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VIEW FROM THE HELM

February 2010

Welcome aboard! It's February and Mother Nature has already teased us with a beautiful warm weekend on the 20th & 21st, but then winter returned and it is brisk again. Will this winter ever end?

Brainard Cooper, past Commodore, has once again burned his name into the commode door and continues to serve on the Board — what a glutton

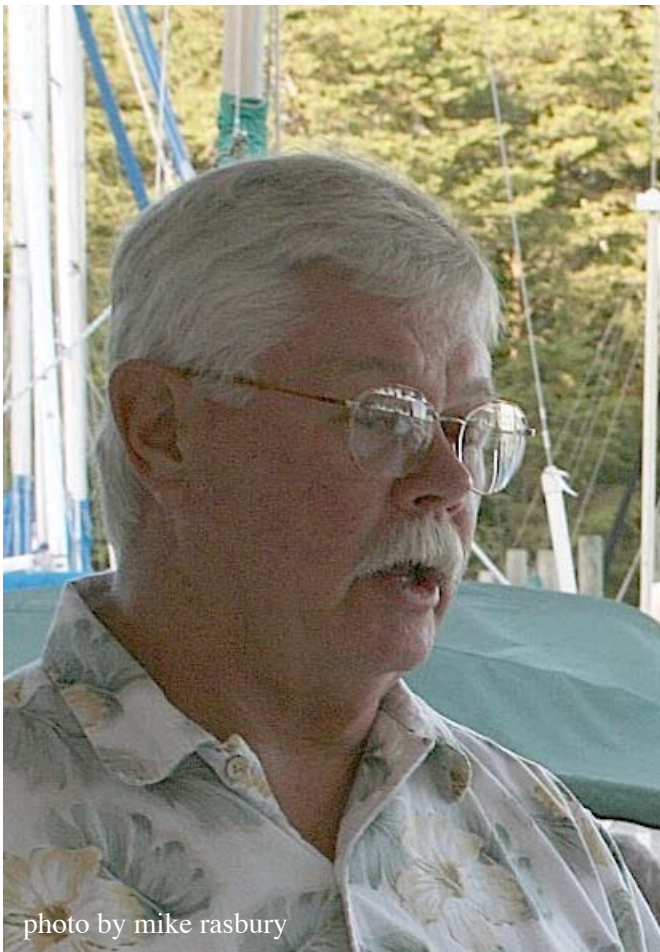


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for punishment! The February **Valentine's Social** was well attended and a great success in spite of the cold weather. Thanks to Scott and Marilyn and all those that decorated the clubhouse for a romantic evening.

Coming up in March is the **St. Patrick's Day Regatta** marking the beginning of the PYC sailing season. Be sure and check the website for details. Of course the dinghy sailors will give it another month to allow the water to warm up.

Speaking of regattas, the **PYC Catalina 22 Fleet** is hosting the **C22 Nationals on Wheeler Lake** in North Alabama in mid-May. The Fleet has asked PYC members to step up and **volunteer** to provide support for this regatta in assisting the RC and other duties. Please volunteer to help if you can. Contact Bill Robertson to volunteer. Additional information can be found on the PYC website.

Looking ahead, we will continue to pursue the **Junior Sailing** program and hope to add some **adult classes also**. If anyone would like to allow the use of their boat for this potential program please let me know. Also, in late March or early April, expect to hear the call to **work parties** to clean up the grounds and open the Clubhouse to better weather.

Let's get out there and sail !!!
David Varnell, Commodore

COMING EVENTS

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

MARCH

8-Mar-10	PYC Board of Directors meeting	7 pm Monday
13-Mar-10	St. Patrick's Day Race (Long Distance)	TBD Saturday
13-Mar-10	St. Patrick's Day Dinner (Door Prize)	6 pm Saturday
16-Mar-10	COPS first meeting of year (Women Only)	6 pm Tuesday
20-Mar-10	Race - Cruisers & C22 (1st day of spring)	1 pm Saturday
20,21-Mar-10	Full Moon Raft-Up	Saturday-Sunday
27-Mar-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday

APRIL

3-Apr-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
6-Apr-10	COPS (Women Only)	6 pm Tuesday
7-Apr-10	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
10-Apr-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
10-Apr-10	Italian Pot Luck Dinner - door Prize	7 pm Saturday
11-Apr-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
12-Apr-10	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
14-Apr-10	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
17-Apr-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
18-Apr-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
20-Apr-10	COPS (Women Only)	6 pm Tuesday
21-Apr-10	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
24-Apr-10	Choo Choo Regatta (Flying Scot)	Saturday
24-Apr-10	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday - Sunday
25-Apr-10	Sunday Choo Choo Regatta (Flying Scot)	Sunday
28-Apr-10	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday

CHICKS ON THE POND SAILING

On **March 16th, 2010**, the COPS (Chicks on the Pond Sailing), will have the first meeting of this year. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. This is a social sailing group for ladies. Our philosophy is to have fun and simply get to know other women who are members of Privateer Yacht Club.

