



## *Private Ear*

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB

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### **View From the Helm**

2022 was a Winner!! I have to complement our past two Commodores and their Board of Directors for the hard labor and vision. Then there are the people that really make this place the GREAT YACHT CLUB that it is: Tina and Guy Campbell, Orenda and Martin Gregory. This does not even mention MR. PYC David Bergevin, who has probably fixed every light switch in the entire club and then goes out and whips everyone on the lake sailing. Next up for praise is the committee that put together the new kitchen. Lead by Jan Varnell, with assistance from Rob Fowler, we now are the proud owners of a state-of-the-art kitchen (Please let's take care of it!). Additionally, we now have a maxed-out membership, and, thanks to Lynn Bruss, new members are truly learning about the club and what we believe to be important.

What do you do after this type of performance??? Don't mess it up!!!!

We will have some new well know members on the Board. Bill Robertson will oversee racing and Ed Craig will be in charge of boats.

I will be keeping a low profile and trying to sail as much as possible. There are a couple projects I want to embrace. First is a

picture directory to help everyone remember who everyone is and who belongs here and who does not. I am terrible with names & I need the help. I also plan on tasking Tina Marx to do a study to see where we are losing money on a fully allocated basis. This we hope will make sure everyone is getting a fair deal. We need to build some depth in the Treasurer function to make sure we give Tina a break and keep us under control of our financial backbone. I also need to be grooming a new head of grounds and a racing aficionado who can take over when Orenda and Bill pass the torch in a couple years. I will continue to strongly encourage racers to open their boats and associate members to get rides on race boats, so they can learn and participate. Lastly, I plan to spend time and effort taking on Tom's plan for the reconstruction of 'A' dock. The time window for the replacement of A dock is coming in the next five years and we must be prepared to handle the expense.

I wish everyone a great 2023 and let's hope that we will get better wind this summer and everyone stays safe.

**Frank Hughes**

**In order to get you the most up-to-date information the calendar will no longer be published in the Private Ear. You can find it on the website at the link below.**

<https://www.privateeryachtclub.org/calendar>



### **NEED CREW?**

**Has it been a while since you've sailed your boat? Wishing you could find crew to help you sail? We've got you covered!**

Whether you're cruising or racing, please consider inviting sailors who are interested in crewing to join you on your sailboat! Put them to work rigging, crewing, helming and stowing the boat. Many of our Associates have completed the introduction to sailing Adult Learn to Sail class. Now they are hoping to refine their sailing skills and learn how different sailboats perform by serving as crew members. New to PYC Family Members who are experienced sailors are looking forward to getting to know current PYC members through sailing. This is a win-win situation! Please consider hosting new PYC members. Help them experience sailing while getting to know others at PYC. Please contact those interested directly.

The "Crew List" link can be found on the PYC website under "Racing" select "Crew Information."

<https://www.privateeryachtclub.org/crew-information>

# PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB ANNUAL BANQUET

## Our new board for 2023



## WELCOME OUR NEWEST ASSOCIATE MEMBERS!

### Robert and Michelle Murray



My wife, Michelle and I moved to Chattanooga in 2018 from Colorado to be closer to family. We have three children, Owen (7), Ivan (4), and Isla (1). We love the outdoors, traveling and camping! During the past summers we have done a lot of camping along the rivers edge but look forward to camping on the water in our recently acquired Catalina 22. My past sailing experience has been limited to small sailboats such as the Sunfish and Hobie Cats in lakes while growing up in Massachusetts but I look forward to learning more about sailing on our new boat and from others within the club. My wife's family is from Nicaragua and I have always thought it would be a great adventure to sail there with the family. Michelle has never sailed before but I am hoping this will be a good place to start! We are very thankful for the opportunity to be a part of your community and are looking forward to meeting you all!





**SAIL CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN AND FILLING FAST!**

<https://www.privateeryachtclub.org/youth-sail-camp>

**ADULT LEARN TO SAIL IS NOW OPEN ON THE WEBSITE**

<https://www.privateeryachtclub.org/adult-learn-to-sail>

**PSEF WILL BE HOSTING A LEVEL 1 SMALL BOAT INSTRUCTOR CLASS  
ON APRIL 6-8, 2023**

[http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13497526.](http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13497526)

**Dirty Boat? PSEF Wants to clean it for you!**

Our Juniors will be offering a boat cleaning service this spring! Whether your boat is on a trailer or in the water we will scrub the topside deck of your boat with a mild cleaning solution. If you have special cleaners that you want to use, we can still help, but you will have to provide them. (Sorry we cannot scrub any sides (freeboard) for boats in the water or do any cleaning below the waterline and all cleanings will be supervised by an adult!)

