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NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB
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FROM THE HELM

January-February 2008

Well, here we go for a new year. Thank you again for your confidence in electing me as your Commodore. I'm sure I'll be given the opportunity to earn it in the coming year!

I must begin by offering regret and condolences to Stuart and Kerry Lamb on the recent death of their mother, **Margie Lamb**. She and her late husband **Buzz** were active and pivotal members of the Snipe Class, both here at PYC and internationally. She will be missed by many.

Here are a few words of background on me for some of the newer members. I grew up on Salt Pond in Narragansett, RI, which accesses the Atlantic Ocean through a breachway at the fishing village of Galilee at Point Jude. Salt Pond is several miles long with a main portion about the same size as our main lake in front of the club.

When I was a small child, the "big boat" we had was the **Mary Ellen**, a 28 ft wooden Navy lifeboat with a converted Chevy engine. I was on that boat in Newport for the 1937 America's Cup Race. I can still remember the very rough trip returning to Point Jude.

When I was about 12 years old, my Dad gave me a 12 ft flat bottomed sailing skiff. It didn't point well and the dagger board constantly hung up on eel grass. My Dad and uncles were powerboat fishermen, not "blow boat" people, so I didn't get much guidance. Frustrated with sailing, I bought a 2½ hp Sears outboard with my grass cutting earnings, filled in the

center board trunk and created my "yacht." I would actually take it a mile or so out into the Atlantic on good weather days. I will never forget running into a big pod of dolphins one day. Very unusual for them to be so far up north.

photo by Mike Rasbury



While in college at URI, which is only 12 miles from Point Jude, I did some crewing on 18ft Cape Cod Knockabouts. When I graduated in 1955, two of my buddies' dads chartered a 32 ft John Alden sloop for us for a cruise from Point Jude to Nantucket. Bob, Jim and I set out, with me signed on as engineer to keep the Atomic Four ticking away. It was an excit-

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ing trip with no serious problems. We did blow out the old cotton main, but had a spare. The compass was so far off that we had to dead reckon. Fortunately, Bob had done the trip previously. When we reached Nantucket, secured a mooring and called for the yacht club launch, it was way larger than we were! It was an unforgettable trip, and convinced me of the joy of sailing which has since become a passion (Marcia says obsession.) Whatever...

I came to Chattanooga in **1977** from Greensboro, NC for a job change, and batched it here for 6 months at Lake Shore while Marcia filled out her job obligations and got the house sold. One Friday night at the now defunct Brass Register, I was in line for the last table. There was another single fellow waiting, and we looked at each other and said why not share it? That fellow was **Dan Williams**, one of PYC's venerable snipe sailors. So, long story short, thirty years later, here I am. Although I spent many years on the Atlantic and Connecticut shores, I will confess to you that most of what I know about racing sailboats was gained and honed at PYC. There are great sailors here on our inland lake! *Look, listen, and learn.*

Projects for this year already include **new Opti docks**, finishing installation of the **new South Cove dock**, refurbishing and relocating the **rigging docks at the launch ramp**, greatly expanding **Opti training**, and we hope to introduce **Opti racing**. We have scheduled two major regattas, the **Chattanooga Challenge, April 18-20**, for the Catalina 22 District 3 and TN State Championships, and the **South East Optimist District 3 Championship Regatta, October 4-5**.

