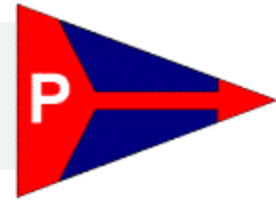


# THE CHART

JULY 2011



## COMMODORE'S CORNER - BRIAN J. BURKE

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First, good luck to our Junior Lipton Team who have been hard at work practicing for the 2011 Junior Lipton Regatta to be held at Fairhope Yacht Club on July 23 and 24. Please make plans to come to Fairhope to cheer on our Junior Lipton team.

Second, I am honored to congratulate Pontchartrain Yacht Club's 2011 Challenge Cup Team for taking third place overall in the Challenge Cup Regatta! The "A" class boat was "Last Call", onboard were: Lee Eikle, Sam Vasquez, DJ Bolyard, Jeff Lindheim, Collin Ross, Mark Oswald, Eugene Schmidt, David Grafton, John Ernst and Brian Burke,. The "B" class boat was "Motorboat", formally "Frigate", onboard were: Mack Skeiger, Bob Reedy, Max Albert, Kurt Adler, Phyllis Danielson, Case Miller, Rob Doolittle and Brock Schmidt. The "C" class boat was "Jalapeno" which took a 3rd in "C" class. Onboard were: Ken Buhler, Billy Ross, Larry Ruthven, Leigh Wanless, Gene Wanless, Tad Doolittle, Becca Choate, Joe Gauthreaux, Reeves Allen and Kyle Wild. The "D" class boat was "Menace" which took a second in "D" class. Onboard were: Dwight Whitfield, Caron Choate, Steven Choate, David Bolyard, Julie Bolyard, Scott St. Julian, Macho Slavich, Bob Ramsay, Bradley Jarvis and Joey Stokes.

**COMMODORE-BRIAN J. BURKE**

Third, as the club house ages, in order to maintain the club house in its current condition, it is necessary to perform certain major maintenance projects and improvements. Additionally, many members have requested upgrades to the club house, including new equipment and fixtures, that we simply could not afford when the new club house was built. This matter was discussed at the Semi-Annual meeting held June 26, 2011 and, upon my recommendation, the membership voted unanimously to increase the current amount each member contributes to the capital account from \$4.70 to \$10.00. This additional \$5.30, along with the current \$4.70, will be placed in the capital reserve account and while it will not replace the volunteer aspect of the club, it will be used to perform certain major maintenance projects and improvements and will also be used to purchase new equipment and fixtures requested by the membership.

Fourth, the Flag Officers, in consultation with the Board, have been working with Kaia to develop new bar policies and pricing with the goal to keep drink prices about the same while at the same time maximizing bar profits which is one of the key profit centers for the club. As soon as we have completed this review, I will publish a detailed price sheet which also explains how pricing was established.

Fifth, on July 16, 2011, the club will hold a rib cook off and silent auction with all proceeds to benefit the Lipton Regatta Committee. We will also have a band for your enjoyment. Please plan on attending and make sure to contact the club to make a reservation by Friday morning.

Sixth, some of our members have been hard at work almost every day painting the handrails in anticipation of the Lipton Regatta. Also, we have had several members donate \$100 each which the club is using to hire certain juniors to do some of the painting. So if time does not permit you to do the actual painting, please consider the alternative, give Kaia a call and pony up \$100.

Seventh, a great day was had by all at this years Fourth of July celebration. The party started at about 7:30 in the morning, by 9:30 the smokers were going, by 11:00 a crowd had gathered and several more pits were lit, by 3:00 the club was packed with games in the yard, people enjoying the pool and even more pits were lit, by 5:00 there was more food than one can imagine and at 10:00 when I said goodnight, the party had moved upstairs to the bar and everyone was still having a good time.

And last but not least, the second race of our Summer non-spinnaker series was held on Saturday July 9, 2011. It turned out to be a fine evening of sailing with enough wind to keep the race moving along. Following the race, we had a new version of grill night which everyone I spoke with enjoyed. For five dollars the club provided a salad, a baked potato with all the fixings and a desert, each person brought the meat of their choice to grill. This already enjoyable evening culminated with a live performance by the almost nearly famous "Drunken Sailors" who played well into the night.

