



# Privateer

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## VIEW FROM THE HELM — May 2014

**Congratulations** are in order for **Christian Cyru**. This young man set a difficult goal for himself and then executed a plan to achieve it. He placed 19th out of 216 in the Team Trials. Christian will be sailing in the **North American Optimist Championships** this July, representing the United States and Privateer Yacht Club.

I am fortunate to be retired and able to watch the clubhouse construction hour by hour. Last week major changes took place. The patio slab was partially poured, the flag pole base put in position, steps to A & B dock completed, light fixtures installed along with interior and porch ceiling fans and our roll up picture windows are in place. ("Expensive Garage Doors" is a poor description.) There is so much going on it is easy to look past a major feature. By the end of this coming week most of the structure will be in place. Even the crew installing the bathroom tile seems to be making progress, although "watching grass grow" is a good description of the speed. Within two weeks I suspect the outdoor cooking structure will be complete, water will be running, toilets flushing, and all outlets will have power.

Many of you are still coming out to help. Thank you! We are over half finished with the exterior second coat of paint. The interior painting was finished about a week ago with just minor touch up still to do after the contractors exit.

Being there all day I hear all the oohs and awes. Here are some quotes "As grand as it is the building, patio and porch still have the feel of the old clubhouse". "Privateer now has the finest clubhouse in the Southeast". "From the plans I could not tell just how magnificent this structure would be." It is hard to remember all of the comments. If you see something amiss, like the front doors installed upside down, put that information on the clip board "Punch List" kept in the main hall. Riverstreet

Architects will review the list and get with the Contractor.

Over the last 6 weeks we have successfully hosted 3 major Regattas despite limited water and electrical connections. The Saturday night dinner socials broke up a little early, but other than that we again showed what "true southern hospitality" is all about. Our out of town guests drove away having experi-



enced well-planned events and envious of our new structure. They have also experienced our winds, oscillating with circular and persistent shifts. Ask Bill Robertson what a circular wind shift is all about.

Financially, the club is very healthy. And, in late June we start paying off the member bonds with only 59 payments to go. **"Wow! How did we do it?"**

Sail camp begins this coming week, and like everyone else, they are working around the construction. We have perhaps our strongest group of counselors ever. There is still time to tell your friends and neighbors to enroll and participate. We will have some new equipment and be teaching Standup Paddle Boarding on light wind days.

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# COMING EVENTS

## JUNE

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

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
09-June-14	Board Meeting at David Queen's Office	6 pm Monday
11-June-14	PHRF Races	7 pm Wednesday
14-June-14	Keelboats & C22 Races	1 pm Saturday
14-June-14	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday night
15-June-14	Dinghy Portsmouth Races	2 pm Sunday
17-June-14	COPS	6:15 pm Tuesday
18-June-14	PHRF Races	7 pm Wednesday
21-June-14	Keelboats & C22 Races	1 pm Saturday
22-June-14	Dinghy Portsmouth Races	2 pm Sunday
25-May-13	PHRF Races	7 pm Wednesday
28-June-14	Keelboats & C22 Races	1 pm Saturday
29-June-14	Dinghy Portsmouth Races	2 pm Sunday

## JULY

01-July-14	COPS	6:15 pm Tuesday
02-July-14	PHRF Races	7 pm Wednesday
05-July-14	Keelboats & C22 Races	1 pm Saturday
05-July-14	Independence Day Celebration	3 pm Saturday
06-July-14	Dinghy Portsmouth Races	2 pm Sunday
09-July-14	PHRF Races	7 pm Wednesday
12-July-14	Keelboats & C22 Races	1 pm Saturday
12-July-14	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday night
13-July-14	Dinghy Portsmouth Races	2 pm Sunday
14-July-14	Board Meeting at David Queen's Office	6 pm Monday
15-July-14	COPS	6:15 pm Tuesday
16-July-14	PHRF Races	7 pm Wednesday
19-July-14	Keelboats & C22 Races	1 pm Saturday
20-July-14	Dinghy Portsmouth Races	2 pm Sunday
23-July-14	PHRF Races	7 pm Wednesday
26-July-14	Keelboats & C22 Races	1 pm Saturday
27-July-14	Dinghy Portsmouth Races	2 pm Sunday
29-July-14	COPS	6:15 pm Tuesday
30-July-14	PHRF Races	7 pm Wednesday

