



# Private Ear

NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB  
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## VIEW FROM THE HELM

February 2011

***What a great month!*** The weather has been unseasonably warm and downright wonderful for anyone wanting to get outside.

We opened the month with a race committee training session for all those interested in racing and running a proper race committee. The main room in the clubhouse was full, and we had several out of town visitors. Our instructors, **Hal Smith** and our own **Brainerd Cooper**, backed up what they taught with plenty of examples from their experience. Most took the test afterwards, and everyone had to have learned something.

That same evening, we had a very nice **Valentines Party** for all the valentines in our club. **Britta** and her crew did an excellent job preparing a delicious meal. The party also served as the Burning In party for our Past Commodore, **David Varnell**. He already had experience as his name was already on the door from a former term as Commodore.

Normally this would have ended it for February, but not this year. Rob Fowler had a great idea for a second event, a **Chili Cook-off**. It was extremely successful and well attended not only by those who just came to eat but also by the many entrants with their chili. By the success, I presume that it is the first of what will probably end up an annual event.

With March come the **St Patrick's Day Regatta and Party** and the beginning of the racing season for 2011 on the 26th.



*See you on the water !!!*

*Dieter Kuberg, Commodore*

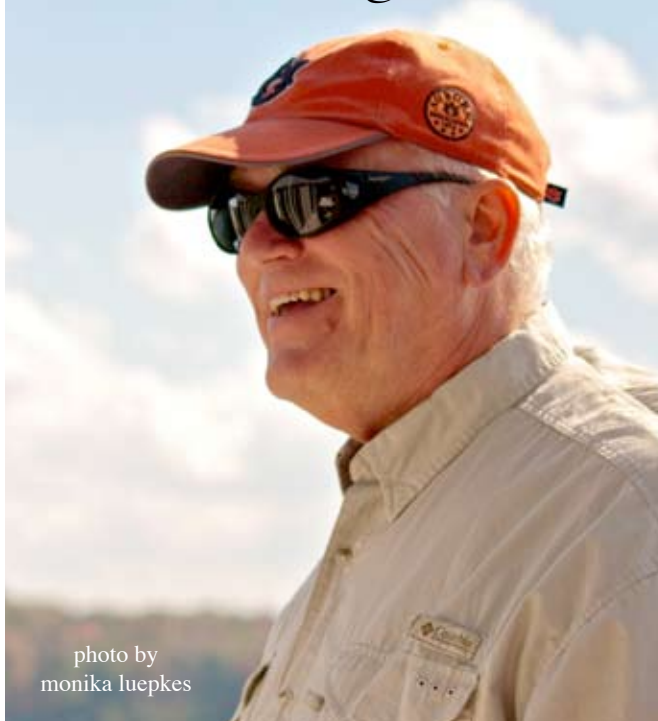


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# COMING EVENTS

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

## MARCH

14-Mar-11	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
15-Mar-11	COPS Kick Off Meeting	6:15 Tuesday
15-Mar-11	Land Committee Meeting	TBA Tuesday
16-Mar-11	PHRF Fleet Meeting	7 pm Wednesday
19-Mar-11	St Patrick's Day Race & Dinner (Door Prize!!!)	TBA Saturday
26-Mar-11	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
26-27-Mar-11	Cruisers Full Moon Overnighter	Saturday - Sunday

## APRIL

2-Apr-11	WORK PARTY	8:30 am Saturday
2-Apr-11	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
3-Apr-11	Race - Dinghies	2:30 pm Sunday
5-Apr-11	COPS	6:15 pm Tuesday
6-Apr-11	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
9-10-Apr-11	Choo Choo Regatta (Flying Scot Fleet)	Saturday - Sunday
9-10-Apr-11	Cruisers Full Moon Overnighter	Saturday - Sunday
11-Apr-11	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
13-Apr-11	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
16-17-Apr-11	Chattanooga Challenge (C22 Regatta)	Saturday - Sunday
19-Apr-11	COPS	6:15 pm Tuesday
19-Apr-11	Land Committee Meeting	TBA Tuesday
20-Apr-11	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
23-Apr-11	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
30-Apr-11	Race - Cruiser & C22(1:00 pm start)	1 pm Saturday
30-Apr-11	Italian Pot Luck Dinner (Door Prize!!!)	6 pm Saturday

## CHICKS ON THE POND SAILING

On **March 15th, 2011**, 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 began meeting year before last, 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 go out on sailboats, come back in and eat, and we have fun all around. Sometimes we manage to stir a spirit of adventure! Last year's Dog Days Regatta saw the first

Ladies Fleet in PYC history. *Watch out, guys!*

But at our meetings there is no competition, there are no "lessons," and any learning is casual and relaxed. On March 15th 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 interest in sailing - just joy riding, cruising or racing. Come join in, there are others looking forward to knowing you!

