

## COMMODORE'S CORNER- THOMAS A. JARVIS

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*As I write this article Sandy is slamming the Eastern seaboard as Isaac did to us not so long ago. I hope you agree that we have made a swift recovery albeit an unfortunate hit to our finances. As Rear Commodore Thorson will attest we are thankful for our strong financial condition to see us through this situation. We do still have some outstanding items needing attention and would welcome anyone looking for a fall project to lend a hand. Please contact Kaia to see what's on the punch list.*

*A significant component contributing to our financial condition is our social activity. The Social chair has a difficult job of continually dreaming up and executing events for your enjoyment and yes, to generate income for your club. The income surrounding events helped contribute to our balance sheet and helped insulate you from the burden of our recent Hurricane. So please remember these are essential to our success, enjoyment and further promotion of PYC. Also that the people who conduct this entertainment for your benefit are volunteers! Week after week, they try their best to provide value and enjoyment for you. As you might imagine this does get a little old for the same few over and over. If you have enjoyed a Friday night dinner, a theme party or other events please consider giving back. It's a great way to get involved and meet new people.*

*Sailors! This month was very busy making significant showings in World and National Championship events! Congratulations to you all and thanks for representing PYC with integrity and your awesome skill. Please see specific results to follow later in the chart.*

*Has the club seemed a little sparsely populated in the last few weeks? Not So! Many folks have discovered our new FAMILY ROOM and have been enjoying the comfortable furniture and games. Check it out as we put the finishing touches on.*

**COMMODORE- THOMAS A. JARVIS**

*As the end of 2012 quickly sneaks up on us we are planning the annual meeting for November 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. This meeting provides the membership with a recap of the year and outlines goals for the upcoming New Year. As part of the meeting we will ask the membership to approve the 3 new board members introduced in last month's chart. Intentions are to conclude the meeting in time for the Saints game and a half time steak dinner.*

*Come support your club!*

*Tom Jarvis*

**VICE COMMODORE- BRIAN J. BURKE**

There was so much going on around the club this past month, the best way to describe October is: "What a month".

On October 6th and 7th, Pontchartrain Yacht Club held its annual Back to School Regatta (the rescheduling of which is also becoming an annual event) in which several Pontchartrain Yacht Club sailors participated. Thanks to all of our volunteers and staff who helped make the regatta possible, without you we would not be able to do it.

Three Pontchartrain Yacht Club boats Jalapeno, Gritz II and Land Shark competed in the 2012 Sugar Bowl J-30 North Americans held October 20th and 21st. Jalapeno taking a first, Land Shark taking a second and Gritz II a fifth. Congratulations to all with special congratulations to Jalapeno for becoming the J-30 North American Champion.

Our own Bob Hodges was in Islamorada, Florida competing in the A Cat World Championship Regatta held October 19th -27th. You have to read his summary of the regatta set forth below to appreciate the conditions in which the sailors competed.

## **VICE COMMODORE– BRIAN J. BURKE**

Seven Pontchartrain Yacht Club boats Last Call, Sapphire, Viva Las Vegas, Jalapeno, Gritz2, The Bear and Whiskers competed in the Lake Pontchartrain Racing Circuit held October 26th, 27th and 28th. Last Call took 3rd place overall in Spinnaker B, Sapphire took 1st place overall in Spinnaker C, Jalapeno took 1st place overall in Spinnaker D, Gritz2 took 2nd place overall in Spinnaker D and The Bear took 3rd place overall in Spinnaker E. Also, special congratulations to Sapphire which was the “Boat of the Regatta”. And of special note, the crew of The Bear dropped out of the fourth race to turn around and pick up two men in the water, one of which went overboard and whose endurance was fading fast in the rough water. And lest they not be forgotten, a special thanks to the Race Committee who endured two days of less than comfortable seas and to all of our volunteers ashore and the PYC staff who once again helped to host another fun and successful regatta.

