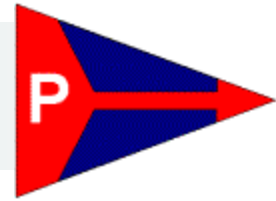


THE CHART

DECEMBER 2014

**COMMODORE'S CORNER- DICK JONES**

Hello to all. I hope everyone had a very happy and enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday.

We had a large turnout for our annual meeting and I sincerely thank all who attended and expressed their thoughts on the proposed assessment for 2015. The assessment was approved by a large majority of the voting members of the club. As a reminder the annual assessment amount by member class is \$240.00 for resident members, \$180.00 for non-resident members and \$120.00 for senior and young adult members. A cruising member shall be assessed a prorated amount once they return to their regular status. Members have the option to make a onetime payment for the full amount, or prorate the amount quarterly or monthly. A notice will be sent asking for your payment preference. Please respond promptly so we can set up the billing. If at all possible please make a onetime payment for the assessment in January so we can get a head start on the projects.

Ken Buhler, Gigi Savona and Richard DeNunzio were approved to serve on the board for the next three years. Ken will serve as Commodore for 2015, Gigi as Rear Commodore and Richard will chair House & Grounds. Please offer them your full support.

So, in a matter of a few weeks I will be out of a job. And what a job it was. I sincerely enjoyed the past three years serving on the board and as Commodore this year. I learned a lot, made some mistakes and hopefully did some good. One thing I know for sure is that I have a greater appreciation of all of the people who have served on the board in the past. I also have a greater appreciation of our employees. It takes a lot to run and manage this club. We are fortunate to have Kaia as General Manager, Allison managing our finance's, Edward for keeping the house and grounds in tip top shape and Nicole, Scott, Michele and Jennifer behind the bar. Thanks all of you for your good work.

I want to thank the board for all of their support and direction to make PYC a better club. Finally I want to thank Terri and Brian for all of their help. They kept me on the right track.

There are a lot of activities this month and I look forward to seeing at the club as we enjoy the Christmas season.

Dick Jones

REAR COMMODORE– TERRI HAMILTON

For those of you who did not attend the Annual Meeting on Nov. 23rd, I'd like to recap my presentation. Since it takes approximately \$40,000 on average to run PYC each month (based on fixed costs mortgage, insurance utilities staff wages etc.) and our income from dues, boat storage, Chart Ads, late fees and the bar average \$32,000 per month, we have a shortfall of approximately \$8,000 per month. The critical component of this mix is the Regatta Room which we must rent each month to make up for the shortfall in income. Some years, such as 2013, we have had enough rental income to offset this shortfall. We grossed \$122,000 in 2013 We are projected to gross \$92,000 in 2014. That \$32,000 shortfall is the difference between a profit and a loss. Although the regatta room was rented often, there were not as many "big" rental events. A big rental event is a wedding or a large party. This year we had many bridal and baby showers, neither of which generate much revenue. We have worked diligently to trim costs at PYC in an attempt to bring expenses down. We've changed pay structures, changed regatta room pricing and addressed costs throughout our club (which have gone up significantly this year) all without affecting services you enjoy at the club. These changes, coupled with a push for year end rentals, have helped to lower the loss at PYC this year. As of the end of October, we are \$11,000 down for the year. With the November month end numbers looking hopeful and the month of December looking strong for rentals, we may be able to finish out the year without or at least with just a minor loss. I would like to welcome Gigi Savona onboard as your new Rear Commodore for 2015. I will be working closely with Gigi so that we have a cohesive and seamless transition.

Happy Holidays to all!

Terri Hamilton

VICE COMMODORE– BRIAN J. BURKE

At the Annual Meeting held November 23, 2014, the membership elected Ken Buhler, Gigi Savona and Richard Denunzio to the Board of Directors of Pontchartrain Yacht Club for a three year term beginning January 1, 2015. In accordance with the Bylaws of Pontchartrain Yacht Club, the Board of Directors including outgoing and incoming members, unanimously elected Ken Buhler Commodore for 2015. Please join with me in congratulating Ken and in supporting him, Gigi and Richard over the coming year.

