



Private Ear

NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB
October 2010 www.privateeryachtclub.org
Peter Snyder, Editor pfsnyder3@bellsouth.net

VIEW FROM THE HELM

October 2010

Welcome aboard!

Well, PYC dodged the bullet. As I write this, a **tornado** struck the Lakeshore/ Gold Point area on the evening of October 26, 2010. Damage was severe less than one half mile from PYC. Fortunately, our facilities and boats were spared.

On a brighter note, the Board of Directors has approved the establishment of an **Ad Hoc Committee** to oversee the development of plans to improve our Clubhouse facilities. This committee will provide guidance and continuity for future Boards and Commodores.

In addition, an interest bearing bank account will be opened to provide **funding** for the proposed improvements. \$50,000 will be deposited from our current reserve funds to begin raising the approximately \$125,000 estimated cost of the improvements. Additional funds will be deposited each year after operating expenses and

emergency reserves have been funded, with the hope that adequate funding to complete the project will be available in two to four years.

We will have a display at the Annual Meeting with architectural drawings of possible alternatives. Please see the October Board meeting minutes in this newsletter for additional details.

ON THE RACING FRONT

- PYC Sailors tied for First Place at the **TVCC** regatta this year, but lost the tie breaker by 1 point. Congratulations to the Muscle Shoals Sailing Club for winning this year's TVCC title.

- **Christian Cyrul** competed in the USODA Atlantic Coast Championship with 154 boats participating. Christian placed 37th overall and has qualified to race in the National Team Trials on San Francisco Bay!

Saturday, October 30, brings the **Halloween Regatta**, with all its twists and turns, and that evening, **Britta Kindervater** and her cast of hundreds will put on PYC's own **Oktoberfest**. This is a meal direct from der fatherland and not to be missed. Make your reservations early so everyone will have enough sauerbraten.

On November 6, PYC will have the **annual fall clean up and porch enclosure**. Please come out and help with this important work party, because the next weekend is **John's Pig Regatta** and this is a pig race and roast, also not to be missed. No reservations required, but a sack of non-perishable food for the Chattanooga Food Bank will be the entry fee for the regatta.



photo by
mike rasbury

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

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

COMING EVENTS

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

NOVEMBER

6-Nov-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
8-Nov-10	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
9-Nov-10**	COPS - Wine Tasting Event**	6:30 pm Tuesday**
13-Nov-10	John's Pig Regatta - Door Prize !	Saturday
18-Nov-10	Land Committee Meeting	7 pm Thursday
20-Nov-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
20-21 Nov-10	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday - Sunday
27-Nov-10	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday

DECEMBER

11-Dec-10	PYC Christmas Party - Door Prize !!!	Saturday
13-Dec-10	Board Meeting @ Commodores Home	7 pm Monday
16-Dec-10	Land Committee Meeting	7 Thursday

RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Dieter Kuberg — Race Committee Chairman

Date	Time	Day	Fleet	PRO	Assistant
NOVEMBER					
11/06/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Clark Tom	Castleman, Chuck
11/13/10	1:00 PM	Saturday		John's Pig Regatta	Rob Fowler
11/20/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Cyrul, Chris	Barber, George
11/27/10	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Graham, Eddie	Simons, Ken

Work Party

Saturday, November 6, at 0900

Juice, Coffee, Doughnuts and Fellowship @ 0830.

Work to commence @ 0900 and will address the following:

Close Deck/Porch for winter.

Rake leaves and pick-up of debris from grassy areas.

Blow leaves off drive.

Cut up of branches by dumpster.

Move gravel pile to South Cove wash-out areas.

Replace boards on gangway to "B" Dock.

Please bring rakes, shovels, blowers, drills and other usual tools of destruction.

Thank You,
David Bergevin

The COPS, "Chicks On the Pond, Sailing," will be having a **Wine Tasting** event on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 6:30. This is open to all women who might be interested in joining with the COPS for more fun sailing and socializing. Significant others will also be tasting the wine, so it should be a fun time for all. Contact **Joani Koch** at 423-877-3140 if interested. [****Editor's note: This date may be changed to the 16th.** Check your e-mail or call Joani.]

