



Private Ear

NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB

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VIEW FROM THE HELM

April 2010

Welcome aboard!

Well...Spring has sprung and the entire world is covered with that pesky yellow dust. April and May's strong breezes will shortly blow all that away and bring in the heart of the Regatta season. PYC has already hosted the Flying Scot Choo Choo Regatta won by PYC's **Scott Cline and Bill Simons**. The **Catalina 22 Nationals** and the **Scowabunga** are upcoming in May.

The **Dinghy** racing season has started on Sundays and the **JAM Races** will get under way on Wednesday, May 5. Sometimes the wind is just too cooperative, Sunday April 25 it was sunny, clear and the "breeze" was from the SE at 23 mph with gusts to 30. Too much of a good thing.

Thanks to all those who participated in the **work party** on April 3 to open up the porch and clean up the grounds for Spring. A great job was done on the steps to B dock to replace some of the dangerous conditions and tripping hazards caused by tree roots and erosion. **David Bergevin** contracted with a leaf removal service that pro-

vided the removal of most of the leaves that had accumulated around the south cove and the driveway over the past months. A special thanks to **Jan Varnell** and **Dianne Adams** for cooking a wonderful southern breakfast that fueled us for the day.

Our April social was a "**50s Party**" and was well attended. Thanks to all who made it a success! The cardboard 50's cars donated by **Cheeburger Cheeburger** were a big hit! And a special thanks to those of you who made reservations. It is helpful to know how many to expect. Our May social is scheduled for Saturday, May 1 and is an **Italian covered dish dinner**, so bring your best pizza, pasta or salad and join in the fun.

The **Junior Sailing Program** has scheduled four PYC sail camps beginning June 7-11. Check out the Junior sailing page on the PYC website or see the display at the clubhouse near the telephone or contact **Bryson Lesley** for more information.

Speaking of the **Web Page** - it is a wealth of information about club activities, so check it often as sometimes things change. Thanks to Bill Robertson for a great job!!

Remember, this is your Club. We are able to keep dues and fees low because you come out and participate. Thanks to all of you for your dedication to keep Privateer the gem that it is.

Now, let's get out and sail !!!

David Varnell, Commodore

"The Pessimist complains about the wind, the Optimist expects it to change, and the Realist adjusts his sails."
~ Author Unknown



photo by mike rasbury

COMING EVENTS

Check the PYC website for more info. CSC events are open to all PYC members.

MAY

1-May-10	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
1-May-10	Shrimp Boil - Door Prize	TBA
2-May-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
4-May-10	COPS	6 pm Tuesday
5-May-10	JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
8-May-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
9-May-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
10-May-10	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
12-May-10	JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
22-23-May-10	MC Scowabunga	Saturday - Sunday
26-May-10	JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
29-May-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
29-30-May-10	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday - Sunday
30-May-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday

JUNE

1-Jun-10	COPS	6 pm Tuesday
2-Jun-10	JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
5-Jun-10	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
5-Jun-10	Shrimp Boil (Door Prize)	6:30 pm Saturday
6-Jun-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
9-Jun-10	JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
12-Jun-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
13-Jun-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
14-Jun-10	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
15-Jun-10	COPS	6 pm Tuesday
16-Jun-10	JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
19-Jun-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
20-Jun-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
23-Jun-10	JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
26-Jun-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
26-27 Jun-10	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday - Sunday
27-Jun-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
30-Jun-10	JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday

2010 SUMMER YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

For Ages 8-16 Five Days of Learning to Sail
 Optis & Lasers Make New Friends
 Have Safe Adventures on Beautiful Lake Chickamauga

The cost is \$200 per week. Choose the week or weeks that you prefer, but note that enrollment is limited to the first 16 OPTI and 10 LASER sailors that sign up per week.

Monday thru Friday ~ 8:45am until 4:00pm
 For Beginner and Intermediate Sailors
 Session 1 : June 7th - June 11th
 Session 2 : July 5th - July 9th
 Session 3 : July 19th - July 23rd
 Session 4 : July 26th - July 30th

Taught by US Sailing Certified Instructors
 Every Camper Receives a T-Shirt
 Lunch is included Every Day
 Includes Summer Sailing Privileges

Go to website:
<http://www.pycyouthsailing.com/summercamp.html>

RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Dieter Kuberg — Race Committee Chairman

