

THE CHART

OCTOBER 2014

**COMMODORE'S CORNER- DICK JONES**

Hello to all. Fall is finally here providing us with ideal weather to enjoy weekend sailing without the oppressive heat & humidity. And speaking of sailing, September was a packed full of sailing activities. We started off with the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge at Pass Christian Yacht Club. Our team consisted of Kurt Adler, Rives Allen, Thomas Barclay, David Bolyard Jr, David Bolyard Sr, Susan Danielson, Colin Friend, Jeff Lindheim, Christian Powell and Bill Ross. They PYC team finished 4th. Overall in a very competitive 4 race series. PYC hosted the Back To School Regatta and Tom Barclay finished 3rd. in the Flying Scot class, Jack Danos 3rd place in 420 division, Colin Friend 6th. in the Sunfish class and Kirby Smith 1st. in the Opti red fleet. Bob Hodges and his crew, wife Elise and Colin Ross finished 1st in The Great Lake Race. See Bob's report at the end of my article. Congratulations to everyone for participating.

PYC participated in the first annual Bart's Bash race/fund raiser. The race was held worldwide with the intent to set a Guinness World Record. This was quite the event. The rules and requirements for hosting the race were very specific and somewhat of a challenge but it did not deter Ken Buhler and Tom Quinlan, in less than a week, from organizing an unbelievable Fun race. Ken & Tom were able to get 32 boats out on the water for this event. Boats ranging in size from Opti's to a 42ft. cruising sailboat were out there having fun. Checkout the PYC web site for photos. We even had Don Villere, the Mayor of Mandeville, on board Sea Shepherd to certify that PYC adhered to all the rules and requirements. I am sure that everyone who participated would agree that it was indeed a very fun event. Thanks Ken & Tom for making it happen.

Land based activities were not neglected while all of the sailing activities were taking place. Lobster night drew 72 diners feasting on 1 ½ fresh boiled Maine Lobsters with Georgia's famous clam chowder and Nancy's delicious potato casserole. September's Sunday brunch set a record. Kaia and her crew served 92 adults and 3 children. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up, prep, cook, serve and cleanup for the events.

The annual meeting is set for the 23rd 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 special dinner to follow the meeting.

While the fall weather is great for sailing is also a very good time to step up and help with some of the required repairs to the house and grounds. Tom Jarvis has a sign up board at the club listing what needs to be done. Please, remember we are a volunteer club and your support will go a long way. If you prefer not to volunteer how about a check to help pay to get the work done.

Thanks. Look forward to seeing at the club

Dick Jones

REAR COMMODORE– TERRI HAMILTON

As we enter into Fall at PYC, we have come into the time of year when we need to be cognizant of our spending. Bar sales are down for the year and that coupled with low event rental revenue, have left us with a very tight budget. Know that we are diligently analyzing costs and reducing spending in areas that we hope will not affect club services. This shortage seems to occur every Fall and we are already seeing income numbers rebounding in relationship to expenses.

We do have a number of upcoming maintenance issues which come with a 7 year old club. The railing around the porches need permanent repair and painting. The pool has hurricane related issues stemming in part from the washout that occurred during at least 2 hurricanes. These are just 2 identified maintenance issues that will require significant investment to repair.

I will never stop asking that everybody pay their bills in a timely manner. 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 available and we encourage all of our existing members to utilize this form of payment.

See you on the water,

Terri Hamilton

VICE COMMODORE– BRIAN J. BURKE

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that the following individuals have agreed to have their names placed on the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors to be presented to the membership at the Annual meeting, *to wit*: Ken Buhler, Gigi Savona and Richard Denunzio.

Their bios and the date of the Annual Meeting will be sent to the membership via e-mail as soon as possible.

Thanks, Brian

JUNIORS-CHRIS FRIEND

The Back to School Regatta was a phenomenal success. We had 63 boats registered, 60 boats sailed, and quite a crowd showed up! Thanks to all who volunteered to help. We had the highest junior participation in recent memory with sailors represented in all but one fleet (Laser Radial).

Congratulations to Alex Neumann, Dylan McKnight, Paige Bishop, and Presley Bishop who participated in their first Optimist Green Fleet regatta! Welcome aboard to new member Cam Mary who sailed in the Optimist White Fleet. Colin Friend switched classes and sailed Sunfish. Jack Danos, Cole and Dell Montelaro-Mokry, Landon Rees, and Jack Harper sailed Club 420s. Thomas Barclay sailed a Flying Scot. Our Dinghy Challenge Cup team was Thomas Barclay (3rd), Jack Danos (3rd), Colin Friend (6th), and Cam Mary (13th). It was great to see so many juniors on the water!

