

October 1, 2013

How about Oracle Team America! Congratulations on an exciting and successful Americas Cup! It makes me proud to be part of the sailing world and an organization like Pontchartrain Yacht Club that promotes the sport or sailing or is this flying! Here is a link to some very interesting and educational information related to these spectacular boats. Take a look at some of these 3 min. videos so you can impress your lay friends with your knowledge of the sport. http://www.nshof.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=179&Itemid=281

Another interesting fact; did you know that of the 11 sailors on the American team defending the America's Cup, there is only one American? This year's performance should be an inspiration to our youth to engage in the sport! Yes, like every professional sport only a few will make it to the top but what an experience and skill to teach our children! A colleague once suggested to me that "life begins beyond your comfort zone and your better live or wonder what you have missed". I know that sailing and water sports have taught my children decision making skills and confidence as well as provided us with a common family bond and some great memories.

So a little closer to home, It's been a busy month around the club with our own Club series and the Back to school regattas. Our summer swelter series brought a good turnout and the debut of our new "Team Man-O-War". Congratulations Cleve, Brian and Dick for your commitment to sailing! The back to School regatta was its usual hit with some 50 young sailors here for the weekend. Thanks to all of our volunteers that made our gest feel at home. It was a fun weekend on the water and we are already planning for our October and November sailing events! Meanwhile in October, many of our sailors will be participating in the 3 day Lake Pontchartrain Racing Circuit and the West Florida Offshore Racing Circuit. Wish them safety and Success!

Last month was just a warm up for the rest of the year! Our social butterflies and sailing organizers have been busy lining up some cool things here at PYC for the remainder of the year! Check out the enclosed calendar and book us in your smart phone so you don't miss a thing! And OH by the way, are you feeling left out? No friends? No one talks to you? Getting involved and helping out at these functions is THE WAY to get to know someone.

As with any business, at this time of the year your board of directors is busy analyzing the past 3 quarters of operations and looking at plans for the years ahead. A significant part of that effort is securing the volunteers that will step up and represent your interest on the board. It's a huge commitment of time and often ones personal resources to make our club a success. As you might guess folks are not jumping at the chance to commit to this glamorous high paying job. Understandably, there are many factors that make such a commitment possible for individuals. As my term as commodore is nearing the end, I would first, ask that respect the ongoing board members decisions and efforts as a volunteer. Secondly, I would encourage your involvement in your club and learn some of the various functions required to keep this operation running with an eye on your term as a board member.

Looking forward to seeing you at the club for a spectacular fall!

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

REAR COMMODORE - GARY THORSON**From the Rear Commodore,**

The month of August was very busy at the Club. I hope all of you got an opportunity to enjoy the last batch of summer activities. From a financial perspective, we generated \$6200 in profit from a little over \$51,000 in revenue. Year to date, PYC has recorded \$603,000 in revenue compared to \$576,000 same time last year. Our year to date profit is slightly over \$10,000 for 2013.

Please watch your calendar for club events scheduled for the remainder of the year and plan to participate and enjoy.

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

Best Wishes,

Gary Thorson

MEMBERSHIP ARTICLE – October Chart

I am pleased to report that we have approved three new Resident Members during our last board meeting.

Erin Powell's daughter, Elizabeth Clancy Powell and son, Jason Powell, have elected to join the club. Jason owns a Ranger 26 and has participated in our Sunday sailing events. He is interested in all aspects of volunteering. Clancy is interested in sailing and like Jason is interested to volunteer wherever needed.

Robert and Maria Wood reside in Mandeville and are looking forward to the many social activities PYC has to offer. Bob is retired from AT&T and is interest in helping with house and grounds.

Please make a point to welcome our three newest members to the club.

Five students from Christ Episcopal School have joined as Junior Members and will be active in the junior sailing and racing activities.

Thanks to all the sponsors who have introduced new members to the club. We appreciate your efforts.

