



COMMODORE'S CORNER- THOMAS A. JARVIS

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I hope you all had a pleasant holiday season with your family and friends! I have always found this to be a good time to reflect on the year past and plan for the year ahead. I hope you agree that it was a busy and successful year at PYC. With this in mind, your flag officers and board members thought continuity for the coming year might help us further refine and solidify the trend. So rather than farewell, I have committed to another year. I look forward to being part of the team that manages your club for you.

We are already looking ahead to the New Year and will continue our efforts to make your club an enjoyable experience for all. As you are aware, the successful operation of all aspects of our club is very labor intensive and relies primarily on volunteers under our current model. Typically, it's always the same people in the kitchen, in the yard and running a regatta. We do a fine job, however, with our busy schedules, aging membership and burn-out are we headed toward paying for the services we need?

As I said at the start of last year we are all in this together! The adage that many hands make light work seems to be the logical approach.

Below is a proposed division of responsibilities headed by each board position. The intent is to give several people a small responsibility! Please look through the list and sign up for your area of interest via email to myself and Kaia. We will coordinate with the respective board member.

Social	Chairman - Membership Club-Based Social Chairman - Private Club Based Social Chairman - Cruising and Daysailing Activities
Membership	Chairman - New Members Chairman - Publicity Chairman - Website
Race	Fleet Captain - Sea Shepherd, Club Skiffs and Powerboats (care and maintenance) Regatta Chairman - School's Out Regatta Regatta Chairman - Back to School Regatta PHRF Chairman (includes club PHRF racing)
One Design	Fleet Captain - Flying Scots (care and maintenance) Club Racing - One Design and Portsmouth Fleet Captain - Lido 14 (private boats, activity only) Fleet Captain - Sunfish (private boats, activity only) Chairman - Adult Learn to Sail/Coaching Chairman - Capdeville
Junior Sailing	Fleet Captain - 420's (care and maintenance) Fleet Captain - Optimists (care and maintenance) Chairman - Sailing Camp Chairman - Junior Learn to Sail/Coaching
House and Grounds	Chairman - Clubhouse Maintenance and Projects Chairman - Grounds Maintenance and Projects Chairman - Pool Maintenance and Projects Chairman - Dry Storage

Looking forward to another successful year with a group effort. See you in the New Year.

Tom Jarvis

VICE COMMODORE– BRIAN J. BURKE

With the start of the new year I would like to once again beat the drum for member involvement in our club. While our financial condition has improved over the past year, Pontchartrain Yacht Club has been, and will always be, dependent on member involvement. So, with that said, please consider getting involved in one or more aspects of the club. If you enjoy sailing or being on the water, call Cleve Fair to get involved with Race Committee. If you enjoy cooking or entertaining, call Leigh Wanless to get involved with the Social Committee. If you enjoy working in the yard, call Scott Discon to get involved with House and Grounds Committee. If you would like to be involved with the Junior Program, call Paul Stevens. If you want to get involved in sailing, call Bill Ross. And if you enjoy meeting new people, call Dick Jones to get involved with Membership Committee.

Thanks,

Brian



From the PYC Staff:

THE STAFF OF PYC WOULD LIKE TO THANK
ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
CONTRIBUTIONS INTO THE EMPLOYEE
CHRISTMAS BONUS FUND. THIS ENABLED
EACH OF US TO HAVE A WONDERFUL
CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE WITH OUR
FAMILIES.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU!

KAIA, PAUL, EDWARD, MISTY AND JAMIE

REAR COMMODORE- GARY THORSON

I sincerely hope everyone had a safe and merry Christmas. As we look forward to the New Year, it is a great time to reflect on our accomplishments of the past year with pride and appreciation for the great work of our staff and membership and reenergize ourselves for 2013. The 2013 PYC Board with recommendations from the Finance Committee will be preparing and adopting our 2013 Budget. Again, I expect an aggressive Budget from the revenue perspective as we still have many things to accomplish and refurbish around the Club. Some of you may have noticed that we have completed the construction of the retaining wall on the south side of the pool. Hopefully, the option we chose will provide long lasting protection of that area when future storms occur. We also, created a loading/unloading lane whereby suppliers, caterers, etc. may back up under the club for easy deliveries (on a concrete surface) and be protected from the weather. In addition to these recent improvements, we have many more improvements/projects under consideration for 2013, including the possible replacement of Sea Shepard as per the membership recommendations from our annual meeting.

