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MC Scows competing on a Tuesday evening last summer. Photo by Stephanie Taylor

Introducing PYC's New Member's Newsletter

FORE & AFT is an e-blast newsletter, written and produced by volunteers and distributed to all PYC members who are in our email database. This will not replace the STARBOARD TACK, but will enable us to disperse information to our members on a timely basis. This is YOUR newsletter so please interact with us and send:

- Photos to be used on our masthead and entered into the annual FORE & AFT contest to be judged in October and winner announced and awarded at the Annual Cocktail Party in November.
- Short articles
- Classified ... FOR SALE/WANTED
- Letters to the editor with suggestions and comments
- Meet the members ... share a PYC memory and experience

Many thanks to our members ... please enjoy.

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News & Updates

PYC ASSESSMENT

In October 2014 the Board of Governors surveyed the membership about renovations/reorganization of the club house. The Board received an overwhelming approval and it was agreed that all members be assessed \$100.00 to fund the project. This money will be specifically allocated to the renovation project and members will



2015 SPRING EVENTS

All event at PYC unless indicated otherwise.

Club Events

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• COMMISSIONING:

May 16 – 1700

• MID-SUMMER PARTY:

July 25 – 1700

• DECOMMISSIONING:

Oct. 17 – 1700

• ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY & AWARDS:

Nov. 14 – 1800

at ECYC, Novelty Lane, Essex, CT 06426

May - June Races

Contact:

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• FIFTH ANNUAL CONNECTICUT RIVER DINGY DISTANCE RACE

May 9 – Start is at 1200

Haddam, CT

Click below for race flyer.

be kept informed about both activities and spending. A new shed was purchased and installed late last summer. Check out the new sail storage area attached to the Opti Shed. If you have not as yet sent in your assessment, please do so: PYC, PO Box 372, Essex, CT 06426. Thank you.

Marian Carson, Treasurer: Lcarson5@snet.net

PYC MEMBERSHIP

There are presently 305 families/members of Pettipaug, and a number of members who have not yet renewed. We hope that you will be with us again for another great season on the water! We ask that you send your dues (and assessment) in as soon as possible, as this helps us in planning another great Summer. After more than a decade of handling the PYC Membership responsibilities, Ed Birch remains on the committee but has passed the Chairmanship onto Karen Kari. Thank you Ed for your service.

Karen Kari, Membership Chairperson: karenkari1@gmail.com

UPDATE ON GROUNDS & BUILDINGS

For members who will be bringing their private boats to Pettipaug this summer, if you do not already have a sticker, please see the attendant on duty for one or email Kathryn Ryan at the address below with your boat information and we will get one for you. Also, please remember you may not store empty trailers at Pettipaug. Thank you for helping keep our boat yard clean and useable for all our members.

Now that the snow has melted, we are looking forward to starting the renovation process later this spring. We are currently working on opening up the old storage sail area in the clubhouse. Our new sail storage tubes are under construction near the Opti Shed. This is the first step in creating the new space in our clubhouse.

Kathryn Ryan, Rear Commodore: kryan1@snet.net

PETTIPAUG SAILING ACADEMY

Please sign-up for the SUMMER 2015 Pettipaug Sailing Academy. There are a few spots open and PSA is always willing to accommodate kids who are interested in learning to sail!

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David Courcy, PSA Chairman: davidcourcy@comcast.net

Paul Risseeuw, PSA Director: prisseeuw@aol.com

For general inquiry: psa@pettipaug.com

WOMEN'S SAILING GROUP

The Women's Sailing Group celebrated the beginning of their 2015 season with a cocktail party held on April 18th and hosted by Doreen Joslow. All PYC women members with an interest in sailing are welcome to join at any time, however, if you have friends who are interested and are not members, please ask them to get their applications in prior to Tuesday June 23rd, our first night of sailing. We meet at 5 at PYC and sail until sunset, then wine and dine on the most delicious shared treats.

