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Commodore's Corner

Now that March is moving in, hopefully we will get back to more normal weather patterns that include seeing a little more sunshine! It did seem happy and sunny in the PYC bar Wednesday evening when we hosted the Old Mandeville Business Association (OMBA) meeting. It was great meeting and networking with so many people from Old Mandeville! Thanks to Kaia and Nicole for their part in planning and cooking for this event! Thanks also for the many Past Commodores and the present Board members who came out to meet and greet our guests! We had several people who said they were interested in becoming members and others who were interested in some of our sailing programs. Plus I think we all had a lot of fun!

If you missed the Valentine's Day Dinner, you missed an exquisite meal! Many thanks to Kaia and Nicole! You really out did yourselves with the dinner this year! I think it was the best yet, the food, the drinks and the service! Thank you!!

March is always a very busy month at PYC with lots of different kinds of activities taking place so be sure to check out the March Calendar in this Chart. Also, read the articles that give you information about sailing and racing, about activities with our Juniors (including an Open House on Friday, March 15 from 12:00-4:00 for junior high and high school students in our area and then on that same day, the juniors and their families will fry and serve a catfish dinner as a fund raiser), and about the Social activities planned for March! Gigi has some fun events planned for us! Check out Holly's article about membership and learn about our new members.

I hope everyone has received the on line survey about PYC. Please take a few minutes to complete it. Your input is very important to us as we continue to work on our Strategic Plan. Something that we know we want to do is to have more kid friendly and family oriented functions and activities. We have started putting together ideas so if you have suggestions, please include those on your survey form. One thing that has already been accomplished with the Strategic Planning process is that we now have a Mission Statement! If you have any comments or suggestions about this statement, please include those in the survey or send an email to me or Dick Jones.

Commodore

Mission Statement for Pontchartrain Yacht Club

Pontchartrain Yacht Club located on the North Shore of Lake Pontchartrain in Mandeville is a family oriented, volunteer driven, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and encouraging participation in the sport of sailing, youth sailing instruction, and other boating related activities. The club also provides all members, their families and guests with a clubhouse and recreational facilities to enhance community and social gatherings in a fun, relaxed and comfortable environment. The club operates in a transparent and responsive manner while maintaining the highest ethical standards, and it actively supports our local civic and community organizations.

As we have been gathering information about the 50+ years of PYC, I've come across some interesting and sometimes funny information. The following came out of the March 1979 Chart:

“THE BAR

The time honored and much abused honor bar is on its way out. The Board has done much discussing of this thorny problem of late, and we are all agreed that a change will have to be made. Presently being considered are chit-books or doubloons which may be charged to your account, or a charge ring-up system with the register. We will, in our wisdom, adopt the system that we think is most adaptable to its desired purpose of making sure that we are paid for all drinks dispensed with the minimum of hassle. We have employed a bartender to be on duty on Saturdays and Sundays and will extend this to Friday evenings as well if business is sufficient to justify it.

The price of mixed drinks is presently one dollar, beer fifty cents and drinks and juices twenty-five cents. Wine has recently been added, and also sells for one dollar.”

Hope everyone has a safe and fun Mardi Gras!! Be sure to go to our website and check out all of the great information about PYC! Remember, you can always go to the calendar on our website to learn about the PYC Happenings!

Marian Arrowsmith

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Rear Commodore

Our January financial results were in line with our 2018 result, a small loss. Expect financials to improve as the weather warms and activity around the club picks up.

The response to the auto-gratuity question posed last month was underwhelming. The few responses were also negative. So there will be no change at this time; however, members can always ask Nicole to opt in. And remember that a gratuity is appreciated for food service too.

We appreciate your efforts at getting your monthly dues paid by the 20th of the month. As a reminder please read your bill and pay the amount due located at the top and the bottom of your bill. **DO NOT PAY THE BALANCE FORWARD!**

Auto draft is available for your monthly dues here at PYC. We also offer the option of paying monthly dues and charges using a Visa or Mastercard, please stop by the office to do so! We cannot keep your credit card on file for reoccurring bill payments. Just call Kaia or Allison in the office 626-3192 and they can help you get set up. This helps very much with our monthly cash flow.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Club soon!

Larry Young

Vice Commodore

I'm happy to report that your board is busy working on many projects to augment your PYC experience and entice new quality members. I've served under three commodores and with an assortment of board members and this board is on point. Smart and hard working.

Some of the improvements being considered and/or implemented include:

- Promoting our Juniors program by advertising in St. Tammany Schools, holding events to draw Juniors & Adults to learn about the club, and generally promoting PYC with local business groups.
- Ongoing building maintenance and repairs along with some discussion to reconfigure and/or possibly add on in order to facilitate a better family experience.
- Our sailing director, Mike McKnight, has the Junior's Regatta schedule put together, has started practices and has been working diligently to get our water assets fixed up and ready for our sailing season. Thanks Mike, keep up the good work.
- The creation of our Mission Statement and a strategic plan for our success.

We had the honor of hosting this month's OMBA meeting at the club Wednesday evening. It was a great opportunity for local Mandeville business owners to see the club. Commodore Arrowsmith asked Board members to attend and she had an opportunity to speak. She did a great job of explaining the club's history and who we are today.

Last month Rear Commodore Larry Young posted in his Chart article that the board had discussed doing an auto-gratuity for bar purchases and he was studying the idea and polling members. I think it is important for members to know that currently there is no automatic tipping in place. Please show your appreciation for the great service you receive by tipping appropriately. You can also voluntarily put yourself on an auto-gratuity list and the bartenders will make sure it happens. Megan and I chose to do that several years ago and it really simplifies things.