We started meeting last year, and it was a new beginning for ladies at PYC. We invite PYC women who just want to make friends and enjoy an evening of sailing, food and social interaction. Typically, we gather, we eat, we congregate on sail boats and have fun. Often, we sing silly folk songs, tell stories and laugh a lot.



There is no competition, there are no "lessons," and any learning is casual and relaxed. On March 16th we will gather for food, conversation and ideas. Bring a dish to share (snacks) and a desire to get to know others who might share your interests in sailing, sewing, knitting, dancing, travel etc... Join in, there are others who look forward to knowing you!

RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Dieter Kuberg — Race Committee Chairman

Date	Time	Day	Fleet	PRO	Assistant
MARCH					
03/13/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	St Patrick's Day Race	Flying Scot Fleet	
03/20/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Carscaddon, Bruce	Hay, Bob
03/27/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Cofield, Stewart	Irwin, Bill
APRIL					
04/03/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Holmquist, Ken	Jennings, Bill
04/04/10	1:00 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Humphreys, Bill	Kabosky, John H
04/07/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Sherman, Steve	Keane, Coleman
04/10/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Varnell, David	Kinderevater, Kent
04/11/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Klein, Barry	Koch, Fred
04/14/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Snyder, Pete	Schmitt, Garrett
04/17/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Lee, Scott	Landers, Josh
04/18/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Spohn, Doug	Lockemann, Fred
04/21/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Kuberg, Dieter	Johns, Alan
04/24/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Lesley, Bryson	McFarlan, Dan

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.

WINTER DIVERSIONS

Steve Sherman sends some great pictures, whether they be sailing or ... To see more go here:

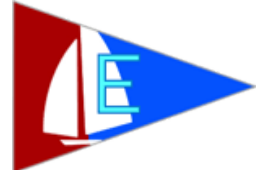
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MC SCOW TRAIN WRECK REGATTA

Feb 5-7, 2010 ~ Lake Eustis Sailing Center, Eustis, FL

by Paul Healy



The phone call came on a cold and rainy day after what seemed months of similar days, “*Dude, do you want to go to Florida?*”

I contemplated the days ahead for me, a soccer tournament in Knoxville over the weekend and sadly replied, “No Barry, I’ve got soccer.”

It was only minutes later the soccer manager sent a text advising us that the tournament had been cancelled. I quickly re-dialed Barry and advised him that a sailing trip to Florida was in the making.

I contemplated sunshine, gentle breezes blowing the palm trees, and being on the beach in shorts and tee shirts. I thought Barry needed me as a highly trained crew member on his Catalina 22. But, Barry quickly advised me I was to be human ballast on his MC-Scow. I figured the weather would be warm and Barry is always fun to travel with, so I said, “Sure, what the heck! I’ll go.”

I scraped the ice off the car and left Chattanooga early on Friday February 05, 2010, and met up with Barry Klein at his office in Dalton, Georgia. The boat was tucked in nicely behind his Toyota FJ and wisps of snow danced around the truck as we headed south on I-75.

Barry dialed up some obnoxious Australian talk show on the Sirius-XM satellite radio, and we barreled straight through Atlanta without a slow down. We continued down the highway as the snow changed over to rain. We stopped in Valdosta for wings at Hooters, and by noon the temperature had warmed up to the mid 50’s. The weekend was looking better by the minute.



Barry mumbled something about it was going to be windy and that a front was passing through, as I savored the marvelous amber color and mild, bitter aftertaste of my 22 ounce beer. “Huh? You’re driving. I’m just along for the ride,” I said as we left the restaurant and continued south to warmer water.

We entered Florida and slowed down for a massive traffic jam in Gainesville and saw 9 cars piled up in ditches on both sides of the highway. Someone had entered I-75 the wrong way and forced cars off the road. Ah yes, we were in Florida — Cadillacs going the wrong way on the Interstate, mobile home parks, orange trees and Gators.

