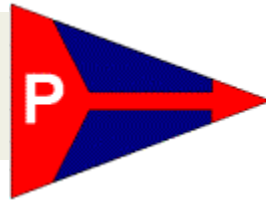


# THE CHART

APRIL 2010



## COMMODORE'S CORNER—BOBBY LIPSCOMB

I would like to begin by thanking all who helped with the Fund Raiser for our new stove. Congratulations, the stove is on order and will be installed by our members as soon as it arrives.

Thanks for all who helped with the Hobie 33 Nationals!

As you know PYC Opening Day is set for Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>. The reason that it is on Sunday this year is simply because the club was booked every Saturday in April, with an outside event. We certainly did not want to cancel a client, so Sunday was chosen. I sure hope that this does not inconvenience anyone and you will be there to help celebrate our Opening Day. We did consider combining our Opening Day with the GYA Opening Day but decided that these are two separate events and should be treated as such. I hope ya'll are on board with this. As a reminder (again) the agenda is as follows:

- Noon Opening Ceremony
- 2:00 pm Blessing of the Fleet
- 2:30 "Free" Fish and Hotdogs to be Ready
- 3:00 By-U-Self will begin with entertainment
- Racing and Party to Follow

We are planning on having a "Fish Fry". We will start frying fish during the Blessing of the Fleet so we can start eating shortly thereafter. We will have another batch waiting for our sailors when they return from the Race. We will also have hotdogs for the kids. The food will be "no charge" to members due to donations by some of our members. We will set up Volley Ball in the north yard with Soft Ball in the south yard. The bar and the pool will be open so it should be a great day.

Please take note of our drink specials; we want to make sure you are taking advantage of them.

Once again, please remember we are a volunteer club and our Board Members will be asking for help. So when they need help please volunteer your time if you can. You will enjoy it and be glad you did.

*Bobby*

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**FLEET CAPTAIN—ROB DOOLITTLE**

We did it! The 2010 Hobie 33 Nationals was a success! We couldn't have done it without the tremendous support of our outstanding volunteers and sponsors. Let me start by paying homage to Dave and Julie Bolyard and their Ullman Sails Gulf Coast for stepping up to be our marquis sponsor for the regatta. Besides opening up his checkbook, Dave also proved to be a man of many talents on Thursday night when he showed up to measure sails while frying turkeys at the same time. And as usual everyone pitched in to make this event go off without a hitch. From Brian and Samantha Burke pedaling bag lunches during registration, to the kitchen crew (Faith

Albert, Jamie Monlezun, Stefanie and Vaughan Sollberger, Becca Choate, Jonathan Wilson, Heather Doolittle, Jim and Jean Sparkman) pulling it together and serving it up, and without question to the guys on the boats (John Choate, John Ernst, Tom Barclay, Bobby Tassin, Janet Miller-Schmidt) weathering the cold, snorting winds to mark and pin set. I'd also like to thank Todd Schwander for lending his boat for the weekend and Steve Choate, Cleve Fair, and Mason Sheen for the pain-staking task of organizing all of the race committee flags, boats, and buoys. A neat addition and a big thanks to our techno-whiz Hew Hamilton for setting up the Kattack GPS tracking system so that all could watch the races in realtime live action on the computer. The sailors loved it and spent literally hours in front of the big screen critiquing their every maneuver following each day of racing. Very cool! And speaking of cool, let's not forget the Drunken Sailors\_ they rocked the night away on Friday night and brought a big following with them! We love them and that!!! Last but not least I'd like to recognize Kaia for a doing a super job and putting up with me through all of this. Had it not been for her hard work and her being there all weekend making sure things ran smoothly (so that I could sail...), I'm sure there would have been some sort of cluster...

We all need to thank Steve and Connie Attard for bringing us this national regatta and doing the lion's share of the leg work to organize the event and to draw in participants from across the U.S. Steve is not only a PYC member, but is also the Hobie 33 class president and with his position was able to bring down Principal Race Officer, David Schaffer and jury chair, Barbara Schaffer to run the races out on the water. It took over 25 volunteers to make this regatta a success. I hope all of the volunteers had a good time helping out, cuz we'll need ya again! We have another big regatta coming on May 1-2, 2010. The GYA Opening regatta will bring 100 boats, so let's get ready to show them how we do it at PYC. If you would like to come help out please contact Pat Ross, Kaia or myself. It's going to take a team effort, so don't be shy!