While our financial condition remains strong, I cannot provide you the final 2012 numbers at this time as we will not close out our books until around January 15, 2013. I will be reporting those numbers to you in the February Chart.

Please keep in mind that whether you are a volunteer or simply a “consumer” of an event, **Your** continued participation and support is what makes us successful as a club. So, keep your eyes and ears open for announcements of all the great events coming in 2013 because we are looking forward to everyone’s participation this year. Also, I hope everyone had a great time at the New Year’s Eve Don Arnold Pig Roast!

As always, if you have ideas on how we can improve things for our members, please let us know and.

Happy New Year to everyone!

Best Wishes,
Gary Thorson

December was a very good month for membership. Three new applicants were approved at the last board meeting of the year.

John and Amy Crane reside in Baton Rouge and keep their J-30, “Bella Donna”, in Prieto Marina. Their boating interests centers around racing, cruising and day sailing. They are also interested in volunteering for Social Events, Race/Regattas and House & Grounds.

James McNeil and his wife Mary reside in Hattiesburg, MS and spend many of their weekends living onboard “Aquatherapy II” their 50ft. Gibson Houseboat, berthed in DeZaire Marina, Madisonville. Their boating interests lay in cruising and getting back into sailing. James and Mary are interested in volunteering for Social Events, Race/Regattas – Aquatherapy would make a great spectator boat- and House & Grounds.

James Slack lives in Mandeville and is a New Jersey transplant. He keeps his Sea Ray 23 berthed in Little Egg Harbor, NJ. Jimmy is interested in volunteering for Social Events.

Please join me in welcoming them to our club.

Twenty four applicants were approved for membership during 2012. For those of you, who have sponsored a new member during 2012, please accept my sincere thanks. I also want to thank everyone who has volunteered their time and efforts serving on the membership committee.

I look forward to continuing my role as membership chair as we enter 2013.

Hope to see you at the Commodore’s Ball on the 18th.

Happy New Year to all!

Dick Jones

SOCIAL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

Monday, December 31st: CLUB OPEN 4pm- till for the 3rd Annual Don Arnold Pig Roast

Friday, January 18th: COMMODORE'S BALL with Tyler Kinchen and the Right Pieces

Sunday, January 27th: BRUNCH 9-noon!

Please call or email Kaia for reservations!! 985-626-3192 or office@pontyc.org

HOUSE AND GROUNDS- SCOTT DISCON

I want to start the New Year off with a shout out to all the volunteers of this great club that have really pulled their weight in 2012. Prior to Hurricane Isaac, the club never looked better!

As we now move into 2013, House and Grounds will also attempt to departmentalize all aspects of maintenance with chairs for each segment. Please get with me if you have any interest for a specific section of House and Grounds.

Finally, contact me for House and Grounds work session days in January as we prep for the Commodores Ball.

Scott

JANUARY CALENDAR

Pontchartrain Yacht Club January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>30</u> Dec Saints @ noon	<u>31</u> Jan 3rd Annual Don Arnold Pig Roast!!	<u>1</u> Jan Soup and bread \$5.00 off bottled wine	<u>2</u> \$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	<u>3</u> BBQ pork on bun with slaw \$5.00	<u>4</u> GUEST CHEF FRIDAY 7 PM	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> CLUB CLOSED!!!	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
		Soup and bread \$5.00 off bottled wine	\$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	BBQ pork on bun with slaw \$5.00	GUEST CHEF FRIDAY 7 PM Regatta room rental 7pm	GYA WINTER MEETING FAIRHOPE Regatta room rental 7pm
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> Book Club "The Great Gatsby"	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
GYA WINTER MEETING FAIRHOPE		Soup and bread \$5.00 off bottled wine	\$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	BBQ pork on bun with slaw \$5.00	COMMODORE'S BALL!	Regatta room rental 8pm
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
		Soup and bread \$5.00 off bottled wine	\$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	BBQ pork on bun with slaw \$5.00 National Belly Laugh Day!	GUEST CHEF FRIDAY 7PM	
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u> Feb	<u>2</u>
Brunch!!		Soup and bread \$5.00 off bottled	\$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	BBQ pork on bun with slaw \$5.00	GUEST CHEF FRIDAY 7PM	Groundhog day!

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