



Private Ear

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View From the Helm

I hope everyone enjoyed your holidays and that your new year will be a happy, healthy and prosperous one. As I sit at my computer writing my last "View from the Helm," I am amazed at how fast the past year has sailed by.

PYC's year was relatively uneventful, which I appreciate. The facilities were upgraded, thanks to the dedicated efforts of our energetic volunteers. **Tim Chambers** and **Bob Rupe** completed the rebuild of our pontoon boat, and it's nice not having to dodge holes in the deck. **Orenda Gregory** spearheaded the purchase and installation of upgrades to the kitchen, which will be enjoyed by all of us for years to come. **David Bergevin** continued his endless work upgrading our electrical systems, including "A" dock, the storage container and several lighting circuits and porch fans.

One of the more ambitious tasks was transitioning from our outdated website to Clubspot, which is a user-friendly software, developed by sailors, that handles most of our management functions. Even though there are still features we need/want to implement, the integration of many disjointed sources into a single platform has proven very helpful, and we will continue our efforts to more fully integrate. Special thanks go to **Tina Marx** for transitioning our accounting procedures from an antiquated laptop version of

QuickBooks to a web-based version that works collaboratively with Clubspot. All board members now have access to our data, and each PYC member can/should now keep their contact information up to date. **Ryan Elverd** bravely stepped up to be our first webmaster, only to learn he had to continually work with the Clubspot support team to ensure that our system effectively responds to our needs, while simultaneously assisting members in the use of our new tools and creating and maintaining our webpage content.

Special thanks to our hardworking board members, as well as gratitude to all the invaluable volunteers who have willingly contributed time, talent and treasure to make our club a functional, safe, attractive and welcoming gathering place for our members. It has been a pleasure working toward a good outcome, without complaint, among members who just wanted to know how they could help. My last effort as Commodore is to conduct the Annual Meeting, which will be Friday evening, January 27, 6 PM, at the Chattanooga Whiskey event hall. It will be a great way to end your work week, enjoy some Chattanooga Whiskey with friends, have a good meal and welcome the new board.

Thanks to everyone for allowing me to be your Commodore this past year, a job which wasn't always fun but was always rewarding.

Smooth sailing,

Tom

January 2023

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PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB

Annual Meeting

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION

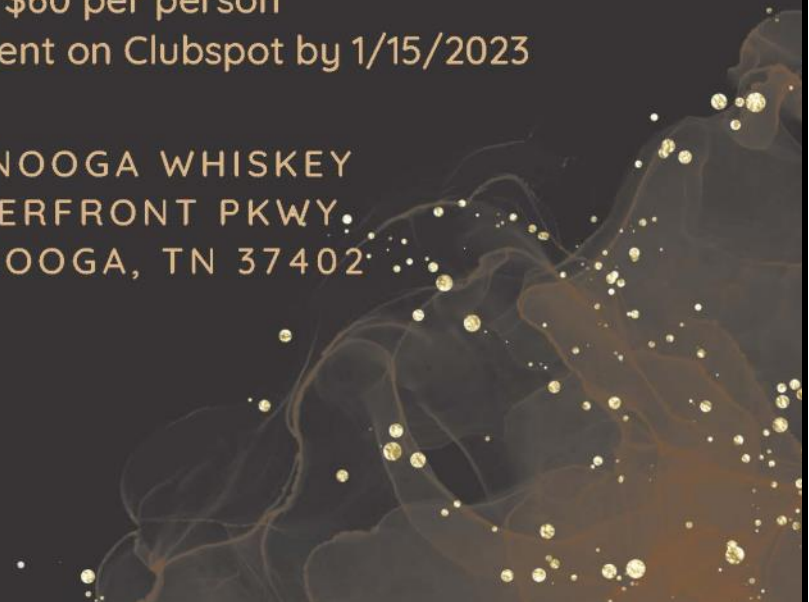
JANUARY

FRIDAY | **27** | AT 6 PM
2023

Cash bar featuring \$5 CW cocktails, wine & beer
\$60 per person

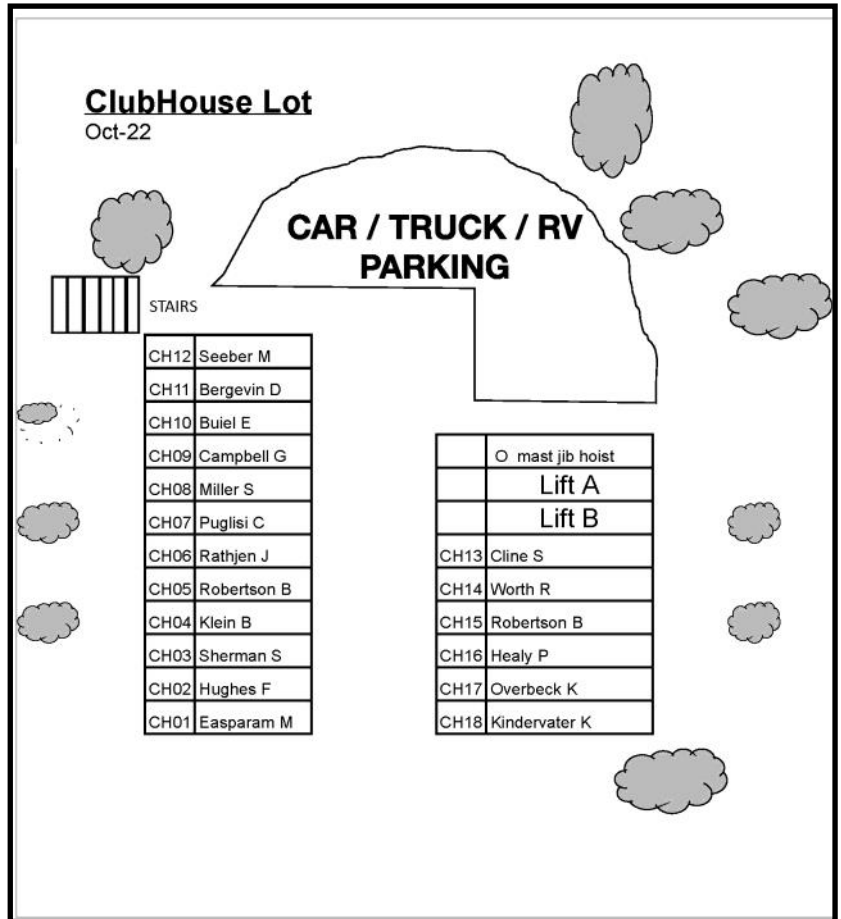
RSVP & Payment on Clubspot by 1/15/2023

CHATTANOOGA WHISKEY
890 RIVERFRONT PKWY.
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37402



Vehicle Parking at PYC – Please be part of the solution!

Having some trouble finding a parking spot at PYC on the weekends? The good news is our membership is up (180 strong) and more members are participating in cruising, racing and club socials. Junior sailor and college student teams are also practicing their racing skills on Sunday afternoons. The main clubhouse parking lot accommodates only 37 to 38 vehicles assuming each vehicle parks perpendicular to the sides of the “curb” and doesn’t leave excess room between adjacent vehicles. Parking is not allowed on the main road or boat ramp.



Good news! Additional parking is available for cars/trucks and RVs in the south end (area nearest the lake) of the upper level clubhouse lot, also known as the J-lot. Boat and trailers should not be parked in the main clubhouse parking lot and not in the south end of the J-lot. After a boat is launched, the empty trailer should be returned to its assigned dry slip.

We have several members who need access to the handicapped parking spots. Please do not block access to these spaces.

When you invite guests to PYC, please make an attempt to carpool, especially on weekends and for social activities. You can also meet your guests at the cul-de-sac area before entering the gate and carpool to the clubhouse.

Please be part of the solution to ensure that every member can find adequate parking at PYC! Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Happy sailing!
Orenda Gregory
Rear Commodore
Buildings and Grounds



SAIL CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1st.

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

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."

Safety Ladders

Over the last couple months, several volunteers have installed 11 safety ladders and signs on the docks. As the cold weather comes, please make note of where the ladders are in case of a man-overboard situation. Note: these ladders are meant for emergency only; NOT for swimming around the docks. We hope you appreciate the added safety measures at PYC.

From the Dockmaster

If you haven't noticed, our boat storage space is getting full. I would like to remind everyone that any changes, adds or drops of wet or dry slips start with a slip application. If the desired slip assignment is not available, you can then be put on the waiting list if desired. The submit date on the application is used to determine priority. Emails are good for questions but not for assignment requests.

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

YOUR AD HERE! Email:
Cory.pyc@gmail.com

1972 Catalina 22— Lil Buoy Blue

This is a well maintained early (1972) C22s that were light weight and known for their speed. Sail Number 1804. The hull is fully race ready. Keel and bottom fared for racing. Work done by class National Secretary, Dennis Slayton. The Boat comes with a 6 HP Tohatsu working motor with 25 inch shaft. This boat needs to go to a racer, not a cruiser.
Steve Sherman—423-432-6501

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

Luke Padgett, 423-322-8904,
lepadgett@gmail.com

PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB SHIP’S STORE

Go to this website: 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.

