

THE CHART

APRIL 2014

**COMMODORE'S CORNER- DICK JONES**

ARTICLE – April Chart

Well the weather may have cancelled the Don's Mardi Gras parade but it did not stop the crew of PYC from having a great Mardi Gras day. Kaia Schindler and Stefani Sollberger and their crew put together a feast that included gumbo, oysters, raw and grilled, bracirole and the best potato salad ever. Thanks to everyone who cooked, shucked and cleaned up. Thanks also to those who opened up their wallets to help cover some of Kaia's & Stephanie's cost.

The weekend after Mardi Gras Mandeville has its annual Mardi Paws parade and Stephanie Bolyard came up with a great idea. Selling drinks in the front yard. Stephanie along with her sister Katie, mom Bridget, Terri Hamilton and Clancey Powell set up the bar, open the gate on Lakeshore and drinks went out and money came in.

I do want to recognize two members who spend countless of hours volunteering in the kitchen. Be it food prepping, serving and or cleaning up they are always there to help. Next time you are in the club please make a point to say hello to Anita Pons and Dottie Williams and thank for all of their time effort.

If you haven't noticed the grounds are starting to look better. Tom arranged for the first load of dirt to be delivered and spread. We will need 1 or 2 more loads to complete the job. Marian & Bill have been working on the Commodore's Garden. Bridget captained a work crew consisting of Terri, Tom and Scott to weed out all the dead plants and bushes affected by this year's colder than normal winter. Much more work has to be done to get the house and grounds in top shape prior to Opening Day Ceremonies in May. Please read Tom's article and volunteer to help.

We have a new addition to our sailboat fleet. Laurie Hurst and her husband have donated a 2002 17^{ft} Hunter sailboat with a 2.5hp outboard to the club. A magic tilt trailer is included. The boat can seat 6 kids or 4 adults and is a great day sailor.

Coral Reef Sailing Apparel link is now on our web site. Warm weather is coming so now is the time to order PYC logo shirts, tees and hats.

The suggestion box is now in operation. Submit your ideas, suggestions and comments. If you have complaints, please talk to me directly.

A brief update on the progress of Allison Simmons. Allison is still in recovery and has started PT. She is still several weeks away from full recovery. In an effort to help Allison's family we are putting together a daily dinner calendar. If you would like to help by preparing a meal for a family of 5, please contact Jamie at [985-264-9123](tel:985-264-9123). In lieu of preparing a meal restaurant gift card would also be appreciated.

Hope to see you at the club and please consider helping Allison and her family. And please contact Paul if you would like to host a Friday night dinner.

Dick Jones

REAR COMMODORE-TERRI HAMILTON

March was a welcome month at PYC as we have begun to thaw out and we can look forward to nice weather and time on the water. I'm happy to report that Allison Simmons, our bookkeeper, is continuing to recover from her accident and should be returning to her post in the financial office at the club very soon. Thank you again to Kaia Schindler for all of your tireless help during February and March! Kaia has been gracious enough to step up and work the daily financial end of things here at PYC while Allison is recovering.

In an attempt to assist in positive cash flow, your yacht club bill is now due on the **20th of the month in which you receive the bill instead of the 25th**. Please adhere to this new policy as it will help us to keep your club finances flowing smoothly. You will see this new policy on your most recent bill. Remember, just like your VISA bill, we charge in arrears hence you do not have to pay for charges incurred for up to 50 days after you use the club. That's a great deal, but it does cause some cash flow problems for the club. Thus the need to implement the new policy. So please remember that **your bill is due on the 20th of the month and no longer on the 25th of the month**. Thank you for your understanding.

Everyone has been very understanding of the need to pay your bills on time and I would like to thank you for working with Jamie and I as we work to get all members paid up to date. It really makes a difference in our ability to run the finances of the club smoothly.

YOUR PYC BILL IS NOW DUE ON THE 20TH OF THE MONTH

JUNIORS– CHRIS FRIEND

Thanks to all who came to the Junior Committee meeting on March 13. We now have a core of dedicated sailors and parents who will help get the Sunday sailing program launched! The first day will be May 4. We will check sailors out on PYC boats starting at noon. After sailing, join us for kickball on the lawn!

The process will be:

Meet at the club at noon

The sailing steward will check out boats on a first-come-first-served basis.

Available club boats include Optimists, 420's, a Laser Radial, and Sunfish.

