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# Private Ear

NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB  
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## VIEW FROM THE HELM — January 2017

**“I am** not afraid of storms for I am learning how to sail my ship.” ~ Louise May Alcott

Bear with me as I start the new year with the position as your Commodore. I knew it was probably coming but I didn't know or appreciate just what was about to hit. I assure you, Bill and all the previous Commodores earned their pay, and I for one now appreciate their efforts even more.

We have an exciting year ahead with lots of activities to involve all of our members and keep us enthused about pursuing the sport of sailing. As the Board and I work together to ensure these events are successful, please do your part to encourage us and to volunteer when called upon.

One of the first opportunities for our members to get their feet wet is the February 3 South Cove Cleanup. Adam Ankars, our Building and Grounds Director, will have details on this but if you show up I'm sure you will enjoy the comraderie and the warm fuzzy feeling of a job well done.

Some other events I want to encourage you to attend, whether you are a “racer” or not, are the Fleet Meetings. February 10th at noon is the Flying Scot Fleet Meeting hosted by Rob Fowler. February 24th at 2 pm is the All Fleets Fleet Meeting hosted by Josh Landers. To me, these have always been an educational experience. You learn a lot about what goes on before the boats even go in the water. Good info for a racer or a cruiser.

And just a final note. **GET INVOLVED.** 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.

Let's keep our ship righted and on course as we face the upcoming storms and together we will all learn how to better sail our vessels.

*See you on the water,  
Guy, Commodore 2018*



# COMING EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

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

3-February-18	South Cove Clean Up	9 am Saturday
10-February-18	Flying Scot Fleet Meeting	Noon Saturday
11-February-18	FROSTBITE RACE # 6	2 pm Sunday
12-February-18	PYC Board Meeting	6 pm Monday
15-February-18	Seamanship Class	6 pm Thursday
17-February-18	Valentine & Burning-In Party	6 pm Saturday
22-February-18	Seamanship Class	6 pm Thursday
24-February-18	PYC Race Management	10 am Saturday
24-February-18	All Fleets Meeting at Clubhouse	2 pm Saturday
25-February-18	FROSTBITE RACE # 7	2 pm Sunday

## MARCH

1-March-18	Seamanship Class	5 pm Thursday
8-March-18	Seamanship Class	5 pm Thursday
10-March-18	PYC Race Management	10 am Saturday
12-March-18	PYC Board Meeting	6 pm Monday
15-March-18	Seamanship Class	5 pm Thursday
17-March-18	St. Patrick's Club Regatta	1 pm Saturday
17-March-18	St. Patrick's Party	6 pm Saturday
22-March-18	Seamanship Class	5 pm Thursday
29-March-18	Seamanship Class	5 pm Thursday

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## VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Commodore Bill Robertson  
"Burning-In" celebration

Saturday, February 17, 2018  
6:00 PM till 8:00 PM

**A romantic candlelight dinner  
with spaghetti, garlic bread  
salad and dessert, wine and iced tea  
price: \$10.00 per person**

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423-468-0149 TO RSVP

## FROSTBITE REPORT by Josh Landers

The 3rd race on Dec 31 was cold, but as we have been so blessed this year, with wind. The forecast was for 5-10 mph straight down the lake, however at 1 pm it was light and over the hill. Regardless, we had a great turnout of 11 boats! The Frostbite Union set a short course of FV-GP. Then magically the wind came up at exactly 2 pm, which was going to make this a very short race.

The first boats to start were slowly headed to the right and the

boats behind took advantage of that shift and went to the left. The first mark was a cluster of boats all rounding together. The second leg was a long reach as the wind had shifted back over the hill. The last leg turned into a tactical situation with many places changing hands as those who chose to go inside towards the finish early were punished with light and shifty winds. It was over as quickly as it began but no one complained since it was so cold.

There was another lead change after the race once the series

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# FROSTBITE 2017/2018

**Format:** PURSUIT

**Course:**

- Course and Start Times will be posted in the OFFICIAL RACE NOTICE BOARD on the NORTH side of the clubhouse around 1PM
- Will be determined on day of race by Frostbite United
- Will be chosen from a list of predefined courses ATTACHED to this notice

**Rules:** Rules will be pursuant to the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

**Scoring:** The point system used for this series is based on the **number of boats racing**. For example, say 10 boats are racing. The first place finisher receives 10 points, second place 9 points, third place 8 points, and so on. If you start the race and don't finish, you will receive one point. If there are 4 boats racing, 1st place receives 4 points, 2nd place receives 3 points, etc. Basically, you are rewarded more for beating 9 boats as opposed to beating 3 boats. If you are the only boat to complete the race out of 10 boats, you still get 10 points while everyone else gets one point.



