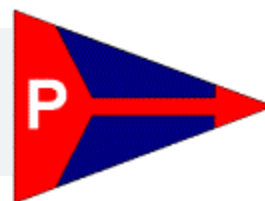


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JULY 2014



## COMMODORE'S CORNER- DICK JONES

Summer is here and the month of June was full of activities for all.

We started out the month with the annual Schools Out Regatta. A number of GYA Yacht Clubs participated. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate and the second day of racing had to be cancelled.

Sail camp is off to a great start and as of this writing every session is full.

Sailing Sundays has become very popular with a number of sailors and non-sailors are showing up each Sunday afternoon. Sailing Sundays is a great way for non sailors to get out on the water and enjoy the joys of sailing. Just show up and we will get you on a boat.

PYC sailors participated in to two major sailing events in June; the annual Gulfport to Pensacola Race and the 2014 GYA Challenge Cup. Eleven clubs participated in the Challenge Cup with PYC finishing 4<sup>th</sup>. in the three day race series. Thanks and congratulations to all of the racers on Defiance, Man O War, Super Duck and The Bear.

Have you taken your children or grand children to the movies lately? Thursday movie night is a big hit with the kids. We are showing a variety of G & PG movies to attract a wide range of ages along with burgers, fries and other snacks for sale. Reservations are not necessary.

June was another record month for new members. See Court's article for more details.

The following is a repeat of last month's call for volunteers. A big thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help Tom Jarvis with his need to repair or fix list and helped assembling the new picnic tables, Friday night food, race committee and during Opening Day. The "to do" list for House & Grounds is growing and Tom cannot do it all by himself. We ask for volunteers to help in order to keep our costs down. The alternative is to hire outside help and that can be very expensive. I encourage all of you to help by volunteering to work on a project. Two or three hours a week can make a big difference to help minimize our expenses. We really do need your help.

Please plan on attending the Semi Annual Meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>. with a steak night to follow. Look forward to seeing you there.

See you at the club.

Dick Jones

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the members of Pontchartrain Yacht Club has been scheduled for Saturday, July 12, 2014 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:

Dick Jones, December 31, 2014  
Terri Hamilton, December 31, 2014  
Tom Jarvis, December 31 2014

Brian Burke, December 31, 2015  
Leigh Wanless, December 31, 2015  
Billy Ross, December 31, 2015

Cleve Fair, December 31, 2016  
Court Richardson, December 31, 2016  
Chris Friend, December 31, 2016

Thanks, Brian Burke  
Vice-Commodore  
Pontchartrain Yacht Club

**REAR COMMODORE- TERRI HAMILTON**

Happy 4th of July. Finances at PYC look good as of this writing. Everyone is continuing to pay timely on their bills. Everyone is spending money at the club and sail camp is bursting at the seams. We have new members and a lot of new families at the pool. This combination is great for the bottom line at PYC. We have had some unusual expenses at the club but they have not hurt our bottom line. We had to drain and refill the pool which resulted in more pool chemical purchases. We have a sparkling clean pool but that too takes more chemicals. We have new umbrellas, grills, and picnic tables also. All power boats have been looked over and are running well. Sail camp boats are in working order as is the racing Flying Scot. The Hydrasport has been sold and the proceeds deposited in the boat fund!

Terri Hamilton

June has been a busy month starting with the Back-to-school regatta. I would like to thank all of you who came out to help from shore to on the water help. From all input I have heard it was a good time despite the bad weather.

The same weekend we sent a team to Panama City to race in the Candler regatta. The weather was alot better there allowing us to get in 5 races to win the regatta by 1 point. This was the 1st regatta we have won this year.

There are a lot of Capdeville races coming up that I need to send teams to, and I need your help to fill those spots. If you contact me I will fill you in on how to get involved.

Summer Sunday Sailing has been coming along great with new faces showing up each weekend. Thanks to Joe Bishop for heading up our newest young sailors in the Opti's. From what I have seen they seem to be having a fun time. Also Chris Friend and Tristan have been very helpful to all new sailors that wanted to get involved. Thanks again to all.

The GYA Offshore Challenge Cup was held in Pensacola in which our own race chairman was selected to run this championship regatta. I would like to congratulate Cleve Fair and his crew on a job well done. PYC finished the regatta 4th out of 11 teams, but only a half point out of 3rd. Good job and thanks to all owners and crews who traveled to Pensacola to represent PYC in this event.

If I can help you in any way to get involved in sailing, just call me or the office for assistance.

Bill Ross

985-630-2289

Please post the events calendar that you receive in your monthly statement on your fridge door! For those of you who don't check your email daily it will help you keep up with club events during the month.

Our Big Event for July is White Summer Night to Benefit Safe Harbor:

CUPCAKE PLEDGES PLEASE / BEER PLEDGES:

Beverly Musson, our dessert "Cupcake Lady" is taking pledges for the 500 cupcakes we need for dessert. If the men want to contribute a case of beer, please let Bev know or just drop off at the office. Bev Musson: 985-630-4005 [beverleymusson@yahoo.com](mailto:beverleymusson@yahoo.com)

RESTAURANTS:

Kappy Goodwin is heading the restaurant committee, if you have a restaurant you know would like to contribute please let her know. 985-502-4868 [kappygoodwin@bellsouth.net](mailto:kappygoodwin@bellsouth.net)

SILENT AUCTION

PYC members if you would like to contribute an item for silent auction please contact Sylvia Schmidt, event chair via email, or drop off at the office. We are looking for a sail boat owner to participate in the silent auction in the form of a 3 or 4 hour boating trip out in the lake. [sylviaschmidt@bellsouth.net](mailto:sylviaschmidt@bellsouth.net) or phone 504-450-0525.

