



# Private Ear

NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB  
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## VIEW FROM THE HELM — October 2018

### Immediate Attention Required!

**All hands on deck!** We need your help with a staffing opportunity.

As a reader of this newsletter, I'm sure you are aware of it's necessity in the communication and flourishing of our club. Without it we would suffer shrinkage in all of our club activities. But while we have been privileged to have the current editor serve for twelve years, it is time for some of the rest of us to take the tiller so that Pete can focus on our website. So what I'm asking from all is to start some conversations with your sail mates and come up with an outstanding solution.

A new editor will have the option to maintain the current format or format it to fit their vision. The opportunity for the new editor to secure in-depth knowledge of our club, it's members and it's resources is invaluable. Consideration of a co-editor relationship or other arrangements are open as well. The editor is not responsible for providing articles or content but may as desired. Currently, articles are provide by Board members, the general membership and others involved in the sport of sailing. Content for the newsletter is normally more than can be included.

Pete is willing to hand this off as is or even provide consultation as the new editor gets comfortable with the task. Feel free to call Pete at 423-316-6228, or myself, to ask questions or to offer advice.

Let's not wait 'til January and wonder why we don't have a newsletter. Let's use our strength as an active and progressive club to ensure the non-interruption of this communication tool. Any ideas or suggestions are encouraged to be shared. I know we will turn this into another win for our club.

*Get out and sail!*  
*Guy, Commodore 2018*



# COMING EVENTS

Check the PYC website [CALENDAR](#) for more info.

## NOVEMBER

3-November-18	PHRF Racing	1 pm Saturday
5-November-18	Power Squadron Weather Class	5:30 pm Monday
10-November-18	John's Pig Regatta	Saturday
12-November-18	Power Squadron Weather Class	5:30 pm Monday
12-November-18	PYC Board Meeting	6 pm Monday
13-November-18	Power Squadron Meeting	5:30 pm Tuesday
19-November-18	Power Squadron Weather Class	5:30 pm Monday
22-November-18	THANKSGIVING	Thursday
26-November-18	Power Squadron Weather Class	5:30 pm Monday

## DECEMBER

2-December-18	Frostbite Race #1	2 pm Sunday
3-December-18	Power Squadron Weather Class	5:30 pm Monday
8-December-18	PYC Christmas Party	6 pm Saturday
10-December-18	Power Squadron Weather Class	5:30 pm Monday
10-December-18	PYC Board Meeting	6 pm Monday
16-December-18	Frostbite Race #2	2 pm Sunday
17-December-18	Power Squadron Weather Class	5:30 pm Monday
25-December-18	PYC Friends Christmas Lunch	12 noon Tuesday

## OCTOBER 20, 2018 PYC OPTI REGATTA



**Great** turn out for the **PYC Opti Regatta** this past October 20th which saw 14 competitors: 7 from PYC; 3 from Australia (including the #12 ranked Australian National Opti Team Sailor); as well as sailors from Atlanta and Nashville.

**PRO Corey Blair**, ran 3 amazing, light and shifty wind races that proved quite challenging for all. Support staff of **Spencer Wiberly** and **Brainard Cooper** did an amazing job coaching

the fleet and placing marks. Food was provided by the dedicated **Malone** family and **Sherrow** family.

This Chili and Cheese Regatta marked the end of 2018 Opti race team season, which saw our PYC optimists compete at regattas in Birmingham, Lake Allatoona, Lake Lanier and here. We appreciate all of PYC's support for this season and our coming spring 2019 season. **~ Josh Sneideman**



# RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

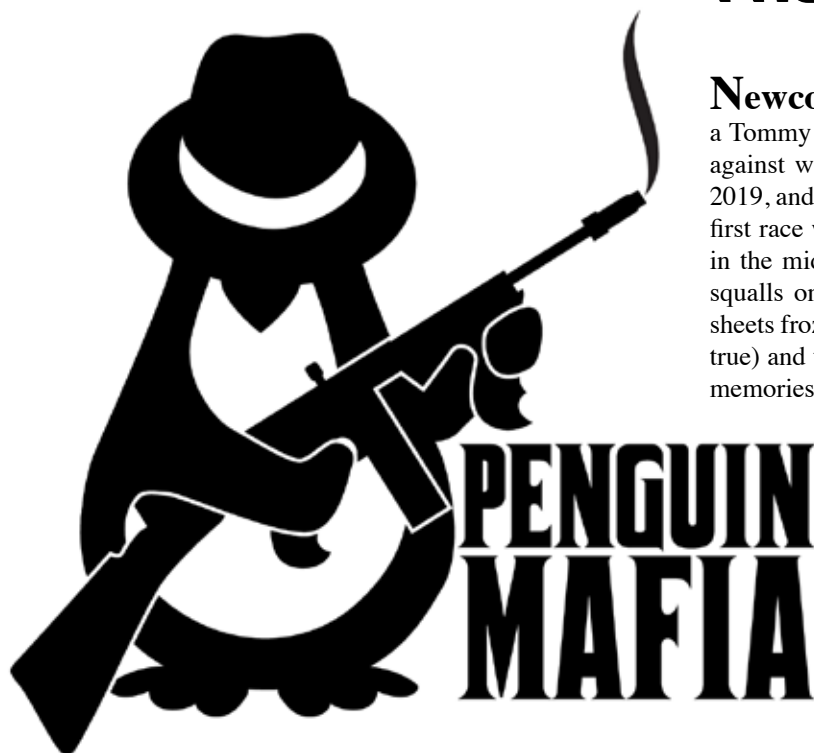
**Josh Landers — Race Committee Chairman**

Date	Day	Start Time	PRO	Asst PRO	Assistant
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
11/03/18	Saturday	1:00pm	Corey Blair	Josh Sneideman	Bob Bissell
11/10/18	Saturday	<b>John's Pig Regatta</b>		Rob Fowler	PRO - TBD

**RC's be sure to fully identify boats & skippers when recording race results. List name of skipper, type of boat and sail number for each boat.**

**NOTE: IF YOU DISCOVER A PROBLEM WITH ANY OF THE COMMITTEE OR CHASE BOATS, PLEASE NOTIFY TOM BUMGARDNER ASAP (423-838-1977)**

## FROSTBITE 2018-2019 THE PENGUIN RETURNS



**Newcomers** and guests ask why the angry penguin with a Tommy Gun? It's the Frostbite logo because we fight back against winter. The Frostbite series is fighting back again in 2019, and it's hard to believe we started this back in 2011. The first race was in mid December and featured air temperatures in the mid 20's (naww it was below zero), there were snow squalls on the lake (I say it was a full-on blizzard), our jib sheets froze (true), and there was ice coating the foredeck (also true) and the party was epic (he will not be mentioned and all memories have been erased).

There are days in December with snow and also days in the 50's with sun, you can get wind-burn, sunburn, and frostbite all on our lake in the Frostbite series. I love the series because our lake is so beautiful in the winter with no jet skis, no party barges, and no TWRA. In the winter we can see wildlife that only visits in the winter; the Bald Eagles come for the fishing, Whooping Cranes and Sandhill Cranes are passing thru and my favorite are the Loons that haunt the lake

### Schedule:

- December 02, 2018: Downwind start  
Dinner theme "Chili"
- December 16, 2018: Whaler start  
Dinner theme "Afro-Caribbean"
- January 01, 2019: Dinner theme "Soups"  
Polar Bear Plunge
- January 20, 2019: Dinner theme "Canadian Food"
- February 03, 2019: Dinner theme "Heart Attack Food"
- February 17, 2019: Downwind Start  
Dinner theme "Grandma's Favorites"
- March 03, 2019: Whaler Start  
Dinner theme "Penguin Pizza"

with plaintive cries that carry over the quiet cold lake.

This series brings sailors out who hate humidity, high temperatures, and stagnant air. One can't guarantee the weather, but I promise there will be some breeze, there will be some chills, and there will be a warm fire back at the clubhouse.