We arrived at the **Lake Eustis Sailing Center (LESC)** and quickly donned shorts as we stepped the mast and rigged the boat in a very breezy 71 degrees. The LESG was host for the **2nd Annual Trainwreck Regatta**, and over 43 boats were registered. Barry advised me the competition was always



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a near train wreck with Barry & Paul



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intense at LESC, and several former MC-Scow National Champions would be racing in the regatta.

We made our way to the rustic, simple clubhouse and found LESC to be as welcoming and relaxed an atmosphere as our own Privateer Yacht Club. Scores of kids ran around the clubhouse as a very active Junior program was finishing up a workout in Opti's and 420's in a very solid 15-20 knots of wind.

The LESC had 20 tents and RV's pitched to the west of the clubhouse and a very, very social MC fleet was enjoying Happy Hour. LESC was also hosting the Wayfarer Mid-Winters, and several sailors from Canada joined us in watching the sun set over palm trees and the huge 18 square mile Lake Eustis.

We enjoyed our dinner out in town with many of the MC sailors from New York, Michigan and Ohio who store their boats at LESC for the winter and fly down for the Trainwreck, President's Day and MC

Scow Midwinter regattas hosted at LESC.

A trip to LESC requires a visit to the Oyster Troff Restaurant. We joined up with what seemed every MC sailor in Florida and experienced a very unique sailor friendly bar with hats from Clubs, Boat makers, Sailmakers and Regattas pinned to the crown molding of the bar. The Class President of the MC-Scow Association was behind the bar shucking oysters and pouring beer for the seemingly unquenchable hordes of MC sailors jammed into the bar.

Saturday morning brought a forecast of winds in the 16-20 mph range and temperatures in the lower 50's. I spied about a dozen pre-teens launching Opti's and thought it's not too bad if the kids are out. Later I would learn those kids sail in worse and sail just about every day year round. I donned my Gore-tex and boots and we shoved off into a stiff westerly breeze. Barry and I drove this far and we were going sailing!

I chuckled at the 11 registered sailors who declined to launch and brave the elements. We were nearly T-boned leaving the dock, as the boat heaved to port and Barry yelled, "**HIKE!**" We climbed to windward toward the start line. I stuck my butt over the side and observed that every skipper had crew except a few stout skippers who weighed over 260 pounds apiece.

The Wayfarers joined us at the starting line and a professional LESC Race committee had us off in two starts. We were racing as soon as all 32 skippers had made it to the line. I was soaked as the waves built to 2 feet and they were very confused, coming at us from every direction. The downwind leg was going to be a challenge to keep the flat nose of the MC from digging in. Barry has a new Melges boat, the internal foam construction and sealed compartments and larger drain scuppers were a big bonus in today's conditions. The new Melges boat would also allow us to sit further aft and prevent the waves from swamping us on the downwind legs.

We missed a big hole on the start (because the crew failed to put down the lee board) but we found ourselves in decent shape with a nice mid-line start. We saw a single hand sailor go over 100 yards ahead of us and we gave up too much ground bearing off to



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dying down for the next day.

Sunday was cold, it was 39 degrees at the hotel, and the winds were still 15-20 mph. We once more launched into a stiff westerly breeze and made it to the start. We totally screwed up in the first race. Our good start was followed by a few bad tacks. We had ducked too many boats while on port and found ourselves on the wrong side of a wind shift on the second windward leg.

Our second race was much better as we hung tight to the stern of two National champions for the majority of the race and picked the stronger winds to the

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avoid hitting the mast of the boat and its hovering rescue motorboat.

We tacked twice and found ourselves in about 6th place as we made it around several more capsized boats near the lay-line. The race course was carnage, I couldn't count all the capsized boats and Barry was doing all he could to keep us upright as the wind increased to around 25 mph. The leaders rounded the weather mark and advised us that the RC had abandoned racing for the day. We chicken jibed and carefully surfed and planed our way back to LESC.

All told, 17 boats had gone over and two Wayfarers were abandoned due to hypothermia concerns of the RC. The forecast was for winds to build to above 30 mph and to moderate the next day to 10-15 mph. The MC sailors packed the clubhouse and enjoyed lunch a few cold beers, and several bottles of Captain Morgan's rum. The party lasted until past midnight as many stayed up to ensure the winds were

right of the course on the final windward leg. We screamed over the line on a reaching plane, beating two boats slogging to windward by seconds, a respectable 11th out of 27.