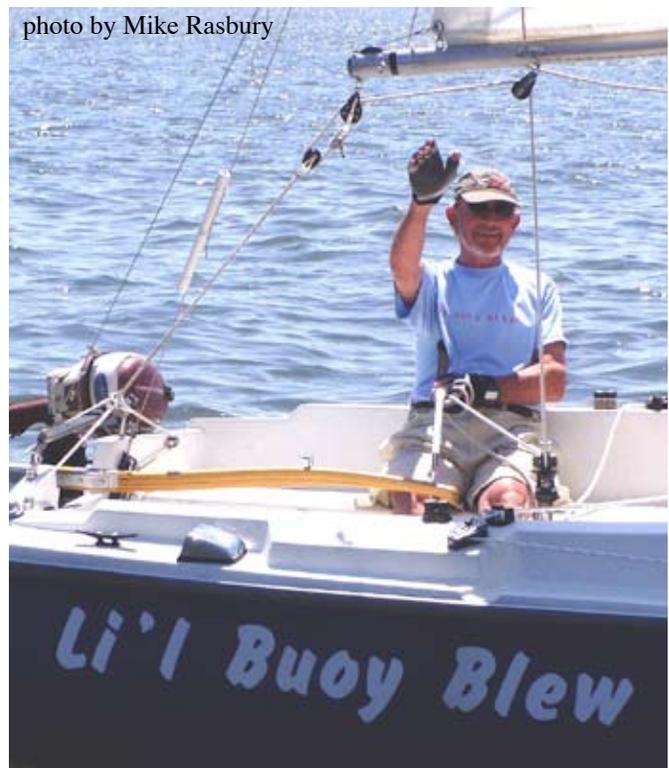
These regattas will likely be larger than we've handled in the recent past. We'll all need to pitch in to spruce up the club, etc. Another important effort involves reviewing over 50 years of PYC records to be sure our constitution and bylaws reflect the changes introduced over the years, and that significant events are not lost. **Ed Ford** has agreed to be our **Archivist** and take on this formidable task. Hang in, Ed.

Some items he has already discovered are the need to reactivate the **Long Range Planning Committee**

and the **Land Committee**. The Planning Committee members selected by Steve George and myself are: **Pat Crowe, Jan Varnell, Tom Clark, Steve Sherman, and Eddie Graham**, along with the **Commodore**. We felt this group to be representative of the age and interest range of the membership. The Planning Committee will soon be sending out a questionnaire to all members to solicit ideas on what the membership thinks PYC might look like in the future. This Committee will be looking 10 years ahead, while the Board of Directors will deal with more current items.

Re the **Land Committee**, Ed Ford found that the Board voted several years ago to expand it from three members to five, consisting of the **Commodore, a cabin owner, a Board member, and two non Board members**. It seems this format has never been implemented, but needs to be. Thus far, **Pat Crowe** has agreed to be the cabin owner and **John Rathjen** the Board member, more to follow.

See you on the water!
Walt



OPTI NEWS FOR SPRING PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB

by Bryson Lesley

Plans for the Spring are looking great! First, we will have the new dock in place and then the instruction shelter will be completed.

We will have a new and unique **training platform** with a mounted Opti Pram to teach our sailors how to respond to wind changes. We feel that learning the basics while on land will be much less intimidating for them than immediately putting them out on the water. This boat will be furnished by **Steve Sherman** (McLaughlin Boats). Our thanks go out to him for his generous support.

The two Knoxville Yacht Clubs with Opti Programs are interested in having a green fleet interchange program. We also hope to have a green fleet regatta at Privateer Yacht Club in June, if the details can be worked out.

We have planned *four* one-week **sailing camps** at PYC. The first three will be for instruction to new sailors and green fleet sailors. The fourth camp will be for advanced sailors and will teach specific racing skills. McCallie School will sponsor two of the sailing camps. The completed schedule will be detailed in the March edition of *The Private Ear*.

In my book, there is nothing better than encouraging our young people to sail with confidence !

MARGIE LAMB

by Brainard Cooper

It has been difficult to think or speak of them separately. It was always **“Buzzy and Marge,”** or **“Margie and Buzz.”** For the last three years, since Buzz’s death in February of 2005, speaking of **Marge Lamb** in the singular was just a little off-center, like a half-spoken word or sentence.

So, Marge’s death February 6 from the effects of a stroke she suffered just over a week before, in a very real way, heals the breach created by Buzz’s death. While during the intervening three years she has sometimes struggled to re-order what she had considered her “perfect life,” those around her al-

ways missed the spontaneous joy that attended her waking hours back when it was “Buzz and Marge.”

When they engaged Buzz, already an active and accomplished Snipe sailor, to be its second **Executive Secretary**, they truly got “two for the price of one” as Marge enthusiastically embraced Buzz’s new endeavor, Marge most visibly publishing the Snipe Bulletin each month in addition to crewing for Buzz on the week-ends, either in local point score races or traveling to regattas around the southeast, plus their annual trips to the US Nationals and numerous international events.

On the occasion of their retirement she told one friend, “We’ve put out more than 200 Bulletins, and I don’t know any more ways to write up a regatta. I think we’ve used them all.”

