

From the Commodore:

Hey gang, we are going out of 2013 with a bang! Take note of this December line-up that can't be beat: Ladies Luncheon, Boat Parade and Commodores Ball, Dirty Santa Party, Breakfast with Santa, and the annual Don Arnold New Year's Eve Pig Roast. Please check the calendar so you don't miss a thing.

As 2013 goes out, so do I - as Commodore of Pontchartrain Yacht Club! It has been a wonderful experience and I trust my efforts have made a positive impact that benefited our club. I hope that you agree that our diverse team has put PYC on solid ground for the future. This year we will likely hit \$600K in revenue, resulting in a 5% profit after accounting adjustments. Needless to say, it's a very narrow margin of managing our expenses against our income. Two years ago the board undertook the task of covering our base monthly expenses with dues and rental income. Other income, primarily from the bar, would be dedicated to building financial security allowing our club more options - options to perform repairs, upgrade our building, floating assets, throw a free party, or keep up with unplanned events like Hurricane Isaac. Over the past few years, the board has noted a change in volunteering commitments. It is evident that our trend is moving toward paid services rather than volunteering. There is nothing wrong with this decision but, please understand that the cost have to be covered! Be it weeding the gardens, painting railings, servicing our floating assets or Friday Food, we have to pay to play! There will always be challenges and adjustments that the club will have to make.

Please remember that this is YOUR club, and the board members and their families are making a huge commitment to do their best to manage your club and create a safe, fun, and respectable place to serve on your behalf. Remember these folks have real jobs and lives outside of PYC. It's a group volunteer effort and we need your physical help or your money to make it happen. I am proud to be handing over the helm to Commodore Richard Jones. Dick has done a fabulous job in the last 2 years marketing our club and will do a great job as your advocate in the year to come.

PYC is a unique opportunity to participate in many boating and social activities. We are a respected and important part of our Mandeville community and the Gulf Yachting Association. You will see later in the chart, many of our members recognized at our recent annual meeting for their accomplishments in 2013. We have some impressive sportsmen and sportswomen in our club. We appreciate their efforts to promote our sport and even mentoring many of us. For the upcoming year, your new and returning board is looking to continue development of more boating opportunities. We welcome your ideas and participation. We will have fun!

Enjoy your club over the holidays and be safe,

Tom Jarvis

First, at the Annual Meeting, Chris Friend, Cleve Fair and Kaia Schindler were elected by the membership to fill the expiring terms of Paul Stevens, Cleve Fair and Scott Discon. Additionally, Terri Hammilton was elected by the membership to fill the remaining year of Gary Thorson=s term. As always, I would like to thank the outgoing and incoming members of the Board for their service, dedication and personal commitment to Pontchartrain Yacht Club.

Second, after successfully coordinating the Christmas Boat Parade for over ten years, David Schwarz has decided to retire and has entrusted me with continuing this tradition. First, I want to thank David for his hard work and dedication to this event. Looking forward, this year=s Christmas Boat Parade will be held on Saturday December 14, 2013 in conjunction with the Mandeville Winter on the Water Festivities. As usual participating boats will gather at about 5:00 p.m. at M1 and as soon as the sun sets will begin proceeding along the Mandeville lakefront. Participating boats will be judged by the Mayor and members of the City Council as they pass the Gazebo. Later that evening, all participants are invited to attend the Pontchartrain Yacht Club Commodore=s Ball. (All participants wishing to attend the Ball must purchase a ticket by December 11, 2013 and come dressed appropriately.) Tickets to the Commodore=s Ball may be purchased by calling the Yacht Club at (985) 626-3192. The best decorated boat will be announced at the Commodore=s Ball and will be reimbursed the cost of two tickets to the Ball. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail me at [brianjudeburke@yahoo.com](mailto:brianjudeburke@yahoo.com) and I will send you a registration form. On Friday December 13, 2013, I will send out a letter notifying each participant of their place in the parade lineup so that they can be judged as they pass the Gazebo.

Thank you,

Brian J. Burke  
Vice Commodore  
Pontchartrain Yacht Club

## **MEMBERSHIP– DICK JONES**

### MEMBERSHIP ARTICLE – December Chart

First, I would like to thank everyone who attended the annual meeting, approved the slate of incoming board members and the 2014 Flag Officers. I am looking forward to next year and working with the existing and new board members.

December is going to be very busy month:

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanksgiving Leftovers & kickball to follow.

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Night Football: Saints & Seahawks.

Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. Ladies' Luncheon and Boutique & once again on prime time, the Saints vs the Panthers.

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Mandeville Boat Parade and later that evening the Commodore's Ball.

Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. Dirty Santa & Ugly Christmas Sweater Party.

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>. Breakfast with Santa.

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>. the Annual New Year's Eve Don Arnold Pig Roast . Come early as the fun starts in the day as we roast the pigs.

Finally, a big thank you to all who have helped on the Membership Committee and offered some very good advice the past two years.

Hope to see you all at the Commodores Ball.