Thanks, Brian

HOUSE AND GROUNDS-TOM JARVIS

The time has come for me to pass the helm of house and ground management to someone else. It has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience to accomplish various maintenance and improvement project to keep your club in the tip top shape it deserves. I have invested a great deal of time and effort in this property since the new construction and want to keep it something we can all be proud of. I have pledged my assistance to your new house and ground chairman!

The majority approval of extra funding for 2015, signifies to me that most of us understand that keeping up with this heavily used facility is not a task that volunteers want to or can do! Rest assured, the new board will prioritize and diligently spend these funds on critical infrastructure needs. While there is always something you can help out with, hopefully we can focus on enjoying our passion for water sports!

Unfortunately, as was pointed out at the annual meeting, this is not the end to this problem long term. Currently our financial model is not set up for long term sustainability of the house and grounds. The finances are based on very thin margins and everything occurring as our crystal ball projected! I would encourage you to be open minded on how we might plan for our future security!

Thank you all for your support over my last 3 years on the board!

Tom Jarvis

X-PYC Maintenance Department

RACE- CLEVE FAIR

This is being written on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. I truly hope that all of you enjoyed a very Happy and Bountiful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

The only race event at Pontchartrain Yacht Club for November was the "Fund Race" held on Saturday the 15th. The idea for this race was to raise funds for specific projects around the club since our current cash flow and general financial budget is a bit tight. The format was to mimic the success of the 'Bart's Bash Race' held in October to set a Guinness World record for the largest regatta and to raise funds for the sailor who lost his life during the 'Americas Cup' Series. We had an incredible turnout for that event principally because boats of every description were encouraged to participate as purely 'fun' and not so competitive in the traditional sense.

So the idea for the "Fund Race" was born as another event to get many boats on the water that don't normally race. We had the usually expected boats out and some that are not usually out. Despite a cold snap we had generally good weather, sunny with light winds. The event garnered \$459.00 for the effort, which will be used to complete the lighting project for the back storage yard. Look for this event to become a frequent regatta, perhaps in the spring and again in the fall with many 'fun' twists to make it interesting. Thanks to Commodores Ken Buehler and Tom Quinlan for organizing this event and a Big Thanks to the sponsors for stepping up in support. More details to be found elsewhere in the Chart.

Your Flag Officers and others will be attending the GYA annual meeting at Biloxi YC in January to set the race schedule and other business for 2015.

If there is interest we will hold some 'Race Committee Seminars' starting in February. I want to personally thank ALL of those volunteers this past year who helped in any way conduct the regattas here at Pontchartrain YC both on the water and serving shore side. We cannot hold these events without your VERY IMPORTANT volunteer contributions. Additionally, I thank those sponsors who stepped up to support the financial side of these events.

Cleve Fair - Race Chair

MEMBERSHIP- COURT RICHARDSON

As we wind down for the year, I want to thank everyone who helped grow our membership in 2014. Specifically, Dick and Kaia who had some very good ideas in play when asking me to take over this position and since have guided me as I learn. The membership committee, of which we lost a dear and loved friend this year in Chuck Wylie, but also Bobby Lipscomp, Larry and Cynthia Schutte. John and Rhonda Schell, not coincidentally family of the year, brought us quite a few families during 2014 and that is just awesome. And, our wooden boat festival booth volunteers, just to name a few. Thank you all. Membership is an entire club effort.

As I reported at the annual meeting, membership for 2014 is up overall from the previous year. Exciting news indeed. I'd like to see us build on that in 2015. Certainly we will do more of what worked and try new ideas as well.

Let's welcome our newest applicant, Gary William.

Finally, I want to thank outgoing Commodore Dick Jones. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Dick this year. I got to know him much better than I had previously, and he was to be around.

Enjoy your Holidays!

Court Richardson

KEN BUHLER

It was a cold November day, to cold some would say to go out on the lake, much less to go sailing. The fearless sailors at PYC braved it all to help raised money and have FUN for our FUND Race project. We had 15 boats divided into two fleets. We had a PHRF class for bigger boats that went the fixed marks and Lloyd Causey took the small boats on a W/L course down the lake front.

What started as a cold day turned into a great day of sailing for PYC, CSA members.

That was only half the fun, when we returned to the bar we had Brian famous jambalaya cooked by Kaia and David Sides.

