



# The Chart



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## Commodore's Corner

January has been a busy and exciting month for PYC! On the second weekend of the month, a group of us attended the GYA Annual Meeting in Fairhope, AL. While the meetings were interesting and informational, the GYA Awards Banquet was especially exciting! PYC was the recipient of two prestigious awards. Our sailors won both the Challenger Division and the Champion Division for the 2018 Capdevielle Racing Series. This was the first time any GYA Yacht Club has won both awards in the same year! Congratulations to the PYC sailors! It was truly exciting for those of us at the banquet! Find the picture from Fairhope in this month's Chart and be sure to see the special trophy that we will have for a year in the trophy case by the front door. Also, be sure to see the banner in the bar along with the two plaques that PYC was awarded.

Planning for 2019 at PYC is underway. The Junior Committee has met and laid out some of their plans for regattas, practice times, recruiting, publicity and fundraising. Our Sailing Director is well on his way to completing a Parent Handbook to help with the communication for our parents of juniors. The Social Committee met and looked at social activities to have at PYC from January through June. Be sure to read Gigi's article in this month's Chart to learn more about their plans. The Membership Committee also has been hard at work. The Open House that was held this past weekend was a great success and a lot of fun. What a beautiful day...a little chilly but the sun shone; the music was great; the food delicious and the camaraderie the best!

The Strategic Plan Design Team has been working hard gathering information and trying to figure out the most effective manner for organizing and using all of the information which will be gathered during the strategic planning process as a road map for the future. It will be important to get feedback from all PYC stakeholders. These include past commodores, staff, club members and their families, juniors and any other stakeholders who are yet to be determined. So be on the look out for when you are asked to provide input to the committee about PYC's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT). The more stakeholders who provide input, the more the process and the plan can provide positive guidance for the goals, objectives and future directions and success for PYC.

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# Commodore

If you would like to be a member of one of our committees, please let me know or contact one of our Board Members!  
Come get involved!

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers including our Juniors who are helping more and more around the club! Great job!

Marian Arrowsmith

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# Rear Commodore

I'd like to say a big THANK YOU! to all the members that continue to keep their accounts current! We bill in arrears, which means that the costs for beverages, food, staff, utilities, toilet paper, etc., are paid for before members submit payments on their accounts. ACH (autodraft) is available for all members; however, if you're not signed up and find yourself unable to make a payment and fall behind, don't wait, call the office. There are a variety of options available to you to bring your balance current.

You should receive your bill by the 3rd or 4th of each month. It is considered late if not received by the 20th. ACH (autodraft) is available for all members. If payment is received after the 20th of the month, you will be charged an additional \$15 late fee.

The Consumer Price Index for the months Jan-Dec 2018 has come out. The CPI increased 1.9%; i.e., the average cost of everything used in our daily lives went up 1.9% in 2018. per the by-laws our dues, will increase accordingly. You will see this increase on your current bill.

Thanks for all you do to make PYC a great club.

At the January Board meeting we discussed automatically adding a tip to all food and beverage purchases. This is being done by a number of clubs in the GYA with amounts varying between 15% - 20%. (PYC members can currently opt in to an auto-tip of 20%.) The Board would like to know what the membership thinks about this.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Club soon!

Larry Young

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# Race



The first race of the winter series took place on Jan 26th with 9 boats with two fleets participating. A great breeze set in and made it a short race.

We have a make race this Saturday, February 2nd, so shake the cobwebs off your boats and join us.

See you on the water.

Ken Buhler

# Vice Commodore

I continue to get my feet wet as Vice Commodore

I was honored to attend the GYA Winter Meeting where Pontchartrain Yacht Club was recognized with several awards. I was very proud to be there along with Commodore Marian Arrowsmith, Junior Chair Paul Rees, One Design Chair Max Albert our

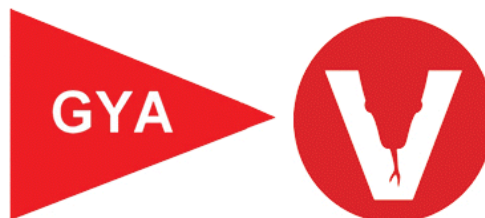
sailing director Mike McKnight and several others. It was my first GYA meeting and something that I've wanted to do for a while. Congrats to all of our sailors that made us so proud. Let's do it again in 2019!