On October 20th and 21st Pontchartrain Yacht Club also hosted its annual Northshore Fishing Rodeo which was again a great success along with a lot of fun being had by all. Thanks to Vaughan Sollberger for organizing this great annual event and to Kaia, Stefani Sollberger, Jean Sparkman and Anita Pons for putting on a great fish fry on Sunday after the rodeo. Kudos to Edward for being our celebrity weigh master and to John Williams for being our master of ceremony.

### ***NOTICE OF MEETING***

The annual meeting of the members of Pontchartrain Yacht Club will be held on November 25, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. with a grill night to follow during halftime of the Saints game. 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, 2013.

Thanks, Brian

First, I want to let everyone know that our Isaac clean-up and repairs expenses are now over \$27,000 with probably another \$6,000 to \$10,000 remaining in replacements/repairs. The largest of which will be the repair of the erosion under the south side of the pool deck. The financial impact of this “little storm” underscores the importance of maintaining a healthy capital fund balance with plenty to spare. While we paid out more than \$24,000 in Isaac related expenses in September, we still only lost a little over \$3,000 last month. Even though our bar revenue was the lowest it has been all year, it was still very healthy given the fact that we were closed for a week during the Isaac event. Overall, we are still looking at a very healthy financial picture and still have some significant events to come. Nine months (75%) into this year we are at 79% of our projected revenue, however due to a number of unplanned expenses we are at only 50% (or \$35,000) of our projected profit. No matter how you measure it, this is still a very good year. So, many thanks to those of you that have participated by volunteering for our events as well as those of you that supported our events by your attendance and participation. It is always great to see everyone enjoying themselves.

While we have made some significant improvements in the PYC Family Room, there is still more to come. Stop by and check it out. I am also happy to report that we are half way to our \$400 goal (through volunteer donations) to obtain a classic style popcorn machine for the club to be enjoyed by all.

Please keep an eye on the calendar for those special events and, of course, those wonderful Friday Night Dinner events. If any new or old members would like to volunteer for a Friday Dinner but are a bit hesitant about the logistics of cooking for that many people (we usually plan for about 30), please give me a call and I will be happy to lend a hand or advice.

Remember, we continue to gain new members, so keep an eye out for them and make them feel at home and don't be afraid to invite your friends to experience the club as your guests. Who knows, they may experience something they like and want to join.

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

Hope to see you at the Club soon.

Until Then,  
Gary Thorson



**Photo of an Alaskan  
Glacier sent to us by  
Our very own:  
Erin Powell**

## **MEMBERSHIP– DICK JONES**

Well we hit the brick wall. October was the first month of the year that I did not recommend applicants to the board. I was actually expecting this to happen in September as the summer was winding down and all the related activities of going back to school was the main focus for many people. On the positive side we did not have any resignations.

The end of the year is closing and it would be great if we could add at least four new members to our ranks before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please give some thought to who you think would be potential members and bring them to the Guess Chef Friday Night Dinners or the Lobster Dinner on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

And speaking of the Friday night dinners; please step up and volunteer to be the host for this very popular event. No gourmet cooking experience is necessary. You can prepare a very simple meal or you can purchase prepared food from a host of local restaurants. Serving and clean up is very easy. Last month, new members Larry Schutte and Cynthia Kelly hosted the dinner by purchasing food from Bosco's Restaurant. They had so much fun that they are planning a return engagement with a home cooked meal in the very near future. We need more people like them. Please consider being a host.

The Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation is hosting their 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Save Our Lake & Coast Let's Make Waves Party & Silent Auction at the club on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. from 7:00 PM -10:00 PM. Tickets are \$65.00 in advance and \$75.00 at the door and can be purchased on their web site or by calling 504 836 2208. The LPBF is a very worthy cause and needs everyone's support. And it is a great party. Hope to see you there.

Weather permitting the adult sailing lessons will resume this month. Contact Rob Doolittle with any questions and Kaia for registration information. Cost to club members is \$100.00 and \$150.00 for non members.

