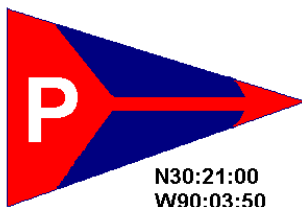


# Commodore's Corner - Tom Quinlan



PONTCHARTRAIN YACHT CLUB

## The Chart October 2008

People get testy when dealing with flooding for the second time in two weeks. I know I did. So did the Mandeville policeman who put me in the back of his car for trying to get down to the club to assess the damage the day after Ike. It happened like this: I parked my car and walked to the barricade at Jackson and Madison that was manned by two Mandeville policemen (actually one was a lady). The woman explained that they were allowing no one past them who did not reside in one of the houses below their checkpoint – NO ONE! No explanation of my need to see the club or about my duty to the 300 members who own it was going to sway them. Some times my BS just doesn't work.

I was about to give up when one of our members, Bob Wakowiak, came walking toward us from the No Mans Land side of the barricade. Bob lives a block from the club and was walking up to high ground at Madison where he had parked his truck to keep it from flooding. After seeing I was not getting anywhere with the police, Bob called over to me and asked if I wanted to ride down with him. Well, the cops appeared to recognize Bob as a resident and made no comment to me or Bob when I crossed the barricade and walked over to Bob and his truck. Seemed like a good sign to me that it was OK to be in No Mans Land now. My mistake.

We rode down the road toward the club, stopping short of the water that had risen up from the lake. The moment I stepped out of the car, here he came, policeman number two with lights and siren going. As grim as Joe Friday, he commanded me to step

away from the truck and produce my ID. About this time Terri Hamilton came canoeing down Bayou Castine and was taking in the whole situation. I was dumbfounded. I could see Bob and Terri were dumbfounded. But when Mandeville's finest opened the back door to his patrol car and told me to get in, neither Bob nor Terri could control themselves any longer. They both broke out laughing. That was the last I saw of them, both doubled over, laughing hysterically, as Joe Friday drove me back up the road to the other side of No Mans Land.

No, he didn't arrest me. He dropped me at my car and gave me a stern lecture about the importance of obeying the police when they're doing their duty protecting the citizenry. Probably he was tired after patrolling for back-to-back storms and maybe it was the end of his shift. Still, I didn't have much sympathy for him at the time. His pants and shoes looked dry, and I had been wading around in crotch deep water at home for the last two days. People do get very testy by the second flood in two weeks.

So much for my saga. The good news out of all of this is that we came away from both storms with minimal damage. The staff, the board, and a tremendous number of members all came together to prepare the club and our boats pre storm and clean things up afterward. Many thanks to all that pitched in. Two days after Ike we were open for business with Kaia's Sunday Omelet Brunch. A week after Ike, we were in shape and ready to hold the Back to School Regatta. As always, PYC

showed its resiliency. We're just that kind of club.

Other news: David Bolyard came within 5 points of getting his name on the prestigious Clifford D. Mallory Cup for a fifth time. David won the US Men's Sailing Championship as crew or skipper four times already. This year he teamed with Ken Kleinschrodt and Michael Mark from Mobile, and our own (and Gulfport's) Sam Vasquez to compete at San Francisco Yacht Club for the Mallory Cup, sailing in J/24s, representing Bucaneer Yacht Club. In eleven races this team swapped first place several times with the team from Austin, Texas. But, by the end the Austin Yacht Club team came out first, and Ken, David, Mike, and Sam had to settle for second, still a tremendous accomplishment. Congratulations guys.

There is still a lot going on before the end of the year. The fall club series, LPRC, Octoberfest. Check your chart and our webpage for everything on the schedule.

See you on the water,

Tom



# One Design - Hans Albert



**Race 5:** Billy Ross drove with Max Albert and Kurt Adler as crew. The start was ugly, but we were able to tack out early to the right. We quickly got into the lead and held it to the last leg. We had to cover Bay Waveland to win the regatta, and therefore let Buccaneer go the other way and pass us.

Oh well, I will take a second in the last race with a first overall anyway!!

Now with only four more Capdevielles left, Pontchartrain YC is in a virtual dead heat with Buccaneer and Bay Waveland. We are in a great position to win the series. If we win two of the last four regattas, no matter which ones, we should lock in first in. It's the home stretch. Let's keep it going!!

### In other news:

Our GYA team, including Dave Boyard and Sam Vasquez, representing District "D" in the prestigious US Men's Championship finals (Mallory Cup) at San Francisco Yacht Club.

