attached to the dock.

4. Neither the boat nor related equipment can restrict normal navigation channels.

5. The boat must have the registration number affixed to the bow as prescribed by the state and there must be a current decal.

6. Members may only be assigned one wet slip when all slips are assigned.

7. Excess vacant slips can be assigned on a temporary basis to an associate member or as a second slip for family members. Temporary assignments may be bumped at any time for assignments in accordance with the normal priority system.

8. No person may permanently live on a boat

## ASSIGNMENT PRIORITY

1. Family members, in good standing that have fully paid their capital assessment, shall receive priority on all assignments.

2. Family members that have fully paid their capital assessment may bump associate members if they desire the space or slip that has been assigned to an associate member.

3. The Dock Master shall make all assignments. If a member disagrees with the assignment, he shall bring it to the board of directors and the board shall resolve any conflicts.

4. Dry storage spaces shall be assigned in the following priority:

- Active dry sailed boat
- Dry sailed boat
- Trailer for a boat in a wet slip
- Empty trailer no boat at PYC

## DOCK MASTER DUTIES

1. The Dock Master is responsible for processing all ap-



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plications and making assignments in accordance with the above priorities.

2. He shall place the requestor on a waiting list if a space is not available.
3. He shall forward all changes to the treasurer quarterly two (2) weeks prior to billing.
4. He shall update the assignment chart quarterly.
5. He shall post current assignments quarterly on the bulletin board and on the web site.

6. He shall acknowledge any turn-in request within 48 hours.

**VIOLATIONS**

1. Members whose boats violate any of the above requirements will receive written notification of the violation and will be given 30 days to correct the deficiency.
2. If they fail to correct the violation within the 30 day period, the deficiency will be brought to the board for resolution.

**Application / Agreement for Dry Storage Space or Wet Slip      Privateer Yacht Club      Form A**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Ft Sail #: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am applying for:      Wet Slip \_\_\_\_\_      Dry Storage Space \_\_\_\_\_

If a dry storage space or wet slip is assigned to me, I agree to the following:

1. I will maintain the boat and/or trailer in good working order.
2. I will place my name on my trailer in the manner described in this policy.
3. I will only store only one boat in the space or slip assigned to me.
4. No loose items will be stored in my assigned space.
5. No one else will be permitted to use my space for more than 30 days.
6. I am responsible and will pay rental for the space until I have submitted the Turn-In slip to the Dock Master. The rent for my space is due through the end of the month in which the space is turned in.
7. If I do not pay rent for a six (6) month period, the boat shall be considered abandoned. I further agree to allow Privateer Yacht Club to sell my boat for to the highest bidder for the monies owed. I understand that I will be given the balance of the sale price.
8. I will obtain and maintain liability insurance on the boat.
9. I may not permanently live on this boat.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Space Assigned by Dock Master \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dock Master \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Dry Storage Space / Wet Slip Turn-In for Privateer Yacht Club      Form B**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Space(s) that I wish to turn in (vacate): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of this request: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date received by Dock Master \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Dock Master \_\_\_\_\_

Date acknowledged for turn-in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Submitted to Treasurer:      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date received by Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

# PYC BOARD MEETING

Minutes — October 12, 2009

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

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

Observers present: M&D Arnold S. Cofield  
F&S Lockemann M. Seeber  
J. Shepherd

## OFFICER REPORTS:

### Brainard Cooper, Commodore:

- Brainard announced that **Scott Cline** won the Pig Roast Regatta at Cowan Lake, near Cincinnati sailing a Flying Scot.
- Brainard reported that **Seth Rosenthal** took second place at a Davis Island regatta in Tampa!
- Brainard also informed us that last weekend at the Halloween Regatta in Augusta, Christian Cyrul was 8th overall and won the White Fleet and sister Erica was 9th overall and 3rd in the Red Fleet. Christian finished one point ahead of his sister in the overall scoring. He had three top 4 finishes in the 7-race event, winning one race.
- Brainard recognized **Fred and Susanne Lockemann**, who had come to request use of the clubhouse on Sunday, Dec 6, for a gathering of Community Reconciliation Volunteers. D. Bergevin moved it be approved and P. Snyder seconded. Passed.
- Mike and Debby Arnold were recognized to provide input on Mike's proposal to have the clubhouse upper patio re-paved with concrete pavers. The board reviewed his proposal and asked questions. Mike and Debby had to leave, so the board thanked them for their work on this and decided to resume the discussion under Old Business.
- Brainard asked for motion to approve the September Minutes. Bergevin made, and Jenison seconded. Passed.

Pete Snyder, Secretary & Editor of The Private Ear:

- Please submit Private Ear stories and pictures a week or two before the end of the month.

- Pete read a thank you note from Dick Mullen's brother, Tom, which will be printed in *The Private Ear*.

### Carol Cofield, Treasurer:

- Carol has received a discount notice for a 2010 upgrade from Quickbooks, the software she uses as PYC Treasurer. Considering the problems encountered when she started as Treasurer, transferring records and software from the previous Treasurer and his laptop, she was wondering if she should get the upgrade. After some discussion, P. Snyder moved that she should purchase the software, S. Irwin seconded, and the motion passed. David Varnell suggested that she make a proposal for purchasing a new laptop for the future treasurer at the next board meeting. Carol will research it and make that proposal.
- Carol reported that she has received a bill from Hamilton County for taxes, and it has nearly doubled over last year. It is due in February, 2010. Discussion followed about possibly having it reduced, but it was decided to just accept and pay it.
- Question came up re how to pay for the remote gate controllers that some members have requested. Carol will bill them when she bills for their quarterly dues.
- Carol passed out copies of the **Treasurer's Report**. Jenison moved that it be accepted. Bergevin seconded. Accepted.