Date	Time	Day	Fleet	PRO	Assistant
MAY					
05/01/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Lee, Scott	Landers, Josh
05/02/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Spohn, Doug	Lockemann, Fred
05/05/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Myers, Terry	Vanden Branden
05/08/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Overbeck, Kent	Polidoro, Van
05/09/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	King, Peter	Stewart, Gary
05/12/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Ralston, Richard	Simons, Ken
05/15/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Rasbury, Mike	Thomas, Chris
05/16/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Healy, Paul	Graves, Mike
05/19/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Holmquist, Ken	Healy, Paul
05/22/10	Saturday	MC Scowabunga		Steve Sherman	
05/23/10	Sunday	MC Scowabunga		Steve Sherman	
05/26/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Ives, Bob	Williams, Tom
05/29/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Klein, Barry	Tom Prevost
05/30/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Jenison, Walt	Patrick Duggan
JUNE					
06/02/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Cooper, Brainard	Bob Bezcor
06/05/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Crowe, Pat	Kirby Sweat
06/06/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Williams, Dan	George Barber
06/09/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Abrams, Jody	Garverick, Tom
06/12/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Bergevin, David	George, Steve
06/13/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Carscaddon, Bruce	Godwin, Tim
06/16/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Rathjen, John	Townson, Matt
06/19/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Robertson, Bill	Weidner, Jude
06/20/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Clark Tom	Graves, Mike
06/23/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Cline Scott	Halley, Mike
06/26/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Cofield, Stewart	Oberkircher, Fred
06/27/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Craig, Ed	Irwin, Scott
06/30/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Cyrul, Chris	Jones, Bruce

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.



2010 National Championship Regatta

May 15th through 20th, 2010
Hosted by Privateer Yacht Club at
Joe Wheeler State Park
Rogersville, AL

PYC has the honor of hosting this year's **Catalina 22 National Championship Regatta** this spring. Contact **Bill Robertson** to ask any questions or volunteer. (423-870-8334, fs50751@comcast.net)

Go here for the Notice of Race:
<http://www.privateeryachtclub.org/C22%20Nationals%202010/2010NOR.pdf>



2010 CHOO CHOO REGATTA

photos by Mike Rasbury

April is usually a very active month for weather in the southeast, and sailing regattas held this time of year usually get to see a wide range of conditions over the course of a weekend. The **Choo Choo Regatta for Flying Scots**, sailed out of **Privateer Yacht Club** in Chattanooga, Tennessee was no exception.

A fleet of local boats and boats from Illinois, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina competed in the first **Dixie Lakes District Circuit Regatta** of 2010 under challenging conditions. Race one had the

fleet sailing a windward-leeward course in northerly winds of around 8 knots. At the end of the first race, local sailor **Ed Craig** led the standings, followed closely by **Scott Cline and Tom Clark**, both of **Privateer's Fleet 13**.

Between race one and two, the wind shifted 90 degrees complicating the task of setting up a fair race course. The RC eventually opted for a triangular configuration that kept the racers from having to sail in the lee of the ridgeline defining the west side of the lake.

Once race two started it was evident that the skippers who had figured out the northerly winds were not quite as lucky with winds out of the west. Several boats that had brought up the rear in the first race were seen rounding the first weather mark in great shape, leaving a couple of the leaders in trouble. By the end of the second beat the top five from the first race had made up significant ground and were challenging the leaders.

After a few severe oscillations in the wind direction and strength, local MC sailor and boat builder **Steve Sherman** hung on to win, followed by **Sam Secrest**
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of Keowee Sailing Club in South Carolina and **Tom Clark**.

The wind shifted again prior to race three, this time coming out of the southwest. By this time most of the visiting crews had toured almost the entire PYC sailing area. The race committee set marks to the southwest and northeast, and sent the sailors on another windward-leeward venture.

The course was shortened by one leg due to a dying breeze, and by the time **Steve Sherman** crossed the finish line in first place, the wind had continued to veer to the south east. There was an opportunity for everyone to be in the right place at the right time, and boats skippered by **Scott Cline** and then **Ben Williams** did just that, finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively.

After the racing, we all enjoyed a great Italian style family dinner followed by numerous cold adult beverages, and some tall tales told around the bar by firearms aficionados **Stewart Cofield** and **Paul Healy**. *"Hey man, my cannon is bigger than yours!"*

Sunday dawned clear and cool with rock steady 12 knot winds from the northeast...straight down the lake...finally! The RC set up a long modified windward-leeward course, started the race and sat back to watch the action. The mid leg start-finish line proved to be a great place to view the race, and the photographer aboard the pontoon boat got some great shots of a really competitive flying scot fleet in action.

Ed Craig and his brother Tom got the start of the weekend and blasted out to a *20 boat length lead*

over fellow PYC members **Scott Cline** and **Bill Simons**. The down wind leg saw several changes in position, but Craig's #3866 continued to stretch the lead and eventually won the race by half a leg.

Second, third and fourth places were hotly contested as each boat found a puff or a streak that would move them close to second place. At the bottom gate, boats rounded going left and right, providing a good amount of speculation on the RC boat as to who would profit most. In the end **Cline** grabbed second place, **Sherman** finished third and **Williams** finished in fourth.