They placed second overall, competing in J-24's. Congratulations go to our guys for this special achievement.

It's noteworthy that this ladder type competition gives local sailors the opportunity to measure their skills against the rest of the nation.

Major international rock stars such as Buddy Melges and Paul Cayard are products of this US Sailing's approach to elevate talented local sailors to national recognition.

After the postponement and the preoccupation of many GYA members in dealing with the aftermath of Gustav and Ike we had a successful turnout for our Back to School regatta. We had a total of 54 boats on the various race courses.

Leigh Wanless and our cast of die hard volunteers pulled off a smoothless regatta in spite of several no shows.

**PONT YC** won the Capdevielle event and here is Max Albert's summary:

**Race 1:** Collin Ross drove with Billy Ross and Mason Sheen as crew. They had a fairly consistent race and ended up third.

**Race 2:** Rob Doolittle drove with Billy Ross as crew. The start wasn't the greatest but they fought back through the fleet and ended up fourth.

**Race 3:** Billy Ross drove with Max Albert and Collin Ross as crew. We had a good start, with a couple other boats over early. We held steady in second place the whole race. It was later learned that the first place boat NOYC was over early, so we ended up in first.

**Race 4:** Max Albert drove with Billy Ross and Kurt Adler as crew. We had a decent start and rounded the first mark third. We lost a boat downwind and rounded fourth. Again at the windward mark we were fourth, but close behind the leaders. A jib set was called at the rounding and we went from fourth to first on the last leg.

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## Juniors - K. Vaughan Sollberger



**BACK TO SCHOOL REGATTA AT PONTCHARTRAIN:** September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> were the rescheduled days for our BTS Regatta and the Final Race Results can be found on our website [www.pontyc.org](http://www.pontyc.org). PontYC was well represented in organization and by our skippers. Thank you **Leigh Wanless** for stepping in and hosting this regatta for us! Another great job by our **Capdevielle** squad for first place overall! **Tommy Barclay** earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Laser Radial ahead of **Andrew Johnson** and big brother **Brady Barclay**. **James Ernst** and **Eric Rayer** were 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Open Bic for the regatta. Our Opti Fleet was substantial and consisted of **Zeke Stevens, Jacob Morgan, Jacob Stevens, James Lipscomb, Tripp Doolittle, Selby Morgan, Caleb Bernard, Marshall Roy, Ellie Grace Stevens, and Ryan Mader.**



**MONSTER MASH:** Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> will be the MONSTER MASH at Bogue Falaya Park in Covington and is a great venue for kids. **Jay Conner** and **Cathy Deano** started the tradition of selling hot dogs at this event with the Junior Program to benefit by their hard work. We'll need some help from our Juniors and a few parents this year, so please be ready to help us out. See the St. Tammany Parish Hospital website [www.stph.org/foundation/monstermash.aspx](http://www.stph.org/foundation/monstermash.aspx) for more details and we hope to see you there (in the booth, helping out)!

**WADEWITZ REGATTA AT FAIR-HOPE:** Our Capdevielle Team took 2nd Place.

Nicole Miller and Lela Sparkman raced 420's and came in 4th.

For all race results go to: [www.fairhopeyachtclub.com](http://www.fairhopeyachtclub.com).

**2008 PontYC FISHING RODEO:** Dates TBD (probably October or November). I'll need some help from all of you to put on the **PontYC Fourth Annual Fishing Rodeo**. Since the recent hurricanes have delayed our organization, I'll be contacting last year's participants for a meeting next Wednesday night, October 8th, to help

organize the event, so watch your e-mails and calendars for this upcoming one.

Thanks, V.

### Top Ten Reasons Hurricane Season Is Like Christmas

**Number Ten:**  
Decorating the house (with plywood).

**Number Nine:**  
Dragging out boxes that haven't been used since last season.

**Number Eight:**  
Last minute shopping in crowded stores.

**Number Seven:**  
Regular TV shows pre-empted for 'Specials'.

**Number Six:**  
Family coming to stay with you.

**Number Five:**  
Family and friends from out of state calling you.

**Number Four:**  
Buying food you don't normally buy . . . and in large quantities.

**Number Three:**  
Days off from work.

**Number Two:**  
Candles.

**And the Number One reason Hurricane Season is like Christmas:**  
At some point you're probably going to have a tree in your house!

## Social - Cathy Deano

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I don't know about you, but I was on Planet Hurricane for the first part of September. Dog Night was cancelled, and The Back to School Regatta moved back two weeks. So let's start again.

