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Summertime 2015

"The summer of '28 was a vintage season for a growing boy. A summer of green apple trees, mowed lawns, and new sneakers. Of half-burnt firecrackers, of gathering dandelions, of Grandma's belly-busting dinner. It was a summer of sorrows and marvels and gold-fuzzed bees. A magical, timeless summer in the life of a twelve-year-old boy...."

excerpt from *Dandelion Wine* by Ray Bradbury

Summer brings out the child in many of us. After a winter of relentless snow, wind and plummeting temperatures, it is good to to finally feel the sun on our cheeks, grass between our toes, a popsicle to share and Pettipaug open for another summer season of adventures and stories to savor for months and years to come. Members Bob and Barbara Hughes summon this up best:

"Pettipaug is our favorite place in Essex. The MacElwees introduced it to us when we moved here 15 years ago and we joined immediately. When no one is around our dog, Lily races down the dock, takes a mighty leap and fetches the ball Bob throws. Potluck picnics are a great way to spend a summer evening. We enjoy a glass of wine on late afternoons in the fall when the only sound is the quiet lapping of the waves.

Watching river activity reminds us of our summer cruises to the Vineyard which included going up the



2015 SUMMER EVENTS

All event at PYC unless indicated otherwise.

Club Events

Contact:

ddquant@yahoo.com

860.575.8584

• MID-SUMMER PARTY

July 25, 2015 @ 1700

See details at left.

July Races

Contact:

PYC Race Chairman

kdesign@snet.net

860.395.8285

• ONE DESIGN REGATTA

July 18 @ 1300

• Mid-Summer Handicap Regatta

July 25 @ 1330

FLEET CAPTAINS

Lasers: Patrick Connelly

860.463.0577

Optis: Ernst Zwikker

954.294.8332

MC Scows: Chris Moore

860.391.2040

Blue Jays: Priscilla Robinson

860.526.2775

river to Goodspeed and an overnight stay in Hamburg Cove. Although our active sailing days are in the past we still appreciate our inclusion in what we affectionately refer to as "the Porch".

By Priscilla Robinson, Editor

Latest Race Results

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COMMODORE'S HANDICAP RACE - MAY 16, 2015



ONE DESIGN REGATTA - MAY 23, 2015



HAWKINS PYC TEAM RACE WINNERS (PYC vs ECYC)

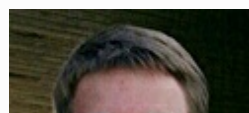
MAY 30, 2015

(l to r) Frank Hall, Priscilla Robinson, PYC Team Captain Toby Doyle, Ed Birch, John Lombard, Jr.

Summer Attendant

Austin Rannestad

Austin Rannestad is the our weekend Head summer attendant.



Please contact John Kennedy if you are interested in helping with Race Committee duties.

Women's Sailing Group

Contact:

Priscilla Robinson

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860.526.2775

• 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

Contact:

Bob Wynkoop

wynkoop@sbcglobal.net

860.324.4586

• MC SCOW GET TOGETHER

Thursday evenings @ 5p

• NOR'EASTER REGATTA

Aug. 22-23

Keuka Lake, NY

Powerboat Courses

Paul Risseeuw

prisseeuw@aol.com

860.767.1995

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

(All classes start at 0830)

What days and hours will you be working this summer?

I work on weekends from 9 am to 5 pm, but I also sometimes work on holidays.



Where do you live and what grade will you be entering this fall?

I live in Chester and I am going to be a senior at Valley in the fall.

How long have you and your family been PYC members?

My family is new to PYC because we just joined last year but I have been around PYC for several years.

Did you attend PSA?

I went to PSA for about 6 or 7 years and was a junior instructor for 2 of those years.

What type of boating experience do you have?

I have been around boats for most of my life. I would go to Cape Cod as a child and we would sometime rent a boat. I also have a 23-foot Parker which I've had since 2nd grade and a 16-foot Dauntless Boston Whaler that I bought last year. I also have several years of sailing experience from PSA.

