



From The Commodore – July 2013

My Caribbean adventure is over for this year and it's time to enjoy Lake Pontchartrain and our PYC camaraderie. It's all about summer fun for the young and old. Summer sailing camp is well under way with 40 of our future boaters enjoying the first two sessions. Meanwhile, us "older kids" have enjoyed the first 2 Sunday's of our small boat series. There has been a good turnout with an exciting mix of boats and skill levels to keep things exciting. Beautiful weather has afforded us the opportunity to get plenty of racing in and some time to tell stories after. There are 3 Sunday's upcoming in July so come join the fun and get some time on the water and enjoy some post racing refreshments!

I'm sure there is no need to remind you that hurricane season is upon us. I urge you to please call in all of your favors from above so that we are spared this year! Also this month will bring our semi-annual meeting with our famous grill night and later in the month, take 2 of the hugely successful White Summer Night Event to benefit Safe Harbor and highlighting our area artists and your club.. Mark your calendar so you don't miss these events.

This month will also mark the start of weekly practices by our juniors on their quest to win the Jr. Lipton regatta. Congratulations on your commitment to practicing and we wish you luck.

Summer is flying by and August is just around the corner and school will be starting. Take advantage of your club and all it has to offer bring your family for a day at the pool or play some yard games, grill or just hang out and enjoy some down time before the race season starts again!

*Did you know that the Saturday night "where ya at" drawing has topped \$380? WHERE YA AT? Someone needs to show up and win this thing!*

I hope you are enjoying the summer and look forward to seeing you at the club.

Tom Jarvis

The Board of Directors has approved the following changes to the Bylaws of Pontchartrain Yacht Club by amending Article IV, section A(2) entitled ASenior Membership@ as follows:

Senior Membership. A senior member will have reached the age of seventy years, will have been a regular member of Pontchartrain Yacht Club for a minimum fifteen years and have been a regular member of Pontchartrain Yacht Club for a minimum of twelve preceding successive months and will have requested in writing a change of membership status. A senior member will retain his share of stock and all privileges of membership, including voting and holding office. Dues are one-half of the dues prescribed for a regular member.

Per the resolution of the Board, these amendments shall not apply: a) to any member who has previously transferred to Senior status; or b) to any member who has met the criteria for Senior status and within one year from the effective date of these amendments requests in writing that he/she be transferred to Senior status; or c) to any member who will meet the criteria for senior status within one year from the effective date of these amendments and has requested in writing during said one year period that he/she be transferred to Senior status. Per the Articles of Incorporation of Pontchartrain Yacht Club, as amended, the effective date of these amendments shall be thirty days after publication to the membership, *i.e.*, the effective date of these amendments shall be thirty days after the mailing of the July Chart.

### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the members of Pontchartrain Yacht Club has been scheduled for Sunday July 14, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. with a grill night to follow. Please plan to attend as the members of the Nominating Committee will be chosen at the meeting in accordance with the Bylaws.

For your information, the current members of the Board of Directors and the dates on which their terms expire are:

Cleve Fair, December 31, 2013

Scott Discon, December 31, 2013

Paul Stevens, December 31, 2013

Tom Jarvis, December 31, 2014

Gary Thorson, December 31, 2014

Dick Jones, December 31, 2014

Brian Burke, December 31, 2015

Leigh Wanless, December 31, 2015

Billy Ross, December 31, 2015

Thanks, Brian

## **REAR COMMODORE– GARY THORSON**

**From the Rear Commodore,**

The Club has started the summer activities on a solid financial foot by finishing the first 5 months of this year with a profit. In addition, we have been continuing to maintain/fix/repair our facility and floating assets in a number of ways. Please attend our semi-annual meeting for a full review of our mid-year financials as well as a discussion of potential future capital projects.

As always, thanks to all of you that have contributed in one way or another. I know that there are many silent supporter/volunteers and we appreciate every one of you. Let's have a great July!

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

Best Wishes, Gary

## MEMBERSHIP- DICK JONES

### MEMBERSHIP ARTICLE – July Chart

Four new applicants were approved by the board for membership. Please welcome the following:

David Bolyard Jr. and his wife Stephanie are no strangers to PYC having spent their childhoods sailing and hanging out at the pool. David is an avid sailor and participates in all the major racing events at the club and within the GYA. David and Stephanie were married in April and are currently remodeling a home on Monroe St.

Katherine Greiner lives in Old Mandeville with her two children Luke (5) and Leah (10). Katherine owns her own business, Benchley Shoes & Accessories. She is interested in volunteering for social activities and working with the junior program.

Dan Morkry is a physician at Lakeside Hospital. Dan, his wife Juliee and their two children Cole (13) and Dell (10) are residents of Mandeville. Cole and Dell are participating in our summer sailing camp. Dan does not own a boat but is very interested in sailing and racing.

Jack Genova lives in Covington and has joined us as a Junior Member. Jack owns a Laser and is interested in racing. His volunteering interests are with Social Events, Race/Regattas, House & Grounds and our Junior Program.

For the first six months of this year we have added 17 new members. Special thanks to all who have sponsored a new member.

