



Privateer

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VIEW FROM THE HELM

"Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it" ~Steven Wright

I say that only half sarcastically.

My wife Katie and I became associate members of Privateer Yacht Club in June 2008. We just happened to show up on a Wednesday night and Dr. Mike Seeber just happened to be looking for crew for his Impulse 26. We started racing with him and Mike Graves on a regular basis after that one sail together. Two weeks later we bought a book and a boat from Scott and Marilyn Irwin. We learned to sail our Catalina 22 by having the book open in the cockpit and comparing our sails to the pictures. We started racing Mike Graves's Impulse 26, much to Mike Seeber's chagrin, in 2010. Corey and Maggie Blair and Katie and I bought that boat from Mike Graves in 2015, a whole 5 years after we started sailing it. Now Katie and I own a small armada of boats and live full time at the club with our 7 year old son Ike.



I tell this story because we came to PYC not owning a boat, not only not knowing how to sail, but also having never sailed before in our lives. This is the power and enticement that our sport of sailing has over us. This is the draw of PYC and the allure of our beautiful grounds. This is the friendships and the family that PYC has given us. Now some 10 years after become a member, I have been given the privilege and great responsibility of Commodore. Luckily, I have also been given the opportunity to watch and learn from the faithful leaders that have come before me. I have most recently been on the board under both Bill Robertson and Guy Campbell who are leaders with a capital L. I have also been given a board full of trusted and insightful members who will guide me and support me on this journey and a membership full of self-sacrificing and hard-working members who are always willing to lend a hand.

I look forward to the next year serving our club alongside our wonderful group of volunteers and gaining that experience that I lack. Let's end this view from the helm with a quote from Guy's first view from the helm. "The value of your membership increases as you take advantage of volunteering for your favorite organization ... PYC. The relationships you build by working alongside your fellow members will last a lifetime and often prove invaluable."

See you on the water,

Josh Landers

Commodore

COMING EVENTS

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

FEBRUARY

2-February	Power Squadron Junior Navigation Class	9 am Saturday
3-February	Frostbite Race #5 & Potluck	2 pm Sunday
9-February	Power Squadron Junior Navigation Class	9 am Saturday
9-February	Burning In Social	7 pm Saturday
12-February	PYC Board Meeting	6 pm Monday
16-February	Race Management Training & Fleet Meeting	9 am Saturday
16-February	Power Squadron Junior Navigation Class	9 am Saturday
17-February	Frostbite Race #6 & Potluck	2 pm Sunday
23-February	Power Squadron Junior Navigation Class	9 am Saturday
23-February	Italian Night - Club Social & Wine Tasting	6 pm Saturday

MARCH

2-March	Power Squadron Junior Navigation Class	9 am Saturday
3-March	Frostbite #7 & Potluck	5 pm Sunday
7-March	Seamanship Class	6 pm Thursday
9-March	Power Squadron Junior Navigation Class	9 am Saturday
12-March	PYC Board Meeting	6 pm Monday
14-March	Seamanship Class	6 pm Thursday
16-March	St. Patrick's Day Regatta	TBD Saturday
21-March	Seamanship Class	6 pm Thursday
28-March	Seamanship Class	6 pm Thursday
31-March	Opti Winter Race	TBD Sunday

Annual Race Management Training

Racing is a big part of PYC's commitment to advancing the sport of sailing. To help equip our members, PYC is hosting its 2nd annual Race Management Training Day. This class has been designed to increase the proficiency, efficiency, and overall safety of our Race Committee Members.

Brainard Cooper will be leading the course, covering:

- General Race Management Strategies
- Race Course Design (Length & Direction)
- Mark Placement, Starting Line Alignment/Adjustment
- Record Keeping (Incl. tips for proper time keeping)
- Flags & Signaling
- Changing the length of the course (For time or potential abandonment)

Members who attend can sign up for dates and special requests for their Race Committee duties.

Lunch will be provided. Please confirm your attendance (and your lunch seat), by emailing:

keith@keithharper.net



It Was A Very Good Year !

It's 'Burning In' Time for Commodore Guy Campbell !

