



## COMMODORE'S CORNER- THOMAS A. JARVIS

From The Commodore

November 1, 2013

I want to start off this month with a big THANK YOU to Mother Nature for not sending us a hurricane this year! We really needed the brake from all that water extra work and expense associated with these storms. With the nice weather we were able to get our Back to School regatta off on time for a change and it was a beautiful weekend on the water and around the club. Thanks to all of our volunteers who made it a huge success.

Between the Back to School regatta, WFORC, the Fishing Rodeo, and LPRC there has been a lot of boating going on to lead us up to our own Fall Series. This event scheduled for November 16 and 17 is conducted for the enjoyment of all. **You don't race? Come hope on with someone that does, or bring you non racing boat out to sail around and "audit the course"! Grab your power boat and a fishing pole and multitask just watching and fishing! Or do you want to run your power boat with a cause? Come help with setting up the race!** Drop me an email if you are interested in any of the above and I will fix you up!.

Also on the 16<sup>th</sup> is our annual membership meeting. This meeting is intended to give you the "state of the club" over the past year, a look ahead to next year, install our new board members and recognize various members for their contributions and accomplishments. Even if you can't make the meeting come join us later in the day to the GRILL YOUR OWN STEAK and enjoy the facility! Please mark your calendar to attend.

This month is also a huge football month and our food and beverage committee is putting together some interactive sporting events to entertain you while you watch your teams win. Please keep an eye out for our announcements and come join the fun while supporting you club.

Looking a little further ahead , get committed now for the Christmas boat parade, the commodores ball and the annual new year's eve pig roast. Never a dull moment, so don't miss the fun. Come join us!

See you at the club

Tom Jarvis

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The annual meeting of the members of Pontchartrain Yacht Club will be held on **SATURDAY November 16, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.** with a grill night to follow. In addition to discussing the general business of the club, the membership will elect three members to the Board of Directors for the terms beginning January 1, 2014. Also, the membership will elect one additional member to fill the remaining year of Gary Thorson's term. Gary has informed us that due to health issues, he will not be able to fill the remaining year of his term. In accordance with the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee has selected Chris Friend, Cleve Fair and Kaia Schindler to be placed on the slate of candidates to be presented to the membership to fill the expiring terms of Paul Stevens, Cleve Fair and Scott Discon. Each will be elected to a three year term. Additionally, the Nominating Committee has also selected Terri Hamilton to be placed on the slate of candidates to be presented to the membership to fill the remaining year of Gary's term.

I would like to personally thank Paul, Cleve, Scott and Gary for all of their hard work, dedication and personal sacrifice to the Club. It has been a pleasure to serve with each of them. I would also like to thank Mary Patterson, Erin Powell, Ed Goodwin, Dick Jones and Shan Kirk for agreeing to serve on the Nominating Committee.

**Chris Friend**

I was born and raised in New Orleans, learning to sail and care for boats when I was 10 years old. I began racing in Fish boats at Southern Yacht Club, and then in the club's pram fleet before moving on to Lasers and Flying Scots. I have raced competitively throughout high school and college and have been racing predominantly Sunfish since 1979, competing in several North American and World championships.

My wife, Rachel Wiggins, and I have been residents of Mandeville since 2006. Together we have two kids, Colin (active Optimist green fletcher) and Martha (wanna-be green fletcher). I have been a frequent racer, race committee member, and supporter of PYC since joining Pontchartrain Yacht Club in 2007.

I have a keen interest in increasing junior activities at PYC. As a board member, I will work to expand junior participation, especially in racing and recreational sailing. I believe that the junior sailors are PYC's competitive "farm system" and its future leadership. Thus, with parents' help, juniors should be actively recruited, trained, and taught the responsibilities of boat ownership so that they too will love our sport.

**Terri Hamilton**

Previous Rear Commodore.

Successful Business Owner-27 years Pineapple Gallery.

Insurance Adjuster 6 years.

Private Business Consultant 3 years.

Married to Hew Hamilton, 2 children Megan and Ryan.

Racing sailor on women's team for approximately 10 years.

Love Good Chocolate and I don't mind a good mixed drink either!

**Kaia Williams**

As many of you know, my name is Kaia Williams. I have been a resident in old Mandeville since 1983. I am married with two boys Isaac, 12 and Liam, 10. Many of you know my husband, John Williams. I worked as the General Manager of Pontchartrain Yacht Club for six years. Prior to employment at the yacht club, I was a member for several years and enjoyed getting to know many of you. I currently work for the Lakehouse as the General Manager and Commercial Production Caterer.

