



Private Ear

NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB

Lake Chickamauga

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VIEW FROM THE HELM – April 2014

We are four months into the year and I thought you might be interested in what your Board of Directors has been up to besides working on the Clubhouse. First, we have put forth some Major Goals.

- Complete construction of the new Clubhouse.
- Establish an annual budget that supports debt retirement within five years.
- Hold a formal dedication ceremony of the club house for members and invited guests.
- Establish a connection with the Community Foundation of



Greater Chattanooga to allow tax deductible contributions in lieu of establishing a new 501c3. This will simplify tax deductible contributions in some areas of our Learn to Sail Programs and community outreach.

- Complete basic grounds repair after Clubhouse completion.
- Develop a long range plan for expanded parking.
- Assure tree removal of those deemed a threat to club structures.
- Establish a club weather station with a camera showing the lake 24/7. This will be accessible on the club web site.

- The new Clubhouse will have Wi-Fi provided by EPB.
- Hold a class for those new to doing Race Committee.
- Participate in at least two community events to promote our Learn to Sail programs and ultimately new memberships.
- Have running water at the marine rail lift.
- Begin plans to celebrate PYC's 75 anniversary in 2015.
- Move toward a paperless distribution of the Private Ear or a small fee assessment to cover printing & postage.
- Establish and refine insuring PYC employees of the Junior Program from injury.

The Board thought it would be good to let members know that our 2014 Budget is shaping up well. We are on track with finishing the Clubhouse and retiring indebtedness within five years as we had planned. Rather than post all the numbers for the PYC budget in the newsletter, we have put it on the website in the Members Only section. You have to log in on the home page in order to see it.

You should have heard by now of the interruption that's going to happen on the boat ramp the week of May 5th, and possibly the following week, as well. A large crane will be positioned on the ramp to lift and move sections of dock, large pipes, and concrete anchors that will join the sections of pipe. A trench will be dug from the vicinity of the Lasers out into the lake beside the ramp, and a fire hydrant fixture will be placed such that if ever there were a fire, a firetruck could park on the end of the ramp, hook up to the hydrant and pump water out of the lake for fire fighting purposes. This is required by the Chattanooga Fire Marshal for protection of the Clubhouse and the cabins. All pedestrian access to B Dock will be unavailable during that construction. The only way to B Dock during that time will be by boat. The ramp will be unavailable for boat

COMING EVENTS

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

MAY

03-May-14	Chattanooga Challenge - C-22's	TBA Saturday
04-May-14	Chattanooga Challenge - C-22's	TBA Sunday
06-May-14	COPS	6:15 pm Tuesday
07-May-14	PHRF Races	7 pm Wednesday
10-May-14	Keelboats & C22 Races	1 pm Saturday
11-May-14	Dinghy Portsmouth Races	2 pm Sunday
12-May-14	Board Meeting at David Queen's Office	6 pm Monday
14-May-14	PHRF Races	7 pm Wednesday
17-May-14	Scowabunga Regatta	TBA Saturday
17-May-14	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday night
18-May-14	Scowabunga Regatta	TBA Sunday
20-May-14	COPS	6:15 pm Tuesday
21-May-14	PHRF Races	7 pm Wednesday
24-May-14	Keelboats & C22 Races	1 pm Saturday
25-May-14	Dinghy Portsmouth Races	2 pm Sunday
28-May-14	PHRF Races	7 pm Wednesday
31-May-14	Keelboats & C22 Races	1 pm Saturday
31-May-14	DOCK PARTY - COPS in charge!	6 pm Saturday

JUNE

01-June-14	Dinghy Portsmouth Races	2 pm Sunday
03-June-14	COPS	6:15 pm Tuesday
04-June-14	PHRF Races	7 pm Wednesday
07-June-14	Keelboats & C22 Races	1 pm Saturday
08-June-14	Dinghy Portsmouth Races	2 pm Sunday
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28-June-14	Keelboats & C22 Races	1 pm Saturday
29-June-14	Dinghy Portsmouth Races	2 pm Sunday

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launch or retrieval during this construction.

We still need you to help finish painting the Clubhouse. I should have known when they delivered the first 40 gallons that it takes many brush strokes to apply that much paint. That was just the outside. But, day by day the Clubhouse is changing into our beautiful new home. Take a look at the new fire places and give Earl Chandler and Eddie Graham your thanks. You will also be thanking Eddie and Guy Campbell when you see how creatively they incorporated wood paneling from the old Clubhouse.