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If you have 21 minutes to spare. Watch "Adventure Sailing - The path to retaining sailors of the future" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WWzPvyJByk> The facts and ideas presented are so true and radical from past thinking. See how *Adventure Sailing* can be effectively introduced to a Club's program. All-to-often, kids who are not in the top echelon of the racing scene drop away from sailing. They move to more adventurous sports where competition is not so heavily relied upon. Sailboat racing alone will not grow the sport.

*See you on the water!*  
Steve Sherman, Commodore

## CHATTANOOGA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON COURSE OFFERED IN JUNE

Free seminar – *Onboard Weather Forecasting* – on Saturday, June 21st. This is the second in a series of free monthly seminars to be offered this summer. Please contact Patricia at [pvrner@yahoo.com](mailto:pvrner@yahoo.com) or (423) 785-6756 to register. The seminar will be held at Lakeshore Marina from 10 to 11:30 AM.

### CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Erica Cyrul and Keith Harper have just recently passed their U. S. Sailing Level One Instructor program. Keith's comment is that the course has made them better sailors both academically and in application of their sailing abilities.

# RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Scott Irwin— Race Committee Chairman

Date	Time	Day	Fleet	PRO	Assistant	2nd Assistant
<b>JUNE</b>						
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	Barnes, John
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 PM	WED	PHRF	King, Peter	Jordan, Dale	Mashburn, James
21	1 PM	SAT	KEELBOAT	Klein, Barry	Keane, Coleman	Locke, Rick
22	2 PM	SUN	DINGHIES	Jenison, Walt	Knight, Frank	
25	7 PM	WED	PHRF	Lee, Scott	Koch, Fred	Steele, Walt
28	1 PM	SAT	KEELBOAT	Lesley, Bryson	Martin, Jay	Ford, Ed
29	2 PM	SUN	DINGHIES	Kuberg, Dieter	MacLean, Richard	Minton, Joseph
<b>JULY</b>						
2	7 PM	WED	PHRF	Lind, Linda Knudson	Matthews, Chris	Mashburn, James
5	1 PM	SAT	KEEL BOAT	Mason, Brant	McCrosky, Cindy	Locke, Rick
6	2 PM	SUN	DINGHIES	Ives, Bob	Rathjen, John	Hughes, Frank
9	7 PM	WED	PHRF	Mentgen, Mark	Mies, Jonathan	Koch, Fred
12	1 PM	SAT	KEEL BOAT	Myers, Terry	Morgan, Chuck	MacLean, Richard
13	2 PM	SUN	DINGHIES	Irwin, Scott	Morgan, Steve	Martin, Jay
16	7 PM	WED	PHRF	Polidoro, Van	Ostrander, Kristoffer	Matthews, Chris
19	1 PM	SAT	KEEL BOAT	Overbeck, Kent	Phillips, Peter	McCrosky, Cindy
20	2 PM	SUN	DINGHIES	Prevost, Tom	Powell, Steve	Mies, Jonathan
23	7 PM	WED	PHRF	Roberts, John	Queen, David	Morgan, Chuck
26	1 PM	SAT	KEEL BOAT	Parvin, Tad	Rawlings, Peter	Morgan, Steve
27	2 PM	SUN	DINGHIES	Ralston, Richard	Reed, Jeff	Phillips, Peter
30	7 PM	WED	PHRF	Rathjen, John	Richards, Bill	Polidoro, Van

**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.**



Notice the sailboats set up at the Outdoor Expo.