I am honored to be nominated as membership chair and look forward to serving you once again.

Kaia S. Williams

Cleve Fair

My name is Cleve Fair and I have been asked by the Nominating Committee to continue my service to the club as Principal Race Officer and stand for re-election to the Pontchartrain Yacht Club Board of Directors. I have considered this request and have agreed to serve if elected. Many of you know me and my long history with PYC. This is written for those who do not know me.

Hilda, and I have lived in Mandeville for 39 years and raised our family here. We have 2 daughters, a son, 4 grand boys, and a granddaughter.

I am a 1963 graduate of LSU with a B.S. in aeronautical engineering and a minor in mathematics. I am a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

I am retired from Fair Engineering, a company I founded in 1974 when we moved to Mandeville, however I remain active in several other business endeavors. I am a past member of the Board of Directors for Parish National Bank. As most of you know we have just completed construction of our retirement home on West Beach Parkway.

We joined PYC around 1978. I first joined the PYC Board in 1980 and served as Race Chairman, Vice Commodore and Commodore through 1983.

I have served on numerous committees through the years including, but not limited to: GYA Offshore Challenge Cup for 6 years, the last 3 of which as Chairman; GYA Offshore Safety Council; GYA PHRF Handicap Committee, member of the LPRC Founding Committee, initially serving on the Executive Committee and then as Chairman; and LPRC jury part time as the jury chair. I have also served as a Lipton Judge for many years.

I competed many years ago on “Second Wind”, a Pearson 26 and also on “Man O War”, a J 35. I was a founding member of the GYA J 35 Class and served as a National Governor of the J 35 Class. We most recently re-acquired “Man O War” in partnership with my good friends Commodore Brian Burke and Dick Jones.

I presently serve PYC as PRO (Principal Race Officer) and as custodian of ASea Shepherd@. I am also active in the ‘Past Commodores’ advisory group.

If elected I expect to expand my role in Race Administration Education training others to handle race management, and to serve the club in whatever manner I may contribute.

Respectfully,  
Cleve Fair, Past Commodore

**LPRC 2013**



## **REAR COMMODORE– GARY THORSON**

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### **From the Rear Commodore,**

The month of September was not kind to PYC from a financial perspective. Of course from a historical view the month of September has typically run at a loss and this September was no exception, tipping the scale to the negative side in the amount of about \$3,600. We still remain profitable for the year. October looks to be much better particularly concerning our club rental revenue.

Well, this will be my last Chart Article as your Rear Commodore. As a departing board member I want to thank the members of PYC and board for our hopefully productive time together. Celeste and I are moving to Fairhope, Al. Of course the rumor mill has generated a number of reasons for our move. As typical of most rumors, the ones we have heard have been much more entertaining than the truth. So here's our simple story. Its best that I move to a single level house due to a muscle disease (IBM) that may progress (it's not fatal). We happened to find a home we loved in Fairhope. The positives; so similar to Mandeville, near water & the beach, no flooding from hurricanes, our aging selves, my job allowing me to live anywhere, made it an easy choice.

While Celeste and I are excited about our move, we are saddened by moving away from our PYC friends. PYC has meant a lot to us and we feel all our time and contributions were worthwhile. Celeste was there long before me; sailing, racing, partying, and helping in many ways and I know PYC was like a family to her. We both wish everyone and the club much success. We know we will see y'all around either here or there.

Sincerely,

Gary Thorson

PS – Best Wishes for a New Improved Rear.

## **MEMBERSHIP– DICK JONES**

It is that time of year again when we see a drop in membership applications. No applications for membership other than two Junior Members were presented to the board.

I want to thank Paul Stevens, Terese' & Ken Maggio, Holly Jefferies for volunteering to work the PYC informational booth at the Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival. Thanks also to A.G. Monaco who offered to relieve the volunteers while he was exhibiting his classic wooden boat at the show. A number of people visited the booth wanting information on membership and sailing lessons. Due to the limited number of volunteers we could not bring a sail boat to the show. A small sail boat would have helped bring more people to our tent. Next year in addition to asking for volunteers in chart articles and email and will be working the bar to get help.