This past weekend **Harvey Howalt** sat on the porch and decided to donate another sum of money to pay for the rock sur-

round on the fireplace. We have a lot to thank Harvey for. But I want to thank all of you who have given what money you could and hundreds of hours of your time — and for jumping into the fray for storm clean-up! A HUGE oak tree was blown down across the path to A Dock during the severe weather outbreak of April 28-29. The next day our members were on site cutting it up and carting it away. The turnout for the recent Saturday Work Party was great, too. However, we should have scheduled it for all day and provided lunch as well as breakfast, since there was so much to be done. Keep coming out to help with the Clubhouse. Even after the last brushstroke of paint has been applied, there will still be more to do.

Last weekend was the **Choo Choo Flying Scot Regatta**.

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RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Scott Irwin— Race Committee Chairman

Date	Time	Day	Fleet	PRO	Assistant	2nd Assistant
MAY						
3	TBA	SAT	Chattanooga Challenge (Catalina 22's)		C-22 Fleet	
4	TBA	SUN	Chattanooga Challenge (Catalina 22's)		Bill Robertson	
7	7 PM	WED	PHRF	Cyrul, Chris	Castleman, Chuck	Mashburn, James
10	1 PM	SAT	KEELBOAT	De Olloqui, Val	Chandler, Earl	Locke, Rick
11	2 PM	SUN	DINGHIES	Dugan, Phillip	Cook, Jack	Michaud, Michelle
14	7 PM	WED	PHRF	Dugan, Patrick	Duvoisin, Pete	Rowland, Jack
17	TBA	SAT	Scowabunga (Scow)		Scow Fleet	
18	TBA	SUN	Scowabunga (Scow)		Steve Sherman	
21	7 PM	WED	PHRF	Ford, Ed	Davis, Jim	Tilly, Randy
24	1 PM	SAT	KEELBOAT	Fowler, Rob	Dyer, Carl	Simmons, Tim
25	2 PM	SUN	DINGHIES	George, Steve	Easparam, Michael	Brockman, Chris
28	7 PM	WED	PHRF	Graham, Eddie	Ecker, Johann	Culler, Jeff
31	1 PM	SAT	1:00PM	Graves, Mike	Edwards, Ben	Jansen, Erik
JUNE						
1	2 PM	SUN	DINGHIES	Harper, Keith	Godwin, Tim	Oney, Steve
4	7 PM	WED	PHRF	Gregory, Pete	Garverick, Tom	Westhoff, Philip
7	1 PM	SAT	KEELBOAT	Cooper, Brainard	Halley, Mike	Disanto, Anthony
8	2 PM	SUN	DINGHIES	Irwin, Scott	Harwell, Gary	Steele, Walt
11	7 PM	WED	PHRF	Humphreys, Monty	Hawkins, Harry	
14	1 PM	SAT	KEEL BOAT	Kindervater, Kent	Irwin, Bill	Minton, Joseph
15	2 PM	SUN	DINGHIES	Landers, Josh	Johns, Alan	Rowland, Jack
18	7:00PM	WED	PHRF	King, Peter	Jordan, Dale	Mashburn, James
21	1:00PM	SAT	KEELBOAT	Klein, Barry	Keane, Coleman	Locke, Rick
22	2:00PM	SUN	DINGHIES	Jenison, Walt	Knight, Frank	Michaud, Michelle
25	7:00PM	WED	PHRF	Lee, Scott	Koch, Fred	Steele, Walt
28	1:00PM	SAT	KEELBOAT	Lesley, Bryson	Martin, Jay	
29	2:00PM	SUN	DINGHIES	Kuberg, Dieter	MacLean, Richard	Minton, Joseph

NOTE: IF YOU DISCOVER A PROBLEM WITH ANY OF THE COMMITTEE OR CHASE BOATS, PLEASE NOTIFY SPENCER WIBERLEY **ASAP** (423-432-6512)

NOTE; Only one family member is listed, above, but if another member of the family could help, it would be good!

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

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.

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But despite many of the members being at the regatta, over 15 members helped set up a booth at **Outdoor Chattanooga**. The result was over **93** new families signed up as interested in our Adult and Junior Learn to Sail programs and PYC in general. Once the Clubhouse is finished, we will invite these families out for a sail and dinner as we normally do each year. Maybe it was weather that drew so many people downtown, but maybe it was the combined enthusiasm we all share as our Clubhouse nears completion.

