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VIEW FROM THE HELM – April 2018

Let's Get on the Water!

April has provided us with plenty of wind and our members have been taking advantage of it. We have begun all our opening days for the various spring racing series with well sailed races. We've completed a long distance race in probably record time. And both the Optis and the UTC students haven't had any trouble due to the lack of wind. Let's keep our lines crossed that this will continue through the Regatta season.

May brings us three regattas and even a wedding.

May 5 and 6, Catalina 22 Chattanooga Challenge

May 19 and 20, Scowabunga MC Scow

May 19 and 20, Chattaboogie Melges 14

May 25, Desanto Wedding

Have you watched the Optis practicing? Spencer Wiberly and Josh Sneiderman have had these young sailors out training lately, and I'll say they are making great progress. May 12, there will be an all day Opti Clinic that anyone can at-

tend. This should attract out of town Opti sailors as well. So treat yourself to a glimpse of PYC future and watch as they learn.

*Get out and sail!
 Guy, Commodore 2018*



COMING EVENTS

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

MAY

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| 2-May-18 | Evening PHRF Racing | 7 pm Wednesday |
| 3-May-18 | Power Squadron Piloting Class | 6:30 pm Thursday |
| 5-May-18 | C-22 Chattanooga Challenge | TBD Saturday |
| 6-May-18 | C-22 Chattanooga Challenge | TBD Sunday |
| 9-May-18 | Evening PHRF Racing | 7 pm Wednesday |
| 10-May-18 | Tiller Time | 6 pm Thursday |
| 10-May-18 | Power Squadron Piloting Class | 6:30 pm Thursday |
| 12-May-18 | Opti Racing Clinic | 9 am Saturday |
| 12-May-18 | PHRF Racing | 1 pm Saturday |
| 13-May-18 | Mother's Day - No Racing | Sunday |
| 14-May-18 | PYC Board Meeting | 6 pm Monday |
| 16-May-18 | Evening PHRF Racing | 7 pm Wednesday |
| 17-May-18 | Opti Racing Clinic | 6 pm Thursday |
| 17-May-18 | Power Squadron Piloting Class | 6:30 pm Thursday |
| 19-May-18 | Spring Fling M-14 & Scowabumga MC Scow | TBD Saturday |
| 19-May-18 | Spring Fling M-14 & Scowabumga MC Scow | TBD Sunday |
| 23-May-18 | Evening PHRF Racing | 7 pm Wednesday |
| 24-May-18 | Tiller Time | 6 pm Thursday |
| 24-May-18 | Power Squadron Piloting Class | 6:30 pm Thursday |
| 26-May-18 | PHRF Racing | 1 pm Saturday |
| 27-May-18 | Opti Green Fleet Regatta | 8:30 am Sunday |
| 27-May-18 | Dinghy Racing | 2:30 pm Sunday |
| 30-May-18 | Evening PHRF Racing | 7 pm Wednesday |
| 28-May-18 | Opti Racing Clinic | 8 am Saturday |
| 28-May-18 | PHRF Racing | 1 pm Saturday |
| 30-May-18 | Evening PHRF Racing | 7 pm Wednesday |
| 31-May-18 | Power Squadron Piloting Class | 6:30 pm Thursday |

JUNE

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| 2-June-18 | PHRF Racing | 1 pm Saturday |
| 3-June-18 | Dinghy Racing | 2:30 pm Sunday |
| 6-June-18 | Evening PHRF Racing | 7 pm Wednesday |
| 7-June-18 | Power Squadron Piloting Class | 6:30 pm Thursday |
| 9-June-18 | Thistle Brown Jug Regatta | TBD Saturday |
| 10-June-18 | Thistle Brown Jug Regatta | TBD Sunday |
| 11-June-18 | PYC Board Meeting | 6 pm Monday |
| 14-June-18 | Power Squadron Piloting Class | 6:30 pm Thursday |
| 16-June-18 | PHRF Racing | 1 pm Saturday |
| 17-June-18 | Dinghy Racing | 2:30 pm Sunday |
| 20-June-18 | Evening PHRF Racing | 7 pm Wednesday |
| 21-June-18 | Power Squadron Piloting Class | 6:30 pm Thursday |
| 23-June-18 | PHRF Racing | 1 pm Saturday |
| 24-June-18 | Dinghy Racing | 2:30 pm Sunday |
| 27-June-18 | Evening PHRF Racing | 7 pm Wednesday |
| 30-June-18 | PHRF Racing | 1 pm Saturday |

