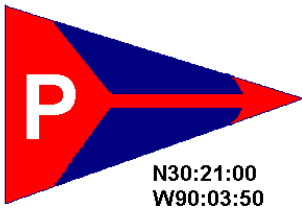


Commodore's Corner



PONTCHARTRAIN YACHT CLUB

The Chart August 2006

Lotsa "new" this month.

We have a new mailing address: 1501 Lakeshore Drive, Mandeville LA 70448, a more prestigious waterfront address!

More "new". We have signed on a second instructor for Adult Sailing Class. Please welcome Matthew Knoll who may appear young [he is] but has a tremendous amount of sailing experience, including a trans-Atlantic voyage in a 35' sloop together with his family, returning from many years living in Holland. Matt will run the Saturday and Sunday morning sessions and meanwhile, Christopher Johnson is completing the very last of the pre-Katrina classes and has already started a new one, continuing on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

We currently have over 40 potential students on "stand-by"!

Lakeshore Sno-balls is now operating from a trailer [what else!] established at the corner of Jackson and Claibourne. Ryan Hamilton serves up a pretty mean snoball, highly recommended by your sweet [toothed!] Commodore.

Thanks to the membership of North Palm Beach Yacht Club, Florida we now have a terrific boat trailer ca-

pable of hauling 6 Otis, or Opti, Laser, Sunfish configurations. Our thanks to Commodore Al Graf and the delivery team, Ron Richards of the International Order

press, still waiting for some updated feedback form our design/build architectural team, Piazza and Mitchell.

On to Ida Lewis. We will be hosting this



of the Blue Gavel and GYA Foundation President Bill Noble. New club member Snoann Jones together with kinder Liz and Ian, took several Club boats over to Pensacola Yacht Club for a weekend clinic. Delighted to see the equipment put to use already by our ever expanding Junior Program.

Thank you Bob Hodges and Suzana Williams for kindly donating most of the ready, which enabled PYC to purchase boat covers for "Optimist" "Laser" and "420" dinghies thereby providing much needed protection for our most important, floating assets.

New Clubhouse. At the time of going to

event in July next year and to get a head start on the game-plan our Lady-vice flew to this year's event held in Milwaukee, for a fact finding visit. Read her article for more details.

Lastly, thanks to the energy and determination of the aforementioned Bob Hodges, Suzana Williams and fellow volunteers, Small Boat Racing will commence Sunday afternoon fun-regattas on August 6.

Lotsa other new stuff going on at your favorite "watering hole" so, read on!

Yours aye
Kelvin

From The Vice Commodore - Janie Eshleman



As you may know, PYC was awarded the bid to host the U.S. Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship for the Ida Lewis Trophy for 2006, but thanks to Katrina and Rita, we were not able to hold the regatta. However, we will be hosting this event in 2007, tentatively July 5-11. Milwaukee Yacht Club, which stepped into the breach for us this year, invited Janet Miller-Schmidt and me to attend in order to observe and pick up a few pointers. Unfortunately, due to the untimely passing of former GYA Commodore Norton Brooker, Janet was not able to make it, so I packed my winter clothes and headed off, alone, for the arctic tundra that is Wisconsin (75 degrees). I was impressed by the seamless organization and race management, which was headed up by MYC Regatta Chair Cindy Krauss. They did a great job, but I didn't feel there was anything about the event that PYC couldn't handle!

Before there are any sort of organizational meetings or committee assignments, I want to put the word out that one of the stipulations for this regatta is that the girls must

be taken care of by members who agree to act as host families. Approximately 80 to 90 young ladies between the ages of 13-18 will need places to stay; 2 ladies per team = 45 host families; fewer, if any members



can accommodate more than 2 girls. The basic requirements are that the host families take responsibility for bringing the girls to the club each morning, picking them up in the evenings, and enforcing the 10:30 curfew. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served at the club, although it is

suggested that the host family share one meal with their guests, either in a restaurant or at home. In Milwaukee, they chose to have a BBQ at a member's house, which is also an option for us. Keep in mind that this is a SEVEN day event.