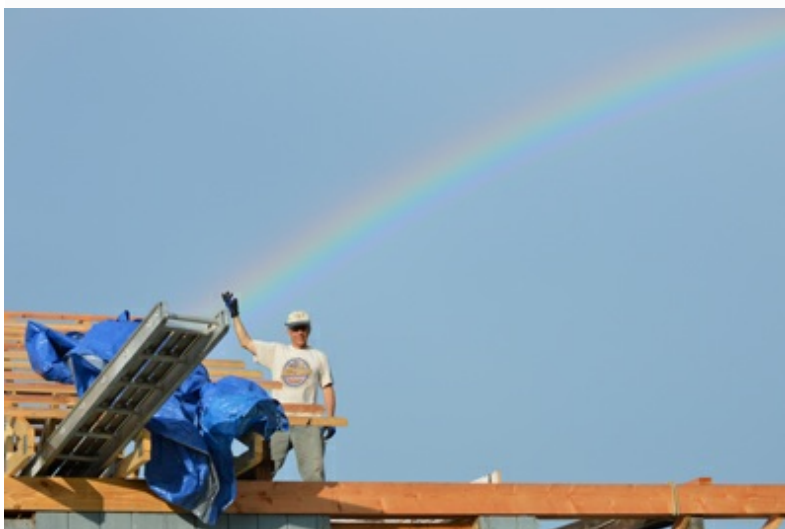
News & Updates

MID-SUMMER PARTY & MARINE TAG SALE

July 25, 2015 @ 1700

Theme: 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.



While working on the new roof at PYC Paul Mikulak decided to create a rainbow. He then created a unicorn but it was too fast to capture on film. Photo by: Sandy Sanstrom

HOUSE & GROUNDS

We have started the first stage of the building renovation with the replacement of the flat shed roof on the south side of the building.

Once the new roof is in place, we can begin framing in the new space below to make a new room. These changes will be taking place this month. Thank you to all who have been requesting boat stickers, it is great to have such cooperation among the members to help us keep our boat storage area neat and accessible to as many members as possible.

Now that we are in summer mode, please know we have an attendant on duty Saturday and Sunday from 9-5. Our attendant this summer is Valley Regional High School student Austin Rannestad. Austin is happy to help you on the weekends, please introduce yourselves to him.

Kathryn Ryan, Rear Commodore: kryan1@snet.net



PYC winners of the Horse Race holding framed pictures (l to r): Steven Dix, Burke Wasserman and John Kihm.

MC SCOW UPDATE

PYC Sweeps the Horse Race in Saratoga, NY

by Bob Wynkoop

Seven Pettipaug YC MC scows traveled to Saratoga Lake Sailing Club last weekend (June 13-14) for an international gathering of 17 MC racers to compete in the "Horse Race Regatta", just three hours drive from their home club. Rain, lightning and a small tornado ravaged the area on Friday evening but moved out by morning to reveal a beautiful venue for the competition. Alas, the high pressure following the storm meant little wind in defiance of the predicted 8-10. After being coaxed onto the water several times by what seemed to be a freshening breeze, PRO Chris Norman did his best but was only able to complete one short race in 0-3 kts. PYC had a fantastic showing, finishing 1, 2, 3 with Steve Dix and Burke Wasserman way out front. John Kihm was just able to eek out third place at the line for the PYC sweep. The group had a lot of fun at the event meeting

new friends from Montreal, Saratoga and New Jersey while enjoying hot meals and cold draught beer. Most people stayed overnight at the expansive club, playing Euchre (card game) late into the night after enjoying downtown Saratoga Springs earlier. Regrettably, Sunday's wind was no better so the group packed up early and headed home. Several left their boats in the storage lot ready for pick up on their way to the MC Canadian championship regatta next Friday.

PYC SHIP'S STORE

The Ship's Store is now located on our PYC Website.

Belts, Sandals, Tote Bags, Hats, Dog Collars, Key Fobs, Burgees, Lapel Pins.

(Note: Sandals run a full size small ... no half sizes ... please order one full size up, so a 9 sneaker wears a 10 sandal.)

[Click here to start shopping.](#)



Meet the Members

Linda Shemwell

I think I joined PYC about 6 or 7 years ago, thanks to college roommate (Univ. of Arizona) Nancy Harris and husband Reese. But in 1978, when I was living in Glastonbury CT, I came down to visit them a lot in Essex and actually took a few adult lessons with Nancy at Pettipaug. Sadly, there was no wind that session and we never even got to take the tiller!



A former librarian, then pharmaceutical sales rep for years, I lived in Mass. and CT for 24 years as an adult. However, 21 years ago, my hometown of Shreveport LA called me back. There I went into real estate and eventually joined the Shreveport Yacht Club on a large lake, just to have a place for serenity and stress reduction. One day, someone mentioned adult sailing lessons and it hit me...I could learn to sail! I have been totally hooked on sailing ever since. My first sailboat was given to me by a couple who wanted to sell their Catalina 22, but decided to give it to me instead because "We think you love sailing more than anyone we've ever met." I now have a Hunter 216 in Shreveport.

After some years in Louisiana, I missed CT, so I bought a small condo in Deep River. My retirement venture is exceedingly stressful, having started a no-kill animal shelter (Pet Savers) in Shreveport 10 years ago. Now I spend 3 months here, and PYC is a big part of my summer, along with mate Jeff Brainard, who is a member. My boat at Pettipaug is *Sailor's Delight*, a Hunter 140 ... a smaller version of my Hunter at home. I love sailing it in WSG and sharing a little knowledge with the women who are new to sailing.

