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"The Sailing Class" by Max Greenwood (2016)

Photo by Stephen Dix

SUMMER 2017 ... Welcome to PYC!

David Courcy - PYC Commodore

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WELCOME to all returning members and welcome to those of you who are new members. 2017 will be another summer season at Pettipaug Yacht Club filled with the wonderful world of dingy sailing, shell rowing and all things outdoors on the Connecticut River in Essex, Connecticut. PYC is a seasonal yacht club beginning its "commissioned" year in May and ending in October. I look forward to meeting you at our parties and seeing you on the deck! Enjoy your summer, enjoy PYC.



2017 SUMMER EVENTS

All event at PYC unless indicated otherwise.

Regattas & Races

PYC Race Chairman

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- Jul 22 - Mid-Summer Handicap Regatta
- Jul 23 - One Design Regatta for MC Scows only
- Aug 5 - One Design Regatta for MC Scows only

News & Updates

PETTIPAUG SAILING ACADEMY - SUMMER 2017

Kathryn Ryan - PSA Chairperson

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Pettipaug Sailing Academy is looking forward to another great season in 2017. We are pleased to have Ann Courcy returning as a director to lead our program. This summer we plan to continue sailing in Optis, 420's, our growing Laser fleet, classic Blue Jays, as well as enjoy a second season in our Bauer 12 daysailer. With the addition of some newly donated windsurfer equipment, there will be no shortage of ways to have fun at PSA this summer.

New this year, EYC and ECYC will be hosting our racers for a day of Ideal sailing. Of course we will continue our traditions too which include our Nott Island Picnic and hosting the Paul Risseeuw Junior Sailing Regatta in August. While first session classes are already near capacity, there are spots still available second session (July 24-August 11), so please encourage anyone you know who might be interested to reach out and sign up soon to join in the fun. We look forward to welcoming back many familiar faces as well as meeting our new sailors.

Ann Courcy, PSA Director ann.courcy@comcast.net

2017 SUMMER EVENTS

David Courant, Secretary and Entertainment Chairperson

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Welcome back to the 2017 season at PYC / PSA and glad to be on the river!!! Our season looks great and much happening for an even more exciting year. Our schedule of events are:

- July 22nd - Mid-Summer Party
- October 14th - Decommissioning
- November 11th - Annual Dinner

PYC MID-SUMMER PARTY HOEDOWN



The Mid-Summer Party will be a **Hoedown, Western-style theme** with prizes for the best Western Costume. Please bring your best Southern Eats and join the rodeo!!!

Be sure to take part in the Women's Sailing Group's silent auction. Great items and adventures to purchase and the profits go towards PSA and WSG.

See you there and we welcome all new members as well as ones who wish to join!

PYC RACING

John Kennedy - Chairman

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PYC Racing is at the heart of PYC's inception in that racing cannot

MC Scows only

- Aug 6 - One Design Regatta*
- Sep 16 - One Design Regatta for MC Scows only
- Sep 17 - One Design Regatta*
- Sep 30 - EYC Thomas Willets Memorial Race
- Oct 7 - EYC Thomas Clark Memorial Race
- Oct 14 - Charles Birch Memorial Race
- Oct 14 - Robin Starr Handicap Race

* For Blue Jays, Club 420s, Optis & Lasers

FLEET CAPTAINS

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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 FOR EXPERIENCED SAILORS

@ 5:30 p.m. (or when you arrive) Short meeting, boat rigging, hoisting, sailing and post-race camaraderie. Please bring something to share.

• WEDNESDAY SAIL FOR BEGINNERS (NO RACING)

@ 5:30 p.m. (or when you arrive) Short meeting, some instruction and pleasure sailing, post-sail get-together. Please bring something to share.

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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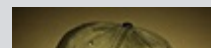
Click [here](#) for details about the 2017 course and schedule.

PYC Ship's Store

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PYC racing is at the heart of PYC's mission in that racing cannot help but advance one's sailing skills. One-class races in centerboard dinghies (typically Blue Jays and Lasers) are held monthly for members.



PYC sacked EYC in the 2017 Annual "HAWKIN'S RACE"

"The winning team" features PYC team captain: Ed Birch, crew: Laura Nunno; Toby Doyle, crew: Priscilla Robinson; and Tom Atkinson, crew: Linda Shemwell.



Great day on the water for PYC ... winning 4 out of the 5 completed races. The Essex Yacht Club graciously served lunch and the race results were calculated, the trophy awarded, pictures taken and the beer was still ice cold! Kudos to EYC/PYC

race committee. Pictured here: PYC Membership Chairperson Amy Pullin between PYC Race Committee Kyle Fasulo (l) and Marcus Garafalo (r).

WATCH FOR NEWS on the up-coming late August "William & Julie Dunbar Blue-Jay Regatta".



MC SCOW FLEET

By Bob Wynkoop

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Part of the fun of the MC scow class is the opportunity to compete at new venues where other MC race. Five PYC MC scow sailors drove to upper Michigan last August to participate in the National Championship on Crystal Lake as part of the 100 boat fleet. It was an awesome sight on the starting line and took quite a bit of maneuvering to stay in clean air. PYC was well represented at this

years MC scow Midwinters Championship Regatta at Lake Eustis, FL. Jordan Murphy, Dirk Plas, Chris Moore, Bob Wynkoop and Burke Wasserman made up the largest single out of state club contingent at the event. A great time was had by all but, alas, we had to return to the late winter stormy weather up north.

The PYC MC scow fleet has grown over the winter. Keith Kraner and



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.

