



Private Ear

NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB
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FROM THE HELM

September 2008

It's been a relatively quiet month. We had a large turnout for the **9/6 work party**, and the grounds got a good cleaning. Thanks to all who came, and to **Jan Varnell** and her crew for breakfast and lunch. The next big event will be the **Southeastern Opti Championship Regatta**, October 4-5, followed by the **Halloween Regatta** October 25, and **The Pig**, November 8. While members are always welcome at the club, we expect as many as 75 participants for the SEC, so club facilities will be strained.

The **Hard Luck Award** goes to **Dick Mullen** this month. He had just completed refinishing his pretty **Contender 24** one Saturday, and found it on the bottom Sunday morning. A leaky sink drain hose was apparently the culprit. He has insurance and decided to take the settlement. A reminder for others to be sure insurance is in force. We will miss that pretty boat.

Thanks to **Judy Mullen** for heading up the PYC call list team for four years. **Sandy Vanden Branden** has agreed to take over. Thanks to Sandy.

Several months ago there was concern about rust at the bottom of the club **flagpole**. **Steve Morgan** tested it, and found significant deterioration. Steve and **Pat Crowe** are seeking a means of getting it down and refinishing or replacing it.

I noticed during the Opti training this summer that the swimming dock decking was in bad shape. **Bryson** and I started re-planking, and during the work party **Richard Ralston** and **Mark Mentgen** helped us finish it. The stairway has been cleaned up, also. Looking good.

I've not been able to get with the **Fire Department** water resources person yet, so the fire protection issue for some of the cabins remains unresolved. I did check for fire hydrants on Ridge Crest which backs up to PYC property, but there are no hydrants close enough.

There has been some response on boat cleanup and trailer marking, but we still have a way to go.

See you on the water!
Walt



photo by Rasbury



SEPT 6 WORK PARTY A BIG SUCCESS
About 40 members showed up and worked hard!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the PYC website for more info. Note that all CSC events are for all PYC members.

OCTOBER

Oct 4-5	USODA Southeast Optimist Championship	Saturday & Sunday
Oct 11-12	Full Moon Cruise	Saturday & Sunday
Oct 11	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
Oct 12	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
Oct 13	Board Meeting	7:00 pm Monday
Oct 14	CSC Covered Dish Dinner	7:00 pm Tuesday
Oct 18	Race - Cruiser & C22	1:00 pm Saturday
Oct 19	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
25-Oct-08	CSC Halloween Regatta (Cruisers) - Door Prize!!!	Saturday
26-Oct-08	CSC Halloween Regatta (Dinghies)	Sunday

NOVEMBER

Nov 8	John's Pig Regatta - Cruiser & C22	1:00 pm Saturday
Nov 10	Board Meeting	7:00 pm Monday
Nov 11	CSC Covered Dish Dinner	7:00 pm Tuesday
Nov 15-16	Full Moon Cruise	Saturday & Sunday
Nov 15	Race - Cruiser & C22	1:00 pm Saturday
Nov 22	Race - Cruiser & C22	1:00 pm Saturday
Nov 29	Race - Cruiser & C22	1:00 pm Saturday

DECEMBER

Dec 6	PYC Christmas Party - Door Prize!!!	Saturday
Dec 8	Board Meeting @ Commodore's Home	7:00 pm Monday
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party	Wednesday

RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	BOAT	PRO	ASSISTANT
OCTOBER					
10/04/08	Saturday	Optimists	USODA SE Championships		Steve Sherman
10/05/08	Sunday	Optimists	USODA SE Championships		Steve Sherman
10/11/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Carscaddon, Bruce	Stewart, Gary
10/12/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	Bergevin, David	Sweatt, Kirby
10/18/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Sherman, Steve	Lee, Scott
10/19/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	Cline, Scott	Wiberly, Spence
10/25/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	CSC	Halloween
10/26/08	Sunday	2:30 PM	Dinghies	CSC	Halloween
NOVEMBER					
11/01/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Graham, Eddie	Snyder, Peter
11/08/08	Saturday	TBA	Cruisers	John's Pig Regatta	Rob Fowler
11/15/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Craig, Ed	Alfred, Joe
11/22/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Cyrul, Chris	Andrews, Dan
11/29/08	Saturday	1:00 PM	Cruisers	Duvoisin, Pete	Bissell, Bob

