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Tugboat Captain and PYC member Jeff McAllister adrift on the Connecticut River.

Photo by Jessica Kostoff.

SUMMER 2016...Welcome to PYC !

We've lost good friends in 2015 and 2016. However, their years of contributing to PYC/PSA has enabled us as a club and organization to learn from their tutorials and move forward in a direction that encompasses their vision and dreams.

Hello to all existing and welcome to all new members. The sun is shining, the wind is blowing, the sand bar persists and appears to be expanding! The clubhouse's work in progress is a tribute to the skill and determination of Sandy Sanstrom and all those lending a hand. We all thank and applaud this extraordinary effort.

The officers of Pettipaug Yacht Club 2016:

Commodore: David Courcy

Vice Commodore: Kathryn Ryan

Rear Commodore: Steve Dix

Priscilla Robinson



2016 SUMMER EVENTS

All event at PYC unless indicated otherwise.

Regattas & Races

PYC Race Chairman

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- Jul 23 - Mid-Summer Handicap Regatta
- Jul 24 - One Design Regatta for MC Scows only
- Aug 6 - One Design Regatta for MC Scows only
- Aug 7 - One Design Regatta*
- Sep 17 - One Design Regatta for MC Scows only
- Sep 18 - One Design Regatta*
- Oct 1 - EYC Thomas Willets Memorial Race
- Oct 8 - EYC Thomas Clark

News & Updates

PETTIPAUG SAILING ACADEMY - SUMMER 2016

Welcome to PSA 2016. We expect to have a great season under our new director, Ann Courcy. We have been busy getting ready for the summer. Our JI's have been helping get our boats and sails ready and many dedicated volunteers under the direction of Sandy Sanstrom have been busy getting our new PSA room ready. Those that have students in our program this summer are invited to our parents' meeting on Thursday, June 23 at 6:00pm at PYC. Please come and meet our staff: Maria Keogh, Kyle Fasulo, Chris Angiers, Ryan Cartelli, Kelsey Foster, Michaela Pace and Austin Rannestad. Remember boat check in is on Saturday, June 18, 9-12.

We are looking forward to instructing students in our optis, 420's, lasers, blue jays and windsurfers. In addition, we plan to have 6 Optis ready for sailors who are also interested in learning to row a boat, an historic and valuable skill. Lynn Richardson donated a Bauer 12 sailboat to the sailing program which will be used to implement our Adventure Sailing this summer. We will also continue to develop and teach lessons from US Sailing STEM curriculum to supplement our on the water instruction. Summer is right around the corner and we can't wait to meet our young sailors and take to the water.

Ann Courcy, Director ann.courcy@comcast.net

Kathryn Ryan, Chairperson PSA kmryan1995@gmail.com

HOUSE & GROUNDS

Season 2016... there will be a new plan for identifying the trailers and boat owners. All must be labeled with the owner's name. We will have a label machine available to make this process easy.

1. Roads have been graded with new stone added with help of John Rannestad and his trusty tractor.
2. The upgrade to the Rowing Dock is complete with many helping hands and big push by Dave Courcy to update the structure and add new floatation.
3. Connecticut Dock and Dredge donated one piling and we salvaged two from the River, saving us \$1500 on the new pilings.
4. A new yard service contractor Attention2Detail is learning how to work with us as we move boats and make this job quick and easy for them and much lower cost for us.

Their mission is cutting grass and we will need volunteers to show up at 8:30 sharp on Saturday mornings to move boats so their crew can move quickly and easily.

Please contact Steve Dix: spdix@comcast.net /860.391.2040 and add your name to the calendar. This is a great way to give back to Pettipaug, get a good workout

Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10:00 and when your done it time to get the boat in the water and enjoy this wonderful water wonderland!
Steve Dix, Rear Commodore: spdix@comcast.net

• Oct 8 - ETO Thomas Clark Memorial Race
• Oct 15 - Charles Birch Memorial Race
• Oct 15 - Robin Starr Handicap Race
* For Blue Jays, Club 420s, Optis & Lasers

FLEET CAPTAINS

Lasers: Patrick Connelly
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MC Scows: Chris Moore
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Blue Jays: Priscilla Robinson
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Please contact John Kennedy if you are interested in helping with Race Committee duties.