See you on the water

Rob Doolittle  
Fleet Captain

## HOUSE & GROUNDS—BRIAN BURKE

With winter now firmly behind us and summer on the horizon, it is time to get ready for opening day. We will be sprucing up the gardens and the Club grounds on Saturday April 10, 2010. I encourage anyone interested to come to the Club that morning at about 9:00. There are various jobs from spreading pine straw, planting plants and pulling weeds to simply picking up trash, sweeping, etc. There is something for all, including the members, their spouses and their children. That evening, I am planning an informal social gathering under the Club and will be cooking jambalaya, everyone is invited, including the kids.

In order to promote grill nights, we have purchased an event grill which will permit everyone to get their steaks on the grill at the same time. The event grill will be left upstairs so that those grilling can remain close to the bar area and not be isolated from everyone else. Edward will be cleaning it periodically to prevent flare ups. The apparent trick to this grill is that the heat is higher at the rear of the grill and gradually decreases towards the front. The event grill will also be used for some of our major functions such as PYC opening day, GYA opening day and Schools Out Regatta as it can hold over fifty hamburgers or one hundred hot dogs at a time.

As most of you have heard by now, the fund raiser to raise money for a new stove was a huge success. We were able to raise over four thousand dollars, one hundred percent of which will go towards purchasing the stove, which will be ordered next week. I would like to thank Rob Doolittle for helping me organize the event and cook the shrimp and grits and also my wife Lesley, daughter Samantha and Mason Sheen for pitching in to help get everything done. I also want to give a special note of thanks to Kaia, who always goes above and beyond to make sure every thing at the Club runs smoothly.

Last, but certainly not least, the halyard on the flag pole has been retrieved and we are once again able to hoist the American Flag thanks to Jeff Bishop's tenacity in securing a boom lift. Apparently they have a fear of renting certain equipment to attorneys. While we had the boom lift, we also took the opportunity to trim the dead branches on the trees on the Jackson Avenue side of the Club.

I look forward to seeing everyone on opening day.

## RACE/ONE DESIGN—BROCK SCHMIDT

March has been a very exciting month for the One-design sailors of Pontchartrain Yacht Club with two major championships sailed on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain and the continued growth of the Lido fleet. I would like to start by giving a big thanks to Bob Hodges and all the sailors that took the time to start and run the winter sailing series that kept the club active on the Sundays from January through March. Their tireless work has led to a new Friday night series and we hope will morph itself into more week night and weekend sailing now that daylight last longer and the temperatures are rising. Thanks guys and I look forward to sailing with you all soon.

As for the major championships on the south shore the club was well represented by many of its sailors. David Bolyarrd and I sailed in both of the championships together in the J22 mid-winters and against one another in the Flying Scot mid-winters. Dave and I finished sixth in the J22s and were joined by Rob Doolittle, Jeff Lindhiem, Sam Vasquez, and Chris Wientes in the Flying Scots. Sam and Jeff sailed to a 7<sup>th</sup>, Chris and Dave finished and 5<sup>th</sup> and Rob and I were 3<sup>rd</sup>, the results were very exciting and a great representation of the hard work our sailors are doing to be successful. We all have many lessons learned and I know we cannot wait to share those with everyone at the club.

Until next time I hope to see everyone at the club in the near future for some fun sailing.

Brock Schmidt

One-Design

## SOCIAL—JEAN SPARKMAN

Spring has **finally** arrived and that means lots of activity coming up at the club!

Lets start with Good Friday April 2nd...you won't want to miss our Fish Fry hosted by John Williams.

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm we will have our annual kid's party. We will have an Easter egg hunt, cookie decorating and paque-paque (Cajun egg knocking game) as our activities. Please contact Stefani at 789-2377 if you plan to attend. She will be coordinating the snacks.

Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> Kaia will be serving Sunday brunch. The following Sunday the 18th will be the PYC Opening Day. Unlike our traditional pot luck, we will be having a complimentary fish fry after the blessing of the fleet. Please bring a light appetizer for your fellow members and friends to snack on throughout the day's events.

Taco night, dog night and Friday food will continue as usual. If you are interested in cooking (or serving your favorite carry out food) on a Friday please contact Jean at: [jssparky@bellsouth.net](mailto:jssparky@bellsouth.net)

We also have big plans for the GYA opening coming up quickly the first weekend in May...there will be a need for **lots** of volunteers so mark your calendars now!

We are also planning a club yard sale fundraiser for later in May, so if you start your spring cleaning put aside items that you may want to donate. As we get it organized we will send out more info. Please don't bring anything to the club yet!!

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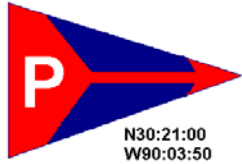
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