A third race was cancelled as the winds died and the clock reached 12:30, signaling that no more races would start.

Barry covered up his boat and left it at LESC for the Mid-Winters and we joined the fleet for a tasty Mexican taco lunch and the awards ceremony. Without a trailer behind us we made it back to Dalton in less than 7 hours as we listened to the Super-bowl on the radio.

I highly recommend the venue at LESC for sailing and now I have to convince Barry to crew for me at a **Flying Scot Regatta** at that location. LESC is the perfect venue for those restless souls looking for a cure of those irritating mid-winter sailing withdrawal symptoms, the conditions are challenging and the hospitality is without equal.

CATALINA 22 MID-WINTERS

Cocoa Beach, FL ~ Feb. 20-21, 2010

by Jerry Butz



19 boats, 16 Gold, 3 Silver
Winds: 6-10 kts from North then East.

After two months of uncharacteristically cold and rainy weather in Florida, the 2010 edition of the Catalina 22 Mid-winter Regatta was welcomed by sunny weather and clear skies. Everybody, from out-of-towners to life-long Florida residents, were appreciative of the balmy weather for another successful Mid-winter event.

Although less competitors than previous years, 19 teams showed up in Cocoa to participate in the racing this year. 7 races were held, 4 on Saturday and 3 on Sunday, and the race committee did a great job conducting the races on the short course. The Saturday night dining rituals were again held at Normans Grill, full of free schatzkes, good food, and lots of laughs.

The winner of this year's regatta was Sold Out, my 2010 Catalina 22 Sport. This regatta will stand as a break-out event for the 22 Sport: the winds were

light, the competition was fierce, and the 22 Sport prevailed. Rumor on the street is that Catalina is making a concerted effort to keep the weight down on the new Sports. Couple that with the stiffness of a solid boat and the ease of use of the modern layout, and the 22 Sport becomes a viable option for racers.

Some stats: Erv Zimmerman of Michigan traveled the farthest. 7 teams competed double-handed (crew/skipper). One competitor fell overboard at the leeward mark. 33% of the fleet utilized the Speed Puck from Velocitek. No sails were torn, no rigs came down unexpectedly, and nobody was thrown in jail.

Editor's note: Dieter Kuberg was the only skipper from PYC to participate in the C22 Midwinters this year. Bad Bob Kiem crewed for Dieter. For the race results, go to the **Indian River Yacht Club** website:

<http://www.ussailing.net/iryc/>

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



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

PYC has the distinct honor of hosting this year's **Catalina 22 National Championship Regatta** this spring. Our Principal Race Officer is **Dick Dommel** from Charleston, SC. Dick has crewed many times for Tom Clark on the Flying Scot and has become a friend of many of us at PYC. He is also one of the premier US Sailing Race officers in the country. He has asked for 21 people to man the race committee.

We will need as many volunteers as possible from PYC. This will be very enjoyable duty. You will have front row seats to the sailing competition with

the best C22 sailors in the country. You will also have the opportunity to learn from some of the best racing officers in the country. The venue is a beautiful state park with lots to do.

Brainard Cooper, Richard Ralston, and Kent Overbeck have already volunteered and I think **Dan Williams** is close to making a commitment, but we will need several more. Please contact **Bill Robertson** (870-8334, fs50751@comcast.net) to ask any questions or to volunteer. Thanks!

Attention Privateer Yacht Club Members!

As you probably know, Privateer Yacht Club is hosting the **2010 Catalina 22 National Championship Regatta** at **Wheeler Lake**, in **May 2010**. As the largest Catalina 22 Fleet in the nation, we intend to present a first class event that will be memorable for the many sailors, crew members, spectators and families that attend.

But, in order to accomplish this, ***we need your help!*** A large part of a successful regatta depends heavily upon acquiring corporate sponsorships, and we are seeking at least one large sponsor, as well as smaller commitments. You may work for, or be aware of, an organization that would be interested in sponsorship, and we need your help in contacting the appropriate person to start the entire process.

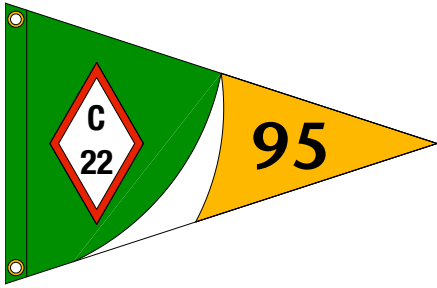
Chet Tschetter and I have worked very hard as co-chairmen to put together a thorough program outlining the tremendous benefits to the sponsors, depending on their respective levels of contribution. Benefits include not only national recognition, through logos and ads being sent to the sailors as well as sailing clubs across the country, but also through on-site editorials and photographs of the event, by various national sailing magazines.