Oh yes, and remember we have two big regattas coming up — **Catalina 22's Chattanooga Challenge and Scowabunga!**

See you on the water!
Steve Sherman, Commodore

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CHATTANOOGA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON COURSES OFFERED IN MAY

Free seminar — *Mastering the Rules of the Road* — 10 AM on Saturday, May 17th, at Lakeshore Marina.

Sail Course will begin on Thursday evenings, starting May 22nd. There is still room available for those interested in this.

Contact Patricia at 423 785 6756 or pvmer@yahoo.com

PRIVATEERS PITCH IN TO GET THE JOB DONE

photos by Jim Davis, Pete Snyder & Steve Sherman





photos by Barbara Snyder



COPS-“Chicks On the Pond Sailing”

The Cops first meeting of the year was at Joani Koch’s because it was too cold at the Clubhouse. Two members volunteered to be our fearless leaders - Dee Harwell and Angelica Ecker, with Nan Brooks being the past leader. Already we are having fun on the water and then eating together. A lot of fun ideas are in the making. Cops are on the lookout for more PYC ladies to come join us. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month around 6:15 from now until late October.





Dream Yacht Charter

Windward Islands (St. Lucia to Grenada)

By Tom Prevost

A crew of eight (skipper **David Bergevin, Tom Clark, Max Hailey, Don Jones, Tom Prevost, Bill Robertson, John Rodgers, and David Varnell**) headed from Tennessee on an early (2am, for some) and wintry Thursday, March 6, intending to arrive in St. Lucia for a one-way charter of a 47-foot catamaran out of **Marigot Bay**. Due to de-icing delays, Hailey wasn't able to make the Miami connection, so we adjusted to depart from St. Lucia on Friday evening, rather than Friday morning. After a scenic ride (banana plantations, cliff/ocean overviews, villages, etc.) from the airport (Castries) to Marigot Bay, the seven who made it had a great meal at **Doolittle's** and enjoyed the warmth (mid-80s highs, low-70s lows all week) of the mangrove-lined bay with the colorful boats and varieties of palm trees.

The delay provided two 'blessings in disguise.' First, was more time for provisioning and a good night's sleep after the 'getting there' experiences. Second, and most significant, was our skipper's rapport with **Selwyn Maxwell**, the Grenadian who delivered the Catana 47 '**Rhin**' from Grenada to St. Lucia. Maxwell was planning to fly back to St. Georges, Grenada, but as he briefed Bergevin on the boat, Bergevin had the germ of an idea that became a gem of an idea. He asked about Maxwell's availability, huddled with the crew, negotiated a price, and we agreed to hire Maxwell for the 9-day sail to Grenada. This gave Bergevin a chance to have more of a vacation himself, and Maxwell's local knowledge of all the islands proved enormously beneficial the whole time.

After Hailey joined us late Friday afternoon, we set out for a night sail from **St. Lucia**, around the leeward side of **St. Vincent, to Bequia and the Grenadines**. The view of the Pitons, the sunset, and the moonrise during the first couple of hours gratified us immediately, but things just got more and

more exhilarating, as we left St. Lucia's lee and got into the ocean swells and trade wind. A couple of rain showers came and went during the early evening, but those only provided a contrast for the clearing skies, brilliant display of stars (especially the first sighting of the Southern Cross rising above the horizon), and the moonset. **Rhin** ran most of the night at about 10 knots, but reaching up to 12, producing an almost phosphorescent wake and occasional bow spray that combined well with her stable pitch and roll. One flying fish couldn't resist coming aboard. The apparent wind blew steadily at up to 25 knots. We took turns at the helm, and my two-hour stretch from about midnight, coming out of St. Vincent's lee to the channel entrance of **Bequia's Admiralty Bay**, was a 'top ten' highlight for my sailing experience. We dropped anchor and were sound asleep before 3 am.

Early on Saturday morning, we watched **Sea Cloud**, a four-master, anchor not far off our stern while local boatmen motored by, some offering bread and others holding up spiny lobsters (don't have the big claws of their Atlantic relatives). After breakfast, we moved closer to the **Port Elizabeth** town dock and picked up a mooring before checking in with immigration. St. Vincent and the Grenadines is a separate nation from St. Lucia. Part of the crew enjoyed a morning hike through the town and up a road leading to an old fort. All visited the markets and had lunch ashore before returning to **Rhin** for an afternoon of swimming and napping.