**The START and FINISH:** 2PM Scratch boat starts. The START line will now be between an inflatable mark and the RED PY nun. The FINISH line will be between an ORANGE flag on the Committee Boat in its wet slip on A-Dock and the GREEN H Can. Direction of start will be based on Course Number.

**Schedule of Races**

Race 1: December 3  
 Race 2: December 17  
 Race 3: December 31  
 Race 4: January 14  
 Race 5: January 28  
 Race 6: February 11  
 Race 7: February 25

**After Party Food Themes:**

Italian Night  
 Chili Cook-off  
 Traditional New Year's Dishes  
 Breakfast Food  
 SOUPS!  
 Comfort food / Casseroles  
 Pizza Party

**Entry Fee:** FOOD (for the after party)

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leader realized they had started on their Non-Spinnaker time (shame) and had to record an OCS for the race. You never know what can happen in sailboat racing. Scores are [here](#).

The traditional New Year's day food was awesome. We all ate like Vikings and warmed up by the fireplace. Unfortunately, someone remembered there was supposed to be a polar bear plunge and three of the Frostbite Union's finest dashed down to, into and back out of the lake in mere seconds. That is a dumb tradition that will be stricken from next year's festivities, maybe. Those who didn't stay to ring in the New Year missed quite a festive party. The U-10 team put on quite a dance show (a few adults may have joined in).

The 4th race on Jan 14 was cold again but with wind again! We had another great turnout of 11 boats! The Frostbite Union set a square course of FV-CG since the wind was straight down the lake but supposed to taper off.

We decided to mix things up this race and invited a very large tug/barge combo to join us for the first upwind leg. We purposefully had them start after all of the sailboats were on the course and in the channel. Just for fun we had them blow their horns several times to add to the festivities. The barge almost beat us to the windward mark but then decided to keep heading up river and we had to score them DNF.

The lead boats did a horizon job on the rest of the fleet on the downwind run but sailed into a lighter breeze which allowed the fleet to compress at the downwind mark. The final upwind leg was the deciding factor with differing opinions as to which tactic would win the race. Tim Chambers' J-29 sailed it the best and rolled the lead boats on the tack to the finish line. I think the J-29 may have given a victory cheer as they crossed, we weren't close enough to hear for sure. Congrats to all for a well sailed race. Scores are [here](#).

The breakfast food was great. Who knew that our fleet has such a sweet tooth, and yes there was bacon, lots of it.



# PYC 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Chattanooga Golf and Country Club



photos by Jim Davis



The Josh & Katie Show was a lot of fun to watch.





## RACE COMMITTEE DUTY

Please remember that RACING is the single most important activity at Privateer Yacht Club. It is racing that develops better sailors faster, and faster sailors better, more than anything else. Participate in racing. Racing is fun. Racing is exciting. Racing is challenging. And racing builds character, especially when things get close at the start, or when the wind is so slight or so variable, or so strong it makes the mast kiss the water. Anything you can do to advance racing at PYC is not only appreciated, but expected. Race Committee is an important part. Be sure to do your part when scheduled.

~ **Pete Snyder**

### PYC RACE MANAGEMENT TEAM TRAINING

We will be holding race committee training on **Saturday February 24th** and **Saturday March 10th** from 10am – 2pm. Lunch will be provided. Only one training event needs to be attended. We have set two dates to make it easier to attend only one of them. RSVP to [landerjc@westinghouse.com](mailto:landerjc@westinghouse.com).

If you are interested in becoming a **PYC Principal Race Officer** or just want to learn more about helping with Race Committee, please attend.

**Mission Statement:** In order to promote racing at our club, we need to be able to count on having good race courses and race management for our weekend, Wednesday night and regatta events. With the influx of new members, it is important that we continue to try and train race committee members, and especially those that will serve as principle race officer (PRO).