*See you  
there!*



# RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chris Cyrul — Race Committee Chairman

Date	Time	Day	Fleet	PRO	Assistant
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MARCH — APRIL

CHECK PYC WEBSITE & CLUBHOUSE BULLETIN BOARD  
FOR RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

UPDATE WEBMASTER AND RACE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN  
ON NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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RACE COMM. CHAIRMAN	—	CHRIS CYRUL	<a href="mailto:cyrulchris@yahoo.com">cyrulchris@yahoo.com</a>
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**NOTE:** IF YOU DISCOVER A PROBLEM WITH ANY  
OF THE COMMITTEE OR CHASE BOATS, PLEASE  
NOTIFY JOSH LANDERS ASAP  
(412-303-4219)

IN CASE YOU CANNOT DO YOUR RC DUTY, BE  
SURE TO GET  
A DEPENDABLE SUBSTITUTE.

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## US SAILING RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS!



**Twenty-eight** Tennessee Valley sailors attended a **US Sailing Race Management Seminar** at PYC on Saturday, Feb. 19. The event drew sailors from **Muscle Shoals and Knoxville** in addition to the **24 PYC'ers** who attended.

**Richard Ralston** was the spark plug for the all-day seminar, having engaged **National Race Officer Hal Smith** to lead the class. He was assisted by **Regional Race Officer Brainard Cooper**. Smith, a native Chattanooga, agreed to spend the day with us over a weekend when he was visiting his mother here in Chattanooga.

Through the use of a very complete Power Point presentation, augmented by real-world experiences of the

presenters, class members were instructed in subjects such as **regatta organization, publishing sailing instructions, setting courses and starting lines, how and when to shorten courses**. They also learned about the various US Sailing race management courses available. Hal Smith emphasized that the chief objective of race management was for the competitors to have fun in a safe environment.

The seminar concluded with a 30-minute test on materials covered. Passing the test is mandatory for anyone intent on receiving entry-level Race Officer certification from US Sailing.

**PYC members attending were: David Bergevin, Guy Campbell, Sandy VandenBranden, Scott Cline, Tom Clark, Rob Fowler, Steve George, Mike Graves, Scott Irwin, Walt Jenison, Bill Jennings, Kent Kindervater, Peter King, Dieter Kuberg, Josh Landers, Scott Lee, Kent Overbeck, Tom Prevost, Mike Rasbury, Bill Robertson, John Roberts, Mike Seeber, Doug Spohn, and Chet Tschetter.**

**Britta Kindervater** provided lunch, and when the seminar was over, class members helped set up for the Valentines and Burning-In Party which followed later that evening. At least two out-of-towners stayed for that as well.

~ **Brainard Cooper**

## E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR

**Good morning, Pete. I love so much getting the newsletter. I read about the Hank Zander Keelboat Award** went to Tom Clark and Rob Fowler. I didn't know there was such an award. Exactly what is it for? Mom may have known but she never shared with me.

I've attached the e-mail Holiday letter I sent out. I've got no problem if you want to share some or all of it if you think some of the older members might be interested. Thank you again for all that you do and thank the membership for acknowledging Mom and Dad. They loved sailing so.

~ Gwen Zander  
[gxz752@earthlink.net](mailto:gxz752@earthlink.net)

Excerpts from her holiday letter:

I promised myself that I would never do a Holiday newsletter but with so much going on with Mom and her Alzheimer's I don't really get around to things like I used to. So I'm breaking my promise but at least I'm getting something out this year...