Yes, they were a team. Buzz’s obituary, composed only three years ago, included this paragraph written as much about her as it was about him: “Establishing the SCIRA Office on the ground floor of their home at Privateer Yacht Club, he and Marge traveled widely, both in the US and internationally to put a “face” on the SCIRA organization and bring it closer to its members. He and Marge published the *Snipe Bulletin* monthly for 17 years. This in addition to all the travel, the keeping of Class records and finances and handling the voluminous correspondence necessary to run an organization spread out over 30 countries. And almost all was before the advent of e-mail and computers. The ‘data bases’ they used were filing cabinets of 3x5 inch note cards.”

Marge never lost her love of Snipes and Snipe sailors, and they responded to her as well. When any member of Privateer returned from a regatta, she would always want to know who was there and who had done what at the regatta. During the time she lay in the hospital, her sons found recent Snipe Bulletins on a table by her reading lamp.

She is survived by son **Kerry** and wife **Patricia** of Atlanta, son **Stewart** and wife **Joanna** of the Washington, DC area, and granddaughter **Kira** of Atlanta.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the PYC website for most current info on events.

MARCH 2008

March 10	Board Meeting	7 PM Monday
March 11	CSC Covered Dish Dinner	7:00 PM Tuesday
March 15	St. Patrick's Day Race & Dinner - Door Prize	Saturday
March 22	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 PM Saturday
March 23	Easter	Sunday
March 29	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 PM Saturday

APRIL 2008

April 5	PYC Spring Regatta (Cruisers)	TBA
April 6	PYC Spring Regatta (Cruisers)	TBA
April 7	Board Meeting	7 PM
April 8	CSC Covered Dish Dinner	7:00 PM Tuesday
April 9	CSC JAM Race	7 PM Wednesday
April 19	Catalina 22 Chattanooga Challenge	Saturday
April 20	Catalina 22 Chattanooga Challenge	Sunday
April 23	CSC JAM Race	7 PM Wednesday
April 26	Flying Scot Choo Choo Regatta	Saturday
April 27	Flying Scot Choo Choo Regatta	Sunday
April 30	CSC JAM Race	7 PM Wednesday

RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

FOR MARCH & APRIL 2008

DATE	DAY	TIME	BOAT	PRO	ASSISTANT
03/22/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Abrams, Jody	Alfred, Joe
03/29/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Bergevin, David	Andrews, Dan
04/05/08	Saturday		Cruisers	PYC Spring Regatta	
04/06/08	Sunday		Cruisers	PYC Spring Regatta	
04/09/08	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Cruisers	Carscaddon, Bruce	Bissell, Bob
04/12/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Clark, Tom	Bumgardner, Tom
04/13/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	Cline, Scott	Campbell, Guy
04/16/08	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Cruisers	Cofield, Stewart	Cline, Bo
04/19/08	Saturday		C-22	Catalina 22 Chattanooga Challenge	
04/20/08	Sunday		C-22	Catalina 22 Chattanooga Challenge	
04/16/08	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Cruisers	Craig, Ed	Cox, Lloyd
04/26/08	Saturday		FS	Flying Scot Choo Choo Regatta	
04/27/08	Sunday		FS	Flying Scot Choo Choo Regatta	
04/30/08	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Cruisers	Cyrul, Chris	Crowe, Pat

**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 JOHN RATHJEN ASAP.
(423-843-1718)**

PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB ANNUAL MEETING COMMODORE'S COMMENTS BY STEVE GEORGE

All Annual Meeting photos by Jack Everett



This year has been a special one for me as your **Commodore**, as you well know if you've kept up with my musings in the "**View From the Helm**" column. I made mistakes, as many of you realize, and I'll be the first to admit to some of them. It's a painful thing to have to admit to one's errors, especially when one carries an overly exaggerated sense of one's importance. And, frankly, being the Commodore can give you that feeling.

I believe it was Frederich Nietzsche who said, "Absolute Power Corrupts Absolutely." Luckily, my Board of Directors didn't let me feel for a minute that I had anything like absolute power. In fact, my opinions and judgment were brought under the critical microscope so often that I began to think I was some kind of lab experiment: as if a group of crusty PYC salts sitting on the clubhouse deck on a glorious afternoon had wondered: "What would happen if we gave a "fifth-grader" the title of Commodore?"