Three Blue-Jays – *Salty*, *Blu-By-You*, and *Crow* – will be delivered to PYC by May 7th and be ready to be raced on May 9th (the River Race) and The Commodore's Handicap Race on the 16th. Hopefully *Ducky* (17 ft. Explorer) will also be water-worthy in early May. WSG purchased a better trailer and another 17 ft. Explorer over the winter ... a real fixer-upper. The WSG Boat Maintenance Crew have their work cut out for them to bring *Petunia* back to sea-life.

We are adding "Sailing with the Scows" to our weekly agenda. We will share the PYC waterfront on Thursdays with this group. Courses will be set up, we may do some racing and of course après race parties. We will be scouting about for 420s so please let us know if you know of any and contact:



• COMMODORE'S HANDICAP RACE & COMMISSIONING

May 16 – Race starts at 1300. Please have your boat in the water and race ready!

• ONE DESIGN REGATTA

May 23 – 1200

• HAWKINS TEAM RACE WITH EYC

May 30 – 0900
at Essex Yacht Club

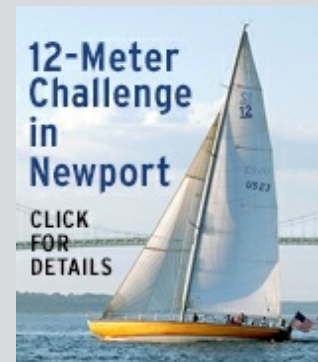
• ONE DESIGN REGATTA

June 6 – 1200

• 12-METER CHALLENGE IN NEWPORT

June 6 – 0900

Click below for details.



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• LAUNDON LOOP REGATTA

Oct. 3 – 0800

Powerboat Courses

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April 26

May 3, 10, 17

June 21

July 5, 19

Aug. 2, 17, 18, 19, 20

you know of any and contact:

Priscilla Robinson, Founder: probins02@snet.net

Kathryn Ryan, Founder: kryan15@snet.net

Stephanie Taylor, Founder: goddess2002@mindspring.com

PYC POWERBOAT COURSE

Information about Pettipaug's hands-on, behind-the-wheel training course is posted on the web site and on the bulletin board at the club. A great way to educate your kids on how to safely drive a boat, get a CT Boater's license and also improve your own skills. See the 2015 schedule of classes at right.

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US SAILING MEMBERSHIP ... Save 20%!

PYC is part of the MVP program and if you sign-up through this MVP program you'll save 20%.

www.ussailing.org/membership/mvp

Meet the Members

We all know that Pettipaug Yacht Club is a very special place. Some members have been venturing down that bumpy road since they were toddlers, others as teenagers hiking out on their 420s and adults enjoying the serenity and beauty of an early evening sunset. Please share a special time at PYC with your fellow members. Lou Annino, Mary Risseeuw, Dan and Mike Ryan are highlighted here. Thank you all.

Lou Annino

Editor: You certainly have been a long-time member of Pettipaug. I noticed in the 2014 Yearbook that 1974-1975 were very active years for your family at PYC/PSA:

- 1974 ... Louis C. Annino (your dad) was awarded the Lt. Royal E. Grant Trophy
- 1974 ... Louis Annino Jr. Hi & Dry Yacht Club Trophy
- 1975 ... Louis Annino Jr & Priscilla Hine/ Albert A. Hawkins Memorial Trophy
- Your sister Lucinda won the Ernest Way Trophy in 1974.
- Then there was also the F. Kelso Davis Trophy ... you or your sister were students racing against the Instructors in that event.



What you are currently doing, are you still in the area?

I continue to be an active boater and have logged many miles along the New England and East Coast. I live in Killingworth with my wife Mary and have three grown children (Louis, Marina, and Robert). I am currently Associate VP for Facilities at the University of New Haven.

How long have you been a PYC member?

I have been a member of PYC since about 1973 and attended PSA from 1971 through 1975. I was a PSA instructor 1976-1977. In the summer of 1978, I accepted an appointment at the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Captain Walter Rowe, one of the founding fathers of PYC, was instrumental in helping me get accepted. Most certainly PYC/PSA served as the foundation for my future maritime career.

Please share a Pettipaug memory or experience.

