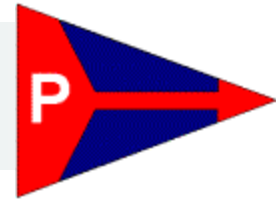


THE CHART

JUNE 2011



COMMODORE'S CORNER – BRIAN J. BURKE

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As I sit at my desk this Monday morning, I am wishing that I was back on the water with the School's Out Regatta "Green Fleet", watching each and everyone of the racers have as much fun as a child can have. I would like to thank my wife Lesley, Vaughan Sollberger and David Sides for helping run the "Green Fleet". I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who helped pull off another successful regatta and without whose help it could not be done. All of the members from other clubs that I spoke with had nothing but good things to say about their time spent at the club.

After several lengthy Finance Committee Meetings, the Board of Directors has approved a 2011 Operating Budget, which while lean on extras and niceties, permits the club to operate in the black for 2011. While the 2011 budget did include an allocation of funds for routine maintenance to the club house, it did not permit an allocation of funds for the larger maintenance projects that have to be addressed as the club house begins to age, nor did it permit an allocation of funds for the acquisition of certain items that members have expressed a desire for the club to acquire.

Looking forward, Pat Ross and Shan Kirk, and the Lipton Committee are hard at work preparing for this year's Gulf Yachting Association Championship Regatta for the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Trophy which will be held at Pontchartrain Yacht Club Labor Day weekend, beginning Friday September 2, 2011 and concluding Monday September 5, 2011. As you know, Shan and Pat are the Co-Chairs for the Lipton Regatta. As the Co-Chairs, they have appointed the following individuals to serve as Lipton Committee heads. Please contact them as soon as possible so that they can begin putting together a list of their volunteers. Please remember that this will be a very large regatta and that in addition to the actual participants in the regatta, numerous members of the various Gulf Yachting Association clubs will be in attendance. Therefore, we need your help to make this event a success.

COMMODORE-BRIAN J. BURKE

The Lipton Committee heads are:

Principal Race Official	Shan Kirk
Water Safety	Larry Ruthven, Steve Choate
Land Base Safety	Pat Ross
Registration	Pat Ross, Michelle Ernst, Faith Albert
Measurement	Billy Ross
Removal of boats for yard	Rob Doolittle
Finance/Budgets	Annwood Reedy, Peggy Gele
Spectator Boats	Rick Delaune
Trophies	Pat Ross
Food Planning/Entertainment	Jean Sparkman, Erin Powell
Scoring	Julie Bolyard
Regatta Program	Becca Choate
Security/Parking	Chuck Wyllie, Rick Delaune
Fundraising	Bridget Jarvis

Finally, as noted in my last Chart article, the Semi-annual Meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2011 at 4:00, with a grill night to follow. At this meeting, in addition to other matters, the membership will vote on the members to sit on the Nominating Committee which will have the responsibility of selecting a slate of candidates to fill the Board of Director positions becoming vacant at the end of the year, which slate of candidates will be voted on by the general membership at the Annual Meeting. Please note that the recent amendments to the Bylaws made substantial changes to the manner in which the members of the Nominating Committee are elected. The members of the Nominating Committee are now elected by motion from the floor, are voted on individually and must be present at the meeting to accept the nomination.

Thanks, Brian

VICE COMMODORE - RICK DELAUNE

The Board has been busy doing the business of the club.

We have posted all of the changes to the By Laws. Our Finance Committee has worked hard to produce a Budget that will allow the club to move forward. We have had multiple meetings with various insurance representatives to find ways to save money on our insurance. One of the necessary expenses that continues to grow. Floating Assets are being upgraded.

The Semi-Annual Meeting is later this month. Please plan to attend so that the membership will be informed as to our current cash flow. The Board feels very good about the changes that have been suggested by the Former Commodores and the Finance Committee.

Vice of the Month: Man has it been **HOT** or what !!! Almost too hot to sail. NOT !!!! But I think PYC has an immediate answer to that problem. Hit the TIKI BAR and enjoy a cold drink and a burger. It will benefit the Club and cool you down as well.

Smooth Sailing, Rick Delaune

SOCIAL - ERIN POWELL

The month of May has been delightful what with brunches, Friday night chefs/hosts, the new member social at the pool, opening of the grill at the pool, numerous spontaneous parties and the Memorial Day party for Jonathon!

June is shaping up to be another busy, fun time for all. The School's Out Regatta is this weekend, June 4th and 5th. The Burger Babes have graciously offered to cook for the regatta; Bayou Self is on tap Saturday afternoon for entertainment. Saturday evening, will start the first of, hopefully, many You Grill Em's a particular favorite of our Commodore's. We supply the potato, salad and dessert and you bring the meat to grill.

Book club is reading Island Beneath the Sea; discussion is Tuesday, June 7th at 6:30 or so. Don't forget the half price bottles of wine and grilled chicken salads on Tuesday. Wednesdays are two buck dogs and buck and a half domestic beer. Thursday is buck and a half tacos which go well with 'buy one, get one free' margaritas! I am looking for volunteers for Friday night chef/hostess, it is easy, if you don't want to cook, organize a meal from a local restaurant. Please let me know if you can help this summer!

The semi-annual meeting will be on Sunday, June 26th, followed by Steak Night.

More summer fun on the horizon, Fourth of July Rib Cook Off and the Lipton Benefit Dance and Auction July 9th, mark your calendars!

Have a wonderful June,

Erin

MEMBERSHIP – BOB LIPSCOMB

Our membership drive for this year has been great. It is exciting to see so many people interested in our club. I feel we were off to a great start but I am concerned we may be losing our spark.

SO WE NEED TO KICK OUR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE INTO GEAR AGAIN!!!!

To date we have increased our membership with 5 new resident members, 3 senior, 1 out of state and 1 junior member for a total of 10 new members. This count includes the reduction for resigning members. Based on the 20 member goal for the year our required new members, as of 6/1/11, is 8.33 (1.6 per month). So with 10 new members we are still ahead. We are holding our own but we need to keep selling the club to our family and friends.

We also have 5 new resident members who have applied for membership and are not included in my count above.

We had our New Member Pool Side Social on 5/19/11 and it was a lot of fun. The members sure enjoyed it, which is great because we encourage all members to attend these events. We did have some new members and potential new members attend and I received compliments about our club and our members. As a result of the Social I we will pick up 1 new family and it was well worth it. We will be doing another Social before the end of the summer.

Please if you see a new member or potential new member in the club, stop and introduce yourself.

Remember, of all Yacht Clubs in the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) we are known as one of the friendliest. Please keep it up.

See you at "The Club".

Bobby

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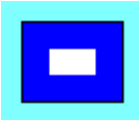
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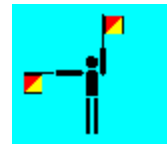
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