



Private Ear

NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB

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VIEW FROM THE HELM

August 2010

Welcome aboard!

Once again the volunteer spirit at PYC is thriving, many thanks to **David Bergevin and Eddie Graham** for adding two additional windows to the PYC porch. Now we will have more interior space when the porch is buttoned up this fall. Also, Kudos to **Steve Sherman and Walt Jenison** for extending waterlines to A dock.

The **Dog Days Regatta** was a large success, with three competitive classes, 13 keel boats, 14 dinghies and a Ladies' class boasting 6 entries for a total of 33 participants. Congratulations to **Jane Overbeck, David Bergevin and Chris Cyrul** for taking **First** place in their respective fleets. Thanks to **Bill Robertson, Regatta Chair** and **Dieter Kuberg** and his RC crew for an outstanding event.

Our next social is September 25, with a **South of the Border Fiesta**. Dieter Kuberg is heading this one up, so come on out and participate in the fun.

Well, I can smell the winds of late summer and fall approaching. It has been a brutally hot summer and the winds have not been abundant on the weekends. The end of August will bring relatively **cooler weather and fair winds**; we still have a good three months of sailing left in 2010.

Now, let's get out and sail !!!
David Varnell, Commodore



photo by
mike rasbury

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

COMING EVENTS

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

SEPTEMBER

4-Sep-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
5-Sep-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
7-Sep-10	COPS	6 pm Tuesday
11-Sep-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
12-Sep-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
13-Sep-10	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
18-Sep-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
18,19-Sep-10	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday - Sunday
19-Sep-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
21-Sep-10	COPS	6 pm Tuesday
25-Sep-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
25-Sep-10	South of the Border Fiesta - Door Prize!!!	6 pm Saturday
26-Sep-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday

OCTOBER

2-Oct-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
3-Oct-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
5-Oct-10	COPS	6 pm Tuesday
9-Oct-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
9,10-Oct-10	TN Valley Challenge Cup (TVCC)	Saturday - Sunday
10-Oct-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
11-Oct-10	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
16-Oct-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
17-Oct-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
19-Oct-10	COPS	6 pm Tuesday
21-Oct-10	Land Committee Meeting	7 pm Thursday
23-Oct-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
23, 24-Oct-10	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday - Sunday
24-Oct-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
30-Oct-10	PHRF Halloween Regatta - Door Prize!!!	1 pm Saturday
31-Oct-10	PHRF Halloween Regatta	2:30 pm Sunday

E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR

CABIN DAYS

I read the account of the passing of **Bud Sipe** in *The Private Ear* and could not wait to call Marie. She handled our conversation well. I was a basket case.

Bud and Marie lived right down the cabin road from Dixie and I when we lived at PYC. Those were good days. Being Commodore at PYC was fun, but living at PYC was better. We had good parties, good regattas, and good work parties. Our friendship with Bud and Marie is among my fondest memories.

The summers at PYC were great but the winters were greater. The meetings and parties at the club house and the parties in front of the fires in our cabins bring beautiful memories.

Whatever you do at PYC I hope you can maintain the family atmosphere in the cabin colony.

Some of the early cabin families were Ken and Lou Simons, Buz and Marge Lamb, Bo and Mary Cline, Jim and Susie Bronough, Bud and Marie Sipe, Bob and Jan Reese, Frank and Dixie Cooper and later Diane Hickey. Other members have added and strengthened the cabin group.

It has been fun thinking through this long winded epistle.

