

COMMODORE'S CORNER- THOMAS A. JARVIS

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Where did the year go! It seems like yesterday that I committed to a year at the helm. I'm glad I did. I'm even happier that I had all of the other board members and their spouses on board to make me look good! I hope you agree that we have had a good year! As we looked ahead to 2012 the nominating committee assessed our operational needs to fill the opening board positions. Based on this year's success I lobbied hard extend our team another year. I convince outgoing Brian Burke and Billy Ross to sign on for another term. Thank you Lesley and Pat for allowing this huge commitment. We were also very excited that we could add Leigh Wanless to our team.

As the new board assessed our individual strengths and success we agreed that continuity in our rolls would be benefit the club and provide our best chance of logging another solid year in 2013. The flag officer and board positions will remain the same for the upcoming year.

Please remember that this is YOUR club, OUR club and the board members and their families are making a huge commitment to do their best to manage your club and create a safe, fun and respectable place. Remember these folks have real job and lives outside PYC. It's a group, volunteer effort and we need your help!

As you will see later in the chart we have some impressive sportsmen and women who skillfully represent our club around the country. We appreciate their efforts to promote our sport. For the upcoming year the board is looking to continue development of more boating opportunities. We welcome your ideas and participation. We will have fun!

COMMODORE- THOMAS A. JARVIS

December and January are shaping up to be busy months for social and boating activities around the club. Please check the calendar and make your commitments to join us.

OF SPECIAL NOTE IN DECEMBER THE "DIRTY SANTA" EVENT ON THE 21ST IS GETTING SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO BE AN EXCITING GIFT EXCHANGE AND HOLIDAY CELEBRATION! The more the merrier!

Bridget and I are looking forward to another exciting year at the club. We hope to see you around during the holidays!

Tom Jarvis

CONGRATULATIONS 2012 AWARD RECIPIENTS!

For most enthusiastic commitment to the sport of competitive sailing and representing PYC across the country this year

CHARLIE MACK SAILOR OF THE YEAR - Bob Hodges

Most enthusiastic commitment to the sport of competitive sailing and representing

PYC -FEMALE SAILOR OF THE YEAR - Caron Choate

For the best results and participation in the joint PYC/Corinthian 2012 series

SPINNAKER BOAT OF THE YEAR - Skippers, Steve & Karen Choate, The Bear

NON-SPINNAKER BOAT OF THE YEAR - Skipper, John David Knot Normal

A comfortable and welcoming venue and the expertise to conduct successful regattas is something Pontchartrain Yacht Club is known for. We do a great job of hosting these events and without fail we can count on Pat Ross and Julie Bolyard to take care of the results.

RACE MANAGEMENT AWARD - Pat Ross/Julie Bolyard

Moving on to our young sailors, hopefully the future of our club. Recognition this year goes to 3 of our most active and fine young men.

JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE YEAR - Tommy Barclay

ONE DESIGN SAILOR OF THE YEAR - Skip Webster

OPTIMIST SAILOR OF THE YEAR - Collin Friend

Along these same lines, the young are the future of boating and clubs like ours. The single most energetic person carrying this torch is a young man that I feel deserves the commodore award!

COMMODORE'S AWARD - Mason Sheen

This extraordinary effort has led to a group of students from Christ Episcopal earning the

MOST IMPROVED SAILOR - Christ Episcopal High School Sailing Team

As we plan for a regatta our goal of maintaining our reputation across the Gulf Coast as being the best run Regatta's is paramount. We are always calmed by the fact that we know our unsung hero will be there to see us through.

UNSUNG HERO - Patricia Ross

VICE COMMODORE- BRIAN J. BURKE

I would like to thank the membership for electing me to a second term on the Board of Directors of Pontchartrain Yacht Club. We have a very dedicated board and staff and I am confident that in 2013 we will continue to move the club in a forward direction.

As 2012 comes to a close, the club continues to plan wonderful holiday events. One of my favorite events is quickly approaching and I would like to encourage all of you to join us for the 3rd annual Don Arnold pig roast on New Year's Eve. It's a great way to kick in the new year. Please watch your emails for additional details as to the exact time. But don't wait until the evening to come to the club, the fun starts early in the morning and I encourage anyone who would like to join in the celebration to show up and make a whole day of it!!