Alright, already – the bottom line is that I would like to get indications of interest from any members who would be willing to participate as host families (sorry, no single guys!) even though we're a year away from the event. Please call or e-mail me if you're available. Thanks!

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From The Rear Commodore - Jay Conner

Financial matters are supposed to be the domain of the Rear Commodore. While the membership has a right to be fully informed, I find that there has to be a balanced approach in discussing the financials of the club in a public forum such as the chart. That being said, I would like to inform the membership that Pontchartrain Yacht Club is gaining ground financially on several fronts and we have only to dream about future prospects once the new club is built.

New membership applications continue to come in. Stacie says that

she has a hard time keeping applications for membership in stock. Cash flow from dues is the backbone of the club's financial condition, and ironically since Katrina our membership numbers seem to be dramatically on the rise. The Bar is doing better than it was before Katrina----go figure! Stacie is a jewel. Her management skills and attention to detail are impressive.

The Sail Camp is the best ever. Every session is fully booked and with only 20% of the sail campers being children of members it shows healthy interest in our club's Junior Program from non-members.

Suzana Williams deserves a lot of credit in putting together the best sail camp ever, with the help of head instructor Max Albert and a fine crew of young counselors.

With a fine Financial Committee and prudent management of the insurance funds collected to date, PYC can look forward to a new era of prosperity.

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juniors@pontyc.org - Suzana Williams

Hi everyone,

Our July 4th Small Boat Regatta was a big success. Everyone had a lot of fun. Lets have more fun!!

Here are the proposed dates and format for our Small boat regattas. If you are available to take over the Race Management for any of the proposed dates please email me. We need everyone's help in order for this to work.

BOATS: Optimist, Sunfish, Laser, Club 420

FORMAT:

Megaphone with no flags on a 3 minute sequence to start races. Two people on the committee boat, so you can bring a friend! I think the racers appreciate the audible signals. This type of "bare bones" race management is similar to collegiate racing. It's simple, gets off a lot of races, and is easy to manage. At first I think it would be best not to post scores at the end of the day as we are encouraging crews to swap and rotate boats and just enjoy the racing. Lets keep that low pressure,

low emphasis on results format at least initially. The goal is to get the sailors on the water to have a fun day of sailing.

Races will be on Sundays with a 1pm skippers meeting and a 2pm start, running 5-6 races 20min each. So we should be done by 4pm. Fast and FUN.

PROPOSED DATES:

AUGUST: 6, 13, 27

SEPTEMBER: 3, 24 (Back to School is Sept. 9 & 10)

OCTOBER: 1, 8, 15, 22

NOVEMBER: 12, 19

DECEMBER: 3, 10, 17

I look forward to see many of you joining in the fun!



August 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Dog Night</i>	3 <i>Happy Hour</i>	4	5
6 <i>small boat racing</i>	7	8	9	10 <i>Happy Hour</i>	11 <i>Cheap Food</i>	12
13 <i>small boat racing</i>	14	15	16 <i>Sloppy Joes</i>	17 <i>Happy Hour</i>	18	19 <i>Grill Night</i>
20	21	22	23	24 <i>Happy Hour</i>	25	26 <i>Club Caribe</i>
27 <i>small boat racing</i>	28	29 <i>Katrina Bash</i>	30	31 <i>Happy Hour</i>		

GYA Capdevielle Update - Walter Chamberlain

To: GYA Club Commodores

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ton). (See next paragraph.)

From: Walter Chamberlain, Chair
Capdevielle Committee

In previous years I have sent out periodic updates on the status of the Capdevielle competition. This is the first update for 2006. Please give this to others in your club as appropriate.