After another beautiful sunset (complete with the legendary 'green flash' – emerald, no less – and Jones says he has the video to prove it), supper was at the **Gingerbread** which featured not only superb cuisine, but a uniformed policeman playing the grand piano (familiar tunes, by ear, deliberately and accurately). During the meal, the subject of Grenada and the 1983 invasion came up, and we heard a quiet and colorful account from our Grenadian skipper Maxwell's perspective as a young man living there, not far from the medical school.

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Back on board, Rodgers led the crew in stargazing through the use of his iPad app, highlighted by Jupiter and one of the four shooting star sightings of the week.

After morning coffee, Maxwell and I went in for some last-minute shopping, but especially to pick up Doris' chocolate-filled croissants and other pastries....did I mention cookies? Maxwell also was adept at naming the local flora, and the various medicinal applications. He was reared in part by his grandparents in a rural setting and learned a great deal about 'the old ways.' After a conversation with his friend, the harbor-master, we returned to *Rhin* and were away, hugging the shore of the southern peninsula. Maxwell pointed out the **Moon Cave**, an abandoned resort, and the wreck of a small freighter, the *Love Divine*.

Rounding the point, we motored to **Petit Nevis**, snorkeling along the ruins of an old whaling station. We then sailed by **Mustique** on our way to **Canouan** with Bergevin's music playing and the crew singing ("in perfect harmony," observed Bergevin....may have been the beer, though it was still early in the day). Nearing the harbor, we passed the *Sea Horse*, a 120 ft. yacht, as her crew was launching a dinghy to fetch a lost life ring, and we had our first close look at *Eos*, a one-of-a-kind 308-foot three-master (Turks and Caicos flag), apparently belonging to a FOX network owner. The Tamarind Hotel offered fine food (theme for the week), and the crew mostly ordered spiny lobster or shrimp creole. The evening at anchor was punctuated by intermittent rain, so no sunset or stargazing to report.

Rodgers offered up his special biennial edition pancakes for breakfast. A provisioning visit ashore with Maxwell included a debate on the survival of civilizations, hibiscus, oleander, manchineel ('little apple of death,' poison, skin irritant), poor man's orchid, sheep-goat distinctions, children strolling in pressed clothing to school, conch shells decorating the tops of concrete walls, and local markets (notably bananas, mangos, ginger, and cocoa).

Leaving the mooring by mid-morning, we stood out at 310

degrees to jibe toward the **Tobago Cays**. The inauspicious reggae song "I Lost My Boat," played as we lost a 'race' with a Lagoon catamaran, but we recovered soon, as we sailed into the clear water of **Mayreau**, anchored about 60 feet from the shore and ordered up a local chicken and rice meal to be served under a thatched beachfront shelter. Some of the crew swam to shore first to walk the scenic beach and its classic views.

After some frustrated bartering over the price of lunch, we weighed anchor and motored around Mayreau to anchor in a beautiful strait between the **Tobago Cay islands of Petit Rameau and Petit Bateau**. Sea turtles swam by, and we relaxed and anticipated Romeo's beach grilled lobster and seafood feast.

Romeo is one of the four or more entrepreneurs who have permits to keep their generators, grilling pits, and picnic tables on shore at Petit Bateau. They pack up about everything else every evening to boat back to their homes, mostly on nearby Union Island. There were more than a dozen tables that could seat 8-10 persons, and they were pretty full of guests from the visiting boats anchored all around. As our dinghy approached the beach, we heard boisterously loud singing in a Slavic language from nine men well into their 'cups.' This roused Robertson's competitive spirit, and it was all we could do to keep him from introducing an intriguing fraternity song to the international community gathered around those tables (including children, mind you).

After a while, though, Robertson and I went over and introduced ourselves, learned that they were all from Poland, and heard their petitions for the USA to help with the Ukraine. When the Poles left their table later, they went to the neighboring tables, hugging and kissing all who stood to wish them good-bye. One group of British couples was still shaking their heads in disbelief when they left soon afterward. We also got acquainted with a Massachusetts family whose father/skipper we had met back at Bequia. But I digress... The meal was overwhelming in both its wonderful flavor and its abundance (spiny lobster, stuffed potatoes, grouper, vegetables, rice, plantains, etc.....and assorted fruit for dessert).