Theme:	60's, 70's, 80's, & 90's
When:	February 9th, 2019 7pm - 10pm
What is going on?:	Celebrating Guy & Burning some wood
What else?:	Live Music by Dale Jordan, et al. Games, Contests, & Dancing
What do I need to do?:	Show up in your 'theme year' gear Bring a Finger Food To Share BYOB
How Much Will It Cost?:	No charge. Nada. Zip. Zero.





FROSTBITE 2018-2019

THE PENGUIN RETURNS

Can I please get some Frostbite?!?!

Sounds strange, but Frostbiting is in full force with great participation. Fourteen boats attempted to join the inaugural race on Dec 03, and 15 boats joined the Dec 13 race. The weather has been warm and winds were in excess for many in Race 1 with gusts recorded on the water of 33 to 35 knots. A special shout out to the 7 sailors who finished racing in those extremely challenging conditions. First place honor and 9 series points was bestowed to **Ed Craig** and crew on his well sailed J-24. Race number two was the unusual, epic, Whaler start. Though the wind never filled into the lake and the race was abandoned after two hours, it was another warm day and plenty of good cheer was observed both on the water, at the docks and back in the clubhouse.

The Frostbite series revolves around the post-race meal, so if you are a wintertime house mouse who hates the cold, this is your time to show up at the club with a themed meal and huddle around the cozy fire and make fun of the fools dripping in snow and ice. Fight back against winter and enjoy the bad with the good. The first meal theme was Chili and the second meal theme was Afro-Caribbean favorites, tasty soups are on the menu board for race #3 on January 01, and the delicacies of Canada will be featured after the January 20th race #4.

Non-racers, arm-chair admirals, and occasional drunks are sought to participate both in the racing and especially in the good cheer and post race hospitality. The Penguin themed truckers' hats are in and a limited number are available for sale if you did not pre-order a hat. Come sail the series through March while enjoying both the cold and the comfort food.

~ Paul Healy

Schedule:

February 03, 2019: Dinner theme "Heart Attack Food"

February 17, 2019: Downwind Start
Dinner theme "Grandma's Favorites"

March 03, 2019: Whaler Start (Yes, anchored)
Dinner theme "Penguin Pizza"

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON JUNIOR NAVIGATION CLASS

The United States Power Squadron started a **Junior Navigation class** on **January 19th**. It meets on Saturday mornings and runs through April, but the scheduling is tentative from mid-March through April because of regattas.

If you have ever wondered how the old navigators found their way around the world, this is the class for you. Also, if you ever plan to voyage offshore, knowing how to use a sextant as a backup to GPS is an essential skill.

Junior Navigation is the first in a two-part offshore navigation program, followed by the Navigation course. It is designed as a practical "how to" course.

Subject matter includes:

- Precise time determination
- Use of the Nautical Almanac
- Taking sextant sights of the sun
- Reducing sights to establish lines of position
- Special charts and plotting for offshore navigation
- Offshore navigational routines for recreational craft
- Electronic and computerized offshore navigation.

There are some prerequisites for the class. So, if you are interested in taking the class, please contact **Bob Rupe**:

rrupes@comcast.net

Annual Meeting - Membership Minutes

January 19, 2019

Board Members Present: Adam Ankers, Tom Bumgardner, Guy Campbell, Rob Fowler, Keith Harper, Gary Harwell, Bob Ives, Josh Landers, and Tom Prevost.

Location: Chattanooga Golf and Country Club

Tom Prevost led with the blessing/invocation, and the meal started at 7pm. An hour later, Commodore **Guy Campbell** called the meeting to order. Guy thanked the board for going 'above and beyond...' He then expressed appreciation to all those that volunteered either at an organized activity or on their own when they saw something that needed doing. Guy thanked Carl & Mabel Dyer for organizing the meeting.

Highlights from the agenda:

Commodore's Report (**Guy Campbell**): Looking back at 2018, we can all agree that we didn't leave many stones unturned. Following the footsteps of those before us in pursuing the sport of sailing, we managed to provide activities for all of us to participate in, for example:

- We began 2018 with the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at the Chattanooga Golf and Country Club.
- **Dee Harwell** was awarded the Commodore's Award
- **Eddie Graham** received the Brainerd Cooper Sr. Award
- Held 2 Work Parties (February 3 and August 11)
- Completed a series of Frostbite Races at the first of the year and restarted Frostbite at the end of the year. **Josh Landers** ran the first one, and **Paul Healy** returned to PYC to head up the second one.
- Too many socials to list, but **Rob Fowler** and his helpers made sure they were up to par and most had a little bit of a Fowler twist. Rob would throw in an extra spur of the moment get together just to make sure we were getting our money's worth.
- **Ron Harr** in his super stealth way hosted a series of seamanship classes. These were offered to our members and also to the boating community at large. This promoted PYC as stewards of Chickamauga Lake.