Nicole fixed two raffle baskets as only she could assortments of goodies. Another component of the Fund races is our sponsors, without their support it would be difficult to draw participation. Dave Bolyard our long time sponsor with portfolio covers, Gerald Sellar North shore Marine who donated fenders and a discounted bottom cleaning and lastly Minders boat cleaning a new sponsor.

This was a Fund race, but more than that it was a Fun race for all of us who participated. It was getting out on the water and not really caring about who came in first. It was more important to have FUN and help out PYC.

Thank these members the next time you see them Tom Quinlan, Cleve Fair, Lloyd Causey, Ken Maggio, Kaia Williams, Kermit Gauthreaux without their help these races would not be possible.

Lastly we will have fun Fund races through out the year.

KEN BUHLER

JUNIORS- CHRIS FRIEND

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving! Reflecting on 2014, we had good progress on getting more juniors in boats and sailing. We also have some areas where we can improve.

The juniors slogged through the mud on Opening Day and raised the flag to start our sailing season. This was followed by several Sundays of the youngest sailors taking to the club Optimists for the Harbor Mice program. They were led by Joe Bishop with help from West Melton. This crop of new sailors collectively received the Optimist Sailor of the Year award for their participation in Harbor Mice, School's Out and Back to School Regattas.

The Sunday Sailing program initially had great participation for several weeks. However, as the summer got hotter, fewer sailors showed up. We need to revamp this to add racing and other activities to attract more sailors.

Junior racing needs more participants. Thomas Barclay led the Junior Lipton team, including Jacob Stevens, and Jack Danos as skippers and Colin Friend, Avery SollBerger , and Anna Abernathy as crew, to sixth place at the Junior Liptons at Southern Yacht Club. We have had more juniors sailing at our own regattas this year than in recent years.

Sail Camp was a big success. We filled all slots and then expanded and had as many as 30 sailors in our sessions.

As we look to 2015, I need help on the Junior Committee. We will meet in January to plan the year's activities. While we did have some success, we need to build on that to attract more juniors to sailing and racing.

To all who helped and participated, thank you! I look forward to seeing you in 2015. Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Chris Friend

2014 AWARD WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2014 AWARDS WINNERS

- CHARLIE MACK SAILOR OF THE YEAR – Bob Hodges
- SPINNAKER BOAT OF THE YEAR - The Bear
- NON-SPINNAKER BOAT OF THE YEAR – Whiskers
- RACE MANAGEMENT AWARD – Chris Friend
- JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE YEAR –Allison Naquin
- ONE DESIGN SAILOR OF THE YEAR – D.J. Bolyard
- COMMODORE’S AWARD – Marian Arrowsmith and Bill Schroyer
- OPTIMIST SAILOR OF THE YEAR - Harbor Mice
 - o Paige Bishop
 - o Presley Bishop
 - o Dylan McKnight
 - o Alex Neumann
 - o Mason Porte
 - o Madeline Porte
 - o Christian Lemoine
 - o Amielle Schell
- FAMILY OF THE YEAR – Schell Family
- MOST IMPROVED SAILOR – Cole Mokry and Dell Mokry
- MANAGER’S AWARD – Therese Maggio
- UNSUNG HERO – Marian Arrowsmith
- BOB PATERSON SPROTSMANSHIP AWARD – Ken Buhler and Tom Quinlan
- FEMALE SAILOR OF THE YEAR –Heather Doolittle
- JONAH AWARD - Brian Burke, Cleve Fair, Craig Toomey
- BATTLE OF LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN (LPRC Spin Boat)– Jalapeno
- COMMODORE’S CUP (NON-SPIN LPRC) –Whiskers

SOCIAL- LEIGH WANLESS

December is another busy month for Social Events. Mark your calendar to get involved!!

December 3rd: Membership Wine Boutique

Five of our wine vendors will be here with 4 varieties for you to taste and purchase for the holidays. Gourmet food provided by Kaia and Nicole

December 7th: Saints and Boiled Shrimp!!!!

Wrap up in your new PYC fleece and join us downstairs for the Saints game while Bradley Jarvis cooks up some delicious boiled shrimp

December 13th: Christmas Parade on the Lakefront

"Adopt an Opti"- reserve an optimist for your family to decorate as a float in the City of Mandeville Christmas Parade

Meet at PYC in the morning to decorate!