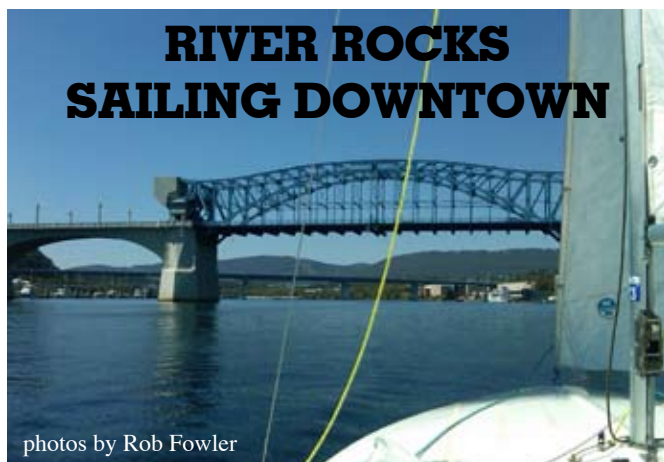
E-MAIL TO THE EDITOR:

(a teachable moment)

I thought I would make a comment about the "Relax, It's Just a Race" story. When trying to duck behind an object in high wind, the skipper has to realize the rudder and sails are fighting each other. That is what creates weather helm or the force one feels on the tiller. Many times this prevents the boat from turning down wind behind the other boat. The only way to relieve the pressure and regain control of the steering is to let the main out. If you don't, you're going to scare yourself and the other skipper to death. You run a high risk of hitting the other boat. Steering is not only controlled by the rudder but also the sails. Experienced sailors never cleat the main. They know that a heeled boat is slow and that it is better to even let go of the main sheet in an emergency then to let the boat heel.

~ Steve Sherman

RIVER ROCKS SAILING DOWNTOWN



photos by Rob Fowler

For a long time I've wondered what it would be like to sail under the Market Street Bridge in downtown Chattanooga. I've navigated that part of the river numerous times over the years, but always onboard something with at least two big engines under the deck.

In my mind's eye I've thought about putting the spinnaker up and sailing by Ross's Landing or under the Walnut Street Bridge, or maybe cruising by the Coca Cola Stage during Riverbend. It sounds good, but as usual, it's a lot easier to do what's convenient and comfortable rather than do something a little out of the ordinary.

Well, I finally had the motivation and the opportunity to give it a try. I had been told that the River Rocks Festival would kick off on Saturday morning, October 2, with numerous events happening in the Ross's Landing area. Kayak racing, hot air balloons, blue grass music and other attractions would all be happening, all day Saturday.

I met Scott Cline at PYC at 9:00 AM where we dropped the mast on *Flying Circus*, and made the boat ready for a short haul to Rivermont Park off of Lupton Drive. We had the boat rigged and in the water just after 10:00 AM, and once in the water, we headed downstream.

The wind was very light at first, but by the time we reached the Chattanooga Golf and Country Club, the wind had started to fill in out of the Southwest at 5 knots or so. I had to drop Scott off at the Boathouse Grille so that he could go watch his girls play soccer, and then I headed on under the first set of bridges, and into Ross's Landing.

There didn't seem to be a lot of activity on the river itself, but the sounds of bluegrass music could be heard coming from the stage onshore. After sailing up and down the river a few times, I decided to try and put the chute up. The wind had veered to the south east which made a run from the Walnut Street Bridge towards the Olgiati bridge possible. I got the spinnaker up just below Hunter Art Museum, tiller between my legs, and a cold beer resting on the centerboard cap. Nice!

I made it as far as Market Street before the wind dropped again. After pulling the chute down, I headed over to the floating docks east of the landing area, and tried to tie up. I was

ready to stretch my legs a little, grab a beer and maybe listen to a little bluegrass. Well, not more than 30 seconds after I jumped off the bow and tied to the dock, a gentlemen sitting on the back of a nearby power boat informed me that "these slips are reserved". Oh well. I eventually found a spot farther downstream, and secured the boat against a concrete bulkhead.

