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NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB

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VIEW FROM THE HELM

June 2010

Welcome aboard!

Well, as usual things are always happening at PYC. This spring we have endured several torrential rain events which caused considerable **erosion** in the **South Cove** boat parking area. After evaluating the root cause of the erosion and examining repair options, the Board of Directors opted for a phased approach to the problem. Under the leadership of **David Bergevin**, phase one was to re-gravel the area.

A crew of volunteers, including club members **Eddie Graham, John Rathjen, Kent Kindervater, Scott Irwin, David Bergevin and me**, moved all the boats and trailers from the affected area on Wednesday, June 16. The next Saturday, June 19, club member **Chuck Castleman** brought his skid loader, and spent the entire day moving gravel from the washed area and placing new gravel in the parking area. Many Thanks to Chuck for his hard work. The Board will be considering options to prevent a recurrence of this problem.

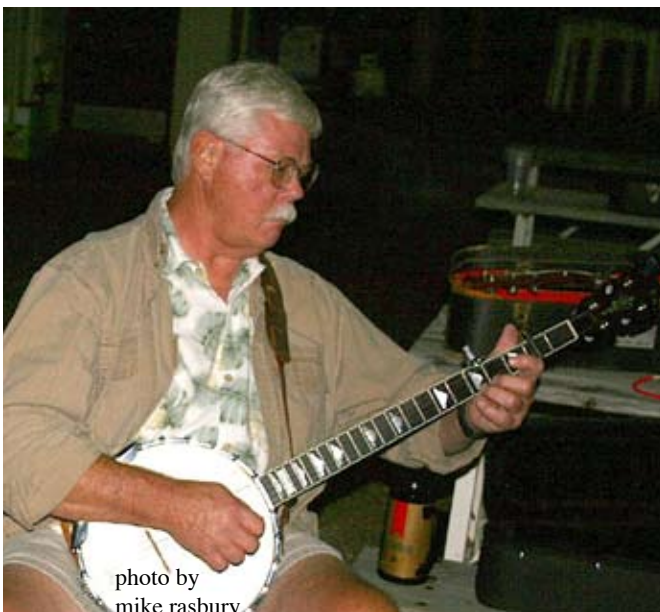


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mike rasbury

Meanwhile, if you may have noticed that the **gate keypad** is missing. Apparently, it was hit by a vehicle and torn off its base. It is being repaired by club member **Steve Morgan** and should be back soon.

The **Great Fourth of July Social** is coming up on July 3 and will include a long distance **keel boat race**, (wind willing). The **cardboard boat** building and race will also be held in the afternoon, as well as the traditional **hamburger and hot dog cook out** hosted by the PYC Associate Members. Please come out and enjoy your Club and be sure and let **Brant Mason** know you are coming so that there will be enough food for everyone; otherwise, you may have to eat leftover cardboard!

The next PYC sponsored **Junior Sailing Camp** begins July 5. Please check out the Junior Sailing page on the PYC website, see the display at the clubhouse near the telephone, or contact **Bryson Lesley** for more information.

Summer has arrived and it is **HOT!** But...keel boat races are scheduled for 10:00 AM each Saturday through the end of August. The temperature is tolerable and the power boaters are still asleep. Opportunities to participate in PYC activities abound - Club Racing, Cruising, and Socials. Please participate and honor your responsibilities to PYC. Remember, this is your Club. Thanks to all of you for your dedication to Privateer.

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

COMING EVENTS

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

JULY

3-Jul-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	10 am Saturday
3-Jul-10	Cook Out (Door Prize Drawing)	TBA
4-Jul-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
6-Jul-10	COPS	6 pm Tuesday
7-Jul-10	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
8-Jul-10	Land Committee Meeting	7 pm Thursday
10-Jul-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	10 am Saturday
11-Jul-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 Sunday
12-Jul-10	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
14-Jul-10	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
17-Jul-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	10 am Saturday
18-Jul-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
20-Jul-10	COPS	6 pm Tuesday
21-Jul-10	CSC JAM Race	7:pm Wednesday
24-Jul-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	10 am Saturday
24-25 Jul-10	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday - Sunday
25-Jul-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
28-Jul-10	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
31-Jul-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	10 am Saturday