- Dinghies: \$40.00
- Dinghy cover \$10.00
- Keel boat: \$75.00

Please let me know ([ampostell@gmail.com](mailto:ampostell@gmail.com) or text 678 595-9215) if you are interested and we will schedule to have your boat cleaned. We will schedule on a first come first serve basis! All proceeds will go to benefit the PSEF organization and help offset costs with the Jr Race Team.



# *Love the Wine You're With*

Wine tasting & Italian dinner Social  
February 18th 2023  
6:00 PM



\$20 PER PERSON  
RSVP ON CLUBSPOT BY 2/10/2023

<https://www.privateeryachtclub.org/event/dXWE20N8PD>

The flyer has a light green background with a repeating pattern of dark green shamrocks. A white rectangular box is centered on the page, containing the event details. The text is in a dark green, serif font. The top and bottom of the flyer are solid light green.

EAT AND BE MERRY!

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# ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL

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Saturday, March 18th

6:00 PM Social

7:00 PM Dinner

\$15 Per Person

RSVP on Clubspot by 3/10/2023

<https://www.privateeryachtclub.org/event/taeAoi9RLr>

## For Sale

**J-29**— \$10,000 — ‘*Maniac*’ - 2 mains, 4 spinnakers, several genoas, and even a couple of small jibs, Navman instruments including depth/speed/wind, with 5 displays VHF, Stereo w/ CD, Outboard motor, Autohelm, Built-in manual bilge pump, Solar battery charger, Relatively new (2017) battery, Large awning. Several scratches, dents, and other imperfections.  
**Tim Chambers 423-718-3704**

**66.5" RARE LARGE SHIPS WHEEL  
GENUINE AUTHENTIC NAUTICAL DECOR  
OR TABLE**

\$1200  
Tom Coleman: [optiguytom@yahoo.com](mailto:optiguytom@yahoo.com)  
423-432-2080



### **TOHATSU 5hp 2-cycle Extra Long Shaft Outboard Motor**

Recently serviced – runs well!  
\$600 includes 3-gallon fuel tank & hose,  
or \$500 without the hose & tank

**Tim Chambers 423-718-3704**

Looking for a small sailboat with trailer, such as a ‘Flying Junior’, etc.

**Luke Padgett, 423-322-8904,**  
[lepadgett@gmail.com](mailto:lepadgett@gmail.com)

### **PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB SHIP’S STORE**

Go to this website: [https://stores.inksoft.com/privateer\\_yacht\\_club](https://stores.inksoft.com/privateer_yacht_club).  
Check back later for member discounts during promotional sales on all types of apparel and gear, even outside the range of customized pieces.

### **Agenda 2023 PYC Annual Meeting**

Welcome – Tom Clark  
Blessing – Tom Prevost  
Board reports  
Race and other awards – Frank Hughes  
Election of officers for 2023- Rob Fowler  
Adjourn

### **Commodore's Highlights**

Upgraded Communication and financial systems  
    Moved accounting tasks from outdated laptop computer to the Internet  
    Reliable high speed remote access  
    Improved security

Adopted Clubspot club management software  
    User friendly interface  
    Multi-levels of access privilege  
    Supports  
        Member access to:  
            personal information  
            Financial information  
            Payment options  
            Upcoming events  
            Reservations with payment options  
            Race results  
            Past and current Private Ear newsletters

Completed phase one of kitchen upgrades

Rebuilt Pontoon boat

Upgraded power and lights on "A" dock

Improved drainage from main parking lot

Adopted procedure to prioritize maintenance and capital expenditures  
    Increased amount for operating reserve to \$50,000  
    Repurposed intent of Saving Account - \$40,000  
        Accrue \$20,000 each year for Capital Projects  
        Capital project defined >= \$5,000 cost with >= 5-year useful life