Should you be interested in helping us with this very important part of ensuring a successful regatta, please **contact either myself or Chet** (chettschet@cs.com or 423-499-9127), and we will be happy to provide you with preliminary information that will help you to make a determination as to your organization's ability to help. We will need for you to make the initial contact, but we will do the follow-up work, including acquiring logos, placing ads, and determining levels of sponsorship, etc.

This is a very important part of the Regatta process, and we are grateful for all the help you can provide!

Thank you in advance,

Sandy Vanden Branden - svbranden@hotmail.com or 423-779-7942



CATALINA 22 FLEET 95

PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB

CHATTANOOGA, TN

This is the first in a series of articles about Fleet 95 and C22's. This one is by Pete Snyder, but other authors are invited, as well as those from other fleets within PYC. Share your knowledge!

The latest count shows that there are 38 Catalina 22's at PYC. That makes Fleet 95 the largest fleet of Catalina 22's in the world! Around 16,000 have been built since the first one popped out of the mold in 1969. And, they are all over the world! In England, they are called "Jaguars" and in Australia they're called "Boomerangs."

It goes without saying that the Catalina 22 is a popular boat. It's small enough to trailer easily, and large enough to camp in. And, there are several models within the genre of Catalina 22. The "old style" are the earliest boats made from 1969 up until about 1986. The first thousand or so are highly sought after by racing skipperers because of their lighter weight. Some of the best C22 racers on the national scene have whittled down the weight of low number boats, slicked the hulls and tricked out the rigging, fitted the fastest sails they could find and gone on to win and win and win some more!

The other boats in that "old style" group may or may not weigh less than most. The newer model boats made after 1986 have heavier construction in a number of areas, and can be considered stouter than the early boats. The deck plan was improved and room down below was maximized and made more efficient, too.

Different keels can be found on C22's. Most, by far,

have swing keels that weigh about 550 pounds. A few fixed, fin keels have been made. And there are a good many wing keeled boats. The swing keels are favored for racing and inland lake cruising. Although, some cruisers favor the wing keels, even though the keel depth is fixed. There is another model called a Mark II that has still more room below, and is most highly favored by cruisers. The newest model, The Sport, has been making a dent in the winning streak of the early, low number boats. Also, there is a Catalina Capri 22, which is considered out of the class for racing, but they are fast. Fleet 95 is home to the whole variety of Catalina 22's, except we have no fin keel boat and no Mark II.

PYC members and visitors have a treasure trove of Catalina 22 models and experienced owners to learn all about this popular boat. It would not be surprising to see well over 40 22's at PYC in the future.

To learn more about the Catalina 22, its history and the people in and around these great little boats, read **Rich Fox's** piece on the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association's website. Rich was the Class Commodore 2005-07. Click on the web address below:

<http://www.catalina22.org/PDFfiles/2009-Catalina-22Book.pdf>



Chattanooga Challenge photo by Mike Rasbury

PYC BOARD MEETING

Minutes — February 8, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:00 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	E. Cyrul
S. Ferguson	Patrick Goodall
J. Shepherd	

OFFICER REPORTS:

David Varnell, Commodore:

- Welcome new board members Chris Cyrul, Patricia Fowler and Mike Seeber!
- Review of **Walt Jenison's Planning Committee survey** results showed common interest in **improving the clubhouse**, having an **Adult Learn to Sail** program, continuing with our **social** and **sailing** programs. We have inadequate facilities for big regattas and large social events. **Rob Fowler** is helping draw up some plans for more bathroom and shower facilities and more kitchen storage out in the direction of the storage shed.
- Varnell asked for a motion to approve the January Annual Meeting Minutes. Bergevin moved, and Irwin seconded. Passed. [Note: After the meeting, B. Cooper noted that the **Outstanding Junior Sailor** award was presented to both Christian and Erica Cyrul, not just to Christian as recorded.]

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

- No report other than to ask that newsletter columns, stories and pictures be submitted a week or two before the end of the month.

Patricia Fowler, Treasurer:

- Patricia submitted a copy of the December report to Varnell and commented that billings were going out soon for the first quarter. Billings for the last quarter were late, but this should put us back on schedule. Snyder moved that it be accepted. Seeber seconded. Accepted.