The open house/book signing seemed to be successful. It was very well organized and I met several new applicants and non-members in attendance. I'd call it a success and I hope we do more events like this one in the future.

As a board we continue to do the business of the club and I feel we have a solid plan and direction. I will be sure to keep you all informed as we go.

Cheers!

Court Richardson



# One Design

It was an exciting month! The GYA held its annual awards banquet at Fairhope Yacht Club. Pontchartrain Yacht Club won the overall Capdevielle series, as well as the Challenger division! This is only the 2nd time ever Pontchartrain has won the inter-club series, and the first time any club has won both the Capdevielle and Challenger series! Congratulations to all the sailors that helped make this happen! We are looking forward to another successful year of inter-club competition!

Max Albert



# House and Grounds

A meeting and inspection took place with city officials and myself to discuss the standing water problem along the west fence line. It was determined that subsurface drainage would be the only way to drain this standing water, with advise from the city I developed a drawing defining the layout, elevation and location of catch basins along the route to two city catch basins.

They stated they needed a copy of the document for the city records, but no building permit would be needed. I delivered the document to city hall and started to look for contractors that would be interested in doing this work. On Wednesday I received an email from city hall now wanting an application for a building permit. This was done and will discuss the change in procedure with them on Thursday.

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# Social

Hello PYC Members!

Hope everyone is staying warm and feeling well! The PYC Social Committee met for the first time in 2019 on Saturday, January 19. Thank you to Erin Powell, Pat Marsolan, Faith Albert and Elizabeth Callais for attending and joining in the fun of planning events for this year in addition to some new possible events and ideas, such as:

- Drink Specials in the Bar on Tuesdays and music in the Bar on Thursdays
- Blood Drives
- TOGA Party!
- Mardi Gras Float Making Contest for Adults and Children
- Murder Mystery
- Pig Roast

Members have really stepped forward this year and volunteered to host Friday Night dinners through May! But there will be plenty of opportunities to host from June through December!

February Events:

- Sunday, 2/3 - No Call Bowl Party and Pot Luck
- Thursday, 2/14 - Valentine's Day Dinner
- Friday, 2.15 – TRIVIA NIGHT!
- Sunday, 2/17 – Open Mic Night!
- Tuesday, 2/19 – Book Club Meeting
- Sunday, 2/24-Brunch

And.....SAVE THE DATE..... for..... SOCK BURNING on Wednesday, March 20! We will again be honoring the First Day of Spring and burning our cotton socks in the fire pit!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Club or on the Lake!

Gigi Savona

# Juniors

In January the Juniors had meetings to start planning the year. We have 10 regattas scheduled as team events where we will represent Pontchartrain Yacht Club. We also have an upcoming dinner where the Juniors will serve the club members and raise funds for the Junior Program.

We are going to begin recruiting new sailors for the team and sail camp in the next 2 months so if you have any juniors or know of any that might be interested please send them our way.