I met Scott, Cindy and Rachel in front of the stage where the "Dismembered Tennesseans" were playing, and we spent the next hour getting lunch and having some ice cream. When we returned to the boat, we found that Scott and Marilyn Irwin had arrived. A few minutes later we saw Ian and Trina McLeod motor by the dock headed downstream. I was hoping that a few more club boats would show up, but three was the most PYC could muster.

After spending some time with the Irwins, Scott Cline and I rigged up and headed back out to do a little more "river sailing." The wind had picked up considerably by 3:00 PM, and we spent the next hour or so just exploring. We sailed on both sides of Maclellan Island, and finally did get a spinnaker up, making it all the way through all four bridges.

Just as we were thinking of heading back upstream to Rivermont, we were hailed by Mike Seeber in his kayak. Mike had competed in the kayak race, and had just finished 4th in his division. Way to go Mike!

We turned the bow east and headed back home after a beautiful afternoon of sailing. The spinnaker was up, and we even had a small radio on, listening to the football game. We made great time with the wind on the beam, and an hour later we were pulling the boat out. Within 20 minutes we were headed back to PYC.

Sailing downtown is a totally unique experience, and one that I'd like to have again. It's not the wide open waters of Lake Chickamauga, but the scenery, interesting landmarks, variable wind and current make it a challenge to sail.

Next year I hope to get PYC involved in the River Rocks Festival, and possibly even hold a regatta there at Ross's Landing. If you're a little bored with the same old "Fairview - Goldpoint, windward - leeward," try something different. Sail downtown! You won't be disappointed.

~ Rob Fowler





41ST ANNUAL JOHN'S PIG REGATTA

November 13th is the date of our annual John's Pig Regatta. Once again we'll be supporting the **Chattanooga Food Bank** with canned goods and non-perishable items, otherwise known as your "Registration Fee". We ask that all those planning on "sailing the race, and feeding your face" bring two large bags of canned goods, non-perishables or other items that would be suitable for use by the CFB. PYC has been a great supporter of the food bank in years past, and they need our help now, more than ever. Those who don't sail are encouraged to donate as well.

The particulars for the race are posted on the web site, and it's the same thing we've been doing for years now. Up and down the lake for two hours, pursuit start, hot buttered rum and BBQ at the end of the day.

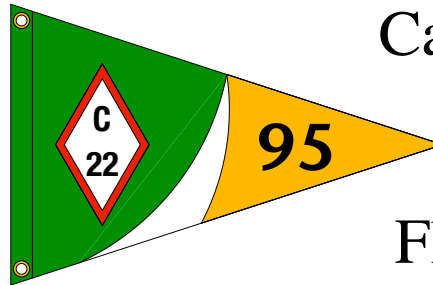
Always a great time, and fun for the entire family. Speaking of that, we will be giving an award to the top finishing boat that is crewed by a family. There is also an award for the first boat to the first mark of the course. No matter what boat you sail, you have a chance to win in this unique event.

This is the 41st annual Pig, and will be the best ever!

OINK!

~ Rob Fowler

FLEET REPORT



Catalina 22

Fleet 95

We only have a few weeks left in our racing season, so I thought I'd update everyone on how Fleet 95 has been doing. In a word...*fantastic!* We've raced a total of 38 times so far this year, and have had 16 different boats competing. We've sent boats to 4 or 5 different regattas during the year and we've placed well as a fleet.

On top of this, we've hosted a **National Championship** at Wheeler Lake. It's been a very busy year for us, but we're not done yet! **The Halloween Regatta and Pig Regatta** are coming up soon, and our fleet should be well represented in each. We have a good chance of breaking 40 races for the year, and I don't think any fleet has ever done that, except maybe the J24 fleet many years ago.

The competition has been very tight in the fleet this year, and there are quite a few "races within races" going on. **Walt Jenison** and **David Bergevin** are having at each other for first place in the silver fleet, but **Scott Irwin** is close behind in third just waiting for an opportunity to present itself. The overall fleet has been competitive as well, with **Bill Robertson** and **John Rathjen** chasing **Fuzzy Logic** for first in that division. I can only say that **Tom Clark** and I have learned a lot about sailing the Catalina 22 by watching *Blind Hog's* stern over the last three years. Some of those lessons were painful!

