

THE CHART

MARCH 2015

**COMMODORE'S CORNER- KEN BUHLER**

I hope that everyone survived the Mardi Gras parades. It was cold but that didn't seem to dampen the spirit of those who participated. PYC sponsored Mardi Paws in conjunction with the Mandeville pets parade. It was great day to enjoy our yard. We provided fish taco, lemonade and good time with the PYC family.

Kaia famous Valentine breakfast was a big hit as always. Nicole's never ending champagne and bloody mary was over the top. Thanks to all the members and staff for making it a huge success. Jamie is working hard on renting the club for the events, so if you are planning a special event call her.

It's that time of year, the winds are cold and brisk but the sailors are getting the cobwebs off their boats. Bottom are cleaned, new halyard are been strung it time to go sailing. The PYC sailors will participate in the J30 Mid-winters nationals, Leukemia cup in New Orleans, and Northshore High School Leukemia cup regatta sponsored by PYC on 2/28/29 /15 3/1/15. PYC will start in own racing schedule in the month of March. The small boat Sunday sailing will take the lead, followed by the PHRF boats. Stay tuned for more information and schedule. New members and those who don't have a boat this is your time to go sailing. Call me, Paul Rees or Kaia in the office and if you want to go sailing we will get you on boat. If you are not sure and want to see what its all about we need race committee help. Two of our members have just put on a starting and race management seminar for those interested in sailing. Thanks Dave and Cleve for your efforts to keep our sailors informed.

The Club staff is always looking for ideas on Having Events, ways to feed and entertain the members. So if you have not volunteered yet, with help or ideas, it's not too late.

Please help, it's your Club.

Ken



REAR COMMODORE– GIGI SAVONA

I'd like to say a big THANK YOU! to all the members who have been paying their bills on time this year, including the assessment! We have collected a significant portion of the total assessment and the project list is being carefully prioritized by the Board. If you stroll onto the second floor porch that faces the lake, you will see new outdoor furniture – these cast aluminum tables and chairs were ordered to replace the well-worn and rusty ones that sorely needed to go! You will begin to see assessment dollars funding maintenance and repair projects in the next few months, such as pool repair, bulkhead repair and installation of lighting in the yard and entrance.

Per the PYC by-laws, membership dues are adjusted each year based on the change in the Consumer Price Index, or CPI. On February 26, 2015, the Bureau of Labor Statistics issued the CPI for Jan-Dec 2014, the index rose to 1.6%. Your dues, per the by-laws, will increase accordingly and be reflected on your next bill.

Please continue to pay membership dues and charges by the **20th** of each month.

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 timely. We have **Autodraft** (direct from checking account only) available and we encourage all of our existing members to utilize this form of payment. We also offer the option of paying monthly dues and charges using a **Visa or Mastercard**, please stop by the office to do so! We cannot keep your credit card on file for reoccurring bill payments.

I hope all our members are having a great new year! We have had some unseasonably cold weather in Louisiana, so come on over to the Club and sample the variety of food and drinks offered each week night to fill you up and keep you warm!

Gigi



MEMBERSHIP-COURT RICHARDSON

Happy March!! Boating is here!

New applicants are:

Lauren & Jean Paul Dardenne

Randall Sharpe

Don't forget, we have a membership mixer scheduled for Thursday, March 5th at 7PM in the bar area. I'm hoping that this chart article will be read prior to the mixer. Again, 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. Hors d'œuvres and wine will be served and the bar will be open too. I look forward to a great turnout at this mixer.

We had a great turnout for the Mardi Paws and a few new member prospects. Thanks to Holly Parker, David Sides and Dick Jones for helping with the membership table. And to Kaia, Nicole and Edward for putting on such a successful event.

Be sure to check out our club calendar by going to www.pontyc.org and clicking on "calendar". There will be a lot of activities in the near future and we want to see everyone participating and having fun!