Special thanks to the following; Tom Grant for volunteering his time to paint the elevator door and the railing, Dottie Williams & Anita Ponds for all their help during the Back to School Regatta and the fishing rodeo, Vaughan Sollberger for another successful fishing rodeo, John Williams for making the rodeo's perpetual trophy, Rob Doolittle for repairs to the electrical outlets in the boat yard and to Georgia Young for her weekly and sometimes daily email announcements of the clubs activities.

See you at the club.

Dick Jones

## **HOUSE AND GROUNDS– SCOTT DISCON**

PYC is in need of club volunteers! Please contact my email if you would like to assist in the repair to the exterior club gardens....it is actually going to be fun. Please email me: [scottdiscon@aol.com](mailto:scottdiscon@aol.com)

## ONE DESIGN- BILL ROSS

On a sour note, PYC missed the SCHRECK regatta in Pensacola, which ends a 12 year run of not missing an event in each of those years. It had to end sooner or later, and as most of our CAPDEVILLE sailors were at the J-30 N/A championships I was not able to find enough crew to attend. Thanks to those who tried to help.

On a good note, while the sailors were away sailing J-30's PYC was able to bring home the championship trophy along with 2nd and 6th. There was a lot of competition with some close racing. Jalapeno was able to win 3 races, and Land Shark won the last 2. Good racing and fun was had by all. Thanks to NOYC for hosting the event.

The boats were Jalapeno with Bill Ross, Ken Buhler, Dave Bolyard, Gene and Leigh Wanless, Larry Ruthven, Rives Allen, and Naomi Van Den Berg.

Land Shark with David Bolyard Jr. Harley Nethken, Jeff Lindhein, Sam Vasquez, Mark Oswald, Mat Perret, and Brad Jarvis.

Gritz with Rob Doolittle, Jeff Waters, Bob Reedy, Tom Barklay, Kurt Adler, and Steven Choate. Congrats to all...

I am going to try to get the Lido 14s out for the yacht club championships, but I need input from all owners if they are interested, and a possible date. Contact me with your ideas and I will set up a meeting soon.

Thanks,

Bill

## SOCIAL- JANIE ESHELMAN

October was busy at PYC. We started off the month with the re-scheduled Back To School Regatta, which had been postponed due to TS Isaac. This event went off without a hitch thanks to our volunteer members on registration, race committee, trophies, scoring, and food service. On Friday evening of the regatta weekend, we had the first-ever "Pit Party" for our juniors, who roasted hot dogs and marshmallows on the firepit. Thanks to Rob Doolittle for organizing this.

The Friday Night Dinner event is still rocking along. The October hosts were Commodore Brian Burke (jambalaya), Larry Schutte & Cynthia Kelly (Italian), me (BBQ for the South Shore Sailover), and Barbie Adler (white beans).

Thank you all so much for donating your time and talent! To those members who haven't hosted a dinner yet, please consider doing so - we are desperately in need of volunteers!

We finished out the month as the hosting club for LPRC, with over 40 boats registered, probably the most since pre-Katrina. The Saturday night party was well attended and enjoyed by all, with our own Drunken Sailor Band performing in the bar, and *several of our members performing as well!* For race results, visit [www.sailprc.org](http://www.sailprc.org).

## SOCIAL- JANIE ESHELMAN

### November Events:

Friday, November 2	Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation Fundraiser Buy a ticket at the door. (NO Friday Night Food)
Saturday, November 3	LSU v. Alabama 7 pm
Monday, November 5	Saints v. Philadelphia 7:30 CLUB OPEN
Friday, November 9	Friday Night Food host: Commodore Jarvis -fish tacos
Saturday, November 10	LSU v. Mississippi State TBA
Sunday, November 11	Saints v. Atlanta at noon
Friday, November 16	Friday Night Food - OPEN
November 17-18	Lipton Challenge, Pass Christian Yacht Club
Saturday, November 17	LSU v. Ole Miss TBA
Sunday, November 18	Saints @ Oakland 3:05
Thursday, November 22	Thanksgiving - CLUB CLOSED
Friday, November 23	Friday Night Food Potluck-everyone bring your leftovers! LSU @ Arkansas 1:30
Sunday, November 25	PYC Annual Meeting/Grill Night; Saints v. San Fran 3:20 pm
Thursday, November 29	Saints @ Atlanta 7:20 pm
Friday, November 30	Friday Night Food host: Manager Kaia prepares liver and onions with peas and carrots
Sunday, December 2	Ladies Christmas Luncheon & Boutique