- The board met monthly to oversee the club's business and insure our success. The board was encouraged as new associate members dropped in to introduce themselves. Several individuals attended regularly to keep the board on their toes, including **Carl Dyer, Pat Crowe, Marv Martin, and Pete Snyder**.
- Privateer Sailing Education Foundation (PSEF) was formed by our Education Committee. The team sought and received 501(c)3 status. The PSEF was the brain child of **Steve Sherman** and carried out by PSEF board members **Josh Sneiderman, Tim Chambers, Scott Lee, Bill Robertson** and **Edith Collins**. Special thanks to large contributors; the **Paul Sherman Family** and **Harvey Howalt/Stewart Cofield**.
- As Race Committee Chairman, **Josh Landers** re-vamped the race committee. This included PYC Race Management Team training classes taught by **Brainard Cooper**. This enabled three trained race committee members responsible for each race in lieu of two with various levels of experience.
- **Dee Harwell** gifted us with an experience she dubbed "Tiller Time". This was a more relaxed sailing experience than those who have tested the frantic waters of racing. Tiller Time drew an additional member flurry.
- One thing PYC is famous for is the "Million Dollar Porch," but another is the way we put on a Regatta. There were 12+ regattas held at PYC in 2018, including the award-nominated Flying Scot Women's Nationals. Congratulations to our entire club on their hard work.
- PYC continued its tradition of club races. We held a Wednesday night PHRF series, a Saturday PHRF series, a Sunday Dinghy series, and the Frostbite series. Records were kept by **Bill Robertson**.
- Our club boats have been maintained by **Tom Bumgardner** for the last two years. Tom not only maintained the boats, but he also held classes to show us how to use them. Many thanks to Tom.
- In 2018, PYC had both national and global exposure. **Jack Everett** made it his passion to take PYC overseas, and **Josh Landers, Adam Ankers, Peyton Ankers, Scott Cline, Rob Fowler, Lynn Bruss, Bill Bruss**, and many other captains and crew attended multiple out of town regatta events.
- PYC also traveled to other Yacht Clubs with Jack Everett leading the charge. The **Landers** and the **Campbells** also visited several clubs on their sails on Lake Erie.
- On a sad note, we sent an unfair share of our members on their final sail. These included **Gary Smith, Tad Parvin, Jan Shepherd, and Bruce Jones**.
- We opened our doors to those who needed help with accommodations. Our clubhouse welcomed girl scouts, boy scouts, wedding parties, company picnics, tea parties and family reunions.
- PSEF taught 130 students through summer sail camps how to sail and develop confidence as young sailors. Thanks to all involved, especially **Daniel Locke**.

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- **Spencer Wiberly** was brave enough to coach a traveling PYC Opti racing team. Spencer and his crew spent hours training the guys and gals to be “athletes”. The team rapidly progressed and won their fair share of races and honors.
- D Dock was overhauled. Two docks have been overhauled and several more will be completed over the next couple of years. Thanks to **Bob Ives** for getting this process started, and **David Varnell** who is seeing it through completion.
- **Pete Snyder** has without fail provided us with an outstanding newsletter for the past 12 years on a monthly basis. Pete has kept us all in touch and up to date on what all we are doing here at PYC. Stepping up to the plate to continue this tradition, are **Brian Denning** and **Cory Richardson**.
- PYC continues to welcome new associate members, even though our family membership roster is full. While we aren’t able to move associates to full family membership as quickly as they may want, we will be able to eventually. I want to thank all of our associate members for their patience and hope this isn’t proving to be something that holds you back from enjoying the best part of our club, its members.
- **Eddie Graham, David Bergevin** and **Bob Bissell** participated in a Tennessee River cleanup event. While we are attentive to our club grounds, we should share in the responsibility of the waters around us.