Even with the duel hurricanes Kaia's Sunday Brunch, September 14, brought out over fifty hearty souls to eat made to order omelets and fluffy biscuits.

Back to School Regatta was a success in spite of the date change. The vibrant, vivacious, Burger Babes dished up burgers and dogs on Saturday and Sunday. A huge thank you goes out to Pat Brinks, Jamie Sieverding, Peggy Gele, Leigh Wanless, Nancy Wyllie, Janie Eshleman and Chuck Wyllie, our Burger Prince and money handler.

Cheap Food Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>, was prepared by Stephanie Sollberger. She made John Williams famous Shrimp Etouffee!! Man was it good. Thanks, Stephanie.

The following is a list of activities planned until the end of the year and my wish list for volunteers. I can plan activities all day long, but unless we can get volunteers to help make it happen, it won't. Events with \*\*\* still need volunteers.

Wednesday Oct 1 Soup Night - Kathleen Sides volunteered to do this, thanks, Kathleen.

\*\*\*Sunday, October 19 October Fest, afternoon, Kaia is running this but needs volunteers to help, especially anyone who can cook German food. Madeline Harper has volunteered to help, but we need more. Thanks, Madeline.

\*\*\*Friday, October 24, Cheap Food Friday- Get with Kaia, plan menu, can cook it yourself, order from restaurant, or get it from Sysco. Help serve and clean up

that night.

Saturday, Nov. 8 Lobster Bake, mostly taken care of by Kaia and Georgia young is making Clam Chowder and Dick Jones is preparing the Big Boys. Jenny O'Hara is doing potatoes, cole slaw, bread and butter. Gigi Savona is also helping. Thanks Jenny and Gigi.

\*\*\*Saturday, November 15, Grill Night, co-coordinating with Kaia for rest of menu and helping prepare sides, serve and clean-up

\*\*\*Sunday December 21, Kid's party, snacks and a craft for about 15-20 kids, book Santa. Kathleen Sides and Madeline Harper have already volunteered for this, but we will need a few more.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any of these events, please email me at [cldeano@aol.com](mailto:cldeano@aol.com)



## RACE - Steven Choate

Hey gang, Now that the storms have hopefully moved on and all the rescheduling of 1-design has been done, big boats can play. We will have a shortened fall series starting 10/4 & 5, followed on 10/18 & 11/15. LPRC starts 10/25 on the south shore and moving to the north on 10/26 as well as 11/1-2. This a big event for PYC and we will need lots of help on and off the water. We will need help with race committee as we no longer have any PYC marks on station at this time. If any finds "P" give me a call. The new hoist motor is in and should be installed by the time you read this. We also may need help in the dry storage yard to repair fencing and utilities. Let me know if you can help with any of the areas above.

SAIL ON Thanks Steven

# House and Grounds - Bob Lipscomb



The clean up following Hurricane Gustav, as Tom mentioned in a previous e mail, was a true PYC team effort. Not only did we get the place cleaned up quick we got rid of material that was sitting

We made it through 2 near miss hurricanes and the pool is still blue. We did choose to put 25 lbs of chlorine in the pool, prior to each storm, which was the reason the pool was closed for a few days each time. However, it did keep it looking great. It also did not prevent a wayward seagull from becoming quite comfortable in the pool.

Prior to the storms we did go through the hurricane check list and, I believe, made the logical decisions as what to move, board, etc. Thanks to all who helped.



around gathering dust. With the help of John Choate and Work Construction's bobcat we threw all the trash over the fence where it was scooped up and put in a pile for pick up.

A substantial portion of the clean up, following Hurricane Ike, was taken care of by Edward Jones. Edward is now an employee of PYC and I would like all to welcome him because we are sure glad to have him. Edward is taking care of clean up and yard duties along with maintenance and assisting Kaia with events. The way we are structured Edward is working with me as far as scheduling his different items of work. With this in mind, if anyone sees anything that should be done differently please let me know and it will be considered.

The new furniture downstairs is there, with thanks, to Bridget and Kaia. The old furniture was part of the donation to the trash pile. The carpet in the club has been vacuumed and it looks and smells great. We put carpet protection down in the

kid's room and got rid of the furniture. Bean bags chairs are on order. We are allowing the kid's to eat in there so PLEASE check the room before you leave and pick up as a family.

