



Private Ear

NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB
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VIEW FROM THE HELM — November 2018

December has arrived, and PYC is gearing up as you can see below. Take time to mark these events on your calendar and let's get together as a sailing family and enjoy the spirit of the season.

Winter is slowly approaching us here at PYC. And with that we will need to make a few adjustments.

- Water will be cut off at the docks.
- Boats will need to be winterized (don't overload the circuit breakers).
- Hoses will need to be removed from the faucets.
- The clubhouse thermostat needs to be kept at 50 degrees when the club isn't being used.

Blow, blow thou winter wind. ~ Robert Frost

Frostbite series cranks up in December, and with it we hope Mr. Frost's encouragement above will provide us with some wind. See below for the first upcoming dates and what sort of

post-race foods to bring.

- December 2, 2018 - Chili
- December 16, 2018 - Afro Caribbean
- January 1, 2019 - Soups

Santa is coming to PYC! Below are the details to this merry event:

- When: December 8, 2018
- Where: PYC Clubhouse
- Time: 6 pm till 9 pm
- Charge: Free
- Club will be providing Ham and Tea so bring along a dish to go along with the ham.
- Drinks are: BYOB
- Games are: Chinese Christmas Gift Swap and Ugly Sweater Contest. Bring an unwrapped gift for "Toys For Tots" if you want.

The **Annual Meeting/Banquet** is scheduled for January 19, 2019, at the Chattanooga Golf & Country Club. Invitations will be mailed in December with exact details.

Also I want to thank those who offered to help with our newsletter, Private Ear. We were fortunate to have quite a few show interest and volunteer to help in many ways. Two of those that will insure the future publications of the Private Ear are Brian Denning and Cory Richardson. Brian will serve as Editor and Cory will serve as Co-Editor. Thanks guys for stepping up to help keep our members connected.



Get out and sail!
Guy, Commodore 2018

COMING EVENTS

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

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

1-January-19	Frostbite Race #3	2 pm Tuesday
5-January-19	Power Squadron Junior Navigation Class	9 am Saturday
12-January-19	Power Squadron Junior Navigation Class	9 am Saturday
19-January-19	Power Squadron Junior Navigation Class	9 am Saturday
19-January-19	PYC Annual Meeting at Chatt. Golf & Country	6 pm Saturday
20-January-19	Frostbite Race #4	2 pm Sunday
26-January-19	Power Squadron Junior Navigation Class	9 am Saturday



PYC Christmas Party

Saturday December 8th - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Great food and fun for everyone!

Bring a covered dish to share

Special appearance by Santal

PYC will provide ham and iced tea

Ugly Sweater Contest!

Bring a wrapped gift for the "Chinese Christmas"

Recital of "Twas the Night Before Christmas"

Bring an unwrapped gift for "Toys for Tots" if you want



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON JUNIOR NAVIGATION CLASS

The United States Power Squadron has tentatively scheduled a **Junior Navigation class** to start in **January**. It will meet on Saturday mornings and run through April, but the scheduling is tentative from mid-March through April because of weekend regattas. Junior Navigation is a **really fun class**. Students learn how to use a **sextant** to take sun sights. 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.

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 sheets for offshore navigation
- Offshore navigational routines for recreational craft
- Electronic and computerized offshore navigation.

Junior Navigation is the first in a two-part program of study in offshore navigation, followed by the Navigation course. It

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

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FROSTBITE 2018-2019

THE PENGUIN RETURNS

Frostbite sailing begins this month with two exciting changes to summertime sailing, the **downwind start** and the **whaler start**. On **December 02**, the races will once again be pursuit style races but the **Frostbite Union** will endeavor to have the first leg of the race a long downwind leg and the mandatory meal entry fee theme is “A Chili celebration.” So, get your crockpots fired up and crush those peppers and tomatoes into culinary masterpieces. The long range weather forecast is a magnificent *11-20 knots from the west and a balmy 59 degrees! This is why we Frostbite !!!*



The second race on **December 16** is way different than anything attempted in the history of PYC Frostbiting, the **Whaler start**, paying homage to those intrepid Yankees who scoured the globe in search of whales. As depicted in this print of the last remaining whaling ship, the *Charles W. Morgan*, the whales resisted the whalers vigorously and made attempts to get away from the whalers. Thus, having to sail fast was an economic imperative for the Yankee whalers, both to cover the vast ocean distances to the South Pacific and Alaska whaling grounds, catch the whale, and then to rush the cargo back to ports in New England.

Schedule:

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

The whaler start will be from anchor, sails down below the gooseneck, at your pursuit start time “heave away and haul away” and “set the sails” to start the chase for that slow and slovenly beast in front of you on the lake with a higher PHRF rating, *argghh* noises are acceptable when passing, please refrain from the use of Harpoons or Lances at this time. The mandatory meal theme is “Afro-Caribbean” favorites and the Frostbite Union is looking forward to tasty treats, cool rum drinks, and lots “gamming” about the unusual start around a roaring fire.

FYI Nautical trivia: The word Gam is a collective noun for a group of whales, thus by extension a social gathering of whalers is a gam.

~ Paul Healy

IRS APPROVES PRIVATEER NON-PROFIT

In October, the **Privateer Sailing Education Foundation (PSEF)** was approved as a **501c3 Non-Profit corporation**. You have recently received an e-mail letter with more detail. The Board of Directors is currently looking for a few more PYC members to join the existing Board. We are developing a 5-year plan, Plus, we need members to help establish an annual fund-raising event. Note that we have a donor who is willing to match up to \$30,000 in donations. This year already, members have donated boats and money. Our tax ID number is 82-5155319. But when you give, you receive a letter to acknowledge the tax write-off. Please contact **Josh Sneideman** if you want to help with your time or dollars - 423-681-9733 or e-mail him at Jsneideman@gmail.com



2018 JOHN WESLEY PIG REGATTA

photos by Jim Davis





IT'S MELGES M14 FLEET BUILDING TIME IN TENNESSEE

If you have been on the fence about joining a hot new fast growing fleet at PYC, now is your time to act. We currently have 7 boats in the fleet, but want to add 3 more for the 2019 season to get us to an even 10 boats. There are two ways to get in at a discounted price:

Option 1: Several of the original fleet members received killer deals on charter boats and are now willing to pass those savings on to you (so they can purchase a new boat).