Keep the peace.
Frank Cooper

OLD TIMERS' UPDATE

I don't know if it is worth putting in *The Private Ear* next time, but on Saturday, July 24th, we talked with **Harry Erwin** who ended up with Daddy's old Commodore 24' that was built

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RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Dieter Kuberg — Race Committee Chairman

Date	Time	Day	Fleet	PRO	Assistant
SEPTEMBER					
09/04/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Overbeck, Kent	Sweatt, Kirby
09/05/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	King, Peter	Vanden Branden, Sandy
09/11/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Ralston, Richard	Wiberly, Spencer
09/12/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Rasbury, Mike	Leslie, Bryson
09/18/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Rathjen, John	George, Steve
09/19/20	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Robertson, Bill	Andrews, Dan
09/25/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Ives, Bob	Landers, Josh
09/26/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Klein, Barry	Bumgardner, Tom
OCTOBER					
10/02/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Jenison, Walt	Campbell, Guy
10/03/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Cooper, Brainard	Cline, Bo & Libby
10/09/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Crowe, Pat	Cox, Lloyd
10/10/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Williams, Dan	Thompson, Bobby
10/16/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Abrams, Jody	Esperam, Mike
10/17/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Bergevin, David	Adams, Steve
10/23/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Carscaddon, Bruce	Campbell, Michael
10/24/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Kuberg, Dieter	Vanden Branden, Sandy
10/30/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	PHRF	Halloween	TBD
10/31/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	PHRF	Halloween	TBD

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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in 1965 or 1968. He's in NC and he and Claudia are very active sailors. Apparently he still has the boat and despite all the laughing and ribbing he gets from his fellow sailors at such and old boat – he has won the past 10 races straight. So old timer boats are still in their prime!

Mom is still at the house across the cove from PYC... She sits on the deck and watches the boats and enjoys seeing them go in and out.

BTW, I get e-mails from **Chet Nedwidek**, a real PYC old-timer who actually taught Daddy how to sail and helped get him active in PYC with an International 110. Chet's in NC and doing fine. We've also tried to stay in touch with **Dawn & Gene McCord** in Delaware. They lived in the house that Margie & Bill Richards live in now. Some of these names may not mean anything to the current membership though.

Thought I'd just share update info. I thought it was totally

grand that Harry still has Daddy's boat, *Avocation*, and it is still winning races after 40+ years!! Daddy I'm sure is smiling down on Harry!!

Thanks for *The Private Ear*. Really great to hear what's going on!

Gwen Zander

FOR SALE:

1984 Watkins 25 and tandem trailer. New roller furler with 153 Jib and new North Main. Inboard Yanmar diesel. \$9000 Call **Mike Rasbury** 706-638-4663.

A set of **Bartlett Sails** (Main and 150 Genoa) for a Catalina 22. Used for two National Championship Regattas and a couple of other races. Almost brand new. \$1,150.

Dieter Kuberg Phone 423-842-6714 Cell 423-421-4471

“Write a wise saying and your name will live on forever.” ~ Anonymous

“You know you must be a redneck if your boat sports a thread-bare tarp and serves as a wildlife refuge.” ~ A. Noni Mess

THE COPS HAD A STEAK OUT!

Our current crop of lady sailors, calling themselves “Chicks On the Pond, Sailing,” (COPS) had a festive evening with their significant others on August 7th. Not only did they enjoy steaks

cooked out on the grill, but they had a forensic race through PYC’s new hiking trail. Here are a couple of photos, thanks to Sandy Vanden Branden. Keep an eye out for these gals. They are becoming more of a presence on the race courses, lately. And, be sure to let ‘em have the tiller more often.



Put it on your schedule
\$600 Door Prize



**South of the Border
FIESTA!**

SEPTEMBER 25
6 P.M. UNTIL ??

MEAL CATERED BY "EL MESON"

MARGARITAS AND BEER

\$15 PER PERSON

RESERVATIONS NEEDED TO EAT BY SEPTEMBER 19
RSVP: 423-842-6714
OR E-MAIL DWKUBERG@COMCAST.NET



RACE COMMITTEE NOTES

STUDY THE WIND

The most critical part of setting a race course is knowing the average wind direction. Before setting a course, get in the **middle of the lake** with the committee boat stopped and facing into the apparent wind. Watch the cotton telltale on the bow for a good 5 to 10 minutes. Then set your course. Chickamauga is not the easiest place in the world for doing RC. Just when you think you have it figured out there is a 90 degree wind shift. That’s life in Chattanooga!

