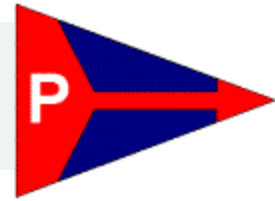


THE CHART

MAY 2011



COMMODORE'S CORNER - BRIAN J. BURKE

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The summer is fast approaching and with it the activities at the Club are heating up. Thanks to Scot Discon and all of the members who chipped in to purchase the new pool furniture, the pool area is looking very inviting so come spend a Saturday or Sunday at the Club around the pool.

Rob Doolittle has planted the seed for Thursday night Portsmouth racing which, when coupled with Thursday night tacos, I hope will become a Pontchartrain Yacht Club mainstay, much like Wednesday night racing is on the southshore. So far we have had Flying Scots, Finns, Sunfish and Lidos taking part in the racing. If you are interested in participating, come by the Club on Thursday afternoons or give Rob a call.

Erin Powell and Bobby Lipscomb have been planning a member social around the pool to be held on Thursday May 19, 2011. I invite all members to come out and enjoy each others company. The last two member socials were very enjoyable events.

COMMODORE-BRIAN J. BURKE

Upon Cleve Fair's and my recommendation, the Board of Directors appointed Billy Ross to chair the Pontchartrain Yacht Club spinnaker race committee and Tom Quinlan to chair the Pontchartrain Yacht Club non-spinnaker race committee. Both Billy and Tom have agreed to accept the respective positions and are in the process of preparing a race schedule which will be e-mailed to the membership.

Cleve Fair has been planning for the Out of School Regatta which will be held at Pontchartrain Yacht Club on June 4 and 5, 2011. The Notice of Regatta has been issued and is available on the Club's website or at the Club. This regatta is one of the major events for the Club so if you can help by volunteering your time, on or off the water, please give either Cleve or me a call. As I said in my last chart article, volunteering at a regatta is a great way to immerse yourself in the Pontchartrain Yacht Club family.

As you may have noticed, the railings at the Club have to be painted. However, due to budgetary constraints, we cannot hire an outside contractor to paint the railings but will have to rely on member volunteers to get the job done. However, due to the amount of railing, this has always seemed like a daunting task to get done in a single work weekend. Thankfully, Tom Jarvis has volunteered to spearhead the painting of the railings and has devised a plan to break it down into manageable sections, with each section to be "adopted" by a member, as set forth in greater detail below. He has already started painting some of the more difficult sections and has a step by step list for each member to help them get started. If you can "adopt" a section, please check with Tom, Scot Discon or me and we will help you get started.

As stated in previous articles, Pontchartrain Yacht Club will be hosting this year's Gulf Yachting Association Championship Regatta for the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Trophy, perhaps the most prestigious regatta in the Gulf Yachting Association. The regatta will be held Labor Day weekend, beginning Friday September 2, 2011 and concluding Monday September 5, 2011. Yacht clubs from St. Petersburg, Florida to Houston, Texas will be represented at this regatta. In addition to the actual participants in the regatta, numerous members of the various Gulf Yachting Association clubs will be in attendance. Pat Ross and Shan Kirk have agreed to co-chair this event and have already appointed committee heads to handle various aspects of the event. The success of this event will depend on volunteer support. So please keep these dates available so that as plans are finalized, you are available to help out.

Also, as you can imagine, it is quite expensive to host a regatta of this magnitude. Accordingly, Pontchartrain Yacht Club is soliciting sponsors to help defray the cost of the regatta. If you, or anyone that you know of including nonmembers, is interested in being a sponsor, please speak with Shan, Pat, Bridget Jarvis or me.

COMMODORE – BRIAN J. BURKE

Finally, at its last meeting, the Board of Directors scheduled the Semi-annual Meeting for June 26, 2011 at 4:00, with a grill night to follow. At this meeting, the membership will vote on the members to sit on the Nominating Committee which will have the responsibility of selecting a slate of candidates to fill the Board of Director positions becoming vacant at the end of the year which slate of candidates will be voted on by the general membership at the Annual Meeting. Please note that the recent amendments to the Bylaws made substantial changes to the manner in which the members of the Nominating Committee are elected. The members of the Nominating Committee are now elected by motion from the floor, are voted on individually and must be present at the meeting to accept the nomination.

Thank you, Brian

Brian J. Burke

Commodore, Pontchartrain Yacht Club



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SOCIAL - ERIN POWELL

Social

May 2011



Spring has been an exciting and busy time at the club. During April we have had some great Friday night chef's, many thanks to Susan and Bradley, Marianne and Scott, Bridget and Teri, Robert, Dottie and Anita.

May starts off with book club on the 3rd, Dr. Mary's Monkey.

Gary Thorson is cooking Cinco de Mayo this Friday night, May 6th.

Kaia's Brunch is Mother's Day!

A new and prospective member Tiki Pool Party is scheduled for Thursday, May 19th.

Pool will be open on Memorial Day!

The School's Out Regatta is in June.

Hope to see you all enjoying the pool and other amenities at the club.