My funniest experiences have to do with adjusting to tide, current, sandbars, rocks, and so many big motorboats ... none of which we need to worry about on our huge open lake in Louisiana. Priscilla, Paul Mikulak. Stephanie Taylor. and Laura Nunno have all gotten to

Paul Winkler, Stephanie Taylor, and Laura Harris have all gotten to share the experiences with me!

PYC is special because it's so rustic and simple and easy. It's our deck for cocktails since the condo doesn't have one. It's a place to meet wonderful new friends, and still get to spend time with my oldest friends, Nancy and Reese. It's my "happy place" that I dream about the other 9 months of the year.

Julie Dunbar

Bill and I have been members of Pettipaug since moving to CT in 2007 and did so because the Club meant a lot to us.



In 1974 Pettipaug YC hosted the Blue Jay Nationals. We had recently purchased a Blue Jay for our family as the children were enrolled in the Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club program. There we learned about Pettipaug and the Nationals because so many SSSYC sailors were planning to attend. So, up we came our Blue Jay in tow to participate in our daughter's first National Regatta.

Bill got up early the first day, helped with all the necessary measuring etc. and spent an hour or so sitting with Deborah on the rocks pointing out how the tide flowed with a strong current and that there were barges to watch out for, etc. etc. Now, it turned out that she and her crew did not make the weight limit so they had to take a 3rd crew. Fortunately, one of our SSSYC friends had brought their small eight year old son with them and he was promptly enlisted and was put forward almost under the foredeck with the spinnaker bucket, anchor and sponge(all which were measurement requirements). Now, off to the starting line – and – just as the flag went up to start his jumping beans fell out of his pocket and started jumping up and down between the floorboards. Of course, everyone in the boat went to grab them moving this way and that, falling over each other in the process, but, wouldn't you know, they were first over the line!!

The next adventure that day was Debbi's crew member falling overboard as they were sailing. The tide was such that they could just reach over, grab her by the belt and pull her back into the boat without missing a beat.

And finally, when the wind picked up to a howl and they were flying their spinnaker plus headed toward a tanker, they flipped! So, her first Blue Jay Nationals was packed with action and her love of sailing only increased.

From this point on, my husband Bill went on to become President of the International Blue Jay Class Association in 1984 with me, Julie, becoming Secretary and daughter Deborah made All American

becoming secretary and daughter. Boban made an American, honorable mention, representing the US Naval Academy. But, the sailing "love affair" started with the Pettipaug YC Blue Jay Nationals.

P.S.

Recently, Bill and I retired as President and Secretary of IBJCA, and because Pettipaug had started a Women's Sailing Program using the Blue Jays which had been so much a part of our families' life, we donated our Blue Jay *Streaker* and one of the BJ National Perpetual Trophies to be awarded to the top female skipper from the Women's Sailing Group, which was won by Marianne McAllister in both 2013 and 2014.



Last month we interviewed Brian Willis, this is one of Brian's watercolors.

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.

FOR SALE

• **JY 15** - Good condition JY15 with main, jib and includes dolly. She has been frost biting and sailed at the club Hull Number JYFA02439F898. \$1000.00 OBO. Boat is in Glastonbury, but can be brought to Pettipaug. Tom Jakowenko 860.623.5920.

• **Dyer Dhow sailing dinghy** - Completely refurbished including new sail, mast, boom, rudder, oars and centerboard. \$975. Bob Hughes - 860.767.7275 or rhughes15@comcast.net.

• **Kayak** - "Old Town", 14'9". Asking \$300. includes paddle, and skirt.

Sam Rogers 860-767-7628 email: Samuel_rogers@sbcglobal.net.

- **1990 Blue Jay with trailer** - In good condition. \$1200.00 Contact: dbaileyscharf@yahoo.com Martha Stone after 6pm at 860-349-9935.

- **Big Bag of sails** - all shapes, colors and sizes; all in good condition: \$125.00 for all. PYC Women's Sailing Group probinson02@snet.net.

MARINE ITEMS FOR SALE

- **25' 5/16 chain + 110' 5/8 anchor rode** ... \$100.00
- **50' 5/16 chain + 150' 5/8 anchor rode** ... \$150.00
- **22# Delta fast-set anchor** ... \$75.00
- **New Single 30 amp to twin 30 amp adaptor** ... \$100.00
- **Twin 30 amp power cord** ... \$20.00
- **2 Offshore vests** ... \$20.00 each
- **2 rail-mounted fender holders** ... \$20.00
- **Dingy fuel tank** ... \$20.00

Contact Bill Scharfenstein at dbaileyscharf@yahoo.com or 860.767.0405.

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