Every Tuesday (Caesar Salad) Every Wednesday (Dogs) Every Thursday (Pulled Pork)

Any additions or changes to the event schedule will be announced via PYC Events

email, thanks to our trusty scribe, Georgia Young!

Smooth sailing-

Janie Eshleman/skygoddess52@gmail.com/985-264-2727



## Pontchartrain Yacht Club November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Oct LPRC PontYC Saints @ 7:20	29	30 Salad with Grilled chicken \$5.00 off bottled wine	31 \$1.50 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	1 Nov BBQ pork on bun with slaw \$5	2 LPBF CLUB RENTAL CLUB CLOSED	3 Non Spinnaker Race PontYC Spinnaker Fall Series No. 9&10
4 PontYC Spinnaker Fall Series No. 11&12 OMBA Empty Bowl Project Regatta room 5pm	5 Club opening at 5! for game and beans and rice! Saints @ 7:30	6 Salad with Grilled chicken \$5.00 off bottled wine Book Club, 11/22/63	7 \$1.50 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	8 BBQ pork on bun with slaw \$5	9 Guest Chef 7p.m. Regatta room rental 7-10	10 Regatta room rental 10am
11 Veteran's Day Party Regatta room rental Saints @ noon	12	13 Salad with Grilled chicken \$5.00 off bottled wine	14 \$1.50 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	15 BBQ pork on bun with slaw \$5 Nov BIRTHDAYS Party	16 Guest Chef 7p.m. LOBSTER BOIL!!	17 Regatta & Yard Rental
18 Saints @ 3:05	19	20 Salad with Grilled chicken \$5.00 off bottled wine	21 \$1.50 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	22 Club Closed for Thanksgiving!	23 Thanksgiving left over pot luck!	24 Reception in Regatta Room and downstairs
25 Saints @ 3:25 ANNUAL MEETING 1:30 with grill night to follow	26	27 Salad with Grilled chicken \$5.00 off bottled wine	28 \$1.50 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	29 BBQ pork on bun with slaw \$5.00 Saints @ 7:20	30 Guest Chef 7pm Regatta Room Rental	1 Dec Marianne's Birthday Party

See you at the club!



## A CAT NEWS!– BOB HODGES

Quick recap - 114 competitors and five races sailed in 19-26 knots over two of five days scheduled for racing. Days 4, 5, and reserve day cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy. Initially this was going to be a split fleet format with qualifying races towards a gold/silver split. The decision was made on Sunday afternoon to race as one fleet since the PRO and RC felt that at least 15-20 competitors would sit out the racing forecast for Monday. That was pretty accurate. We had 80 boats on the line for Race 1 and around 60 for Races 2 and 3 on Monday. Around 45-50 boats started the last two races (not that many finished). Races 1 and 2 were raced in 20-22 knots, Race 3 was 22-24 knots with some gusts at 25-26 knots (Molasses Reef tower 8 miles upwind of the course was recording gusts over 30 knots). Our class rules call for abandonment when the breeze increases over 22 knots for more than 15 minutes and we did not meet that criteria on Monday. On Tuesday, racing was cancelled with steady 24-26 knots of wind on the race course. Two races done on Wednesday, race 1 in 19-22 knots similar to Monday and Race 2 in 22-25 knots and shortened as the breeze built. The real issue was not the breeze strength but the sea state. We had persistent current against wind direction during the racing all week and we were in the ocean so the wave heights and periods were impressive (the videos of the racing compress what it was actually like). I've never gotten so airborne (and still stayed on the boat) while sailing upwind. Downwind, it was obviously a game of finding the runway to keep the bows out of the backs of the waves. The Aussies and the top Euros were much more comfortable with handling these conditions as North American sailors do not race in high winds and big seas often. I finished 38th in Race 1, improved to 28 in race 2, and was having a great race in 19th in race 3 but 2/3rds of the way down the last downwind, my luck ran out and I flipped during a jibe. It was pretty violent and my mast snapped in the upper third when it hit the water and the boat immediately went upside down. During the recovery process the crash boat crew lost the retrieval line I had tied to the underwater rig and \$8K of carbon mast, boom, and a new Glaser sail sank to the bottom of the Hawk Channel. Towed in upside down but boat OK. They are going to try to recover the rig for me next week when the weather calms down but I was out of the event (Boat US is covering the loss, very nice about it). I was offered another rig for Wednesday's racing but I declined since I could not be financially responsible if I had a similar experience. Instead, I piloted one of three jet skis they used for rescue on the course. That was a pretty fun substitute.

