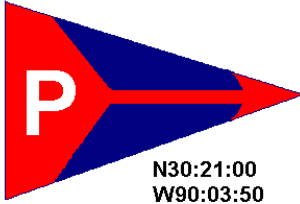




# Commodore's Corner

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PONTCHARTRAIN YACHT CLUB

## The Chart July 2008

June was a terrific month for Pontchartrain Yacht Club. Our junior sail camp is in full swing and at full capacity. The Schools Out Regatta was a great success thanks to all the

attitude. Please be sure to let all our staff know that you appreciate what they do for us.

This past year has been a learning year. The club is new, a lot of the

tional activities and services are coming in small increments. As we learn more about what you want from the club, and what will make this club grow, we will find



hard work of Leigh Wanless, Hans Albert, Vaughan Sollberger, and a host of volunteers. Our GYA Challenge Cup team represented us well finishing second overall to Southern Yacht Club in the most hard fought competitive PHRF event on the GYA calendar. Special congratulations go to Lee Eikel and his boat Tin Man. Lee, David Bolyard, and the rest of the crew of Tin Man sailed to first place in Class A, winning the Buddy Friedrichs Memorial Trophy.

The general activity level at the club is higher than ever - at the pool, in the bar, and at the great social events from Cathy Deano and committee. All of this activity is keeping Jessica, Kaia, Jonathon, and the rest of our staff working in high gear. Our club is very fortunate to have this team of people that approach every aspect of running this club with enthusiasm, a smile, and a very positive

members are new; much of the staff is new. We're learning what capabilities we have, while gauging how all of the changes brought about by the new club affect our operating costs. So far the picture is very good and we will continue to make changes and improvements to give everyone more reason to want to be at the club. Right now the addi-

ways to accelerate the progress. The future is bright!

See you on the water

Tom





## From the Rear Commodore - Terri Hamilton

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With summer in full swing, I am pleased to report that PYC is on a strong course financially. Membership is growing slowly but steadily, and the all important bar sales continue at a good pace. Summer sailing camp is full and busy, which generates revenue each year, and food sales are increasing as members have begun to realize that PYC has food for sale!

The new POS and accounting system are fully functioning and our office manager, Jessica, is very thankful to have it, as are our bartenders.

You may have noticed your new statement, which is a direct part of the new system. As a reminder, please let Jessica know if you are interested in an e-statement. If just 1/2 of our members are willing to receive their monthly statement and Chart by email, we will be able to save approximately \$250/month in stamps alone! It may not sound like much, but it all adds up.

In case you haven't seen it, the PYC website has been updated. The newest Chart is added each month and it is a great read, especially with the pictures in full color. The club website is \* [pontyc.org](http://pontyc.org) \*. Take a look!

Happy Sailing

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## Race - Steven Choate

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The spring series has passed with a total of 16 boats sailing at one time or another. Once again showing up was the key. Two boats sailed all 9 races with Sierra 1st , Bear 2nd and Super Duck from Panama City 3rd in spin. In non-spin sailing just 3 races to win class was Merissa , Touche with 2 races was 2nd and Summer Wind was 3rd.

Pontchartrain's challenge cup team finished 2nd overall behind Southern this year. Tin Man won A class, Sierra and Super Duck were 2nd in B & C class with Bear 4th in class D. Special thanks to Lee, Kyle, Reeves and Caron for the use of their boats as well to all the crew for the sacrifice of their time and money for this yacht club event.

Friday night sailing has seen very few boats but nice sailing. It will start again on July 11th thru-out August. See you all on the water. Sail-On Steven



## From the Vice– Commodore - Janie Eshleman

It's hard to believe that July is here and we've been in our new clubhouse for a year now! PYC also has the distinction of being the first club in the GYA to be completely rebuilt within two years of Katrina. Buccaneer followed in September of 2007, opening their doors during the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge. This summer, we will see the return to full operation at Gulfport Yacht Club, Bay-Waveland Yacht Club (which was built by Spartan Construction, as was PYC), and Pass Christian Yacht Club, although I'm not sure which of the three will be first. Long Beach Yacht Club has been framed, with their second floor being poured a couple of weeks ago, and Southern Yacht Club finally broke ground this past May (with a construction timeline of three years). All of these clubs, as well as ours, are very fortunate to have members that are determined to carry on the traditions of sailing and fellowship that we all enjoy, and were willing to make the sacrifices necessary to rebuild. If you're traveling around the GYA circuit this summer, stop by for a

visit to see the progress, especially on the coast, where what I call the "mega" clubs have been raised 20 feet!

While on the subject of hurricanes, and being only in the second month of storm season, I'm reprinting a checklist for our boat owners, which was originally published by FEMA.

- Storm anchors set and checked, if boat is at anchor
- Fuel tanks shut off
- Remove all spare rigging, sails, dodgers, canvas, deck gear, etc.
- Remove all ship's papers and personal gear
- Set fenders at all points of possible contact with the boat
- Close all thru-hulls, except self-bailing drains
- Remove all portable fuel and oil storage containers

- Leave anchor light and auto bilge pumps on – ALL OTHER SWITCHES OFF

- Check status of neighboring boats

- Include post-storm vandalism protection elements

- If at a hurricane hole, do you have permission?

