



COMMODORE'S CORNER- THOMAS A. JARVIS

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The Gulf Yachting Association winter meeting in Fairhope, AL was well attended by your Flag Officers, Manager and several interested sailors. The event is always a very informative and beneficial exchange of ideas and information on the support and encouragement of the sport of yachting. The common theme of GYA clubs is to promote yachting. This includes sailing, racing, power boating or cursing and just about any other water sport you can think of. The clubs were formed to provide good fellowship among its members and to encourage good sportsmanship and boating safety. As always, Pontchartrain Yacht Club is known throughout the GYA for our hospitality and everyone love to visit us.

Our club was proud to be very well represented in the GYA wide awards ceremony;

Mason Sheen – 2012 GYA, Junior Commodore received many accolades for his work in promoting the youth program. Mason has passed the Commodore baton as he will be headed off to college in 2013. Mason has also done a great job with forming the Christ Episcopal High School sailing team here at PYC. Our most enthusiastic young sailors were brought in by Mason as Junior Members.

Skip Webster - Received the GYA Laser Championship award for 1st place and recognition for his participation in the 2012 Laser U.S. National Championship

Ken Buhlher – Was recognized for his 1st place finish in the J-30 North American Championship.

Bob Hodges - Was named the Chairman of the Multi-Hull Committee. Bob was also recognized for representing the GYA and PYC at the national multihull championship level.

Robert Reedy – Was named to the Offshore Council Executive Committee.

Karen Reisch- Was awarded the GYA Jack and Flo Scheib Service Award for her extensive work with US Sailing and Judging.

Congratulations to you all for your success and commitment to our sport and representing PYC so well!

COMMODORE– THOMAS A. JARVIS

*Also in the news is the upcoming **2013 Leukemia Cup Regatta** - Your Flag officers and a past Commodore or two attended the kick off meeting for this important annual event last month. The primary fund raiser will be the South Shore, March 23 and 24 Regatta. Additionally, this year fund raising events are going to be expanded to include a power boat cruise.*

In the past Pontchartrain Yacht Club has contributed to this important concern. We are discussing options on how we might support this effort and will advise you soon.

***2013 Planning** - This past month your board of directors have been busy planning the year ahead. With the hint of spring on the horizon we have planned and are already executing some sprucing up of the yard and the boats to support our ambitious plans. It's shaping up to be a busy and exciting year with more social and boating events on the horizon. In our ongoing effort to improve your awareness of the opportunities here at PYC we will soon have the entire years major functions available so that you can mark your calendars and not miss any of the fun! In this same vein we have decided to give the coffee table or commode side version of the Chart to all of you.*

Please note, we are still trying to divide up the work load around the club so as to not burden the same folks all of the time. The concept we are promoting is for you to adopt a "small responsibility"! One garden, one boat, one window, one dinner, one web site, anything! Do it on your own schedule! Share the load that it takes to make this a place we are proud of.

I'm looking forward to another fabulous year and welcome any of your comments and suggestions.

Tom Jarvis

Upcoming Activities in the Planning

- ◆ *Croquet Tournaments*
- ◆ *Horse shoes Tournaments*
- ◆ *Poker Run's*
- ◆ *Sunday Regatta's*
- ◆ *Beach Party*

VICE COMMODORE– BRIAN J. BURKE

2013 is off and running. Our newest board member, Leigh Wanless, has brought a new level of enthusiasm to the club's social scene. She held a meeting this past Thursday at which time the calendar of events for the entire year was laid out as well as committee heads. I encourage each and every one of you to view the calendar on the club's website, www.pontyc.org, and mark the club's big events on your calendar now so that you can be sure to attend. Don't forget to visit the calendar regularly for event details as months go on.

Thanks,

Brian

REAR COMMODORE- GARY THORSON

After attending the GYA meeting at Fairhope Yacht Club, I am happy to say the PYC seems to be in good shape from a number of perspectives. First, in spite a continual loss of members for a number of uncontrollable reasons, we have a continual influx of new members keeping our total membership numbers stable (we are not fighting a declining membership). Additionally, our board has promoted a number of different activities that has appealed to our membership base and therefore our revenues have grown through the growth of club activities verses growth of club members (we are not stuck with the mindset of the only way to increase revenue is to increase our membership – although more members would be nice). So, along those lines, our final financial numbers for the end of year 2012 were quite impressive. Our total assets grew from \$1,912,979 in January of 2012 to \$1,971,951 at the end of the year. Our total liabilities decreased from \$834,000 in January of 2012 to \$813,000 at the end of the year. Additionally, we showed a total profit (before depreciation) of \$52,564 on our total revenue of \$620,191. Even though these numbers are very good, it should be noted that in keeping with the style of most “not for profit” organizations, we do operate with a very thin profit margin. However, the 2012 type of financial performance will allow us to continue to make improvements around the club as well as nurture our capital fund up to the healthy level that we will need in case of a future storm or other similar club damaging event.

