

**COMMODORE'S CORNER - BRIAN J. BURKE**

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As set forth in last month's Chart and in previous e-mails, the Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday November 13, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. with a grill night to follow. At the Annual Meeting, the membership will vote on the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors chosen by the Nominating Committee who are: Tom Jarvis, Gary Thorson, Dick Jones and Paul Stevens. Current members of the Board of Directors whose terms are expiring at the end of the year are: Peggy Gele, Rick Delaune and Rob Doolittle. Also, after four years of hard work and dedication as a member of the Board of Directors including a year in which he served admirably as Commodore, Bobby Lipscomb has decided to resign his position on the Board of Directors with two years remaining on his term. If the slate is approved by the membership, Tom Jarvis, Gary Thorson and Dick Jones will be seated for the three full three year terms and Paul Stevens will be seated for the remaining two years of Bobby's term.

The following is a brief note from each of these distinguished candidates:

  
**TOM JARVIS**

Tom Jarvis - Candidate for 2012 Board of Directors

Thanks to the nominating committee for their confidence in considering me for the 2012 Board of Directors. I have agreed to volunteer my time and do my best to assist in the management and promotion of PYC should the membership agree.

A resident of Mandeville for 25 years, I have enjoyed a career as a sales manager for an international manufacturer of power generation equipment. My duties include managing relationships with executives of utility and industrial companies while coordinating and negotiating multi million dollar projects. I have been a dedicated member of Pontchartrain Yacht Club since 1993 and have served in many capacities from the boardroom, to wood worker to most recently railing painter.

Along with family and partners, I am involved in 2 sailboats, 2 powerboats and numerous manually powered vessels. Everyone should have a few toys and the opportunity to enjoy them at a club like PYC! I look forward to working with our entire board as a team to manage our clubs finances and growth. Additional goals for the upcoming term are to complement our existing racing agendas with more casual fun boating such as our Lido, sunfish fun races. I would also like to encourage our former juniors, now young adults to be more active in the club.

Thanks again for your consideration.

**DICK JONES**Dick Jones

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for placing my name on the slate of candidates for the upcoming election of the 2012 Board of Directors.

My wife, Judi, and our two son's moved to the New Orleans area in 1979 with the plan of staying for 12 to 18 months, take the next promotion and move on. Thirty Two years later we are still here with no plan of leaving.

I have spent the past 44 years in the consumer products industry as a sales manager for Johnson & Johnson, Tambrands and Forster Manufacturing. For the past 11 years I have held the position of Vice President of Sales & Marketing with the Penley Corporation until my retirement October 1<sup>st</sup>. Over this span of time I held positions in numerous job related organizations.

We purchased our first boat in 1981 and soon after joined PYC. Sailing was new to us, and with the help of PYC members, my oldest son and I were able to increase our sailing abilities as crew during the racing series. Over the years I have volunteered my time on a number of committees including membership.

We also held membership in South Shore Yacht Club for a number of years where I held the position of Vice Commodore for three years and as a board member for two additional years.

PYC is a great yacht club and now that I have the time and energy, I would like to take an active role in the management of the club.

## **GARY THORSON**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you that don't already know me. My wife, Celeste, and I have been members of PYC for the past 15 years, and my wife was a member long before.

Before that, I was born in McAllen, TX (too many years ago to reveal) and

I grew up fishing and boating on the Gulf Coast. Even as an undergraduate student at the University of Texas and a graduate student at Oklahoma State University, I spent most of my recreational time on the water.

Like many of you, being on the water is a very important part of my life and so, I learned to sail in 1972, and have a great appreciation for the sport. I have supported and continue to support in numerous ways the sailing and social activities of the club, particularly our Juniors Program. I feel that one of the most important things that a governing board of a private Club like ours can offer is sound leadership and strong financial stability.

As some of you know, I have worked for large publicly traded companies and have owned several small businesses. Those experiences, both good and bad, have given me the background, perspective, and skills that I hope to use to benefit our Yacht Club in the coming year.

I currently own and manage a national computer software consulting firm that specializes in managing multi-million dollar software acquisitions and implementations for municipal governments and public utility companies. More information concerning my company is available on that website [www.langhamconsulting.net](http://www.langhamconsulting.net)

In summary, I look forward to the possible opportunity to serve the Pontchartrain Yacht Club and its membership.

Sincerely,

Gary Thorson

## **PAUL STEVENS**

### Paul Stevens

I have been asked by the nominating committee to be considered for election to the Pontchartrain Yacht Club Board of Directors. I have considered this request, consulted with my family, and I agree to serve if elected.

