



## COMMODORE'S CORNER- THOMAS A. JARVIS

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*So as “they” say, all good things must come to an end, and Change is inevitable. I want to thank Kaia for her 6 years of dedication and commitment to PYC through thick and thin! She has done a fabulous job of running the office, promoting the club, organizing and conducting social events and Oh those Omelets! We will miss you dearly as an employee and look forward to you as a member! Congratulations and good luck with your new endeavor!*

*Kaia has been working closely with the flag officers in formulating an orderly transition plan. The flag officers and past commodores have been thoroughly exploring our options for club operations going forward. While details are still being ironed out, our decision is to capitalize on our incumbent expertise. Jamie Monlezun will be our General Manager along with continuing her very important work as our event room Coordinator. In addition Paul Calecas will expand his Bar Manager roll to include food and beverage coordination and assist Jamie. We also have employed a part time book keeper for the business end of the operations. We are anticipating a fairly smooth transition and we will have Kaia on speed dial. As the management changes so does the weather. We are ready for spring and the upswing in our club social and sporting activities. The energy level and excitement is very high and we are seeing more folks come out to join the fun. Check your calendar on line for the latest information and just show up to join the fun.*

<http://my.calendars.net/pontyc>

*As the nice weather improves and more of you visit the club please be aware of the courtesies you should afford our fellow member and our property. Please familiarize yourself with the house and grounds rules found on our web site. Also, children and their safety are of great concern to the club. We encourage families and youth to use your facility and, while doing so, also remind parents’ of responsibility for their children’s safety and behavior.*

*The yard, the pool and our boats are still on the mend from Isaac and should be ready for our April 27th opening day. We are shopping for lawn toys like croquet and horseshoe sets to enhance our non-sailor activities. I see tournaments developing along with our boating activities!*

*So as we look to the good weather, please remember this is your club and you should use it to its fullest. The board of directors continually strives to make this a safe and enjoyable place for many different generations to co-habitat and enjoy. However, the bottom line is that is all about what you make of it! We welcome your constructive ideas and ambition to help.*

*See you soon!*

*Tom Jarvis*

## **VICE COMMODORE– BRIAN J. BURKE**

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I would like to start by saying farewell to Kaia who is resigning her position as Manager of the Club to pursue her passion in the restaurant industry. She has been a tremendous asset to the Club and will be truly missed. The Flag Officers, the Board of Directors and several Past Commodores have been diligently working to ensure a smooth transition and we will inform you as soon as plans for new management have been finalized.

After having now served on the Board of Directors as a Flag Officer for over three years and making continuous pleas for volunteers for one thing or another, I believe that the manner in which the Club is operated is coming to a fork in the road. Down one path is the Club returning to a more volunteer driven method of operation with the membership handling many of the ongoing social and house and grounds' tasks. Down the other path is the Club moving in a direction in which many of the social and house and grounds' tasks are outsourced to paid individuals. While at this time I do not endorse choosing either path, ultimately the membership will decide this issue and not simply by a vote, but by their participation, one way or the other, in these important aspects of the Club's operations.

Thanks, Brian

## **REAR COMMODORE– GARY THORSON**

Well now that Mardi Gras and a majority of winter is behind us, it is time to look forward to outdoor activities like fishing, sailing, grilling, etc., so knock the dust off of everything and lets start having some fun around the club. Probably top on our list at the Club will be getting our sailing fleet back in shape after the damages and loss that was created by hurricane Isaac. Some parts have been ordered and the remainder will soon be order to not only put our fleet back in working order, but to also add a couple of other boats to our fleet. It seems that we had a couple of "total losses" during Isaac. We will also be ensuring that all of our power fleet is in good running order.

From a financial perspective January looks like a record month showing a \$30,000 profit, but a large majority of that amount is due to a \$27,000 insurance claims check we received for all of our Isaac related fleet damage. Still all in all, January was a reasonable start financially to our 2013 sailing year. As we move into 2013 with our efforts to finalize a new and reorganized club management staff, I wanted let everyone know that we have also engaged a north shore CPA that will be reviewing our end of month accounting activity, providing an independent reconciliation of all bank accounts and preparing our PYC tax returns. This is a common ingredient in running any business and hopefully he will catch anything I miss.

As more social and more sailing activities crank up, I hope to see everyone at the club.

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

Smooth Sailing to everyone!

Best Wishes,  
Gary Thorson

The Mardi Gras regatta was held in New Orleans a couple of weeks ago. PYC was there and ready to race. Steve and Connie Attard and crew on their Hobie 33 sailed in the 9 boat fleet in the Hobie 33 Nationals to finish in 2nd place. Well done!!

