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## VIEW FROM THE HELM – March 2018

*Let's Get on the Water!*

April is the month that we take inventory of our sailing gear, inspect our boats and fill our calendar with upcoming sailing events. It gets us back outdoors and gets us active in club events.

The month of April kicks off several club racing series and also ushers in our first spring regatta of the year. So make notes of these dates and try your best to make a point of participating in as many of these as you can.

April 7 is the start of the PHRF Saturday keel boat racing series.

April 14 is the annual PYC Long Distance Race.

April 15 begins the Sunday Dinghy Races.

April 18 is the first Wednesday night keel boat race.

April 21 and 22 features the Flying Scott Choo Choo Regatta.

All these are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to "What To Do" at PYC for the month of

April. There are lots of others you can find on the PYC website. So plot your course and set your sails for a great time on Lake Chickamauga this spring.

*Hoping to spend time with you on the water,  
Guy, Commodore 2018*



# COMING EVENTS

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

## APRIL

5-April-18	Seamanship Class	5 pm Thursday
7-April-18	Opti Racing Clinic	8 am Saturday
7-April-18	PHRF Racing	1 pm Saturday
8-April-18	Dinghy Racing	2:30 pm Sunday
9-April-18	PYC Board Meeting	6 pm Monday
14-April-18	Long Distance Race	1 pm Saturday
15-April-18	Opti Racing Clinic	8 am Sunday
15-April-18	Dinghy Racing	2:30 pm Sunday
18-April-18	Evening PHRF Racing	7 pm Wednesday
19-April-18	Opti Racing Clinic	6 pm Thursday
19-April-18	Power Squadron Piloting Class	6:30 pm Thursday
21-April-18	Flying Scot Choo Choo Regatta	TBD Saturday
22-April-18	Flying Scot Choo Choo Regatta	TBD Sunday
25-April-18	Evening PHRF Racing	7 pm Wednesday
26-April-18	Power Squadron Piloting Class	6:30 pm Thursday
28-April-18	Opti Racing Clinic	8 am Saturday
14-April-18	Small Motorboat Handling Class	10 am Saturday
28-April-18	PHRF Racing	1 pm Saturday
29-April-18	Dinghy Racing	2:30 pm Sunday

## MAY

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	Chattaboogie M-14 & Scowabunga MC Scow	TBD Saturday
19-May-18	Chattaboogie M-14 & Scowabunga 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

## YOUTH SAILING NEWS

Starting in April, the OPTI Racing program will kick off its spring season and expects to help young sailors go to their first Green Fleet Opti Regatta.

The PYC Board has approved a new **Education Committee** to help oversee the many educational activities going on around PYC, including Summer Camp, adaptive sailing and Opti Racing. If you would like to make comments, suggestions or compliments, please send email to **Josh Sneiderman** -

[Jsneiderman@gmail.com](mailto:Jsneiderman@gmail.com)

# RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

## Josh Landers — Race Committee Chairman

Date	Day	Start Time	PRO	Asst PRO	Assistant
<b>APRIL</b>					
04/01/18	Sunday	Easter	No Racing	Easter	No Racing
04/07/18	Saturday	1:00pm	David Varnell	Frank Hughes	Tim Malone
04/14/18	Saturday	Long Distance Race	Corey Blair		PRO Brainard Cooper
04/15/18	Sunday	2:30pm	Brian Holloway	Holly Gregory	Marc Simons
04/18/18	Wednesday	7:00pm	A & P Ankers	Ed Ford	Shannon Johnson
04/21/18	Saturday	Flying Scot Choo Choo	Lynn Bruss		PRO Josh Landers
04/22/18	Sunday	Flying Scot Choo Choo	Lynn Bruss		
04/25/18	Wednesday	7:00pm	A & P Ankers	David Hensley	Charlie Yowell
04/28/18	Saturday	1:00pm	Bruce MacPhee	Pete Snyder	David Woodcock
04/29/18	Sunday	2:30pm	Guy Campbell	Mike Seeber	Grant Wood
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

**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)**

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

### Tiller Time Update – Dee Harwell

We will be starting Tiller Time the 2nd and 4th Thursdays @ 6 pm in May. It is just a time designated to sail more and have FUN! Here are some of our objectives:

- Help people wanting to take their boats out and need crew
- Help novice sailors wanting assistance to take their boats out
- Connect people wanting to go out for a cruise
- All a time to try out new club boats or take out personal dinghies
- Form an all female sailing crew
- Connect experienced sailors willing to help new sailors
- Opportunity for racers that usually crew gain experience as the helmsman
- A time for COPS friends to reunite
- Try out the new Fusion club sailboats

Many people have shown an interest and it is a good addition to PYC activities. PLEASE contact me and let me know what your interest is and I can connect everyone. I will send out email and share the contact list closer to time. Let me hear from you! Thanks! Dee Harwell email: [di8tician@aol.com](mailto:di8tician@aol.com) or cell 423-240-4550

### APRIL SOCIAL

The club is invited to attend the **Flying Scot Regatta Dinner** 4/21/17. Thanks to **Susan Howell** for planning the Spring inspired menu. Thanks to Kitchen crew: **Nan Brooks, Dee Harwell, Angelika Ecker, and Orenda Martin** to help with this homemade decadent meal.

6 pm Social hour: PYC favorite Dark –n- Stormies served by Rob and Patricia Fowler, Draft beer and tea

Appetizers: Dips & Crackers - Hot Artichoke Dip, Baked Vidalia onion cheese dip, & Couer a la Crème

7 pm Dinner: Herb & mustard glazed salmon, Ham on home-made Angel biscuits, Lemon fusilli salad, Panzanella vegetable salad and Sweet and fruity fresh grape salad

Choice of desserts: Key Lime with white chocolate cookies, Mini Margarita Cheesecake bites, and Sailboat almond shortbread cookies with chocolate icing.

RSVP by Wed 4/18 to Dee Harwell [pysocial1@gmail.com](mailto:pysocial1@gmail.com) or 423-240-4550 if you are not in the Regatta. \$5 for kids and under 12 eat free. RSVP after 4/18 dinner \$20 each .



## MELGES 14 MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

The road to **Sarasota** began long before we (Adam, Josh and I) set out in the dark, the cold, and the driving rain early that Thursday morning. It has been a year of preparation, beginning with a spark of excitement during last March's **M14** demo day at PYC. That spark quickly turned into a fleet, six strong, of **Melges 14 sailboats** – controversial to some, but to those involved, the boat offers a renewed love of one-design sailing. Josh and Adam led the charge through last year's dinghy series, joined by Rob, Frank, Barry, Mike and myself. We span a great range of ages, genders, and experience levels, but it has been a joy to watch this group experiment, learn, and grow.

The talk of a mid-winters trip began sometime last fall, solidified by the purchase and renovation of the M14 fleet trailer and our first road trip regatta to Lake Lanier in October where **Josh Landers** put up a strong showing at the **M14 Southern Championships**.

Somewhere along I-75 in South Georgia, the rain clouds finally cleared and the sun began to shine on our 11 hour journey to the gulf coast, three boats in tow. We saw the sun rise and the sun set, unpacking boats and setting up camp in the glow of a super moon.

The next three days brought plenty of sun, wind, waves and stiff but friendly competition. We raced in Sarasota bay with 10-15 knot sustained winds on Friday and Saturday. Sunday racing saw 12-20 knot breeze with most of the day tipping the scale toward the higher range. 1-3 foot waves made for extremely physical and challenging conditions.

After day one of racing, **Adam** stood in fifth place thanks largely in part to a bullet in race three. He was able to work his way into second after day two with consistent second and third place finishes. Sunday was all about maintenance for

Adam and he secured the second place trophy behind **Harry Melges IV** from the Buddy Melges Sailing Center on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. **Josh maintained 8th place** position throughout the entire weekend with numerous top ten finishes, and I battled it out for the **top finishing female** with a talented skipper from Corinthian Yacht Club of San Francisco.

