

The Chart

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Commodore's Corner

October is here! Where is our cooler weather? Hopefully it is on the way! September was packed full of lots of great activities. Our Back To School Regatta was a huge success! Thanks to all who made that possible including Kaia, Paul Rees, Mike McKnight, Nicole and all of the many wonderful volunteers! Thanks to Bridget Jarvis and Terri Hamilton for their hard work in organizing this year's Rib Cook Off! Congratulations to Megan Richardson and Clancey Powell, the winners!! I was out of town for the Veterans Regatta but I heard it was a huge success! Thanks to Brian Keating for his organization of this wonderful event and to Kaia, her staff and all of the super volunteers!

We do have one problem that I want to address and that is "deadlines for signing up for activities where food is involved". The deadlines are set so that Kaia knows how much food to order. If you have a dinner party at your home and 10 people say they are coming but then you have 20 arrive at your door, I believe a little panic and/or anger would arise. We want everyone to come to the activities but we want to have the proper amount of food for those who attend so it is essential for people to RSVP. The PYC office is closed from 4:00 Friday afternoon until 8:30 Tuesday morning so if you call or send an email during that time and leave a message, the chances are that it will not be heard or seen until Tuesday. Please try and sign up for functions prior to the deadline! If for some reason you need to talk to someone about the social event, please call and talk to the bartender. Thank you!

Thank goodness the lake is finally clear of toxins so we can resume our normal activities! It is great to see the boats back out there!

Thanks to Dick Jones and his Strategic Planning Committee! They are having focus groups to gather additional information. If you have something you want added, please attend one of the focus groups or email or call Dick. Thanks! We hope to have a report presented at our **Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 16th at 2:00**. Be sure to put that date and time on your calendars. This is a very important meeting because it is when the 2020 PYC Board Members will be elected.

Our Junior Sail Team is expanding! Be sure to read Paul Rees' Chart article to learn more about all of the exciting things that are going on with our Juniors' Program. Thanks to the parents and other volunteers who are helping with the new and expanded program! Stop by the club any Tuesday or Thursday afternoon and see the sail team out on the lake practicing or come by Wednesday evenings and check out our Harbor Mice who are learning to enhance their sailing skills.

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Commodore

Be sure to check out Bridget's article and the calendar to see all of the exciting activities coming up in October. Also be sure to read Max Albert's article this month about when and where some of our sailors have been sailing!

If you want to get on a boat and sail, come out any Friday evening and meet With Ken Buhler and Brian Keating. They will find a boat for you!

Thanks to all of our awesome members and volunteers! Hope to see you soon!

Marian Arrowsmith

Vice Commodore

As we enter into Fall at PYC, we have come into the time of year when we need to be cognizant of our spending. Bar sales are down for the year and that coupled with lower event rental revenue, have left us with a very tight budget. This shortage seems to occur every Fall and we are already seeing income numbers rebounding in relationship to expenses. A big item of concern is the need to replace or repair the air conditioning system. We will be looking at the available alternatives and what we can afford.

I will never stop asking that everybody pay their bills on time. If you have an issue related to a bill payment, please do not hesitate to contact the club. Since the club "floats" your purchases each month for up to 45 days with no interest, it is imperative that you pay in a timely manner. This helps keep the Club on an even keel (pun intended)! We have auto draft available and we encourage all of our existing members to utilize this form of payment.

See you at the bar.

Rear Commodore

Prime sailing weather is here! I hope to see more boats on the water.

Our annual meeting is set for **November 16, 2019** and in accordance with our By-Laws I am announcing the three nominees for your Pontchartrain Yacht Club Board of Directors. You will find this info posted at the Yacht Club also.

Dick Jones
Snoann Willett
Mary McKeogh

Sincerely



Nominees

Mary McKeogh

I am excited about being considered for the board of Ponchartrain Yacht Club. I have been a member of PYC since 2014. I grew up in Pass Christian sailing for PCYC. I taught sailing camp for about 6 years in my teens and 20s. I am a CPA and worked as a Controller managing accounting departments for about 14 years. I served as a board member and social committee chairman at Sherwood Forest Country Club in 2005. I am married to Brady McKeogh and we have 3 wonderful daughters.

I am excited about the opportunity to help PYC continue to prosper

Dick Jones

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for placing my name on the slate of candidates for the upcoming election of the 2020 Board of Directors.

My wife, Judi and I joined PYC in 1982. Since then we have made many new friends and the club has become a part of our life. Over the years, Judi and I have volunteered our time and efforts on a number of committees and working on social events. In 2012 I joined the PYC board as Membership Chair and was elected Commodore in 2014. In 2017 I served as Vice Commodore.

We also held membership in South Shore Yacht Club for a number of years where I held the position of Vice Commodore for three years and as a board member for two additional years.

PYC is a great yacht club and I want to help the club grow and prosper.