This is only a partial list. There were numerous other activities that occurred but escaped my notice. I can assure you that there is great value in belonging to this sailing family. Please excuse any omissions or lack of details as there would have to be a publication so large very few would sit down and read it. It has certainly been my pleasure to serve you as Commodore this year and I hope this recap of our accomplishments brings you some excitement for what we can all do next year. Let’s stay safe on the water.

Secretary’s Report (Tom Prevost): After thanking **Pete Snyder** and **Pat Crowe** for each taking the minutes in the secretary’s two absences, approval of the minutes was requested and approved.

Treasurer’s Report (Gary Harwell): PYC finances are in good shape. All bills are paid and current. A profit & loss statement and balance sheet was distributed. Only one payment remains on the club house notes, and PYC will be debt free on April 1, 2019.

Social Director’s Report (Rob Fowler): PYC knows how to eat, drink, and party. Appreciation goes to all those who turned out for each month’s social activity, and to those who planned and led them.

Dockmaster’s Report (Bob Ives): Many members have cooperated in conforming their boats to club expectations and making slip moves to accommodate others. **David Varnell**, will be the next dock master and is expected to be able to complete the renovations.

Club Boat Director’s Report (Tom Bumgardner): The boats are in good shape, and all are registered. Special thanks to **Steve Sherman** for his boat maintenance contributions.

Past Commodore’s Report (Bill Robertson): In Robertson’s absence (his first missed annual meeting in 30 years, due to his wife Kathy’s lung transplant in Philadelphia), **Josh Sneiderman** and **Steve Sherman** reported:

Privateer Sailing Education Foundation (PSEF) – Board members, including **Tim Chambers, Edith Collins, Scott Lee**, and **Steve Sherman** spent countless hours ensuring the stability of our future sailing programs. Thank you to **Bill Robertson** for his contributions to the board, and we thank him for his devotion to bringing PSEF into existence. Sail Camp is the largest PSEF program with 132 students in 2018; 168 in 2019. Adaptive Sailing included Disability Sports USA, who hosted 15 wounded veterans; 126 adaptive sailing lessons; 30 students, involving those with autism and Down syndrome, as well as those paralyzed or paraplegic, and 17 U.S. military veterans (including a double amputee and one with a traumatic brain injury). Adult Learn-to-Sail had 15 students, and had a partnership with UTC. The Opti Race Team, coached by **Spencer Wiberly** (a former U.S. National Team Opti Coach), competed in 2 Junior Olympic events, a Regional Championship, and hosted 2 regattas at PYC. 3 boats were donated to PSEF, resulting in \$13,000 income. A marine auction yielded \$810. An incredible start up contribution from **Paul Sherman**, son of **Steve Sherman** of \$45,000 enabled the purchase of 10 new Fusions (already used for 200+ hours by PYC members). There will be an annual fund raiser, and you can support PSEF via: Amazon Smile, tax deductible contributions, estate planning, and volunteering.

Junior Sailor of the Year Award - At the Sail Camp and Opti events, the PYC Junior Award was given to **Mya Sneiderman**. Mya finished in the top 3 of the regattas she attended. The staff said Mya was a model student who went out of her way to help other students who were struggling with the principles of sailing.





Steady Hand Award – **Bob Bissell** has volunteered almost every day of Sail Camp; at least 9 years. He looks out for the safety of the campers both on the water and ashore. Before camp starts, he runs a day of instruction for the staff. During camp he helps steer the staff as they develop their own teaching curriculum. When there is a student falling behind, Bob gives them private lessons.

Bob has outlasted 3 directors and has refused to be paid. He is a very giving and selfless individual who deserves this recognition, along with a great deal of appreciation. The Steady Hand Award is given to the person “who contributes most to the development and advancement of novice racing sailors, both large and small.”

Building and Grounds Director’s Report (Adam Ankers): The building and grounds are in good shape. While appreciation is due to everyone who helped, special thanks goes to **David Bergevin, David Varnell, Steve Sherman, Rob Fowler, and Guy & Tina Campbell** for taking over this responsibility.

Rear Commodore’s Report – Membership (Keith Harper): We have had full Family Membership for all of 2018. With tonight’s addition of a new honorary member, PYC memberships totals are: Family, 149; Associates, 12; Junior, 21; Out of Town, 19; and Honorary, 6.

