

## COMMODORE'S CORNER - BRIAN J. BURKE

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“Right is right, even if everyone is against it; and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it.”

-- William Penn.

“Show class, have pride, and display character. If you do, winning takes care of itself.”

-- Paul Bryant.

“Every human being, of whatever origin, of whatever station, deserves respect. We must each respect others even as we respect ourselves.”

-- Ulysses S. Grant.

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.”

—Jesus Christ.

While I firmly believe that we have a great group of children at the club, those of you who frequent the club on a regular basis may have noticed that in the past few years, there has been a growing trend amongst some of our Junior members.

## COMMODORE-BRIAN J. BURKE

This trend that I am talking about is two fold. First, it is the lack of pride that some of our Junior members sometimes take in themselves, in the way that they hold themselves out to others and in the Club. Second is the lack of respect that some of our Junior members sometimes show to the adults and, just as importantly, to the other Junior members of the Club. This has manifested itself in the form of occasional rudeness, cursing, littering and un-sportsmanlike conduct.

While these issues may seem minor in the overall scheme of life, I believe that it is necessary to set forth, in general terms, what is expected from the Junior members of the Club and to ask your help in encouraging them to meet these expectations. In my opinion, it is up the individual parents to make sure that their children know what is expected of them and to make sure that these expectations are met.

At a minimum, Junior members should:

- Embrace the “golden rule”. “ So in everything do to others that you would have them do to you.” This simple statement should be the yardstick by which our Junior members measure any situation in life.
- Act civilly, courteously and respectfully in both words and deeds.
- Make sure that every action done in the company of others is done with respect to them.
- Always act in a sportsmanlike manor *i.e.*, when in competition, always act in a fair, ethical and respectful manor.

Members of the board of directors will be encouraging the Junior members to exhibit the social graces set forth above while at the club and are developing a program to keep the junior members engaged and interested in club activities. On behalf of the board, I ask that each of you help in carrying out these goals as we, as a club, begin the rebuilding of our junior program.

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1. George Washington , Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation: a Book of Etiquette

Thank you, Brian J. Burke

Commodore, Pontchartrain Yacht Club

## **VICE COMMODORE- RICK DELAUNE**

What a great way to start the New Year. The Commodore's Ball was a smash. No!!!! I'm not referring to those in attendance that might have been. It was just a wonderful evening. The only Vice for this month, might have something to do with smashed or stubbed toes and the abuse that the female members endured dancing with an over zealous Flag Officer WITH TWO LEFT FEET. I think I resemble that remark. For those members that were not able to attend, we as a club only lost a few bucks on the Ball. Not because we want to.! But because we keep the expenses down so more people can attend. The more that attend the better the cash flow and the club does better.

To that end, the board is working to get an incentive program started. We feel this will kick start the membership before Opening Day, March the 26th. I am excited to be apart of this Board and the year is already flying by. I can't believe it's February.

Smooth Sailing,  
Rick



## REAR COMMODORE - PEGGY GELE

Another year has come and gone at Pontchartrain Yacht Club and due to club rentals our year was prosperous. 2010 showed our net income for the year at \$34,000.00. I cannot stress to all of you enough how important it is to continue to rent the regatta room. Without a substantial increase in new members and or an increase in current membership dues the yacht club would not be able to survive.

As most of you know, the Commodore's ball was a great success thanks to the ninety members and volunteers who attended. I understand that some of you were concerned with the price of the tickets which were sold at \$45.00 per person but as you can see in the break down below, the expenses required to put on this event exceeds the income. This is just one example of a typical 100 person event held at PYC. I would like to share these numbers with you so that in the future, you will be more aware of the costs incurred in putting on one of our annual events.

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>4055.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Band	1000.00
Caterer	1631.00
Champagne	240.00
Decorations	76.02
Dessert	450.00
Grits/Grillades	237.78
Invitations	343.14
Linens/rentals	150.00
Photo Booth	500.00
Paper/Plates/Plastic	343.60
Roses	19.64
Staffing	300.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>5291.18</b>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<b>1236.18</b>

Although the bar grossed 1440.00, once we deduct the liquor cost and staffing, the net profit for the bar is 710.00. With all of this being said, 45.00 per person was a fair price.

I have been informed that Biloxi Yacht Club will no longer be accepting charges from other Yacht clubs, so when you go over their you will need to bring cash. I feel with the slowing economy, other Yacht Clubs may do the same.

Peggy Gele

## MEMBERSHIP – BOB LIPSCOMB

Again this month I will say.....