(to be continued next month)



2014 FLYING SCOT CHOO CHOO REGATTA - April 25-27

photos by Jim Davis



CONCORD YACHT CLUB is hosting a US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Seminar May 23-26, 2014.

This is a four day seminar held over Memorial Day weekend. It is open to all candidates (must reach 16th birthday within calendar year) and is an essential certification for all small boat instructors. Course fees range from \$350 to \$420 depending on how early you register so sign up soon. We look forward to seeing you.

http://training.ussailing.org/Course_Calendars/Small_Boat_Instructor_and_Coach_Course_Calendar.htm

And if you're looking for a job, check out our summer sail camp.

<http://www.concordyachtclub.org/education/sail-camp.html>

Contact Jeff Gamey (concondsail@gmail.com) for details.



NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER BIOS

Pollard Family - hnpollard@aol.com - Herschel and Mariela Pollard live in Soddy Daisy, TN. They have 3 children: Steven (15), William (14), and Sophia (6). Herschel works for the Veterans Administration and Mariela works with vacation rentals. Their sailboat is a Coronado 23.

Sailing History: They've sailed a number of boats for the past half century in Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and Kentucky etc. also in the Caribbean, Mediterranean, Atlantic, etc. They've made solo trips from Tennessee to Cuba, Bahamas, etc. Also won The Governor's Cup on Kentucky Lake in a US One.

Interest in Privateer: Provide children with appreciation of sailing. Sponsors: Steve Sherman; Chuck Castleman

Heinsman Family - Rich.heinsman@Heinsmanlawgroup.com - Rich and Misty Heinsman live in Chattanooga, TN. They have 6 children: Jason(28), Jessie (25), Jala (23), Ellie(9) and Cash & Presley (< 1 year old). Rich works for Heinsman Law Group and Misty is a R.N. Their sailboat is a Rebel 16.

Sailing History: Rich crewed for Blair Patterson for 12 years on our lake and offshore. He sailed on a Hobie 33 and a Melges 24. Also participated in PYC single-hand series.

Interest in Privateer: Haven't sailed in 10 years. Their "big family needs to be on the water." Sponsors: Rob Fowler; Linda Lind.

Lindeman Family - peterlindeman@mindspring.com - Peter and Celeste Lindeman live on Lookout Mountain, TN. They have 3 children Claire (12), Bryce (10) and Frank (6). Peter works for FSG Bank and Celeste is self-employed (Accounting). Their sailboat is a Cal 24 Hunt Design.

Sailing History- Peter sailed as child. They have owned several sailboats in Charleston, Lake Lanier, etc. Cruised East Coast and offshore.

Interest in Privateer: Looking for consistent racing opportunity, socials and boat slip. Sponsors: Rob Fowler

Derrickson Family - yderrickson@yahoo.com - Bill and Yvonne Derrickson live in Chattanooga, TN. They are both retired. Their children are Tonya (42) and Dan (37). They sail a Hobie Cat.

Sailing History— 1) Sailed with Steve Sherman and Walt Jenison on Chickamauga Lake and Virgin Islands. 2) Also sailed with Sandy Vanden Branden 3) Have attended several events at PYC. 4) Sailed on the Finger Lakes in NY State.

Interest in Privateer—The love of sailing. Sponsors: Steve Sherman; Walt Jenison



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PYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES — April 21, 2014

Members Present:	S. Irwin R. Fowler Y. Craig K. Harper T. Prevost	L. Knudson Lind D. Queen D. Bergevin S. Sherman
Guests Present:	P. Snyder E. Graham T. Simmons	S. Lee S. George K. O'Leary

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Commodore Steve Sherman. The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed. There being no recommended changes, the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: David Queen distributed this month's financial reports, including both a profit and loss statement, a balance sheet, new clubhouse cost, and a running account of members' payments. The board reviewed the documents, noted the positive cash position, and considered past due balances. PayPal was recommended for online payments, due to better pricing and convenience. The board accepted the report, and a subgroup will follow up on integrating PayPal on the PYC website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Status of Clubhouse Construction: Rob Fowler reported that primarily hydrant issues have led to expenses being about \$33,000 over estimates and the probable finish date will be around the second week of June. The three weeks ahead include baseboard, trim, curved ceiling, stone fireplace, paint/stain, and flooring.

Fundraising Report: David Queen reported that all but \$7,425 has now been collected from original amounts pledged. Linda Lind reported on contacts made and noted that funding was in good shape. Other members have been contacted, some making initial or additional donations.