AUGUST

1-Aug-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
3-Aug-10	COPS	6 pm Tuesday
4-Aug-10	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
7-Aug-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	10 am Saturday
8-Aug-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
9-Aug-10	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
11-Aug-10	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
14-Aug-10	Dog Days Regatta - Door Prize	Saturday
15-Aug-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
17-Aug-10	COPS	6 pm Tuesday
18-Aug-10	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
21-Aug-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	10 am Saturday
21-22 Aug-10	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday - Sunday
22-Aug-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
25-Aug-10	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
28-Aug-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	10 am Saturday
29-Aug-10	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday

2010 PHRF MEETING MINUTES (4/18/10)

Whether or not spinnakers will be allowed on Wednesday evenings? Scott Cline motioned to race Wednesday nights without any poles at all (whisker or spinnaker). No one seconded, motion declined.

Bill Robertson motioned to race the traditional Jib and Main

(JAM) races. Someone seconded. Much discussion followed with the history of JAM, etc. A poll was taken concerning member opinion. (7 people wanted the option to fly spinnakers, 7 people did not want to fly spinnakers, and 7 people did not care). The motion was brought to a vote. 9 votes for, 8 votes against. The motion passed.

Whether PHRF or Portsmouth will be used in scoring? Scott Cline motioned to use Portsmouth scoring on Wednesday nights and

RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Dieter Kuberg — Race Committee Chairman

Date	Time	Day	Fleet	PRO	Assistant
JULY					
07/03/10	10:00 AM	Saturday	Cruisers	Duvoisin, Pete	Wyberly, Spence
07/04/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Snyder, Pete	Campbell, Curtis
07/07/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Kuberg, Dieter	Bill Jennings
07/10/10	10:00 AM	Saturday	Cruisers	Few, Jonathan	Landers, Josh
07/11/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Fowler, Rob	Coolidge, John
07/14/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Graham, Eddie	Garverick, Tom
07/17/10	10:00 AM	Saturday	Cruisers	Few, Jonathan	George, Steve
07/18/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Fowler, Rob	Godwin, Tim
07/21/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Varnell, David	Graves, Mike
07/24/10	10:00 AM	Saturday	Cruisers	Mentgen, Mark	Halley, Mike
07/25/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Holmquist, Ken	Healy, Paul
07/28/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Humphreys, Bill	Irwin, Scott
07/31/10	10:00 AM	Saturday	Cruisers	Sherman, Steve	Jones, Bruce
AUGUST					
08/01/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Varnell, David	Morgan, Chuck
08/04/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Spohn, Doug	Campbell, Curtiss
08/07/10	10:00 AM	Saturday	Cruisers	Cline, Scott	Castleman, Chuck
08/08/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Ford, Ed	Brockhaus, Thilo
08/11/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Kuberg, Dieter	Crowe, Pat
08/14/10	10:00 AM	Saturday		Dog Regatta	Bill Robertson
08/15/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	McPhee, Bruce	Schmitt, Garrett
08/18/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Ed Craig	David Cox
08/21/10	10:00 AM	Saturday	Cruisers	Pete Snyder	Queen, David
08/22/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	McLeod, Ian	Seeber, Mike
08/25/10	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Myers, Terry	Stewart, Gary
08/28/10	10:00 AM	Saturday	Cruisers	Lee, Scott	Prevost, Tom
08/29/10	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Eddie Graham	Rodgers, John

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.

Saturdays. David Bergevin seconded. The motion passed.

Motion to change the handicap for Spinnaker boats not allowed to fly spinnakers. Scott Cline motioned to change the handicap given to spinnaker boats who are not allowed to fly spinnakers from 1% to 3%. Josh Landers seconded. 9 voted for, 5 voted against. The motion passed.

Should Saturday races be held in the morning or afternoon? Scott Cline made a motion to move start times on Saturdays in (June July & August) from 1 pm to 10 am. Ed Craig seconded. 6 voted for, 3 voted against. The motion passed.

Separate Catalina 22 start? Scott Cline motioned to start Catalina

22's 5 minutes ahead of everybody else then add 5 minutes to their finish times so that we all race the same race but get the big boats off of the starting line. Walt Jenison seconded. 2 voted for, 9 voted against. The motion failed.

Discussion about whether to retain the present fleet captain or dump him. Scott cline motioned to keep Mike Seeber. Several people seconded. Mike Seeber was voted PHRF captain almost unanimously.

High Point scoring system? Scott Cline motioned to go to High Point scoring system on Wednesdays and Saturdays. No one seconded. Motion failed.