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*From the Vice Commodore -*

*Sunday, November 16, 2008 is the date of PYC's Annual Meeting (3:00 p.m.). In addition to status reports from the directors of the board's various committees, Commodore Quinlan will present trophies to members who have distinguished themselves in representing the club during the year, both on and off the water, here in Mandeville and throughout the GYA. A slate of three board candidates will also be presented to the membership for approval. The Nominating Committee has submitted the names of the following qualified individuals for your consideration: Rick Delaune, Rob Doolittle, and Peggy Gele. Their brief letters of introduction are included elsewhere in this edition of The Chart.*

*Please review the procedures which are outlined in the bylaws relative to the conduct of the Annual Meeting:*

- While anyone may attend the meeting, only regular, senior, and life members in good standing are allowed to vote on issues that are presented to the assembly.*
- Nominations for the Board of Directors are not accepted from the floor during the Annual Meeting. If a regular voting member in good standing is interested in being considered as a "write-in" candidate, the signatures of ten supporting regular voting members in good standing must be submitted to me no later than October 16 for certification.*
- Absentee votes may be submitted beginning Sunday, November 9 until noon on Sunday, November 16 by eligible voting members in good standing who will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting. Ballots must be completed at the club office.*

*I would like to thank my fellow Nominating Committee members for volunteering their time and input - Mary Patterson (Chair), Mark Cooper, Ian Prosser, Gary Thorson, & Bridget Jarvis. It can be challenging to serve on this committee, and their participation is sincerely appreciated!*

*If anyone has questions regarding the upcoming Annual Meeting, please call or e-mail me.*

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*P.S. A Silent Auction is being planned for late October/early November to help raise funds for preparation of a Junior Club area on the lower level of the building. Please get in touch with me if you have items to donate.*



## 2008 CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RICK(Y) DELAUNE - Thank you for the opportunity to run for PYC's Board. I have been around PYC for so long that depending on when you knew me, I was "Ricky" or today as an adult, "Rick". I represented PYC for the first time at age 16 in the 1971 Jr. Liptons, and I have sailed every major regatta around the Gulf Coast in my sailing career. For 30 years I was Vice-President of Seemann Fiberglass, building and working with yacht designers in various yards all over the world. Presently, I am a yacht broker working with Bay Marine Group. I have a deep love of the sea and enjoy sailing our Hunter 42, "Windward Passage", with my wife Malise Prieto. I love this club and what it has become over the years. We took the lemons that Hurricane Katrina dropped on us and made lemonade by all pulling together and working towards building our beautiful new and improved clubhouse. I am proud to be associated with the caliber of sailors and yachtsmen that I call my friends here at PYC. I stand ready to serve you and your vote to elect me to the Board would be very much appreciated.

ROB DOOLITTLE - Having been raised in a sailing family, I've always loved the sport and the people I've met along the way. Our family has been active in PYC my entire life, from my father who served as commodore in 1984, to my own experience in my youth taking sailing lessons and racing, working as a sail camp instructor, and now with my own family. Over the past year I've taken a much more active role stepping in as the Flying Scot maintenance chair and volunteering as needed, along with watching Tripp become a sailor as well. In my free time I do hold down a job as a procurement forester and am currently the managing partner in our family business, Prieto Marina. My first loves though are my beautiful wife, Heather, and our two children, Tripp & Rylan. In regards to my future tenure on the board I look forward to continuing to improve PYC's sailing program and already have plans to run a Portsmouth series, so y'all remember to ask Santa for your dream board boat!

PEGGY GELE - I am pleased to be running for a position on the PYC Board and thought I should give all of you a little information about myself. I was born in Lafayette, Louisiana and have lived in Mandeville since the early 1990's. I have been a member of PYC since 1990 and over the last 12 years have probably served at least most of you a burger, cooked by the Burger Babes. In my professional career, I have been an Accountant for over 25 years and am currently working with a CPA in New Orleans. When PYC hosted the Lipton Challenge a few years ago I was responsible for the financial management of the event. I also have some race committee and sailing experience. I am looking forward to volunteering as a Board Member for the betterment of the club and feel it is time for me to give something back to PYC.



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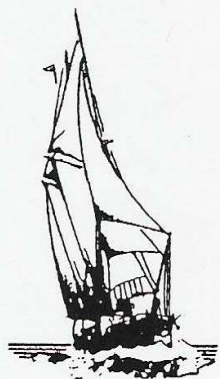
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Please note that on January 1st 2009 PYC will no longer mail the CHART to members unless you specifically request that the CHART be MAILED to you.

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



*Kenneth P. Helmrich*

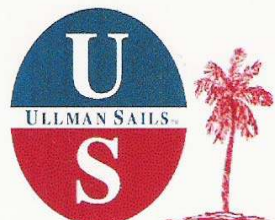
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