In the new VX ONE class, D.J. Bolyard and crew of Collin Ross and Maya Newman won their class with two 1st after the weather only allowed them 2 races for the regatta.

Rob Doolittle and Max Albert also had a good regatta to finish 4th in the VX ONE class also in some very good competition. This is a new class of boat in the area, and from what I have seen has been a lot of fun. we hope to see them at our regattas in the future.

Chris Friend and crew sailed in the Capdeville division in our Flying Scot. Conditions for all classes were horrible. Winds ranged from 0-4 knots on Friday and Sunday to 22 with gusts over 26kts on Saturday which broke the rudder on our Flying Scot.

PYC sailors always sail hard for our club. We would like to see some more of you come out and get involved. You don't have to be an expert, but you have to show up to have fun.

Look forward to seeing you on the water or at the club. Contact me if you would like to race, or just get into afternoon sailing on the lake.

Bill Ross

## BAR- PAUL CALECAS

I'd like to start this month's article by thanking everyone that joined us for the Valentine's Day dinner. It's your support that makes these things worth doing! If you weren't able to make it, we'll have another one soon enough. This month we have a few things going on including a sail-over from our neighbors to the Bayou Chapter Wooden Boat Society. Come on out and make them feel welcome! St. Patrick's day is that weekend, so I'm sure the Guinness will be flowing. We have a few other things in the works, including a Scotch tasting, but as usual, we'd love to hear your ideas. We have some new things behind the bar, so I urge you to stop on by to try out the tasty new libations. Whether its one of our delicious craft cocktails, or maybe that new beer on tap, I'm sure we have something that will excite those tastebuds! In closing, I'd like to take a moment to wish Kaia luck in her new venture, she will be missed.

Slainte, Paul

## JUNIORS- PAUL STEVENS

The club is hosting the Northshore Cup again this year on March 2 – 3. This is a High School sailing team regatta and we expect high school sailing teams from the southeast to be attending. The local team to cheer for is the Christ Episcopal School team that Mason Sheen worked hard to establish. Good Luck CES!

There will be a Parents Meeting concerning our Junior Sailors program on Sunday March 10th at 5:00pm. We will meet by the pool or upstairs depending on the weather. I want to hear what you want this program to be. If you have a Junior Sailor, or if you just want to help, please come with ideas so we can plan this year's activities. Junior Sailors are welcome to attend,

I have contacted US Sailing about Pontchartrain Yacht Club hosting a Level 1 Sailing Instructor's course this spring. This is the minimum certification level required of our sailing instructors for the Summer Sail camp. You must be at least 16 to attend. Look for updates through "pontyevents" email messages.

Planning for Summer Sail Camp continues and the dates have been set. Please mark your calendars and help get the word out:

- Session #1: Monday 6/3 – Friday 6/14
- Session #2: Monday 6/17 – Friday 6/28
- Session #3: Monday 7/8 – Friday 7/19
- Session #4: Monday 7/22 – Friday 8/2 (dependent on interest/demand)

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thanks  
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## FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Notice

**Saturday Night Drawing** – Fact, the drawing was instituted to provide a reason to come to the club and yes, bring paying business to the club on a historically slow night. Fact, business 101, there must be a return on the investment to fund the prize. Thus, the intent was to provide an hour to socialize and patronize our bar and make the drawing between 8PM and 9PM. As you might guess, there is always someone trying to take advantage of the system. Showing up at 7:59 and leaving at 8:05 just doesn't work for your balance sheet! Thus as an attempt to save what was thought would be a win – win situation for the member and your club finances, the drawing will now occur at a randomly (computer) generated time between 8PM and 9PM. No one knows the actual time until the technology alerts the bar tender to draw.

While we are at it here are a couple more clarifications:

The prize is a Bar Card

The members spouse can collect the prize even if the member is not present. (informing your spouse – optional)

The fine print - The cost-benefit of this program to your club finances will be prudently analyzed and adjusted as necessary.

## **MEMBERSHIP– DICK JONES**

One new member has been added to our membership. Gary Innerarity has been approved a Young Adult Member. Gary lives in Hammond. He is self employed and works for Rouses also. Gary is interested in all aspects of boating and is interested in volunteering in all areas that need help.

Todd Schwander has submitted his resignation.

Spring is around the corner and this is a good time to approach your friends, neighbors and business associates and talk about the benefits of being a member of PYC. As you know we have events and activities that appeal to almost everyone. From boating to books club and swimming to social events.

On Valentine's Day, Paul, our multi talented bartender, cooked and hosted a special dinner for approximately 30 members. The food was excellent as was the selection of wines. Everyone who signed up agreed that we should do this more often and I am sure we will. Thanks to Paul and his volunteer staff for creating a very special evening.