Junior sailors will be credited with one "sailing day" for each day they sail in a race (locally or away) or participate in the Sunday sailing. After 10 sailing days, a sailor will be considered part of the PYC Sailing Team and receive a team shirt. We are also working with PHRF boat owners to organize a junior PHRF race.

The Junior Liptons are at Southern YC July 19-20. Anyone interested please contact me. We have a core of sailors from last year, including 2013 PYC Junior Sailor of the Year Tommy Barclay. Practices are ongoing on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Step up and sail for PYC! Contact me if you are interested in representing PYC in the premier junior club event.

Parents: if you want to sign up for PYC Sail Camp, please fill out the application form (on the website) and send it to the yacht club office. Sessions start on June 2.

Be on the lookout for PYC's first un-regatta. If you want to know what that is, come to the next Junior Committee meeting in April!

Chris Friend

Junior Coordinator

Membership Article

We begin the spring with membership holding at 281. I would like to welcome our most recent members David and Carol Barr. They have just purchased a Hunter 25 and David is anxious to race with PYC. He is very interested in getting involved so when you see him around and need a sailor on board, please extend an invitation. I would also like to welcome Jeff and Charlotte Watkins back to the club. They are such an asset to all aspects of the club, I am so glad that they have returned! Our newest applicant is Shannon Simpson. I had the pleasure of meeting with her and her partner, David, two weeks ago. They have two boys who will be getting involved in our junior sailing and Shannon is an avid sailor herself. They are both interested in getting involved in sailing with us.

I spent Saturday, March 21st at the Mandeville Trailhead market with Jamie, Sharon and Reed Kurt promoting membership and sailing camp. I had no idea how much we needed to market to our locals until that day! We actually had a very busy booth!!! I met a dozen people interested in membership and hope that our newest board approved promotion will encourage them to join. I will be going to the Saturday market once a month to market PYC. Please spread the word to anyone that has been “on the fence”.....for the next 60 days, we are offering a reduced initiation fee. The normal fee of \$750.00 is now **\$250.00 until May 31st**.

I would like to thank the membership committee for all of their enthusiasm and great ideas discussed at our membership meeting held on March 16th. We are working on several promotional packages to increase young adult membership. We are also working on several ideas which will aid our current young adults to spend more time at the club and on the water. One of which is now in place:

LEARN TO SAIL!

Saturdays in May- ages 25-35, 4- 3 hour lessons for \$300.00 inclusive of a trial 30 day membership. We hope by increasing the interest in sailing we will increase our young adult membership. We are only accepting 8 applicants for the May session so please have anyone interested contact me as soon as possible.

The next membership mixer will be held on Wednesday, June 11th. The “mixer” is held for three reasons:

- To show appreciation to all of you for your continued dedication to PYC
- To welcome new members approved within the last quarter
- To Showcase what PYC has to offer to potential members

I know this is a little bit far away to plan but if you bring a potential member to the mixer and they end up joining PYC, you will receive one month reprieve of your membership dues. What a deal!!!!

I continue to welcome all of you to get involved and help bring in our youth to insure a great future for PYC.

Kaia Schindler-Williams

House and Grounds - Tom Jarvis

Many Hands Make Light Work – (and keep our cost down) THANK YOU!

Spread Fill Front Yard - Rob DOOLITTLE for your Tractor and Chuck WYLLIE for your support!

Frozen Plant Rehab - Scott DISCON, Terri HAMILTON and supervision by Bridget for your Day!

The Commodores Garden – Marion ARROWSMITH and Bill SCHYRER for your work and materials!

The Front Entrance Palms- Captain Larry STROUSE (and your professional Service in the boat yard)

Sea Shepherd II, Steve CHOATE for the graphics, Brad JARVIS, Hew HAMILTON for your assistance on the windless!

The Steel Doors- Susan COMEY, Jim GATELY!

Maintenance to do list – Spring 2014

Paint Hand Rails	Paint Steel Doors	Refinish Shower Doors
Paint Fence Boards	Wire Fence repairs	Pressure Wash Bldg. Siding
Repair Dry Storage Electrical	done	Repair Frozen Drink Machine
done	Repair Entrance Doors	done
Dry Storage fence repairs	done	Plant spring flowers

UPGRADE PROJECTS WISH LIST

Concrete walk way extension carport to elevator.

Under club ceiling and plumbing painting.

Front entrance walkway lighting.

Replace main entrance door hardware

Looking forward to spring and some warm weather! Pick a project and come enjoy some sun in your other back yard!