DROWNING DOESN'T LOOK LIKE DROWNING

by Mario Vittone

One of the first things I ever wrote for publication was a short article about drowning recognition for a Coast Guard magazine. A few years later, I adapted the piece for recreational boaters. I tried my best to get it published, but no one wanted it. Reader's Digest said it was "too dark," and everyone else

(including Soundings magazine) simply ignored the submission.

Thanks to a friend of mine who had a blog, my piece on drowning was first posted eight years ago to the day in 2010. It went viral and crashed his website. Since then, it's been translated into 15 languages, was published in the *Washington Post*, and *Reader's Digest* eventually requested to buy the rights.

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RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Josh Landers — Race Committee Chairman

| Date | Day | Start Time | PRO | Asst PRO | Assistant |
|-------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| MAY | | | | | |
| 05/02/18 | Wednesday | 7:00pm | Tom Prevost | Ed Ford | David Wollert |
| 05/05/18 | Saturday | C22 Chattanooga Challenge | | David Bergevin | PRO Brainard Cooper |
| 05/06/18 | Sunday | C22 Chattanooga Challenge | | David Bergevin | |
| 05/09/18 | Wednesday | 7:00pm | Ed Craig | Bill & Lynn Bruss | Jude Weidner |
| 05/12/18 | Saturday | 1:00pm | A & P Ankers | Ed Buiel | Sandy Vanden Branden |
| 05/13/18 | Sunday | Mother's Day | No Racing | Mother's Day | No Racing |
| 05/16/18 | Wednesday | 7:00pm | Tim Chambers | Scott Lee | Bobby Thompson |
| 05/19/18 | Saturday | MC Scowabunga / Melges 14 | | Steve Sherman | PRO Rob Fowler |
| 05/20/18 | Sunday | MC Scowabunga / Melges 14 | | Steve Sherman | |
| 05/23/18 | Wednesday | 7:00pm | Tom Prevost | Richard Ralston | Chris Thomas |
| 05/26/18 | Saturday | 1:00pm | David Varnell | Doug Spohn | Pat Teasdale |
| 05/27/18 | Sunday | 2:30pm | Corey Blair | Chris Edwards | Kirby Sweatt |
| 05/30/18 | Wednesday | 7:00pm | Scott Cline | Warren Sickler | Gary Stewart |
| JUNE | | | | | |
| 06/02/18 | Saturday | 1:00pm | Tom Clark | Kevin Gersch | Daniel Steiner |
| 06/03/18 | Sunday | 2:30pm | Guy Campbell | Bob Ives | Tim Simmons |
| 06/06/18 | Wednesday | 7:00pm | Paul Healy | Warren Sickler | Udo Schroff |
| 06/09/18 | Saturday | Thistle Brown Jug | | Adam Ankers | PRO - Brainard Cooper |
| 06/10/18 | Sunday | Thistle Brown Jug | | Adam Ankers | |
| 06/13/18 | Wednesday | 7:00pm | Tim Chambers | Walt Jenison | David Queen |
| 06/16/18 | Saturday | 1:00pm | Scott Irwin | John Roberts | Brent Songer |
| 06/17/18 | Sunday | 2:30pm | Keith Harper | Holly Gregory | Bert Poston |
| 06/20/18 | Wednesday | 7:00pm | Ed Craig | Randy Tilly | James Troyer |
| 06/23/18 | Saturday | 1:00pm | Steve Sherman | Stewart Cofield | Wade Penny |
| 06/24/18 | Sunday | 2:30pm | Harding Aslinger | Richard Ralston | Michael Peck |
| 06/27/18 | Wednesday | 7:00pm | Bill Robertson | David Linn | Steve Morgan |
| 06/30/18 | Saturday | 1:00pm | Scott Cline | Mitchell Kohlmann | Chuck Morgan |

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.