Some time in early December, I'm planning on hosting a big fleet "**End of the Season**" party. Details to come. My thanks to everyone who has supported the fleet this year. This fleet has been very successful thanks to the efforts of **Kent Overbeck**, **Bill Robertson**, **David Bergevin** and many others who have given up a little time to get others excited about the Catalina 22. We are successful because of the people, not the boat.

Smooth sailing,

~ Rob Fowler
Fleet captain
#15597 "*Fuzzy Logic*"

GONE WITH THE WIND REGATTA ***Lake Lanier ~ September 18-19, 2010***



For those who missed the **GWTW** this year, I think everyone had an excellent time and the racing was extremely tight. We ended up with **45 boats** for the regatta from 9 states (AL, AR, FL, GA, IN, KY, OH, SC, and TN) comprised of **27 gold fleet boats** and **18 silver fleet boats**. Conditions were better than expected based on the forecast. The breeze blew out of the NE all weekend and was probably 8-10 (maybe some higher puffs) on Saturday and lighter on Sunday.

The silver fleet was won by **Tim Cent** on ***Fiscal Restraint***. Tim had solid finishes and consistency with two 1sts, 2 2nds, and a 4th for a total of 10 points. **Bobby McCullough** was certainly in the mix, though, as he finished only one point behind Tim with 11 points. Our Region 3 Commodore, **Don Waterhouse** was in the fight as well finishing with 16 points and a 3rd place overall in the silver fleet.

The **gold fleet** was won by 2004 C22 National Champion, **Mike Glover** on ***Dain Bramage*** (formerly Free James Brown Again, but James has been freed for the last time I'm afraid)

with a total of 18 points. As proof of a tight and competitive fleet, the top 7 spots had a total spread of only 14 points. Following Mike were **Reid Collins** (2nd, 20 points), **Gene Cochran/Kevin McCoy** (3rd, 23 points), **Matt Perry** (4th, 24 points), Win Story (5th, 24 points), **Keith Bennett** (6th, 26 points), and **Dennis Slaton** (7th, 32 points.) Special congratulations go out to Matt as he just won the silver fleet at the nationals a couple of years ago. Also congrats to Gene Cochran/Kevin McCoy from Ft. Pierce, FL who had rocket speed on Speed Demon all weekend and were the only gold fleet boat with two 1st place finishes.

~ **Reid Collins**
Chikin Ship #241

Editor's Note: PYC sent nine boats to **GWTW**. In the Gold Fleet, **Bill Robertson** placed 8th and **Kent Overbeck** 11th. In the Silver Fleet **Walt Jenison** placed 5th and **Scott Irwin** 6th. Also sailing in the Gold Fleet were **Tom Clark**, **John Rathjen** and **David Bergevin**. In the Silver Fleet **Dieter Kuberg** and **Guy Campbell** also sailed.

For more photos, go to:
<http://picasaweb.google.com/Richard.Judy.Rachael/Gone-WithTheWind2010#>

photos by richard bell





photos this page by barbara snyder

You probably know that PYC’s official German chef, **Britta Kindervater**, has a day job working for **Volkswagen**. Well, VW found out she had an in (not an Inn) at **PYC** and a day of sailing for VW’s Assembly department management team was organized for Sunday, October 24. The afternoon was blustery, with winds of 14-19 mph whipping up white-caps, but lots of sunshine.

Only two of the 25 employees who went sailing had ever been on a sailboat before, but all gamely climbed aboard with PYC skippers **Richard Ralston, David Bergevin, Kent Kindervater, Mike Graves, Mike Seeber, John Rathjen, Walt Jenison, Guy Campbell, and Richard McLean**. The race committee was led by **Dieter Kuberg, Pete and Barbara Snyder** assisted, and a chase boat was manned by **Ed Ford and Kent Overbeck**.