2008 TENNESSEE VALLEY CHALLENGE CUP

Hosted by Brown's Creek Sailing Association - Joe Wheeler State Park - Sept 18-20

Privateer's 2008 TVCC team consisted of 7 boats. **Pete Duvoisin** and crew on *Bruiser* sailed in the Spinnaker Fleet. We had 5 **Catalina 22's** represented in the non-spinnaker fleet consisting of **John Rathjen, Walt Jenison, Scott Irwin, Guy Campbell** and **Bill Robertson**. **Barry Klein** on his **MC Scow** sailed in the dinghy fleet. It is important that we have boats in each of the 3 fleets in order to ensure the best possible score.

I think all of our team arrived at **Joe Wheeler State Park** on Friday afternoon. Most of us left PYC around noon on Friday, so we all arrived at the launch ramp at about the same time and started rigging our boats. All of us except Pete launched our boats and motored around to the marina to dock them for the night. Pete decided to wait until Saturday morning to launch.

After arriving at the marina, we were welcomed by our hosts from Brown's Creek. They had a keg of locally brewed wheat beer that was quite good along with pizza, assorted hors d'oeuvres and desserts. We all had a great time renewing our friendships with the people we have met over the years of sailing in this regatta.

The forecast was for sunny skies with no chance of rain all weekend, but as is often the case, the weatherman was wrong. It rained overnight on Friday and Saturday morning was overcast with occasional drizzle. However, for Tom and I that suited us fine. It was cool and the very light and very occasional drizzle was so light, it didn't even get us wet.

When we got on the water at noon, there was a nice breeze of about 10 to 12. Unfortunately, the wind was getting lighter and shifting left. The RC finally got a very long course set up, but by the time they got it started, it was heavily port favored. The wind was very shifty, so large gains could be made by playing the shifts and being in the right place at the right time.

Tom and I got a very bad start, so we had a real challenge ahead. We were fortunate that the race



was so long, giving us time to recover from our poor start. We finally worked our way through the fleet and ended up crossing the line 2nd behind a very fast **Capri 30** from Wheeler. He had to give us a ton of time, so after the handicaps were applied we won the race.

John Gwyer, the regatta chairman, was sailing a **Morgan 24**. He made a comment to us on the water that he was not supposed to be beaten boat for boat by a Catalina 22. He had to give us time and finished behind us. The course was so long that it took over 2 hours for the last boat to finally finish. Due to the excessive length of the 1st race, the RC had to make the next 2 races very short in order to get the fleet in the harbor in time for the dinner and social. These races lasted only about 30 minutes for race 2 and 20 minutes for race 3 and the wind was getting lighter as the time passed. The last race was sailed in an average of only 2.7 knots.

The Capri 30 is a very fast light air boat, so he was able to get out in front, and we were unable to finish close enough to correct over him, so he got 2 1sts in the last 2 races and we got 2 2nds. Fortunately he had gotten a 3rd in the 1st race, so we were tied for the lead after the 1st day, but if the regatta ended then, he would win on the tie breaker.

Over dinner and the next morning we all discussed the need to cover the Capri 30 at every opportunity. We got on the race course on Sunday morning and were all very pleasantly surprised to find winds of

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5 to 6 knots that were fairly steady. The RC did an excellent job on Sunday of getting the course set up on time and they got the course length about right. The start of race 4 was an *unbelievable sight*. Four of the PYC C22's were lined up with a perfect start at the committee boat with the Capri 30 below us. He had to sail through the lee of all 4 of these boats to get out in front. He had to foot off in order to do this. It drove him back so far that he ended up finishing this race in 9th place out of 12 boats. This took him out of contention for 1st.