### “We need 20 New Members”

The **20 Member Committee** is off to a great start. So far this year we have 2 new members and 13 potential new members. We have 18 members who have volunteered, very little time required, to help PYC reach our goal of **20 New Members**. We need only 2 more members to join the committee. Please see last month's Chart Article for more details and e mail me saying "yes I would like to help".

The PYC Board of Directors is proud to introduce the **PYC New Member Award Card**. This is an exciting way to encourage our **20 Member Committee and All Members** to find, encourage and sponsor new Full Time Resident Members. If you find a new member you will receive a **New Member Award Card** in the amount of.....

“\$400”

The basic details of the card are as follows:

- Cards will be for “Bar Use Only”
- Cards will expire at the end of the year
- Sponsoring member must be in Good Standing
- If only 1 member is a sponsor then a Board Member can also sign without compensation
- Card cannot be issued until initiation fee is paid in full
- Card can be used at the rate the member desires , like a credit card
- This Award Card Membership drive will end on 5/31/11.

We are also asking for volunteers for our **Hospitality Committee**. The task of this committee will be simply to greet new and potential members and make them feel welcome at PYC. I for one have enjoyed introducing myself to people at the club that I do not know. Trust me it is enjoyable.

Our first **Wine and Cheese Party** for new and potential members will be on Thursday 3/17/11 in conjunction with Saint Patrick's Day. All members are invited and we encourage you to come.

Remember, introduce yourself and meet new friends.

See you at “The Club”.

## Bobby

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**SOCIAL – ERIN POWELL**

Wow, so far 2011 has been a great year!

The Commodore's Ball was in a word: lovely. Many thanks to the staff: Kaia, Jonathon, Paul, Misty, Jamie and Edward.

The beautiful decorations were conceived and implemented by Marianne Lipscomb, Scott Discon and Anita Pons with help from Kerry Reardon, Gigi Savona and Janie Eshelman.

All the beautiful silver trophies were polished by Mary Patterson and Leah Quinn.

The invitations were designed by Becca Choate while Sharon House, Anita Pons and Bobbye Reedy helped address them.

Thanks to Bev Toebben for the donation of champagne. Thanks to our commodore Brian Burke for the delicious late night Grillades.

The Ball went on to the wee hours saluting our past commodore and welcoming in our new one.

Friday night Guest Chef's have been successful, the food delicious and February is shaping up to be a great month.

## **SOCIAL - ERIN POWELL**

On 2/2 the PYC Book Club is going on a field trip to meet up with another Book club from the area and meet the Mandeville author, Erica Spindler.

On Super Bowl Sunday, 2/6 we'll have the Roadkill Café.

Grill night is Saturday, 2/12. Kaia's Sunday brunch is 2/20.

There are no guest chefs Feb. 25 and March 4 because of Eve and Orpheus parades, pizza will be ordered those evenings.

**OPENING DAY IS EARLY THIS YEAR, MARCH 26TH,** and we have our own Drunken Sailors!

ERIN



*COMMODORE'S BALL PHOTOS*  
*PEGGY MITCHELL, DALE AND NANCY PHILLIPS*  
*SUSAN, BRADLEY, AMALIE AND GUEST*  
*NANCY AND CHUCK WYLLIE*

## **JUNIORS – ROB DOOLITTLE**

So now that I am a whole month into my appointment as Junior Chair I am reminded of what a challenge it is...but I'm up for it, and this might well be the longest chart article Heather has ever written. And we're just getting started! So much to do, so let's get to it!

I have a lot of ideas for our kids this summer and don't want to overwhelm us all so we're going to start off with just a few ideas to crunch on as a warm-up, but I would like for you all to put your thinking caps on as well. For PYC to have the successful junior's program that I know we can have it's going to take a collaborative effort and we've got the right group to do it. Our first planning meeting will be on Sunday February 13 at 2:00pm, so please mark it on your calendar and make plans to attend. Now let's get warmed up!

We need to branch out and give our older juniors exposure to greater diversity in the wide world of sailing. There are so many opportunities in the GYA that we have not taken advantage of and I know that our kids could benefit from broadening their horizons. The first order of business is to get the older juniors some experience on bigger boats. Friday night, staggered start races are a great way to break them in. All we need is a PHRF boat to get the party started! Anyone interested in lending theirs for a good cause? Give me a call.

I am also very enthusiastic about last summer's junior participation in open Flying Scot events and am looking forward to continuing the trend. Remember parents, these regattas are terrific opportunities for our kids and a fun weekend on the water for all of us. Let's aim to get participation from both kids and parents up this sailing season.