Yet, I muddled through, meeting after meeting, decision after decision, call after call, signed check after signed check. **Fred Koch** never let me forget that my importance as Commodore bore a strict and mathematical correlation to the rapidity at

which I was able to get my signature on the checks he left in my box in the clubhouse.

Van Polidoro, my trusted and worthy keeper of the clubhouse, grounds, and docks has never quite forgiven me for naming him to that position.

Dick Mullen unashamedly used his influence as a Board member to coerce me into helping him and Judy as they refurbished the much maligned Columbia on B Dock. Dick, I won't tell the story of one of your first sails in that boat when the boat speed didn't seem all that it should have been, and I noticed that the luff of the main wasn't attached to the mast...

Pete Duvoisin had such wisdom on many matters when he attended the Board Meetings. By the way, has anyone seen Pete lately? Geez, he didn't even show for the dinner Priscilla and I fixed.

I respect the fact that **Paul Healy**, a man of many talents and one who keeps a mighty busy schedule, gave of his time to travel and faithfully attend our Monday meetings, even the one I failed to tell him we weren't having.

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I wish I could have convinced **Brainard Cooper** that he was to respect my judgment as Commodore and defer to my authority. But, when I suggested what I thought were minor revisions to the minutes, he e-mailed back and simply stated, “That’s not the way I remember it.” That’s all I ever heard from him on the issue, and the minutes, of course, appeared in *The Private Ear* as he remembered them.

I have a lot of respect and admiration for **Tom Clark**, a worthy sailor and thoughtful leader of men, even though he has the odd habit of referring to me as “Sir” whenever we have a conversation and I’m wearing my Commodore’s hat. He’s the only person in the club to refer to me that way, and I’m sure he means it as a compliment, but it will be nice to get back on even terms with him after this evening.

Walt Jenison’s energy, stamina, and rather gnarly bohemian good looks are more suited, I think, to such a respectful title as “Sir.” Images of Walt seem etched forever and are not easily forgotten: playing his stand up bass like a wild gnome at our Dock Party and blithely missing two marks as he rounded the TVCC course putting him out of contention for a trophy consideration.

Finally, I offer my thanks and an apology to **Dieter Kuberg** who accepted a Board position as Social Chairman, though it was the last thing he wanted to do or thought that he was suited for. I’ll never forget Dieter’s asking me who was doing one of the upcoming social events this year, and I responded, “No one, unless you’ve asked them.”

Ah, the life of a first-time Commodore... We accomplished things this year, but you mostly know about that. We’ve got a lot of work yet to do to make this club what it truly can be, but you know that as well. I’m indebted to this group of men who display what the larger club is all about: willing volunteerism.

I so appreciate all those members, who I’ll not name for I will surely leave someone out but you know who you are, who worked, sailed, cooked, cleaned, built, disassembled, reassembled, ate, chatted, argued, commiserated, encouraged, taught, and laughed together. You are a special club and I am the fortunate one to have had the privilege to serve you.

Steve George



DICK MULLEN RECEIVES JOHN WESLEY AWARD FROM RICHARD RALSTON



CHRIS CYRUL RECEIVES THE BRAINARD COOPER AWARD FROM KENT OVERBECK

PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB Annual Membership Meeting

January 19, 2008

After a social hour and dinner at the **Valleybrook Golf and Country Club**, Commodore **Steve George** called the Annual Membership Meeting of Privateer Yacht Club to order at 7:06PM on Jan. 19, 2008. The first order of business was the introduction of associate members and visitors. Commodore George then expressed his appreciation to **Joani Koch** for the dinner decorations and to several other members who helped him throughout the year.

Each member of the Board of Directors followed with brief reports on their year's activities and accomplishments. Notable among these were the reports of **Treasurer Fred Koch** who reported the Club's balance on hand to be \$10,000 more than last year even though we had capital expenditures of over \$40,000. **Membership Chairman Paul Healy** reported a growing membership (125 family members). And **Social Chairman Dieter Kuberg** reported our active social calendar ended up financially even for the year.

