



COMODORE'S COMMENTS

April 16, 2024

I think I am so fond of the “*Wind in the Willows*” because after each adventure~ marvelous, or morose, usually never mundane, the friends would gather by the river at one another’s home or boat eating biscuits, drinking tea or “something more inspiring” and recount the “doings” of the day. I have made cherished friendships at Pettipaug and I know that others have also. Toby Doyle’s best pals: Cindy Gibbs, Chris Morano and Chuck Poindexter are sailing buddies since they were ten years old racing around in Blue Jays at Pettipaug Sailing Academy. Pettipaug Yacht Club welcomes members to enjoy adventures, create memories, share a boat ride -a relaxing afternoon or a biscuit and a beverage by the river’s edge. Spring is here!

SPRING WORK PARTIES ~ 40 volunteers donning: rakes, shovels, chain saws~ hats and gloves-in- hand and boots-on-feet accomplished a ton of work on Saturday, April 13th. Thank you to each and all. The goal is to have the Club House and yards in great shape for this season’s **May 25th Commissioning**. We need help this **Saturday April 20** to prep and paint the north and south sides of the building, the white railings, the sign frame, umbrella stands and other areas requiring a new coat of color. Hope to see you at **9 a.m. Saturday morning!** Ladders, brushes, sandpaper and paint will be on deck. This is an on-going project. **THANK YOU!** Weather looks promising.

All PYC women join in! **“SHAKE IT OFF SUPPER”**- winter is over, come celebrate spring! **Wednesday, May 15 @ 5:30** for tea or “something more inspiring.” Bring a dish to share, BYOB. More details to come later this week. Entertainment team: Lisa Fasulo, Pat Kolosowski and Cristina Amendola. Please send questions to commodore@pettipaug.org will be dispersed to team.

2024 RACE COMMITTEE SATURDAY, APRIL 27: WORKSHOPS morning and afternoon.

Another “marvelous adventure!” to be shared with new and old friends. PYC Race Committee needs volunteers for the 2024 season. The schedule for the day at PYC: **8:30 a.m. Saturday April 27**, Sandy Sanstrom and Steve Haines will offer an RC safety boat workshop: Hands-on for race committee members who will be in boats and have a CT

boating license. Will learn competency on the water: docking, rescue techniques, boat handling etc.

1:00- 3 p.m. Saturday April 27, FOUR TOPICS will be discussed with RC members.

#1 Kathryn Ryan and Priscilla Robinson: introduction. Explanation of EAP (Emergency Action plan) location of defib, what action to take on land and water. What to bring when you are out on a boat. Check list given. Being safe, comfortable, helping others!

#2 Race Director, Jeff Going to discuss: the importance of the Skipper's Meeting, NORs, SI's, starting lines, the sequence, flags, horns etc. On-TIME STARTS!

#3 Sandy Sanstrom to discuss: PYC Challenges and conditions that confront PYC sailors and race committees strategic planning of race courses. There will be three traditional long races and four "One Design" short courses.

#4 SIGN-UP. There will be a calendar available with race dates from May-September. Members can check their summer schedules and sign-up to volunteer.

2024 PETTIPAUW SAFE POWER BOATING COURSE

Two-day hands-on Power Boat Operator course (Saturday and Sunday):

1 April 20 & 21 #2 May 11 & 12 -#3 June 15 & 16

Sign up to learn and improve your powerboat skills! The course covers the requirements to earn a Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate and provides hands-on power boat training. It is one of the few hands-on courses available in Connecticut. [Click here for full details.](#)

For any questions, please reach out to Mischa van Berkel: pastcommodore@pettipaug.org

PYC PRIVATE PARTY MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT~ Gather by the river! [Click here to access directly](#). Please contact me directly with any questions, dates you would like to use the club or comments that you have. Contact: priscilla.robinson04@gmail.com or commodore@pettipaug.org

APRIL TRIVIA~

April 14- April 15 Twelve years ago nearly 1.5 million dried rose petals were laid at sea by the crew of U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Jupiter. Why? Where?

MARCH Question:

This 625-nautical mile course begins near Cowes on the Isle of Wight, rounds a rock off the Irish Coast and finishes in Normandy port of Cherbourg-en-Cotentin. (this course has since been changed)*

The answer: The Fastnet Race/ Fastnet Rock.

Winners: Vic Hoehnebart, Mike Furgueson

Val Shickel, Lisa Leonard*, Sally Mayer, Isabel Becker, Craig Zoll

*February & March winner