Thanks to thank Hew Hamilton for updating and making a number of changes to the PYC web site. We will continue to make additional changes as the year progresses.

A special thanks to Kaia for all of the help she has given me over the past 14 months. Kaia was usually the first person a potential new member would talk to or meet in person. Her explanation of the membership requirements, the guided tours and follow up were exceptional. By the time I got to meet the applicant they were already sold on being a member. Thanks Kaia and best wishes on your new adventure. You will be missed.

See you around the club.

Dick Jones

## **MANAGER– KAIA S. WILLIAMS**

Wow, the memories that I will take with me on my journey. I often joked with many of you that the club should be a reality television show. We all know that's a scary thought but, I could always write a book. It would have to be a rather LARGE novel filled with lots of laughter, drama, joy, tears and all of the things that occur in a large family. The ups, the downs, the highs, the lows– not sure if they make enough paper to cover it all.

I can't wait to see where life takes all of the yacht club youth! Over the years, I always felt that I not only managed a yacht club but I also played a big role in each of the children's lives and hopefully some of yours. I have been fortunate enough to have bonded with so many of you and your families that I know in my heart I will have friendships that will continue throughout my lifetime.

Thank you all for the wonderful experience of managing your club and being a part of your lives. I have learned so many life skills, some useful, some well.....not so much! These include changing boat trailer tires, cannon repairs, accounting, terms such as halyard and main sheet, flag etiquette, nursing , driving a tractor, gardening skills, sailing, what Capdeville means and so much more that I cannot even dive into it all! All in all, it has been a pleasure serving you. I will cherish my memories at PYC forever and look forward to having a drink with you at the bar as a member!

Bon Voyage,

Kaia S. Williams

Your club manager and friend

**SOCIAL- LEIGH WANLESS**

WOW, ANOTHER FUN FILLED MONTH AT THE CLUB!

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES FOR MARCH:

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|--------------|--|
| -MARCH 2 & 3 | HIGH SCHOOL REGATTA                    |
| -MARCH 5     | BOOK CLUB                              |
| -MARCH 8     | MARCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION             |
| -MARCH 9     | SYC SAIL OVER AND GRILL NIGHT          |
| -MARCH 16    | BAYOU CHAPTER VISIT<br>AND GRILL NIGHT |
| -MARCH 17    | BRUNCH                                 |
| -MARCH 29    | CRAWFISH BOIL                          |

PLEASE MAKE NOTE, AS OF FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH,

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS WILL BE \$12.00

ALSO, WE WILL BE CHANGING TUESDAY'S SOUP NIGHT TO  
SALAD NIGHT THE FIRST OF APRIL







# MARCH CALENDAR

## Pontchartrain Yacht Club March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Feb	25	26	27	28	1 Mar	2
		Soup and bread \$5.00 off bottled wine	\$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	BBQ pork on bun with chips \$5.00	GUEST CHEF FRIDAY 7PM	Where Ya At Drawing!! High School Regatta
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
High School Regatta		Soup and bread \$5.00 off bottled wine  Book Club "Moon in the Mango Tree"	\$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	BBQ pork on bun with chips \$5.00	GUEST CHEF FRIDAY 7PM  March Birthdays Celebration!	Where Ya At Drawing!! Regatta Room Rental 5:30PM SYC sail over!! "grill your own" night
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Soup and bread \$5.00 off bottled wine	\$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	BBQ pork on bun with chips \$5.00	GUEST CHEF FRIDAY 7PM  Regatta room rental 5:30pm Regatta room rental 9-3	Where Ya At Drawing!! Grill Night!!
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Brunch!		Soup and bread \$5.00 off bottled wine	\$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	BBQ pork on bun with chips \$5.00	GUEST CHEF FRIDAY 7PM	Where Ya At Drawing!! Yard and Regatta Rental 6pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Soup and bread \$5.00 off bottled wine	\$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	BBQ pork on bun with chips \$5.00	GUEST CHEF FRIDAY 7PM  PYC CRAWFISH BOIL!!	Where Ya At Drawing!!
31	1 Apr	2	3	4	5	6
Happy Easter!		Salad night!! 5.00 off bottled wine	\$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	BBQ pork on bun with chips \$5.00	GUEST CHEF FRIDAY 7PM	Where Ya At Drawing!!

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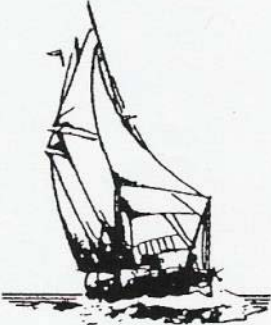


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