David Varnell, Commodore, invited **Scott Ferguson** to make his **insurance** presentation to the board:

- Scott passed out copies of the club insurance policy summary to everyone and went over each item. He offered an option on Directors' & Officers' Liability and the board preferred the lower premium, higher coverage but higher deductible option 1. The docks are not covered and have not been for years as the cost is excessive for too little benefit. Coverage is essentially the same as last year. Varnell will check on the club's Flying Scot coverage and that may be added to the policy.
- B. Cooper moved that we accept the proposal with Option 1. Bergevin seconded and the proposal was accepted.

Vice Commodore Dieter Kuberg, Race Director:

- Dieter reported that he is just getting into his new job and would have a report next month.

Chris Cyrul, Dock Master:

- Chris has just processed a dry slip application. He had a question about kayak fees. Varnell commented that there is no fee listed in the bylaws for kayaks, so unless the kayaks are interpreted as dry sailing it would require a vote of the membership to add a fee to the bylaws, so there is no fee for kayak storage at this time. Chris also just found out that Dieter had recently composed an updated **Wet and Dry Slip Policy**, so he will review that and report on it at the next board meeting.

Mike Seeber, Membership Director:

- **David Bergevin** reported for Dr. Mike since Mike was called out to the hospital.

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- **Pat and Jill Teasdale** (Capri 22) came up for Family Membership. Bergevin seconded the committee recommendation, and they were approved.
- We now have 121 Family Memberships and 10 Associates.

Guy Campbell, Club Boat Director:

- **The St. Patrick Day Race** is coming up, so Guy will have all the boats and equipment ready.
- Comment was made that there is now an *ethanol free* Shell gas station at Jersey Pike and Bonny Oaks.

Scott Irwin, Social Committee Chairman:

- Scott reported that the **Valentine Social and Burning-In Party** will be on Saturday, February 14. It will be a pot luck type dinner, with no admission fee. The club will supply wine and beer.
- There will be a **Fleet 95** (Catalina 22) meeting at 4 pm, just before the Valentine Social.
- Scott introduced **Patrick Goodall**, who has requested use of the clubhouse Sunday, May 2, for a wedding reception. Discussion brought out that there will be dinghy racing that day and members will have access to the clubhouse during the reception, as usual. This request was approved by the board.
- The **Shrimp Boil** will be Saturday, May 1.
- Scott had a question about finances for social events. Varnell's response was that social events and regattas should be planned to break even. Social events such as potluck dinners may have the club pay for beverages and miscellaneous items within reasonable limits.
- David Bergevin asked if the telephone tree was still viable for notifying members of activities. David Varnell said he would check on that and see about having just those members called who do not have e-mail capability.

David Bergevin, Building and Grounds Director:

- We have new chairs, now, that will enable us to fill all the tables with seating. The hallway lights have been replaced. The Men's Room fluorescent needs a new ballast. And the roof is leaking at the top, along a four foot section of the ridge.
- **D. Varnell** reported that the day after his inauguration as Commodore, a *BIG* pine tree fell across the main

driveway of the club, totally blocking access and egress. He came and cut it up with his chainsaw. Scott Irwin helped. (Unusual first day on the job!)

OLD BUSINESS:

- **B. Cooper** reported that he was trying to investigate the purchase of some new marks for the C22 Regatta. This issue was brought up to the board by e-mail and all responded positively, but the board has not "voted" on it. Varnell said that we need to know the money involved. Cooper will find out how much is needed and report back next month.
- **Pat Crowe** was recognized and informed the board that he is looking into a used aluminum lamp post to use as a PYC flag pole. He will report at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- David Varnell reported that **Mike Seeber** has been working on an **Adult Sail Training Program**. He stated that there are some boats within the club that may be available for use for lessons. Varnell wants to assemble a committee to study the establishment of a "pre-membership" class for sampling the club and sailing. Mention was made of having an open house for prospective members.
- **Varnell** encouraged all the board members to develop a **committee** to help in their particular areas of responsibility to help get things done. This will get more members responsibly involved and make it easier for all.
- Motion to adjourn was made by S. Irwin, seconded by D. Bergevin – passed. Meeting adjourned 8:27.

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.

Who do you suppose is most anxious to get back on, or in, the water???

Summer's a comin'!!! Is that Bill Humphreys below, enjoying summer wind and water?

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