Court Richardson

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RACE- CLEVE FAIR

Here we are on the first weekend of March and we have just completed our first regatta. The 4th Annual Leukemia Cup High School Regatta was a success with the cooperation of unusual weather. We had 8 boats from local high schools in New Orleans and Gulfport. Larger numbers are always hoped for but in winter weather it's ambitious to expect strong participation. My congratulations to Chris Friend for conducting a fine regatta as PRO and Regatta Chair. My thanks also to all those volunteers who helped make the regatta a success on the water and on shore as well.

On Wednesday, 25th of February we held a race committee seminar for members interested in helping the race committee conduct races on the water. This was a very basic discussion of how a race is set up and a description of all the many jobs that are necessary to execute a race before, during and after, on and off the water. We had 8 attendees and while that's a disappointing number they were all welcome and about half of those assisted with the High School Regatta this past weekend. We still need volunteers and would encourage those still interested in race committee to speak up and we will hold another race committee seminar prior to the Schools Out Regatta scheduled for June 6th & 7th. There are at least 11-12 individual jobs, in addition to the PRO, that need to be covered on each race course and for Schools Out Regatta we expect to have 5 courses. We can't do this without the help of volunteers!.

Special thanks to Commodore Shan Kirk for assisting me with this seminar.

The south shore Leukemia Cup for PHRF boat will be held at SYC on March 21st & 22nd. This is an important fund raiser for Leukemia research and a 'fun' regatta as well. Several boats from PYC will be competing. If you're interested in crewing, let someone know.

For the first time in many years a full year's schedule of racing has been developed. The schedule includes PHRF and small boats as well as our major regattas. The schedule accommodates the Corinthians as many of our sailors compete in their schedule as well. My thanks to the Commodore for making this a priority and to Holly Parker for putting it together. Please see the schedule here in the Chart and on the bulletin board near the bar.

Also: A new effort to communicate sailing and race opportunities to the membership is being headed up by Paul Rees. You should have received by now his first communique on how it will work. This will only be about sailing. Nothing on book club, tango dancing, knitting, exercise or Camellia judging allowed. This is a new focus to keep you informed about what a yacht club is supposed to be about. My thanks to Paul Rees for taking on this important task.

Cleve Fair

Race Chair

ONE DESIGN- BILL ROSS

It is time for us to start preparing for small boat sailing this year. I would like to ask for your help in joining us on the 7th for a cleanup-workday to get our assets ready for the first small boat sailing day which will happen on the 8th. We will be cleaning and preparing all boats for sailing, so any help will be appreciated. All help you can give will make for a better sailing experience for all of you that may use these boats in the summer, so give a little of your time if you can to help.

On Sunday the 8th, come to the club around 11 to join us for a fun day of sailing. We will start our Sunday sailing series that is open to all ages and experience, so come out and see how much fun you can have at your club and meet some new people.

There are a lot of sailing events this month, so check your calendar to see what is coming up.

This past weekend PYC held a high school regatta which went off very well. Thanks go out to our staff and all who helped put on this race. Great job to all.

I hope to see a lot of you for the workday, and come down on Sunday for brunch and sailing.

If I can help you in any way, call me or the office, and I will do my best to help.

Happy sailing.

Bill Ross



JUNIORS– CHRIS FRIEND

The spring boat work day is this Saturday, March 7! We need help getting our Optimists, Lasers, Sunfish, O'pen Bics, Lidos, and Flying Scots ready to sail. Show up at 10 and help get our fleet ready for spring sailing. We will have pizza! This is a great opportunity for those who want to get familiar with our fleet and learn how to rig them.

The Small Boat Sunday racing series starts Sunday March 8. The skippers meeting is at noon, with first race start at 1300. Boats 13 feet to 22 feet long are welcome! We will have many short courses and will use the Portsmouth yardstick. If we have three or more of any class, we will also score results for the class. The dates for the spring are March 8, March 15, March 29, April 19, May 17. We will gather downstairs after racing for refreshments, roasting of the winners and the Intergalactica Award (thanks Bob!). The Notice of Race is forthcoming.