Paul Rees

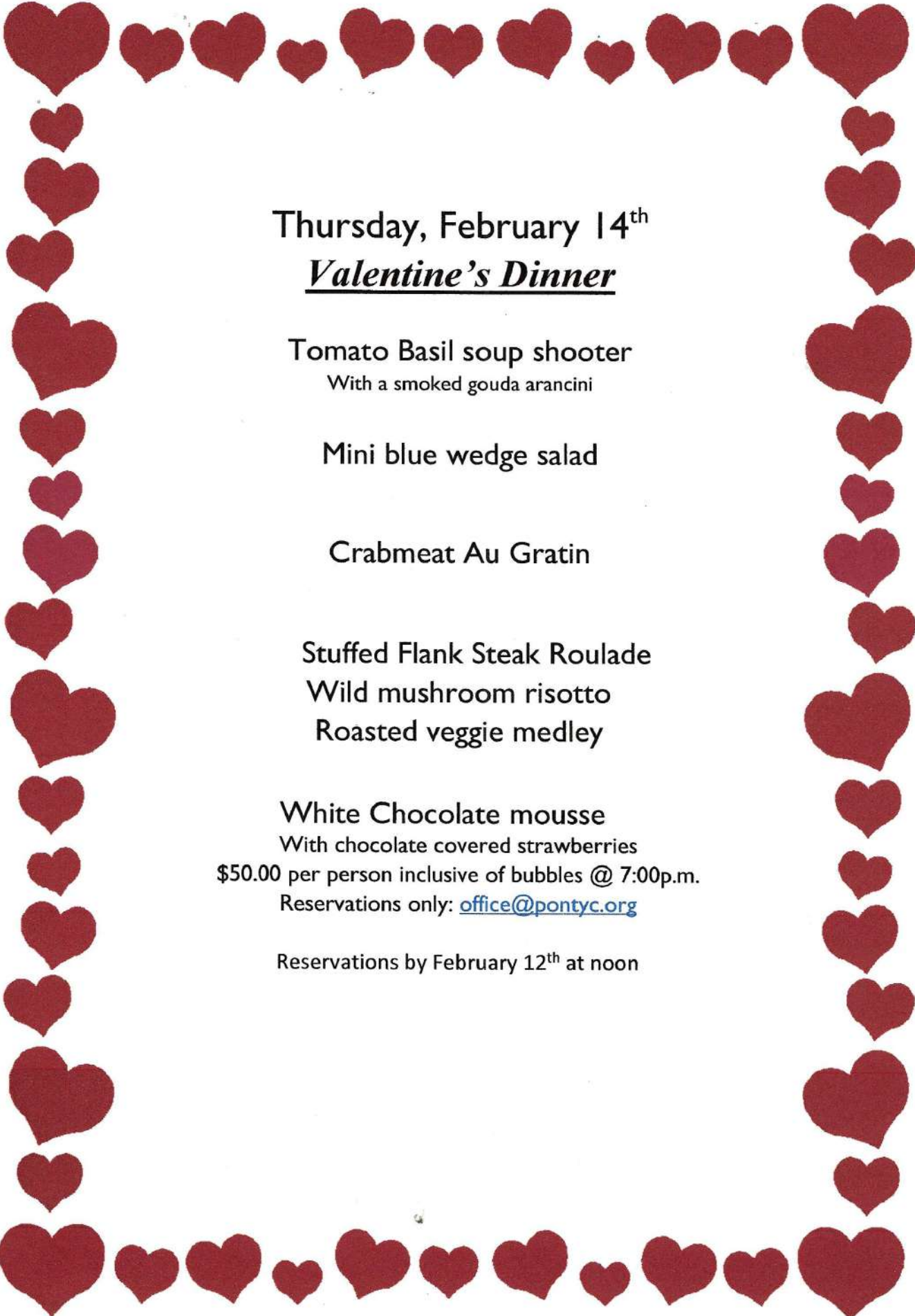
2019 GYA Youth Circuit Calendar - Final

Month	Date	Optimist	420s Trap/Spin	Laser/Laser Radial	Other
MARCH	16-17	Alfonso Sutter(GYC)		Alfonso Sutter(GYC)	
MAY	18-19		GYA Opening (SYC)	GYA Opening (SYC)	
MAY	25-26	Juby Wynne(SYC)			
JUNE	1-2		Schools Out (PontYC)	Schools Out (PontYC)	
JUNE	28-29	Junior Olympics(PYC)	Junior Olympics (PYC)		
JULY	6-7			Meigs (FWYC)	
AUGUST	3-4				Junior Liptons (PCYC)
AUGUST	17-18	Galloway (GYA)		Galloway-Laser GYA Chmpshp (GYC)	
SEPTEMBER	14-15	Back to School(PontYC)			
SEPTEMBER	28-29	Wadewitz(FYC)	Wadewitz(FYC)		
OCTOBER	19-20		420 Chmpshp(BWYC)		