Please plan on attending the annual meeting, Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to sign up in advance for the steak night dinner right after the meeting. Look forward to seeing you there.

Dick Jones

Membership



# PHRF Fall Series a/k/a THE TURKEY REGATTA

November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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## NOTICE OF RACE

- 1. Rules:** All races will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association.
- 2. Eligibility:** All PHRF boats are invited.
- 3. Registration:** Registration will be held at the club on November 16, 2013 beginning at 0900.
- 4. Fees:** Entry fee will be \$10.00.

### Saturday November 16, 2013

0930 Skipper's Meeting  
1055 Warning Signal for the day's first start.

\*\*Annual meeting at 1600 with a grill night to follow.\*\*

## **SOCIAL- LEIGH WANLESS**

Blue Hickory Blues & Barbecue November 8th for Friday night food.

Fall Sailing Series November 16th & 17th 3 Races

Annual Meeting November 16th 4 PM to be followed by Steak Night

Thursday Night Football Tailgate November 21 for the Saints/Falcons Game Becca

Choate & Mark Cooper providing the eats!!

NO FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22nd/29th!!

THANKSGIVING DAY - CLUB CLOSED

Bring your Turkey Day Leftovers to the club on Sunday for POT LUCK AND KICKBALL

December 1st!!

CLUB OPEN -Monday December 2nd for MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL with the SAINTS!!

Annual Ladies Luncheon Sunday December 8th-Menu to follow soon!!

Commodore's Ball Saturday December 14th with entertainment by VOODOO GUMBO!

STILL NEED FOLKS TO VOLUNTEER FOR FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD-IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THE COOKING YOURSELF, SET UP A MEAL FROM YOUR FAVORITE RESTAURANT TO BE DELIVERED!

CONTACT PAUL OR JAMIE FOR BUDGET REQUIREMENTS!!

LEIGH



*LADIES CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE*

*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th 2013*

10a.m. until 2p.m. ~ Lunch served  
at 12:00

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## 2013 Lake Pontchartrain Northshore Open Fishing Rodeo

October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> was the first cool weather weekend of fall 2013 with clear skies, a 1.2 foot tide range and a falling barometer. This perfect weather started a great fishing weekend for this year's rodeo! Another great year even with some scheduling conflicts with this rodeo during Louisiana Festival Season!

Check out these New Rodeo Records and Notable Catches:

**Gross Weight By Boat** – S. Northey – 224.2#, Old Record – **K. Sollberger** – 143.19#  
**Blackdrum < 27"** - **John Choate** - 10.8#. Old record - **Keegan Gilmore** - 8.66#  
**Isaac Kusiv** came close with a 1.2 Croaker, but could not knock off **Todd Schwander's** awesome 1.5# croaker from 2011.  
**Bull Red** - **Bella Smith** - 21.2#, almost overtaking **Mike Harper's** 24.2# whopper.  
**Miscellaneous** – Little **Ava Copping's** two big ole alligator gars!

Thank you to all of our Sponsors and Volunteers!

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N30:21:00  
W90:03:50

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November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 *LPRC SAINTS Game	28	29 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	30 \$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	31 \$6 Soup Night *HALLOWEEN PARTY 6-8pm	1 Nov GUEST CHEF @ 7PM	2 \$Where Ya At Drawings\$
3 *EMPTY BOWL SAINTS Game	4	5 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine *BOOK CLUB @ 6-30pm	6 \$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	7 \$6 Soup Night	8 GUEST CHEF @ 7PM	9 \$Where Ya At Drawings\$ {Yard & Regatta Rental @ 6pm} *LSU vs. Bama* Tailgate Party
10 SAINTS Game	11	12 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	13 \$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	14 \$6 Soup Night	15 GUEST CHEF @ 7PM {Regatta Rental @ 7pm}	16 \$Where Ya At Drawings\$ *Annual Meeting Grill Night
17 *Mother Daughter Tea SAINTS Game	18	19 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	20 \$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	21 \$6 Soup Night *SAINTS* Tailgate Party	22 GUEST CHEF @ 7PM {Regatta Rental @ 5pm}	23 \$Where Ya At Drawings\$ {Yard and Regatta Rental @ 6pm} LSU Game
24	25	26 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	27 \$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	28 \$6 Soup Night HAPPY THANKSGIVING (club closed)	29 GUEST CHEF @ 7PM LSU Game	30 \$Where Ya At Drawings\$

See you at the club!