Entry fee: A bag of groceries for the food bank

Prizes after the parade for best float!

Dinner to follow

December 14th: Ladies Luncheon/Christmas Boutique

Lunch served at noon. Shop from 10-2 from the following vendors (WITH MORE TO COME!!!):

Clancey Powell and Kathy Magen	Christmas Cubes and Jewelry Holders
Batik on Silk	Batik Scarves/Wall Hangings
Betsy Meyers Jewelry	Jewelry
Theresa Smith	Scentsy
Laurette Jacob	Jakanda (hammered silver)
The Scotts' Coffee and Tapas	coffee/baked goods
Purse-onality	handmade purses
K Studio (Katie Gruntz)	jewelry
Fleur de suds	soaps and candles
Midnight Magnolias	embroidered gifts
Saltwater Cowgirl	fanpulls, bracelets, birdhouses
Odie Tucker	watercolors
Mimi Fitzpatrick	Coasters/cards/vignettes
Unique	eyelash extensions
Discovery Toys	toys
Mimi Richard	Mary Kay products

December 19th: Dirty Santa Gift Exchange

Bring a \$20.00 gift and an appetizer!

December 21st: Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast will be served from 9-11. Sea Shepherd will be arriving with Santa Claus at 11:00a.m. at the pavilion.

Pictures with Santa from 11-noon along with ornament making

Noon:Gifts from Santa (please bring a pre-wrapped gift for your child with his or her name on it by Saturday, the 20th)

For More Details, contact the office at 985-626-3192 or office@pontyc.org


DECEMBER

Nov 30	Dec 1	2	3	4	5	6
		\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! buy one get one free margaritas	\$2 Dogs 9:00am - 1:00pm PEO meeting 5:00pm - 9:00pm \$1.00 Beer! 6:00pm - 9:00pm WINE BOUTIQUE!	5:00pm - 9:00pm \$3.00 House Wine 6:00pm - 8:00pm Soup and Salad 6:00pm - 10:00pm Event Rental	7:00pm - 9:00pm Guest Chef's: Kaia And Stefani	\$Where Ya At Drawing\$ 6:00pm - 10:00pm Event Rental
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
12:00pm - 3:00pm BOILED SHRIMP!! 12:00pm - 3:00pm Saints/Panthers		\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! buy one get one free margaritas	\$2 Dogs 5:00pm - 9:00pm \$1.00 Beer!	5:00pm - 9:00pm \$3.00 House Wine 6:00pm - 8:00pm Soup and Salad	7:00pm - 9:00pm Guest chef: Jason Powell 7:00pm - 10:00pm Regatta Room Rental	\$Where Ya At Drawing\$ CHRISTMAS PARADE!!!! 7:00pm - 10:00pm Regatta Room Rental
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:00am - 3:00pm Ladies Christmas Boutique/Luncheon	7:30pm - 10:30pm Saints/Rams Club Open at 5:00	\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! buy one get one free margaritas	\$2 Dogs 5:00pm - 9:00pm \$1.00 Beer!	5:00pm - 9:00pm \$3.00 House Wine 6:00pm - 8:00pm Soup and Salad	7:00pm - 11:00pm DIRTY SANTA Gift Exchange!! Bring a dish and a \$20.00 gift	\$Where Ya At Drawing\$ 7:00pm - 11:00pm Regatta Room Rental
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:00am - 12:00pm Christmas Brunch with Santa! 12:00pm - 3:00pm Saints/Falcons		\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! buy one get one free margaritas	\$2 Dogs 5:00pm - 9:00pm \$1.00 Beer!	MERRY CHRISTMAS! CLUB CLOSED	7:00pm - 9:00pm Guest Chef: Rob Doolittle	\$Where Ya At Drawing\$
28	29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3
Bring an appetizer 12:00pm - 3:00pm Saints/Tampa		\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! buy one get one free margaritas 6:00pm - 10:00pm Event Rental	New Year's Eve Party! Details TBA		7:00pm - 9:00pm Guest Chef Friday!	\$Where Ya At Drawing\$ 7:00pm - 10:00pm Event Rental



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