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

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

If you would like to crew on a race boat, or if you have need for crew, go to the PYC website **CREW NEEDED** page: <http://www.privateeryachtclub.org/racing/crew-needed>

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After years of saying yes to requests to republish, repost and translate (there have been hundreds), I released the piece to the public domain. But I never got the article into a major boating magazine as I intended. Well, this is my blog, so I like my chances this time.

Summer is coming, folks, and I think the short article below is the most valuable thing I've put together, ever. I wanted to make sure followers of this blog have read it.

Drowning Doesn't Look Like Drowning

The new captain jumped from the deck, fully dressed, and sprinted through the water. A former lifeguard, he kept his eyes on his victim and headed straight for a couple who were swim-

ming between their anchored sportfish and the beach.

"I think he thinks you're drowning," the husband said to his wife. They had been splashing each other, and she had screamed, but now they were just standing neck-deep on a sandbar. "We're fine, what is he doing?" she asked, a little annoyed. "We're fine!" the husband yelled, waving him off, but his captain kept swimming hard toward him. "Move!" he barked as he sprinted between the stunned owners.

Directly behind them, not 10 feet away, their nine-year-old daughter was drowning. Safely above the surface in the arms of the captain, she burst into tears and screamed, "Daddy!"

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WOMEN'S LEARN TO SAIL CLASSES



Learning the basics of sailing, rigging the boat, departing from the dock, sailing around and then docking and putting the boat away is not hard to learn. It is about Women of any age having fun and being at one with the elements. It's not a guy thing either. You don't have to be overly strong or a rocket scientist.

In conjunction with Tiller Time the second and forth Thursdays of the Summer months we have planned a Women's Learn to Sail Class. Taught by Level 1 certified Instructors. You will have a mentor to accompany you until you feel confident to sail solo.

If you are interested or have questions let Dee Harwell or Steve Sherman know you would like to participate: di8tician@aol.com, 423 240 4550 or steve@optistuff.com, 423 432 6501.

The club has purchased 10 new Fusion Sailboats. The Fusion is similar to a Laser but with better features: Very stable, not overly tippy, Simple to rig, Indestructible as it is rotomolded plastic. There is one sitting on the launch ramp platform, the Dinghy Deck. Take a close look.

IT'S TILLER TIME!

By Dee Harwell

WHAT: PYC friends gathering to go sailing for fun and helping one another with sailing instruction as needed.

WHEN: 2nd and 4th Thursdays during the summer starting May 10 and May 24 @ 6:00 pm.

WHO: All boats, all ages, men and women, and all skill levels.

Contact Dee Harwell cell 423-240-4550 or di8tician@aol.com with your interest level and we will get you connected with a PYC member.



I am thankful for the interest in participating in Tiller Time. This is who is interested so far:

- Orenda Gregory - wanting to have all ladies Flying Scot crew .
- Pete Snyder & Joani Koch are wanting people to go out sailing with them just for fun - they need crew,
- Brent Songer – wants assistance / instruction to help him take out his boat
- Martin Gregory, Eddie Graham, Steve Sherman, Udo Schroff and Tim Chambers are willing to help others learn to sail.
- Dee Harwell – wants practice on her Force Five
- Nan Brooks, Marcia Goodman, Johann & Angelika Ecker, Lynda Stewart, Kathy Bissell, Priscilla George, Jean Conover, Yvonne and Bill Derrickson – want instruction on club boats to gain experience sailing
- Mary Bricker Jenkins – wants to go out cruising on anyone's boat
- Steve Sherman is spearheading class for ladies and teaching on new club boat Fusions.

We need people that want to go out sailing. This is your chance to go out cruising, enjoy the outdoors, and have fun without pressure of racing. Let me hear from you!