Updated general and boat usage policies



**Privateer Yacht Club, Inc.**  
**Profit and Loss**  
January - December 2022

<b>Income</b>	
Cabins	11,948
Dock Income	21,304
Dry Sailing Income	9,445
Membership Dues	109,927
Regattas	(493)
Socials	(7,443)
Write-offs	(1,611)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>143,077</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Cost of Goods Sold	628
Club House Expense	20,117
Club Spot Fees	3,181
Depreciation	47,773
Dock Maintenance Expense	9,009
Grounds Expense	11,339
Insurance	18,471
Office, Professional Fees & Dues	5,862
RC Boat Maintenance	3,706
Repairs & Maintenance	6,314
Solid Waste Disposal	3,976
Taxes & Licenses	21,765
Utilities	12,991
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>164,503</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>(22,054)</b>
Capital Assessment Income	5,400
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(16,654)</b>

**2022 Cash Flow**

Gross Cash Receipts	148,477
Cash spent	138,503
<b>Net change in cash</b>	<b>\$9,974</b>

**Cash Summary**

Operating Reserves	\$50,000
Operating/Discretionary	14,300
Capital Projects	40,000
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$104,300</b>

**Notes:**

We started using the internet! Clubspot and online accounting software.

Gross income is down ~\$3K from 2021. Most of this difference is due to the Jan 2022 social Expenses are down \$10K from 2022. In 2021 there were large write-offs for past due accounts.

Grounds commodore substantially reduced solid waste removal costs.

Dues and boat fees for 2023 will remain the same as in prior years.

This is the most fun job at PYC, and you should join me in the pursuit of balanced book

## **Secretary Report 2022**

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- Revised the Club Rules
- Revised the PYC-PSEF Club Sailboat Policy and Rules
- Prepared minutes for the monthly Board of Directors meetings

Martin Gregory

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### **Club Boats:**

- Finished the renovations to the pontoon boat.
- Repaired all 5 boats as needed.
  - The main one needing work was the Skiff
    - Replaced bad wiring for the bilge pump circuit
    - Rebuilt the lower unit due to a damaged seal.
    - All is good now!
- Performed annual Maintenance in November
  - Oil
  - Gear Lube
  - Spark Plugs
  - Filters
  - Grease
- Special thanks to Bob Rupe and Van Polidoro.

Tim Chambers

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### **From the Dock Master:**

It has been a pleasure serving the club for the past two years and I know the new Dock Master will continue to carry the torch.

As the club family and associate membership has remained full, so did the need for slips. Current openings:

Wet slips 7 (E-5, C-1, B-1)

Dry slips 2 (Cabin lot-2)

Accomplishments this year:

- 1) Transitioned to Club Spot. Please enter your boat information into Club Spot. It is very helpful for the Dock Master.
- 2) Installed Dry slip signs indicating the location of each dry slip. When parking your boat, please make sure you're in your spot. Each dry slip is 10 feet wide.
- 3) Updated Dock lights and power for A dock and solar powered lights for B dock. Thank you, Dave Bergevin.

Lastly, remember to keep the records straight, all slip changes MUST start with a slip application form.

Thanks, Kevin Gersch

## **PSEF Final Report**

January 2023

- PSEF started the year by quickly filling 173 spots for Summer Sail Camp. Some campers attended more than 1 week, so there were 152 unique campers.
- Sail Camp was led by 6 level one instructors and 5 camp counselors.
- In July the J22 fleet loaned it's five boats for a week of keel boat training. Thank you J22 fleet!
- PSEF also held adult Learn-To-Sail classes in the Spring, Summer, and Fall, with a total of 29 students.
- In September, the Juniors started racing on Sundays alongside the PYC One-Design fleets.
- Juniors raced in Opti's, Fusions and Club 420's. Thanks to Steve Sherman and Ed Buell for overseeing the Junior Racing Program.
- In October PSEF elected a new president, PYC member Andrew Postell.
- Megan Cline, daughter of PYC's Scott Cline, will be the Sail Camp Director in training in 2023 and Sail Camp Director in 2024. Megan is a former Sail Camp student, coach, and counselor.
- Going forward, PYC and PSEF are looking into possible changes that may help reduce insurance costs for both organizations.