Dick Jones

## **SOCIAL - LEIGH WANLESS**

Get set for an action filled December-

December 1st: Kickball & Potluck Thanksgiving Leftovers

December 2nd: SAINTS vs Seahawks Monday Night Football Club will be open - bring some snacks and cheer our Saints to victory over "that other bird team"!!

December 6th: Friday night food with THE SCOTTS!

December 8th: Ladies Luncheon and Shopping Extravaganza Sign up is required - See one of your friendly bartenders or contact Jamie to sign up NOW!!

December 14th: Old Mandeville Christmas with the Annual Boat Parade beginning at 5 PM (Winner of the Best Decorated Boat gets 2 Commodore's Ball tickets!!) Then Commodore's Ball featuring Fabulous Food, entertainment by VOODOO GUMBO! Again Sign up is REQUIRED!! Be looking for your invitation in the mail-it's on the way!!

December 20th: Dirty Santa Party -Bring a gift, Bring a dish to share and wear your UGLIEST SWEATER for the UGLY SWEATER CONTEST!!!

December 22nd: Breakfast with Santa - Special Brunch with Santa - see Jamie for details!

See everyone there!!

Leigh

## **FOOD AND BEVERAGE- PAUL CALECAS**

It's been a crazy year for us behind the bar. We've tried a few new things this year that you guys really seemed to enjoy, and for that, I have to thank you all. Without your continued support, none of it would be possible. This month is shaping up to be a busy one with Commodore's Ball and Dirty Santa coming up, just to name a few of the events filling the calendar. Whether you're coming out to for one these events, or you just want to stop by for an egg nog this holiday season, we'd love to see you. As usual, if you have any thoughts on things you'd like to see, be it events, or just a favorite Scotch, feel free to contact me anytime here at the club, or via e-mail at [bar@pontyc.org](mailto:bar@pontyc.org).

Prost!

Paul

**2013 AWARDS**

CHARLIE MACK SAILOR OF THE YEAR– David Bolyard  
SPINNAKER BOAT OF THE YEAR– The Bear (Stephen Choate)  
NON-SPINNAKER BOAT OF THE YEAR– Summer Wind (Henry Barousse)  
RACE MANAGEMENT AWARD– Lesley Burke  
JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE YEAR– Tommy Barclay  
ONE DESIGN SAILOR OF THE YEAR– Rob Doolittle and Bob Hodges  
COMMODORE’S AWARD– Gary Thorson  
OPTIMIST SAILOR OF THE YEAR– Collin Friend  
FAMILY OF THE YEAR– The Jarvis Family  
MOST IMPROVED SAILOR– Christ Episcopal High School Sailing Team  
MANAGER’S AWARD– Judy Jones  
UNSUNG HERO– Faith and Hans Albert  
BOB PATERSON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD– Skip Webster  
SUNFISH SAILOR OF THE YEAR– Chris Friend  
FEMALE SAILOR OF THE YEAR– Leigh Wanless  
JONAH AWARD– Doug Meadowcroft  
BATTLE OF LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN– Jalapeno (Ken Buhler)  
COMMODORE’S CUP– Voodoo Child (Tom Quinlan)  
MULTIHULLSAILOR OF THE YEAR– Bob Hodges





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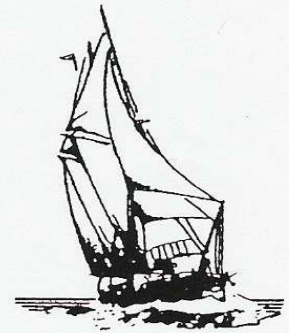
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# December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Dec {Regatta Rental @ 1pm} *Join your PYC family for Thanksgiving leftovers *KICKBALL @ 5pm Pot Luck	2 SAINTS Game Pot Luck CLUB OPEN @ 4pm	3 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine *Book Club @ 6:30pm	4 \$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	5 \$6 Soup Night {Regatta Event @ 6pm}	6 GUEST CHEF @ 7PM {Regatta Rental @ 7pm}	7 \$Where Ya At Drawings {Regatta Rental}
8 *LADIES LUNCHEON/BOUQTQUE SAINTS Game	9	10 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	11 \$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	12 \$6 Soup Night	13 GUEST CHEF @ 7PM {Regatta Rental @ 7pm}	14 \$Where Ya At Drawings *Commodores Ball *Christmas Boat Parade
15 SAINTS Game	16	17 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	18 \$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer {Regatta Event @ 11am}	19 \$6 Soup Night {Regatta Event @ 1pm}	20 GUEST CHEF @ 7PM *DIRTY SANTA {Regatta Rental @ 7pm}	21 \$Where Ya At Drawings
22 SAINTS Game Breakfast with Santa!	23	24 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	25 \$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	26 \$6 Soup Night	27 GUEST CHEF @ 7PM	28 \$Where Ya At Drawings
29 SAINTS Game {Regatta Event 11am}	30	31 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine	1 Jan \$2 Dogs \$1 Domestic Beer	2 \$6 Soup Night	3 GUEST CHEF @ 7PM	4 \$Where Ya At Drawings