

**THE CHART**

FEBRUARY 2015

**COMMODORE'S CORNER- KEN BUHLER**

Although it's January and it's been cold, PYC has been very busy. We celebrated bringing in the New Year with Jambalaya and a flock of fried turkey. Thanks to Steven Choate and me, we managed to keep the birds coming until late that evening. Brian Burke manned the jambalaya, fried cracklins and the oysters. Thanks to all the members who answer the call to feed the masses. One thing that we can say, we eat very well at our functions. Thanks to all who made the start of the new year a memorable one.

Cleve retired all the old American flags with the proper respect with a short ceremony. We had a mix of members from the older more seasoned to the 20 something new members all toasting the New Year. Commodore Jones passing the torch with farewell words of wisdom. I was taking notes.

It's Mardi Gras time, and I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable time at the parades. For the sailors who will do Mardi Gras race week, good luck and dress warm. Various committees met during the month to discuss the sailing season for 2015. We have a PHRF schedule which will be published very soon. Chris met with the junior planning committee and will have more information shortly. Small boat and One Design sailing will meet 2/4/15 to organize and set parameters for this vital sailing program.

Please welcome the new members Mike Cloen, Jim Odom, Albert Bacque, "Skipper" Chenault and make them feel at home.

I would like to thank all who had a part in planning and implementing the Commodore's Ball. It was a very special event in my life. I have been a member for many years, and I consider PYC part of my family. I will make every effort to make PYC a club we can call home.

KEN BUHLER



## **REAR COMMODORE– GIGI SAVONA**

Happy New Year! I hope 2015 has been a great year so far for our members!

I have been busy trying to get my head around the club's finances! I want to thank Terri Hamilton, Kaia Williams and Allison Simmons for all their patience and the help they have given me so far! But I realize I have a ways to go!

What I learned pretty quickly is that PYC cannot keep its doors open unless members pay their dues on-time, every month! This is hugely important! I had no idea we survive on such a thin margin!

Just think of your own bank account - if your paycheck doesn't get deposited on time - you can't pay your bills! Member dues are our "deposit" with which we pay the electric bill, the mortgage, the employees' salaries, etc. So the doors stay open!

You should receive your bill by the 3rd or 4th of each month. It is considered late if not received by the 20th. ACH (autodraft) is available for all members. If payment is received after the 20th of the month, you will be charged an additional \$15 late fee.

**REMEMBER: ALL PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY THE 20TH OF THE MONTH.**

Thanks for listening!

Now go have fun on the Lake!

Gigi

## **MEMBERSHIP– COURT RICHARDSON**

Spring weather is here! Well, briefly anyway. But it still has us thinking of boating.

New applicants are:

Skipper and Betty Chenault

Albert and Sandy Bacque

I'm pleased to report that the membership committee had its first meeting in January and I'm excited about the positive energy and great ideas that were discussed. The committee is:

Bobby Lipscomb (returning committee member)

Cynthia Schutte (returning committee member)

Larry Schutte (returning committee member)

Dick Jones

John Schell

Nancy Wylie

Holly Parker

David Sides

I look forward to working with the committee and I see great results on the horizon.

We have a membership mixer scheduled for Thursday, March 5th at 7PM in the bar area. The idea is to get our new and existing members to mingle in a fun and relaxed atmosphere and to get some potential new members to come as well. As with previous mixers, hors d'oeuvre and wine will be served and the bar will be open too. I'm working on a new membership special and incentives for existing members that bring prospective new members. I'll email details as soon as specifics are nailed down.

## RACE- CLEVE FAIR

January 10-11, 2015 the GYA Winter meeting took place at Biloxi Yacht Club attended by Commodore Ken Buehler, Vice-Com Brian Burke, and yours truly. This is the annual meeting at which among other things the racing /regatta schedules for the year are set. Additionally, we attended the ‘Race Management Committee’ meeting and the ‘Race Rules Committee’ meeting. A highlight of the meeting was a static display of boats being considered for ultimate replacement of the venerable Flying Scot as the GYA One-Design boat for inter-club competition. The Viper and VX1 were on display with representatives of each on hand to make presentations and promote their brand. More on this later.

January 20, a planning meeting was held in the Regatta Room to establish an overall racing schedule for the year. In attendance were interested parties from the PHRF, Corinthians, and One Design Dinghy Fleets. This is the earliest we’ve tried to do this and the group has come up with an ambitious plan for the year. Publication of this schedule will take place shortly.