Honorary Member Dan Williams (Brainard Cooper) – Brainard Cooper recognized **Dan Williams** as our newest honorary member. In 1950, Dan foresaw that PYC needed a more permanent home than Gold Point Marina. Dan became one of the first club members to participate in the larger world of sailing. He attended the Old United Yacht Racing Union annual meetings (precursor of today’s US Sailing) and served as Fleet Captain at PYC. Dan became PYC Commodore in 1958 at the age of 31. Dan raced his Snipe in Michigan, Florida, Annapolis, and New Orleans, frequently bringing home medals. Starting In 1952, PYC began hosting the Southern Snipe Championship and Dan won the event in 1965 and 1970. Dan was a long time member off the Snipe Class Board of Governors and International Commodore of the class in 1977 and later Chairman of the Rules Committee for many years. He traveled to 4 continents while attending Snipe events,

frequently wearing one of his 50+ Southern Snipe Championship t-shirts during the day and a PYC pin in his lapel at formal functions. [Dan shared the story of getting his first Snipe at Georgia Tech and graciously finished by presenting a check to PSEF stating, “This is our future!”]



Vice Commodore - Director of Racing (Josh Landers): There was excellent racing participation this year. PYC hosted 5 internal regattas (St. Patrick’s, Long Distance, Dog, Halloween, & Pig) and 6 one-design regattas (Flying Scot, Catalina 22, MC Scow, Melges 14, & Thistle), along with the Flying Scot Women’s North American Championships. Another Race Committee training event will be held at PYC on February 16, 2019.

The Saturday PHRF (Hank Zander Memorial Trophy), held 22 races, 21 boats participating, and 12 boats qualifying: 3rd–**Britta Kindervater**, 2nd–**Bill Robertson**, & 1st–Team Impulse 26 (**Blairs, Landerses, Harper**).

For the Wednesday PHRF (CSC John Wesley Award), there were 16 races, 22 boats participating, and 11 boats qualifying: 3rd–Team Caliente (**Rob Fowler, Linda Lind, Bob Ives, Tom Clark, Hannah Ginese**), 2nd–**Tim Chambers**, & 1st–Tem Impulse 26 (**Blairs, Landerses, Harper**).

The Sunday Portsmouth Dinghy had 21 races, 22 boats participating, and 11 boats qualifying: 3rd–**Lynn & Bill Bruss**, 2nd–**Steve Sherman**, 1st–**Josh Landers**.

For the Catalina 22 Fleet, there were 13 races, 6 boats participating, and 3 qualifying: 3rd–**Tina & Guy Campbell**, 2nd–**John Rathjen**, 1st–**Bill Robertson**.

The Flying Scot Fleet held 8 races with 10 boats participating, and 5 qualifying: 3rd–**Tom Clark**, 2nd–**Rob Fowler**, 1st–**Lynn & Bill Bruss**.

The MC Scow Fleet held 2 races with 3 boats participating, and 3 boats qualifying: 2nd–**Josh Sneiderman**, 2nd–**David Linn**, 1st–**Steve Sherman**.

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For the Melges 14 Fleet, there were 6 races, 6 boats participating, and 6 boats qualifying: 3rd-**Ed Buiel**, 2nd-**Josh Landers**, 1st-**Adam Ankers**.

The Frostbite Series held 7 races with 19 boats participating, and 19 boats qualifying: 3rd-**Ed Craig**, 2nd-Team Caliente (**Rob Fowler, Linda Lind, Bob Ives, Tom Clark, Hannah Ginese**), 1st-**Tim Chambers**.

The Commodore's Award (Guy Campbell): The 2018 award went to someone who was there whenever asked and never complained when Guy asked for help. She actually encouraged Guy to take on the invitation to join the board and work his way up to Commodore. This year's Commodore award was presented to Guy's wife, **Tina Campbell**.



The Brainard Cooper Award: **Eddie Graham** presented the 2018 Brainard Cooper Award to **Brainard Cooper, Jr.** The trophy is awarded to the club member who the Board of Directors agrees has promoted sailing and sportsmanship; has contributed significantly during Club activities, and has demonstrated proficiency in sailing. Brainard has demonstrated his proficiency in sailing over the years. He began sailing in 1948 and by the late 70's he began traveling the world to serve in various official capacities managing the Snipe class and it's regattas.