What you get for \$6,300:

- hull, spars, rig
- yellow (large sail)
- top cover
- dolly (willing to take off \$525 if you don't want this)
- New tiller extension

Option 2: Get a new boat at fleet pricing. Go in with Josh Landers (who is selling his boat to Corey Blair) and Ed Buiel (who wants a second boat) to get fleet pricing on 3 or more new boats.

What you get for \$8000 (regularly \$8900):

- hull, spars, rig
- Gold (large sail)
- top cover + \$283.50 (regular \$315)
- dolly + \$472.50 (regular \$525)

This deal only applies through early spring.

Contact Josh Landers landerjc@westinghouse.com or Adam Ankers at thistle1811@yahoo.com



PYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES — November 12, 2018

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

Visitors Present: Pat Crowe Brian Denning
Cory Richardson Steve Smith

The meeting was called to order by **Commodore Guy Campbell** at 5:58 pm.

Secretary's Report (Tom Prevost): The October 8, 2018, PYC Board minutes 2018 were approved unanimously with no corrections.

Commodore's Report (Guy Campbell): Linda Lind and the nominating committee are close to having a slate of officers for next year's Board of Directors. This will be voted on at the PYC Annual Meeting on Jan 19, 2019. A discussion ensued and it was agreed to charge \$40.00 per person for the PYC Annual Banquet which will be held on Jan 19 at the Chattanooga Golf and Country Club.

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Treasurer's Report (Gary Harwell): The report reviewed profit and loss and balance sheet; also included was the aged accounts receivable. An additional report included the mention that the additional taxes had just been charged to the cabin owners, which explained that this was the reason that Receivables had gone up. The board received the report with affirmation.

Vice Commodore's Report (Josh Landers, Racing): The Halloween Regatta was a huge success with 14 boats participating. Pete Duvoisin was the winner. Saturday racing concluded on 11/3; 21 different boats competed and 22 races were sailed. The Pig Regatta had 14 boats involved. The wind was terrific and race committee (Monty Humphreys, Mike Rasbury, and Co.) did a great job setting up the course. Corey Blair, regatta chair, ran the event with great enthusiasm and energy. Congrats to 1st Scott Irwin, 2nd Mitch Coleman, 3rd Scott Cline.

PYC has been chosen to host the Melges 14 Spring Championship next spring in conjunction with the MC Scow Scowabunga; it will be one of four major regattas next year for the Melges 14's in the U.S. The other three will be Sarasota, FL, Lake Lanier, GA, and Lake Geneva, WI. The 2018-2019 Frostbite series officially kicks off on December 2nd. Big thanks to Paul Healy for taking back the reins of this great winter event; he has a number of new ways to shake up the participants.

Rear Commodore's Report (Keith Harper, Membership): Charles Wood who had been quite active, especially during the 4th of July party was moved to Family Membership. The totals are now 150 Family, 13 Associates, 21 Juniors, 19 Out of Town, and 6 Honorary members.

Past Commodore's Report (Bill Robertson): No Report. Bill and Kathy are all set up in Philadelphia waiting for her donor. Keep them in your prayers.

Building & Grounds Report (Adam Ankers): 18 members helped put the porch enclosure up. There may be a membership opportunity to blow and rake leaves, if they get out of hand.

Social Director's Report (Rob Fowler): The Pig Regatta was a great success, with lots of boats participating in ideal conditions (see the vice commodore's report for finishes). David Varnell and crew prepared some of the best BBQ we've had at a Pig, and Jan Varnell, Patricia Fowler and a host of others put together a delicious dinner. I want to personally thank Corey Blair for stepping in for me and running the show while I was off sailing with Harvey to Bermuda. This was the 49th annual Pig, and next year we're planning something special for the 50th anniversary.

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 8th at the PYC clubhouse, and will be a covered dish, BYOB with ham and soft drinks provided by the club. Sandy Vanden Branden

is planning a "Girl's Night Out" at the club sometime soon; details are to be announced.

Dockmaster's Report (Bob Ives): 5 or 6 boats wish to swap slips and there are 4 members on the list for a slip. Jay Martin's Catalina 27 on C Dock has been sold, and he has purchased the Hunter 30 on A dock, so there are some slip details to be worked out.

Club Boat Director's Report (Tom Bumgardner): Motor yearly maintenance has been scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS:

Two of our guests, Richardson & Denning were present to talk with Pete Snyder regarding The Private Ear. They will confer after this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Unanimously approved, adjournment was at 6:59 pm

Respectfully submitted, Pat Crowe (edited by Tom Prevost)

* A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

~ Mark 4:37-41

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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.

INCLEMENT DAYS AT PYC - On those days when you dare not set sail or even drive out to the club, you may find the Privateer Opti Race Team out practicing. Their last Regatta was at PYC earlier this fall. But with fall and winter come the velocity of wind that we wish was around all year. These young light weight sailors have developed the skills to go out in 15 to 25 mph, have fun and safely return to the harbor. Photo above by Ed Buiel

The 49th Annual John’s Pig Regatta was held this month. Go to pages 4 & 5 for more pictures by Jim Davis. And, for even more pics, go to the PYC Facebook page: Click [HERE](#)

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