

# THE CHART

JULY 2016



## COMMODORE'S CORNER- KEN BUHLER

We have survived the first month of chaos, or what we call summer sailing camp and little skippers camp. If you were at the club in the morning this past month you saw a well oiled machine. Mike and the counselors have been busy holding classes and getting the kids out on the water. We put 53 young sailors on the water this month. Michele and Paula conducted scientific experiments to the amazement of our youngest little skippers. Something new this year for your enjoyment we have cabana boys operating our new poolside grill. We have a great poolside menu, drinks, chips and all snacks for your poolside enjoyment. Operating hours are as follows: Tuesday and Wednesday 11-2, Thursday and Friday 11-6, Saturday 12-8 and Sunday 12-7. We have fourth of July celebration just around the corner ,come by and share the freedom that veterans secured for us. For those of you that are partaking in the poolside fun and are in swimsuits we have just the thing for you. By popular demand we have begun the construction of a serving window , so you won't have to change if you want something from the bar. And for our youngest sailors who need a soft drink and snacks you can call on the bartenders at the service window .

PYC members who stepped up to the plate this month are Tom Jarvis, Paky Favalora, Portia Bishop, and Bill Schroyer, they saw a need and did what was necessary to help out our club. PYC has always been a volunteer club, if we had to pay for all the projects that must be done to maintain the club overall appearance our dues would be much higher. Thank you PYC members for all the volunteer work that you do.

Sailing has been hot this summer, competition and temperature wise. We are in our summer racing season, so we have moved our starting time to the afternoon. PYC sailors thank the race committee for making it possible. It was light air, shifty but RC pull it off. PYC sailed in the challenge cup regatta in Gulfport. We had four boats representing PYC ,they were Man-o-War, Last call, Lankshark and The Bear. The sailors worked very hard and had some issue with equipment failure. Congratulations to the crew of Landshark for taking home 2nd place silver. We have two more races in our summer season ,so please try to make it.

Many of our chairpersons are holding meetings to plan out rest of the year so its not too late to help, please volunteer. Please plan to attend our upcoming semi-annual membership meeting on the 24th at 4:00p.m. with a shrimp boil to follow.

I hope to see you at the club.

Ken

## **REAR COMMODORE– GIGI SAVONA**

This year has already been a very busy one. We have had more activities, club events and income and expenses than in previous years. In 2016, membership income increased by 4%, total income by 3% and expenses by 5% over the same January through May timeframe in 2015. Club Rental income is also up 3%. What does this mean? Well, it means our club is growing, hosting a lot of events, having a lot of fun and able to meet its expenses! We've welcomed many new families, performed maintenance and repairs, bought new poolside umbrellas and bought a VIPER!

Historically the Club operates on a very thin margin with annual profits between 3-5%. 2015 closed with a record 6% and since our most profitable months are yet to come, I'm hopeful that we will reach or perhaps even exceed this percentage by the end of 2016.

In closing, I want to thank all the members that pay their dues on time or even early! Ok, enough talk about numbers, let's get out on the lake and have some fun!

Gigi

## **JUNIORS– CHRIS FRIEND**

### **Junior Racing**

Several of our juniors participated in our 2016 School's Out Regatta. Savannah Core and Colin Friend sailed on our Viper, *Wave Monkey*. Jay Graham, Alex Neumann, Bay Palmer, and Johnny Palmer sailed Optimist Green Fleet. It was great to see junior participation in our spring regatta.

Coming up in July are the 2016 Junior Lipton's at Mobile Yacht Club on July 22 (practice and clinic), 23, and 24. Any sailors interested in representing Pontchartrain should contact Rob Doolittle or me. We will have mid week practices on Flying Scots to prepare for the flagship GYA junior regatta.

In conjunction with the Junior Liptons is the US Sailing Area D Sears semi-finals on Friday, July 22, also at Mobile Yacht Club. Sailors who will not reach age 19 this year are eligible to sail. It is a bring-your-own-boat regatta in Flying Scots. The winner qualifies to go to the finals in Lightnings at Mission Bay Yacht Club August 11-15. Let me know if you want to represent Pontchartrain Yacht Club!

### **Sail Camp**

The first two sailing camp sessions are in the books! Session 3 starts on July 11. Mike McKnight ably leads our Sail Camp. Our counselors are Jacob Stevens, Reed Kirk, Savannah Core, James Ernst, and Cole Montelaro. Junior Counselors are Camille Pierce, Landon Rees, and Carsen Hamey, Thanks, Mike and staff! The first 3 sessions are full. Contact Kaia if you want to sign up for session 4.

Chris Friend



**JUNIORS- CHRIS FRIEND**

## RACE-BRIAN KEATING

June has been a relatively quiet month for our PHRF events. The first race of the Summer Series ran into a dying breeze and the intent to do multiple races for the Spinnaker Class did not materialize: we had no PYC boats sign up for the Non-spinnaker class. Kudos are in order for our Challenge Cup competitors: Man-O-War, Last Call, Land Shark, and The Bear. Land Shark, skippered by Susan Danielson, brought us home a third place finish in "C Class."