She recognizes most people she has known for a while and sees on a routine basis but doesn't remember their names.... It's hard for her to remember the appropriate name for many things but **she is constantly aware of the wind – a leftover from sailing days and Daddy. And this year we got a covering put over part of the deck so she can sit out and watch the boats without being in the sun. And she does that even when it's cold!! We got a bunch of trees cut down in the back as well so the view is fantastic.**



**FORMER PYC MEMBER JACK EVERETT (right, no gloves) NOW IN SAN FRANCISCO CLOSE TO "THE CUP"**

Jack sent the following short e-mail to this editor in response to the January *Private Ear*:

Another great news letter— Thanks Pete.  
You should submit some of the issues to the Yacht

Club associations for consideration for the BEST news letter. Waiting in SF for the America's Cup!

~ Jack A. Everett  
[jackever@yahoo.com](mailto:jackever@yahoo.com)  
(Evidently, it has arrived! - Ed.)

**TWRA is presenting it's  
Boater Safety course  
FREE to PYC Members on  
March 26th.**

The PYC Board recommends  
all members of PYC  
take this informative course  
and get certified.

If you are born after 1988, or have children/grand-children, know that the state of TN *requires* all these young individuals be certified to operate any *motorized* water craft including jet skis. Also, it's a great basic water safety course for all ages.

This year the PYC Board requests all junior sailing instructors have the TWRA permit for the upcoming summer sailing season. It would also be very good for all members who operate race committee boats or chase boats to complete this course.

NOTE: Junior participants are required to obtain a Boating Safety Exam Permit (\$10 from Walmart) *before class* that will be attached to their test, signed by the TWRA officer and mailed to the state. They will receive a permit card in 3-6 weeks by mail.

**Where: PYC Clubhouse**

**When: Saturday, March 26th  
@ 9 am - 4 pm (Probably 2 pm)**

**What: TWRA Boater Safety course**

**Who: Anyone who operates a boat  
on public waters.**

**Requirements:** Review TWRA Boater Safety book before the course. **Please RSVP** with Chris Matthews to get your copy of the materials, supplies are limited to 20-30 people for this class. Any questions please contact **Chris Matthews, who is coordinating this effort with TWRA (423-667-9338) ([cmatthews@elink.bz](mailto:cmatthews@elink.bz)).**

Certification through this course will lower your boat insurance premiums, too!



## **PYC OPEN HOUSE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>**

**WE NEED MEMBERS  
TO HELP SHOW OFF OUR CLUB,  
BRING IN SOME INTERESTED  
NEW FOLKS,  
AND TAKE A FEW FOR A SAIL.  
Sign up with Mike Seeber.**



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**VALENTINES AND BURNING-IN PARTY  
FEBRUARY 12, 2011**



photos by B. Snyder



# FIRST ANNUAL PYC CHILI COOK-OFF

SPONSORED BY CATALINA 22 FLEET 95  
FEBRUARY 19, 2011



photos by P. Snyder





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# LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER BREEZES

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# PYC BOARD MEETING

## Minutes — February 14, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by Commodore Kuberg.

**Members present:** D. Bergevin C. Cyrul  
 P. Fowler B. Kindervater  
 D. Kuberg J. Landers  
 J. Rathjen M. Seeber  
 P. Snyder

**Observers:** P. Crowe B & J Denes  
 R. Fowler T. Garverick  
 B. Lesley C. Matthews  
 R. Ralston J. Shepherd

### OFFICER REPORTS:

#### Dieter Kuberg, Commodore:

- Dieter invited **Richard Ralston** to speak about the **Race Officer Seminar**. 27 people attended, 5 were from out of town. It was a very good seminar.

- Dieter had a word of encouragement for the Board. Many of the jobs done by Board members could be delegated out to other members. "Form a committee and have some help getting things done."

- Dieter asked for a motion to approve the December Board Minutes. Bergevin made that motion and Seeber seconded. Motion passed.

- Seeber made another motion to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes. Landers seconded. Passed.

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

- Pete needs new software for publishing the newsletter. He will try to get it through an academic discount, but may not be able to do so. Academic discount price is around \$200. Chris Cyrul made the comment that e-mailing the newsletter saves about \$120 per month. Seeber made a motion that Pete obtain the software. Cyrul seconded. Passed.

#### Patricia Fowler, Treasurer:

- Patricia submitted her monthly reports to the Board via e-mail. Snyder moved that they be accepted. Seeber seconded. Accepted.