In keeping with the vote of the membership at last year’s special meeting in January, all you will see a 2% cost of living (based on US CPI for 2012) increase (about \$1.80 increase) in your monthly dues in order for the club to stay on pace with the increased product and operational costs we see each year. This action will help us avoid the need for any single large dues increase in the future. You know the kind of surprise that no one likes to see.

One of my additional responsibilities this year is that I have been appointed Chairman of the Sea Shepard evaluation/option Committee. In short, the members of this committee will be evaluating the short and long term viability of our current committee boat and assessing options for repair or replacement. This is a great time to take on this challenge and I look forward to keeping all of you up to date on our progress.

If I can digress for a moment, I would like to say if you didn’t attend the Commodore’s Ball, you missed one fantastic party. WOW! What an event! Great food, wonderful band, and a large party minded crowd. So, please keep this in mind when you are planning your calendar, because this year the Commodore’s Ball will be held in December. You all Come Out – You Hear!

As always, if you have ideas on how we can improve things for our members or have questions about our financial operation, please let me know.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Club soon!

Take Care,
Gary Thorson

ONE DESIGN- BILL ROSS

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It is time to get ready for sailing season. There are a few regattas coming up already. The Mardi Gras regatta will be held on Feb 16-17 in New Orleans. This is also a Capdeville event in which I will need a team to sail, so call me soon if you would like to sail.

On Super bowl Saturday Bay Waveland will be holding a one day regatta open to any class with 3 or more boats, so dust off your boat, or a yacht club boat, there are many available, and come out to sail.

We are in the process of fixing up our small boat fleet damaged in the storm. I hope to have them all complete soon so that all will be in good sailing shape for you all to enjoy this summer. We have many boats to choose from, so if you would like to get checked out on any fleet give me a call and we can get you ready to take your family out this summer and come down and enjoy the club.

Look forward to seeing you soon,

Billy

BAR- PAUL CALECAS

Well, we made it through the holidays and I hope you've all had time to rest. February is going to be busy right out of the gate. To start the month off right, why not stop by the bar to get your grub on at the annual Road Kill Cafe and enjoy a few libations while you watch the Super Bowl? Can't make it to the big game? Stop on by on your way out to the parade route, we have some wonderful new additions, including the Courir de Mardi Gras by Bayou Teche brewing.

Got plans for that special someone for Valentine's Day? We're putting together a delicious wine and dine that'll be sure to score you points with your significant other. What's that you say? We're only halfway through the month! Do we really need holidays and special occasions to stop by the bar and visit your favorite bartenders? I say come on by and have on of our new specialty drinks just because its a day ending in "y". Treat yourself to one of our delicious new margaritas or have a glass of wine just because you made it through another day at work. No matter what your reason, we always love to see you guys.

Prost!,

Paul

SOCIAL- LEIGH WANLESS

What a FABULOUS Commodore's Ball! The food and band were outstanding and Jamie's decorations were so elegant (not to mention Kaia's tower of cheese!). Thank you everyone for all the hard work and effort to honor Commodore Tom Jarvis and kick off a great new year.

We have a fun-filled busy year planned!!! The activities run the gamut from holiday celebrations and family game nights to beer, scotch and wine tastings. We begin this month with Pre-Parade Pizza on Friday February 1st -come grab a couple of slices of cheesy goodness before you head out to the Eve parade. Then on Sunday February 3rd the club will host the annual Super Bowl Sunday Road Kill Cafe-bring your best wild game/fresh road kill pot luck dishes to share and cheer on your pick for the NFL Championship! We'll follow up with Valentine's Day, Wednesday February 14th when Paul will host a Wine Dinner. The Drunken Sailors will play for your drinking and dancing pleasure on Saturday, February 16th.