Most importantly, the holiday season is upon us, and it's time to remember our great employees who work very hard to take care of us and our club. Members may make voluntary contributions to the PYC Christmas fund which will be divided among the staff. In your next bill, you will find a gift form to be included with your December payment. There are also forms available at the bar. Your generosity will be very much appreciated by Edward, Jamie, Kaia, Misty, and Paul. Let's help make their holidays happy!

Thanks, Brian



REAR COMMODORE– GARY THORSON

Wow, has this year flown by. First, I want to thank everyone that attended the annual meeting. It is always good to know that people are sincerely interested in our club's operation and activities. Also, as I near the end of my first year on the PYC board I can honestly say it has been a pleasure serving in this position and serving with the current board. We have made a lot of progress this year and hope to do even more next year. Remember that one of the ways we stretch our dollar is to use our own volunteer labor to accomplish a lot of the physical work around the club. Whether erecting parking lot lights, installing a new bilge pump in one of our boats, repairing our tractor, or taking care of the flower beds, our club would be in sad financial shape or even facing assessments if we had to hire people for such tasks. So, when the time is right and the need is there, please step up and lend a hand. There are many members that volunteer continuously and they would certainly appreciate a break and/or some help.

Overall our financial condition remains strong. We will exceed our revenue goal of \$576,000 this year and even with the cost of Isaac repairs which will be in excess of \$30,000, we will finish the year with a respectable profit somewhere near \$40,000 before depreciation. Isaac did take a bite out of our capital fund, but we will continue to replenish this fund as scheduled every month. I cannot stress enough how important our social activities have been in reenergizing our membership, bringing more folks to the club and contributing to our bottom line. So, in the future keep an eye out for our social and sailing events and come join in the fun.

I know the holiday season will scatter our membership as people travel far and near to visit friends and relatives or to just take a break from the everyday grind. I sincerely hope everyone has safe and enjoyable holidays and look forward to seeing everyone at the Club at some point before the New Year.

As always, if you have ideas on how we can improve things for our members, please let us know.

Happy Holidays to everyone!

Best Wishes,
Gary Thorson

JUNIORS– PAUL STEVENS

It is great to be able to congratulate those juniors receiving awards at the annual meeting. Big

congratulations to Tommy Barclay (Junior Sailor of the Year, again!), Skip Webster (One Design Sailor of the Year), Mason Sheen (Commodore's Award) and Collin Friend (Optimist Sailor of the Year). It is also great that we recognized the Christ Episcopal High School Sailing Team (Most Improved Sailor); much of the credit going to Mason Sheen for organizing the team and to David Bolyard and Billy Ross for coaching.

It has been a good year for junior sailing, but we can accomplish so much more in the coming year. I am looking for input from the juniors and parents on what we want this program to be.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thanks
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Jerry and Lynn Clemens have been approved for resident membership in November. Jerry is the new General Manager and COO of Southern Yacht Club and has recently moved to Slidell from Florida. They have a Bayliner320 and enjoying cruising. Jerry and Lynn are interested in volunteering for Social Events and House & Grounds.

For those of you who did not attend the annual meeting on the 25th. of November, here is a recap of the membership status from January to November. New members + 21, resigned 26 this includes members who passed away, relocated, 5 forced resignations for not paying dues and members no longer having an interest in the club activities, regular members requesting senior status increased by five, junior members when from 8 to 17 (special thanks to Mason Sheen), non-resident increased by 3 and out of state declined from 29 to 28. We started the year off with 295 members and currently have 297.

The Lobster Dinner on the 16th. of November was a great success. We served 98 dinners to members and guests. Thanks to all those who helped cook, serve and clean up. We will do it again next spring.

I will continue to chair membership next year and want to thank the following people for volunteering on the committee; Becca Choate, Richard DeNunzio, Bridget Jarvis, Bobby Lipscomb, Mary Patterson, Kathleen Sides and Chuck Wyllie. Next year I would like to expand the group of volunteers and if you are interested please contact me at 504 451 6579 or email at rcj797@gmail.com.

See you at the club.

Dick Jones

BAR- PAUL CALECAS

Well folks, we're nearing the end of the year (and the end of days if you believe the Mayans), and it's been a great one! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the success the bar has had all year. We literally could not have done it without you. We've been trying to keep you guys excited with new cocktails and events, and it seems to have worked. Sales are up, but more importantly, we've been seeing you guys more regularly, which is always great. To keep you vertical, we've also tried to bring up the quality of the food you eat at the club to soak up the libations your bartenders are preparing. On that note, starting next week, we'll be switching the Wednesday night hot dogs to Hebrew National dogs, which are larger than the current brand and will be served with a better quality chili. Soups are also back to keep you warm in the cold weather. Just because the year is ending, we won't be resting on our laurels. There are a few things in the works in the way of drink specials and other fun things. 2012 has been great, but I think that the next year will be even better!