Have You Ever Wanted to Learn To Sail?  
**“ONLY MY WHOLE LIFE!!!”**

On April 26, 2014 Privateer Yacht Club continued our social outreach efforts by manning a booth at the Chattanooga Outdoor Expo in Coolidge Park. Over 45 vendors participated as crowds of athletic, sports-minded people flocked to our booth to view our sailboats and hear about our Learn-To-Sail programs.

Yvonne Craig and ever effervescent Mike Seeber headed up the show. A canopy tent was pitched and banners were hung while Steve George and Lucas Kindervater assembled a Laser & SailCube. Mike Graves and Bobby continued on page 10



# 2014 CATALINA 22 CHATTANOOGA CHALLENGE - MAY 3-4

photos by Jim Davis





Dennis Slaton in *Tar Baby*



Rob & Tom in *Fuzzy Logic*

## CHATTANOOGA CHALLENGE

**The 2014 GRITS (Great Racing in the South)** series kicked off on May 3 & 4, hosted by Catalina Fleet 95 and Privateer Yacht Club with just what you hope for - great winds, super temps, sunny days, and great racing! It doesn't get much better than that. The GRITS series consists of 5 regattas in the Southeast. At the end of the season, an award is given to the series champion. All of the regattas except for Dixie Sailing club are within a 2 hour drive of Chattanooga. Dixie is a little over 3 hours.

A total of 20 came to race, 14 in Gold Fleet, and 6 in Silver. We had boats from all of the GRITS fleets in **Rome, Lake Lanier, Dixie, Nashville,** and of course **PYC**. The 1st race started with almost perfect wind of 10 to 12, straight down the lake. However, after the 1st couple of legs, it changed to light and shifty, which was an omen for the rest of the afternoon and the last 2 races of the day. **Dennis Slaton** from Lake Lanier won all three races.

We had a great dinner Saturday night on the porch of the almost finished new clubhouse. All of the visitors were greatly impressed by the new clubhouse and want to come back to see the finished product. The dinner was catered by a new caterer that we found. His name is **Tim Black**. He did a great meal

for a very reasonable price and was very willing to deal with our situation of no water and no electricity. He also catered the Flying Scot regatta the weekend prior to this one.

Everyone arrived early Sunday morning in anticipation of the last 2 races. But when we got there, there was no wind to be found on the lake. However, after waiting for about an hour, the wind picked up again to a very steady 10, again straight down the lake. The last two races were completed in great sailing conditions. Again, **Dennis Slaton** won both races to take a clean sweep for the series. Competition on down the line was really close, a number of shifts in final placing based on the last race, with **Rob Fowler/Tom Clark** taking 2nd and the **Tennessee State Championship Trophy**, which is awarded to the top placing boat from a Tennessee Fleet. **Lucas Kindervater**, with his dad, Kent, as crew took 3rd place. Silver Fleet was super close, with first thru fourth separated by only 4 points, with **Rob Montgomery** taking first place but second thru fourth separated by one point!

The Chattanooga Challenge has historically been plagued by poor weather, either raining cats and dogs, or no wind at all. Finally in 2014 we had a great series with warm temps, sunshine and good breeze. I think everyone had a good time and will be back again next year.

~ **Bill Robertson**



# 2014 SCOWABUNGA - MAY 17-18

News Flash! The 2015 Masters was just awarded to Privateer YC

**Scowabunga** was very tight this year. The top 3 finished with 14, 15 and 16 points. It came down to the last 20 feet of the last race on Sunday, and 3 seconds separated first from third.

For the third year we had horrible weather predicted but it is hell being a weather man in these mountains. They act as barriers. What happens on one side can be totally different on the other. So for the third year we had great sailing wind with no power boats on the lake. The 3 to 4 mph turned out to be three races fully hiked out. Sunday's fourth race was fast, but we spent half the upwind legs on the low side. For the first time in 10 years at Scowabunga we did get some light rain.