It was originally going to be match racing, but that gave way to a simple windward / leeward course that turned out to be a beat on the windward legs and a wild run on the leeward leg. These boats got to really moving!

All seemed to have great fun, and nobody fell overboard! Winning big boats were: **first, Mike Seeber; second, Richard Ralston; and third, Mike Graves**. Winning small boats were: **first, John Rathjen; second, Kent Kindervater; and third, Walt Jenison**.

Britta, with the able help of **Lorraine Ford and Beverlee Bergevin**, had a great feast for all the employees and families afterward. The visitors complimented the surroundings and the hospitality of PYC. It made a welcome break from building cars. Hopefully, some of these fun lovin’ folks will come back for more sailing.





photos this page by monika luepkes





CHATTAHOOCHEE COUP CRUISE

PYC cruisers **Kent and Jane Overbeck** and **Eddie Graham** headed south October 9-15 with fellow cruisers from other clubs to the warm waters of the Gulf by way of Lake Seminole and the Apalachicola

River, pulling out at Ft. Walton Beach. They reported beautiful weather, but either no wind or wind too much on the nose to sail. They covered about 260 miles. I'm sure Jane will have some more great photos to share later. Thanks, Eddie, for these!



photos by Eddie Graham

SIDE TRIP ~ “EMOTIONAL RESCUE”

by Pete Snyder



What a great name for a boat! “*Emotional Rescue*”

Barbara and I took a little vacation at the end of September and visited Charleston, SC, which is a feast for the eyes. There are so many things to see and visit, and we put forth a gallant effort to do the most we could and had a lot of fun. But, one thing that was really special was a sail around Charleston harbor aboard a 42 ft Beneteau named “*Emotional Rescue*.”

Barbara had it on her list to visit a marina or two and find an outbound boat that would take us for an afternoon sail. We found one at Patriot’s Point Marina, in the shadow of the aircraft carrier *Yorktown*. Mike Spanos and his wife live aboard their gorgeous boat. It must be a great escape from their highly professional jobs. Mike is about to retire from the Air Force, where he has been balancing freight loads on giant overseas air transports. Michelle calculates radiology dosages for radiation patients. She was away at a conference this day, so Mike called on his friend, Jeff, to help crew.

We had a great sail in 10-15 knot winds on a brilliantly sunny afternoon all around Charleston Harbor as we watched at least two different sailboat races. One was (I think) College of Charleston J-22’s sailing near the Naval and Maritime Museum. The other had larger cruisers further out. We came near to a loading dock with a huge freighter that carries hundreds of cars. We sailed past Liberty Square, Waterfront Park, the Battery, Castle Pinckney, Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, Sullivan’s Island and headed back to Patriot’s Point.

Mike and Jeff rescued us from land living and gave us a taste of living on water for close to three hours. KISS - “Keep It Simple Sailor,” seemed to be their motto. Our eyes feasted on the sights and all kinds of motor boats and sailboats, including a 1920’s style “steamer” giving tours, and an 84-foot tall clipper giving tours. See more photos:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/pfsnyder3/CharlestonHarborSail#>

I know a lot of PYC members travel all over the world and have great sailing adventures, and we’ve read about some of them. I hope more will grace the pages of this newsletter, soon.



photos by barbara snyder



PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB SHIP’S STORE

available through Coral Reef Sailing

Go to this website:

http://coralreefsailing.net/privateer_yacht_club_

If you haven’t looked in a while, go check it out, now. Several PYC emblems and even Catalina 22 Fleet 95 emblems are available.

GO TAKE A LOOK !!!

PYC BOARD MEETING

Minutes — October 11, 2010

Commodore Varnell called meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

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

Observing: P. Crowe S. Lockemann
E. Snodgrass

OFFICER REPORTS:

David Varnell, Commodore:

- Varnell asked for approval of the September Board Minutes. Kuberg motioned, & Seeber seconded. Approved.
- Varnell recognized **Susanne Lockemann**, who had come to request use of the clubhouse on Sunday, Dec 5, for a gathering of **Community Reconciliation Volunteers**. D. Bergevin moved it be approved and P. Snyder seconded. Passed.
- Varnell recognized **Edward Snodgrass** from **McCallie School**, which has two family memberships. McCallie wants to start an **Introduction to Sailing** program using a donated 25 ft. swing keel MacGregor that they would like to keep in a wet slip, but could keep in a dry slip if a wet one is not available. The spring program would have a maximum of 12 students participating. Chris Cyrul stated that finding a wet slip would not be a problem. Seeber moved that this proposal be accepted. Irwin seconded. Passed.