~ submitted by Josh Landers



photos by Gene Ferguson

CATALINA 22 NATIONALS

WHEELER LAKE, ROGERSVILLE, ALABAMA MAY 15 - 20, 2010

Several years ago I had the pleasure of crewing for **Kent “Captain Kermit” Overbeck** on his Catalina 22 *Leap Frog*. This was an interesting experience for me as I have attended numerous Nationals, North American Championships, etc. in several classes over the last 30 years or so. The Catalina 22 class does things a little differently, to say the least. First and foremost, it’s all about *fun*. Yeah, it’s competitive and people race hard while they’re on the water, but even then there is a great camaraderie that you don’t see in many classes.

Well, the 2010 Nationals at Wheeler Lake was typical for the Catalina 22 class, and there was easily as much focus on having fun off the water as there was competing on it. For example, 15 minutes after I pulled into the rigging / launch area, I had been offered beer by two total strangers, and had been engaged in discussions that ranged from the economy to minimum weight for C22’s. I did finally get the boat rigged after being offered a hand by two more total strangers. Maybe the idea here is that if you have a Catalina 22, and he or she has a Catalina 22, you’re really not strangers, you’re friends who haven’t met yet.

Another example of the laid back attitude is the location picked by the class to hold the event. Wheeler Lake is a fantastic place to sail. It’s wide and long, and there are few hills to deflect the wind. But Wheeler has other attributes that made it a perfect fit for the C22 mentality. Swimming pool, tennis courts, hiking trails and a nice

golf course allowed every competitor an enjoyable distraction from the racing.

As far as night life goes, you had your choice of sipping beer or rum on your private balcony overlooking the lake, or driving into Florence for dinner. No, it’s not Vegas, but if you were really bored there is a nice Wal-Mart on the East side of town that is pretty entertaining.

Anyway, as far as the racing goes, there was plenty of it. Wind all week, from 5 knots to 15, and usually fairly steady. Ideal conditions for the 40 boat fleet. **Tom Clark** and I had high hopes of pushing our Sport hard, and finishing in the top 10 somewhere, which we eventually did. We talked about being consistent with starts, consistent with boat speed, and not making any huge mistakes.

Well, all that talk about consistency evidently stuck as we had 3 seventh place finishes and 2 eighth place finishes in the first five races. After two more races, one bad and one pretty good finish, we ended up seventh overall. We think we did pretty well, but we also realized that we have a long way to go before we challenge the top five guys in the class.

We’re already talking about the next nationals in **Grapevine, Texas**. It’s a long haul through hot, flat land, just to spend a few days chasing **Justin Chambers, Reid Collins, Winn Story and Dennis Slayton** around the pond. But hey...it’s all about *fun!*

~ **Rob Fowler**

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The 2010 Catalina 22 Nationals was quite an event. Bill Robertson headed up the effort and had this to say, afterwards: “Many thanks to those of you who contributed to its success. PYC is now well known throughout the Catalina 22 class. We can be very proud of this event. I have had many people say that this was the best regatta that they have ever attended.” Kudoes all around!!

We had nine boats from our Fleet 95 participate. The skippers were Rob Fowler with Tom Clark, Bill Robertson, John Rathjen, Tom Prevost, David Bergevin, Dieter

Kuberg, Scott Irwin, Guy Campbell and Kirby Sweatt. Those who brought home “hardware,” pictured above were **Dieter Kuberg** for 4th place Silver Fleet, **David Bergevin** for 5th place in the Spinnaker Fleet, and Kirby Sweatt’s daughter, **Corissa Michelle**, recognized for being the youngest participant. *Congratulations!!*

~ Pete Snyder

Go to this web address for more photos and race results:

http://www.catalina22.org/results_2010.htm

A SEA STORY YOU WON'T FORGET

as told to Pete Snyder by Olivier Dupont Huin

A friend of Kent and Britta Kindervater, Olivier Dupont Huin, was at a recent social event at PYC with his wife and daughter, Corinne and Aziliz. I was privileged to sit at their table and in just a few minutes of talk, I knew that Olivier had spent a lot of time at sea and must have some great stories to tell. So, I asked him to tell me one of his most interesting and exciting sailing experiences. He spoke with a strong French accent, so I may have missed a few things. But, the story he told was most unforgettable.