[Click here to start shopping.](#)

Bob Wynkoop invested in a fleet builder boat, MC 2216, from Indiana which is in great shape and available to purchase. Burke Wasserman upgraded to a newer boat, making his original blue hulled beauty also available to someone to join the fleet. We have a great group of enthusiastic sailors focused on fun. Contact any of us for a try out sail on a MC - we have loaner boats available. The photos above are Chris Moore on the beach at sunrise at the cottage he and others shared at Crystal lake. The other is of Toby Doyle at this year's 99 Bottles of Beer regatta here on the CT River.

WOMEN'S SAILING GROUP

Priscilla Robinson - WSG Chairman

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The Women's Sailing Group at Pettipaug Yacht Club celebrates its 5th year of women of all ages and talents gathering on Tuesday evenings to set sail on the Connecticut River and enjoy one another's company and embrace the skills of sailing. PSA generously loans boats to the Women's Sailing Group to be used on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. WSG, also has boats that may be used by WSG members on other days and evenings.

We have 27 members and decided over the winter to offer Tuesday nights for sage sailors who have generously given their time and effort to help the not so skilled novices. With the continued support from Sandy Sanstrom a dozen women meet on Wednesday nights to learn the basics of rigging, hoisting and the complicated narrative of a sailing: Going left?...turn right! Turn into terror...yikes! WSG does not offer free instruction but we have contacts who will help out any level sailor.

Tuesdays: SAGE SAILORS 5:30 Meet at PYC.

Most of these women are experienced sailors with good skills and great hearts. Sail and bring something to share for apres sailing.

Wednesdays: NAUTICAL NOVICES 5:30 Meet at PYC.

Most of the women are novices who are helping one another with the ever patient and kind guidance from Sandy Sanstrom and Keith Kraner to over-come fears and meet the challenges through knowledge and practice that promote ease on the water. Bring something to share and PFDS!

KUDOS to WSG women for a great start to 2017 Racing Performances: Nunno, Shemwell & Robinson: Hawkin's Race winners. McAllister, over-all 2nd place Winner of Commodore's Handicap Race. Sue Watts earned a distinguished award from ECYC for her 2017 Spring Frost-bite performance.

Third Annual Silent WSG Auction:

We need donations...we have cocktails on a launch, basket of homemade Dark n' Stormy cake, brownies and banana bread, 7.5' rubber raft with paddles, Basket of home-made wine, bread and cheese...need your support. All monies earned from this auction are shared to purchase items for PSA's wish list and repairs and equipment for WSG boats. THANK YOU. Co-chairs: Lisa Fasulo and Priscilla Robinson

For more WSG information please contact:

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SHIP'S STORE

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**Are you looking for a way to volunteer at Pettipaug Yacht Club?
You could volunteer to manage the Ship's Store!!**

It doesn't take much time and I will assist you in any way. Here are some things that the job involves to help you decide:

- You need some space to store the items.
- People usually contact you by email.
- Most times people are willing to pick up the items at my home.
- I will help when it is time to reorder items.
- You need to keep track of sales, sales tax and we file it quarterly (online ... very easy).
- You should plan to bring and sell items to as many of the club events as you can: Commissioning, Summer party, Decommissioning and Annual Party.

Please let me know if you are interested by email:

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ORIGIN OF THE PYC BURGEE

By Sandy Sanstrom

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I've inquired to a couple of long term members whether they had any knowledge of the origins of the Pettipaug burgee with no information forthcoming. So I'll give you my take, purely my own version.



The blue and white part of the burgee represents the "P" (for Pettipaug) signal flag. The red background is the color and shape of the small craft warning signal. Wind is wind for a sailing club. (Too much is not always a bad thing.) The original membership was highly represented by World War II veterans and the early 1950s still held a deep set feeling of patriotism, so the red, white, and blue would have seemed "right".

On a 1625 map what appears to be the Falls River is named the "Pettipaug". The Falls River comes into North Cove westward of the club. The town of Essex was named "Pettipaug(e)" previous to the British raid on the town on April 8th 1814.

Pettipaug is a Pequot word meaning "place of ponds". "Paug" is heard in quite a few town names and places in southern New England, Weekapaug, Pottapaug, it has also been used to describe rivers, lakes, and water. The translation is rough for a few reasons: the Pequot's did not give places names as such because they did not consider them anyone's property or an entity requiring a name. They described many places as "where you go to collect oysters" or

described many places as, where you go to collect oysters or "where the two rivers meet". Also when the Puritans arrived they were not in any way interested in learning what was a very guttural language spoken by "savages". They were more interested in teaching their religion and English to the natives. As there was no writing used, most of the language has been lost. The earliest dictionary of the Pequot language was written when there were very few native speakers left, and because of very different dialects in a very small geographic area it was very hard to nail down a lot of the language. Comparing the native tribe's languages has been compared to the differences in Spanish, Portuguese and Italian. The last two native language speakers who had a full vocabulary, had many examples of a different word for the same object. There were also many small differences in pronunciation of the same word. As this is based on a very brief research, if someone reading this has more or better information please let me know.

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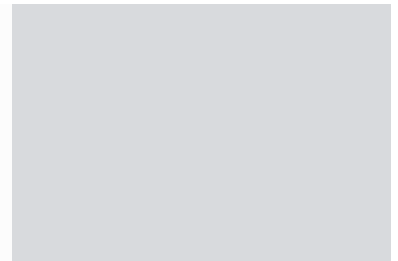
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This is a classic rowing/sailing dory and it is in excellent condition. It is a John Gardner-designed boat and was built at Mystic Seaport. It comes with all lines and rigging, mast, red sail, tiller, centerboard and lightweight wooden oars by Shaw and Tenney of Maine. It comes with a 2008 trailer in excellent condition. \$7000 or best offer.

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