FOOD AND BEVERAGE– PAUL CALECAS

Well guys, it looks like it’s finally thawing out! This month we will be hosting a beer dinner on the 16th featuring the beers of Bayou Teche Brewing Co. with guest speakers coming to us from the brewery. Spots are starting to fill up, so if you’re interested, make a reservation soon. We could use a little help on Fridays serving dinner. If you’d like to help us out, please contact me at the club, or at bar@pontyc.org. Now that the weather’s gotten a bit nicer, you have no excuse to not visit your club! Come on down and try some of the new libations your bartenders have been working on.

Prost!
Paul

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Monday – Friday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ages 8 –16

Session #1: Monday, June 2nd – Friday, June 13th

Session #2: Monday, June 16th – Friday, June 27th

Session #3: Monday, July 7th – Friday, July 18th

Session #4: Monday, July 21st – Friday, August 1st

Limited space available per session

Lessons given by US Sailing Certified Instructors

Activities include boating safety, basic boating skills and swimming (pool).

Boats include: Sunfish, Optimist, 420's and Flying Scots.

REGISTRATION FEES PER SESSION

MEMBERS – \$350.00 NON-MEMBERS - \$450.00****

10% discount applied for 2 or more children per family and/or 2 or more sessions

FULL TUITION IS REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION

TUITION IS 100% REFUNDABLE IF CANCELLATION IS RECEIVED 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SESSION START DATE

TUITION IS 50% REFUNDABLE IF CANCELLATION IS RECEIVED 15-30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SESSION START DATE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

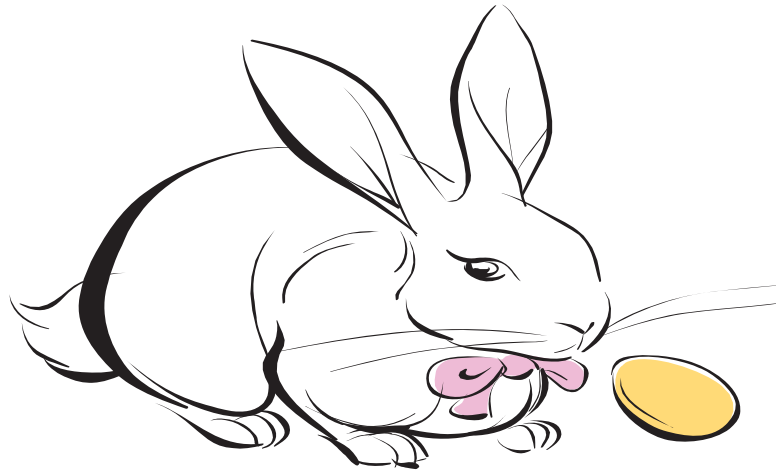
PLEASE COMPLETE ONE REGISTRATION FORM AND ONE CONSENT FORM PER CHILD

PYC Easter Picnic

Date: Saturday, April 19th 2014

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm ~ **Egg Hunt** starts at 12:30

Grab your picnic lunch and spend the day in our **“Back Yard”!**



Please deliver **12 plastic eggs** for each child participating in the egg hunt.

Prefilled eggs can be dropped off in the club office.

The **Easter Bunny** will have the eggs hidden on the front lawn.

Treats will be provided for each child.



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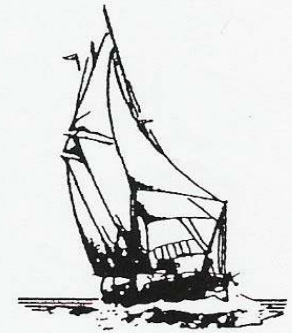
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April 2014

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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				\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine Yoga 5:30		\$2 Dogs PEO Meeting @ 9am		\$6 Soup Night		Guest Chef @ 7pm		\$Where Ya At Drawing\$ Regatta Rental @ 1pm	
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Regatta Rental @ 4pm				\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine Yoga 5:30		\$2 Dogs Bayou Teche Beer Dinner 7pm		\$6 Soup Night		Guest Chef @ 7pm		\$Where Ya At Drawing\$ Regatta Rental @ 7pm PYC Family Easter Party	
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EASTER				\$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine Yoga 5:30		\$2 Dogs		\$6 Soup Night		Guest Chef @ 7pm Regatta Rental @ 5pm		\$Where Ya At Drawing\$ Yard Rental @ 10am (Hornbeck)	
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See you at the club!