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

- No report, but Pete asked to have newsletter columns, stories and pictures in early, as usual.

Patricia Fowler, Treasurer:

- Patricia reviewed members' dues in arrears. One member four quarters in arrears on dues and capital assessment has not made a payment in two months and does not answer e-mails or accept certified letters. Kuberg motioned that membership be terminated. Bergevin seconded. Passed.
- Patricia had submitted several reports to the board via e-mail. Snyder moved that they be accepted. Seeber seconded. Accepted.
- Seeber volunteered to call a member who claims to have paid his Associate dues, but there is no record of it.

Vice Commodore Dieter Kuberg, Race Director:

- Dieter reported that Muscle Shoals won the TVCC this year after tying with PYC then winning the tie breaker. So, PYC came in second this year.
- Dieter stated that this is the last month of dinghy racing be-

fore winter. Also, the **Halloween Regatta** is coming up.

- Chris Cyrul reported that his son, **Christian**, competed in the USODA Atlantic Coast Championship with 154 boats participating. Christian placed 37th overall and has qualified to race in the **National Team Trials on San Francisco Bay!**

Chris Cyrul, Dock Master:

- Chris has submitted updated slip diagrams to the webmaster, and expects members to contact him re any discrepancies.

Mike Seeber, Membership Director:

- Two new Associate Membership applications have been received from **Mary and Tom Cable**, and from **Ann and Charley Casey**. The Casey's have a Vagabond 14. Varnell commented that these folks should come to a board meeting so everybody can get acquainted. Seeber will invite them.
- One Associate Membership was up for voting into Family membership, **Alan and Beth Johns**. Seeber moved that they be accepted. Guy Campbell seconded. Passed.
- There is one other Associate who should be up for a vote, but he has not been active and has not been contacted by the membership director to see if he is still interested. This decision will be put off another month.
- As of this evening, we have 119 Family Members, 11 Associates, and one Junior Member.

Guy Campbell, Club Boat Director:

- Guy reported that the Whaler is in the shop for transmission cable repairs.
- Chris Cyrul reported that he picked up a full set of dock lines for all the club power boats. Chris was also able to repair the carburetor linkage on the Carolina Skiff motor.

Scott Irwin, Social Committee Chairman:

- **Eddie Graham** won the **\$600 door prize** at "The South of the Border Fiesta," which was well attended. Congratulations to Dieter for a well run event!
- Volkswagen will have a picnic and racing event at PYC for some VW and PYC people on Sunday, October 24th, with probably as many as 80 or 90 folks.
- Snyder asked what the red ink was all about in the Social category of the Treasurer's report. Patricia answered that it came from several reservations for the Annual Meeting back in January where folks did not show up and did not pay for their reservations. There has been no follow up on this. But, next year there will be. Chris Cyrul commented that some Yacht clubs he has visited have online reservations with payment by credit card. Our system is just not so sophisticated.
- The "COPS" will have a **wine tasting event** on Tuesday, November 9th.

October Board Minutes - cont' on page 11

October Board Minutes - cont' from page 10

David Bergevin, Building and Grounds Director:

- Bergevin was very grateful to PYC volunteers as he reported: **Lloyd Cox** donated firewood, **Eddie Graham** supplied a trailer to move it. **Brainard Cooper, Scott Irwin, Kent Overbeck and David Bergevin** loaded and unloaded it.

- There will be a **WORK PARTY** on November 6th. 8:30 am coffee, juice and donuts, 9 am start work. Plans are to close in the porch and a list of other tasks that has yet to be compiled.