What can I say? **Steve North** blew us away on Saturday with a 1, 2, 1 — 4 total points. **Kurt Sladele** was second with 13 points and Steve Sherman was at 14. But, "It Ain't Over 'til the Fat Lady Sings." Kurt and Steve Sherman got out front early in Sunday's race. The wind had clocked to starboard so there suddenly was little tactical decisions to be made. Over the next 3 legs Steve mowed Kurt down. Had Steve noticed the pin end was favored, he probably would have won the event. They crossed the finish 3 seconds apart... Little did they realize that Steve North was back in 11th place, and whoever came in first would win the event, while the second place boat would be third overall.

For the second year in a row, and also for the 3rd time, **Kurt Sladele** took home the Scowabunga perpetual trophy. Mike Keenan and Chris Brooks rounded out the award winners. PYC gives the age awards to the next best finisher outside the money as follows: Under 50 Jean-Pierre Bordes; Master David Helmick; Mega Master John Houck; and Grand Master went to John Helman.

Another rivalry in the making is Chris Cyrul and his 15 year old son, Christian, tied with 40 points each.

But, I will let a few of the competitors tell you about their experiences and what they liked best about Scowabunga.

~ **Steve Sherman**

**Commodore PYC & Scowabunga Regatta Chair**

## COMPETITOR'S COMMENTS

I will certainly come again. The weather was horrible, yet you put on a great regatta. The race committee team deserves a lot of credit for getting four races run in the cold rain. The food was outstanding without the benefit of normal facilities. I had a good time meeting a number of wonderful people I had never met before. I am already looking forward to the Masters next year. ~ **John Houck MC #2097 LESC**

I've heard great things about PYC, their members and the surrounding area for the past three years. Glad I was finally able to attend. The stories were all true! I'll certainly be returning to PYC in the years ahead, and perhaps two times next year. It's a long drive for me, but a beautiful drive through the moun-

tains.....and coming and going.....it was sunny!! Thanks for the fun time and your clubhouse is looking great! ~ **Mike Keenan**

Thank you for hosting and organizing the Scowabunga Regatta. Coming from Florida it was an easy drive of 400 miles for me. And the weather — oh well, what are you going to do? I needed a new wetsuit anyway. It was great seeing some of the familiar faces I have seen at LESC for recent Regattas and getting to know them better around the tables during each and every meal period. No one left hungry that's for sure. I especially liked the prize table you had arranged for everyone. The cool tee shirt at registration is a key component to having a Regatta, and the classic Scowabunga Sticker. Send me the flyer for next year and I will post it at LESC and remind our sailors of a wonderful event for 2015. It will be a good spot to get ready for Masters 2015. Oh, and thank you for the loaner boat for my brother — I could have beaten him if I would have had started better, had better boat handling, not missed the finish line (stupid) and didn't have to do those turns in race one. Ironic that we tied - maybe next month. See you in Lotawanna! ~ **Keven Briggs**

I love the FOOD! I love the people of Privateer...I would encourage more "host family" concepts for the out of town sailors...having a warm bed to sleep in instead of camping or hoteling it would encourage more participation...THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE PUT ME UP over the years (Steve, Barry...) The Prize Table is an amazing idea! ~ **Justin Annis**

Thank you Steve and the others for a great time. Your efforts are appreciated and I know that you spent a major amount of time before and during the event. You can't do anything about the wind conditions but you guys/gals pulled it off despite the weather and the construction. Special kudos to **Jan and David Varnell** for the great meals. Jan should be cloned and one of her can come down to Beaufort anytime. I also thought that **Bill Robertson, PRO**, did really well with the wind shifts he was dealing with. I am an active PRO and was happy being in an MC rather than trying to outguess the crazy shifts he had. I think the completion of your clubhouse will make the next event fantastic. No reason why you shouldn't have 30 boats. I enjoy seeing old friends again and just being at PYC is a fun experience. I'll certainly be back for the Masters. I have been more comfortable sailing at other times but it is what it is — no one can change the weather. Sailors are pretty philosophical about weather. You just have to suck it up and make the best of it. It certainly isn't the fault of the host. ~ **Frank Pontious**