He was sailing from the U.S. over to Bermuda with a few other boats when a storm came up. The forecasts were not for as strong a storm as it turned out to be. But, he knew it would be a rough passage so he had Corinne take their five month old daughter down below and sealed up the cabin in case big waves broke over the boat.

His boat, *Breskell*, was a sloop that his father had designed and Olivier himself had built back in the 1980's. He knew it was stoutly constructed, with the hull a double layer of wood, cross grained and covered with fiberglass. She was seven tons and 53 feet long, with two rudders and a heavy retractable keel that came up even with the rudders so she would sit upright on the dry bottom of European harbors that have large tides. He still sails the boat today, and just finished a major overhaul and refitting.

Olivier put on his foul weather gear and clipped his safety harness to a jack line in the cockpit, preparing for whatever might come. What came, after the 60 knot winds and seas building to thirty feet, was totally unexpected and something he had never before experienced. It was at night, too, which made it all the more mysterious and difficult to understand.

Breskell had been riding the waves with only a small storm jib, rising like a great mammal up to the wave tops, catching the wind and charging down the backsides like a surfer. Then Olivier felt something he had never before felt on a boat, like one feels when an elevator starts going down — weightless, so much so that he reached out and grabbed a life-

line to stay with the boat as she descended. He has no idea how far down she dove as it lasted seconds that seemed like forever, far too long. The darkness made it harder to comprehend. Then all of a sudden, water piled in over him and the whole boat hesitated, like a cork just released under water. *Breskell* began slowly and then rose quickly to break the surface with a vengeance, found herself back in her element and simply continued as before.

What had happened? *What was that?* Olivier did not know and could not explain what he had just experienced. A large question came to visit and would not leave.

The storm finally passed and he was in communication with the other boats. One boat had totally disappeared, but two souls were rescued from it. Another boat was found without its crew of two. They were never found. *What was that?*

When Oliver landed at his destination, he asked some of the locals what it could have been. They said it was probably an underwater volcano discharging a large volume of gas. The sea floor around Bermuda is evidently home to a lot of volcanic activity. He had probably sailed right into a large bubble of gas where there was no water to support his boat. The boat literally fell until it reached the bottom of the bubble and then rose back to the surface. He was very fortunate to have a boat that sealed up so effectively.

A few days after I heard this story, I related it to a friend of mine who has worked in the oil industry. He said, "Oh, yes, that's what it could have been." He told me about offshore drilling platforms that have escape pods into which the workers can jump and get launched into the sea in case of fire. But, they are instructed to not use the escape modules in the case of a gas blowout because it may actually fall so far as to strike the sea floor.

Although we never venture into the ocean, this reminds me of the needlepoint we have hanging in our little Catalina 22, "Lord, protect me, for my boat is so small and your sea is so great."



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Independence Day Celebration

Saturday July 3, 2010

10:00 AM Around Patten Island Race

4:30 PM Cardboard Boat Race

6:00 PM Hamburger and Hotdog Cookout

Cost - \$6 adults; \$2 children (12 and under)

RSVP for meal to Brant Mason 423-240-4866 or
brantmason@vzw.blackberry.net

CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

July 3rd, 2010 — 4:00 PM

The Rules

- 1) Boats hulls and appendages may only be constructed from corrugated cardboard and duct tape or clear packing tape. Latex paint may be used.
- 2) There is no limit on the number of "crew".
- 3) Boats may be constructed at any time prior to 4:00 PM, July 3rd. All boats will be inspected for construction compliance before racing begins.
- 4) Competitors must wear PFD's during the race.
- 5) Boats are to be human powered (oars, paddles, sweeps, etc.) or wind powered (sails, kites, windmills, etc.) Masts, sails, running rigging, etc. may be constructed of any material.
- 6) Competitors must sit with their legs and torso completely within the confines of the hull during the race.
- 7) After the race, all boats must be removed from the lake and disposed of properly.
- 8) The race course has been extended this year. The new course will be from the launching ramp, around the end of "A" dock, and finish at the swimming dock. Build your boats to last a little longer!
- 9) Awards will be presented to the first place adult and child (12 and under).

Jonathan Few has graciously offered to provide cardboard for the event this year, and will have material available at the clubhouse on Friday, July 2nd. Contact Jonathan, 423-902-0313, if you would like to get your cardboard earlier. All other materials and tools are to be provided by the competitor.



A few shots from the talented eye and camera of Jane Overbeck of the 2010 Catalina 22 Northern Gulf Coast Cruise.