In 2017 Brainard became the first and only inductee to the Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame for sailing excellence. Now in the eighth decade of a well spent life, he is not one to rest on his laurels. In 2018 he was Race Committee Superman, teaching two race committee classes, ordering and maintaining all of the regatta RC gear, and serving as PRO for several of our local regattas (C22 Chattanooga Challenge, MC Scowabunga/Melges 14 Spring Fling, & Thistle Brown Jug Regatta) and the Flying Scot Women's North American Championships. All the while, he ran regularly scheduled fleet races. When he was not on the Race Committee, he was crewing on Bob Rupe's J-92. **Brainard Cooper, Jr.**, honored us by accepting the Brainard Cooper Award.

There was no old business.

For new business, Linda Lind, chairman made the introductions of the 2019 PYC Board:

- **Commodore – Josh Landers,**
- **Vice Commodore – Keith Harper (Racing)**
- **Rear Commodore – Rob Fowler (Building & Grounds)**
- **Secretary – Tom Prevost**
- **Treasurer – Gary Harwell**
- **Board Director – David Varnell (Dockmaster)**
- **Board Director – Paul Healy (Club Boats)**
- **Board Director – Eddie Graham (Membership)**
- **Board Director – Linda Lind (Social Co-Chair)**

Josh Landers presented the new flag officers with their flags. **Sandy Vanden Branden** announced the February 9, 2019, Burning In party to honor **Guy Campbell**.

Finally, **Guy Campbell** turned the gavel over to **Josh Landers**, who called for an adjournment, and the response was unanimously in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