Be sure to check out the full story, photo album, and impressive drone footage at [bit.ly/2018Melges14Midwinters](https://bit.ly/2018Melges14Midwinters)

To try out an M14 at PYC, contact the Fleet Captain at [peytonankers@gmail.com](mailto:peytonankers@gmail.com)

~ **Peyton Ankers**

PS Read Melges interview of Josh. [Link HERE](#)



## Melges 14 Midwinters - continued



## RACE MANAGEMENT TRAINING - SECOND SESSION

We had the second of two **PYC Race Management** meetings on March 10th. We had another great turnout of 20 people. Brainard again did a wonderful job going through RC basics for the attendees. This time he used the **US Sailing Race Management Course** slides with a projector. It was a very useful tool and helped the team understand the finer points of race management. We thank Brainard for all of the hard work he put into the class! We also thank PYC for the overwhelming enthusiasm and attendance. Overall we had 54 people attend the two classes! That is over 1/3 of the PYC membership.

The **2018 Race Committee Schedule** has been posted on the website. You will notice that it looks a little different than normal. With the influx of newly trained RC we were able to have one PRO, one assistant PRO and one assistant for all available RC dates. We believe that having 3 people helping with RC duty will make the effort a little easier and give people more opportunity to hone their RC skills. All of the PROs will serve 3 times a year, the Assistant PROs 2 times a year, and the Assistants 1 time per year. As people become more familiar with the duties and their confidence evolves we will move them into positions of greater responsibilities (with their approval, of course).

It is every member's responsibility to serve on race committee. Thank you for fulfilling that responsibility as a PYC member.

If you can't serve on your scheduled date, it is YOUR respon-

sibility to find a replacement from the same column that you are in (i.e. PRO, Asst PRO, or Assistant). Please help me with this as I cannot possibly reschedule everyone based on their particular circumstances.

I will also be sending postcard and email reminders closer to your scheduled date.

Links:

- [2018 PYC Race Committee Assignments](#)
- [Race Committee Guide](#)
- [Club Race Sailing Instructions](#)

Important Notes:

- Please be at the club at least 1 hour before the start time for the race.
- Saturday races start at 1:00, Sunday races at 2:30, and Wed races at 7:00.
- If you are the PRO and need to change dates, find another qualified PRO.
- Our races have a 2 hour time limit. Set your course so that it will finish within 2 hours or less.
- Sunday Dinghy Races **MUST** use inflatable Tetrahedrons as marks. Do **NOT** use the permanent navigational buoys.

Joshua C Landers  
Racing Chairman

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# St. Patrick's Day Regatta - 2018

photos by Jim Davis







St. Patrick's - continued





# EIGHT BELLS



**Gary Vincent Smith**, September 22, 1947 - February 2, 2018. Born in the state of Queensland in Australia. Survived by his wife, Maria, a brother, Jeff, and sister, Robyn, who live in Australia, also five sons: Lachlan, Warrick, Courtney, Gavin and Nathan, four of whom live in Florida and one in Pennsylvania. He enjoyed restoring an old Highlander and sailed mostly dinghies, including a Finn. He helped bring the TVCC trophy home to PYC in 2013. And, he served as Dockmaster in 2015. Your editor found no obituary for him, but Marilyn Irwin wrote this tender tribute that follows.

I can't tell you the date I met Gary Smith, it's not important. What matters is I met Gary Smith. He was driving out of PYC in his little orange truck. He stopped to talk with me as I was walking Oliver. Gary told me that he and his wife Maria were big fans of wire haired fox terriers and if Scott and I ever needed a dog sitter, they would do it. Of course I was a bit apprehensive as I didn't know this man. Scott assured me that Gary was a good guy and that he and his dog "Blue" already loved Oliver. I caved in and gave Gary the honor of keeping our little dog for a weekend. The rest is history. The Smiths became Oliver's surrogate parents. They loved and cared for Oliver whenever Scott and I left town.

As time went on, and things happened, Oliver spent more and more time with Gary and Maria. They took him in when a tree fell on our house and kept him through the re-construction. It was during this time that I got a call at work saying Oliver had severe liver cancer and would have to be put down. Gary, Maria, and Scott were there as Oliver slipped away. Gary helped

Scott bury him in our yard as tears streamed down his face... and then Gary held me as I crumbled; we cried together. Gary made Oliver a headstone and put a birdbath over his grave.

After the death of Oliver, I didn't see Gary and Maria as much...of course I stayed in touch with them via text. In 2015 Scott became Commodore and he asked Gary to be Dockmaster. Gary accepted. It was a tough year for many. Gary was seen as a bull in a china shop. He was simply trying to do the job he was appointed to do. For me, Gary was a big man with an even bigger heart. People just didn't see Gary as the gentle giant I knew.