Privateer Yacht Club

Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes

Monday, December 12, 2022

Attendees: Tom Clark, Frank Hughes, Orenda Gregory, Rob Fowler, Tina Marx, Tina Campbell, Lynn Bruss, Kevin Gersch, Tim Chambers, Martin Gregory

Guests: Bill Jennings, Guy Campbell, Lynn Chambers, Ben Marx, Julie Gersch, Patricia Fowler, Marybeth Clark, Bill Bruss

Tom Clark, Commodore

- The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm
- Tom discussed the shortened agenda for tonight's meeting
- Dinner for current Board members and their spouses will follow the meeting.
- Tom asked for a motion to adopt the Minutes from the November Board meeting. After a motion and a second, the minutes were adopted.

Martin Gregory, Secretary:

- No report.

Lynn Bruss, Membership Director:

- Current membership
 - Family membership 150
 - Associate membership 30
 - Waiting list 1
- Lynn presented Chris Edwards' request for Out of Town Membership. After a motion and a second the motion passed unanimously.

Tina Marx, Treasurer:

- Cash on hand is at the targeted year ending level for operating reserves and capital budget.
- Have \$5,000 available for non-capital budget spending.
- Have \$8,757 in Accounts Receivable...all late dues payments. Email sent to 27 past due members. Historically the 27 who are past due usually pay on time. Problems with email?
- Tom will cross reference email receipts of Private Ear and email receipts of Quarterly Statements to see if there are any issues with email.
- Past due accounts over 90 days in arrears are still a problem.
- Cabin owners have been billed for their portion of the property taxes. Cabin owner tax payments are due to PYC by February 14, 2023. PYC taxes are due February 28, 2023.

Kevin Gersch, Dock Master:

- Boat Storage

- 8 wet slips available – mostly on 3 E Dock
- 3 dry slips available
- Have the option of moving some empty trailers to other storage locations should we need more dry slips.
- Chris Griffin, who purchased Caliente' has submitted a request for a wet slip.

Orenda Gregory, Rear Commodore – Buildings and Grounds:

- *Surveillance:* Per unanimous Board vote at the November, 2022 meeting three surveillance cameras have been installed at PYC. One (1) camera is now monitoring the entry gate for non-member traffic – set to pic-up “foot traffic;” angle protects privacy of members coming and going. Two (2) cameras are monitoring kitchen and pantry. In addition, two (2) signs stating PYC property under surveillance have been posted. One(1) sign is at the entry gate and one (1) sign is in the kitchen. Surveillance is video only, no voice recording. The video is reviewed periodically and then deleted.
- *Kitchen Upgrade Phase II:* Add dishwasher, additional service cart and stainless steel tables; install ventilation hood for convection oven; possibly upgrade existing three compartment sink; add pantry shelving for equipment storage.
- *Heating Enclosed Porch:* Three (3) Vornado electric heaters were tested in the area and are sufficient to keep the chill off and given the area is infrequently used during November-February. Members could bring their own heaters or PYC could purchase three (3) Vornado heaters for \$75-\$100 each.
- *Mildew Men's Bathroom:* Continue to research the most cost effective solution to the mildew problem.
- *Outside Refrigerator:* The old refrigerator currently stored outside the clubhouse will be removed from the property ASAP.

Tim Chambers – Director Club Boats:

- Skiff repairs are complete.
- Annual maintenance on all boat motors is complete.

Tina Campbell – Social Director:

- No report

Frank Hughes, Vice Commodore – Racing:

- No report.

Rob Fowler, Past Commodore – PSEF:

- No report.

New Business:

- *PYC Annual Meeting – Discussion:*
 - The Annual Meeting will be held at Chattanooga Whiskey

- Food Works, who provided the food for the 2021 annual meeting, will provide food again this year.
- Cocktails will be available at \$5.00/drink...cash bar.
- After considerable discussion about food options, a motion was made to keep the total cost per person (for venue, food, service and fees) at or under \$75/person.
- Tina Campbell, Marybeth Clark and Katie Landers will work with Food Works on the menu.
- *Nominations for the Brainard Cooper Memorial Award.*
 - The award is "A perpetual trophy awarded annually to the club member who, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, has exhibited outstanding attributes in the promotion of sailing and sportsmanship; has contributed significantly to the activities of the Club and has demonstrated proficiency and improvement in sailing ability."
 - Tom solicited nominees for the Brainard Cooper. Board members voted for the nominee of their choice by secret ballot. Tom will count the ballots and announce the award winner at the PYC Annual Meeting in January.
- *Board Members 2023:*
 - Rob Fowler, Nominating Committee, presented the slate of Board Members for 2023.
 - Commodore – Frank Hughes
 - Vice Commodore – Orenda Gregory
 - Rear Commodore – Bill Robertson
 - 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)

Meeting Adjournment:

- Tom asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. After a second and voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Commodore's Dinner:

- Board members and spouses enjoyed a wonderful dinner hosted by Tom and Marybeth Clark! Many THANKS to Tom and Marybeth for delicious dinner!!



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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