~~ Minutes graciously penned by **Tom Prevost**

~~~ Photos skillfully snapped by **Jim Davis**



## Calling all Optimists...

PYC has never had a Junior Race program of any import before 2018. While the idea of getting Juniors together from surrounding clubs is not new, nothing like what is planned for Spring 2019 has ever been planned and executed.

PYC will host 2 of the 4 scheduled inter-club events. The Birmingham Sailing Club, the Atlanta Yacht Club, and the Concord Yacht Club will all be participating. We hope this will be the beginning of improved youth racing in the South East.

The series has been aptly named: **The Hot Chocolate Series and the first race at PYC featured a hot chocolate bar for attendees and spectators.**

Race dates are as follows:

January 27 - PYC  
February 24 - Atlanta Yacht Club  
March 17 - Birmingham Sailing Club  
March 31 - PYC.

With the creation of the non profit Privateer Sailing Education Foundation (PSEF) in 2018, it is PYC's hope that we can keep this racing format alive and growing.

### Joshua Sneideman

Board President (and Contributing Photographer)  
Privateer Sailing Education Foundation







## BOATS FOR SALE AT PYC

(Please contact owners for more info.)



## *January PYC Hot Chocolate Series - Optimist Race 1*



**O'Day 23** (No Trailer) - \$2,300 - S. Cove #19 - Alan Johns - 423-304-4886

**J 24** w/ trailer - \$6,500 - Slip B-14 - David Cox - 423-842-8698

**S2 9.1** - \$25,000 - Slip C-2 (Will trade for smaller boat plus \$\$) Phil Dugan - 423-309-6077

**Catalina 22** - \$4,000 - Li'l Boy Blue - Reconditioned fully race ready, with good sails and gear. Walt Jenison 423 653-4091, Hm 886-5655

**Catalina 22 Sport** (2005) - \$12,500 - Rigged for cruising or racing, and ready for fresh or salt water. Dieter Kuberg - 423-421-4471

**Mirage 5.5** on trailer - Steve George - 423-667-2493

**Ranger 26** (1972) - \$2,700 - Tom Prevost - 423-580-6980

## PYC Board Experiment: Social Director Co-Chair

Membership for the 2019 PYC Board has been finalized, with one notable deviation from the norm. This year the **Social Director** position held by **Linda Knudson Lind** has a Co-Chair appointed, **Susan Howell**.

You might be asking - 'why make a change?' Is the chairperson just lazy? Linda said that was possible, but there are two objectives: First we want to create an environment where we can expand the number of social activities. As you know, any position on the PYC Board of Directors involves a lot of work, but the Social Director is challenged throughout the year to provide social outlets for club members to enjoy. By having a co-chair, we can expand and diversify the number of activities offered.

Secondly, it is often difficult to find individuals willing to serve in certain board roles, and the Social Director position can be a challenging position. Some members might feel uncomfortable, because cooking meals for 100+ people can be a bit daunting. By having a co-chair for this board position we hope to provide a "training ground" to give individuals a chance to get more comfortable with the role. In an ideal world, a person would serve their first year as co-chair, to get familiar with the duties, then the co-chair would move up to the role of chairperson the following year.

As the year progresses, we will see how this experiment unfolds. By next December Susan may run screaming away from the clubhouse...but let's hope not! As to how this joint responsibility will work, here's a brief summary:

- Susan will be the individual responsible for keeping up the PYC calendar and being sure social activities are posted on the website. If you need to use the clubhouse, please contact Susan.
- Linda will handle inventory and restocking of all expendable supplies (paper plates, cups, napkins, etc.). If you feel we need something new or are running low on normal stock items, please contact Linda.
- Both individuals will share in planning and coordinating myriad upcoming social events. While we will certainly continue with many of our long-standing traditions (Pig Regatta, St Patrick's Regatta, etc.), we will also be adding some new and exciting activities to our yearly roster.

The Private Ear and the PYC website will be updated with news on upcoming social activities. Thank you for your support of this new approach to our PYC Social World.

- **Linda Knudson Lind**

## Learn to Sail Class: Now For Adults

April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, and June 1, 2019

All classes are on Saturdays from 9am until noon  
Price \$450 - Class Limited to 6 Students

The Privateer Sailing Education Foundation (PSEF, a Non-Profit) was established to provide sailing education at Privateer Yacht Club. Teaching Adults to learn to sail continues to be a part of the PYC mission statement. PSEF is a separate organization that functions symbiotically with PYC. It organizes and delivers sailing education for adults and children, as well as the physically challenged.

PSEF offers spring and fall classes to take advantage of the most favorable sailing weather in the Chattanooga area.

The Adult Learn to Sail class is designed for adults who have never sailed before, or have had limited experience. The course teaches the art of sailing, a sport you can enjoy for your entire life. It includes the following:

1. Safety
2. Rigging and care of a sailboat
3. Nautical terminology
4. Rules of the road
5. Leaving the dock correctly
6. Sailing to windward, leeward, and on a reach
7. Returning to the dock
8. Reading the wind, including direction and velocity
9. Basic knot-tying

The course is taught on Lake Chickamauga using the Privateer Yacht Club facilities. We use boats owned by the foundation, such as the Flying Scot (a 19-foot Dinghy for 2-3 people), the Fusion (13 feet, for 1-2 people), and a keel boat.

Your instructors are trained and certified by US Sailing, the national sailing authority.

In the event a class cancellation occurs due to weather, we will attempt to re-schedule.

For more information and to sign up, please contact:

**Tim Chambers**

Email: [tim@psef.us](mailto:tim@psef.us)

423-718-3704

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### *International Sailing Proverbs*

Arabian: If you are a friend of the captain, you can wipe your hands on the sail.

Armenian: When asked, "What news from the sea?" The fish replied "I have a lot to say, but my mouth is full of water."

Bulgarian: If you want to drown yourself, don't torture yourself with shallow water.

Chinese: He who sees heaven in water sees fishes in trees.

Danish: Don't sail out farther than you can row back.

French: If the seawater were hotter, we could catch boiled fish.

Greek: If you cannot catch a fish, do not blame the sea.

Indian: All the water in the sea doesn't even reach the knees of the man who fears not death.

Irish: Nodding the head does not row the boat.

Italian: After the ship has sunk, everyone knows how she might have been saved.

Japanese: If you are in a boat you are more afraid of fire than you are of water.

Norwegian: There is no wind that blows right for the sailor who doesn't know where the harbour is.

Russian: Pray to God but continue to row to the shore.

Scottish: Waves will rise on silent water.

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When our trials come, when we feel pain and suffering, when our tears flow again, it is our joy and comfort to lift our faces heavenward and to go on, standing on the promises of God.  
- W. A. Criswell

Faith allows us to confidently walk with God into a future filled with joy; one that can become an extraordinary and amazing adventure.  
- Mary C. Neal




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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.

"Red sky in the morning, sailor take warning!" I wonder what happened later that day. (photo above by Keith Harper)

Here's wishing you plenty of "red skies at night, a sailor's delight!"

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