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Fifth Annual Connecticut River Dinghy Distance Race on May 9.

## Racing on the River

### BUCCANEER FLEET

by Jeremy Sholovitz, Buccaneer Race Coordinator

On behalf of the Buccaneer fleet who visited Pettipaug last weekend, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the help and hospitality extended by the Pettipaug community. With sailors coming from far away, Pettipaug was an excellent host for the day's racing, and the entire fleet appreciated the help with accommodations for visiting sailors as well as the hospitality shown at the club with use of boat storage areas, docks, and safety boats during the race.



Comments received from the fleet included how much they enjoyed Pettipaug's excellent location and, during the after-race BBQ, fine view of the river as well as the great conversation among sailors.

Invitations were extended to Pettipaug members to race at all of the clubs represented including Narrasketuck Yacht Club, Potomac River Sailing Association, Annapolis Yacht Club, and Southern Maryland Sailing Association. Several of the clubs do have Portsmouth races from time to time, so for members who might



### 2015 SPRING EVENTS

All event at PYC unless indicated otherwise.

#### Club Events

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#### • THE MAGIC OF THE MID-SUMMER PARTY

July 25, 2015 @ 1700

The Mid-Summer Party theme will be a **Louisiana Creole Evening** with Southern style food and Bourbon Street Fun! This event will also serve as a "Meet & Greet" for new members. Kids and Creole costumes welcome! There will also be a **Marine Tag Sale** ... not an auction. We need marine items: boats, small craft, accessories, hardware, clothing ... whatever you have, please donate! Call Dave Courant for commitment and pick-up of items (if needed) 860.575.8584.

#### June Races

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travel with their boats, I'd be happy to try to hook them up with appropriate contacts.

Thank you PYC for the hard work and excellent hospitality. And congratulations Victor on your "new" MC Scow.



**PYC's Keith Kraner hiking out!**

### **MC SCOW FLEET**

by Bob Wynkoop, MC Scow Race Coordinator

The Connecticut River Long Distance River Race was held May 9 starting at Eagles Landing State Park near the Goodspeed Opera House running down nearly to the Baldwin Bridge before heading back upstream to the finish line just south of Pettipaug YC. 45 boats competed including 10 MC scows which started in the third heat along with the 6 Buccaneers. It was tight racing for the MCs for much of the day with many lead changes. As they approached the Essex area it was Bob Wynkoop, Keith Kraner, Devon Howe and Chris Moore working for every opportunity to advantage themselves in the shifty 7 knot wind and strong current. With Kraner on his heels Wynkoop worked into the lead. As is often true in sailing, the rich get richer; Bob took full advantage of clear air and a new breeze to stretch into a comfortable lead by the finish with Keith, Chris and Devon battling for second. Plenty of food and frivolity at PYC ensued after all the boats were back on their trailers.

## **News & Updates**

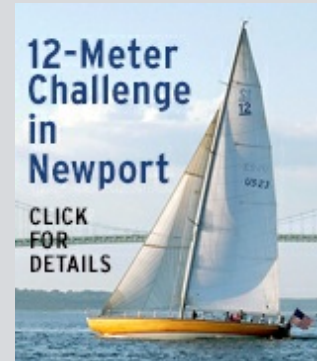
### **WOMEN'S SAILING GROUP**

The Women's Sailing Group wishes to congratulate **Megan Ryan** on receiving the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award!

**Gold Award Description:** This award



- **HAWKINS TEAM RACE WITH EYC** May 30 @ 0900 held at Essex Yacht Club. Captain: Toby Doyle, team: Ed Birch, John Lombard, crew to come.
- **ONE DESIGN REGATTA** June 6 @ 1300
- **12-METER CHALLENGE IN NEWPORT** June 6 @ 0900 PYC to race on EYC boats. Held in Newport. Click below for details.



#### **FLEET CAPTAINS**

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#### • **FIRST TUESDAY SAIL**

June 23 @ 5 p.m. (or when you arrive) Short meeting, boat rigging, hoisting, sailing and post-race camaraderie, please bring something to share.

#### • **SAIL/RACE WITH MC SCOWS**

June 25 @ 5 p.m. This is a great adventure! Women can use 420s, Blue Jays or perhaps try an MC Scow. Cook-out follows sailing. WSG will contribute to this effort.

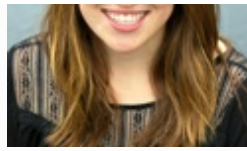
### **MC Scows**

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The MC fleet at PYC has grown tremendously in the past year. Regular weekly casual sailing/racing is on Thursdays at

5:30 - 8 with beer and grilling afterwards. We currently have 13 boats in the yard, including two that are for sale. Next month some of our fleet members will

**Gold Award Description:** The award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. Open only to girls in high school, this prestigious award challenges the scout to change the world - or at least her corner of it. Following the Standards of Excellence challenges the scout to develop herself as a leader, achieve the Girl Scout Leadership Outcomes and make a mark on her community that creates a lasting impact on the lives of others. By the time the scout has put the final touches on her seven-step project, she will have solved a community problem, not only in the short term, but for years in the future as well.