As time went on and a couple years passed, Scott and I started thinking of getting a puppy. It was a very hard decision and of course, we talked it over with both Gary and Maria. They were very encouraging telling us they would dog sit anytime we needed them to. Through much prayer and discussion, we got Bilbo. When Gary and Maria met him, it was instant love.

They kept to their promise and kept Bilbo whenever we left town. They didn't care that Bilbo liked to dig or jump on their furniture. They tolerated him pulling pillows and things through the doggy door. It was unconditional love on both sides. Bilbo spent the seven weeks with them when Scott and I went to pick up our boat in Florida. I would text whenever I had service. Gary would ask how I was doing and offered several times to come and take my place. A true friend indeed!

Gary Smith died February 2nd. I felt the same loss as that of Oliver. There was no service as that is what Gary requested. He didn't want people crying over him though I'm sure he wouldn't be surprised to know my tears soaked my pillow. I miss my friend dearly. The part of him that remains, Maria, will be moving to San Antonio. I will cry.

~ Marilyn Irwin

## EIGHT BELLS

**Dr. Tad Lincoln Parvin**, 74, of Crossville, suffered a probable heart attack on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018. He was pronounced dead at Cumberland Medical Center.

Dr. Parvin was born May 31, 1943, in Biloxi, MS. He was the son of the late Lincoln Edward Parvin and Janet Roe Parvin and the oldest of five beloved children.

Tad grew up primarily in West Islip, Long Island, NY. He was an accomplished athlete in several sports, including wrestling, football and hockey. He graduated from West Islip High School in 1961.

While serving in the U.S. Air Force with assignments in Turkey and Germany, Tad was introduced to Diane Ervin, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Ervin of Crossville. They married in 1966. When he returned from military service, Tad attended Middle Tennessee State University, graduating in 1969 with a BS degree in business management. He went on to earn a DDS degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville.

Dr. Parvin opened his dental practice in Crossville in 1976 and embraced Cumberland County as his home. He later shared the business for many years with Dr. Howell Peebles. In his 41 years of dentistry, with the help of his dedicated staff, Dr. Parvin treated thousands of Crossville patients of all ages, gaining their loyalty with his skill and care. He officially retired from dental practice in late 2016, although he continued to treat patients on a transitional basis.

When he wasn't wearing his dental mask, Tad loved golfing, sailing, skiing, traveling and spending time with his family and friends. He and his wife were really looking forward to sailing their Flying Scot, but they didn't have much time to do that. They were members of PYC for just a few short years.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Parvin of Crossville; daughter, Paige Parvin of Atlanta, GA; grandson, Tucker Parvin of Atlanta, GA; brother, Kent Parvin of Nesbru, Norway; and two sisters, Sydney Jerabek of Marblehead, MA, and Elin Grikitis of Gulf Stream, FL, as well as a host of dear nieces and nephews.

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The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.

~ Psalm 19: 1-6

## PYC BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES — March 12, 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:** Dr. Carl Dyer Eddie Graham

The meeting was called to order by **Commodore Guy Campbell** at 6:00pm.

**Secretary's Report (Tom Prevost):** With appreciation expressed for **Pete Snyder's** handling the February 12 PYC Board minutes, they were approved unanimously as written.

**Commodore's Report (Guy Campbell):** There is an intentional effort to reach out and help members who might need assistance. **Diane Parvin** indicated that she's selling their Flying Scot and will soon submit a resignation from Family Membership. **Peter King** plans to be active again soon.

**Treasurer's Report (Gary Harwell):** The report was positive, representing a year-to-year comparison of the first two months of 2018.

**Vice Commodore's Report (Josh Landers, Racing):** The first Race Committee training course was held on Feb 24. There were 36 people in attendance. The second course was March 10 with 21 others receiving instruction. Brainard Cooper did an excellent job teaching the courses.

The **2018 All Fleets** meeting was held on Feb 2 with 30 people in attendance (see February 'Private Ear' for details).

Completed the **2017-2018 Frostbite Series:** During the season 19 different boats competed. Congratulations to **3rd place Ed Craig, 2nd place Team Caliente, and 1st place Tim Chambers!** Good luck to **Paul Healy** who will be leading the 2018-2019 series and beyond.