We have completed six of the sixteen scheduled events. The scores for the Capdevielle competition thru these six events are posted at gya.org. BWYC and PontYC are currently tied for the lead with a score of .900 (both have competed in all 6 events). SYC is at .858 (3 events), BucYC is at .884 (2 events), NOYC is at .800 (3 events), PCYC is at a perfect 1.000 (but has only 1 event).

Please look at the posted score sheet to see where you stand. I suggest printing a copy and posting it on you

Three clubs have sailed in all of the events so far and are therefore still in the running for 100% recognition awards during the GYA Awards Banquet this coming January: BWYC, FWYC, PontYC. We are most appreciative of this support, especially in these times.

There are 10 events left, and 4 of these are during the month of July: Meigs 7-8 & 9 at FWYC, Summer 7-15 & 16 at MYC, Weatherly 7-22 & 23 at GYC, and the Jr. Lipton at SYC on 7-29 & 30. This is a good opportunity to get 4 regattas on your record in one month. Remember that clubs must sail in a minimum of 8 events in order to qualify for Capdevielle scoring. And, equally important, **remember that host clubs for Capdevielle events are required to qualify for scoring (except Opening, Jr. Lipton, & Lip-**

After 6 events, and with 10 events remaining, below is a tabulation of the events each **host club** has credit for:

NOYC	3 events
JYC	3 events
BucYC	2 events
StABYC	4 events
FWYC	6 events
MYC	2 events
GYC	3 events
PCYC	1 event
PontYC	6 events
FYC	5 events
PYC	2 events

Please check your status – this is very important!

SEE YOU ON THE WATER!

Race - PHRF - Mary Lindsey

For beginning sailors, racing is a wonderful way to learn how to make your boat do what you need it to do—go where you have to go, rather than where the wind wants to take you. Learning to sail up wind, gage the best course, sail to a mark (or Biloxi) using your GPS, and above all—learn to tack tack tack; all are skills that racers are using on Friday night twilight series races.

Crews are always welcome, and experienced sailors not only are willing to share their expertise, but also give new sailors experience on various boats of different sizes and designs. Do you want your traverer above the cabin, at the front of the hatch, or half way back the cockpit? Where are the best places to put your cleats and winches, do you need a roller furler for your jib? Do you want a full spinnaker or an a-symetrical? Can you lift a spinnaker pole? Sailing on various boats with different skippers helps you find what you want have, have to have-and want to avoid.

Crews are always sought-skippers (and crew) meet at the club to determine the course, get the starting time and evaluate the weather at 6 pm. Races begin around 7 pm and usually run about 2 hours. It's a beautiful time to be on the Lake, the wind is (hopefully) up, temperature is down and the sun is setting behind the causeway with different colors and cloud patterns every Friday. Some nights it pools down to an orange glow melting into the lake, some evenings streaks of shades of pink. It is always most beautiful from the water and most peaceful.

Laurie sailed on Ken Buehler's boat, a J 30, Jalapeno. We looped around to pick up Lee at the dock as she was getting off work and then headed out to try to figure out when our starting time was. The first tack taught lessons in mountain climbing to the high side, and the value of fast movement. Being "rail meat" and shifting forward and back taught the value of crew placement to restrain a heeling boat, keeping one eye on the opposition gave us clues on good wind and "puffs" ahead. Tacking to the mark showed the value of going far enough ahead so that the suddenly more active wind would not push

us back and force another tack or hitting the mark.

Coming back taught the beauty of Spinakers and the challenges of putting one out and keeping lines untangled! Then there was the boom-lean on the boom, can't get too comfortable, don't get too caught up in the beauty of the sunset. It was a beautiful night for a sail, the crew was fun, the captain kept his mind on the "game" and our newest racer had a good time. Its what it is all about. Welcome aboard, Laurie. More the merrier.



Social - Bridget Jarvis

SOCIAL

Attention all you “Pirates of PYC”, Ships’ Captains’, fair maidens and other Salty Dogs ...

It is that time of year again – time for our annual **Club Caribe** Party!

