

Commodore's Corner - Tom Quinlan

Have you made your New Years resolutions? One that I've made is to stop watching cable news. I'm too optimistic about the future to listen to the daily doom and gloom reports. Yes, my 401K has been hit as hard as everyone else's, and yes, my customers are cutting back cap ex in 2009. But, hey, we came back from Katrina, so this is just a bump in the road for us. 2009 is starting to crank up at the club, and this will be a great year for PYC.

How good of a year this is depends on you. As always, we need your



involvement. The social events, the regattas, the care of the club, all depend on the

participation and help of our members. If you have not yet been asked to join a committee, its not because you're not wanted. Call a board member and volunteer. I guarantee you won't be left out. If you have a new idea for a club activity, I want to hear it. Call me.

My thanks go to all who worked so hard last year to make 2008 a really fun and successful year at the club. You're the heart and soul of the club. Hope to see you all on the

water soon.

Tom

From The Vice Commodore - Janie Eshleman

2009 is off to a rolling start! In addition to our normal events here at PYC, the Gulf Yachting Association Winter Meeting will take place on January 10-11 at Gulfport Yacht Club. Club members who are interested are invited to attend any of the sessions on Saturday, as well as the general meeting on Sunday. There will also be an awards banquet on Saturday evening – an important event for PYC this year – during which the 1st Place Capdevielle trophy will be presented to our club for the first time in the history of the series! I hope that most, if not all, of our team members will be able to attend, and that PYC will be well represented at this event. In addition to the awards

presentation, our guest speaker for the banquet will be John Dane, who competed in the Olympic sailing events in Beijing this year.

Prior to the banquet on Saturday, racing rules expert Dick Rose will conduct a seminar on the changes that will become effective during January 2009. This informative meeting is being offered at no charge and is open to all interested sailors. Please advise me of your plans to attend so we can have a headcount for seating purposes.

Feel free to contact me for additional winter meeting schedule information if you are not on the GYA mailing list; please direct banquet reservations to GYA Rear

Commodore David Bolyard at 626-5638. I hope to see many familiar faces in Gulfport!

Happy New Year to all –

Janie Eshleman
GYA Secretary-Treasurer
626-9062

JANUARY 2008 AT A GLANCE

Soup Night	7
GYA Awards Night at Gulfport YC	10
Sunday Brunch	11
Chili Cook-off	17

Rear Commodore - Peggy Gele

Now that the holidays are over, I will be getting with Terri and the finance committee to make goals for the next year. If anyone would like to join us on the finance committee,

please contact Jessica or myself. Remember, about the e-statements and the chart being posted on the website. If you are not currently getting your PYC invoice via internet, please contact Jessica and she will set it up for you. If anyone should need to contact me, my e-mail is peg0459@hotmail.com. Please don't send any jokes, this is my office account. I look forward to serving you on the board.



Peggy

The 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing is now available for purchase at www.ussailing.org

The cost is \$15.00 for US Sailing members & \$29.95 for non-members

Memberships to US Sailing are also available online!

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Janie Eshleman



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From The PYC Staff:

We would all like to thank the members that contributed to the employee Christmas bonus. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please know that your donation helped brighten our holiday. We wish all of the membership a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Jessica, Kaia, Jonathan, Paul & Edward

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Social - Cathy Deano

December was a merry month at PYC. Started out with Chili on Soup night and ended with a Commodores Ball that rocked the rafters.

In between we did Kaia's Sublime Brunch, delicious as expected. The PYC Gift Exchange on December 12 was hysterical. The usual bottles of booze traded hands, as well as a stereo, and a beautiful book on the Ocean. After hours ushered in The Drunken Sailors, or a reasonable facsimile. Rumor had it was a wild night.

Sunday, December 14 was the Ladies Luncheon. Twelve vendors selling Holiday Gifts and food by Vianne's Tea Salon made for a festive afternoon.

Kathleen Sides and Stephanie Sollberger put on a great Kid's Party complete with Santa, cookie decorating and pinecone birdfeeders. The kid's loved it!!

New Year's Eve Commodore's Ball ushered in the New Year in style. The Judy Spellman Band did Motown proud. There was some serious dancing going

on!!!

January will bring Soup Night on January 7, Brunch on Sunday, January 11. We are planning a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, January 17th. This is the kick-off to our Leukemia Cup Sailing Event in March. More details to follow.

Coming soon, food every Friday night. Will keep you posted.

Save the date, Saturday, February 14th, a Valentine Dinner and Dance. We are planning a lot of fun surprises for this night, so mark your calendar.

2008 Photos



Fleet Captain Report - Rob Doolittle

Well even though it doesn't feel like it right now, winter is here. So, it's time to put your boats away, make sure the covers are secure and that they're not collecting water or leaves. Let's also try and do the same for our PYC fleet. Our Optis and 420s are extremely vulnerable to the elements sitting out in the wide open side yard, so if you happen to notice water and or leaves collecting in their covers please take a couple of minutes to drain out the water and restrap the covers. Your help is greatly appreciated and besides that it will take a lot less time and effort come

spring time to get the boats race-ready.

As for projects (and you know there is always a project), the first of my tenure is to put "J" back in it's hole. As many of you know, "J" washed ashore during Gustav and Ike and was rescued by Larry Ruthven and Billy Ross somewhere between Goose Point and Cane Bayou. I'll need some help to haul it back out and anchor it according to it's GPS coordinates, but before we set it out to sea I'd like to give it a facelift. Anyone have a 1/2 gallon or so of bottom paint? I'd like to have this first project completed by mid-

February so if you can donate paint or help rejuvenate and replace please let me know

or shoot me an email.

Keeping our fleet up and competitive takes no less than a group effort, so if anyone has

a few extra hours to spare and burning desire to wash a boat or something just give me

a call. I'll meet you at the boat yard and maybe buy you a coke.

Race and One Design - Hans Albert

Our 2009 Capdevielle season kicked off last weekend Dec 27 and 28 with the **GYA Race of Champions** hosted by SYC. Jeff Lindheim and David Boyard, the defending champions, finished in third place overall. This is quite a come back, considering that after capsizing in a 30 knot gust during the first race (first time ever for Dave in a Scot), they were tied for last place after day one.

Please mark your calendars and show your team support by attending the GYA awards dinner at Gulfport YC on Saturday, January 10th at 7:00 pm. We encourage all Capdevielle sailors as

well as any club member to celebrate **Pontchartrain Yacht Club's first ever win of this GYA's premier sailing event.**

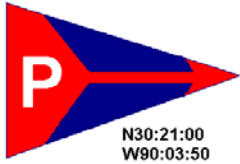
For reservations please contact Janie Eshleman 985-264-2727 sky-goddess51@bellsouth.net before 7 January.



For anyone wishing to sharpen his or her race management skills please note that there will be a **basic race management seminar** held at Gulfport YC and hosted by the GYA on Friday, January 9th.

Contact info: John Morrow 1-800-239-4242
rushj29@bellsouth.net

Next venue: Mardi Gras Regatta, 7 and 8 February.



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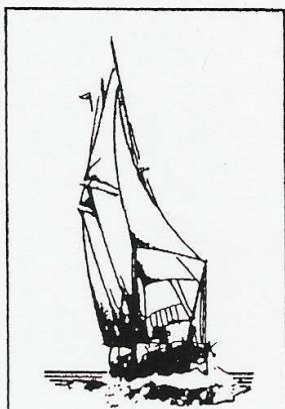
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Please note that on January 1st 2009 PYC will no longer mail the CHART to members unless you specifically request that the CHART be MAILED to you.

Please contact Jessica in the office 626-3192 so that she can begin compiling the list.



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