I moved to the Mandeville area from Tennessee in 2007 due to a job opportunity. My wife, Wendy Moore, and three children were able to join me in July 2008. We became members of Pontchartrain Yacht Club that month. All of us sail and the children (Zeke, Jacob, and Ellie Grace) have been active in junior sailing. Zeke has his US Sailing Level 1 certificate and taught at sail camp this summer, as well as worked as a lifeguard.

I am a graduate of Ohio State and have lived in Tennessee most of the years since graduation. Wendy is from Winchester, Tennessee and that is our second home. Both of us are mechanical engineers. I work for Jacobs Engineering at Stennis Space Center and Wendy works for Audubon Engineering in Covington.

I was a charter member of the Highland Yacht Club on Woods Reservoir in Tennessee in 1982. HYC is a small, rather rustic sailing club on a beautiful lake in southern middle Tennessee. We started as a sail-board and catamaran sailing club and evolved into dingy and small cruisers as the average member's age increased. One of our annual spring site improvements was increasing the number of port-a-johns from one to two for the sailing season...a far cry from the amenities and facilities here at PYC. I served as Commodore in 1998 and 1999. I started a Junior Sailing program there in 2004.

I have helped with race committees and work days at Pontchartrain Yacht Club. I look at this opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors as a way to give back to this club that has welcomed my family and has become part of our life here in Louisiana.



#### Social News:

October was a lot of fun, November promises to be as busy and fun filled. Along with half price wine on Tuesday, 11/1/11 book club is meeting. On November 4<sup>th</sup> the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation is having their yearly fundraiser at our club. This is the only time in the year that the club is closed to members, come on out and support this good cause. On 11/5 LSU plays Alabama in the evening, come on down to the club and cheer for the Tigers. The Saints play at noon at home on Sunday 11/6, it's always fun when we have a crowd of Who Dats in the bar.

*Once in a Lifetime* is occurring 11/11/11 at 11:11 am until 11:11 pm. The Veteran's Day Celebration is open to the public. We will start with Mandeville High ROTC, Mandeville High Jazz Band and Woodlake Elementary Singers. Bridget Jarvis's birthday gets started in the early afternoon we'll engage in some fun games as well as Corks and Canvas paintings. From 3:11pm-6:11pm Ched Reeves will play for us in conjunction with a wine tasting. Cocktails are \$1.11 for the hour 6:11-7:11. Dinner is at 7:11 with dancing to Jeff Bishop's new bluesy band from 8:11pm until 11:11pm. So come on out that day and stay all day or pop in and out! (Details to follow)

Saturday 11/12 finds LSU playing in the evening. The annual meeting is 11/13 at 4 pm with a grill night following. Come at noon for the Saints game.

The weekend of 11/19 and 11/20 is the Back to School Regatta. We are hoping to have leftovers on 11/25 the day after Thanksgiving.

As always there is fun every day, Tuesday half off wine bottles and gumbo; Wednesday \$1.25 domestic beers and hot dogs; Thursdays BOGO Margaritas and tacos; Friday night chefs are fantastic with some brunches and grill nights thrown in! So, see you at the club

**Erin**

## Notice of Race

### BACK TO SCHOOL REGATTA **NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 2011**

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012, by Class Rules for the participating classes, the rules of the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events and the regatta Sailing Instructions. The SI's will be available at registration.

#### **Classes:**

Capdevielle & Open Scots (Flying Scot Sailing Association Cajun Country Championship within Open Scots class), Laser, Laser Radial, Sunfish, Lido 14's, Optimist (red, white, blue and green fleets), 420's, Finns, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, PHRF Spinnaker and/or any other class with three or more boats. Boats with fewer than 3 per class will compete in Portsmouth Handicap Class.

**Entry fee:** (No fee for Capdevielle)

Multi-crewed boats \$35.00 for US Sailing members \$40.00 for non-US Sailing Members.

Single-handed boats \$30.00 for US Sailing members \$35.00 for non-US Sailing Members.

PHRF \$20.00 sailing Saturday only

**Snacks** will be served on the water Saturday only. Optis will have lunch dockside before leaving the harbor.

**Capdevielle and Open Scots will attempt three (3) races, with one (1) race constituting a regatta.**

Optis will attempt as many races as possible.

All other classes will attempt 4 races. PHRF Saturday only will attempt two (2) races with one (1) race constituting a regatta.

#### **Saturday November 19, 2011**

Registration 08:30-10:00

Skippers Meeting 10:00

First warning signal 13:25, additional races to follow.

#### **Sunday November 20, 2011**

First warning signal 10:25, additional races to follow.

No warning signal will be made after 14:00 on Sunday

Trophy presentation will be as soon as possible after the last race.

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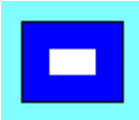


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