Know bottom material and depth of hurricane hole

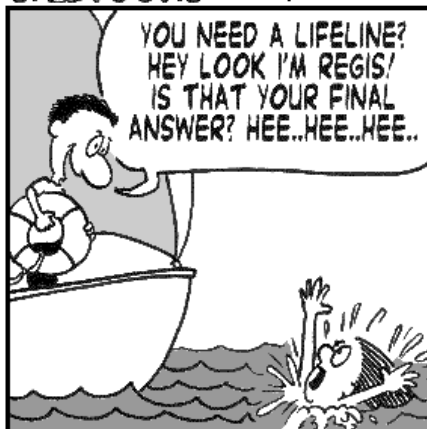
If your boat is in one of the club's dry storage areas, please take a few minutes to contact Jessica to be certain that your contact information is up to date. The club will make every effort to get in touch with you if your boat needs to be moved due to an approaching storm; if you cannot be contacted, your boat will be moved by any means possible, per the dry storage agreement. Please have a plan in place for the safe storage of your boat – and let's hope it won't have to be activated!

Janie Eshleman

## JOKES \* JOKES \* JOKES \* JOKES \* JOKES \* JOKES \* JOKES

### SAILTOONS

by Michael Malzone



Mary knew at that moment if she survived, one day she would kill Frank!

#### Beer Drinking Etiquette

A recreational boater, a tugboat crewman, and an old salt sailor went into a bar and each ordered a beer. Each found a fly in their beer. (It must have been the special of the day). The recreational boater looked in his beer and said, "hey bartender I have a fly in my beer. Give me another beer." The tugboat crewman looked in his beer, found the fly, reached in and picked it out and continued drinking. The old salt sailor looked in his beer, saw the fly, grabbed it by the wings, shook it over the glass and yelled, "Spit it out, Spit it out!"

#### Reflecting on the Past

An old sea captain was sitting on a bench near the wharf when a young man walked up and sat down. The young man had spiked hair and each spike was a different color.... green, red, orange, blue, and yellow. After a while the young man noticed that the captain was staring at him. "What's the matter old timer, never done anything wild in your life? The old captain replied, "Got drunk once and married a parrot. I was just wondering if you were my son!"

## Social - Cathy Deano

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Got the MO JO going for Summer, The Burger Babes worked their magic at Schools Out Regatta. Jenny O'Hara and Madeline Harper dished up the Dawgs for Dog Night. Becky Deano and Eva Conner hosted Movie Night, which was great fun. Bridget Jarvis and Jane Willis did Cheap Food Friday/ Comedy Night with the help of Jeanne Sparkman and Kaia. They served up a HUGE plate of Chicken Cordon Bleu, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad AND dessert. Best Bang for Your Buck!!!

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped in June.

Kaia did an awesome Sunday Brunch. We will be having a brunch the second Sunday of each month,

so mark your calendars. Seating is limited, so sign up early.

### July Calendar

July 4 Smoker Dudes Barbeque and Games

July 5 Bayou Self and Grill Night

July 13 Sunday Brunch

July 16 Dawg Night

July 25 Cheap Food Friday/Comedy Night

July 31 Card Night (this has been changed from the last Wednesday to the last Thursday, since the bar stays open longer)

### August Preview

August 6<sup>th</sup> Dawg Night

August 10 Sunday Champagne Brunch

August 16 Caribe Party

August 21 Card/Game Night

August 29 Cheap Food Friday/ Comedy Night



## House and Grounds - Bob Lipscomb

The gardens are doing great, everything is growing quite nicely. Special thanks to Jim Sparkman who is spending time watering and weeding our gardens. We are in need of help weeding the gardens. Anyone who is interested please feel free to come and weed anytime. As a matter of fact on your way to the bar or pool stop and pull a weed or two.

My main concern has been the pool. With the algae in the lake and the increased temperatures it has been quite a challenge. However, it appears we almost have it under control due to some logical steps we have taken in the maintenance process. Our latest steps were to change out the filter media (sand) in the filters to be assured we have a algae free filtering system. Also, we "dropped" the pool to help clear up the cloud.

Bradley Jarvis has joined our team on part time basis. He is doing a great job taking care of miscellaneous construction projects.

We are doing our best to have the vending machines, on the ground floor, up and running prior to the 4th. It appears like we will have 1 for snacks and 1 for drinks.

The volley ball courts and the Junior room are still on the agenda. However, we try to do 1 project at a time and see it through to completion.

### Bobby Lipscomb

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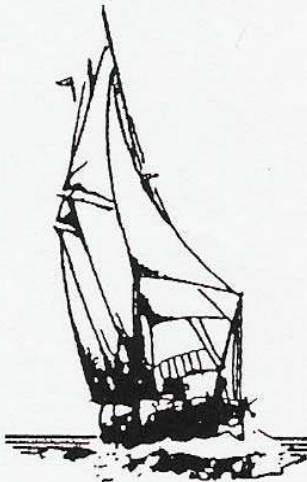


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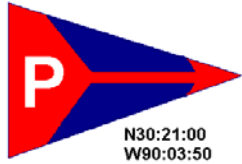
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I would like to thank everyone for their help and patience during the computer conversion. There is one new feature that I wanted everyone to know about. Last month I sent out a form for updated membership information. If you submitted an e-mail address, I have the ability to send your statement via e-mail. We also provide automatic draft for your convenience as well. An authorization form is required, but I can fax or e-mail the form to you. Just e-mail or call the office if you would like to take advantage of either, or both of these services. And, don't worry about not receiving the Chart; I can e-mail that to you as well.

As always, if you have any billing questions, or general office questions; do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a fun summer!  
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