David Varnell, Vice Commodore – Race Committee Chairman:

- Race committees have been doing well.
- **Mike Seeber** was recognized as the PHRF Fleet Chairman of the Halloween Regatta. He reported that the race course will assume an unusual shape, in keeping with Halloween, and that there will be time bonuses for those racers and crew in costume. There may be an added bonus for pirate patches... Sounds like a fun time.

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

- Dieter had e-mailed the newly rewritten wet and dry slip policy, and asked for comments. Several commented that they would not like to have to put their name on their boat. Dieter's concern is that he has not been informed when a boat is sold, consequently the billing is not correct. A suggestion was made to paint a number on the docks at each slip, but it was the consensus that the paper diagram should be adequate for identifying the slips.

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## PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB SHIP'S STORE

available through Coral Reef Sailing

Go to this website:

[http://coralreefsailing.net/privateer\\_yacht\\_club\\_](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.

**BIG SALE GOING ON NOW!!!**

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- The new policy will be printed in *The Private Ear* for members to review. [Or sent by separate e-mail - editor's note.]

**David Bergevin, Rear Commodore — Membership:**

- David announced that **Fred and Cheryl Oberkircher** are new Associate Members. They are buying an MC Scow.
- Also, David told us about new Associate members **Alan and Beth Johns**. They have a Rainbow 24.
- **Adam and Stephanie Rosenthal** have completed their year as Associate members. Guy moved that they be accepted and Bryson seconded. Motion passed.
- Patrick Dugan is up for family membership consideration, only he has not been an active Associate. David was directed to contact him and find out if he intends to be active, then his Associate membership may be extended for three months for further evaluation.
- We have 122 Family Memberships and 12 Associates.

**Guy Campbell, Club Boat Director:**

- The Club boats are all in good working order, except the small committee boat, which needs a new floor and gearshift assembly. Guy will be looking for someone with a pontoon boat trailer he can borrow to pull the committee boat for work.

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

- We need to have Bill Robertson send out a Work Party announcement for this coming Saturday at 8:30 to winterize the clubhouse. There will still be racing at 1 pm.
- The **B Dock** approach is really slick when wet. It was suggested that the wood be pressure washed and some sand paint be applied. Bryson will try this.
- There are still parents trying to get their kids sailing instructions. So, the program is having lasting results!

**Walt Jenison, Past Commodore:**

- Walt walked the grounds with Rob Fowler recently and will add some items to the list of projects by the Planning Committee. His report will be available at the November board meeting.

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The October edition of *The Lifted Tack* is now available on the MSSC website. Click on the following link to view:

[http://mssclub.org/Lifted\\_tack](http://mssclub.org/Lifted_tack)

**Pat Hauffe, Muscle Shoals Sailing Club**

If another sailing club would like to be connected similarly, contact *The Private Ear* editor, Peter Snyder, at [pfsnyder3@bellsouth.net](mailto:pfsnyder3@bellsouth.net).

**Scott Irwin, Social Committee Chairman:**

- A couple of members request use of the clubhouse. **Fred and Susanne Lockemann** as covered earlier in the meeting, and **Paul Healy** for a Christmas gathering on December 12. Both of these were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- The **clubhouse patio** question was raised, again. More discussion showed a consensus to go with the less expensive proposal by Bryson to break out the one raised slab, form and pour it with pea gravel concrete, and use the remainder of a minimum concrete order to fill in the gaps around the bottom of the ramp and the B (Rigging) Dock access. This would enable funds to be put toward paving the gravel trailer parking area that has been washing out so badly. Kuberg made a motion to accept Bryson's proposal, with a \$1000 limit and that it be done within one month. Jenison seconded and the motion carried. Brainard commented that we really need to thank Mike Arnold for all the work of putting together his proposal, and let him know that we will need him at a later work party to help with his back hoe to install a foundation drain around the uphill kitchen wall.

- **The South Cove paving** needs to be looked at again, including a new catch basin or headwall at the head of the trailer parking area as the head of the drain pipe is being clogged with debris.

- It was noted that the urinal platform needs to be enlarged to fill the whole area between the wall and the nearest partition. **Mike Seeber** volunteered to take care of this for the club.

- Brainard pointed out new work recently done on the clubhouse, like the **newly painted ceiling** and the **burgees** cleaned by **Britta Kindervarter** and re-hung by **Joani and Fred Koch** with **Linda Lesley's** help. Fred thought they would look more "nautical" suspended by lines. Bryson reported that Fred Koch managed to cut his hand on a picture frame and required a half dozen stitches.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **David Varnell** stated that another **Work Party** with a dumpster needs to be scheduled, since there are several items that need to be done, like the kitchen foundation drain, the drain pipe head at South Cove, and the steps down to B Dock. **Nov. 7** was decided upon, since it is before the **Pig Regatta**.

- David Varnell passed around copies of a motion to **raise the Family Class Initiation fee to \$1000**, which will have to be published for two months in *The Private Ear* before the Annual Meeting, and proxy votes will have to be mailed in time for the annual meeting, also. The board approved placing the motion before the membership.

- Motion to adjourn was made by Kuberg, seconded by Bergevin – passed. Meeting adjourned 9:20 PM.

**Respectfully submitted ,  
Peter Snyder, Secretary**

## 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.



**The future of sailing** at PYC's **Pirates of Privateer Opti Clinic** with coaches **Tom and Tommy Coleman**, above, and **Christian Cyrul** sailing his Optimist Pram, below. Photos by **Mike Rasbury**. See story and more photos on pages 4 and 5.

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