

PETTIPAUG YACHT CLUB

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Women's Sailing Group

Mission: To provide a safe harbor, without intimidation for Pettipaug women members of varied skill levels; to find comfort, knowledge and enjoyment on the water in small boats.

The vision for the Women's Sailing Group (WSG) at Pettipaug Yacht Club was considered August 2011 by Priscilla Robinson after a tumultuous afternoon spent in a Blue Jay with Bob Scholes. Late November of 2011, a dinner was held and the Founding Four – Robinson, Kathryn Ryan, Stephanie Taylor and Ann Courcy penned the 2012 WSG Policies & Procedures. Paul Risseuw and Sandy Sanstrom offered WSG abandoned Blue Jays. Additional Blue Jays were donated by Julie and Bill Dunbar (past president of the International Blue Jay Class Association) Brett and Sue Lardner, and Chris and Sigrun Morano. The summer of 2012, fourteen women rigged, hoisted, skippered and crewed in Blue Jays.

Robinson recognized in 2017, that in order to maintain and support the vision and mission of WSG, all PYC women are welcomed to join and choose what group level best "floats their boat:"

- **Summer Salts ...** experienced sailors with noted sea skills and who can safely skipper various small boats with crew and passengers. This group meets Tuesday evenings at 5:30 to rig and 6 to sail. There is always a safety boat on the water and an après sailing picnic. Blue Jays, 420s, Lasers and 17' day sailors are available to all WSG members.
- **Nautical Novices ...** WSG members who are new to sailing or skippering. Sandy Sanstrom provides instruction in rigging, basic sail handling and the fundamentals of wind, tide and current. This group meets Wednesday evenings at 5:30 to rig and 6 to sail ... always followed by "nauti" talk and picnic.

Both Tuesday and Wednesday night are open to all WSG members. All WSG members are PYC members. The fee is \$25.00 for the year. Get-togethers are held through-out the year. All WSG members are responsible to abide by the annual updated WSG Policies & Procedures. There is a weekly email sent to WSG members noting updates, tides, projected wind, events, etc. WSG signed on 28 members in 2017.



Ducky, a 17' day sailor donated to WSG by Irene and Steve Haines in 2014, and refurbished by WSG members and Sandy Sanstrom.

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