Prost! Paul



HOUSE AND GROUNDS- SCOTT DISCON

I am looking forward to the rebirth of the PYC club grounds in 2013 and invite all members to participate in this endeavor. Here at PYC we will be making some positive changes for the future with our club property/grounds. It is very exciting to usher in some change as long as the change is for the better. I believe the changes that will be implemented this coming year will only improve the beauty of the club and assist in the longevity of its many assets.

I am in dire need of volunteers that would like to spend some time in the yard re-creating what we have lost with Isaac. Please contact me at scottdiscon@aol.com and look for our "Club Work Session"...we will provide lunch, snacks, refreshments and beer for any of age participants.

Thank you!

Scott

ONE DESIGN- BILL ROSS

As you read this the Capdeville season will be over with the last race sailed in Pass Christian, the Liptons. The team had a 3rd and a 7th on Sat. and started Sun out with a 2nd, but the wind gods were not in our favor, There were 5 teams capable of winning at this point, with whomever won the last race taking home the trophy. The wind gods were not in our favor though. It turned into light and shifty conditions where we ended up on the wrong end of one shift which put us to far out to catch Bay Waveland and the others. We ended up 6th for the regatta, but as some of you know is better than 2nd again because there were rumors of sizing out Brides Maids dresses for next year.

The High School sailors sailed 420;s in the Great Oaks regatta this month in challenging 15-22kts of wind. This was their first big regatta with 36 teams from around the country. They sailed very respectfully in tough conditions with a group of young sailors. Congrats to them, and we hope to see the interest stay up through next year.

The 1st Capdeville of next year will be sailed at the end of December along with all other 1-design classes so get out and enjoy some cold weather racing.

As you know by now the elections were held this month at the annual meeting. I would like to thank the Board and the membership for re-electing me to the board (I think). I look forward to seeing you out on the water soon.

Bill Ross

ONE-DESIGN

SOCIAL- JANE ESHELMAN

PYC's Annual Meeting was held on November 25th, at which time three board members were elected or re-elected, one of them being Leigh Wanless, our new Social Chair. This is her second go-round on the board, so she is very familiar with club procedures, and being a "BAMA" gal, she is definitely no stranger to partying - so the club's social activities are in very capable hands! Leigh will take over on January 1, 2013.

A big "thank you" to the members who volunteered for November activities, namely, Commodore & Bridget Jarvis for Friday Night Food, Director Dick & Judy Jones & crew for a fabulous lobster dinner, - complete with Georgia Young's world-famous, award-winning clam chowdah! - and at the end of the month, Manager Kaia prepared smothered liver and onions BY REQUEST from the liver lovers in the club. Anita Pons and Dottie Williams have been, and continue to be, invaluable volunteer assets to the club. If I've forgotten anyone, please forgive my memory, which is fading fast. And it goes without saying that our small but fantastic staff - Edward, Misty, Paul, Jamie, and Kaia - are always willing to go above and beyond for us. You have all been delightful to work with!

After resolving a few event conflicts, the Commodore's Ball has been scheduled for Friday, January 18, 2013. The details will be finalized shortly, and will be sent out via PYC Events, with formal invitations to follow. Until then, upcoming in December are the following:

December 2	Ladies Luncheon & Boutique	10:00-2:00
December 7	Senor Thorson/Friday Night Food	7:00
December 9	Saints @ NY Giants	3:25
December 14	Leah Quinn/Friday Night Food	7:00
December 16	Brunch with Santa	9:00-1:00
December 21	"Dirty Santa" Gift Exchange & Potluck	7:00
December 23	Saints @ Dallas	Noon
December 25	Christmas Day -Club closed	
December 28	Robert Barrilleaux/Friday Night Food	7:00
December 30	Saints v. Carolina	Noon
December 31	3rd Annual Don Arnold Pig Roast!	TBA

If any events are added or changed, you will be notified by e-mail (PYC Events). It has been my pleasure to serve on the board as social chair, taking over for Erin Powell, A/K/A "Erin of the Yukon". I'd say she left big snowshoes to fill, but I'm sure she took them with her!