Tom and I managed to win this race and had a solid lead at that point. All we had to do was finish in the middle of the pack in the last race to win. We ended up finishing 2nd in the last race behind the Morgan 24, who had been so amazed to have been beaten by us the day before. We ended up beating him boat for boat in 4 of the 5 races.

After all 5 races were completed; *Blind Hog* was able to contribute two 1sts and three 2nds to the overall club scores. **John Rathjen** also sailed very well and came in 3rd in the non-spinnaker results contributing two 3rds to the overall club results. **Walt Jenison** was able to get into the club scoring in the 4th race where he got a 2nd, and **Barry Klein** got in there in the first and fifth races contributing a 3rd in each of those races to the overall club results.

Pete Duvoisin and his crew consisting of **Scott Cline**, **Chris Cyrul**, and **Scott Adams** dominated the spinnaker fleet and beat some very fast boats to win the regatta. They got three 1sts and two 2nds. All 5 of their races contributed to the overall club results and they got a total score of only 7 points. The 2nd place boat was a Capri 22 who had 12 points. We were able to watch them nail every start. Pete never seems to miss the start.

After the club scores were totaled on Sunday, PYC had dominated again. We had a total score of only 29 points. Wheeler had the next highest score with 40 points. I truly appreciate everyone who participated in this regatta. Even if your scores didn't make it into the club total, you provided support and encouragement to the rest of the team. In the start of the 4th race, when the Capri 30 had to sail through



John Rathjen, Walt Jenison, Scott Irwin and me, I couldn't have been prouder of our team. I think everyone had a great time.

If you can go to this regatta next year, you should not miss it. It is one of the best sailing venues there is and it is only 3 hours driving time from home. The team racing adds another dimension to the event that is unlike any other regatta that I have ever participated in. I will not miss it.

Bill Robertson
Blind Hog - C22 # 569



photos by
Werner Slabber

FULL MOON OVERNIGHT CREWS

NORTH OF HARRISON BAY — SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2008 - photos by B. Snyder (mostly)



DINGHY RACES IN RAUCOUS WIND 'N' WAVES

Sept 14, 2008 - photos by Mike Rasbury



ROCK PAPER SCISSORS OPTI REGATTA

Birmingham Sailing Club

August 30 - 31, 2008 photos by Tina Campbell

Our weekly **OPTI** training sessions paid off in a big way as PYC was well represented at the **Rock Paper Scissors OPTI Regatta** hosted by the **Birmingham Sailing Club**.

We had six sailors from our club who competed in this event. **Garrett Campbell, Christian Cyrul, Erica Cyrul, Seth Rosenthal, Luke Underwood** and **Chris Winters** represented PYC with fine sailing and a competitive spirit.

Most of these brave hearted sailors camped out in tents on the Sailing Club grounds in Birmingham and their parents offered enthusiastic support for their racing endeavor and roughed it with them.

Saturday (August 30th) brought light to medium wind, but it was constant. Sunday (August 31st) welcomed us with medium to good medium wind. I was very proud to see some of our sailors display excellent Corinthian spirit by performing 360's

without being asked to do so by the judge.

ERICA CYRUL won **FIRST** place in the Green Fleet Competition. There were twenty four boats in this group and this was quite an accomplishment. PYC made a strong showing in the ratings with our six sailors finishing within the top eleven spots.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PYC OPTI SAILORS:

1st Place	Erica Cyrul
5th Place	Seth Rosenthal
6th Place	Chris Winters
7th Place	Luke Underwood
8th Place	Christian Cyrul
11th Place	Garrett Campbell

Our thanks to Kathaleen and Jack Rogers for doing such a great job planning and hosting this Regatta. A great time was had by all !!