Snoann Willett

I was born in Texas, resided in nine states and a few years overseas, before raising two children in St. Tammany parish. Both of her children learned to sail and race for Pontchartrain YC. Snoann has raced competitively in numerous GYA Challenge Cups, Gulfport to Pensacola, LPRC, Knost, Race for Roses, Fast Women, Gulf Coast Viper championship, as well as friendly Friday nights and countless leisure sails in Lake Pontchartrain and the Gulf Coast waters. She's also provided support assisting the club's Race Committee and a number of regattas. She's a past sponsor of the Pontchartrain Yacht Club's fishing rodeo. Past work experiences have been an administrative assistant at RAF Lakenheath Aero Club; a design drafter of healthcare projects, selecting interior finishes and managing computer technology for a professional office. Currently, she is a licensed realtor in the Northshore area. In addition to being a proud PontYC member since 2006, she is also a member and publicity co-chair of the St. Tammany Master Gardener Association, second vice president of the Covington Garden Club, member of the Old Mandeville Historic Association, and New Orleans Old Garden Rose Society. She enjoys sailing, fishing, growing herbs and native plants, making and meeting new friends. Lastly, in case not otherwise known, her first name is an inspired combination of her two grandmothers' names.

Once again, I thank you generously for nominating me this year for a position on the Board. I really look forward to working with the Board to meet our common goals. See you at the club or on the water!

Juniors

September was a very busy month for the Junior Sailing Team and our club.

Back to School Regatta

The 2019 Back to School Regatta and Dinghy Challenge Cup was a great success this year thanks to all the sailors and volunteers who made it possible. 30 boats and 44 sailors raced in two days of near perfect weather conditions. We had 4 separate race courses which is not something we have had in a few years-Opti Green, Opti Advanced, 420/Portsmouth and VX/Viper. The Dinghy Challenge had 5 teams competing this year. As is typical the teams are made up of sailors from different clubs and locations who combine forces for the day. This year's winning team was the "Bay Ratz" team made up of sailors from Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, Pontchartrain Yacht Club and Southern Yacht Club. The winning team members were all awarded season passes for 2020 to Gulf Islands Water Park in Gulfport, our main regatta sponsor.

The Pontchartrain Sailors were Rob Doolittle on VX John Kramer on VX, Billy Ross and Paul Rees sailing Finns, Jay Graham, Liam Eddy, Dylan McKnight and Harrison Dodge on 420s, GJ on Laser Radial and Logan Rosiere on Opti. All sailors performed well and our club is proud of these sailors.

This regatta was made possible by all of the volunteers who worked both on and off the water. Special thanks goes to Karen Reich who served as our judge and spent 2 days following and watching the sailors on the water. Karen our club thanks you for being a consistent and trusted resource and I thank you for helping us run a better regatta each year. The following people made this event possible on and off the water-Cleve Fair, Craig Toomey, Adrian Callais, Gene Wanless, Leigh Wanless, Holly Parker, Ken Buhler, Mary McKeogh, Elizabeth Callais, David Barr, Brian Keating, Mike McKnight, Randy Sharpe, Danielle Sharpe, Scott and Debbie Graham, Shan Kirk, Brian Burke, Leslie Burke, Chris Friend, Megan Richardson, Marian Arrowsmith, Bill Shroyer, Hew Hamilton, Clancy Powell, Danielle J. and family, Heather Doolittle, Jill McGuire and of course our rock Kaia and staff Nicole and Edward. That's over 30 people to run this regatta and we could not have had such a great event without any one of these volunteers. I personally thank every one of you and hope we can bring in some new volunteers next year.

Gulf Coast Laser Championship

The same weekend as the Back to School Regatta, Matthew Dupuy was in Pass Christian Sailing the Laser Gulf Coast Championship. There were 31 Lasers competing between full rig and radial with sailors from Texas to Florida. Matthew fared well against some of the south's top Laser sailors and we congratulate him, including for representing our club so well.



Bay-Waveland Fall Series

As you all may know Bay-Waveland is known as a focal point for dinghy sailing. Our own Rives Allen is the Sailing Director at Bay-Waveland and has continued this tradition with seasonal sailing series in a come all-sail against all Portsmouth format where it is not uncommon to have 10-20 plus boats from a half dozen or more classes all starting and finishing together. Its an organized free for all and quite a spectacle. Our Pontchartrain Juniors and some of our adult (but junior at heart) dinghy sailors made one of the Fall series events in September. A few more events are scheduled in October that our sailors are sure to attend. There is also a winter series in Jan-Feb that is very well attended despite the cold weather.

Wadewitz Regatta

The Wadewitz Regatta in Fairhope is the last large away regatta for the Juniors each year. It has become an event not to be missed for the Juniors' families and this year was no exception. A family pizza outing at the Ravenight pizza house in Fairhope has become a tradition and this year it was quite an event.