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GO TAKE A LOOK !!!

PYC BOARD MEETING

Minutes — June 14, 2010

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

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

Observing: D & V Andrews T. Clark
B & L Cline P. Crowe
B & J Denes R. Fowler
B. Ives R. Ralston
B. Robertson J. Shepherd

Commodore Varnell asked **Richard Ralston** to speak about a **Race Officer Clinic** led by **Hal Smith** and **Brainard Cooper** that could be held at PYC one Saturday in **February**. We need more certified race officers at PYC, since now we have only Brainard and Richard. It would cost \$5 per person for up to 25 or 30 taking the test. This would be for a first rung, local club officer. B. Cooper so moved. C. Cyrul seconded. Motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

David Varnell, Commodore:

- Discussion re May BOD Minutes: B. Cooper asked if anyone remembered voting on the complete motion re Cabin Leases as he did not and it was not mentioned in the minutes. No one recalled voting on the overall motion. Motion to approve May Board Minutes by B. Cooper. Second by M. Seeber. Approved.

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

- Pete thanked **Guy Campbell** for doing the minutes of the May meeting and again requested that newsletter columns, stories and pictures be submitted a week or two before the end of the month.

Patricia Fowler, Treasurer:

- Patricia reported that she received a check from Fleet 95, which had borrowed \$500 for the Catalina 22 Nationals.

- **David Varnell** responded to questions about cash availability for PYC. We have enough cash on hand to deal with any of the known maintenance issues and then some for capital expenditures.

- David Varnell submitted a **Scowabunga Regatta** financial report and stated that this one regatta plus the check from Catalina Fleet 95 puts all the Regattas and Socials in the black.

- Patricia reported that several members have sent in past due fees, but two are still in arrears. Varnell suggested that on behalf of the board, Patricia send letters of membership termination to those two and give them 30 days to get caught up. B. Cooper so moved & M. Seeber seconded. Motion passed.

- Patricia submitted several reports to the board. Snyder moved that they be accepted. C. Cyrul seconded. Accepted.

Vice Commodore Dieter Kuberg, Race Director (absent):

- In Dieter's absence, Varnell submitted an e-mailed report that racing is proceeding fairly smoothly. Varnell stated that there was some missed communication between the PHRF (Portsmouth?) Fleet Captain and the Race Director. Seeber reported that has been straightened out. **Saturday races in June, July and August will start at 10 am.** Minutes of the Fleet meeting were just recently sent out.

Chris Cyrul, Dock Master:

- Chris reported that slip business is as usual. But, also there are three newly arrived, unmarked trailers on the property. The owners need to contact the Dock Master.

Mike Seeber, Membership Director:

- Three Associates are up for Family Membership. Seeber moved that **Chet Tschetter** be accepted as a Family Member. B. Cooper seconded. Passed.

- Seeber moved that **David Queen** be accepted as a Family Member. D. Bergevin seconded. Passed.

- Seeber moved that **Thilo Brockhaus** be accepted as a Family Member. C. Cyrul seconded. Passed.

- Mike reported that **Tom Williams** resigned his Family Membership May 29, 2010.

- Seeber also reported that **Ann Howard**, daughter of Bill and Jane Denes, has been an Out of Town Member for years, but has been a Member since 1985. She wants to be reinstated as a Family Member as she and her husband will be back in this area soon. Patricia Fowler so moved, and a chorus of seconds arose, whereupon the board passed this motion.

- Bergevin asked if **John Kabosky** has resigned since he moved. Chris Cyrul called him on his cell phone and John asked to be listed as an Out of Town Member.

- The same question came up about **Garret Schmidt**. He has cancelled his membership.

Guy Campbell, Club Boat Director (absent):

- Varnell reported for Guy that all the club boats are in good working order.

Scott Irwin, Social Committee Chairman:

- July 3rd will be the Holiday Social this month. **Brant Mason** is heading that up for the Associates. He has recruited **Rob Fowler** to run the cardboard boat race. There will be a race around Patten Island, starting at 10 am.

- **Tom Clark** has requested use of the clubhouse for a graduation party the evening of July 17th. Scott so moved, B. Cooper

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seconded and the motion passed.