The holidays will soon be on us. Looking for a unique gift? How about our limited edition PYC ceramic sculpture? We have a few left on a first come first serve sale.

In my August and September chart articles I announced PYC will be exhibiting during the Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival. Here are the details once again. We will have a 10x10 tent and display a Flying Scot This is an excellent venue to reach potential new members and discuss the many, many benefits of becoming a member. I am still looking for four volunteers to man the tent on October 12th & 13th. Two volunteers are needed each day. Help will also be required on Friday the 11th to erect the tent and trailer the Scot to the show. As of this writing I have not been contacted with offers to volunteer. So once again I am asking for four members to step up and help. If you volunteer your entry to the festival is free! To date I have one volunteer; A. G. Monaco. Thank you Anthony. Now how about the rest of you? Three more volunteers needed for a ½ day under the tent providing information about PYC and talking about boats. Oh, and did I mention they sell food and beer. What could be more fun than spending time at the premier wooden boat festival in the South during an October weekend having a cold beer, talking about PYC and wooden boats? There are approximately 20 PYC members who volunteer every year as judges, dock masters, working the dingy dock, down and dirty boat building, booth workers, ticket sellers, setting up and breaking down the tents and they will all tell you, myself included, that it is a lot of fun. Three more volunteers!

See you at the club

Dick Jones

Membership

FOOD AND BEVERAGE– PAUL CALECAS

It's going to be another busy month! We have quite a few things lined up for your eating and drinking pleasure. Coming up on the 16th, we'll be having our "Porktoberfest", which will be a celebration of German beer and sausages hosted by yours truly and Vanessa Gomes from Champagne Beverage. October 20th will be our monthly brunch. I have something that I think is kinda cool in mind, but I'm going to keep it under wraps for now. I'm really excited about this next one! October 23rd will be a whiskey tasting hosted by Mr. Art Riley from Heaven Hill Distilleries. Art will be taking us through the various types of whiskey produced in North America and teaching us a few things along the way. I attended one of his seminars about a month or so ago, and even after being in the business for almost twenty years, I learned a few things. This guy knows his stuff! To finish off the month, Jamie has put together a Halloween party for kids big and small. I'll be throwing together some liquid courage for those afraid of the ghosts and monsters.

Prost!, Paul

SOCIAL— LEIGH WANLESS

Just a quick reminder of upcoming events at the club for October!

We will be open for Monday Night football with a special Tailgating menu by Paul-watch your email for updates and menus for tailgating at the club on Sundays and for Friday Night Food too!

Kickball continues on Sunday October 6th at 5 PM.

The Annual Fishing Rodeo is coming up soon, October 12-13, so get that equipment ready and let's go fishin'!

On October 18th Team Jarvis will be preparing dinner for us and plan to stay for BUNCO!!

Brunch on Sunday October 20th

Paul will be hosting a Whiskey(Whisky??) Tasting on Wednesday October 23rd-whichever, it's sure to be FABULOUS!

LPRC is scheduled for October 25th - 27th with Kickball to conclude the weekend (again at 5 PM)!

HALLOWEEN party (for kids both big AND small) Thursday October 31st

November Events:

RIB COOKOFF- Saturday November 2nd

ANNUAL MEETING/GRILL NIGHT/TURKEY TROT CLUB SERIES - The Annual Meeting and Grill Night on Saturday 4 PM & Sailing on both Saturday and Sunday