Dee Harwell Cell: 423-240-4550 Email: Di8tician@aol.com

TEN Opti sailors have been spotted on the water in frigid conditions, high winds, and with giant smiles, preparing for the USA Junior Olympic Festival - South Atlantic. 7 of the 10 PYC Opti racers will head to Atlanta on May 5th to compete in their first ever out-of-town regatta. To prepare, they have been training tirelessly in all weather conditions.

PYC member, **Coach Spencer Wiberly** has taken this group under his wing and has them running through rigorous, at times grueling, but always fun, sailing drills. PYC members have been volunteering their time to help get this group of young sailors ready!

Additional OPTI Practice Dates - with Coach Spencer:

Thursday, May 3rd, 5:30 to sunset.

Thursday, May 10th, 5:30 to sunset.

Check out these photos and a couple neat videos:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/mIUpbsug9OhMT3Ua2>

blob:<https://www.youtube.com/7b8115af-2c7f-4ba6-9f35-02b98f4e37fa>

Opti News





Chris Edward's GoPro camera shows why it's always a good idea to carry a clean pair of britches on gusty days...



LETTER TO THE EDITOR FROM AN OLD TIMER

Hi Peter,

Here's something for the PYC newsletter If you think it is appropriate. My family is one of the earliest PYC memberships still around and sailing. My parents joined the club in 1948. The club was all Snipes then and all the boats stayed in the water at Chickamauga Boat Harbor in rented boat slips.

Enjoy,
Bill Roberts

Miami Key Largo Race Results April 21 2018

Post by Bill Roberts » Wed Apr 25, 2018 11:32 am

The race starts just south Rickenbacker Causeway in Miami and runs for 40 miles+ south to the mouth of Jew Fish Creek. The course is generally south, 195 degrees, except for a 10 mile stretch where it bears SW at about 225 degrees for roughly 10 miles. and then the course comes back to 190 degrees for the last 5 miles to the finish line. The race is sponsored by the **Miami Yacht Club**.

The start is 8 AM Saturday morning, April 21. At the YC where many boats were rigging up, there was much talk about the two foil boats in the race. One was a foiling NACRA 20 carbon with foils and the other was an Exploder foiling A class catamaran. The wind forecast for the race was from the east at 7 to 9 mph. The A Cat sailor said "no problem", he can foil in a 6 mph breeze.

Team Roberts on the **RC 30** sailed with a standard main sail and jib and small Genoa, mid spin pole to main beam. At the gun they headed south right down the race course at full speed. Full speed was 13 to 14 mph with occasional spurts to 15 mph with three persons sitting on the windward hull. Within a couple of minutes after the start RC 30 was out front and pulling away. With speeds like these, the race was going to take about 3 hours to complete for the RC 30.

Observing the race from the Card Sound Bridge, 35 miles into the race, the RC 30 was first boat through the bridge. Looking back up the Bay as far as one could see, at least 7 miles, there was not another boat in sight, no boats, not a power boat, nothing. The RC 30 sailed on to Jew Fish Creek at the finish 5 miles away and returned 5 miles to the Card Sound Bridge where they met the second boat in the race, the foiling Nacra 20 carbon and it was foiling. Team RC 30 sailed back up the race course and returned to the Miami Yacht Club where trailer and van and road crew were waiting.

As Team Roberts was sailing back to the MYC, they met the lead monohulls and the 'Exploder' A Cat at about mid race length, 20 miles into the race.

As it turned out, the foiling boats were sailing, foiling, back and forth across the course, sort of southeast and

