

# THE CHART

NOVEMBER 2014



## COMMODORE'S CORNER- DICK JONES

Hello to all. Hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful October weather. It was a very good month for sailing. PYC racers participated in two major regattas the WFROC in which Rives Allen finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in PHRF "B" class and DJ Bolyard finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. in the VX One class. The annual LPRC regatta is a three day race that began here at PYC, moved to NOYC and ended at SYC. The final results are as follows; PHRF "A" class Man O War 7<sup>th</sup>. "D" class, Jalapeno 1<sup>st</sup>. and The Bear 2<sup>nd</sup>., in non spinnaker class, Wiskers 2<sup>nd</sup>. VX One class, Rob Doolittle 5<sup>th</sup>. and Lee Eikel 6<sup>th</sup>. place. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated. Thanks also to everyone who volunteered to help with the race committee. And last be not least thanks to the Drunken Sailor's band for playing Friday evening. You guys helped make the party a great success.

Speaking of racing, Lloyd Causey has received his certification for Race Committee from U S Sailing. Lloyd is certified by U S Sailing as a Judge. Congratulations Lloyd.

The annual meeting is set for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. Please plan on attending as this is your opportunity for eligible voting members to cast a vote for the nominees to fill the expiring terms of three board members. As an enticement we are planning a prime rib dinner.

Thanks. Look forward to seeing at the club

Dick Jones



## **REAR COMMODORE– TERRI HAMILTON**

Greetings from the accounting office at PYC. As we begin to look at closing out the 2014 year, it is important to look back at the year to see just where your club stands financially. The 3rd quarter of the year tends to be a problem quarter for PYC traditionally. Regatta Room rentals tend to be slow in the Summer months and this catches up with us as we begin the month of September. When rentals are up as they were in 2013 this is not a problem. When room rentals are down or the room is rented for smaller functions (which don't generate much revenue) we have shortfalls which force us to take money from savings to cover our bills. This was the case this year. We had to take \$23,000 out of savings to cover expenses incurred in the everyday running of PYC. Also, it seems that not as many members are spending at the bar this year as income is off by \$10,000. As the club is now over 7 years old, we have some important maintenance issues which we must address in the upcoming year. The porch railings, lighting, pool remediation, bulkhead repairs, etc. all must be addressed.

We have worked diligently to control the expenses for room rentals, your bar and everyday costs to run your club. But the cost of everything from coke at the bar to elevator maintenance has increased markedly in 2014. I'm sure you can relate to this on a personal level as your grocery bill alone has gone up significantly. Several ideas are being proposed to help cover the operational costs at the club. Assessments and dues increases are the last but sometimes the only way to help pay the bills at PYC. These ideas will be discussed at the annual meeting. I hope to see you there.

Terri Hamilton

## **VICE COMMODORE– BRIAN J. BURKE**

# **NOTICE OF MEETING:**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WILL BE HELD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

AT 4:00P.M.

THE SLATE OF BOARD CANDIDATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Gigi Savona, Richard Denunzio and Ken Buhler

Prime Rib dinner to follow by reservation only!!

## **KEN BUHLER**

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for placing my name on the slate of candidates for the upcoming election of the 2014 Board of Directors.

I have been a PYC member and sailor for many years. I served on the PYC Board in the past as House and Ground and Vice Commodore. I am a member of the PYC racing family. I was part of the team that organized Bart's Bash, a successful fund raiser. It was great morning for PYC sailor's to come together for a worthy cause. Team building is important part of any organization. Volunteers are what make PYC special. I am married to former Joan Hedrick and we live in Hammond La. We jokingly call it the farm where we raise our own vegetables, chickens along with our dogs.

I have retired after 38 years from the Louisiana Community Technical College system as an instructor, administrator and property manager. I served as chair for Region 3 Developmental Studies Department, and Trades Industrial Department head. I completed the Leadership Development Institute for Administrator, Louisiana Development Academy, and received the Outstanding Facility award. Being retired gives me time to serve on the board. I am active in the boating, sailing community. I sever as a 20 years plus volunteer for the Wooden Board Festival, and the LPRC Racing committee and have served as past chairmen.

To be chosen as a board member is a great responsibility, one that is an opportunity for growth continued success at PYC. I look forward to the challenge

KEN BUHLER

## **GIGI SAVONA**

I would like to thank the nominating committee for their confidence in me to be considered for the 2015 Board of Directors. I have agreed to volunteer my time and will do my very best to assist in the management and promotion of PYC should the membership agree.

I have a B.S. in Ocean Engineering from Florida Institute of Technology and worked for the Naval Sea Systems Command for seventeen years as an engineer and cost analyst. I moved to Mandeville in 1997 as part of the Navy civilian team supporting the LPD 17 shipbuilding program as the Cost Estimating Team Lead, for a three year tour of duty, that turned into 5 years! When they decided they needed me back in D.C., I realized I wanted to stay in Mandeville – because I enjoyed living here, my son and daughter were by then firmly socialized at Fountainbleau High School and I had met this wonderful guy, CJ! Luckily, I was able to secure a job at NASA Stennis Space Center, and have been enjoying life in Mandeville ever since!