Bryson Lesley





ANOTHER JUNIOR SAILOR *VICTORY !!*

Privateer junior sailor **Seth Rosenthal**, handily walked away with the Green Fleet honors Sept 19-20, 2008, at **Lake Norman Yacht Club** in **Mooreville, North Carolina**. He consistently posted firsts and an occasional second in the fourteen boat fleet. Seth had boat speed and showed a knowledge of strategy and tactics which paid off in the flukey light to medium wind conditions.

PYC BOARD MEETING

Minutes — Sept 8, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

by Commodore Jenison.

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

Observers present: M. Arnold S. Cline
S. Cofield P. Crowe
T. Prevost J&I Weidner
S. Vanden Branden

Minutes of June meeting were approved. George moved. Kuberg seconded.

NO OLD BUSINESS

OFFICER REPORTS

Walt Jenison, Commodore:

- Walt added new information about the **cabin fire protection** issue. Some of the cabins cannot be reached by firetrucks or hoses. Walt is to meet with the Hixson Water Resources representative, but has not yet. Walt checked for hydrants on Ridgecrest, above the cabins, but none are close enough.
- About 40 people turned out for the September 6 **Work Party**. Great turnout! Kudos to **Jan Varnell** and her kitchen crew for feeding that crowd!

Steve George, Past Commodore:

- **George** is still working on the **Long Range Planning Committee** questionnaire.
- We still need more **Work Party** attention on clearing brush and leaves, especially from South Cove up to the entry gate.

Brainard Cooper, Vice Commodore:

- Attended **Opti Regatta** meeting, and we already have 55 boats registered for the **Optimist SEC October 4-5**. Trailers need to be moved out for that

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weekend in order to accommodate the influx of Opti trailers. Some may be parked on Bryson's property nearby.

- Brainard asked if the **Carolina Skiff** was working properly. Walt will take it for a test run.
- Thanks go to **Chris Cyrul** for mailing out the RC cards while Brainard was out of town.

David Bergevin, Rear Commodore-Membership:

- We have three less family memberships. **Monty and Susan Humphries** have resigned. **Marilyn and George Delong** are now Out of Town Members, and so are **Shay and Brandy Mayo**. We currently have 122 Family Memberships and 12 Associates.

Pete Snyder, Secretary - Editor, *The Private Ear*:

- No report except to ask that *Private Ear* material be submitted within one week after the board meeting.

Carol Cofield, Treasurer:

- **Hospice** sent a thank you note for the donation sent in memory of Tom Clark's father.
- Carol gave her report and it was accepted. Snyder moved and Healy seconded.
- Carol presented three letters to be sent to those whose dues are in arrears. The board reviewed and approved them with minor modifications.

Dieter Kuberg, Dock Meister/Dry Slip Director:

- Dieter has not seen the '06 Dry Slip Policy, yet. Scot Cline thought he may have a copy and will check. Also, Tom Clark may have a copy.
- Dieter will mark any trailers that are still unmarked, based on their location and the assigned slots.
- Dieter will price **concrete tire stops** for marking trailer spaces. The wood ones rot.

Bryson Lesley, Director of Building, Grounds and Docks:

- The **front dock** has new decking.

- **Linda Lesley** has redecorated the Ladies' Rest Room. The board *raved* about what a fine job she has done. She and Bryson will do the Men's Room next.

- **Kent Kindervater** will submit a price for replacing the sofa cushions in the club house with new foam and Sunbrella fabric.

- 6 of our **OPTI** sailors went to Birmingham the last weekend in August and did very well. **Erica Cyrul** won the Green Fleet, and our sailors captured 6 of the first eleven places out of 25 boats competing. The others were: **Seth Rosenthal**, fifth; **Chris Winters**, sixth; **Luke Underwood**, seventh; **Christian Cyrul**, eighth; and **Garret Campbell**, eleventh.

- More discussion about the **flag pole**. Still need to find a boom truck to lift it out and lay it down, then repair or replace and raise it. **Pat Crowe** is getting prices on aluminum and stainless poles. The pole will also be relocated to a more visible location.