Julia and I had a great time. Sailors are used to unpredictable winds, rain is something you just have to put up with. Having had all the hot weather in Augusta, just a bit taken back at how chilly it was. High point at Privateer was the great hospitality, the great food and the EXTRA DOZEN MILES David and Jan went to, to make everyone fed (not just fed, but fed with fantastic food) and comfortable... ~ **Peter Vagovic**





Bardol View - *Rhin* on left

## Dream Yacht Charter - Part 2 Windward Islands (St. Lucia to Grenada)

By Tom Prevost

(continued from last month)

The next morning, Day 6 already, and we had fresh croissants and banana bread for which we had negotiated the evening before by the boatmen who come and go from all these local anchorages. We then motored around to **Baradol**, a small island with a long sandy spit and buoys around it to keep visitors from anchoring too close. It makes for safer snorkeling and offers more protection for the turtles, though all the waters immediately around the five islands and semi-circular shoal that comprise Tobago Cays are a marine preserve, closely monitored by park rangers who also cruise every evening for the nightly fees from the boats that anchor there. Maxwell counted more than fifty boats at anchor that night. Still, it didn't feel crowded.

Snorkeling in the incredibly clear water toward the island that morning, I saw turtles, an eagle ray (with pilot fish), porcupine fish, sting rays, and an incredible number and variety of fish, crabs, and coral (just about like swimming in a well-stocked aquarium). In the opposite direction, within a hundred yards of *Rhin*, I snorkeled for close to an hour in the afternoon, going from coral head to coral head and hovering to enjoy the movement and color of a different marine community in each. The more experienced snorkelers spent even more time in the water and seemed as impressed as the rest of us with the rich-

ness and variety there. Hiking on Baradol, we managed to see a few iguanas on the ground and in the trees. Maxwell prepared a lunch and supper, treating the crew to local fare and spicy flavors.

Early the next morning, we motored around Baradol, Petit Rameau, and Jamesby islands to get to **Petit Tobac**, the island where the bonfire scene in *Pirates of the Caribbean I* was filmed. Four of us snorkeled in and hiked around the island, not taking too much time before returning to *Rhin* to sail to **Union Island**, but changed course to go west and then south around Mayreau, avoiding rainstorms. With Varnell at the helm most of the way, we arrived in **Chatham Bay** in time for some to snorkel again, encountering some large schools of fish that were reminders that sizable predators might be interested, too. Jones swam ashore and collected a few interesting stories before returning in time to join the crew going in for supper ashore at Tim's Bollhead. Other than another good meal, memories from that night are mostly about sudden, shrieking gusts, the sound of straining lines on the bow, and the feel of an unsettled sea.

Rodgers featured sausage and eggs for breakfast the morning of Day 8, and it must be noted that he washed the dishes, too! We sailed south around the point out of the bay, and I took the helm. *Rhin* surged to 10 knots with no effort as we cleared the point for the run to the east around Union Island. Maxwell said, "She likes you," and made my day. It wasn't long before we were in **Clifton** to clear customs and immigration (leav-