2014 Budget and Goals: Steve Sherman distributed an initial draft of a budget analysis of the years from 2012 to 2018 (anticipating proposals for 2014-2018). Linda Lind presented a 2014 goals list for the board to consider. The board agreed on the goals (to be listed in the April edition of the Private Ear), most of which are ongoing responsibilities of PYC, but including clubhouse-related completion, and adding a paper plan for parking lot expansion, a weather buoy, planning for PYC's 75th anniversary (in 2015), and establishing a clear finance/insurance structure involving employees of the Privateer Youth Sailing program.

Master Membership List: Now up-to-date.

Insurance Update: There was broad discussion of insurance issues, including Builder's Risk coverage during and the usual

insurance after clubhouse construction. **Steve George** reported first on the overall status of **Privateer Youth Sailing**, pointing out the more advanced certifications of the staff for the upcoming season and good numbers of advance registrations. In addition to US Sailing liability insurance for Privateer Youth Sailing, it was agreed that the paid summer staff should have workers' compensation insurance clearly indicated by the provision of 1099 forms by PYC. As possible, Privateer Youth Sailing will offset some of the expense presently being paid for workers' compensation out of the PYC budget.

Meeting with the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga (CFGC):

Scott Lee, Linda Lind, and David Queen met with CFGC leadership to consider it as an alternative to forming a 501(c)3 to enable tax-deductible donations for PYC youth, learn to sail, and community outreach efforts. They presented a favorable report and after much discussion regarding obligations and limitations, a majority vote of the board approved setting up a fund through CFGC for charitable giving for eligible PYC efforts, such as community outreach, and pending the work of a small committee to set guidelines.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

Racing: Scott Irwin reported that the racing has commenced "when there's wind."

Membership: Yvonne Craig presented two families for family memberships: Tim & Lori Simmons; Randy Tilly & Kim O'Leary. After review of their involvement to date, both were unanimously accepted. Also reported were the following associate memberships: Herschel & Mariela Pollard, Rich & Misty Heinsman, Peter & Celeste Lindeman, Bill & Yvonne Derrickson, and Dr. Joe & Teri Kanan. Present family membership total is 134; present associate membership total is 17.

Clubhouse and Grounds: Linda Lind reported a good turnout for the April 19 work party. More work parties will be announced soon, in addition to the details noted in the clubhouse report above. There was also discussion regarding tree removal, as a neighbor had expressed concern about two leaning near their driveway (suggested permission be given neighbors to remove the trees at their own expense).

Dock Master: David Bergevin listed adding rear cleats to the RC pontoon boat, railway slings covered by Steve Sherman, a trailered catamaran without known owner, the water line to C dock repaired, and the removal of a large pine tree threatening the Opti shed (as a favor return by a friend from Tullahoma).

Social: Keith Harper reported social events for the coming month and agreed to get a schedule for the year to Pete Snyder for the PYC website.

Club Boats: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal to do a photo membership directory: After a brief discussion, it was agreed to explore the present capacity of the PYC website for members to post their own pictures online in

the context of the ON DECK page.

Approval of EPB to be our new phone and Internet provider: The board agreed with the \$99 monthly cost for EPB to provide both phone and Internet connections.

E-cigarette smoking policy: The board agreed to include e-cigarettes in its non-smoking policy.

Possible charging for mailing the Private Ear to members wanting hard copies: No action was taken, though options were considered. Most go to out of town members.

Adding of a small street sign at the top of Privateer Road ("Privateer Yacht Club" with arrows pointing straight ahead): Steve Sherman reported, and there was some discussion about other desirable signage.

Catalina 22 trailer offer: A non-member's offer of a Catalina 22 trailer for club use (& storage) was declined.

Park benches on the walking trail in memory of Rhonda Seeber: With concern not to interfere with COPS plans, it was agreed to proceed.

PYC Logo: David Queen asked about uses and possible alteration of the logo. There was brief, general discussion, but no actions recommended.

PYC P.O. Box: The predominant use of the PYC P.O. Box is for financial payments and statements, so David Queen's assistant monitors the box. Other correspondence will be distributed as appropriate to other board members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Prevost, Secretary**

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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.

2014 FLYING SCOT CHOO CHOO REGATTA - photo by Jim Davis, above - see more pictures on pages 8 & 9

2014 FLYING SCOT CHOO CHOO REGATTA - photo by Jim Davis, below

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