David Bergevin, Building and Grounds Director:

- Bergevin reported that the **entry keypad post** was struck by a vehicle. The post is now at **Steve Morgan's** shop for repair. The keypad itself was not damaged.
- The entry sign has been painted green – and looks much better.
- The water leak at B Dock has been fixed.
- The clubhouse air conditioner has been repaired. Bergevin noted that the unit is 24 years old, and that it will break down again. It will cost between \$5,000 and \$8,000 to replace it - since it uses the old coolant which is being phased out. Both the fan unit and the compressor will need to be replaced. The current one is a 3 ton unit, but a 5 ton unit is recommended with a heat pump that would be used for heating, also.
- Seeber has widened the trail to E Dock and gravel has been put down. Snyder raised the question of reimbursing Seeber for some of the machine rental since this is something that the club has had on agenda for a long time. Seeber said, “No, the deal was that it would cost the club nothing.”
- Bergevin introduced the South Cove paving matter. Varnell gave a brief history of the problem, stating that he had observed and photographed effects of the last two big rain events down at South Cove. He stated that a lot of debris was caught on the grate, blocking the pipe entry. During the second big rain event, he tied a rope between the grate and his van and yanked out the grate. The flow then ran quickly through the pipe with the level going down to about one third the height of the pipe. Rip rap has been placed like a small dam upstream to catch debris, and perhaps another one of these rip rap structures should be placed further upstream.
- Bergevin reported that **Chuck Castleman** has volunteered his skid loader for use again by the club to move gravel. Bergevin estimated that about \$1,000 of gravel (includes money for machine fuel) would need to be placed to restore the South Cove trailer parking area. He made a motion to proceed with this, commenting that it will take a small work party to move trailers. Seeber seconded the motion. Chris Cyrul commented that it needs to be done right with a contractor, and that it has been eroding for the last six years. B. Cooper added that Cliff Betts, a civil engineer, was down at the club lately and recommended a shallow concrete swale be paved to carry the water across the parking area with asphalt paving on either side of that. He said to use fiberglass reinforced concrete. Seeber suggested we try the \$1,000 solution first, then proceed to phase 2 and 3. Varnell added that something needs to be done quickly because boats are trapped and owners cannot use them. This could be phase 1, establishing a gravel base for future paving. The question was called and the motion was passed.
- Varnell suggested that the construction guidelines policy discussion be tabled until next meeting. Cooper so moved,

Seeber seconded. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Varnell brought up the **Land Committee Lease Proposal**. Minutes from last month's board meeting show several amendments, but no motion made, no second and no vote to accept the overall proposal. He said that the proposal could be sent back to the Land Committee for revision based upon direction from the board's May meeting. Snyder so moved. Cooper seconded. Passed.
- Cyrul commented that subcommittee meetings like the Land Committee need to be publicized for all to know about them. He made a motion that they be posted on the club website annual calendar with any schedule changes done at least one week in advance. The meetings also must be announced via e-mail before each subcommittee meeting. Seeber seconded. Passed.
- Cyrul also made a motion that the new leases be reviewed by an outside attorney before the board approves them. Bergevin commented that we should be able to use an insider to help develop the documents, but the outside attorney would finalize the process. Cooper seconded. Passed.
- Varnell announced that **John Coolidge** has withdrawn his offer to donate his Flying Scot to the club. So, we now have two that can be used for an Intermediate Instruction Program. Rob Fowler added that he checked with Kent Kindervater to see how much a new main and jib would cost for a Flying Scot. Kent said \$960. This will have to be considered further.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Patricia Fowler brought up the issue. According to minutes of the PYC board from June, 2002, the cabin owners collectively pay a portion of the land taxes based upon the amount of land they occupy. So, since the overall taxes have gone up, their taxes go up, too. Bo Cline asked if the board tried to get taxes lowered for the club. Cooper replied, “Yes, but no luck.”
- Varnell requested that discussion of the Associate Members and wet slips be postponed until next month's board meeting.
- Motion to adjourn was made by S. Irwin, seconded by B. Cooper – passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Peter Snyder, Secretary

Mike Seeber's imagination and industry are adding another amenity to PYC along the new **walking path**. If you haven't walked it yet, you really should. Just look around and follow the little orange flags. This part is in South Cove.





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.

That's one proud Papa, Kirby Sweatt, sailing in the Catalina 22 Nationals on Lake Wheeler with his daughter, Corissa Michelle. See story pp 4-6. - photo by Gene Ferguson

Calm at dawn on the June Full Moon Raft Up above Harrison Bay State Park. - photo below by Barbara Snyder

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