A new and exciting addition to our calendar is the monthly Birthday Celebration, scheduled for the 2nd Friday of each month. You will receive a FREE BIRTHDAY DRINK when you join us at the club on the 2nd Friday of your birthday month.

I'm really excited about the social activities planned for the coming year. If you've got ideas and want to share and are ready and willing to help implement them, PLEASE let us know! Celeste Thorson is looking for volunteers to host Friday night dinner-call and offer to prepare your "specialty". There may be a prize at the end of the year for the meal voted most popular!! We are still in need of help from parents with kids of all ages to head up activities for our future membership.

See you at the club!!

Leigh Wanless

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD

On Wed, Feb. 6, at 6:30, we're having a meeting for all members who'd like to find out more about this great club event put on by you, our members.

It will be an informative meeting so NO OBLIGATIONS will be made just by showing up. Our aim is to answer questions and let people know how easy it is to help out. For example sometimes just serving the food is a tremendous help. As you can see ANYONE can do this.

We have made this a subcommittee of the social committee and I am handling this event, Friday Night Food, for Leigh. Please call, text or email me if you can't make it and want to know more.

Celeste Prejean Thorson

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ALSO, there is a calendar in the kitchen for anyone who just wants to sign up. I'll get in touch with you. Now's the time to pick the Friday of your choice!

Appreciate the help!

Celeste



MEMBERSHIP- DICK JONES

Let's start off with the disappointing news. Four members, Max Albert, David Falcone, Kyle Wild and Michael Thomas resigned during January.

Good news is we approved three new members during the January board meeting.

Jeff & Theresa Danos reside in Mandeville. They have three sons, Adam, 17, Jack, 13, & Rafe who is 11. Jack is a junior member of the club and part of the high school sailing team. The Danos enjoy fishing off their Pathfinder powerboat want to be involved in race/regattas and working with the junior program.

David Podesta also resides in Mandeville and is interested in volunteering for race and regattas. He recently returned to Mandeville after a few years of living in the Jackson, MS area and was a member of the Jackson, MS Yacht Club. Currently boat less; David is considering a pontoon boat to enjoy scenic cruises on the river and lake.

Tammy Gilmore and her two children Dane and Keegan are no strangers to the club. Tammy has applied for her own membership and I am sure we will be seeing a lot more of her.

Please make a point to introduce yourself as you see our newest members around the club.

We have added a little structure to the membership team. Becca Choate has agreed to head up the marketing efforts, Hew Hamilton will work on upgrading and maintaining our web site and Bob Lipscomb will help with membership and getting new members involved in volunteering for their areas of interest. I know they could use additional help and any ideas you may have to improve the web site, produce an impactful marketing brochure, and assist with membership meetings and the recruitment of new members. Please contact us if you are willing to help. Thanks

For those of you who did not attend the Commodores Ball you missed a great evening of excellent food, great drinks, music and dancing. It is rumored that a few members continued the party well in morning hours. Just like the old days.

See you around the club.

Dick Jones

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Pontchartrain Yacht Club February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Jan Brunch!!	28	29	30	31	1 Feb	2
		Soup and bread \$5.00 off bottled wine	\$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	BBO pork on bun with chips \$5.00	GUEST CHEF FRIDAY 7PM	Where Ya At Drawing!! Groundhog day!
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SUPERBOWL!!! ROAD KILL POT LUCK		Finance meeting for 2013 budget				
		Soup and bread \$5.00 off bottled wine	\$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	BBO pork on bun with chips \$5.00	GUEST CHEF FRIDAY 7PM	Where Ya At Drawing!!
		Book Club "The Light Between Oceans"	Power Squadron Meeting		February Birthday Celebration! (Join us for a birthday drink on PYC)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Soup and bread \$5.00 off bottled wine	\$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	BBO pork on bun with chips \$5.00	GUEST CHEF FRIDAY 7PM	Where Ya At Drawing!!
		Mardi Gras! Club closed		Valentines Wine Dinner!		DRUNKEN SAILORS!!8PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Brunch!		Soup and bread \$5.00 off bottled wine	\$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	BBO pork on bun with chips \$5.00	GUEST CHEF FRIDAY 7PM	Where Ya At Drawing!!
24	25	26	27	28	1 Mar	2
		Soup and bread \$5.00 off bottled wine	\$2.00 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	BBO pork on bun with chips \$5.00	GUEST CHEF FRIDAY 7PM	Where Ya At Drawing!! High School Regatta

See you at the club!

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