On the water Jay Graham skippered a 420 with Liam Eddy as crew, and Dylan McKnight skippered a 420 with Harrison Dodge as crew. These young men are gaining much experience and are becoming more skilled on the 420 each regatta, but from what I can see of it in their enthusiasm, it looks to me that they are out there having a hell of a fun time. Thanks to you 4 – our 420 Flyers – for representing our club and yourselves so well.

Matthew Dupuy sailed the Wadewitz Regatta as part of our Capdevielle team on the Viper. Our team placed 6th out of 10 boats in very frustrating conditions, including a likely 1st place finish in a race that was abandoned due to a 180 degree wind shift.

Logan Rosiere sailed his second regatta in Opti advanced and not only finished every race but recovered from a post-race capsized in time to start the next race. This kid's got the right stuff!

If that's not enough for Ya - We also have started the fall Harbor Mice series and have a number of enthusiastic young sailors participating. Look around the club on Wednesday afternoons for some scurrying mice on optis.

Paul Rees





Fleet Captain

The 29th was our 5th Annual Veterans Regatta; club members & community sponsors who supported the event are too numerous to name. We had a beautiful and fun PYC Day with 12 boats on the lake during the race. My best guess is a total of 61 veterans and their family members, coming from as far away as Belle Chase and Lafayette, were on the boats. We had SE wind gusting to 20, so it was a real adventure.

Our next regatta is LPRC on the last weekend of October and PYC is the host club this year. Please get with Chris Friend if you want to assist with race management and Kaia if you want to help with other support type activities.

Brian Keating – Fleet Captain
Cell: 985-789-0998

Race

Good day Pontchartrain sailors from your race committee chair. Sailors- our best months are ahead of us, cooler temps, fall winds and great racing. We will start our fall series this Saturday, 10:30 skippers meeting. Check the schedule for addition dates of races. Clean your bottoms, get your favorite barley pops, get your crews together and have fun.

LPRC we be October 24-27 this should be the largest PHRF fleet regatta on the Lake. We are the host club this year so please support our efforts to put on a great regatta. Brian Keating is chair and Criss Friend PRO so talk to these gentlemen to offer your help.

Organized Friday night sailing is coming to a close, its getting dark to soon.

We have to thank David Barr for replacing two of our missing marks. On station now P,S in their former positions.

Thank you Brian Keating and veterans committee for another great VETERANS regatta. We had 12 sailboats and 3 powerboats that volunteered to take vets out on the lake for the race. We had a three leg, 4.5 mile course, with winds 17-19 knts. It gave our vets a feeling of a real race.

Remember sailing is our sport. Take a junior or a guest out sailing....teach them our sport. Grow your own crew, make it fun for them.

Ken Jalapeno.

Membership

Happy Fall PYC! The sailors are out in full force these days (be sure to congratulate them when you see them) and the witches are soon to ride around town! I know the weather hasn't been helpful in encouraging outdoor activities so I hope everyone is finding time to sit in cool air conditioning and watch the football games together. They've been fun events at the bar these past few weeks. I look forward to seeing you at the club!

Holly Parker

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 Wadewitz @ FYC Veterans Regatta 1:30pm Saints vs.	30	1 6pm Taco Tuesday	2 5:30pm Harbor M 6pm Hot Dogs!	3 Burger Sliders Family Bingo	4 Friday Night Races 7pm Event Rental	5 LSU vs. Utah
6 Event Rental pot luck for game 12pm Saints vs. T	7 Event Rental 6pm Taco Tuesday	8 Event Rental 6pm Hot Dogs!	9 Event Rental 5:30pm Harbor M 6pm Hot Dogs!	10 Wine Boutique	11 Friday Night Races 7pm Mr. Edward is	12 LSU vs. Florida
13 9am BRUNCH 12pm Saints vs. J	14 Columbus Day (reg)	15 6pm Taco Tuesday 6:30pm Book Club	16 5:30pm Harbor M 6pm Hot Dogs! 6:30pm Board Me	17 Burger Sliders	18 Rodeo Kick off part 6pm Duck Races 6:30pm Family Bir 6:30pm Family Dir	19 Event Rental Fishing Rodeo LSU vs. Mississippi
20 Fishing Rodeo Fried Fish Dinner 3:30pm Saints vs.	21 6pm Taco Tuesday	22 6pm Hot Dogs!	23 6pm Hot Dogs!	24 Burger Sliders	25 LPRC 7pm Guest Chef F	26 LPRC @ Pontyc LSU vs. Auburn
27 LPRC @ Pontyc 12pm Saints vs. A Event saved	28	29 6pm Taco Tuesday	30 6pm Hot Dogs!	31 Burger Sliders Halloween	Nov 1 Event Rental 7pm Guest Chef F	2 Event Rental

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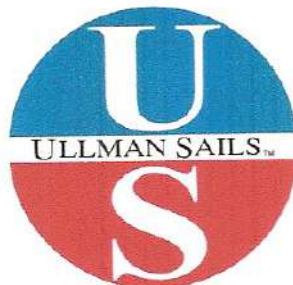
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