Thanks to all, Brian

**VICE COMMODORE - RICK DELAUNE**

Cu-dos to all who have painted the railings. Rob Doolittle spearheaded an energetic group that braved the heat and is attempting to get this project done. I even put a couple of hours in one evening with Suzie Bishop and Rob. Got a lot of railing done in that 2 hour period.

After the Semi- Annual meeting and a discussion of insurance, we have an Insurance Committee that will meet next week with potential insurance reps to discuss what we have and what they can offer at a lower price. I have personally been in touch with the Chicago Yacht Club and the St. Francis Yacht Club to talk about their insurance experiences with one of the proposed underwriters. One of our endeavors is uniformity at the club. Employee Handbooks and Job Descriptions are in the forefront.

Remember to talk to friends about the club. " We just need 20 more !!!"

Vice of the month-----

There was a wonderful fireworks display on the 4 th. I stayed on the hook until 11:00 so all of the harbor traffic could clear ( you know the people who don't know the rules of the road ) and Windward Passage could start back into the harbor. Things were looking good until we got by the boat launch. I'll be damned if 2 boat didn't cut out in front of me to put their boats on their trailers. Don't they know that Bayou Castine is a navigable channel and you just can't pull out in front of a boat motoring past. I'm good but you just can't stop 24,000 Lbs on a dime. Leave this on your coffee table for trailer boating friends to read, this just might save a boating accident.

OK, I'm off my soap box.

Smooth Sailing, Rick

**PICTURE SUBMITTED BY: TREVOR FORTIER**



## MANAGER'S NOTE - KAIA SCHINDLER

Thanks again to all who volunteered and donated toward our railing project!

A reminder to all parents: Our lost and found continues to overflow each week with towels, goggles, shirts, shoes, even under roo's! Please check the lost and found on a regular basis. We are very limited on space and will begin throwing things away on a weekly basis. Also, please remind your children to utilize the bicycle rack underneath the front stairs when they arrive at the club. It is difficult for members and guests to access the elevator and walkways when bikes are blocking .

The juniors have come up with a great idea for a talent show. I am working with several of them to make it a success. I hope you will come out and support our youth! We have scheduled an end of summer function on Saturday, August 6th at 6.m. The Juniors will be handling decorations, props, food preparation and talent. Schedule of events:

6-7 dinner is served:

Chicken Tenders ( with various dipping sauces)

Mac-n-cheese

Fruit kabobs

Chocolate chip cookies

7 p.m. Talent show begins (Emcee: Samantha Burke)

The cost to attend is \$10.00. All talent entries must pre-register with me by Tuesday, August 2nd. Hope to see you there!

Thanks to our membership for your patience with the development of the pool side grill. Patrick and Jack are both doing a great job. Patrick has recently gotten his bar card and will be able to serve drinks pool side. The "grill boys" are both college students working for minimum wage, please remember to tip your server.

I will be updating the directory in August so please be sure to contact me with any email, phone or address changes.

Hope to see you at the club,

*Kaia*

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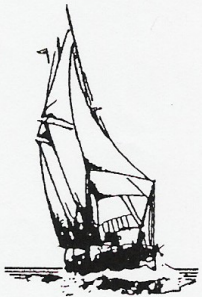
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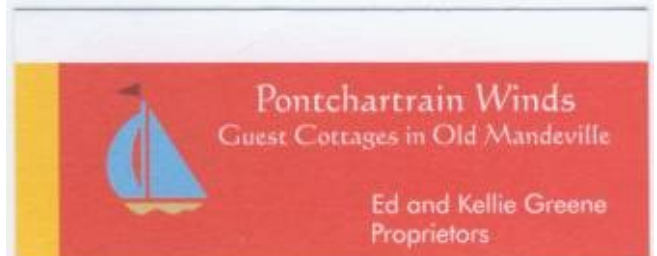
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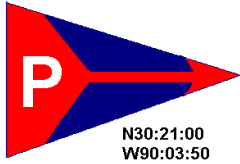
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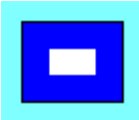




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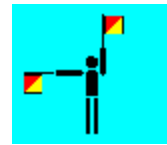
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