Women's Sailing Group

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• TUESDAY SAIL

@ 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

Thursdays @ 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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• MC SCOW GET TOGETHER

Thursday evenings @ 5p

• NOR'EASTER REGATTA

Aug. ???

Keuka Lake, NY

Powerboat Courses

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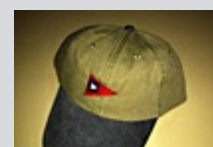
- Jun 19
- Jul 16 & 17
- Aug 27 & 28
- Sep 10 & 11

PYC Ship's Store

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2016 SUMMER EVENTS

Thank you for an awesome year in 2015 and we are very much looking forward to continuing it to an even higher level this season. Our **Mid-Summer Party** this year will be in the "Caribbean" theme and we are accepting all volunteers help to make it very special. A Marine Tee Sale & Silent Auction in collaboration with the Women's Sailing Group will be held during the party. We welcome all new members to attend and "meet & greet" fellow PYC members.

Dates for all events are as follows:

- Mid-Summer Party – July 23rd
- Decommissioning – October 15th
- Annual Dinner – November 12th

Once again... thank you to all members, volunteers and those who just care about our wonderful club.

David Courant, Events & Activities Chairman ddquant@yahoo.com

CLUB KODOS ... SANDY SANSTROM'S SITINGS!


Thanks to these PYC volunteers who make our club a better place.

A small recognition to the **Klin family**. At least once a week Barbara Klin and one or more of her youngsters take a hike down to Pettipaug which leads them way south past the Essex Boat Club and back. On every occasion they return from their adventure with a full trash bag or two full of junk. The amount of plastic in the Connecticut River that washes ashore is astounding and the amount that the Klins collect comes from just a mile of shoreline from the 410 mile long river is amazing. Having grown up with the "please, please don't be a litter bug" jingle and Ladybird Johnson's "make America beautiful" campaign it seems shameful that so many people don't respect our beautiful outdoors but heartening that at least one family is trying to make a difference.

Norwood "Woody" Wheeler has spent many hours this spring messing about in boats: the club power boats. Installing fenders, patching holes and doing general maintenance. Woody has helped prepare the fleet for this summer's duty.

Many thanks to **George Mayer** who regularly walks the road down to PYC with a pair of shears and trims back the endless vines and branches that are determined to obliterate our passageway. George is a trail clearing Ninja, without his many visitations, we would be reduced to a goat path and our many vehicles would be scratched to bare metal.

And thanks to **Amy Pullin** who has been painting the new bathroom ceilings at the club. Amy says she would have more time to devote to getting ready for the PSA season if she didn't have to follow up with those members who have not yet paid their dues. All our flag officers and board members are volunteers who spend a lot of time



Hats, Belts, Sandals, Tote Bags, Visors, Dog Collars, Key Fobs, Burgees, Lapel Pins. See the back inside cover of the 2016 PYC Yearbook for photos of the Ship's Store items.

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working on club business, paying dues on time is the least you can do to help.

Many thanks to each and all!

Sandy Sanstrom wsanstrom@comcast.net

WOMEN'S SAILING GROUP

We kicked off our 5th Season on June 14th and we have at the very least 24 members! Very exciting as our core group and the new members will share their skills and love of sailing. **IMPORTANT:** The Women's Sailing Group will be hosting their second **Silent Auction at the Mid-Summer Party** on July 23rd. The donations that have already come our way are:

- Fall Swallow Cruise aboard Mary Risseeuw's pontoon boat (4) bid opens at \$125.00
- Dark & Stormy Party aboard Doyle/Murano Lobster Boat (6) bid opens at \$150.00
- Lunch cruise to Hamburg Cove aboard Julie and Bill Dunbar's 29' Pilgrim (4) bid opens at \$125.00
- "A PICNIC BASKET" (to take along with one of the above... bid opens at \$50.00
- Big Big Vermont Teddy Bear bid opens at \$35.00

MANY more to come! Watch for updates! If you have something to donate please contact: Mary Risseeuw at mrisseeuw@aol.com

THANK YOU!