I have so many fond memories of PYC/PSA and remember so many

Sept. 5

(All classes start at 0830)

MC Scows

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Thursday night sailing
at PYC

MC Scow Regattas

• GREAT CONNECTICUT RIVER RACE

May 9 – Race starts at 1200
Haddam, CT (see link to flyer above)

• HORSE RACE REGATTA

June 13-14

Saratoga Springs, NY

• CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

June 20-21

Montreal

• NOR'EASTER REGATTA

Aug. 22-23

Keuka Lake, NY

Women's Sailing Group

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Stephanie Taylor, Treasurer
Karen Kari, Membership

• FIRST TUESDAY SAIL

June 23 – 5 p.m.

• SAIL/RACE WITH MC SCOWS

June 25 – 5 p.m.

Don't rush, we sail until sunset.

PYC Store

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good friends. Unfortunately I have lost touch with most of them and I have not been active with the club in many years. Last summer I had the opportunity to go back to PYC to see my nephew compete in an "Opti" regatta. While there along with my brother Gary (also a PSA alum), we ran into a few familiar faces including Paul Risseeuw, Paul Hughes and Jennifer O'Neil. It was just like old times. We went down memory lane laughing and telling stories of the fun times we had growing up at PYC. We talked of Friday Series, the Selden Island cruises, Hamburg Cove, Midgets, Juniors, ECYRA, Nationals, Graduation and many other mischievous stories of sailing on the river. What an incredible way to have grown up!

Mary Risseeuw

How long have you been a member of PYC?

PYC, Paul and I have always been a threesome since 1973 and that's fine with me. Paul courted me from the tiller of his International 14 while I hung from the trapeze planing to the next mark of the race course off PYC. So, when I married Paul I became an automatic member. After a couple of years I inherited from Betty and Don Doyle hosting the International 14 Harry Hall Regatta. It was a lot of work to put together three days of dinners/breakfasts and lunches but the racers came from as far as Saratoga to Annapolis and were so appreciative and such accomplished sailors, I looked forward to doing my part; besides I was all of 24 and had plenty of energy.



Why did you receive the Squaw Trophy in 1980?

In the summer of 1980 Paul was Vice Commodore of PYC and thus head of PJSA. The academy was smaller and far less organized, but that's not to say the kids didn't have a good time. In fact, that was the problem. There was no Director just a head instructor who was a very recent graduate of PJSA herself and commanded no gravitas or respect from her recent peers. The academy's daily doings were mostly don't's. They needed a "heavy" to create stability. The Board asked me to play that part until the end of the seven week single session, which is what it was at that time. I had my doubts it would work but I put on a stern face, gave some commands and warnings to the urchins and by golly it did work. What did I care if the kids didn't like me, I played my part, the season ended safely and after order was restored I eased off and they began learning to sail. Ever since then it has been the goal to hire a Head Instructor/ Director with a sense of authority and separation from contemporaries.

What do you do at PYC today?

Today I'm still hosting a party, the midsummer party, but mostly I'm Paul's arm candy.

Dan & Mike Ryan

Live?

Both in Ivoryton.

Members how long?

Our family has been members of PYC for 8 or 9 years. Michael will be in his 5th summer at PSA this summer.

What are you doing now?

Dan: I am a sophomore at Valley High



Dan: I am a sophomore at Valley High School. This year I ran cross country and winter track and plan to run spring track. I played park and rec basketball this winter too.

Dan



Mike: I am in 8th grade at John Winthrop Middle School. I like to play baseball, basketball, and run cross country and track.

Mike

PYC/PSA Memory:

Dan: I enjoy sailing our family Sunfish at Pettipaug. We got the boat from friends of my mom because they weren't using it and now we sail it almost every week in the summer. We enjoy going out to the sandbar as well as capsizing the Sunfish. But on windy days it is always fun to sail it. Usually we have 3 or 4 sailors on board which makes for a lot of fun.

Mike: One of my favorite memories was sailing at the Pettipaug Regatta when I was only 9. It was really windy and stormy that day and I was sailing Green Fleet in an Opti. It was my first regatta. I swamped once and had to get my boat pumped out, but I kept sailing. I was one of only two Green Fleeters to finish all the races that day. I was proud I finished the day. I still enjoy racing my Opti in the summers.

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