Happy Holidays to you all!

Janie Eshleman/skygoddess52@gmail.com/985-264-2727

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Pontchartrain Yacht Club- December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>25</u> Saints @ 3:25 ANNUAL MEETING 1:30 with grill night to follow	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> Soup and Salad \$5.00 off bottled wine	<u>28</u> \$1.50 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	<u>29</u> BBQ pork on bun with slaw \$5.00 Saints @ 7:20	<u>30</u> Guest Chef 7pm Regatta Room Rental	<u>1</u> Dec Gardening day 9am-till just show up!!
<u>2</u> Ladies Luncheon/Christmas Boutique	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> Soup and Salad \$5.00 off bottled wine	<u>5</u> \$1.50 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	<u>6</u> BBQ pork on bun with slaw \$5.00	<u>7</u> Guest Chef 7pm Regatta room rental 6:30	<u>8</u> Regatta room rental 7pm Christmas Boat Parade
<u>9</u> Regatta room rental 1:30pm Saints @ 3:25	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> Soup and Salad \$5.00 off bottled wine	<u>12</u> \$1.50 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer Regatta room rental 11:00am	<u>13</u> BBQ pork on bun with slaw \$5.00	<u>14</u> Guest Chef 7pm regatta room rental 7:30pm	<u>15</u> Dec BIRTHDAYS Party
<u>16</u> Saints @ noon Brunch with Santa!	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> Soup and Salad \$5.00 off bottled wine	<u>19</u> \$1.50 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	<u>20</u> BBQ pork on bun with slaw \$5.00	<u>21</u> Guest Chef 7pm DIRTY SANTA! gift exchange Regatta Room Rental	<u>22</u> Regatta room rental 7pm
<u>23</u> Saints @ noon	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> Soup and Salad \$5.00 off bottled wine	<u>26</u> \$1.50 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	<u>27</u> BBQ pork on bun with slaw \$5.00	<u>28</u> Guest Chef 7pm	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u> Saints @ noon	<u>31</u> 2nd Annual Don Arnold Pig Roast!!	<u>1</u> Jan Soup and Salad \$5.00 off bottled wine	<u>2</u> \$1.50 Dogs \$1.50 domestic beer	<u>3</u> BBQ pork on bun with slaw \$5.00	<u>4</u> Guest Chef 7pm	<u>5</u>

VX ONE- ROB DOOLITTLE



The VX one North American National Championship was at Pensacola Yacht Club November 11th through November 14th. Sixteen boats turned out to play and we got nine races off in the three day period. We got to sail in light, moderate and heavy conditions over the weekend. On Friday we had six to eight knots of wind, ten to twelve on Saturday and sixteen to eighteen on Sunday. There were boat speeds of 17 knots on Sunday making for a very fun and exciting day on the water. Participating in the Regatta from Pontchartrain Yacht Club were D.J. and Dave Bolyard, Brock Schmidt and myself. D.J. and Dave placed fifth while Brock and I placed seventh. I am confident that the VX one is the up and coming boat in the two to three person dinghy racing world. It would be great to have more participation in VX one events from Pontchartrain Yacht Club and I'm hopeful that this will spark some interest in VX one racing. Dave and I are planning to give rides on the VX one before the end of the year, weather permitting. We will announce through email. If you are interested in more information on the VX one, please email me at captainrob1@live.com.

Thanks,

Rob Doolittle



Sign up for the Xmas Boat Parade. It will be on Saturday, December 8th. We will once again be parading along Lakeshore Drive. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact David Schwarz at dschwarz@whitneybank.com or (985) 502-5519. Please respond by Thursday, December 6th. Decorate your boat and come have fun, prizes will be awarded for best boat! Join us at the club after for red beans and rice



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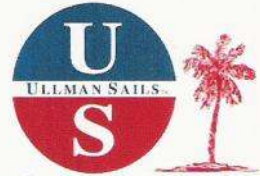


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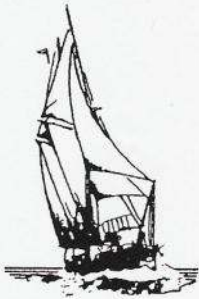
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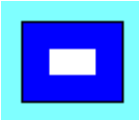
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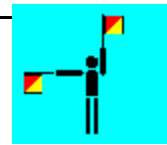
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