#### GOALS:

- Form a group of (25) dedicated PROs for the 2018 racing season
- Create race committee consistency
- Allow for (2) helpers each race instead of the current (1) helper
- Provide annual “continuing education” starting this winter for dedicated PROs and aspiring recruits
- Allow PRO choice of race duty dates, within reason and availability

Brainard Cooper will be providing the training based on US Sailing’s Race Management Course.

Date signups will be open during training courses.



**Junior Sail Camp, aka Privateer Youth Sailing, enrollment is officially open. Go to the PYC website for details and to sign up and pay on-line.**

## PYC ANNUAL MEETING

### MINUTES — January 20, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm by Commodore Bill-Robertson.

Board Members Present: Corey Blair Tom Bumgardner  
 Guy Campbell Dee Harwell  
 Bob Ives Alan Johns  
 Josh Landers Linda Lind  
 Bill Robertson Jude Weidner

Bill gave a recap of club projects and accomplishments for 2017 and introduced the Board members who each gave a brief report of their assigned area of responsibility.

Racing Awards – See attached

Nomination of 2018 officers was announced and there were no nominations from the floor. There was a motion made, seconded and approved by acclamation. They are as follows:

Commodore	Guy Campbell
Vice Commodore	Josh Landers
Rear Commodore	Keith Harper
Treasurer	Gary Harwell
Secretary	Tom Prevost
Past Commodore	Bill Robertson
Dockmaster	Bob Ives
Club Boats	Tom Bumgardner
Building and Grounds	Adam Ankar
Social	Rob Fowler

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

**Respectfully submitted**  
**Alan Johns - Secretary**



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## 2017 PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB RACING AWARDS

### RACING OFFICER'S REPORT

- Excellent racing participation this year
- Hosted 6 internal regattas (St Pattys, Long Distance, Dog, Night, Halloween, Pig)
- Hosted 4 one design regattas (Flying Scot, Catalina 22, MC Scow, Thistle)
- Hosted (and brought back home) the Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup with 30 entries
- PYC Race Management Training on Feb 24 and March 10 from 10am - 2pm
- All Fleets meeting on Feb 24th at 2 pm

### Saturday PHRF – Henk Zander Memorial Trophy

- 28 Races
- 27 boats participated
- 11 qualified
- 3rd – Britta Kindervater
- 2nd – Team Caliente (Rob Fowler, Linda Lind, Bob Ives, Tom Clark)
- 1st – Bill Robertson

### Wednesday PHRF – CSC John Wesley Award

- 20 Races
- 28 boats participated
- 12 qualified
- 3rd – Bill Robertson
- 2nd – Team Caliente (Rob Fowler, Linda Lind, Bob Ives, Tom Clark)
- 1st – Team Impulse 26

### Sunday Portsmouth Dinghy

- 29 races
- 27 boats participated
- 15 qualified
- 3rd – Josh Landers
- 2nd – Steve Sherman
- 1st – Adam Ankers

### Catalina 22 Fleet

- 34 Races
- 14 boats participated
- 5 qualified
- 3rd – John Rathjen
- 2nd – Britta Kindervater
- 1st – Bill Robertson

### Flying Scot Fleet

- 11 races
- 9 boats participated
- 9 qualified
- 3rd – Ed Craig
- 2nd – Bill & Lynn Bruss
- 1st – Rob Fowler

### MC Scow Fleet

- 20 Races
- 8 boats participated
- 4 boats qualified
- 3rd – Warren Sickler
- 2nd – David Varnell
- 1st – Steve Sherman

### Melges 14

- 6 races
- 7 boats participated
- 7 boats qualified
- 3rd – Rob Fowler
- 2nd – Josh Landers
- 1st – Adam Ankers

### 2016-2017 Frostbite Series

- 6 races
- 14 boats participated
- 14 boats qualified
- 3rd – Peyton Ankers
- 2nd – Team Impulse 26
- 1st – Ed Craig

### Commodore's Award

- Dee Harwell

### Brainard Cooper Award

- Eddie Graham

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The deadline for signing up to take the  
**US Sailing Level 1 Certification Course**  
at PYC 3/29 to 4/1 is approaching  
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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.

Marketing SAIL CAMP at Bright School. - photo above by Steve Sherman

The lonesome way of the Frostbiter -- until he gets to the clubhouse after the race. photo below submitted by Corey Blair.

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