Southern Yacht Club hosted the annual Leukemia Cup Kick Off meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were Commodore Ken Buehler, past Coms Brian Burke, Tom Quinlan, Dick Jones, Janie Eshelman, Cleve Fair and Holly and Robert Parker. The south shore PHRF Leukemia Cup will take place March 21-22 hosted by SYC. There will be numerous boats from Pontchartrain Y C looking for crew and donations to make this annual regatta a success.

Pontchartrain Yacht Club will host the annual north shore Leukemia Cup-High School Regatta on February 21-22. Chris Friend has accepted responsibility as Regatta Chair and PRO. Chris has sent out a call for volunteers and a meeting for February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 in the Regatta Room. As always we need many volunteers on the water and on shore to conduct these regattas. Please come and support this important event.

We are planning a Race Management Seminar scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 in the Regatta Room. This will be a basic discussion of race management and the various functions of the race committee. It is intended for all who have expressed an interest in learning and helping with this important activity on the water. It will also be a refresher for those who have been involved in the past. The timing has been scheduled just before the High School Leukemia Cup to afford all interested volunteers a quick opportunity to brush up on procedures before the regatta. Please do not hesitate to come even if you have no experience in race management. There are many jobs in support of race management that do not require experience and you will learn a lot by just being on the water observing. Races are invited as well. The seminar will be conducted by Cleve Fair and/or other qualified individuals.

Member, Dr. John Supan recently received a Trophy for a First Place finish in the Rhodes 19, Ellis Cup Regatta held last year. John enjoyed 3 bullets in the long distance races. Dr Supan is our oyster man teaching bi-valve technology and ocean biology at LSU and operating the oyster fishery in Cocodrie. Congratulations John!

## **ONE DESIGN- BILL ROSS**

The new year has begun and it is time to clean those boats and get back out on the water.

First I would like to thank those that have stepped up already to help get your assets cleaned and ready for duty.

Paul Reese came on his own in 45-50 degree weather to pressure wash the 420 fleet to get ready for the US Sailing training course we were hosting along with Dave Bolyard and your commodore Ken Buhler who helped me clean the powerboats and organize the sailing trailer.

Back to sailing, the Mardi Gras regatta will be sailed on Feb. 21-22 in New Orleans. I am still looking for sailors to sail scots with Mike McNight who has stepped up so far to sail. This regatta is open to PHRF and ONE DESIGN classes, so lets get out and support sailing at the club.

Chris Friend will be holding a meeting early this month about Jr. and small boat sailing in which I would like to see anyone interested in sailing or helping with racing in all aspects attend. He has some great ideas and we all need to step up and help promote sailing at PYC and other clubs.

We have set a schedule for PHRF sailing starting soon, so get your family and friends out sailing and come join in the fun. These races will be open to all skill levels. If you need info or advice, contact me or the office and we will do our best to point you in the right direction.

I am in the process of buying new parts for our fleet. I would ask that if you use a club boat, you help clean and return boats and parts to where they belong and report any issues they might have to me or the office so that we can ensure you can find everything you need to sail in a timely manner and have fun instead of looking for missing parts. We will have a sign out sheet soon to use club boats, so take time to fill it out so we can keep up with boats used and maintain them for you our members.

If you missed the Commodores Ball and last weeks sunday brunch you are missing out. I saw a lot of new faces having fun. Thanks to all Staff and Volunteers who always step up and help make these events fun at the club

Thanks for your help.

Bill Ross

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## **JUNIORS– CHRIS FRIEND**

January has been a busy month for planning this year's junior activities. We had a planning meeting on January 18 at which we started planning for Harbor Mice and Green fleet. Both are sailed in Optimists. Harbor Mice is for kids 8 through 15 who have not sailed before and want to learn. Green fleet is an introductory racing program that teaches the skills of racing. We will also have introduction to racing in 420s, Laser Radials, and Sunfish. Our kickoff for the 2015 season will be on February 26 at 6:30 pm in the Regatta Room. I encourage juniors and parents to attend! We will discuss this year's events, Junior Lipton trials, regattas that we want to attend and anything else you want PYC to support.

We will host the Northshore Leukemia Cup High School Regatta on February 28 and March 1. This high school regatta features high school teams from Louisiana and the Gulf Coast and is sailed in 420s and Lasers. If you want to sail, your school needs to be a member of the Southeast Interscholastic Sailing Association (SEISA). We also need help on race committee and shore side. Our regatta planning meeting is Tuesday, February 3 at 6:30 pm.