The **Race Committee Schedule** will be published soon. The Racing Schedule is up to date on the PYC website.

3 PYC boats participated in the **Melges 14 Midwinters** in Sarasota, FL at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron during March 2-4. PYC represented well in the 25 boat fleet. Congrats to **Adam Ankers** who took 2nd place overall, **Josh Landers** in 8th, and **Peyton Ankers** with Top Female. This same group is looking forward to competing in the **M14 Nationals** at Lake Geneva in Wisconsin in June.

Looking ahead : The next PYC Race event is the **St Patrick's**

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**Day Regatta** hosted by the Flying Scot fleet on March 17. Saturday PHRF racing starts April 7. The **Long Distance Race** is April 14. Sunday **Dinghy Racing** starts April 15. **Wednesday night PHRF** racing starts April 18. **Opti Green Fleet Regatta** was approved for Sunday May 27.

**Rear Commodore's Report (Keith Harper, Membership):** PYC welcomes new Associate Members **Edward & Sarah Buiel**, owners of a Melges 24 and a Melges 14.

**Maria Smith** has resigned from PYC.

**Mitchell Kohlmann** completed his Associate Membership and was voted in as Family Member.

**Paul Healy** is welcomed back to PYC as a Family Member.

These actions bring PYC membership to: Family – 151; Associate – 16; Junior – 20, Out-Of-Town – 22; and Honorary – 6.

**Past Commodore's Report (Bill Robertson):** The **Sailing Education Committee** had two meetings. Expenditures of \$500 or more will require two signatures. The Sailing Education Committee is moving forward with an investigation and documentation for forming a 501c3. A 501c3 will mitigate liability issues for PYC and to enable the youth program to operate tax free and accept tax deductible donations; David Queen will be retained to do quarterly financial statements and handling all tax reporting. When all information is received, a presentation will be made to the PYC Board for approval to proceed with the formation of a 501c3 as a subsidiary of PYC.

**Social Director's Report (Rob Fowler):** The Power Squadron has requested the use of the clubhouse on Thursday evenings from April 19 through June 21; this was approved unanimously. They might also like to hold classes in the fall and later for more advanced classes. The St. Patrick's Day party after the racing will be potluck, with a modest cost for decorations, prizes, and adult beverages.

**Dockmaster's Report (Bob Ives):** All wet slips but one are filled. All dry slips needed are supplied. A **Dock** issue remains a challenge. **Eddie Graham** explored options for disposal of the problematic concrete finger and answered questions. After discussion, the Board voted 9-1 to pull the finger to the launch ramp in order, when the water level is high enough, for a contractor to saw it into manageable pieces to haul away from the property at a cost of no more than \$3,200.

**Club Boat Director's Report (Tom Bumgardner):** All the motorboats have been serviced and cleaned. There was discussion of replacing FJs with Fusions and using lower dock space for M14s. A 2-hour small motorboat starting/handling class will be offered April 28 at 9 am. The old RC pontoon boat will be pulled for body maintenance as early as June.

**Building & Grounds Director's Report (Adam Ankers):** Three dead trees near C Dock will soon be removed. Two hose bibs, one near the launch ramp and one at the Junior area along with an electrical outlet, will be added for no more than \$400. Some discussion followed about the need for improved janitorial service.

There was no old business pending nor new business introduced. Unanimously approved, adjournment was at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Prevost

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## PILOTING CLASS

**The United States Power Squadron (Bob Rupe)** will be teaching the USPS Piloting class. The class will be **Thursday evenings starting April 19** and running **through June 14, 2018**. This will be followed with Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation classes.

The Piloting class embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails. Topics covered include:

- Charts and their interpretation
- Navigation aids and how they point to safe water
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS – typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS route.
- Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS
- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning
- Simple skills for checking that one is on course
- If you are interested in taking Piloting, please contact Ed Ford (edjford@comcast.net) or Bob Rupe (rrupes@comcast.net)

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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.

Melges 14 Midwinters photo above. Read Peyton Ankers story about our PYC champions on page 4.

David Varnell blowing past the clubhouse during the 2018 St. Patrick’s Day Regatta - see more photos on pages 6-8.

*Private Ear* NEWSLETTER

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