Don't miss this years series to feature a Whaler's start, downwind starts, longer races, and more exotic foods. Whether you shine on the water, are a kitchen commando, or a bar-room hero, this series is for you.

December races are on the 2nd with a food theme of "A Chili celebration" and on the 16th with a food theme of "Afro-Caribbean favorites. Pursuit starts with the scratch boat starting at 2:00 pm.

~ Paul Healy



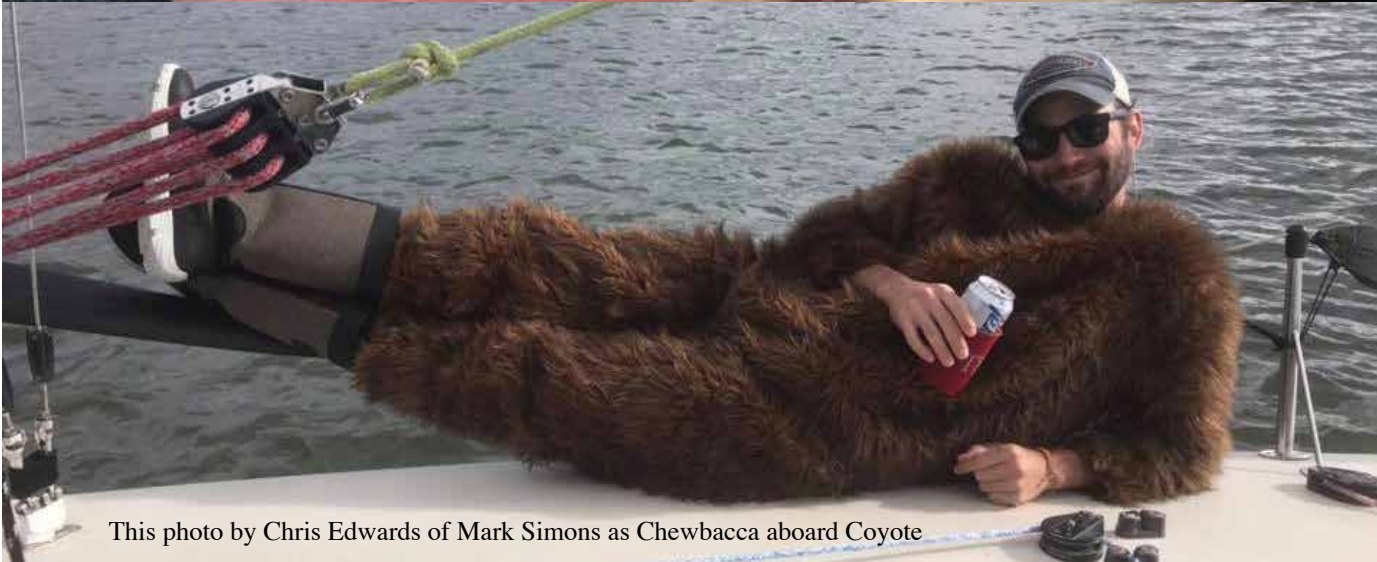
# 2018 PYC HALLOWEEN REGATTA

photos by Eddie Graham



**F**ourteen Skippers with full crews braved chilly, rainy weather to compete in **PYC's 2018 Halloween Regatta**. Congrats to Pete Duvoisin, Rob Fowler, and Chris Edwards who shared the podium. Afterward, a crackling fire in the fireplace kept 70+ club members warm for the Octoberfest dinner headed up by Britta Kindervater. Thanks to all volunteers and competitors for making it a great weekend.

The above was written by our illustrious Regatta Chairman, Membership Director, Cemetery Detective (<https://www.facebook.com/thecemeterydetective/>), and (hopefully) future Commodore, Keith Harper, shown in photo at right in full Halloween regalia, looking over the fleet to see who else is dressed for the occasion. (Bet you couldn't recognize him...)