Paul Healy, Social Director:

- Paul reminded the board of upcoming events, including the **Oct 4-5 Opti Regatta** and the **Sept 27th Dock Party** with a \$100 door prize.
- Paul commented that there are a couple of adult children of members who are using club facilities but have not established their own memberships. After some discussion it was decided that these will be contacted and encouraged to apply for Associate Membership.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Herman Green** dropped in to tell the board that the **U.S. Power Squadron** is producing a video on small boat safety, and it may be filmed at **PYC**. It will be aired on **national TV** and used for safety training workshops. There are two script writers working on it now. He asked the board for permission to do the filming at **PYC**. Some members may be asked to participate. Motion was made, seconded and passed to open **PYC** for the filming. This will take place after the first of the year.

- **Scott Cline** asked for use of **PYC** for a **Snipe**

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Class race with only 8 to 12 boats in October, the second weekend after the Opti regatta. Brainard Cooper will be the PRO. Motion was made, seconded and passed in favor.

- Motion to adjourn by Cooper, second by George – passed. Meeting adjourned 8:14 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) **Jenison** is to meet with the Hixson Water Resources representative.
- 2) **Kuberg** will continue to work on getting trailers marked. He will also review the '06 Dry Slip Policy.
- 3) **Kuberg** will price concrete tire stops for marking trailer spaces.
- 4) **George** will refine the Long range Planning questionnaire.
- 5) **Healy** will pull together a PYC Bylaws & Policies booklet for the annual meeting.
- 6) Additional **Work Party** to be organized for leaf and brush removal along entry drive.
- 7) **Jenison** will take Carolina Skiff for a test run.
- 8) **Flag Pole** needs to be replaced or repaired. **Pat Crowe** to work with **Bryson Lesley**.

**Respectfully submitted,
Peter Snyder, Secretary**

The Winds of Fate

by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

One ship drives east and another drives west
With the selfsame winds that blow.
'Tis the set of the sails,
And Not the gales,
That tell us the way to go.

Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate;
As we voyage along through life,
'Tis the set of a soul That decides its goal,
And not the calm or the strife.

SOUTHEAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

OPTI FUN

Privateer Yacht Club in Chattanooga, TN will host the **Southeast Championships October 4&5**. Over one hundred Optimist skippers from coast to coast as well as overseas will be competing.

WHY ATTEND THIS REGATTA?

It will be the most fun Regatta of 2008. There will be a 65 foot Balloon Walk Obstacle Course. You could get the best souvenir T Shirt you've ever worn. There will be plant tours of McLaughlin 1.5 miles from the Regatta. See boats built at the only US Optimist factory.

Registration includes: T shirt, 4 meals, healthy snacks plus much more; fall sailing at its best on a gorgeous fresh water lake with racing right in front of the club; also, an adult "Gelcoat and Fiberglass Repair" course by the McLaughlin Plant Manager.

GREEN FLEET FUN!

Clinic by Tom and Tommy Coleman. AND, this is a qualifier for the 2009 Team Trials.

See www.privateeryachtclub.org for more details. Call us with any question or request: 800-784-6478

Steve Sherman, Regatta Chairman
Privateer Yacht Club
Chattanooga, Tennessee

MORNING LIGHT

Quote from *Curmudgeon*: There hasn't been a sailing movie of this magnitude since WIND in 1992, and there are countless stories of how that movie motivated people to investigate the sport. The *Morning Light* movie needs our support, as strong early ticket sales will keep it in the theatres longer, and will expand its distribution to more cities. Details on the movie are here: <http://disney.go.com/disneypictures/morninglight>

MOVIE TRAILER HERE:
<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/media/08/0714>



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.

PYC Represented at Birmingham OPTI Regatta - see page 8

PYC HOSTING SOUTHEAST REGIONAL OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP - OCT 4-5, 2008 - DON'T MISS IT!

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