**Megan's Project:** My project will address the issue that women have a hard time finding a comfortable environment in which they can learn to sail and women are often underrepresented compared to men in sailing regattas. I lent my sailing expertise to empower women in The Women's Sailing Group at Pettipaug Yacht Club during the summer of 2014. During the summer I provided direct on the water instruction, as well as created a manual and three rigging videos which can be used in future years. I implemented the first annual Women's Sailing Regatta. In addition to providing an opportunity for new women skippers to race, I included members of Women's Sailing on the race committee so they could acquire the skills needed to host their own regatta next year.

Priscilla Robinson, [probinson02@snet.net](mailto:probinson02@snet.net)

### HOUSE & GROUNDS

Spring is finally here and we are up and running at the club. Thank you to all the volunteers who made it possible for us to be ready for Commissioning last weekend, the club looked great. Please remember to get a sticker for your boat if you are leaving it at the club, either see and attendant on duty or email Kathryn Ryan at the address below.

**Renovations:** Now that the sails have been relocated next to the Opti shed and the zoning and building permits have been obtained, we will begin renovations on the main building. We will be requesting help at work parties later this spring and summer so please consider joining us on this exciting project. We rely on volunteer help to keep this club running and this project is no exception. Dates and times will be sent through our Pettipaug e-blast so please make sure you are on our list. Thank you.

Kathryn Ryan, Rear Commodore: [kryan1@snet.net](mailto:kryan1@snet.net)

### PETTIPAUG SAILING ACADEMY

Pettipaug Sailing Academy is gearing up for its summer sailing program. **We still have openings in the two morning sessions**, whereas the afternoon classes are mostly filled. Interestingly, this is a significant shift from last year when it was the other way around. If you know of any kids who might be interested in having a fun summer, have them contact us.

The **Parents' Meetings** for this summer are scheduled for Thursday evening at 6:00, on June 25th and for the second session on Thursday, July 16th. Tuition balances for those already enrolled are due by June 9.

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### EVENTS AT ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

travel to Saratoga Springs, NY and Montreal, Quebec to compete with 25 other MCs. It's going to be great fun this Summer. Please come join us and take the MC for a ride.

### MC Scow Regattas

- **HORSE RACE REGATTA**

June 13-14  
Saratoga Springs, NY

- **CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

June 20-21  
Montreal

- **NOR'EASTER REGATTA**

Aug. 22-23  
Keuka Lake, NY

### Powerboat Courses

Paul Risseeuw

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- June 21
- July 5, 19
- Aug. 2, 17, 18, 19, 20
- Sept. 5

(All classes start at 0830)

ECYC invites all PYC members to attend “Teaching Life Lessons and Character through Sailing” on May 31st at 4 p.m. This is excellent for teens and others! Click [here](#) for details.

## Meet the Members

### Toby Doyle

**Editor:** Toby Doyle served on the Board of Governors at PYC for twenty-five years. He resigned last year and was honored at the May 16th Commissioning for his service and commitment to PYC. Commodore Victor Hoehnebart presented Toby with a framed print of “Cats on the Connecticut.

#### **Where did you grow up and how is it that you found your way to PYC?**

I am an Essex native, I grew up on Collins Lane on Middle Cove.

My father was born and lived in Essex and my parents were members of PYC before I was born. I've attached a photo of me and my Mom at Pettipaug in 1957. [Toby is the little guy in the red suit next to his Mom.] Things really haven't changed much, families are still doing the same thing at Pettipaug. I also have attached a photo of my Dad sailing his Suicide class boat at Pettipaug in the early 50's.

#### **Did your vocation as an attorney overlap in anyway with your love of boating?**

Other than being a sailing instructor at Pettipaug, no. My vocations in the law provided, and continue to provide me with the means and opportunity to pursue and enjoy my aquatic inrerests.

#### **What are your sailing and other aspirations for the summer of 2015?**

Our Etchells fleet 24 has moved from Duck Island to Niantic Bay Yacht Club, I am looking forward to sailing in Niantic Bay. Fellow sailing academy alumnus Chris Morano and I, after graduating from

Bee school this spring, are looking forward to tending our hives and hoping for a successful beekeeping season.

#### **Do you have a PYC memory that you would like to share?**

Lastly, my best PYC memory is a general one and involves my time at the sailing academy. The friends I made at the sailing academy have remained my best friends, like Chris Morano, Chuck Poindexter and Cindv Gibbs. and I continue to sail with them and against them.



## Brian Willis

**Editor:** You are such an unassuming person so I added the small details about WWII and Helena Rubenstein, as your involvement in both fascinate me. Brian is a watercolorist who has had his work displayed in local galleries and art shows. We have included a photo of Brian building a shed.



### **Where were you born and how did find your way to Essex and PYC?**

I grew up in Enfield in the county of Middlesex - England. I sailed a National 12 at a club in Broxbourne on the River Lee, which became a site for the 2012 Olympics. The river is so narrow there, it was considered "sailing on wet grass".