For those of you that are not aware, we have embarked on high tech advertising of late. Our internet marketing efforts with NOLA.com is a success. In the past three months we have had 67,855 clicks on our web site for information on sail camp, adult sailing lessons, membership and club rental for events.

As a means of explanation, here is some background on the reasoning behind the bylaw changes to senior membership requirements. Membership dues are the major source of our income and as members grow older and apply for senior member status the club loses 50% of their monthly dues. And as you look around the club it is apparent that we have an ageing membership and that a change in our requirements for senior status was necessary. It became very obvious that we needed to make a change to avoid future financial challenges. As the membership chair I contacted a number of GYA clubs on the Gulf Coast to ask about their requirements. Age requirements ranged from 62 to 75 years old. Tenure ranged from 15 to 30 years. Two clubs do not offer a senior membership level. A motion was made, discussed, tweaked and approved. It was then presented to the bi-laws committee and they also approved. If you have any questions or comments on the changes to the by-laws please contact me at 504 451 6579 or [rcj797@gmail.com](mailto:rcj797@gmail.com)  
Summer is here. Join us for sailing on Sundays!

## SOCIAL- LEIGH WANLESS

### Social

HUGE Thanks to June Friday Night Chefs: Tom & Bridgett Jarvis for the awesome Caribbean Jerk Chicken, Larry & Cynthia Schutte and Larry & Linda Libert for the yummy Jambalaya, Faith & Hans for the fabulous fish and pasta salad and a special thanks to Dickie's BarBQue for the pulled pork & brisket Challenge Cup Fundraiser served up by Paul Rees and Dave & Julie Bolyard!! You guys are the bomb-diggity!!

Moving right along to July:

JULY 4TH FAMILY PICNIC DAY- Pack a picnic basket, grab some burgers & dogs(the club will have these available to purchase if you don't want to bring your own), dust off those lawn chairs and bring your friends and family to the club for a grilling good time by the pool on the 4th and celebrate Independence Day in STYLE!!

Our July Friday night menus will include:

July 5th - Shrimp Gumbo prepared by Bob Barrileaux

July 12th -Fish Tacos & Stuffed Crab by "Yours Truly"

July 19th - Mystery Menu by Bill Schroyer & Marion Arrowsmith(They're on vacation so I don't know what they're cooking but I bet it will be delish!)

July 26th - Pork Roast by Don's Catering

July 27th Pontchartrain Yacht Club will once again host White Summer Night - a gala evening with food, drinks and music to benefit the Northshore Safe Harbor.

We are still in need of volunteers to help set up on Friday evening, servers for food and beverages, folks willing to help with picking up food donations on Saturday, and donations for the Silent Auction/Sponsors for the band. Please contact Sylvia Schmidt- [sylviaschmidt@bellsouth.net](mailto:sylviaschmidt@bellsouth.net) if you can help!

Looking forward to August- Mark your calendars for CARIBE- Saturday August 17th and dig out those funky Caribbean shirts and grass skirts!! We have LIVE BAIT lined up for dancing and singing, a photo booth booked to save those memories and a FABULOUS menu in the planning!! Stay tuned for more!!

See you at the club!!

Leigh

## **FOOD AND BEVERAGE– PAUL CALECAS**

Alright guys, we have a few cool things happening this month. As you read in the Social article, we have some fun stuff planned for the 4th as well as the return of White Summer Nights. In addition to those events, I will be hosting a Beer Dinner on July 17th. The seating will be very limited, so I urge you to sign up as soon as possible. I've gotten some feedback from you guys in recent days regarding the weeknight food. It looks like we will be replacing the pulled pork on Thursdays. I'm exploring a few options, but if you guys have any ideas, I'd love to hear them. We've also added a few new items behind the bar to help quench your Summer thirst. Come on down and have a Brooklyn Summer Ale or maybe a delicious frozen Margarita. I'm sure me and the guys behind the bar can find something to wet your whistle.

Prost!

Paul



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Events and Regattas for PYC

## July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Jun	1 Jul	2 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	3 \$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	4 \$5 BBQ pork on bun with chips GRILL AND GAMES!!!	5 GUEST CHEF FRIDAY @ 7PM	6 Where Ya At Drawing!! Yard & Regatta Rental @ 6pm
7	8	9 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	10 \$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	11 \$5 BBQ pork on bun with chips Regatta Rental @ 7pm	12 GUEST CHEF FRIDAY @ 7PM Regatta Rental @ 7pm	13 Where Ya At Drawing!! Yard Rental @ 1pm Regatta Rental @ 11am
14 GYA Club Manager's meeting 10 am	15	16 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	17 \$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	18 \$5 BBQ pork on bun with chips	19 GUEST CHEF FRIDAY @ 7PM	20 Where Ya At Drawing!!
21	22	23 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	24 \$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	25 \$5 BBQ pork on bun with chips Regatta Rental @ 7pm	26 GUEST CHEF FRIDAY @ 7PM	27 Where Ya At Drawing!! White Summer Night Event
28	29	30 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	31 \$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	1 Aug \$5 BBQ pork on bun with chips	2 GUEST CHEF FRIDAY @ 7PM	3 Where Ya At Drawing!!

See you at the club!

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