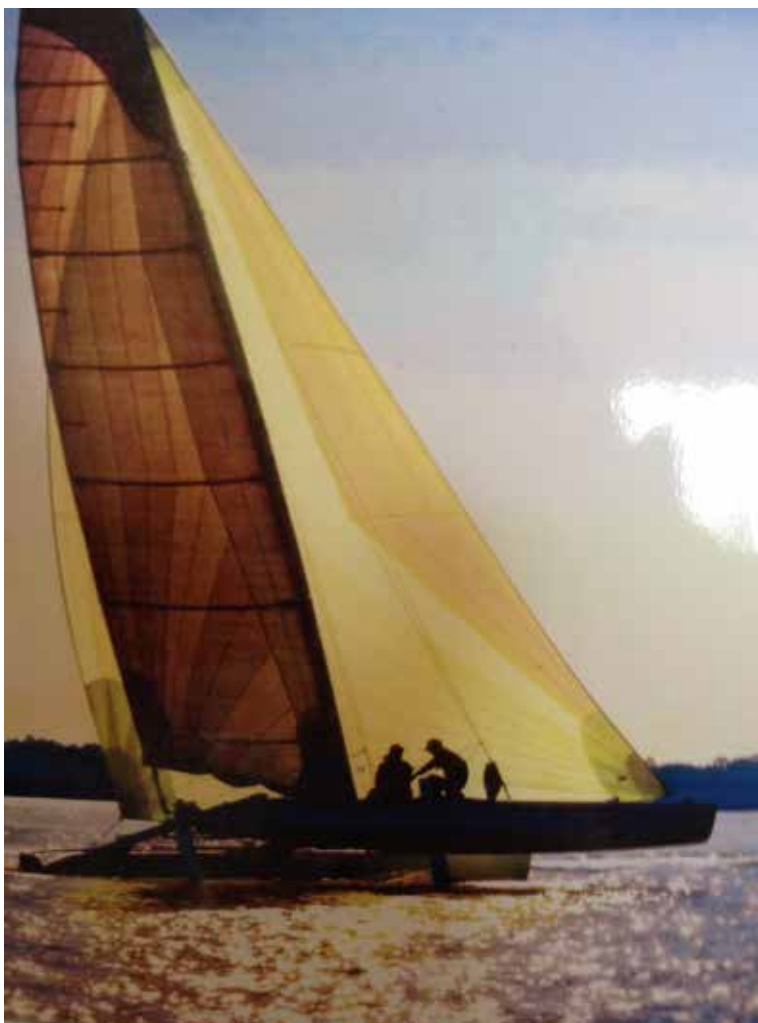
southwest to stay up on the foils so they said, but they were not making much distance down the course.

The ETs for the race are kept by the MYC and not revealed until the trophy party days later. The RC30's ET was just under three hours, something like 2 hours and 50 minutes.

A little more: Things didn't go perfect for the RC30. About 10 miles from the finish the crew noticed the Genoa was splitting a seam at the luff about 3 ft up from the tack. Immediately the halyard was eased to reduce the vertical load in the sail. The old seam did not split any further but the luff sure did sag off to leeward and the speedo dropped 1 to 2 mph. The sail was a 10 year old Kevlar sail and had exceeded its useful life.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Billy Roberts said there were 70 boats in the MKL race, approximately 35 multihull boats and 35 monohulls. He is the designer and manufacturer of the Aquarius Sail Catamarans. Go to Aquarius-Sail.com to learn more about his boats. They are fast. He brought one to PYC a couple years ago and I got to drive it, along with a few others. Working my way upwind, he asked me if I knew I was airborne. I looked down at the water and our windward hull was about two feet off the waves. It was so smooth, I had not realized it.



2018 Flying Scot Choo Choo Regatta & Dixie Lakes District Championships



The **Combined 2018 Flying Scot Choo Choo Regatta and Dixie Lakes District Championships** were held April 21st & 22nd at Privateer Yacht Club. Twenty-four boats raced with travelers from as far as Illinois, Texas and Florida in attendance. Forecasted winds of 5 to 10 knots proved to be shifty and spotty on Saturday. Three races were completed. Thanks to Josh Lander's ability to keep on top of the ever-changing wind direction, the course was always successfully adjusted. Not an easy task. He and the race committee did a great job.

Saturday races were followed-up by good friends, laughs, fabulous appetizers, Dark-n-Stormies and Keith's RaceQs (for those who remembered to turn their phones on). **Susan Howell's** Saturday feast had to be one of the highlights of the entire regatta. Couer a la Crème, glazed salmon, angel biscuits, almond shortbread cookies hand dipped in luscious chocolate. Need I say more? As Flying Scot veteran **Sandy Eustis** proclaimed, "this is the best dinner I've ever had at any regatta and I've been racing for thirty years!" Many thanks to Susan for all the hours and skill she put in to make Saturday night truly special.