I purchased my first boat in 2004, a 25 foot O'Day. CJ and I took adult sailing lessons at PYC that summer, we married in December 2005 and joined PYC shortly after. Having owned a Hobie Cat in college I thought having a boat would be great and bought the O'Day, but I quickly discovered a boat is a whole different way of sailing! I can't tell you I'm a better sailor today, but I enjoy sailing occasionally and especially enjoy the Club and the dear friends we have made at PYC.

PYC is a great yacht club and I would like to take an active role in the management of the club. I have worked on the race, social, and gardening committees and special events such as White Summer Night. I am also a member of the PYC Book Club. I look forward to this opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors as a way to give back to this club that has warmly welcomed my family and has become a big part of our life here in Louisiana.

## **RICHARD DENUNZIO**

Thanks to the nominating committee for their confidence in considering me for the 2015 Board of Directors, I am retired and able to devote more time to assist in the maintenance and promotion at the PYC, should the membership agree.

I have been a resident of Slidell for the past 34 years. I retired 6 years ago from the metal building industry as a sales engineer and decided that I would like to try sailing, since I once owned a Sunfish 40 Years ago.

After taking sailing lessons at Murrays Yacht sales in New Orleans, I purchased a 1984 O'Day 25' and joined the PYC in 2011, the rest is history.

After retiring, joining the PYC has brought new friends, new sailing hobby and fun family activities. I look forward to assist in any capacity necessary to promote the PYC

Thanks again for your consideration.

## **ONE DESIGN- BILL ROSS**

The flying scot series is nearing the end for this year. There is only one race left, which is the RACE OF CHAMPIONS in New Orleans in December.

It has been hard getting crew and skippers for these events, but I have seen more interest in the last few months. These events are fun to attend, and travel s involved, but worth the time if you can make it. Look for more info on next years plans in the future. If you would like to get involved contact me or the office.

PYC held a fun race event recently in which all types of boats were able to compete together for a good cause. On November 15 we will hold another one to help raise money for much needed projects at the club, so please come out and help the cause. There has been info sent out recently with more to follow. This is open to all ages and experience levels. There are boats available at the club to use on first come basis. if you wish to reserve a boat call the office and reserve it.

PYC has a new group of juniors from the Christ Episcopal sailing team this year. They are very energetic and eager to learn. We hope to keep them in the club for years, so lets try to get more juniors on the water at all sailing events to help promote small boat sailing at the club.

Look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting this month. There will be an awards presentation also, so come attend the meeting and meet some of the sailors that represent your club at all levels.

Thanks for reading,

Bill Ross

## HOUSE AND GROUNDS– TOM JARVIS

House & Grounds – Tom Jarvis

I won't waste critical chart space reprinting the Division of Responsibilities organization chart. It has not changed much. Pleasssssssse follow through with your commitment!

**Last Month** – Due to financial considerations only two critical expenditures were made in the house and ground budget in the last 60 days.

- One of our large bar coolers bit the dust. It's hard to sell warm drinks so we were forced to spend \$1,600 to replace the unit.
- The rear parking lot lighting mysteriously all went out at the same time! Some \$700 later your path is illuminated again. We are thinking lightning got them!

As I prepare to exit my 3 year term on the board I have provided a list of critical projects that need to be on high priority next year to keep your property in Tip Top Shape. While I think I was able to accomplish a great deal during my term, I am disappointed that I could not leave you with a club in perfect condition. The bottom line is that the building is aging! **Money and volunteer time has got to be increased if we ever expect to keep ahead of the wear and tear!**

Take a look at the list I leave behind for the next House and Grounds guru!

1. Pool Cracks	\$15K
2. Railing Permanent Repair	\$15K
3. Security Cameras	\$ 7K
4. Hoist Yard Electrical Repairs	\$ 3K
5. Hoist Yard Bulk head Repairs	\$ 3K
6. Dingy launch	\$ 5K
7. Deck Furniture Replacement	\$ 5K
8. Paint Doors Yes Still!	\$ 2K
9. Entrance Lighting - Safety	\$ 3K
10. Lighting/Water Rear Lot	\$ 3K
11. Under club rental Improvements	\$12K
12. Porch Concrete stain removal	\$ 3K
13. Porch Weather Curtin's	<u>\$ 10K</u>
	\$86K

Thanks for your interest in maintaining your club.

Tom Jarvis  
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## **SOCIAL- LEIGH WANLESS**

I would like to say thank you to Ken Buhler for representing and organizing PYC's portion of LPRC 2014. We had 100 sailors visit our club and as usual raves about club and offerings. Also, thank you to Anita Pons and Dottie Williams for all of their help in the kitchen making breakfast and dinner for the sailors.

Halloween was great for all ages.....a special thanks to John Schell for organizing the children's activities including trick-or-treating and a space walk!! Also, a special thanks to Terri Hamilton, Megan Richardson and Gigi Savona (and her pal, Linda) for planning the adult activities including some awesome chili and cornbread, costume contest and a turkey raffle. The decorations were amazing!!!!