A drawing was held for the (one-time) \$500 attendance prize, which was won by **Ed and Celestine Shuck**. Since they were not in attendance, the prize goes unclaimed and the prize for attendance at the next social will be \$200.

There being no Old Business the Commodore proceeded to **New Business** as follows.

Member **Jack Everett** presented club burgees from his travels, one from the **Sausalito YC** in the San Francisco Bay Area and one from the 2012 Olympic Games host yacht club, the **Qingdao YC** of China.

Dick Mullen received the **CSC John Wesley Award** from Richard Ralston.

After voting by the membership, former Commodore Tom Clark presented **Rob Fowler** with the **John Wesley Best Regatta Chairman of the Year** award for the highly successful TVCC Regatta and

Brainard Cooper, Jr. won the **John Wesley Best Race Officer** of the year award.

Former Commodore and Fleet 95 Captain **Bill Robertson** presented **Catalina 22 Fleet 95** awards to Silver Fleet winner **Craig Lenfestey** and Gold Fleet winners **Dieter Kuberg** (3rd place), **John Rathjen** (2nd place), and **Rill Robertson** (1st place). He also announced that PYC Catalina 22 Fleet 95 was selected **Fleet of the Year** by the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association and that Former Commodore **Kent Overbeck** was recognized by the same organization as "**Recruiter of the Year.**"

Paul Healy presented Flying Scot Fleet #92 awards to **Tom Clark** (2nd place), and **Bill Robertson** (1st place).

Steve Sherman presented MC Scow fleet awards to **David Varnell** (3rd place), **Chris Cyrul** (2nd place), and to himself for first place.

Richard Ralston presented the CSC Wednesday Nite JAM Series awards to **Ed Craig** (5th), **Bo Cline** (4th), **Bill Robertson** (3rd), **Scott Cline** (2nd), and winner **Tom Clark**.

Commodore George presented the **Commodore's Trophy** to **Pete Snyder**, editor of *The Private Ear* (who also filled in at Board of Directors meetings several times for the absent secretary).

The **Brainard Cooper Memorial Award** was presented by last year's winner **Kent Overbeck** to **Chris Cyrul** for a year of enthusiastic involvement in all aspects of Privateer life, both on the water and off.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee **Tom Clark** presented the following slate of officers to serve PYC for the year 2008:

Commodore:	Walt Jenison
Vice Commodore:	Brainard Cooper, Jr.
Rear Commodore:	David Bergevin
Secretary:	Pete Snyder
Treasurer:	Carol Cofield

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- Director (1 year): Paul Healy**
- Director (1 year): Dieter Kuberg**
- Director (2 year): John Rathjen**
- Director (2 year): Bryson Lesley**

After a motion by Scott Cline with a second by Kent Overbeck, the slate was approved by acclamation.

Following presentation of a symbolic “gavel of power” new-elected **Commodore Jenison** expressed his gratitude for the “can-do” attitude of PYC members and his hope for another successful year for the Club.

Flags of rank were presented to new officers and photographs taken, after which the meeting adjourned on a motion by Kent Overbeck.

Brainard Cooper, Jr., Secretary



2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, L to R (above), Dieter Kuberg, Paul Healy, Brainard Cooper, Bryson Lesley, Walt Jenison, Pete Snyder, John Rathjen, and Carol Cofield.



PYC BOARD MEETING

Minutes — February 11, 2008

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

by Commodore Jenison.

Members present: D. Bergevin C. Cofield
B. Cooper S. George
P. Healy W. Jenison
D. Kuberg B. Lesley
D. Mullen J. Rathjen
P. Snyder

Observers present: S. Cofield S. Sherman
R. Ralston B. Robertson
T. Clark

Minutes of December meeting approved. George moved, Kuberg seconded.

Minutes of January Annual meeting approved. Kuberg moved, George seconded.

Commodore Jenison introduced **Scott Ferguson** of Huffaker & Associates Insurance who presented a renewal proposal for PYC **insurance** policies for 2008. He covered several items of interest. Our clubhouse coverage has increased due to inflation, but our premium has gone down \$169 below last year. He noted that the cabins are not insured by PYC. They are the individual responsibility of owners. We have never had, and do not have, coverage for loss or damage to the docks. PYC club boats are covered for regattas here and out of town. Also, our sailing instruction classes are covered.

