

## COMMODORE'S CORNER – BRIAN J. BURKE

Dear All,

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As my term as Commodore comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has helped keep the club moving forward and made my job easier during the year. I would like to start by thanking the members of the Board of Directors for their help and support through the year. I would also like to thank our office manager, Kaia Schindler, for all of her hard work and dedication. Everyone should know that she is the person who keeps the club operating on a day to day basis. Next I would like to thank Pat Ross, Shan Kirk and the entire 2011 Sir Thomas Lipton Regatta Committee for hosting a very successful Sir Thomas Lipton Regatta, from both a race, social and financial perspective. Little did they know when they agreed to the task that they would have to host the same regatta twice thanks to Tropical Storm Lee. Finally, I would like to thank all of the Pontchartrain Yacht Club member volunteers who have worked relentlessly throughout the year, from volunteering to paint railings, repair door hinges, spread gravel, fix fences, pull weeds, cook and serve food. Without these volunteers, the club as we know and enjoy it today would not exist. Remember that at its core, Pontchartrain Yacht Club is a fraternal organization which must rely heavily on its membership's labor and generosity to accomplish many of the things that we all enjoy at the Club.

**Looking forward, as I mentioned at the Annual Meeting, I believe that it is time for the membership to have a general discussion about the financial future of the Club and how the expenses associated with operating the Club should be paid for. For this reason, with the approval of our Commodore for 2012, Tom Jarvis, I am calling a special meeting of the membership to be held on January 15, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Club to discuss this important matter.**

**COMMODORE: BRIAN J BURKE**

Finally, I would like to congratulate Tom Jarvis, Gary Thorson, Dick Jones and Paul Stevens on their election to the Board of Directors with special congratulations going to Tom Jarvis who was elected as our Commodore for 2012. I have known Tom since I joined the Club and I can attest to his dedication to continue to move the Club forward during the upcoming year.

Thank you,

Brian J. Burke

Commodore, Pontchartrain Yacht Club

**JUNIORS: ROB DOOLITTLE**

What better way to finish out my term on the board then to be able to congratulate those juniors receiving awards at the annual meeting. Big congratulations to Samantha Burke (Opti), Mason Sheen (Sunfish), and Tom Barclay (Junior Sailor of the Year) for a job well done! I look forward to seeing you all sailing for the Junior Lipton Cup next year.

Since this is my last official chart article (Heather couldn't be happier), I wanted to express my sincere thanks for the spirit shown by our members over the past 3 years. We were rarely short on volunteers or better ideas for making my ideas come to fruition. Be it in the boat yard, on the water, or in the board room. I've enjoyed my term but must now move on to the mounting honey-do list that has been put off for way too long.

See you on the water,

Rob

**MANAGER: KAIA SCHINDLER**

As 2011 comes to a close, I am astonished at all we have accomplished this year as a whole! Whether it was hosting the Lipton's TWICE, spreading limestone, rebuilding docks or hosting a junior talent show, as always, PYC continues to thrive and improve. I am proud to be a part of such a wonderful group of people who consistently stand by one another and support their club. Thank you for allowing me to take part in your lives as PYC manager.

Although 2012 quickly approaches, we still have plenty of great things to look forward to this month and already have some exciting things in the works for 2012! Please keep these dates in mind:

**Friday, December 9th is DIRTY SANTA**

**please bring a gift and a dish!**

**Saturday, December 10th is the OMBA Christmas Celebration including a land parade which PYC will have a "float" in and also the annual boat parade. Gumbo served at the club after the parade**

**Sunday, December 18th we will be having BRUNCH WITH SANTA**

**\*Please bring a gift for your child for Santa to give to them!**

**Saturday, December 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE is our second annual Don Arnold PIG ROAST. Details to Follow**

**\*IMPORTANT: NOTICE OF MEETING**

**A Special Meeting of the Membership called by the Commodore to discuss the financial future of the Club is scheduled for Sunday, January 15th at 4PM**

*Kaia*

**2011 AWARD WINNERS**

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OUR 2011 AWARD WINNERS

FAMILY OF THE YEAR.....THE STEVENS FAMILY

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ONE DESIGN SAILOR.....BROCK SCHMIDT

THE ROBERT S. AND ROBERT F. SCHMIDT TROPHY

JUNIOR SAILOR.....THOMAS BARCLAY

THE CRAN FRASER AWARD

FEMALE SAILOR.....HEATHER DOOLITTLE

UNSUNG HERO.....RICHARD DENUNZIO

JONAH AWARD.....REBECCA CHOATE

RACE MANAGEMENT.....CLEVE FAIR

SPORTSMANSHIP.....BEV TOEBBEN

THE BOB PATTERSON AWARD

COMMODORE'S AWARD.....ROB DOOLITTLE

MANAGER'S AWARD.....PAUL CALECAS

SAILOR OF THE YEAR.....BROCK SCHMIDT

THE CHARLIE MACK AWARD

SPINNAKER BOAT OF THE YEAR..... THE BEAR

NON SPINNAKER BOAT OF THE YEAR.....KNOT NORMAL

SKIPPED BY: JOHN DAVID

OPTIMIST SAILOR OF THE YEAR.....SAMANTHA BURKE

SUNFISH SAILOR OF THE YEAR.....MASON SHEEN

LIDO SAILOR OF THE YEAR.....TOM JARVIS AND DICK JONES

MULTIHULL SAILOR OF THE YEAR.....BOB HODGES

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KEN BUHLER

COMMODORE'S CUP.....KNOT NORMAL

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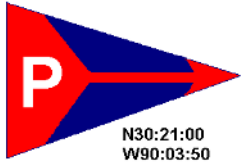
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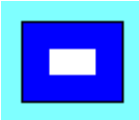
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# December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1	2	3
					8	9	10
<b>Ladies Christmas Boutique</b> 4	5	Book Club	6		Regatta Room Rental		
Saints vs. Lions 7:30p.m.		Chicken/Sausage Gumbo	Hot Dogs	Tacos	<b>DIRTY SANTA</b> POT LUCK	Christmas Boat Parade! GUMBO TO FOLLOW	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Saints vs. Titans- 12:00					Regatta Room Rental	Regatta Room Rental	
		Chicken/Sausage Gumbo	Hot Dogs	Tacos	Guest Chef Friday		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
<b>BRUNCH WITH SANTA!</b> Saints vs. Vikings- 12:00			<b>BOARD MEETING</b>				
		Chicken/Sausage Gumbo	Hot Dogs	Tacos	Guest Chef Friday		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b> CLUB CLOSED	Saints vs. Falcons- 7:30	Chicken/Sausage Gumbo	Hot Dogs	Tacos	Guest Chef Friday	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY</b> 2nd annual Don Arnold PIG ROAST	