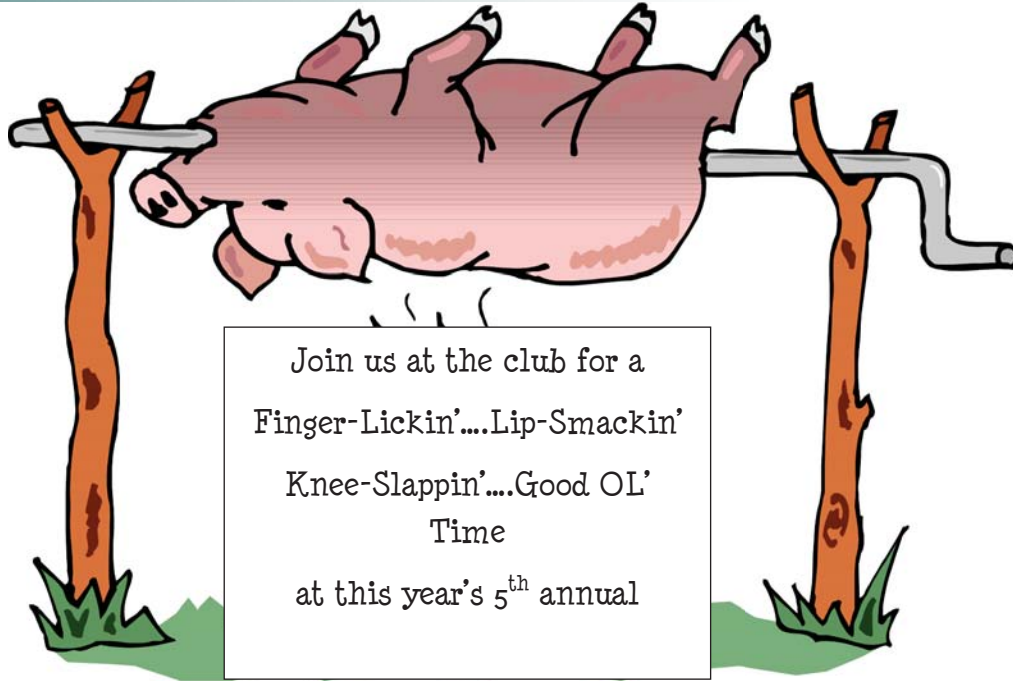
JUNIORS - PAUL STEVENS

In response to requests to have an opportunity for Opti sailing beyond the Sail Camp we will start Opti Sailing Sundays on Oct. 13. The plan is to have a Sail Camp instructor available to lead the group, providing rigging help and on the water instruction. This will be open to any Sail Camp Opti sailors and other experienced Opti Sailors, Green Fleet and above. There will be a fee of \$20 per session. Please contact the PYC office by Oct 9 to reserve a spot. Any new Opti Sailors can come participate in shore-side activities. Sailing instruction for new Opti Sailors may be provided, depending on need and availability of instructors. As always, please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thanks, Paul Stevens

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October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Sep	30	1 Oct	2	3	4	5
		\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	\$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	\$6 Brisket Sandwich	GUEST CHEF @ 7PM {Yard and Regatta Rental @ 6pm}	\$Where Ya At Drawings {Regatta Rental @ 11am and 6pm} LSU Game
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
{Regatta Event @ 1pm} {Pool Event @ 11am} *KICK BALL @ 5pm SAINTS Game		\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	\$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	\$6 Brisket Sandwich *PEO Regatta Event	GUEST CHEF @ 7PM {Yard & Regatta Rental @ 6pm}	\$Where Ya At Drawings {Regatta Rental @ 11am and 6pm} *FISHING RODEO LSU Game
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
*FISHING RODEO SAINTS Game		\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	\$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer Porktoberfest!	\$6 Brisket Sandwich	GUEST CHEF @ 7PM *BUNCO NIGHT	\$Where Ya At Drawings LSU Game
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
*Sunday Brunch SAINTS Game		\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	\$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer *Whisky Tasting	\$6 Brisket Sandwich	GUEST CHEF @ 7PM *LPRC	\$Where Ya At Drawings {Regatta Rental @ 7pm} *LPRC
27	28	29	30	31	1 Nov	2
*LPRC SAINTS Game		\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	\$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	\$6 Brisket Sandwich *HALLOWEEN PARTY 6-8pm	GUEST CHEF @ 7PM *LPBF Fundraiser (club closed)	\$Where Ya At Drawings

See you at the club!