We need volunteers for Guest Celebrity Chef for the month of July and August-any takers??? Something cool and refreshing would be nice for these two Friday Night dinners-maybe a "Salad Sampler" meal or chilled seafood of some sort!! Give me, Kaia or Paul a call to schedule your spot on the calendar.

Looking forward to August:

CARIBE - August 16th Dinner 7 PM Band from 8 to Midnight-dig out those Jimmy Buffett relics and tropical shirts!! Time to PARTY!!!!

Sail Camp is half over and we have had the most campers in recent memory! We had 27 campers in Session 1 and 30 campers in Session 2. All sessions are full as we begin the second half of a very successful Sail Camp season.

The Sunday sailing program began with a bang, but has dwindled as of late, so please join us on Sunday afternoons. Tristan Connault has ably been our steward, checking boats in and out. The Harbor Mice program, run by Joe Bishop and West Melton was a roaring success that should be repeated in the fall. Please let me know via email or by contacting the office if you are interested in the fall harbor mice program.

The 2014 Sunfish North American Junior Championship is Sunday, July 27 through Tuesday, July 29 at Bay-Waveland Yacht Club. There will be several sailors coming here from South America since the senior regatta that follows is a qualifier for countries for the Pan Am Games. If you want to hone your Sunfish racing skills, or are a Laser Radial sailor, please consider participating in this regatta. It's not often that we get opportunities to sail against international competitors so close to home.

We will have the First Annual Junior Cruise to Fontainebleau State Park this summer! We will take the skiffs and the RIB as escorts. Optimists, 420s, Sunfish, Lasers, and Flying Scots will depart PYC in late morning and sail via M1 to the Fontainebleau beach. We will need volunteers to get food, drinks, canopies, etc. to the park in the late morning. Details will be ironed out at an organizational meeting.

The Junior Lipton Challenge is July 18-20 at Southern Yacht Club. Final team details are in the works, so if you are a junior who wants to sail, or have kids who want to be part of the team, please contact me ASAP! We also need volunteers to be support boats so we can rotate our sailors on and off the race boat AND we need tacker-backers to cheer our Junior Racing Team on!

Chris Friend



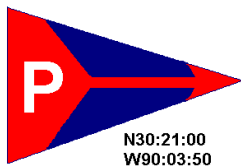
As I sit here considering what meaningful words I can present this month, I ponder what can I say that you have not already heard and I am tired of saying! So my feelings are:

Thanks so much to those of you that routinely help out! It is truly appreciated by many of us but unfortunately taken for granted by many! Our busy lives just don't seem have enough free time that we can dedicate to volunteer at a venue where we want to go for rest and relaxation! Considering that we already budget for outsourcing lawn and pool care, why not the weeding, the painting, the pressure washing, the routine repairs? I can tell you the motivation in the past was "we can do that stuff and save money", the goal being to keep our cost as low as possible! However, it has become evident to me that with our hectic life styles and limitations on free time this model no longer works. No one needs another responsibility, so I am actively seeking competitive bids to perform essential maintenance to the building and grounds. This will obviously increase our basic reoccurring cost of operating the club that are not budgeted for!

To address the increased cost of operation, I refer you to your local utility company bill where in there is a line item charge for infrastructure maintenance and another for storm recovery. I will propose to the flag officers and the other board members that we consider changes to the by-laws to implement a monthly "facilities maintenance fee" be added to our bill. The essentials can get can done and we can all share the cost.

Times change and the old volunteer model and the same old volunteers are not keeping up! As your board member, I first off want the club to be perfect and a place we are proud to show off and secondly recognize that we are not and cannot sustain this goal under our current plan. I would encourage you to join us at the upcoming semiannual meeting to voice your opinion.

Best regards, Tom Jarvis



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## July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun 29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4	5
CHALLENGE CUP! PENSACOLA		\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine Book Club 6:30pm	\$2 Dogs	Movie Night with Burgers	BBQ dinner @ 6:00p.m. Club open for the 4th!	\$Where Ya At Drawings\$
SUNDAY SAILING!! NOON-4						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SUNDAY SAILING!! NOON-4	Session 3 of Sailing camp begins!	\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	\$2 Dogs	Movie Night with Burgers	Pasta Night!	\$Where Ya At Drawings\$ PHRF SUMMER RACE SERIES RACE #2
SUNDAY SAILING!!! NOON-4						Semi-Annual meeting with dinner to follow
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
SUNDAY SAILING!!! NOON-4		\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	\$2 Dogs Membership Wine and Cheese mixer 6-8	Movie Night with Burgers	Grill Your Own Night! Junior Liptons at SYC	\$Where Ya At Drawings\$ Junior Liptons at SYC
						YARD RENTAL
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Junior Liptons at SYC	Session 4 sailing camp begins!	\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	\$2 Dogs	Movie Night with Burgers	Guest Chef Friday!	\$Where Ya At Drawings\$ PHRF SUMMER RACE SERIES RACE #3
Regatta Room Rental SUNDAY SAILING!!! NOON-4						WHITE SUMMER NIGHT EVENT!!!
YARD RENTAL						
27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2
Regatta Room Rental SUNDAY SAILING!!! NOON-4		\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	\$2 Dogs	Movie Night with Burgers 7:00pm - 10:00pm Paul's Wine Dinner	Grill Night!	\$Where Ya At Drawings\$ PHRF SUMMER RACE SERIES RACE #4

See you at the club!