DESIGN THE COURSE

The prescribed race course layouts in our club guidelines (Race Committee Guide) are not to scale. Generally, longer runs are for more wind and shorter runs are for lighter winds. But, shorter distances between marks can make for some interesting challenges, including more practice starting and rounding marks as well as squeezing more races out of the time we have. We are coming into prime racing weather and a good number of our sailors travel to other clubs’ regattas. Practice is what they need. Long distances between marks does not necessarily provide the practice they need. Consider the benefits of short courses. Boat speed is not everything. Use your imagination within the guidelines.

CHICKS ON THE POND, SAILING, ENTER "THE DOG" AND PYC HAS ITS FIRST LADIES' FLEET

photo by Mike Rasbury
story by Barbara Snyder



Lady racers (l to r) Britta Kindervater, Cindy Cline, Marilyn Irwin, Katie Landers, Barbara Snyder, & Jane Overbeck.

Last year's excitement of "*The Dog*" race blew me away and before I knew what I was saying, I asked Katie if she would be in the **2010 Dog Regatta** with me. We fist bumped on it. You have to understand, I am a *beginning* sailor.

When logic returned, I reasoned with myself, "No fear - you have a year!" I did manage to take out my boat, *Checkabout*, numerous times with my husband and other willing teachers, but by myself only two times before the big race. However, whenever I tried to sail solo, there was no wind. The only way I could settle my nerves was to tell myself I would be ok because there would probably be no wind.

The Friday evening before *The Dog*, I was informed there would be wind. After tossing and turning with a sleepless night and a no-breakfast morning, I was encouraged to see no wind at the club. Five other gals came out to race in *The Dog* — thanks to Marilyn, and that was exciting to see.

We had our pictures taken, were given the race instructions, had questions and answers, and off we went. Still no wind. I was a happy sailor. "How hard could this be?"

As others took offers to be towed to the middle of the lake, I turned them down. Taking a long time, I had mixed feelings about being in the race or missing it. "Whatever will be, will be — let's just get this over with," were my thoughts.

I didn't see it coming, but the wind appeared and I found myself among the towed boats. I began zipping here and there, practicing my tacking skills, while being aware of my ever present companion — **FEAR**.

In all the tacking, I managed to lose the starboard jib sheet.

My eyes located it in front of the mast, tangled and caught on a cleat. It was then I remembered a friend's comment calling my jib a handkerchief, and so now I was down to half a hankie and wondering how I was going to sail close hauled. Basically overcome with fear and in irons, I wasn't able to think. I heard this booming voice rolling up and down the river, "Barbara, you're in irons!" "Yes, I knew that..."

When I did manage to finally get up to the first mark, I was surrounded by the keel boats. I was thinking, "Oh my - it took me so long to get this far, I'm just going to go for it. Maybe I'll even get pushed around the mark!" As my cognitive thinking flew away with the wind, Fear and I remained in the race. We got close to finishing the race, but never quite made it across the finish line. The hung up jib sheet was too far to reach, so I turned and took my boat back to the club, not even trying the other two races. Later, I was encouraged by a guy in our club who told me that I did better than he did. In another *Dog Race*, he never even coaxed his boat over the starting line!!!

Many have encouraged me for having tried and not given up sooner. Steve Sherman's quote is great. "You are not finished when you lose, you are finished when you quit."

Meanwhile, I am so very proud of you, Katie — a fistbump is a fistbump. Marilyn, we had another adventure! Britta, way to go sailing with a block broken off. Cindy, you came out of nowhere and were a great challenge. And Jane, you showed us **how** in your "*Flying Frog!*" **YOU REALLY ROCK!!!**

But now, again all logic has left me, and I'm excited thinking about the 2011 *Dog Regatta*, looking forward to even more gals joining us.