Pontchartrain Yacht Club Racing Schedule - 2019		
Dates	Race/Sailing Event	Skippers Meeting
Jan 12	Frost Bite	10:30 AM
Jan 26	Winter #1, PontYC-CSA	10:30 AM
Feb 9	Winter #2, PontYC-CSA	10:30 AM
Mar 2	Winter #3, PontYC-CSA	10:30 AM
Mar 23-24	Northshore Cup High School	
Mar, 30	Spring #1, PontYC-CSA	10:30 AM
Apr 14	Spring #2, PontYC-CSA	12:30 PM
Apr 27-28	Viper Gulf Coast Championship	
May 4	Spring #3, PontYC-CSA	10:30 AM
Jun 1-2	School's Out Regatta	
Jun 8	Summer #1, PontYC-CSA	3:00 PM
Jul 13	Summer #2, PontYC-CSA	3:00 PM
Aug 3	Summer #3, PontYC-CSA	3:00 PM
Sep 14-15	Back to School Regatta	
Sep 29	Veterans Regatta	
Oct 5	Fall #1, PontYC-CSA	10:30 AM
Oct 19	Fall #2, PontYC-CSA	10:30 AM
Nov 9	Fall #3, PontYC-CSA	10:30 AM
Nov 30	Turkey Day	10:30 AM

GYA 2019 Schedule link: <http://www.gya.org/documents/schedule/>

<b>Ongoing</b>	Other on-water routine club activities that are loosely scheduled on an as-needed basis and do not amount to a significant number of boats on the water.
Jan-Nov	On the water events Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays. Skippers encouraged to go sailing. These are semi-informal outings involving local team building, go sailing and return to the club for evening activities.
Year-round	Small boat & PHRF sailing: Mondays - Sundays. These activities include clinics, sail practice for junior sailors, other informal racing to include, but not limited to, practice-starts and race management
May-Nov	Summer Sail Camp and miscellaneous clinics



Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
*Valentine's Dinner*

Tomato Basil soup shooter  
With a smoked gouda arancini

Mini blue wedge salad

Crabmeat Au Gratin

Stuffed Flank Steak Roulade  
Wild mushroom risotto  
Roasted veggie medley

White Chocolate mousse

With chocolate covered strawberries

\$50.00 per person inclusive of bubbles @ 7:00p.m.

Reservations only: [office@pontyc.org](mailto:office@pontyc.org)

Reservations by February 12<sup>th</sup> at noon



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# February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2
<div style="text-align: center;">  Create         </div>		<div style="text-align: center;">           6pm Taco Tuesda         </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">           6pm Hot Dogs!         </div>		<div style="text-align: center;">           7pm Guest Chef F         </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">           Event Rental Frost Bite Regattia         </div>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<div style="text-align: center;">           Bring a dish to shar 4pm No Call Bowl         </div>		<div style="text-align: center;">           6pm Taco Tuesda         </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">           6pm Hot Dogs!         </div>		<div style="text-align: center;">           Elizabeth Callais Cc         </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">           Event Rental PHRF Race #2         </div>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<div style="text-align: center;">           Event Rental         </div>		<div style="text-align: center;">           6pm Taco Tuesda 6:30pm Book Club         </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">           6pm Hot Dogs!         </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">           Valentine's Dinner Valentine's Day         </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">           Family Trivia Night Holly Parker Cookir         </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">           Event Rental         </div>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<div style="text-align: center;">           4pm Open Mic         </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">           Presidents' Day (ret)         </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">           6pm Taco Tuesda         </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">           6pm Hot Dogs! 6:30pm Board Me         </div>		<div style="text-align: center;">           Krewe of Eve/No F.         </div>	
24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1	2
<div style="text-align: center;">           BRUNCH         </div>		<div style="text-align: center;">           6pm Taco Tuesda         </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">           6pm Hot Dogs!         </div>		<div style="text-align: center;">           Krewe of Orpheus/I         </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">           PHRF race #3         </div>



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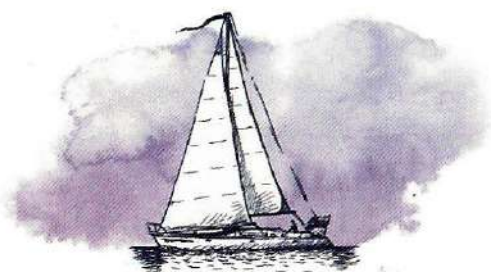
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