This photo by Chris Edwards of Mark Simons as Chewbacca aboard Coyote



## MELGES M14 SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS LAKE LANIER, GA - October 28-29, 2018

Peyton and Adam Ankers, Barry Klein, Michael Easparam, and myself loaded up 5 Melges 14s and went to Lake Lanier to race in the **Melges 14 Southern Championship** last weekend. The racing Saturday was intense with the winds in the upper teens. It was cold and wet to say the least. After the three races on day one, Adam was sitting in third with a 3-4-3 behind Melges rep **Eddie Cox** and Atlanta local **Travis Maier** (the rest of us were a little further back in the fleet). Sunday turned out to be much nicer weather. It was sunny and maxing out around 10-12 mph. The first race went light on the second beat which definitely favored those of us who don't like hiking. I got a 2nd, Adam a 5th and Peyton a 6th out of 13 boats. **Go team H&B!** The second race the wind was back and we got the same results, which helped me considerably. Overall, Adam got 3rd and I got 4th (behind Adam by one point I must mention). Peyton was top female again! It was fun and we were all super tired and sore. Can't wait for next year.

On a side note, PYC has been selected to host the **Melges 14 Spring Championship** next year which will be held in conjunction with Scowabunga. This is a big honor as it is one of only 4 Melges North American World League races. Check out the article- <https://www.melges14.com/news/melges-14-joins-world-league> I believe that we were selected due to the fact that we already have such a large and active fleet.

Speaking of a large fleet. In order to help build the fleet, Peyton, Adam, and I have decided to sell our boats for what we paid for them (we got an awesome deal because we bought in so early) and order 3 new boats for ourselves. Let us know if you are interested in purchasing one next spring. ~ Josh



## PYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES — October 8, 2018

**Board Members Present:** Adam Ankers Tom Bumgardner  
Guy Campbell Rob Fowler  
Gary Harwell Bob Ives  
Josh Landers Tom Prevost

**Visitors Present:** Pat Crowe Paul Healy

The meeting was called to order by **Commodore Guy Campbell** at 5:56 pm.

**Secretary's Report (Tom Prevost):** The September 10, 2018, PYC Board minutes were approved unanimously, after a correction was made to the Past Commodore's report: "Beginning in 2019 [not 2018], regattas involving non-members will be administered through the Privateer Sailing Education Foundation (PSEF); this will mitigate insurance costs." Appreciation was expressed to Pat Crowe for agreeing to record minutes for the November 12, 2018, PYC Board meeting in light of the secretary's travel plans.

**Commodore's Report (Guy Campbell):** The Hosanna Community's letter of thanks for use of the PYC facilities for a fundraising event was noted. Diane Parvin sold their Flying Scot. Club members are encouraged to make suggestions for the upcoming 2019 PYC Board to Linda Lind, as she chairs the nominating committee.

**Treasurer's Report (Gary Harwell):** The report reviewed profit & loss (previous year comparison) and balance sheet. Also included was an aged accounts receivable report and a report of the amounts the club has written off as bad debts for the year. The board received the report with affirmation.

**Vice Commodore's Report (Josh Landers, Racing):** Wednesday night racing was completed on September 12. 22 different boats competed throughout the series and many hot dogs were consumed.

**The Flying Scot Women's NAC** was a huge success. 14 boats participated throughout the windy weekend. All 5 planned races were well sailed and executed. Thanks to the many volunteers from PYC that made this event possible. Congrats to PYC sailors Peyton Ankers and Holly Gregory (4th), Tina Campbell and Katie Landers (9th), Hannah Ginese (11th), Britta Kinder-vater, Sandy Vanden Branden and Orenda Gregory (14th) Scott Cline with daughter Megan won the Riff Raft Snipe Regatta at Cowan Lake, Ohio with a score of 2-1-1-2-1.