Priscilla Robinson probinson02@snet.net

Meet the Members

Staying with the *Fore and Aft* tradition, we will continue our series on "Where have all the Cowboys gone" and tap the shoulders of many of the club members who have in the past, built PYC, those who have sustained PYC and those who are the future of PYC. Please meet Bob Wynkoop.

Oh, the travels you take. Two of PYC Women's Sailing Group members share their October racing adventure.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE COWBOYS GONE?

Bill Wynkoop

I'm relatively new at Pettipaug, having joined the club in 2014. Truth be told I sort of had an extended guest pass for much of the 2013 season as well. Steve Dix introduced me to the club when he and I were out looking to establish a MC scow fleet in Connecticut. I have lived in Glastonbury since 1983 where my wife Dawn and I have raised three terrific boys. It's a bit of a drive down to PYC but I enjoy

raised three terrific boys. He's a bit of a dare devil but he can't enjoy it and have found several back road routes to change up the scenery now and then.

Sailing has always been a part of my life going back to our Family's vacation homestead property on Crystal Lake in northern Michigan. It's there that I raced scows of various types from a young age, first skipping a Blue jay like "WP" at the age of 13, then a 20 foot C-scow at 16 and eventually purchasing my first 28 foot "E-scow just after college. My addiction has taken me to all areas of the country to compete against some of the best in the business. While I claim no fame of my own I have known many famous scow sailors including America's cup skipper Buddy Melges and other Olympic sailors.

Now that I'm looking 60 in the face, I find something a little simpler which doesn't require a crew suits me best; the MC scow class is the boat for me. With the help of many new friends at PYC, we've established the 99th MC fleet in North America. With other fleets somewhat close by in Montreal, Saratoga Springs, NY and Keuka Lake, NY we have a fun Northeast group to play with at regattas.



"In the Money!"

Laura Nunno, Captain David Coller, Diane Chodkowski

Laura Nunno & Diane Chodkowski

Women's Sailing Group members

Diane Chodkowski and Laura Nunno came in third in class aboard Schooner *Renegade* in the 31st Annual Gloucester Schooner festival Mayor's Race held on Sept 6, 2015. Laura and Diane met at the PYC Women's Sailing Group last summer where they quickly became sailing buddies. David Coller (Diane's boyfriend) and his 36-foot gaff schooner *Renegade* had just returned from a summer adventure to Newfoundland and Nova Scotia



Diane invited Laura and two others to help crew on the weekend schooner excursion. Lucky for Diane and Laura, the two other crew couldn't make it, allowing plenty of schooner sailing experience for the WSG recruits. And very lucky for Captain David, Laura and Diane had honed their racing skills that summer on PYC's 420s, and a more enthusiastic crew could not be found!

David taught the intricacies of gaff-rigged schooner handling (5 sails that weekend – mainsail, foresail, fore staysail, gib – and the challenge of running back stays!). It was a beautiful weekend with moderate breezes. Over 25 schooners participated. A huge highlight of the weekend (besides coming in third, in an exciting neck-and-neck finish) was sailing with the exquisite newly built and launched *Columbia*!!! This 141 foot replica of the original 1923 *Columbia* was a sleek, fast pristine yacht. David, Diane and Laura also enjoyed an extensive tour of the Fort McHenry Naval Ship visiting Gloucester Harbor for the weekend. You never know who you can meet at PYC!!! Thank you David Coller and the beautiful *Renegade*!!
By Dr. Laura Nunno

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Please help us and contribute photos, articles, questions, comments and FOR SALE and WANTED items.

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