The 2015 Sail Camp dates are:

Session 1: June 1 – June 12

Session 2: June 15 – June 26

Session 3: July 6 – July 17

Session 4 July 20 – July 31

Fees are \$375 for members with a 10% discount for siblings and/or 2 or more sessions. See details on our website.

The date for the first annual cruise to Fontainebleau State Park has been set for May 9. We will depart Bayou Castine in mid-morning and sail, paddle, or otherwise propel the fleet to Fontainebleau for fun races, games, and lunch. We need help planning this event!

The next Junior Committee meeting is on February 12 at 6:30 pm. We have a good core of volunteers, but I need more help to continue planning this year's activities. I look forward to seeing you there.



Hello PYC Members,

For most of this month I've been in St. Augustine, Florida renovating my deceased father-in-law's house. So I haven't been at the club for some time.

I'm back for a little while, so I plan to inspect the work that Joe Huffman and I started on the down stairs railing back in December.

Joe recommended a company that specializes in rust inhibiting primers. We painted one 18'-0 section of the railing to see how this product from Norway performs, if satisfactory, we'll continue the railing and doors.

I'll be returning to Florida in mid- February to finish the house and put it on the market.

When I return, I'll be calling on volunteers to assist in the restoration of the railing and doors, which is a major part of the maintenance project that was estimated to cost \$15,000 to \$20,000. If we are able to accomplish the above projects the monies saved can be used for other project that will require subcontracting.

Thank you for your support,

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## **Saturday, February 14th**

Breakfast from 8-11

Come fill your bellies before parading!

Adults \$15.00/Kids \$10.00

### Menu

Chicken and Waffles

Shrimp and Grits

Steak and Eggs

Mini Omelet Bar with biscuits

Fresh Fruit

Eggs Pontchartrain (PYC style)

Coffee/Juice/Milk

\$5.00 bottomless mimosas

Reservations: [office@pontyc.org](mailto:office@pontyc.org)

# FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5:30pm - 9:00pm Superbowl!!!! Road kill potluck more details via email		6:00pm - 8:00pm Taco Tuesday!	6:00pm - 8:00pm \$2 Dogs 7:00pm - 9:00pm Small Boat/One Design Planning Meeting	6:00pm - 8:00pm Spaghetti Night! 7:00pm - 10:00pm Regatta Room Rental	Krewe of Eve parade 7:00pm - 9:00pm Guest Chef Friday!	7:00pm - 10:00pm Regatta Room Rental
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
6:00pm - 10:00pm Tango!!!		6:00pm - 8:00pm Taco Tuesday! 6:30pm - 8:00pm Book Club!	Past Commodores' Meeting 6:00pm - 8:00pm \$2 Dogs	6:00pm - 8:00pm Spaghetti Night!	7:00pm - 9:00pm Guest Chef Friday!	8:00am - 11:00am Valentine's Breakfast! 2:00pm - 5:00pm Wedding and Reception
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	President's Day!	Mardi Gras!! Plans TBA later 6:00pm - 8:00pm Taco Tuesday!	1st day of Lent 6:00pm - 8:00pm \$2 Dogs	6:00pm - 8:00pm Spaghetti Night! 6:30pm - 10:00pm Board Meeting	7:00pm - 9:00pm Guest Chef Friday!	Mardi Gras Regatta NOYC
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Mardi Gras Regatta NOYC 2:00pm - 5:00pm Mardi Paws parade! 5:30pm - 8:30pm Regatta Room Rental!		6:00pm - 8:00pm Taco Tuesday! 6:00pm - 9:00pm CSA Meeting	Race Committee Training! 6:00pm - 8:00pm \$2 Dogs	6:00pm - 8:00pm Spaghetti Night! 6:30pm - 8:30pm Junior Meeting!	7:00pm - 9:00pm Guest Chef Friday! 7:30pm - 9:00pm Bingo!!!	Leukemia Cup High School Regatta!





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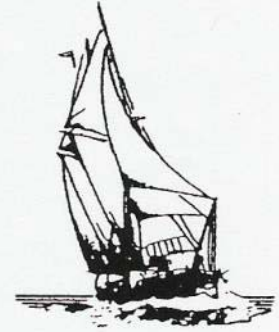
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