The date this year is Saturday, **August 26**, and although we don’t have our pool this year to dance around, I promise it will be a good time!

In order to give our cooks a break, the event is being catered by our own Pete and Kia of Juniper’s Restaurant! The menu will include Carribean conch chowder, jerk chicken, a roasted corn dish, fried plantains with a coconut sauce and more. (If you have not eaten Pete and Kia’s food yet, trust me it will be good.) The music is being provided by Frank

Fairbanks and as a nice touch we are inviting our friends from Tammany Yacht Club over to party with us. (They still don’t have a clubhouse.)



The cost is \$22/person (sign-up on the bulletin board or call Stacie) and you really shouldn’t miss this party!! We’ll keep you posted as to the details; there may of course be special drinks, prize drawings and perhaps a limbo contest. Who knows ...!

On Thursday, August 3 in conjunction with happy hour, Susan O’Hara will host

a Pampered Chef Party and provide appetizers. For those of you who are not familiar, Pampered Chef is a line of fine kitchen and cooking equipment. PYC will be the “hostess” of this party, so the more products we buy, the more gifts our kitchen will receive. Please remember that you do not have to buy a thing, this is just an opportunity for all of our chefs (MEN and women) to come browse and enjoy the evening.

Other events in August include a “dog-night” on Wed., August, 2, sloppy -joes on August 16 and a Cheap Food Friday

on Aug. 11. Nancy Wyllie and Georgia Young will also host a grill night on August 19.

And then, there’s August 29. One year ago this

fateful day our lives were changed forever. Perhaps we should all meet at our double-wide, throw on some burgers and dogs, and then you can either cry in your beer, laugh in the face of adversity or rejoice in what you still have today. Maybe our own Jay “Blind Lemon” Connor and the Drunken Sailors will sing us their newly written Katrina ballads. How ‘bout it guys (and Jennifer)? Let me know your thoughts on this.



Early in September, in conjunction with our Back-to-School regatta, we hope to host a dinner with all proceeds going to help send our mens’ and womens’ sailing teams to represent us nationally. They will all be flying up north to represent PYC and the entire GYA. More details later.

As always, I’d like to thank (AND YOU SHOULD TOO) all those people who help out in the kitchen; CeeCee, Jenny, Susan, Becky, Nancy, Georgia, Tom, Katie and Steph, my hats off to you.

Don’t be shy, the kitchen and the Social Committee have an open door policy!

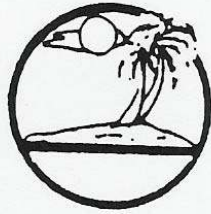
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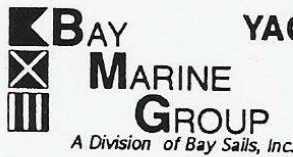
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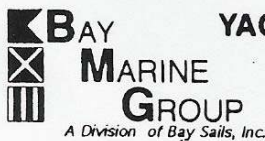
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Greetings from the PYC staff! Hope you are getting to relax and regroup this summer!

Just a few notes and reminders:

1. Attention Young Artists (18 and under)- Please submit your T-shirt designs for School's Back Regatta (Sept. 9-10) to Stacie in the office. A winner will be selected and your design will be printed on the regatta T-shirts! You can submit your design on paper or electronically (got to love technology!)
2. If you want to rent a sailboat, you must check it out first! Please come into the clubhouse and see Stacie or one of the bartenders.
3. Please park across the street from the clubhouse unless you are dropping off or picking up.

It's hot, remember to hydrate! The bar is open Tuesday – Sunday so please stop in for a refreshing drink.

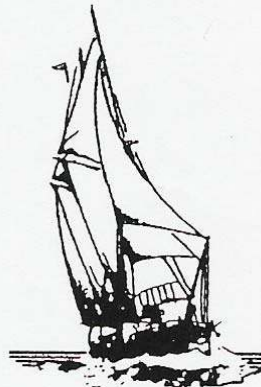
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