THE AUGUST 14, 2010 PYC DOG REGATTA

photos by Mike Rasbury (mr) and Peter Snyder (ps)



RC WAITING FOR THE WIND

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DINGHIES APPROACHING THE FIRST MARK

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ps KEELBOATS STARTING BEHIND DINGHIES

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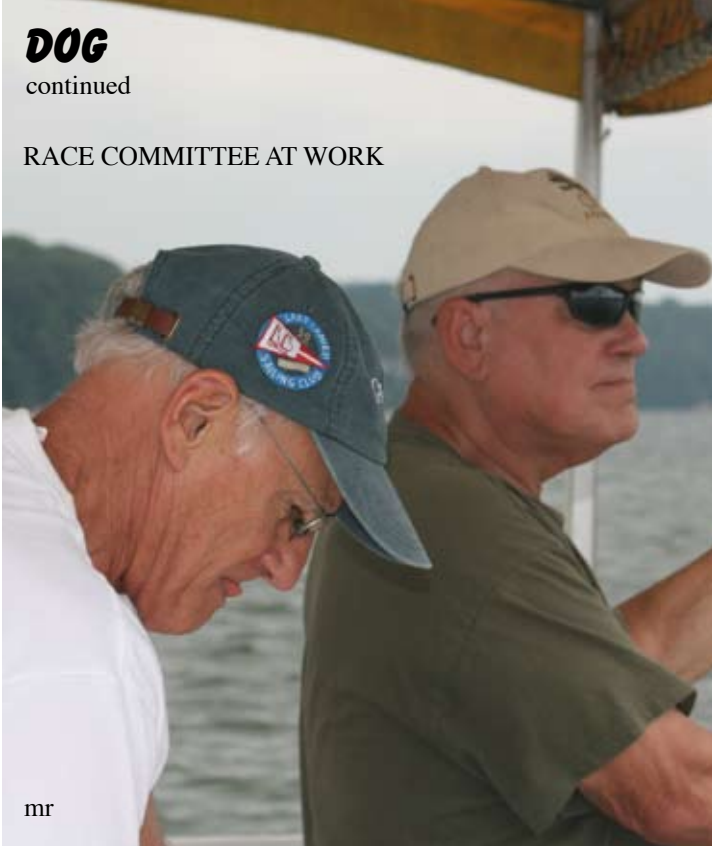
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RACE COMMITTEE AT WORK



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emblems are available.
GO TAKE A LOOK !!!

PYC BOARD MEETING

Minutes — August 9, 2010

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

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

Observing: P. Crowe B & J Denes
 T. Garverick

OFFICER REPORTS:

David Varnell, Commodore:

- Varnell asked for approval of the July Board Minutes. Approved.

Pete Snyder, Secretary & Editor of *The Private Ear*:

- No report, but Pete said to get newsletter columns, stories and pictures in early, like a week or two before the end of the month. We had an excess of material for this last issue, which was good.

Patricia Fowler, Treasurer:

- The **Chattanooga Power Squadron** has made a donation to PYC of \$130. **Tom Garverick** was on hand for this and Varnell asked him to thank the Squadron for the board.
- Patricia had submitted several reports to the board via e-mail. Snyder moved that they be accepted. Kuberg seconded. Accepted.
- The individual most in arrears has responded to Patricia's efforts to contact him. He said that he would make a payment this week. Varnell suggested that she send him an e-mail and ask for a good faith monthly payment of a relatively small amount until he can get back on top of things. The consensus of the board was to work with him.

Vice Commodore Dieter Kuberg, Race Director:

- Dieter reported that "**The Dog**" is coming up next weekend and this Wednesday will be a practice "**Puppy**."

- Varnell spoke up to recognize the **first place winner** in our midst of the **2010 Mackinac Race, Chris Cyrul**. A round of applause and words of praise rung out. Chris said that he will be going back up north for the **September 11th Michigan Champions Regatta Mackinac Invitational Round River Challenge**.

Chris Cyrul, Dock Master:

- Chris reported a Hunter 27 or 28 on D Dock that he does not recognize or have any record for. Pete said he thought he had a picture by Jane Overbeck of the owners cleaning that boat. The boat's name is "**Dad's Surprise**."

- Seeber asked that he might keep his kayak trailer in a dry slip for convenience in letting sailors on windless days have an alternate activity. Chris said that there were some empty dry slips in the cabin lot and would find one for the trailer.