With **Craig** leading the regatta by one point, and **Cline** and **Sherman** tied for second, the fifth and final race of the day...and probably the best race I've seen in a while, got underway. The fleet pushed the line hard at the start, and only a well timed wave placed the starting pin in front of the pack and saved the RC from putting the general recall flag up.

Two boat lengths to windward of the starting line, the yelling started, and one boat dropped out of the herd and began to do a penalty turn. It was **Steve Sherman** who was being **protested by Scott Cline**. After doing his turns, Steve made a run to the edge of the race course looking for a lucky shift, but he never got one.

Meanwhile the winner of race four was being pushed hard by #5152 sailed by **Cline** and **Simons**. Several times the two leaders came together on opposite tacks, never crossing. One would tack safely to leeward and the other would tack for clear air.

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They finally rounded the windward mark and offset within feet of each other and continued to do battle on the down wind leg.

The **Craig's** kept their wind clear, but **Cline** finally maneuvered into a slightly better streak of wind toward the inside of the course, and passed Craig as they went by the RC boat. The two found the leeward gate within seconds of each other, with Craig

After a couple of tacks by 5152, the two boats rounded the mark together, Cline on the outside with speed, Craig on the inside, pinching as hard as he could. As Cline cleared Craig's boat and the mark, Craig desperately tried to avoid hitting the buoy. Unfortunately he was not successful, and the crew of 3866 found themselves doing a penalty turn before finding the offset, and heading downwind.

Meanwhile, boats in third and fourth place were



going right toward the shoreline, and Cline heading toward the middle of the lake.

The start-finish line was closed except to finishing boats, so Cline finally had to tack back to the right, and the shoreline forced Craig to do the same to the left. With Cline leading by a couple of boat lengths, the boats converged, and before they could cross, a lift coming off the shore put them even once again. Cline tacked to starboard and below Craig, and the two teams continued toward the windward mark side by side.

converging on the top mark in a hurry, putting the Craig team, currently leading the regatta by a slim margin, under even more pressure. With clear air and no one pushing him, **Scott Cline** sailed his own race and never looked back, finishing well ahead of the rest of the fleet.

Meanwhile, **Ben Williams** of Champagne, Ill., and **Tom Clark** of Chattanooga closed the gap on Craig, passing him about half way down the last leeward leg. Williams and his crew got their psychedelic

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pink and blue spinnaker tuned for maximum speed and at the finish, it was Williams, Clark and then Craig ending up a disappointing fourth place.

Scott Cline and **Bill Simons** would go on to win the event, followed by **Craig** in second, **Sherman**

in third, **Williams** in fourth and **Clark** in fifth place. District Governor Charlie Fowler handed out mimosas and then rum and cokes to start the awards ceremony, and everyone went home feeling a bit weary, but with a big smile on their face.

~ Rob Fowler



BEHIND THE SCENES...

Most any organization has behind the scenes work happening regularly. That's something Privateer has in abundance! A lot of members pitch in and help, and some strike out on their own to do something good for the club. We are fortunate to have many examples of such volunteers.

Here's a recent one that most folks don't know about, but involves several intrepid members who show up unannounced and work 'til the wee hours of twilight, building a trail around the whole of Privateer's property — a hiking trail over a mile long! How nice to be able to take a walk up and down our hills, around the harbor and down to the lake front. Views galore!!! Check it out by following the little orange flags. Recognize these folks? They're not all shown, here. Why not give 'em a hand!





APRIL 3rd WORK PARTY AT PRIVATEER

photos by MIke Rasbury and Pete Snyder





FIFTIES PARTY
TWISTIN' THE
NIGHT AWAY
photos by Mike Arnold



PYC BOARD MEETING

Minutes — April 12, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Commodore Varnell.

Members present: D. Bergevin G. Campbell
 B. Cooper C. Cyrul
 P. Fowler S. Irwin
 D. Kuberg M. Seeber
 P. Snyder D. Varnell

Observing: P. Crowe

OFFICER REPORTS:

David Varnell, Commodore:

- Motion to approve February Board Minutes by M. Seeber. Second by G. Campbell. Approved.

Pete Snyder, Secretary & Editor of The Private Ear:

- Pete requested that newsletter columns, stories and pictures be submitted a week or two before the end of the month.
- Pete requested a volunteer to take minutes next month as he would not be here. Guy volunteered.

Patricia Fowler, Treasurer:

- Patricia reported that she has mailed three certified letters to members whose dues are in arrears.
- Patricia inquired as to the membership status of Jon Bell. After some discussion, C. Cyrul moved that Jon's membership be dropped and no invoice sent due to the circumstances. B. Cooper seconded. Approved.
- Again, after discussion, C. Cyrul moved that John Hearn's membership status be changed to "Out of Town" as of third quarter last year. Seeber seconded. Passed.
- Patricia asked about the cabin land taxes. She was directed to contact Tom Clark, the current Land Committee Chairman.