Mischa Heemskerk from the Netherlands won the event and was the first European to win in some time as Aussies have won the last 9 times. He deserved it as he really trained hard and spent a lot of time training this past year in big wind and seas in the North Sea where he lives. He is a great ambassador for our class as he always had a big smile on his face and loves to sail in big wind. We should have had two Americans in the top ten, Lars Guck and Matt Struble. Lars flipped in Race 1 and got separated from his boat and had to be rescued and brought back to it (boat OK). Matt Struble broke a rudder in Race 3. If you replaced Lars DNF with the average of his other scores, he would have finished 5th and Matt would have finished 8th. Another big loser was 49er Gold Medalist and Artemis AC helmsman Nathan Outerridge who broke a daggerboard in Race 3 after launching off a wave upwind. He would have finished 1st or 2nd if that had not happened. There were no throwouts with the five races completed, needed one more.

I think the quote of the week for me was after I asked Outerridge what was harder, the conditions at this event or racing an AC 45 on San Francisco Bay. He smiled and said the racing in the wind and short/steep waves in Islamorada were tougher, 45' of length buys you more breathing room!

Despite the shortened schedule, still a fantastic event and venue and the event team had a great social schedule that kept everyone (competitors and families) together. Link here to videos on the event YouTube channel, <http://www.youtube.com/user/ClarkSail?feature=mhee>.

Check out the T-shirt that Will Clark (the event media dude) is wearing on the Day 3 interviews. It's a T-shirt for our North Americans in 2003 held at Pontchartrain YC that his dad Steve Clark sailed.

Cheers,

Bob Hodges

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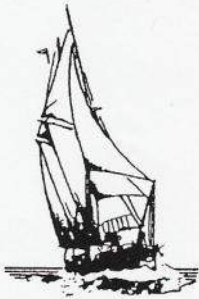
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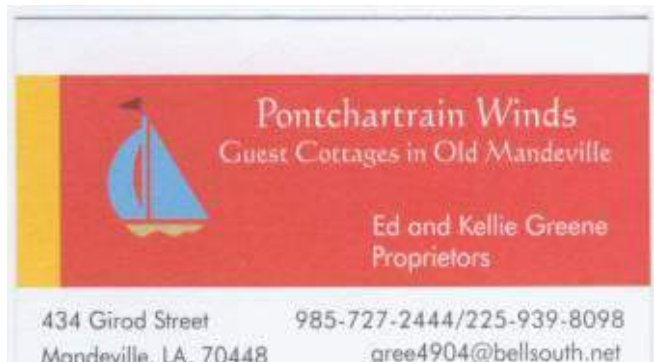
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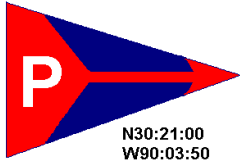
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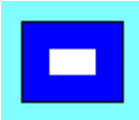
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