Rob Fowler

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### **Membership:**

#### **Waiting List total: 1**

Louis Fayard (Dutch) is not ready to join as an Associate

#### **Associate Total: 28**

1/10/23 Alex Moyers resigned Associate Membership

1/11/23 Robert & Michelle Murray added

#### **Family Membership Total: 150**

12/31/22 David Queen resigned his family membership

1/11/23 Board voted in Michael & Mary Morrison to Family Membership via email

1/14/23 Diane Adams passed away

1/17/23 Board voted in Sheena Benavente and Jon Clary to Family Membership via email

Lynn Bruss

### **Buildings and Grounds: Projects completed during 2022**

Many, many thanks to the approximately 103+ (57-60%) associate & family members who volunteered to help with the Spring or Fall Clean-up, or completed tasks on the "To Do On Your Own Time" list, or shoveled and raked gravel or hauled mulch! Thanks to those who donated their time, materials and/or equipment! Thanks to the unsung members who saw maintenance issues and immediately took care of the situation, or at least contacted me! In addition to ongoing upkeep and general maintenance, together we completed many special projects!

Kitchen Upgrade – Phase I- 3 new commercial grade kitchen appliances installed:

- 6 burner stove
- convection oven (to be used for club sanctioned events only)
- 2 door reach-in refrigerator
- warming oven
- upgraded power source to accommodate new appliances (thanks David Bergevin and Tom Clark)

Grounds:

- added tons of gravel to parking lots and pathways to docks (thanks to Chris Griffin volunteering with a front loader tractor)
- trimmed back branches hanging over the road to launch ramp that were interfering with mast wind indicators, removed heavy logs, cut brush way back (thanks to Fall Workday volunteers and Alex Rosser)
- thoroughly cleaned inside of clubhouse and removed many leaves from the property; replenished firewood pile by cutting up fallen wood (thanks to Spring Workday volunteers)
- installed brighter lighting in "J lot" storage container (thanks David Bergevin and Tom Clark)

Clubhouse:

- added 6' fan to patio over seating area (parking side of clubhouse)
- increased the number of timers on overhead lighting (thanks to David Bergevin)
- replaced vinyl trim in overhead doors where tall heat lamp caused warping
- repaired leak in roof
- reinforced inside walls of fireplaces with firebrick (thanks to Ken Pickering); fires must remain small; be gentle with the fire poker

Property Security and Safety:

- added signage and very minimal surveillance to areas where theft has occurred and to deter unauthorized non-members from entering the property through the main gate

### **Suggested Future Projects for 2023 include:**

- Kitchen Upgrade Phase II – purchase and install commercial dishwasher with 3 compartment sink; add additional storage (stainless tables with drawers & dry storage cabinet/additional pantry shelving; add addition dish cart and server cart
- replace hand rails at top of swim dock stairs
- pave or install pavers between base of deck steps and landing of swim dock
- install non-slip steps leading from "J-lot" to clubhouse
- install proper venting for convection oven
- address parking lot-runoff issues
- add lighting to main clubhouse parking lot
- improve ventilation in men's shower area
- add two 30AMP RV connection points in "J" lot
- install noise abatement acoustical panels / install wireless PA system
- repair sheetrock (areas where roof leaked)
- replace lattice under clubhouse front porch
- Spring Work Day (scheduled for March 4, 2023)
- Fall Work Day (scheduled for November 12, 2023)

Submitted by Orenda Gregory, Rear Commodore



### SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Well, 2 years has come and gone. I can report that there were socials, regattas and/or so kind of event that was scheduled every month last year. The kitchen is fully stocked, organized and new appliances are stationed. The stock room and attic has also been cleaned and organized.

I want to say that being the Social Director for 2 years has been excited, hard and challenging. But I found that the Volunteers is what made it a successful time for me.

I thoroughly enjoyed meeting and working closely with everyone. If you are asked to volunteer, I encourage you to do so. I promise you will get so much out of it and more.

THANK YOU TO ALL who volunteer. There are too many individuals to name, but you know who you are. I deeply appreciate all your hard work. There are just a few people that I need to especially thank. They were people that made this position easier for me and I realized over the two years that it takes more than 1 person to do this. These people kept me going.