We have some wonderful social events planned in November and I hope you will all participate in volunteering for continued success in FUN! Mark your calenders:

November 14th: Annual Sock Hop!!

November 15th: Jambalaya to following the fund race!

November 23rd: Prime Rib Dinner to follow Annual Meeting

November 24th: Club OPEN for the Saints Game– Tater Tot Bar



## RACE- CLEVE FAIR

The big event for racing during the month of October was the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual LPRC October 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Pontchartrain Yacht Club enjoyed the honor of hosting the skippers meeting on Thursday evening for by food and social activities. Friday saw two races around the buoys with LPRC race committee receiving capable assistance from Rob Doolittle and Jeff Lindheim on 'Mark set', John and Becca Choate on 'Pin set', Ken Maggio driving "Sea Shepherd II", Bev Toebben handling record keeping. Thanks to all those volunteers helping with race. Drunken Sailors Band that night. Plenty of good food prepared by our staff and volunteers. Thanks to all those volunteers who so capably assisted with food throughout the weekend.

Boats from Pontchartrain YC included: 'Man-O -War' in class A, Skipped by Commodores Brian Burke, Dick Jones and Cleve Fair, finishing 7<sup>th</sup>; 'Jalapeno' in class D, Skipped by Ken Buehler, finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, "The Bear" in class D, Skipped by Steven Choate and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>; 'Whiskers' in Non-Spinnaker, Skipped by Gerald Kuehler finishing 4<sup>th</sup>. Congrats to 'Jalapeno' and 'The Bear' for their fine performances (as usual). The Regatta was characterized by very light and fluky winds all three days. It was so light that races on Saturday and Sunday were shortened.

The multi-club regatta has been sailed on Lake Pontchartrain since it's inaugural year in 1985. The Regatta's first races were scheduled at Pontchartrain YC in 1985 and were met with the arrival of Hurricane Juan. In those early years there were over 100 boats competing, this year saw 36 entries.

The next event on the schedule will be the 'Fund Race' on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The race will be open to ALL boats of every size and description much like the highly successful FUN race, Bart's Bash held back in September. Proceeds will be used to defer the cost of numerous projects around the Club. Sign up information to follow.

Cleve Fair



# NOTICE OF SAILING EVENT



Saturday, November 15, 2014

SPONSORS: Pontchartrain Yacht Club, Menders Detailing and Ullman Sails

## 1. RULES

The 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Sailing Instructions will govern the event. PYC will administer the Race.

## 2. DIVISIONS

PHRF–Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Portsmouth class, Multihull, and Small boats divisions. Classes are defined at the skipper’s meeting.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY

Competitors: The race is open to all. Competitors need not be a member of a Yacht Club. Boats participating in PHRF division should have a GYA certificate. Boats without a PHRF certificate will be assigned a rating based upon similar boats. The assigned rating cannot be protested.

## 4. ENTRY FEES

Entry – registration: \$10.00 PER CREW MEMBER

## 5. DATES

Saturday, November 15, 1100 – **Mandatory Skipper’s Meeting at PYC**. Course will be declared & class breaks, First Gun 1200, staggered starts according to PHRF rating.

## 6. SAILING INSTRUCTION

**Sailing Instructions will be addressed at the skipper’s meeting**

## 8. FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Buhler, Tom Quinlan OR Cleve Fair



## ***Boat Review – Weta Trimaran***

After 43 years of sailing a lot of different types of small performance sailboats (Finn, Laser, Thistle, Lightning, Snipe, sailboards, Tornado, Prindle 19, A-Class, VX One, and even a Sunfish to name a few), I believe Elise and I now own a boat that “checks off the boxes” better than any in my experience in terms of attributes like easy, accessible, fast, simple, and fun. That boat is the Weta trimaran. I know as soon as the word trimaran is spoken, there could be a lot of “traditional” sailors that may be turned off. But if you want to know more about a boat that along with recent designs like the VX One, J-70, and others that are really taking the sport of sailing forward, than you should read on.



The Weta is a trimaran and I continue to discover that a lot of sailors have inaccurate assumptions about a modern trimaran’s performance and handling. Keep in mind that a trimaran holds the record for the fastest circumnavigation of the globe both crewed and solo. A trimaran smashed the transatlantic record (less than 4 days, over 40 knots average speed). The outstanding performance potential of the large ocean sailing record beaters translates well in the Weta design. When you see a Weta for the first time, you’ll note that the center hull does not look like a multihull design. It looks more like a fast dinghy design with a straight stem, fine entry, a bit of rocker for good steering response, and flat sections aft to promote planing. The floats are clean and elegant in appearance. The better description of the Weta could be a skiff with training wheels. Since most sailors will never have the opportunity nor the desire to sail a fast but tippy and unforgiving skiff design, this boat brings skiff like performance to the average sailor and sailing family.





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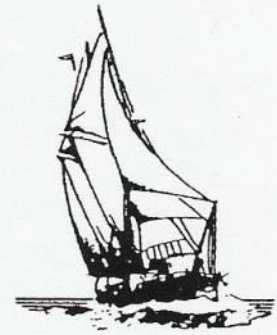
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