The 2015 Northshore Cup/Leukemia Cup High School Regatta was held on February 28 and March 1. We had 8 420's from 4 high schools. The conditions varied from sunny 12-15 knot winds on Saturday to cloudy light air and rain on Sunday. It was a seesaw battle between the Ocean Springs High School team (Crew Stanley and Taylor Johnson) and Jesuit High School (Michael Haupt and Conner Housey), with Ocean Springs beating Jesuit by 2 points after 18 races. Third place went to the Jesuit team of Robert Argote and William Nance. For full results, please see <https://www.nextsailor.com/docs/files/100/NorthshoreCupLeukemiaCup20153.html>. This event could not have occurred without help on land and on the lake by a host of volunteers:

- Food: Anita Pons, Dottie Williams, Kaia Schindler-Williams, Lesley Burke, Brian Burke
- Safety: Jimmy Buras
- Trophies: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society via Brian Burke
- Sea Shepherd II: Tom Jarvis, Cleve Fair, Adrian Callais, Paul Rees, Colin Friend
- Pin set: Mike McKnight, Dennis Lavoie
- Mark set: Steve Choate
- Jury: Billy Ross, Dave Bolyard
- Staff: Edward Jones, Nicole Cloen

And of course, thanks to Kaia for sewing it all together on shore!

Don't forget to register for Sail Camp. Sail Camp sessions begin on June 1 and are filling up. We are also still hiring Sail Camp counselors. Counselors must be at least 16 and have US Sailing Small Level 1 Instructor certification. There are many certification opportunities on the coast this spring. Contact Kaia or me if you are interested.

See you on the water!

Chris Friend



SAIL PYC - 2015 SCHEDULE as of March 1, 2015

<i>March</i>		
7	Sat	Meet the Small Boats Day at 10 AM at PYC
8	Sun	Small Boat Sunday #1 <u>Skippers Meeting 12 Noon at PYC</u>
29	Sun	Fund Race (including PHRF and small boats) <u>11 AM at PYC</u>
<i>April</i>		
4	Sat	PHRF Spring Race 1 <u>Skippers Meeting 10:30 AM at PYC</u>
5	Sun	Small Boat Sunday #2 <u>Skippers Meeting 12 Noon at PYC</u>
18	Sat	PHRF Spring Race 2 <u>Skippers Meeting 10:30 AM at PYC</u>
19	Sun	Small Boat Sunday #3 <u>Skippers Meeting 12 Noon at PYC</u>
26	Sun	PHRF Spring Race 3 <u>Skippers Meeting 10:30 AM at PYC</u>
<i>May</i>		
9	Sat	FAMILY BEACH PARTY FLOTILLA to Fontainebleau
10	Sun	Small Boat Sunday #4 <u>Skippers Meeting 12 Noon at PYC</u>
17	Sun	Small Boat Sunday #5 <u>Skippers Meeting 12 Noon at PYC</u>
<i>June</i>		
6/7	Sat/Sun	School's Out Regatta
13	Sat	PHRF Summer Race 1 <u>Skippers Meeting 4:30 PM at PYC</u>
<i>July</i>		
11	Sat	PHRF Summer Race 2 <u>Skippers Meeting 4:30 PM at PYC</u>
25	Sat	PHRF Summer Race 3 <u>Skippers Meeting 4:30 PM at PYC</u>
<i>August</i>		
<i>September</i>		
12/13	Sat/Sun	Back to School Regatta
19	Sat	Fund Race (including PHRF and small boats) <u>11 AM at PYC</u>
20	Sun	Barts Bash for ALL Boats /PHRF Fall Race 1 <u>Times TBA</u>
<i>October</i>		
24	Sat	PHRF Fall Race 2 <u>Skippers Meeting 4:30 PM at PYC</u>
<i>November</i>		
21/22	Sat/Sun	Turkey Day Regatta/PHRF Fall Race 3 <u>Times TBA</u>
<i>December</i>		
12	Sat	Make up day
19	Sat	Make up day

email sailpontyc@gmail.com with any questions

HOUSE AND GROUNDS– RICHARD DENUNZIO

Hello PYC Members,

Thank you for your support,

Let me start off with an apology to the PYC Board members for missing the last two board meetings.