- **Rob Fowler:** Rob was Commodore during my first year as Social. I was the pain in his side every day. He would open his emails daily with dozens of questions from me but yet he was always so patient with me. His the one that really gave direction in this important position.
- **Jan Varnell:** You took me under your wing the first day I walked into the old clubhouse and put me in the kitchen. I was only an associate member but yet felt like I had been a member for years. I have learned so much from you over the years and want to thank you for being my right hand. Kitchen duty is a must that everyone should know how to do no matter what.
- **Orenda and Martin Gregory:** Both of you have been wonderful to me. You seemed to have always stepped in and wanted to help with everything. You helped me by shopping and keeping the clubhouse stocked with paper products and supplies. You would buy the groceries for the socials and not only that but carried them in so they would be waiting on me.
- **Ryan Elverd:** Ryan showed me things on Club Spot and basically kept me out of trouble in making mistakes. He ended up just doing it for me and I let him. He stepped in with posting my flyers and emailing reminders out weekly. He was on my speed dial for last minute things like Keg pickups. And always kept me covered with alcohol drinks.
- **Van and Martina Polidoro:** This couple was always slaving in the kitchen or doing whatever needed to be done. I never had to ask them to help. They were in the kitchen for every social except for 3.
- **Katie Landers and Matt Lyle:** During the Low Country Boil Social, I was so excited for this one to kickoff but instead Covid had other plans for me. While I was in bed, these two took my notes and put on an awesome social without me. I hated that I missed it. I was looking forward to it. I know they were still thinking about me afterwards, as I got a midnight call from them all. They made a toast to me as if I was there. That made a worst day into the greatest day.

It's people like this that make one BIG PYC FAMILY! Thank you everyone.

Tina Campbell

**PYC Annual Board Meeting  
2022 Racing Activities & Results  
Prepared by Frank Hughes**

**Regatta's**

St Patrick's Regatta  
Choo - Choo Regatta  
Scowabunga Regatta  
Brown Jug Regatta  
Dog Days Regatta  
TVCC in Knoxville  
All Fleets Regatta  
  
Halloween Regatta  
Pig Regatta

Flying Scot  
Melges  
Thistle  
  
2nd place  
New Regatta

Associate members encouraged as Crew  
PHRF Fleet, Day 1; Flying Scot Fleet, Day 2

**PHRF Club Races**

Saturday  
  
Wednesday Night

1st Place	2nd Place	Fleet	No. Races	No. Boats	Total boats started
David Bergevin	Frank Hughes	"A" & "B"	11	17	54
David Bergevin	Bill Robertson	"B"	7	8	22
Team "I26"	Andrew Postell	"A" & "B"	8	16	47

**Dinghy Club Races**

Sunday Spring  
Sunday Summer  
Thursday Night

Eddie Craig	Rob Fowler		5	15	51
Lynn Bruss	Lester Stern		12	12	57
Scott Cline	Tom Clark		13	18	89
			56	86	320

**Henk Zander Memorial Trophy**

Saturday combined PHRF Fleet

David Bergevin

**Associate Training**

Chase Boat Handling & Safety

Over 60 Associate Members & Family Members Trained

**Upcoming Events**

TVCC will be hosted at PYC in 2023

# **Privateer Yacht Club**

## **Annual Meeting - Minutes**

Friday, January 27, 2023

### **Annual Meeting**

- The Annual Meeting was held at Chattanooga Whiskey Company
- Cocktail hour began and 6:00 pm
- Dinner began at 7:00 pm with a blessing by Tom Prevost
- Food and service were provided by The Food Works
- After dinner, Tom opened the business meeting

### **Tom Clark, Commodore**

- Provided a brief overview of the Officer reports, paper copies of which were provided to attendees.

### **Tina Marx, Treasurer:**

- Discussed PYC's financial position as detailed in the handout.

### **Frank Hughes, Vice Commodore – Racing:**

- Reviewed the 2022 race results and awarded racer trophies

### **Tom Clark, Commodore:**

- Presented:
  - Commodore's Award to Tina Marx, Treasurer
  - Brainard Cooper Award to David Bergevin

### **Rob Fowler, Past Commodore/Nominating Committee:**

- Presented the duly elected 2023 Board of Directors
  - Commodore – Frank Hughes
  - Vice Commodore – Orenda Gregory
  - Rear Commodore – Bill Robertson
  - Past Commodore – Tom Clark
  - Secretary – Bill Jennings
  - Treasurer – Tina Marx
  - Member at Large (1 year) – Lynn Bruss (Director - Membership)
  - Member at Large (2 years) – Katie Landers (Director - Socials)
  - Member at Large (2 years) – Mark Mentgen (Dock Master)
  - Member at Large (2 years) – Ed Craig (Director -Club Boats)
- Presented Flags to Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Past Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster

### **Frank Hughes, Commodore:**

- With the gavel passed from Tom to Frank, Frank adjourned the meeting.



### 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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