- Discussion arose re club sailboats in dry slips, and sailboats that are still owned by members but have been donated for use of the boats by the club. Chris and Guy will look into this, check for registrations, etc...

Mike Seeber, Membership Director:

- **John Roberts** is a new Associate Member. He has a son who just finished the Opti Junior Sailing Program, and they currently have a Laser. Also, **James and Susan Westmoreland** have submitted their application to join.
- As of this evening, we have **120 Family Members, 10 Associates, and one Junior Member**.

Guy Campbell, Club Boat Director:

- Guy has been working on the **Carolina Skiff**, and it is working better, now. The **Whaler** is next on his list. He is getting all club boat registrations updated.

Scott Irwin, Social Committee Chairman:

- As mentioned earlier, "**The Dog**" is this weekend! The door prize is up to **\$550**.
- There is a **Full Moon Raft Up** scheduled for Saturday, August 21.

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- The September 25th social will be a “**South of the Border Fiesta**” organized by Dieter.
- **July 25th was the 70th Anniversary of PYC’s founding.** Discussion led to an idea that “*The Pig*” might be a good time to celebrate 70 years. Patricia will pursue that with Rob.

David Bergevin, Building and Grounds Director:

- Bergevin reported that the kitchen foundation drain is done — many thanks to **Mike Arnold and David Varnell**. And, it seems to be holding!
- The porch fan above the round table has been re-wired. The quad fixture over the kitchen sink has been repaired.
- The gate keypad post is back in place.
- Bergevin is experimenting with some new compact fluorescent lights in the bar area.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dieter Kuberg motioned for the **cabin leases** of Cyrul and Irwin be extended for another quarter or until the new leases are finalized by the Land Committee. Snyder seconded and the motion carried.
- Varnell reported that two **Flying Scots** which have been donated to PYC were left in the water for several weeks. They had less than proper maintenance. The mainsail window on one has come out. At least one of the boats has blisters on the hull. We need to develop a **policy for respectful use and treatment of club boats**, including stowage in a seamanlike manner with cover, define who can use the boats, members and/or non-members, etc... Cyrul suggested a log system for people to sign out the boats. Brainard Cooper volunteered to tackle the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **David Bergevin** brought up the **South Cove drainage and paving**. He has had three contractors look at the project, and they each had a slightly different approach. He will go back to them and have them bid on paving with asphalt only the lower section of the gravel area (from the vicinity of the phone pole laid on the gravel down to the existing paved area). After this is done, a determination of what should be done next can be made.

- David proposed to enclose the next two sections of the porch for wintertime use with the same plexiglass and plywood panel system we have used on the rest of the porch. He and Eddie Graham will do the work. Kuberg seconded his motion and the board approved up to \$500 to be used for this project.

- Bergevin also presented the idea to purchase and install two new 5 KW **space heaters** to replace the two existing ones in the clubhouse. The cost of these will be about \$700 for both. But, he will bring this up for approval in a future board meeting.

- Chris Cyrul asked permission of the board to have a tree cut that is overhanging his house. Three members of the Land Committee were present and approved of the action. Scott Irwin also has a tree that needs to be brought down. So, the board approved both actions. This tree removal is the responsibility of cabin owners.

- **Scott Irwin** brought up an idea for **opening more slots for new members’ boats**. Those trailers that almost never move and hardly ever have a boat on them could be relocated to the top of the hill, up above Pat Crowe’s cabin with a little clearing, and that would open up several dry storage slips. Also, the club could encourage those boat owners who “never” sail their boats to either move them to trailer storage or help market them for sale so that more wet slips could be opened up. Since the hour was so late, there was almost no discussion of this idea.

- Motion to adjourn made by B. Cooper, seconded by C. Cyrul – passed. Adjourned 8:44 pm.

**Respectfully submitted
Peter Snyder, Secretary**

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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.



CHRIS CYRUL, LEADING THE PACK, WINS DOG DINGHY RACE.

photos by Mike Rasbury

JODY ABRAMS' "PLAYS WITH SHARP OBJECTS" BLADE 16 RACING IN 2010 DOG (BELOW)

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