Sunday started off with a Mimosa toast to **Charlie Fowler** and a breakfast fit for a king cooked up by **Keith Harper** and his volunteers. As good as breakfast was, racing not so much. With light wind and rain, but no storms brewing, we sent the racers out. Racers geared up, started the race and 2/3rds of the way upwind, the wind died. UGH. Sorry to be sending the travelers home with wet sails and no race to show for it.

But, all seemed to be forgiven once food was served again and awards given. The top 3 boats were mostly out-of-towners this time. Floridian **Tom McNally & Bill Bruss** took first place, Texans **Robert & Nina Cummings** second, and Ohioans **Bruce Kitchen & Jim Blackburn** third.

Rob Fowler, Guy Campbell & Monty Humphrey designed a beautiful walnut and maple perpetual trophy for the Dixie Lakes District Travel Series. Skipper **Richard Wade** of Birmingham Sailing Club will have his name engraved on it for taking first place. Second and third place were awarded to Andrew Fox and Bill & me.

Ed Craig and Paul Healy are the first place Dixie Lakes District Champions. **Barry & Tracy Hambrick** from Birmingham took second and our own **Tom Clark & David Bergevin** took third.

Thanks to so many of you that volunteered. **Tom Clark** welcomed everyone with a fun cookout on Friday. We had a full staff of talent on race committee. **Dee Harwell** oversaw all meals and also made sure that everyone was well fed before racing on Saturday. **Corey Blair** computerized the scoring for us. **Jim Davis** provided wonderful pictures for the PYC Facebook site. **Yvonne & Patricia** picked up where I fell short. So many of you helped cook and clean up. To you and all of you behind the scenes that showed up, helped, dedicated your time, please know how much you are appreciated.

~ Lynn Bruss, Regatta Chair

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How did this captain know — from 50 feet away — what the father couldn't recognize from just 10? Drowning is not the violent, splashing call for help that most people expect. The captain was trained to recognize drowning by experts and years of experience.

The father, on the other hand, learned what drowning looks like by watching television.

If you spend time on or near the water (hint: that's all of us), then you should make sure that you and your crew know what

to look for when people enter the water. Until she cried a tearful, "Daddy," the owner's daughter hadn't made a sound. As a former Coast Guard rescue swimmer, I wasn't surprised at all by this story. Drowning is almost always a deceptively quiet event. The waving, splashing and yelling that dramatic conditioning (television) prepares us to look for is rarely seen in real life.

The *Instinctive Drowning Response*, so named by Francesco A. Pia, Ph.D., is what people do to avoid actual or perceived suffocation in the water. And it does not look like most people expect it to. When someone is drowning there is very little



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splashing, and no waving or yelling or calling for help of any kind.

To get an idea of just how quiet and un-dramatic drowning can be, consider this: It is the number two cause of accidental death in children age 15 and under (just behind vehicle accidents). Of the approximately 750 children who will drown next year, about 375 of them will do so within 25 yards of a parent or other adult. In 10 percent of those drownings, the adult will actually watch them do it, having no idea it is happening.

Drowning does not look like drowning. Dr. Pia, in an article he wrote for the Coast Guard's *On Scene* magazine, described the instinctive drowning response like this:

- Except in rare circumstances, drowning people are physiologically unable to call out for help. The respiratory system was designed for breathing. Speech is a secondary or overlaid function. Breathing must be fulfilled before speech occurs.
- Drowning people's mouths alternately sink below and reappear above the surface of the water. The mouths of drowning

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people are not above the surface of the water long enough for them to exhale, inhale or call out for help. When the drowning people's mouths are above the surface, they exhale and inhale quickly as their mouths start to sink below the surface of the water.

- Drowning people cannot wave for help. Nature instinctively forces them to extend their arms laterally and press down on the water's surface. Pressing down on the surface of the water permits drowning people to leverage their bodies so they can lift their mouths out of the water to breathe.