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Dolittle's at Marigot Bay



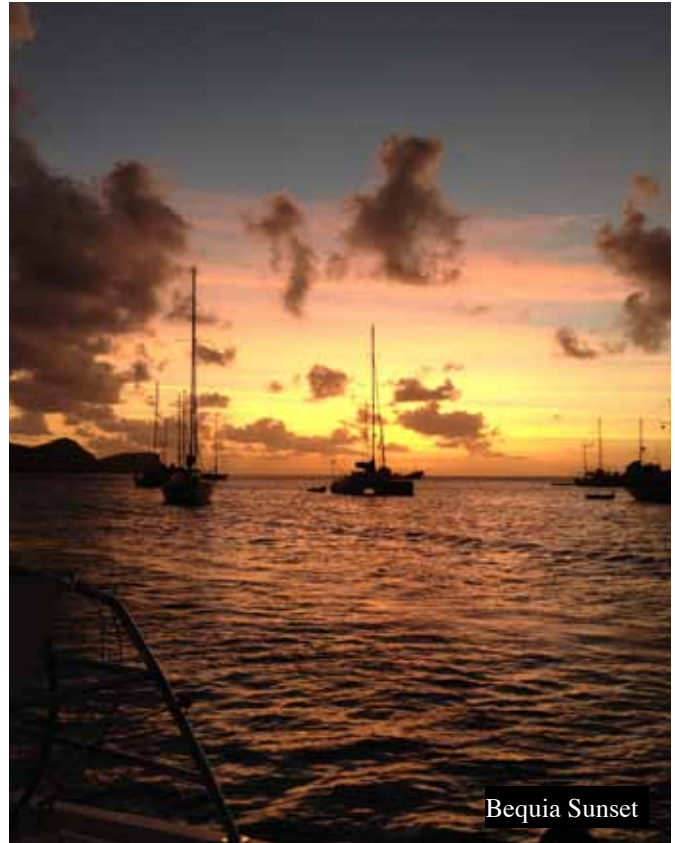
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ing St. Vincent and the Grenadines for the nation of Grenada, which includes Grenada, Carriacou, and other islands).

Several of us enjoyed a “cheeseburger in paradise” instead of more fish at a dockside restaurant that had a tidal pool with a half-dozen nurse sharks close to six feet long. Gathering a few provisions, we set back out to sail east past **Palm Island** (pricy, private) and an anchorage just south of **Petit St. Vincent** and across from **Petit Martinique**. The vivid sunset that evening featured a blue sailboat crisscrossing the view westward and prompting a debate regarding what comprises a ‘cutter rig.’ Clark stepped up to the culinary arts to produce remarkable spaghetti with shrimp in marinara sauce. A bright moon and banks of clouds interfered with the stargazing and hopes for the peak of the Gamma Normids.

Leaving Petit St. Vincent, we motored early to snorkel at **Anse La Roche** on the island of **Carriacou**, and then on to **Hillsborough** for immigration check in for Grenada. In this picturesque town, I got acquainted with a local pharmacist who had the right cure for my bout of Montezuma’s revenge (didn’t know he ranged that far east). After Maxwell loaded up with local produce for his next turn in the galley, we motored across the bay to small **Sandy Island** to snorkel and experience yet more of the rich aquarium-like water and marine life, this time with a school of cuttlefish as the surprise.

Hoisting anchor, we sailed south-southwest with Bergevin steering to avoid the underwater active volcano (**Kick’em Jenny**, erupted last during 1988-89) by going between the island also named **Kick’em Jenny** and **Isle de Ronde**, and then



Bequia Sunset

between **The Sisters** rocks, for great views as an introduction to the large island of **Grenada** (also known as **The Spice Island**). Sailing down the western shore, we first saw **Sauteurs** with its three church steeples and the cliffs where the Caribs either jumped to their deaths, preferring freedom to French domination, or, as some say, the French forced them. We took the time to anchor north of our **St. Georges** destination for Jones, Robertson, and Rodgers to snorkel at an underwater sculpture garden (there are pictures). So Day 9 ended with anchoring near the beach and taking the dinghy in for another excellent meal at an onshore restaurant, the Coconut Beach.

On Day 10, we motored around **Point Saline**, the tip of the most southwestern peninsula of Grenada, seeing the newest Sandals resort and the airport, before we rounded to go east past the famous medical school (large, impressive campus), past **True Blue Bay**, and into **Prickly Bay** (where Clark dreams of a mooring). Maxwell told local tales about many of the sites, and then reversing course on this personalized tour, he took us back around the point to return to St. Georges. This time, we went in the Inner Harbor with its colorful boats and dockside buildings, and then into **Port Louis**, our final destination. After refueling and docking, and thanking Maxwell for his superb guidance, half the crew went sightseeing, hiring a taxi driver to show them around. Bergevin reviewed the boat condition and checklist with the brokerage, along with Maxwell, before he left. The others did a little local gift shopping. After another filling supper, and some happy debriefing, all went to cabins a little earlier than usual to pack in order to be up and ready for the 5:30 am taxi to the airport to return to Tennessee, our “Southern Comfort Zone.” ~~~