Looking forward:

The second race of the Summer Series has been postponed from the 9<sup>th</sup> until the make-up date on the 16<sup>th</sup> due to other scheduling conflicts.

Farther out we have the Second Annual Veterans' Regatta coming up in September and we will be soliciting skippers to participate and invite a vet (s) onboard as crew during the event (more later).

A non-race comment but worthy of mention: on Friday I was motoring (dead calm) about 200 yards out from the rental cabins (Tata Duende only draws 3') and noticed a wake. It was a large gator, an honest 10' plus, out cruising in the lake.

Brian

## MEMBERSHIP- COURT RICHARDSON

Hello PYC Family

Welcome new applicants:

Ladson and Alexa Poole

The poole's are interested in Racing, Cruising and Sailing and would like to be involved with Race/Regattas

Brian and Jessica Jones

and children Noah, Eli and Maggie are interested in helping with Social Events. You may remember Brian from our Wounded Warrior Regatta last year. Brian kept us entertained with his music downstairs.

Please give a warm welcome when you meeting new applicants and members.

I look forward to seeing y'all by the pool. That's where we will be!!

Thanks and Happy Sailing!!!

Court Richardson  
Membership Chair

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## SOCIAL-MARIAN ARROWSMITH

After a very busy June at PYC, we are now rolling into an even busier July. John and Rebecca Choate are starting the month with a mouth-watering menu this Friday night! The dinner will kick off the long 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. If you want to host a Friday night dinner sometime in July or August, please contact Rebecca and she can give you more details.

If you have not had a chance to try the food from our “Poolside Grill”, please plan to check it out. There is an interesting variety of food and it is all great! The boys are doing an awesome job!

Come to PYC to celebrate our the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Eat some food from the Poolside Grill; play games in the yard, enjoy some drinks; take pictures of you and your family with some special 4<sup>th</sup> of July props and then watch the city’s fireworks from the lakefront! Make it a day to remember as you celebrate our Independence Day!

During the day in July the club will be a busy place with two more sailing camp sessions and a Little Skipper Science Camp! Stop by and see what the kids are learning!

On Thursday, July 14, from 6:30 – 8:00 P.M., there will be a “Family Cooking Class” with Stefani and Kaia. Come with your family and learn how to make some healthy snacks and have fun at the same time!

Plan to attend a wonderful “Seafood Dinner” on Saturday, July 16, from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. We will be able to enjoy music by Brian Jones, one of our new members. This will be another fun time at PYC that you don’t want to miss! Brian will also play on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00!

Then on Tuesday, July 19, from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M., come and enjoy our “Summer Wine Boutique” with Nicole. You will get to sample some different wines and then purchase them at special prices. Of course, there will be great food to sample with the wines.

Drunken Sailors will play in the bar on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30ish! So plan to eat dinner at the club then get out your dancing shoes and dance to the music at the PYC Bar!!

The PYC Semi-Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, July 24, from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. John and Rebecca Choate are planning a shrimp boil afterwards so be sure and put that date on your calendars!

Circling the Sun by Paula McLain is the book that will be discussed at PYC’s Book Club on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. Barbara Prosser will lead this discussion. This is open to all of our members so come join the group whether you’ve read the book or not...although you still have plenty of time to read it! It is a great way to get to learn about different books and to make new friends.

We will end July with a huge event, “White Summer Night”! This is a large fundraiser to benefit Safe Harbor’s Domestic Violence Program in St. Tammany Parish. Sylvia Schmidt is the chair of this event and she is always looking for volunteers to help before, during and after so contact Sylvia if you can help in any way with this special fundraiser!

Check the July calendar in this Chart for many other activities going on at PYC, like Wednesday night bike rides, nightly food and Friday night movies, etc.

More detailed information about all of the special upcoming events will be sent out during the month so watch for Kaia’s emails. If you have any questions or you want to get involved with any of our social activities, please contact me or contact Kaia. We are always looking for more volunteers!

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Have a safe and wonderful July! Mark your calendars now! Hope to see you around the club!

Marian Arrowsmith

## **ONE DESIGN- ROB DOOLITTLE**

I hope by now everyone has had a chance to lay eyes on our brand new Viper. If you haven't then please make it a point to run out behind the club and check out the future of one-design racing in the GYA. On that same note, we want any and all who are interested in racing either the Viper or a Scot to let me know ASAP so that we can get you set up with time on the boat. Haven't ever sailed one before? That's okay! You're not alone! We're ready and willing to get you up to speed. I'll be giving rides on the Viper on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July for ANYONE who is interested. Come on out and get your feet wet!

For those who are already up to speed and ready to race we have two upcoming Capdevielle regattas for which we will need crew for both the Viper and the Scot. The Meigs regatta, in Ft. Walton Beach, is being held on July 9-10, and the Weatherly regatta, in Gulfport, on July 30-31. Please let me know of your interest in either regatta, for either boat. In addition to the Viper and Scot events at the Weatherly regatta, there will also be a VX Women's regatta taking place. We will need a driver and one or two crew for my boat as well. Again, please raise your hand if interested.

Rob



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