When Rosemary and I moved from Long Island to Deep River, we quickly learned about the PYC and soon joined the club. I sold my Laser about this time and crewed in Jim Costello's Blue Jay for one season. We came in nearly last in every race - until the last one which we won!

### **What are your boating and other aspirations for this summer?**

I don't have any boating aspirations this year (gardening is something that doesn't require quick thinking and rapid movement) although I love being afloat. I hope to display paintings later this year, however, I'm trying to learn how to use acrylic paint which can be quite satisfying. As you know, my career with Helena Rubenstein hardly involved any sailing activity. I like working with wood and, since you asked for a picture, here's me making a small shed.

## Stephanie Taylor

### **How Long have you been member and how did you find your way to PYC?**

I have been a member of PYC for about 9 years when my husband, Cameron, wandered down a dirt road and found this "treasure". I continue to live in Deep River.



### **Please tell us a little about your life, past and present career, avocations etc?**

I grew up in the Boston area and moved to CT when I became my husband's "better half". I have a Master's degree in Nursing and am employed as an APRN (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse) at Trinity College in Hartford. My avocation for many years was dance, mainly musical theater and ballet (prior to post-menopausal weight gain). I have performed in a number of musicals including *On Your Toes*, *Cabaret* and *42nd Street* and continue to be in the New Haven Ballet's *Nutcracker* every December in the party scene at the

... dance fundraiser every December in the party scene at the Shubert Theater.

### **Would you share a Pettipaug memory with us?**

Having never sailed personally prior to joining PYC, I have been involved with the Women's Sailing Group for the last 3 years. This group of non-threatening sailors of all levels has afforded many of us the confidence to get out on the water.

## **Aurora Courcy**

**Hi Aurora. You have been at Pettipaug since you were a very little girl ... you look to be about three or four in this photo. Do you have a special memory of a time that you would like to share with us?**



I personally remember my father, my brother, and me out on the Sunfish, when suddenly my dad capsized us. It was low tide and we stood there laughing. We capsized a couple more times and my dad let me drive. When we got back to the dock my mom asked if we were ok and got us warm clothes.

**You are about twelve years old now? Are you going to rejoin PSA this summer? Was last summer your first year in the program?**

I'm now 12 and going on my 4th full summer of PSA and by the end of this summer I will have 8 summer sessions under my belt.

**You and your brother Stephen seem to really love swimming, boating and going over to the sand-bar. Did you ever have a great adventure there?**

Yes, when we were about 6 and 9 and were on the sandbar with some friends and we got to the side of the sand bar with the slippery mud. We were slipping and sliding when Stephen came up behind me and pushed me. I grabbed his ankle, we both fell in the mud. We laughed and got filthy. It was so much fun!

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## **A May Memory**

by Priscilla Robinson

It was a day in May, perhaps 2010 and it was my first Commodore's Handicap Race and Commissioning. Bob Scholes, past Commodore had



just passed the baton to Cameron Taylor. Cameron was sporting a 420 this day. There were at least 25 boats at the start and the wind picked-up. I had asked my dear friend Karin Badger if I could borrow

her husband Jim Pinno to skipper my stable but extremely slow O'Day Widgeon. Jim had both skippered and crewed on large boats, had a formidable career as a sailmaker and was currently employed by Brewer's Yacht Yard in Branford. Neither of us had ever sailed in a small boat on the Connecticut River during a spring freshet and the wakes of large powerboats.

The day was exquisite, the water cold and choppy and it was a slalom course around the debris coming down from the north ( we fortunately did not capsize). Ed Birch took this great photo of us as he went zipping by, leaving us in his wake. I cherish this photo and I cherish that day on the Connecticut River. Jim Pinno died last January. What a Lucky Duck I was to have this memory of Jim and me in my Widgeon.

## Wanted / For Sale Lost & Found

### WANTED

- Recently retired new PYC member with 14'O'Day Javelin (day sail) wants **sailing partner**. Weekends or weekdays. No schedule. Bill Nitschke Cell: 914.323.8958.
- **Marine articles** for Mid-Summer tag sale, July 25th. Please contact David Courant 86.575.8584.
- **SUP** for Women's Sailing Group. Donations are very welcome. Thank you. [Probinson02@snet.net](mailto:Probinson02@snet.net)

### FOR SALE

- **15' Boston Whaler (1987)**, 60 hp Evinrude E-Tech (2008), trailer with new axle, springs and wheels (2014). All wood has been replaced with King Starboard ("plastic") so zero maintenance. \$8,500. Boat is at Pettipaug. Son is gone and we bought a pontoon boat!! Paul Risseuw 860-575-8252.



- **O'Pen Bic Sailboat in great shape** (see photo) \$2K 860-304-5656. Call Molly Osborne in downtown Essex for viewing.
- **Alden 18 Rowing Shell** 18' long x 29" wide. Hardly used \$1500. [caktest611@gmail.com](mailto:caktest611@gmail.com) or 860-399-7333.

### LOST

- Oblong 3' x 14" pumpkin pine wood **cutting board**... used to serve fruit, cheese, etc. on. Please leave message

if found: 860.526.2775.

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