## NEW MEMBER BIOS

### BROCKMANS

**Chris and Beverly Brockman** have become Family Members. Chris works at UTC as Professor of Finance. Bev also works for UTC as a professor and department head. They have two children, Jennifer and Haley. Bev sailed as a teenager at the Atlanta Yacht Club where her Dad has been a member since 1959. Bev and Chris took lessons from Brian Holloway at PYC. Jennifer has attended and helped with sail camp for the last few years at PYC. Haley begins sail camp this year.

The family wants to join Privateer to sail more. They love being a part of the PYC community as everyone they have met has been wonderful. They have helped in non-sailing ways as well. They have been involved in socials, grounds maintenance, and as a camp counselor.

### CULLERS

**Jeff and Elizabeth Culler** have also become Family Members. Jeff works at Chattanooga State and Elizabeth works for Blood Assurance. They have two young children, Audrey and John. Jeff started sailing a Sunfish with friends as a young

teenager. He continued to sail his Sunfish during summers through college. After college he attended a "Craft of Sail" course at Woodenboat in Maine. Then he bought a Seafarer 23. He sailed this boat around Charleston for about 6 years. Work and children intervened and he hasn't sailed for the last 12 years except for an ASA bareboat course.

Jeff misses sailing and wants to make sailing friends and introduce his family to sailing. He wants to introduce his family to sailing since it has given him so much joy.

### HUGHES

**Frank and D'Arcy Hughes** are new Associate Members. Frank works for Cornerstone Community Bank and D'Arcy works for Hamilton County Schools. They have three older children, Kelsey, Nathan, and Mary.

Frank and D'Arcy were members back in the 80's. They have sailed an O'Day 22, a Cal 24 and a J-24. They crewed for Rob Fowler during this time. After being called up for Desert Storm, they left the Club and have been busy with work and raising their children. Rob Fowler has been talking to them, and they have agreed to come back and sail again at PYC.

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### LEARN TO SAIL? - cont' from page 3

Thompson helped set up tables and chairs while Rick, Kayte, and Daniel Locke handed out flyers. Michele Chandler kindly copied additional flyers when our supplies dwindled due to attendees' high demand and interest in our club.

Mike, in classic superSeeber fashion, engaged passersby. Who, in their right mind, would turn down a free dinner and afternoon sail on beautiful Lake Chickamauga? Well, over 100 people accepted the offer by signing up for our mailing list. Not only will the sign-ups receive a copy of our Private Ear newsletter, they will also be invited to an Open House dinner once our clubhouse is completed.

Impacts of such events are far reaching. Many members of our greater Chattanooga community have little idea of the active sailing events happening just above the dam. "What? There's sailing in Chattanooga?" and "You can't sail a boat on THAT lake," are two of the quotes I heard during the day but my favorite quote came from a man in his 20's staring agape at the SailCube's colorful mainsail. I asked if he has ever wanted to learn to sail. With upmost enthusiasm he replied "**ONLY MY WHOLE LIFE!!!**"

We continue making headway this year in alerting the non-sailing athletic community of our presence. As word gets out, we are attracting enthusiastic future sailors while growing the future of our club and our sport.

**Keith Harper**  
PYC Social Director

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## PYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 12, 2014

<b>Members Present:</b>	S. Irwin	L. Knudson Lind
	R. Fowler	D. Queen
	Y. Craig	D. Bergevin
	K. Harper	S. Sherman
	T. Prevost	S. Wiberley
<b>Guests Present:</b>	J. Culler	P. Lindeman
	C. & B. Brockman	

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

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** David Queen distributed the month's financial reports, including a balance sheet, profit and loss statements (calendar to date, annual budget comparison, & overall), and a running account of members payments. He commented that PYC's financial health is good. The board accepted the report. PayPal is being integrated on the PYC website.