- Throughout the *Instinctive Drowning Response*, drowning people cannot voluntarily control their arm movements. Physiologically, drowning people who are struggling on the surface of the water cannot stop drowning and perform voluntary movements such as waving for help, moving toward a rescuer or reaching out for a piece of rescue equipment.

- From beginning to end of the *Instinctive Drowning Response*, people's bodies remain upright in the water, with no evidence of a supporting kick. Unless rescued by a trained life-guard, these drowning people can only struggle on the surface of the water from 20 to 60 seconds before submersion occurs. (Source: *On Scene* magazine: Fall 2006 page 14)

This doesn't mean that a person who is yelling for help and thrashing isn't in real trouble — they are experiencing aquatic distress.

Not always present before the instinctive drowning response, aquatic distress doesn't last long, but unlike true drowning, these victims can still assist in their own rescue. They can grab lifelines, reach for throw rings, etc.

Look for these other signs of drowning when persons are in the water:

- Head low in the water, mouth at water level
- Head tilted back with mouth open
- Eyes glassy and empty, unable to focus
- Eyes closed
- Hair over forehead or eyes
- Not using legs
- Hyperventilating or gasping
- Trying to swim in a particular direction but not making headway
 - Trying to roll over onto the back
 - Appears to be climbing an invisible ladder

So, if a crewmember falls overboard and everything looks okay, don't be too sure. Sometimes the most common indication that someone is drowning is that they don't look as if they're drowning. They may just look as if they are treading water and looking up at the deck.

One way to be sure? Ask them, "Are you alright?" If they can answer at all, they probably are. If they return a blank stare, you may have less than 30 seconds to get to them. And parents — children playing in the water make noise. When they get quiet, you need to get to them and find out why.

PYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES — April 9, 2018

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

Visitors Present: Holly Gregory Steve Sherman
Josh Sneiderman Pete Snyder

The meeting was called to order by **Commodore Guy Campbell** at 6 pm.

Secretary's Report (Tom Prevost): The March 12 PYC Board minutes were approved unanimously as written.

Commodore's Report (Guy Campbell): While closely tracking dock and grounds developments, the focus is on developing a formalized budget.

Treasurer's Report (Gary Harwell): The report was very comprehensive, including more transaction details of delinquent accounts, new member fees, accounts receivable, monthly profit & loss, balance sheet, 2017 income & expense summary, and a draft of the 2018 budget for adoption in the next board meeting. The Board expressed appreciation for the very helpful information. Concern was expressed about UTC Sailing Club's status. Noting Peter King's extended nonpayment of billings, his membership was rescinded by a majority vote of the Board; it was noted that the Commodore had reached out to him recently. After some discussion, there was also agreement on continuing the established practice of billing.

Vice Commodore's Report (Josh Landers, Racing): PYC was well represented this month at the Flying Scot Midwinters in Sarasota. Sarasota delivered again with some wet and wild conditions which was even more interesting with 61 boats! Congratulations to **Rob Fowler, Scott Cline, Tom Clark, David Bergevin** and **Bill Bruss** for a well sailed regatta. PYC was also represented at the J-24 Easter Regatta in Columbia South Carolina. There was some intense competition over three days of racing. Congratulations to **Chris Edwards, Peyton** and **Adam Ankers and Hannah Ginese**.

The 2018 RC schedule has been posted and emailed. Saturday **PHRF** racing started on Saturday April 7th. **The Long Distance Race** is Saturday April 14th. **Dinghy** racing starts Sunday April 15th. **Wednesday** night racing starts April 18th. **The Flying Scot Choo Choo** regatta is April 21-22.

Rob Fowler announced that the national Flying Scot Sailing

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|  | <p>PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB SHIP'S STORE available through Coral Reef Sailing Go to this website: http://www.coralreefsailing.com/index.php/privateer-yacht-club.html?__store=pryc Check back later for member discounts during promotional sales on all types of apparel and gear, even outside the range of customized pieces.</p> |
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Association has chosen PYC as the site of their first official **“Flying Scot Women’s North American Championship.”** This will be held September 14-16, 2018.