- Bergevin submitted a proposal for the two clubhouse **space heaters** to be replaced for \$299 each. Cyrul moved, Guy Campbell seconded. Passed.

- Bill Robertson has been working on the clubhouse coke machine and has ordered a rebuilt coin change mechanism that will plug right into our machine. This will be considerably less expensive than replacing the whole machine.

- Bergevin had nothing to report on the flagpole. (Neither did Pat Crowe.)

- The water heater pop off valve is broken. Bergevin will replace it.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Seeber made a motion to develop a **hilltop parking area** for seldom used trailers. Snyder seconded. Seeber's reason for this is that we need to market the club to bring in new members, but we have almost no room for new members' boats and parking gets scarce at times. Patricia commented that if such a parking lot is developed, responsibility for the road maintenance will need to be taken up by the club. Seeber agreed. Seeber's motion included no more than \$2500 for gravel and trailer wheel stops.

Varnell expressed concern that opening up spaces in the lower lots would lead to storage of more unused boats and / or trailers by future members. To be accurate, Varnell added, there are dry slips that are unoccupied and Associate members have no right to wet slips at this time. Varnell had walked the club and counted 69 boats in wet slips, with about 30 that seldom, if ever, go anywhere.

Seeber and Cyrul have identified 29 trailers that could be moved to the hill top. Seeber commented that at present there are essentially no wet or dry slips available for new members, even though our constitution allows for 31 more members. Our survival and long term vitality depends on attracting and cultivating new active members. The notion that we not seek new members and not find ways of accommodating them out of fear that they may not be active is a sure way to put our future in peril. The cost to park on top of the hill will be the same as below. This will free up at least 30 spaces down below which can be used for new members' dry slip boats and some car parking. The text of Seeber's motion reads (in three parts):

- 1) Create a new dry slip lot for 39 trailers on the hilltop

above the cabins.

- 2) Spend no more than \$2500.

- 3) The Board deems that unused trailers will be moved to the upper lot at the discretion of the Dock Master.

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Varnell submitted a proposal for "**Restoration of the Clubhouse**" for the purpose of providing improved facilities for the use of the members of Privateer Yacht Club and the ability to host Regattas anticipating increased participation in one design, handicap, and junior sailing in the future. This would be accomplished by establishing a **Clubhouse Restoration Fund** through transferring \$50,000.00 to a special interest bearing bank account. This fund would have funds added each fiscal year as excess funds become available over and above PYC operating expenses and a \$25,000.00 emergency buffer fund. This fund will expire when the project is completed, not to exceed \$150,000.00, unless amended. Upon completion any excess funds will be returned to the general operating account.

Justification: The PYC Clubhouse facility is in need of upgrading the bathroom, shower and kitchen facilities to handle regattas and socials. In addition, the main room of the clubhouse would be enlarged and the roof would be replaced.

- The second part of Varnell's proposal was to establish a **Clubhouse Renovation Committee** consisting of three members in good standing of PYC to provide guidance and oversight to the board for the purpose of developing plans and estimates and completing the proposed project. The members of this committee would have experience in the areas of construction, finance or project management.

Justification: Due to the current financial situation in the banking community unsecured loans are not presently available. It may take 2-4 years to raise enough money to complete the proposed project. The committee would provide continuity to the board of directors until the project could be completed.

- Varnell made a motion that the board accept his proposal. Seeber seconded. The motion passed.

- A question was raised about further improvements to the trailer parking area at South Cove. Since we have had little rain no problem has been evident, so the lot will be left as is until a need arises to do something more.

- Motion to adjourn made by Bergevin, seconded by Irwin – passed. Adjourned 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Peter Snyder, Secretary

Crash video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1M5vLdRK7U&feature=related>

MedCup photos and videos:
<http://www.medcup.org/gallery/>



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.

Moonrise over Privateer. photo by Alan Johns

Downwind run during VW visitors’ race (below). See story on pages 6&7.
photo by Barbara Snyder

Private Ear NEWSLETTER

www.privateeryachtclub.org

Privateer Yacht Club
4713 Privateer Road
P.O. Box 1041
Hixson, TN 37343



October 2010