**Commodore:** Steve Sherman had no formal report to make, but his heavy engagement in clubhouse painting and tile grout-

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ing was noted.

**Racing Director (Vice Commodore):** Scott Irwin revealed that a number of race committee assignments have been missed recently. This led to a review of PRO assignments and an updated listing will be posted on the website soon and in the next Private Ear. He also noted that racing was resuming since B Dock and the Opti docks were reconnected and the boat ramp accessible after the interruption by the hydrant/pipe installation.

**Director of Clubhouse and Grounds (Rear Commodore):** Linda Lind happily re-emphasized the hydrant installation and noted that the costs were significantly under estimates. She further reported that a neighbor, having seen a tree leaning and threatening to fall on trailers in the lot above the cabins, had volunteered to take down the tree if allowed to keep the wood. The board expressed appreciation, agreeing with the offer.

**Membership Director:** Yvonne Craig first introduced Peter Lindeman, a guest who had become a new associate member last month. She then introduced Chris & Bev Brockman, who were present, and recommended them for family membership; the board approved unanimously. She also introduced Jeff Culler, who was present, and recommended him and his wife, Elizabeth, for family membership; the Board approved unanimously. Next, she noted the addition of former Family Members Frank & D'Arcy Hughes as new Associate Members. Finally, due to Harrison Gill's illness, his family had written, offering his resignation; in response, the board unanimously approved his being moved to honorary membership status, with several comments about his having served as Commodore and his leadership through the years. After these actions, PYC's family members total 135; associate members, 16.

**Dock Master:** David Bergevin, enjoying the previous comments about the docks, stated that his report had already been presented.

**Social Director:** Keith Harper displayed a sheet with more than 90 names of persons who had signed up at the Expo, expressing interest in learning more about sailing and PYC. They will begin to receive the Private Ear and will be invited to a PYC Open House (to be scheduled during the summer). There will be a July 4th social. \$2500 for the new clubhouse kitchen has been pledged or received.

**Director of Club Boats/ Junior Programs:** Spencer Wiberley further updated Steve George's report from last month, noting the leadership of Lucas Kindervater and Bob Bissell, staff certifications and additions. He recommended the purchase of a RIB boat and motor for \$10,500 from Privateer Youth Sailing funds for both the summer sailing camps and PYC use. After discussion regarding storage and future needs, the board approved the purchase.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Status of Clubhouse Construction:** Rob Fowler affirmed that hydrant expenses would come in considerably under the \$33,000 overage previously reported. He also pointed out that

Steve Sherman's tiling effort was lowering costs by another \$7,000. The probable finish date is still expected to be around the second week of June.

**Fundraising Report:** David Queen reported that all but \$4,925 has now been collected from original amounts pledged.

**2014 Budget and Goals:** Published on the PYC website under 'Current PYC Budget' (<http://www.privateeryachtclub.org/members/current-pyc-budget> -- member log-in required).

**CFGC Guidelines Subcommittee:** Linda Lind presented a paper outlining a process for developing and maintaining "...a viable long-term approach to the management of tax exempt giving and subsequent disbursement of funds..." It was well received, the board having approved participation during the April meeting. Linda and Steve will prepare the application for submission to CFGC. The application will include a definition of what can and cannot be submitted using our tax exempt donated funds.

**Membership Photos (Website):** Keith Harper stated that this is Dee Harwell's project and that it has been determined that the PYC Website has the capability for posting member photos. This will be developed.

## NEW BUSINESS

A committee of three (Tim Simmons, Keith Harper, & Steve Sherman) was set up to investigate and propose the purchase of equipment to WiFi the club and to set up a camera and weather station that will be linked to the PYC web site.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
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Catalina 22 Chattanooga Challenge boats pass by the new PYC Clubhouse - photo by Jim Davis, above - more pictures on pages 4-5

Catalina 22 Northern Gulf Coast Cruise photo by Barbara Snyder, below. See story next month.

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