- Patricia stated that our annual **insurance** bill has been paid

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[http://coralreefsailing.net/privateer\\_yacht\\_club\\_](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 !!!**

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for this year. Last year Scott Ferguson came to speak to us about it. She will invite him to come to the next Board Meeting.

- A question came up about slips for **McCallie School**. They have a 26 ft MacGregor that will be used to train some of their students. Rathjen will assign what they need.

### Chris Cyrul, Rear Commodore, Racing:

- There was a **DIYRA** meeting several weeks ago that was very successful, with representatives from TN, GA, FL, MS, LA, AL, NC AND SC. We've always paid to cover membership, do we want to this year? It's \$100/yr. DIYRA helps us build our regatta schedule. Rathjen moved that we pay the dues and Seeber seconded. Motion passed.

- Chris went over our schedule, briefly listing our various regattas. The **Flying Scot Choo Choo Regatta** will be April 9-10. Catalina 22's will have their **Chattanooga Challenge** April 16-17. The **Scowabunga** will be May 14-15. The **DIYRA Portsmouth** will be May 21-22 with two fleets, keel-boats and dinghies. We are going to host the **TVCC** either the last weekend in September or the first weekend in October. There's a **Flying Scot Dixie Lakes** regatta around October 1.

- There will be a **Handicap (Portsmouth / PHRF) Fleet** meeting Wednesday, March 16, at 7 pm in the Clubhouse.

- There is some unfinished business left over from last year that needs to be done. The **rigging docks** on the OPTI side of the harbor have been slated for upgrading to the synthetic EZ Docks by Shoco. This idea was approved by the Board last year, but no funds were allocated for it. The cost will be \$18,744. This was discussed, but put off until a later meeting when Chris will bring a sketch showing exactly what will be done.

- The **US Sailing** organizational membership which our club holds, could be very advantageous for us, if we take the opportunities it offers. There was a **Yacht Club Summit** on January 20, 2011, and we missed it. They had a seminar on **General Safety and Daily Operations**. This should be a first priority concern for us. We ought to have a US Sailing Coordinator on our Board. Seeber moved that we approve the dues for US Sailing. Snyder seconded. Motion passed. Chris stated that there is an April 2 meeting approaching, and we should be sure to have someone there.

- Also, there were four young people who assisted with the sailing instruction last year. US Sailing is having a training seminar for "counselors" that will cost \$130 per child. Chris made a motion that we repay that to these kids if they follow through by completing the program and working again this summer. Seeber seconded. Motion passed.

### John Rathjen, Dock Master:

- John has been checking all the boats and docks, just to get familiar with what's out there. He will review the standing

policies, edit them and bring them before the Board. He asked if he has a budget? No, was the answer, but there is provision for discretionary spending.

- John has received a formal request from Jonathan Few to relocate his Catalina 25 to a slip closer to the lake. He would like to use the one which Peter King uses for his Newport 27, since that boat rarely leaves its slip. Consensus through discussion was that Jonathan ask Peter personally to see if a swap can be arranged.

- John presented a list of potential projects and asked the Board to review and prioritize:

- 1) A Dock brackets need to be replaced.
- 2) Complete the installation of the EZ Docks (same project Chris mentioned)
- 3) Cut and cap pilings along A Dock – makes them last much longer.
- 4) Many dry storage dividers are worn out or missing.
- 5) The Cabin lot and J lot both have boats parked perpendicularly. Wouldn't it be easier to part if they were angled maybe 15 degrees?
- 6) A steel piling at slips B7-B8 is hanging up with changing water levels.
- 7) Suggest that A Dock threaded rods be changed to solid rods. The new brackets may make some of the fracturing problems go away.
- 8) B Dock safety issue – need handrail on fixed section of dock walkway.
- 9) Need a bumper strip along the transient dock at the end of A Dock.
- 10) Need new canvas put on rigging dock (have it in store-room).
- 11) Is there still steel sticking up by the Opti docks? Bergevin and Varnell have cut some off.

### Mike Seeber, Membership Director:

- Mike made a motion that **Kris Ostrander** be accepted as a Family Member. Chris Cyrul seconded. Accepted.

- **Larry Garner** is a new Associate Member with a Puffer 14.

