

DEDICATED TO PAUL W RISSEEUW 1943 - 2015



Spring of 2016: I find myself untying knots all over the PYC grounds. Boat covers, dock lines, anchors, race marks, fenders, and extension cords. As I work I realize that they were all tied by Paul, last fall, when things were being put away for the winter. Preparing for a spring he would never see. None of us know when we will do something for the last time; however we persevere in the belief that we will benefit in the future.

Paul did many things; huge numbers of things to benefit the future. His, mine, yours, and your children's. The people and organizations that gained from his efforts are varied and wide spread; Pettipaug was lucky to be the base of operations for his boating related interests. When Paul was at PYC he fixed what was broken; boats, schedules, plans, and feelings. He didn't talk much about fixing things, he usually just did it. Some fixes were better than others but they got done, right away, often after dark when everyone else had gone home. Paul cannot be replaced, but luckily his spirit lives on at PYC/PSA. We will always have his memory to show us the way and preserve the sailing program for the future. Tying the knots that bind the future for us all.

To help us celebrate Paul Risseeuw's many gifts and talents, and his love of Pettipaug, the PYC Board of Governors has voted to dedicate the new Pettipaug Sailing Academy office in his name.

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