I took on the project to renovate my deceased father-in-laws home in St. Augustine, Florida in January of this year and finally finished it on February 27th.

Now on to business, I took a water sample from the swimming pool to a local pool company “Pools ‘N stuff (Evi Jeansonne) the water tested perfect. So as for the “Black algae concerns I believe from talking to several pool experts we should not have a problem unless the water PH was too high, which it isn’t.

I have also contacted a civil engineering firm” H & H Consultants” Mr. Larry Jones who would inspect the condition of the pool and surrounding area and give us his recommendation as far the integrity of the pool and surrounding structure.

In the attic we have a 160 gallon hot water heater, which draws 70 amps and is underutilized the majority of time. I checked on the availability of a hot water heater timer, none exist for that amperage.

Since my last chart concerning the steel railing, Vaughan Sollberger sent an email to Kaia, which she passed on to me regarding technical coatings expert Brandon Lamasney whom I called and emailed the existing condition of the railing.

I gave him the particulars on the condition on the railing asked for his recommendations.

He emailed back his recommendations, which I will attach as a separate document.

Brandon’s’ recommendation is to remove all existing coatings, which will be the nastiest part of the project. I estimated it will take 350 man hours to complete this project over several months.

I will also put together a sequence of procedures for restoring the railing. If we do it right it should last for 8 to 10 years. Once I complete the sequence and procedures I will need volunteers to help complete this project.

Thank you for your support,

Richard DeNunzio

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Leukemia Cup High School Regatta! 1:00pm - 4:00pm Regatta Room Rental	6:00pm - 8:00pm Taco Tuesday!	6:00pm - 8:00pm \$2 Dogs 7:00pm - 8:00pm SESSION ONE OF TANGO CLASSES	6:00pm - 8:00pm Spaghetti Night! 7:00pm - 9:00pm Membership Mixer Wine and Cheese	6:00pm - 9:00pm Guest Chef Friday!	7:00pm - 9:00pm Guest Chef Friday!	10:00am - 3:00pm Small boat Repair Day! Help Needed
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00am - 12:00pm BRUNCH 1:00pm - 3:00pm Small Boat Race 1	6:00pm - 8:00pm Taco Tuesday! 6:30pm - 8:00pm Book Club!	6:00pm - 8:00pm \$2 Dogs 7:00pm - 8:00pm SESSION ONE OF TANGO CLASSES	6:00pm - 8:00pm Spaghetti Night!	J-30 Regatta! at NOYC 7:00pm - 9:00pm Guest Chef Friday!	J-30 Regatta! at NOYC 6:00pm - 8:00pm Grill Night!	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
J-30 Regatta at NOYC	St. Patrick's Day! Wear Green for PYC specials 6:00pm - 8:00pm Taco Tuesday!	6:00pm - 8:00pm \$2 Dogs 6:00pm - 9:00pm Spring Wine Boutique	6:00pm - 8:00pm Spaghetti Night! 6:30pm - 10:00pm Board Meeting	6:00pm - 10:00pm Wedding and Reception 7:00pm - 9:00pm Guest Chef Friday!		Leukemia Cup Regatta! SYC
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31	Apr 1	2	3	4
FUND RACE!!	6:00pm - 8:00pm Taco Tuesday!	6:00pm - 8:00pm \$2 Dogs	6:00pm - 8:00pm Spaghetti Night!	6:00pm - 8:00pm Spaghetti Night!	Good Friday! 7:00pm - 9:00pm Guest Chef Friday!	Spring Race Series #1 at Noon 9:00am - 12:00pm Easter Breakfast! Egg Hunt at 11:00



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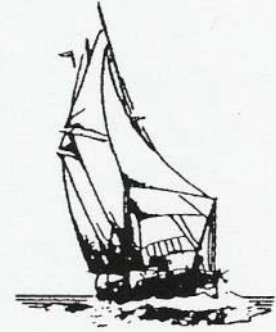
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