- Patricia submitted copies of the January through March report to the board. Snyder moved that it be accepted. C. Cyrul seconded. Accepted.

Vice Commodore Dieter Kuberg, Race Director:

- Dieter asked about the PHRF Fleet meeting. Seeber announced that it will be this coming Sunday at 3 pm, after the Flying Scot Regatta.

Chris Cyrul, Dock Master:

- Chris reported that A Dock has no water. Evidently the pipe has been severed. Also, B Dock has a water leak.
- Don Duckett requested a wet slip. Chris assigned him one on E Dock. The wet slips are now full. We have a waiting list.

Mike Seeber, Membership Director:

- Chris Matthews is up for Family Membership, but he hasn't been seen, lately. It was decided to postpone the vote until next month. In the mean time, Seeber will contact him.
- Robert Gregory is applying for Junior Membership. He's 21. Approved.
- The Associate Member info on the website needs to be updated. First dues payment needs to be raised from \$100 to \$109.25, since all dues are now taxed.
- Bill Robertson's stepmother passed away.

Guy Campbell, Club Boat Director:

- All the club boats are in good working order.

Scott Irwin, Social Committee Chairman:

- Scott reported that the 50's Party was a good one, and the board agreed.
- Scott made a motion that he buy the keg pump he rented for the last party because the CO2 tank was empty. Bergevin seconded. Passed.

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- The Power Squadron conflict with the Flying Scot Regatta has been resolved.
- Question: Is Mike Rasbury doing the Shrimp Boil? Will have to investigate.
- Scot asked about getting the website updated. Maybe a couple of people could have access to the site and update what needs it? Consensus was that it be discussed with Bill Robertson.

David Bergevin, Building and Grounds Director:

- Many thanks to the Work Party participants. The B Dock steps look great! And, the leaf picker worked out well. Thanks to Diane Adams and Jan Varnell for cooking a great breakfast!!!
- The high clubhouse windows have been framed out and screened with hardware cloth.
- Thanks to David Varnell for repairing the Ice Machine.
- Thanks to Fred Koch and Eddie Graham, who have reinforced the fixed walkway leading to B Dock.
- Mike Arnold will bring his small backhoe up and dig a foundation drain beside the kitchen and dig out the sediment that has collected in the entry road ditches.
- **David B.** has been prosecuting the squirrel inhabitants of the clubhouse gable. If they haven't left yet, they soon will!
- **Seeber** has widened the trail to E Dock and some gravel needs to be put down to limit the muck and mud. Snyder moved that PYC purchase a small dump truck of gravel to be dumped at the end of the cabin lot where Scot Irwin will direct. Kuberg seconded. Passed. Bergevin will get it delivered.
- **Seeber** raised a question about Roundup for use around the trail he has been working on. He made a motion that PYC purchase a gallon and Snyder seconded it. This was not voted upon because it was pointed out that a special license is required to purchase it. Brainard Cooper suggested he check with Bryson, who has such a license, and see if he has any. A limit of around \$200 was made in a motion to do this. Passed.
- **Brainard Cooper** reported that **Bryson** has found a metal building contractor who will erect a 10'x16' building with a green roof and ivory sides and a double door on the end. This would cost \$2295 plus tax, or around \$2500. Brainard made a motion that this be done. Dis-

cussion pointed out that it needs to be placed behind the tree line, above the trail. Seeber seconded. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Brainard reported that the new marks have arrived. They will need new ground tackle. Guy volunteered to get it together. That motion was made, seconded and approved.
- Pat Crowe has purchased two aluminum lamp posts to be used as a PYC flag pole. They are at Steve Morgan's shop. One is 30 ft. and the other is 25 ft. They weigh 373 pounds and cost \$373. Steve's work on them, fabricating a base and connecting them will cost \$1000 to \$1200. The exact location has to be finalized. This will be approved at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- David Varnell reported that Rob Fowler has been working on some plans for enlarging the clubhouse, bathrooms and kitchen. He will get more information on costs and a presentation will be made to the board. There will be a notice sent out to the membership inviting interested members to see the presentation. He said the numbers could come to \$200,000, which would require several years to pay off.
- Motion to adjourn was made by S. Irwin, seconded by C. Cyrul – passed. Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Peter Snyder, Secretary

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Peter Snyder, Secretary - Editor, Private Ear:	706-891-0858
David Bergevin, Bldg & Grounds Director :	423-843-1443
Scott Irwin, Social Director:	423-802-5277
Guy Campbell, Club Boat Director:	423-421-2329
Mike Seeber, Membership Director:	423-899-3042

HIGH ADVENTURE LASER SAILING:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xKpMiFfaVU>



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.

2010 FLYING SCOT CHOO CHOO REGATTA - see story on pages 4-7
photos by Mike Rasbury with story and this page above and below

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