Our Harbor Mice/Green Fleet program has been delayed, but we will still have it! Please contact me or Kaia if you are interested. I will send out an announcement via email with details.

Chris Friend

SOCIAL- LEIGH WANLESS

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE BURGER BABES for stepping up to "Flip and Sweat" during the Back to School Regatta-**Pat Brinks, Janie Eshleman, Jamie Sieverding, Peggy Gele and Babe-in-Training Karen Durham**- I so enjoy working with these "girls"! (Missed you **Barbie Adler!**)

The Lobster Dinner was a HUGE success- **Dick and Judy Jones** put together a prep, cook and serve team that runs like a freight train-once again demonstrating that this club runs on VOLUNTEER POWER!!

Moving into October your Social Committee will be stepping up the pace to include special activities for all the Saints games, sailing events and even some "Game Nights" to play your own favorite games! PLEASE call Bridget Jarvis, Marion Arrowsmith or me to volunteer for one of these activities.

October 5th-Saints VS Tampa Bay @ Noon- Fresh Oysters! Oysters and basic fixins', foil pans and grills provided for those who wish to charbroil a few(bring your own super secret ingredients!)

October 8th - Membership Mixer- Munchies will be provided to compliment a Cash Bar

October 12th - Brunch with Kaia's SUPER DELICIOUS omelets!

October 19th - Saints VS Detroit - Stay tuned for details

October 23rd -26th -LPRC- Skippers Meeting on Thursday night at PONTYC with Gumbo for supper, Racing at PONTYC all day on Friday, Burgers & Dogs after the races(need a couple of NON-RACERS to help out with grilling please!) and Music by THE DRUNKEN SAILORS, Saturday race across the lake to the South Shore and Sunday Buoy races at NOYC/SYC!

October 30th - THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL-Saints VS Carolina- we'll have special food this night for sure!

October 31st - HALLOWEEN PARTY- kids AND adults with supervised Trick or Treat on the Lakefront!

See you at the club!!

Leigh



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RACE- CLEVE FAIR

“Back to School Regatta” was a great success with over 60 boats registered and close to 80 sailors on the water. A new element was added to the regatta this year with the advent of the “Dinghy Challenge Cup” introduced by our very capable regatta chair, Chris Friend. This new feature was well received by competitors as a replacement for what had been a Capdevielle event the week after Lipton’s. Not much interest in Flying Scot competition when both the Junior and Senior Lipton’s were done for the year so we dropped the Capdevielle component in the GYA schedule which meant we would not likely see any Flying Scots show up. BUT with the introduction of the “Dinghy Challenge Cup” format and club team racing there was suddenly a new reason to get the Scots out on the water. And it breathed new life into the “Back to School Regatta”. This format will be refined to become a central element of the 2015 regatta.

My personal thanks to Chris Friend for serving as regatta chair and for his enthusiasm, competence and ‘thinking outside the box’. In addition, Chris recruited our many regular volunteers and some new ones as well, without which we could not conduct such a successful event. **Special thanks go to Paul Rees and Gulf Island Water Park for sponsor support for trophies and shirts.** My thanks go out as well to all the many volunteers for a job well done, **and to UK Sails for their support.**

On Sunday September 21st a race now known as Bart’s Bash was held at Pontchartrain Yacht Club. The event was a fund raiser for the Andrew(‘Bart’) Simpson Sailing Foundation, the young man who lost his life during the Americas Cup Competition accident on the water. We received an email less than two weeks before the 21st and no one knew anything about it. In that two week span Ken Buehler and Commodore Tom Quinlan researched, became educated, organized, recruited participants and pulled off one of the best impromptu ‘fun’ events we have had in a long time. This inaugural event was a Guinness World Record attempt for the Largest Sailing Race ever, actually hundreds of races all over the world within a 24 hour window. At last count (not final) over 11,000 sailors from 700 sailing clubs across 65 countries had signed up. With enthusiasm, determination and a ‘can do’ attitude, Ken and Tom put this together in record time and recruited an incredible 31 boats to show and Pontchartrain Yacht Club became a participant. A minimum of 25 boats, 1000 meter length, 15 minute duration and testamentary officials plus pictures of the start and finish and all participants were required and accomplished. Boats from 8 feet to 40 feet were on the starting line. BUT, as amazing as that is, equally amazing was the unanimous feeling of all that this was just a real fun day of sailing. We have not had this many boats from PYC at the starting line since the ‘80’s.