For the middle age juniors and up we are planning to reintroduce our weekly Portsmouth races. Bring out your Scots, 420s, Lasers, Sunfish, Lidos, Finns, or any other small boat you can think of. A lot of help, as always, will be needed to run these races but we've got the best members in the GYA and I know we'll once again make this a success. It's also great experience for those looking to hone their race committee skills and learn the ropes. Days and start dates will be announced at February's meeting.

Now for our smallest sailors, the harbor mice, we really need to step it up this year and encourage all of our 7-10 year olds to hop in an Opti and have some fun! We've got a good number of kids in the appropriate age group which means we need a lot of patient volunteers to start them off on the right foot and keep the program going through the summer months. This too will be discussed in much greater detail at our upcoming meeting.

Lastly, but certainly not leastly, I would like to get all of our kids out to participate in the flag raising on March 26 for PYC Opening Day. It's always uplifting to see our youngest members on the lawn for the ceremony, not to mention they're a whole lot cuter than a bunch of old men arguing over how to best hoist the flag... Let's have the boys dressed in white or navy shirts with khaki pants or shorts and girls in red or navy. Time, of course, to be announced.

See you on the water!



## HOUSE AND GROUNDS – SCOTT DISCON

### *Volunteer, Volunteers and Volunteerism*

In general terms, **volunteering** is the practice of people working on behalf of others or a particular cause without payment for their time and services. Volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity, intended to promote good or improve human quality of life, but people also volunteer for their own skill development and to meet others.

The PYC House and Grounds Committee met in late January 2011 and itemized a "TO DO" List of over 30 PYC repair projects...some large in scope and some rather simple. We then determined which of these projects could be delegated to:

- 1) PYC Custodian, Edward;
- 2) Outside Contractors and
- 3) PYC Club Volunteers

I will be posting a ***PYC House and Ground Volunteer Club Calendar and Sign Up Clip Boards*** in the "Past Commodores' Hall". I will have signup sheets for each of the projects and projected dates of completion. PYC Opening Day is March 26th and several of these projects NEED to be completed by that date. The remaining larger projects will have to be completed in late Spring and by mid-Summer in time for perhaps one of our largest Regattas in the history of the club, The Lipton's, which is scheduled for Labor Day.

PYC project Volunteering is a great way to meet other club members. If you can spend all day to 1 hour, that's fine with us. We have to have club volunteers for House and Grounds so that we can preserve our limited budget. If we are to make improvements to the club, i.e. Regatta Room, we need to be able to save as much money for that project as possible.

We are entering a fantastic time of the year to enjoy and show off the PYC to prospective new members....Everyone please take pride and get involved! Sign up for a House and Ground Project!  
Thanks,

Scott

## RACE - CLEVE FAIR

There will be a meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Regatta Room for all those interested in sailboat racing. This meeting will determine what the racing program will be outside of Capedeville, Juniors or One Design. This meeting is for everyone with any interest in the sport: Our traditional hard core racers, Corinthians whether PYC members or not, sailboat owners who have never raced but curious, members wanting to crew, members who are interested in race management, Wednesday/Friday night races, staggered start, timed start, teaching races, whatever, all are invited. This is your opportunity to influence what we offer. I'll either have a lot to do, something to do or nothing to do for the balance of the year. Let us hear from you and spread the word.

We will have three major regattas this year with 'Schools Out', 'Lipton's' and 'Back to School'. We will need our traditional cadre of volunteers so please step up and help.

Our private race marks in the lake, victims of age and weather, will be replaced. 'J' Mark was found on the south shore, has been retrieved, will be rebuilt and reset. 'P' Mark will be built new and reset with the help of the Corinthians. These marks will allow staggered starts and a variety of interesting courses. "Sea Shepherd" needs a lot of TLC so anyone who likes to work on boats speak up.

Opening weekend is set for Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> which will be a fun filled day with ceremony, flag raising, blessing of the fleet, food, drink and music. We would like to do some sort of fun race on Sunday if there's interest.

Cleve

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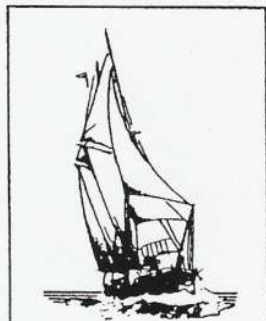


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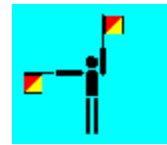
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