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	<p>PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB SHIP'S STORE available through Coral Reef Sailing Go to this website: <a href="http://www.coralreefsailing.com/index.php/privateer-yacht-club.html?__store=pryc">http://www.coralreefsailing.com/index.php/privateer-yacht-club.html?__store=pryc</a> Check back later for member discounts during promotional sales on all types of apparel and gear, even outside the range of customized pieces. 888-224-6641 or <a href="http://www.coralreefsailing.net">www.coralreefsailing.net</a></p>
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We had 9 boats attend the TVCC at Concord Yacht Club in Knoxville. Concord won the TVCC with 12 points. PYC tied for second with Browns Creek with 20 points. Thanks were expressed for all who participated. Spinnaker boats: **Ed Buiel** - 3rd place spinnaker (Melges 24), **Chris Edwards** (Melges 24). Non-spinnaker: **Bill Robertson** - 3rd place non-spinnaker (Catalina 22), **Scott Irwin** (Catalina 22). Dinghy: **Scott Cline** (Snipe), **Ed Craig** (Phantom), **Peyton Ankers** (Melges 14), **Adam Ankers** (Melges 14), **Josh Landers** (Melges 14). This month Keith Harper will be putting on the Halloween regatta on Saturday October 27th. This should be a fun event so please attend.

**Rear Commodore's Report (Keith Harper, Membership):** Three Associate Members, Christian Horvath, Brent Songer, and Don Carlisle have resigned their Associate Memberships. Due to the passing of David Linn, his wife, Carol, has opted to resign her Family Membership. This left 1 open slot for Family Membership, and the Board unanimously elected Shannon Johnson to Family Membership. Present Membership Totals: Family - 150; Associates - 13; Out Of Town - 19; Junior - 21; Honorary - 6.

**The Halloween Regatta** will take place October 27, 2018. This regatta will follow a formal style race with a 'Trick or Treat' twist; there will be rewards for the top 3 finishers. An NOR will be sent soon.

**Past Commodore's Report (Bill Robertson):** No report.

**Building & Grounds Director's Report (Adam Ankers):** A water leak in the dinghy lot has been repaired. There was further discussion of options for the purchase of new, more commercial grade, ovens in order to accommodate the increased crowds for meals; action is delayed for further research into specific options,

**Social Director's Report (Rob Fowler):** Britta Kindervater is planning the Oktoberfest meal for the October social in connection with the Halloween Regatta. The annual Pig Regatta is scheduled for November 10, and the PYC Christmas Party for December 8, 2018.

**Dockmaster's Report (Bob Ives):** D dock refurbishing by Chattanooga Dock Builders is almost complete, only lacking a few details, and boat owners there are encouraged to check their lines, securing them to the new cleats. Future work on B Dock was again discussed, as well, including anticipated action in 2019. Quite a bit of discussion focused on plans for the docks and other improvements, such as replacement or options for the steps to South Cove and electric hoists and chainfalls. A longer-term capital improvements plan is being considered. There remains a waiting list for wet slips.

**Club Boat Director's Report (Tom Bumgardner):** The motor boats are in good shape, as are the club's Flying Scots, but the planned haul out and maintenance of the RC pontoon boat is being postponed. The cost benefits of intentional preventive maintenance were highlighted.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No progress has been made in finding a re-

placement for Pete Snyder as editor, as he has requested. Club members are encouraged to share suggestions.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

Unanimously approved, adjournment was at 6:47pm.

**Respectfully submitted, Tom Prevost**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4 - **Daylight Saving Time** - As darkness falls earlier, outdoor activities during the week are greatly reduced. Use this time to plan next year's calendar. Record goals to travel with or without your boat to pursue sailing events on this calendar.

**November 10 - Pig Regatta and Social** - The hickory has already been stashed by the smoker and plans made for the last Regatta of the year and Party to celebrate. Skipper's meeting is at 1pm and Dinner is at 7pm.

**November 22 - Thanksgiving** - Give thanks for the friends you have made at PYC and, of course, the wind provided to fill our sails.

**December 2 - Frostbite Race** - This is the first of the series and always proves to be filled with excitement for the upcoming races in the series.

**December 8 - PYC Christmas Party** - Santa will be letting us know the details so we can get together for some Christmas cheer.

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"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will."  
~ Romans 12:2

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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.

**Holly Gregory** caught this photo, above, of low clouds and mist around the PYC harbor.

**Josh Landers** grins his way through the breeze at the Melges 14 Southern Championships on Lake Lanier. (below) See story on page 6 and more pictures at Facebook’s [Melges 14 Southern Championships page](#)

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