Richard Ralston was recognized as a visitor with a question. He had seen the **race schedule** and wanted to know if the fleets would have any input. Brainard Cooper responded that the schedule presented thus far is preliminary and “Yes, the fleets will have the final decision.” Brainard will be in touch.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Walt Jenison, Commodore:

- **Margie Lamb** will be missed, as her husband Buzz is also missed.
- **Molly Cox** has requested use of PYC’s silverware for a Power Squadron dinner. Walt has ok’d.

- **The Long Range Planning Committee** has been resurrected. Members include the current Commodore, Jan Varnell, Eddie Graham, Tom Clark, Pat Crowe and Steve Sherman.

- **The Land Committee** has not been functioning, lately. It should consist of the current Commodore and three others. John Rathjen has been investigating the historical precedents of the Land Committee, including the leases for all the cabins. Those leases are due to expire by 2010. PYC needs to institute a procedure for handling legal documents, like a two signature system. Bergevin asked if the club retains a lawyer? Walt responded, “No, but we should develop a relationship with one.”

- **Ed Ford** is working as an **archivist**, reading all the old minutes included in 5 or 6 boxes of paperwork that **Pat Crowe** has saved over the years. He is typing out a narrative of decisions relating to by-laws, property ownership, etc., and hyperlinking it to scanned images of key documents. He will have it available on CD or DVD, which will be copied and distributed to the Commodore for back-up. Walt commented that the most recent publication of the bylaws was evidently in 2001.

Carol Cofield, Treasurer:

- The treasurer’s report was presented, reviewed by all and accepted. The Treasurer reports to the membership quarterly when statements are mailed, so that the monthly reports will not be covered in the minutes.

Brainard Cooper, Vice Commodore — Racing:

- Brainard has the proposed Races and Race Committee Schedule, which he will be reviewing with the fleet captains.

David Bergevin, Rear Commodore — Membership:

- **Stewart Penrose** is a new Associate member as of January 2008. He has a Catalina 22 Sport.
- We have 124 Family Members and 10 Associate Members.
- The Associate Member Application form needs to be updated to reflect the change made by the De-

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ember '07 Board in that future Associate Members will be required make payment in the amount of their first quarterly dues when submitting their associate member application. Any overpayment of the quarterly dues (ie., if the associate member did not join in the first month of the quarter) would be reflected as a credit on the next quarterly billing. The net effect is that the new associate member will not be paying dues for time prior to becoming an associate member. Quarterly dues are \$100.

Pete Snyder, Secretary — Editor, *Private Ear*:

- Three newsletters came back as undeliverable to Mark Newton, Jim & Amy Carrol, and Monty & Sue Humphreys. Pete to call Doug Spohn re the Humphreys contact information. Newton is evidently overseas, and no one had any input re the Carrols.
- After some discussion it was the consensus of the board to print obituaries of members in the newsletter. But, it will depend upon what is submitted as to what gets printed.
- Discussion re inclusion of *The Private Ear* on the PYC website: concern was mainly about publishing club financial information in the minutes. It was decided that since our membership receives a quarterly treasurer's report, there was no need to include that kind of information in the monthly minutes. So, Pete will pursue getting the newsletter posted on our website, including back issues with financial data deleted.
- The newsletter is an instrument of good will, promoting sailing and PYC. Pete proposed that it be sent, at least via e-mail, to other clubs in the region. Those clubs in the TVCC were suggested. Pete will look into finding those addresses.

Dieter Kuberg, Dock Meister & Slip Director:

- Dieter is updating the wet and dry slip diagrams which will be posted on the website and the clubhouse bulletin board. He will endeavor to keep them updated. Associate members may have a slip,

but they can be bumped by a Family Member. An Associate who has been voted in by the board as a Family Member, and has paid his capital assessment, then has a secured slip.

Paul Healy, Social Director:

- The Valentine's Day social and "Burning In" Party is set for this coming Saturday.