Rear Commodore’s Report (Keith Harper, Membership): Two Family Membership slots became available this month. PYC welcomes **Tim Malone** and **Brian Denning** as new Family Members. One Junior Member was voted out of the club due to lack of dues payment and various boat policy violations which have gone uncorrected for multiple years despite corrective attempts by current and previous Board members. PYC Membership stands at: Associate Membership: 15; Family Membership: 150; Junior Membership: 19; Out-Of-Town Membership: 22; Honorary Membership: 6

Social Director’s Report (Rob Fowler): The April 21-22 Flying Scot Regatta under **Lynn Bruss’s** leadership is inviting PYC members to participate in the Saturday evening dinner.

Dockmaster’s Report (Bob Ives): The replacement of bad wood on D dock is complete; **John Rathjen** assisted. The Board unanimously approved a motion to spend up to \$20,000 for the redecking of D dock this year.

The Board was also unanimous in authorizing the sale of the FJs.

Still waiting for the lake level to be high enough, the concrete finger at the end of A dock will be moved to the boat ramp for a contractor to saw it into manageable pieces to haul away.

Some boats are out of compliance, so there’s a need for members to be reminded that PYC policy states: “The boat owner is responsible for acquiring and maintaining liability insurance and current registration on boats stored on Club property...”

Club Boat Director’s Report (Tom Bumgardner): Motorboat skills/handling training is set for April 28. All boats will be in the water prior to Choo Choo Regatta. He’s still working on the hydraulic issue on the Blue pontoon boat.

Building & Grounds Director’s Report (Adam Ankers): No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Following up on **Bill Robertson’s** March 12 report from the Sailing Education Committee regarding the formation of a **501(c)3** as a subsidiary to PYC to mitigate liability issues for PYC and to enable the youth program to operate tax free and to accept tax deductible donations, **Steve Sherman** brought the following motion to the Board: “RESOLVED, the Privateer Yacht Club will establish a subsidiary corporation/foundation/organization organized under the Tennessee nonprofit statute. This corporation will be named the **Privateer Education Foundation** (“PEF”). PEF will promptly seek federal tax exemption under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)3. Its exempt purposes will be education in the nautical arts and fostering of national and international amateur sports competition in sailboat racing.” During the thoroughgoing discussion of the motion, **Josh Sneiderman**, anticipated president of the PEF, answered questions, as did Steve Sherman and Bill Robertson.

The other members of the five-person PEF board are expected to be **Tim Chambers** as Secretary, **Bill Robertson**, **Scott Lee**, and **David Binder**; the member to serve as Treasurer is yet to be determined, but **David Queen** will be preparing quarterly financial statements and handling all tax reporting. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Pete Snyder continues to work on the interface of the regular PYC website, along with the PYC Facebook site and the anticipated interface with PEF. He’s leaning toward PEF’s keeping its own PYC Optimist Facebook page, only without the Calendar function. In conjunction with these efforts, the Board approved a newly developed email address system for assuring continuity of communications during annual Board membership transitions (i.e., Secretary@privateeryachtclub.org, instead of teprevost@yahoo.com).

NEW BUSINESS

Holly Gregory generously offered her ‘green thumb’ to adding appropriate shrubbery to the already-mulched beds in front of the clubhouse, along with additional planters, and possibly some more planting at the gate entrance. Rob Fowler noted that her offer fit well with the fact that more landscaping was intended after the clubhouse completion. The Board passed a motion that up to \$1,000 be made available to Holly to follow through on her plan, which included watering and maintenance.

Unanimously approved, adjournment was at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Prevost

Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!
~ Psalm 93:4

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Jim Davis took some really great photos of the 2018 Flying Scot Choo Choo Regatta - see the story and a few pics on pages 8 & 9. Then go to the PYC Facebook page and see the whole show! Click [HEREs](#)

Barry Klein pulling ahead with that great RED assymetrical spinnaker on his new Seascope 23 in the Long Distance Race. photo below by Martin Gregory.

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