My hearty congratulations and thanks to Ken Buehler and Commodore Tom Quinlan for this event and thanks to all who came out and had fun. Look for this to be an annual event.

For more information on Bart’s Bash visit: www.bartsbash.co.uk

On Saturday, September 20th the Great Lake Race was held on the south shore. Bob Hodges, Elise and Colin Ross teamed up on Bob’s Corsair Sprint 750 to win the race in dicey conditions against all the top guns on the south shore. Congrats to Bob, Elise and Colin. (Details elsewhere in the Chart.)

October 24th, 25th, 26th will be the dates of the 2014 LPRC. Pontchartrain Yacht Club is hosting the first two ‘buoy races’ on Friday with a big party that night. Saturday will be a destination race from Pont YC to the south shore. We are responsible for race committee assistance on those two days and for help with the ‘social activities’ ashore. So, volunteers please set aside those dates and please help if you can.

Again thanks to all of you who help achieve the success of these sailing events. We are after all still a “Sailing Club”. You continue to prove it.

Best to all: Cleve Fair, Race Chair

MEMBERSHIP-COURT RICHARDSON

It's fall! Football in the air and all.

New membership applicants for August and September:

Thomas Clark

Adrian and Elizabeth Callais

Louis and Debbie Morales

Reed and Lori Richard

October brings PYC opportunity for membership growth. We will have a booth at the Wooden Boat Festival the weekend of October 11th & 12th and we plan to set up a booth at the Mandeville trailhead. I need volunteers for the Wooden Boat Festival. Please email me at courtrich@mac.com if you would like to take a two or four hour shift on either day.

We will have another membership mixer on Wednesday October 8th from 6PM to 8PM with Hors d'oeuvre served. Our previous mixers were a huge success. We managed to get new and current members together. Let's rally and have another great showing.

As always, please take time to get to know our new and returning members.

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| Sep 28 Regatta Room Event 7:30pm - 10:30pm Saints/Cowboys SLIDERS FOR THE GAME! | 29 | 30 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine | Oct 1 \$2 Dogs | 2 Soup and Salad Night | 3 GRILL YOUR OWN! | 4 \$Where Ya At Drawing\$ 1:00pm - 4:00pm Regatta Room Event 6:00pm - 10:00pm Regatta Room Event |
| 5 12:00pm - 3:00pm Saints/Buccaneers RAW OYSTERS-reservations required 4:00pm - 7:00pm Regatta Room Rental | 6 | 7 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine 7:00am - 3:00pm Event Rental | 8 \$2 Dogs 6:00pm - 8:00pm Membership Wine & Cheese Mixer | 9 Soup and Salad Night 6:00pm - 10:00pm Event Rental | 10 7:00pm - 9:00pm GUEST CHEF FRIDAY! 7:30pm - 9:30pm FAMILY BINGO NIGHT! | 11 \$Where Ya At Drawing\$ Wooden Boat Fest 7:00pm - 10:00pm Regatta Room Event |
| 12 Wooden Boat Fest 2:00pm - 5:00pm Regatta Room Rental 9:00pm - 10:00pm Kaia's Brunch! | 13 | 14 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine 8:00pm - 9:00pm 6:30 Book Club - Me & Emma by Elizabeth Flock | 15 \$2 Dogs | 16 Soup and Salad Night 6:30pm - 8:30pm Family Game Night! | 17 GRILL YOUR OWN! | 18 \$Where Ya At Drawing\$ |
| 19 12:00pm - 3:00pm Saints/Lions CHICKEN WINGS FOR GAME! | 20 | 21 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine | 22 \$2 Dogs | 23 Gumbo and Potato Salad! LPRC | 24 Burgers and Baked Potato Bar! WITH ENTERTAINMENT LPRC | 25 \$Where Ya At Drawing\$ LPRC Regatta Room Event |
| 26 LPRC 7:30pm - 10:30pm Saints/Packers BRING AN APPETIZER | 27 | 28 \$2 Taqueria-style Tacos! \$5 OFF Bottled Wine | 29 \$2 Dogs | 30 Soup and Salad Night 7:30pm - 10:30pm Saints/Panthers | 31 HALLOWEEN PARTY! Details TBA via email | Nov 1 \$Where Ya At Drawing\$ FISHING RODEO |

See you at the club!