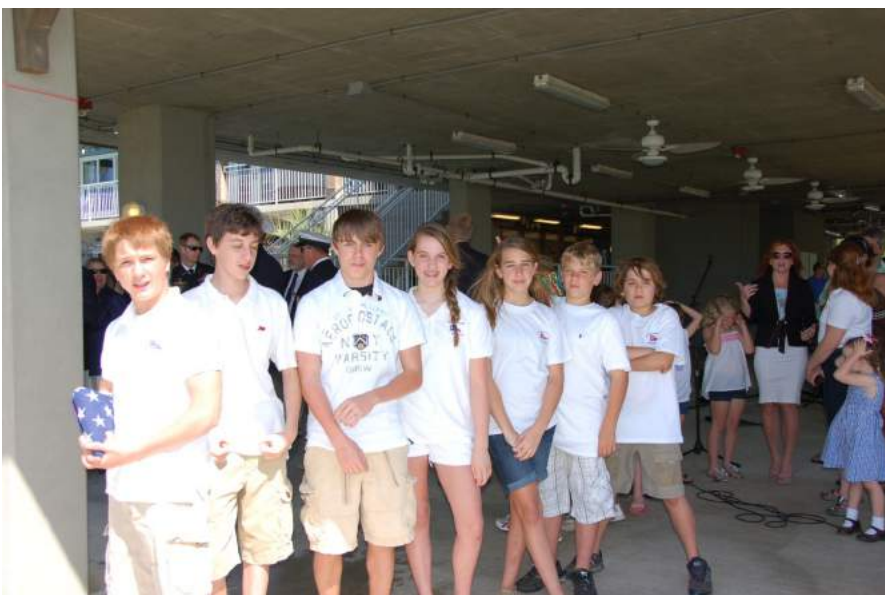
JUNIORS – ROB DOOLITTLE

Summer sailing fun is getting ready to crank up and our tiniest sailors, the Harbor Mice, are making quite a debut onto the sailing scene. There is some great talent amongst our newest group, and I can't wait to see what they will be doing by the time Back to School rolls around! My best "advice to the mice" is to not give up! Moms and dads, great sailing takes a lot of practice and even more patience so help these kids stick with it. Summer time brings about lighter winds and less intimidating conditions for the 8 and unders to practice in. I also want to encourage you to get your Harbor Mouse signed up for at least one sail camp session. We've got a great group of instructors that will make learning fun for all. Far better, if you ask me, than anxious moms and dads pacing bow to stern and back as their mice do seemingly never-ending 360s and challenge the physics of upwind/ downwind sailing. Just sit back, relax, and let some young, eager instructor bear the burden for you!

Speaking of sail camp, everyone please help spread the word that we still have room in all sessions and let me know if you would like some flyers to take to church, school, or to hand out on your kids sports teams. I've been putting a few flyers on windshields at Pelican Park on Monday and Friday evenings, so if you have some creative ideas please pass them along and we'll get working on it.

Have you all seen our new boat rack in the yard on the north side of the club? Thanks to all who attended and supported the junior's spaghetti dinner & a movie event! We made enough dough to build a rack for 12 boats: Optis, Lasers, and or Sunfish. A very nice addition and a very big kudos to all of you who pitched in and to Edward for helping me construct our new rack!!! Next thing we need is new Opti sails for our club tubs. Dave Bolyard has offered us an excellent deal on some new sails and to take advantage we need everyone to show up this coming Friday night May 13th for some shrimp & grits, compliments of myself and Commodore Brian Burke. 7:00pm. Be there or be square! Most of all though, do it for your pallets and for our youngest sailors. Remember, they're our future!!!

See you on the water,
Rob



HOUSE AND GROUNDS - SCOTT DISCON

PYC House and Grounds

If anyone is interested in spending time watering our beautiful yard and trees?...please just come out to the club and grab a hose and or a sprinkler and go for it...South Louisiana is in a 5 plus year drought and it does not look like any rain for the near future. Our grass is turning yellow...not a good sign.....we could use some volunteers daily!

We are also in need of gardeners who might like to pull weeds in and around the pool gardens and the front entrance to the Club...once again just come on down and put on your gloves.

Finally look for the cement staining of the club to take place in June-July 2011.....Please sign up upstairs to participate and or contact me directly..... We are gearing up for the Liptons at Labor Day....so we really need volunteers to assist us all summer long. I can be reached at scottdiscon@aol.com or (985)951-9941

ALL HANDS ON DECK...RAILS

Did you know that PYC has over 500 ft. of handrail? Over the few years that the new club has been in operation, various modes of wear and tear have taken their toll on the finish.

To keep the club beautiful, we need your time! As 'many hands make light work', I am proposing that we each commit to refinishing at least ONE of the 55 distinctive sections of our club's handrails. As a whole, this renovation will require a sizable amount of manpower and materials. If we all contribute in our own way, I believe we will all appreciate the result.

We are asking you to commit to your section to be done on your schedule. The process includes; Sand & Prime, First Top coat and then a final coat.

Please contact Tom Jarvis at thomas.jarvis@power.alstom.com to secure you section and receive the details.



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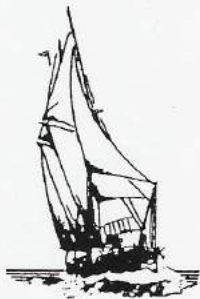


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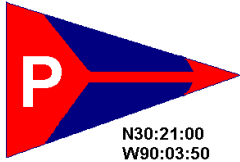
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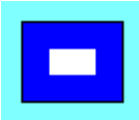
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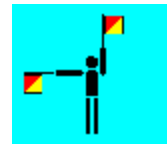
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