- **Linda Lind** is a new Associate with a Flying Scott, and she needs a dry slip.

- Seeber would like to start **marketing PYC** with some colorful brochures. Also, **Chattanooga Outdoors** is having an **Outdoor Expo** on Saturday, April 23, and we will have a presence there. Also, WE will have a **PRIVATEER OPEN HOUSE** on Saturday, April 30.

### Josh Landers, Club Boats Director:

- Apparently, there is no established preventive maintenance program for club boats. We need to be ready for several regattas in the spring. He has checked, and an outboard tune-up costs \$80 plus parts. So, he is going to take the Whaler down for work, then the Carolina Skiff. Josh found that he did not

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need Board approval for these expenditures.

- Josh had a concern over how the pontoon boats could be moved, if necessary. But, he heard that a trailer can be rented to move either of them.
- Comment was made that there's a lot of missing safety equipment. Josh will check on this.
- Rob Fowler asked to be recognized, and he brought up a concern over the "new" club boats, the two Flying Scots which were donated. They need new sails, and **Bluestar Sails** can build a new main and jib for \$900. Seeber moved that this be done for one boat. Patricia Fowler seconded. The point was brought up that we don't have any policy written re club sail boats. There are other sails available. Motion failed.
- Further discussion revealed that we should all have job descriptions and have them in one place, like in a loose-leaf notebook, so new Board members will know their responsibilities.

### Britta Kindervater, Social Director:

- Britta presented a **\$100 gift from VW** for the **Junior Sailing Program**. They had a really good time at PYC last year, and they want to do it again!
- There will be a **Chili Cookoff** this coming Saturday with Catalina 22 Fleet 95 hosting.
- Calendar events include March 12 for a **Power Squadron** meeting and March 19 for the **St. Patrick's Day Regatta**, headed up by **Paul Healy**. **Kathy Robertson** will cook her traditional stew.

### David Bergevin, Building and Grounds Director:

- There will be a **Work Party April 2**.
- The roof leak has been sealed twice, now. A couple of the sliding glass doors in the Clubhouse had been installed incorrectly. They have been corrected. The kitchen sink leak will be fixed.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Seeber is about to haul in gravel to put only on the tow vehicle path for the **hilltop trailer storage**. This should be done in about two weeks. Seeber and Chris Cyrul, the previous dockmaster, and John Rathjen, the current dockmaster, have together made a list of those trailers they feel could be moved up to the top. They could all be moved in one day, and **Notice** will be given to the owners that they will be moved at the discretion of the Dock Master. The purpose is to free up dry slips to allow space for new members
- Announcement was made that Josh Landers will be replacing Dieter Kuberg on the **Land Committee**, and **Scott Irwin** will take **Pat Crowe's** place. Dieter will continue this year, however, as PYC Commodore on the Land Committee. They will work out issues in the cabin land lease agreements.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion revolved around having a Board Member responsible for coordinating the Training and Sailing Programs. This should be the Race Committee Officer's area.
- The local Boy Scout central office called about having some Scouts earn their sailing merit badges through the Junior Sailing Program. This would be good!
- Chris Matthews was recognized to speak about having a TWRA training program at PYC. He needs a head count to plan for it. He suggested that perhaps only those who complete the program be allowed to operate the club motor boats. He is going to see when this seminar might happen. Taking the course will reduce individual boat owner insurance premiums.
- Seeber passed out pictures and maps showing his proposal to build a walkway "bridge" across the back end of our slough behind E Dock. He has been discussing it with a gentleman at TVA and they are evaluating it. The Board's consensus was that if TVA says ok, then proceed with the project. It will add about 3/4 mile of trail and also provide a land based passage to the railroad boat lift.
- Bryson Lesley gave a short report on our PYC Youth Sailing Program. There are now 6 PYC owned Lasers, and 4 that have been loaned for the program.

Seeber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bergevin seconded, and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter Snyder, Secretary

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Remember the Japanese people who have been so terribly shaken by that massive earthquake and tsunami. Each time you think of their catastrophe, say a prayer for them.  
~ Ed.



## 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.

SUMMER'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER - photo above by Barbara Snyder  
OPEN HOUSE COMING UP IN APRIL - see page 5 - photo below by Monika Leupkes

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