John Rathjen, Club Boats:

- The **large committee boat** needs some work on its side awnings. Also, Walt has found that the corrosion on the starboard pontoon is not a concern as was earlier believed. It could be removed by plastic bead blasting (not sand), but it will just be monitored and any leaks repaired.
- **Steve Sherman** requested that the club boat keys be better identified as to which fits what boat. John agreed. Steve is also working on renewing the race course plaques for the back of the committee boat.
- Currently we have five club boats: 2 pontoon boats; 2 chase boats; and a leaking rowboat with a 7.5 Evinrude.. Both the rowboat leak will be repaired and the motor reconditioned, if feasible, for work with the youth sailing program.

Bryson Lesley, Director of Building, Grounds and Docks:

- Bryson was contacted on Monday, Jan. 21, 2008, by several club members re an **electrical outage on B Dock**. He had electrician Roger Coe investigate. Roger replaced a breaker and reconnected some loose wires. He did an amp draw test on B Dock and found that resistance heaters on some boats were drawing 11 amps. Roger suggested that light bulbs of 150 watts or less be used, instead. Bryson contacted those owners and they said they would gladly comply with that request.
- The **front gate** had been reported broken. Roger checked it and found that the breaker had been turned off. A motor had been ordered by another

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repairman but was not needed, so it was sent back.

- Bryson proposed that the **rigging dock** to the right of the ramp be pulled (three 32 foot sections) and the exposed foam floatation replaced with encapsulated foam like we have on most of the docks. Walt got prices for the encapsulated foam, and found that it would take about \$1800 to replace the right rigging dock floatation. Dieter moved that up to \$2,000 be approved for the right rigging dock floatation replacement, and Bryson seconded it. Motion passed.

- Discussion re replacement of the **Opti Dock** and **left rigging dock** by Shoko vs. refurbishing the old docks with encapsulated foam and new decking. Consensus was to pursue the Shoko alternative, so Walt will put together a proposal to be e-mailed to the board for a decision so they can be ordered this month with a 20% discount.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Walt called upon **Steve Sherman** to discuss a **Southeastern Championship Regatta for Optimist Dinghies** that may be held at PYC. This would be done with the **United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA)**. Steve passed out several copies of a 7 page proposal guide which outlines the USODA standards for such a regatta. It would be held in October, and could include 70 to 120 boats in the competition. Sponsors might include Coca Cola and Chattem. Discussion went around about our ability to have available dock space, chase boats, bathroom facilities, parking, etc... Steve George moved that PYC begin to enter into the process of accepting responsibility for this OPTI regatta. Brainard Cooper seconded. Motion passed. Steve Sherman will be in charge, and Walt will review all plans and arrangements. Steve Sherman promised to offset any potential deficit.

NEW BUSINESS:

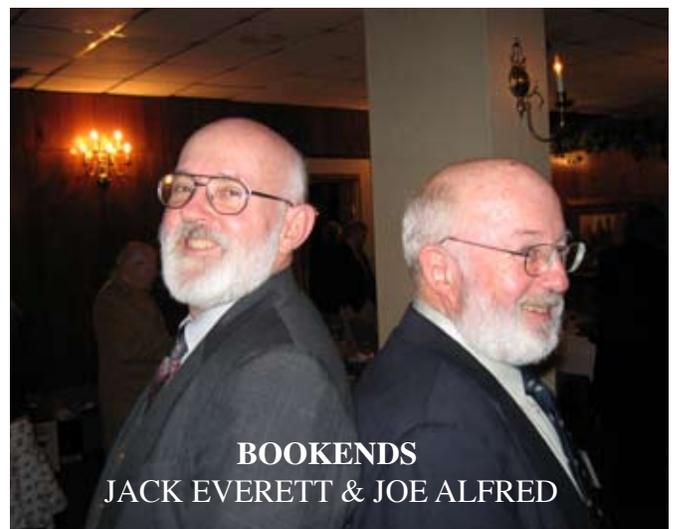
- Walt noted the lateness of the hour and decided to forego further discussions at this time.

- Motion to adjourn by Steve George, second by David Bergevin – passed. Meeting adjourned 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Peter Snyder, Secretary

CONTACT YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

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- John Rathjen, Club Boat Director: 423-843-1718
- Dick Mullen, Honorary Director: 423-875-9998



BOOKENDS
JACK EVERETT & JOE ALFRED

ST. PATRICK DAY RACE IN MARCH LAST YEAR



photo by Mike Rasbury

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.

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