Finally, we couldn't have this fantastic facility without the help of many people. Staff, Board of Directors and volunteers alike. I'd like to thank everyone and encourage more people to get involved.

Sincerely
Court Richardson - Vice Commodore
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Race

It looks as if we will experience an early spring which means it's time to go sailing. Check out your sailing inventory, get your bottom cleaned, organize your crews and have fun sailing. We have completed two races in the winter series. We have had an average of 10 boats sailing. Please join us.

A special thanks to our Race committee Snoann, Adele, Randy and Lloyd for their assistance. We are having a great time learning to be an efficient race committee. We are always looking for new recruits to lend a hand to further the sport of sailing. We will teach you all of the required skills to be a successful RC member.

This spring many of our sailors will be traveling to regattas both local and national. Mardi Gras Regatta will be the first in New Orleans. The next regatta will be the J30 Midwinters. Good luck to all of our sailors!

Ken Buhler

Social

Well, I don't know, but I feel like February went by so quickly! I can't believe that it is already March! But I am looking forward to warmer weather and the greening and blooming that comes with it! March will be a very active month at PYC with PHRF races and Regattas, and of course, Mardi Gras!!!

For all events planned for March, please see the PYC Calendar, here are some special events you don't want to miss!

March 3– Open Mic

March 8 – Fried Shrimp Dinner from Nan's!

March 10– Mardi Paws

March 12 – Botox and Bordeaux

March 15– Junior's Fish Fry and Open House

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day, Irish Dinner!

March 19 – Book Club

March 20 – 2nd Annual Burning of the Socks at 5:30

Friday Guest Chef dinners will not be held during March due to the concerts at the Mandeville Trailhead.

I look forward to seeing you around the club!

Gigi Savona



New Members this month!

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One Design

The Capdevielle team had a good practice in late February to “knock the rust off”. In two weeks, we will be competing in the Mardi gras regatta which is the first Capdevielle race of the season. We look forward to continuing our success from last year and will keep you up to date with race results!!

Max Albert

Juniors

Spring is well on its way and the Juniors are gearing up for sailing. Practices have started and we are excited to be back on the water. We have an Optimist and Laser Regatta in Gulfport in 2 weeks, the Alphonso Sutter Regatta. We are hosting at Pontchartrain the Northshore Cup High School Regatta March 23. High school age sailors from around the region compete in 420s for the title and we hope to have a great event.

Also, on Friday March 15 we are hosting an open house for the junior sailing program and have distributed some 6,400 flyers in the school system to spread the word and entice junior sailors.

Pictured below is junior Evan Dauterive training on a Laser Radial. Go Evan!

Paul Rees



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Sailing

Congratulation to PYC's Hank Saurage who took second place in the RS Aero North American Midwinters at Palm Beach Sailing Club!



Ideal sailing conditions greeted the 24 RS Aero Midwinter racers who converged on Palm Beach this past weekend. The fleet raced on the ocean on Saturday in 15-20 knot winds and building seas that ranged from three to six feet, mixed with considerable chop. The challenging conditions added to the competitive racing over the four races run on Saturday.

With a strong contingent of first timers in the RS Aero, the opportunity to sail on the ocean was a bonus. Returning after racing through the Palm Beach Inlet on a strong ebb tide and a swell made for exciting surfing into Lake Worth as well!

Saturday evening a gourmet burger dinner was provided for the competitors by hosts, Palm Beach Sailing Club. Co-hosts, Sailfish Club of Florida, provided an array of appetizers and the always popular rum punch. Smiles and laughs were evident amongst the old and new friends.

Sunday conditions were too rough to attempt offshore racing so the Harry Anderson course was set on Lake Worth with winds inside ranging from 12-18 knots. Four races were run on Sunday with lots of close quarters action at mark roundings, and tactics playing a significant role in how the competitors fared.

A number of newbies in the 24-boat fleet made auspicious entries into the class. Eugene Schmitt from New Orleans looked very strong hiking and won the twelve boat RS Aero 7 class, followed by North American Class President Hank Saurage from Baton Rouge. Bill Dickey, a last-minute charterer from CT turned on the afterburners in Sunday's last two races to finish third, just ahead of Bob Patterson, with another newbie, Lee J. Montes from NY finishing fifth.

Jamie Gilman from RS Aero US Winter Series sponsor KO Sailing wasn't messing around, nabbing straight bullets in the nine boat RS Aero 5 class, including some very impressive port-tack starts. Regatta co-host Sailfish Club had three representatives in the top five, with Paul Gingras in second, Top Junior Nicholas Lorentzen in third and John Brim in fourth. Top Female sailor Melissa Solnick from NY rounded out the top five.



[RS Aero North American Midwinters at Palm Beach Sailing Club](#) - photo © Patrick Sullivan

Next up on the US Winter Series is another set of back to back weekends in March at Port Canaveral on 8-10th and then Sarasota on 14-17th, ideal for the long distance travellers looking for good racing and winter sun! Full event details and info on Charter RS Aeros are on the [RS Aero North American Events List here](#) and you can keep in touch with Everything Aero via the [RS Aero North American Facebook Group](#).

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24 BRUNCH ● 2pm Jr. Team Practice Create	25	26 ● 6pm Taco Tuesday	27 ● 5:30pm Event Rental ● 6pm Hot Dogs!	28	1 Krewe of Orpheus/I	2 PHRF race #3 ● 10:30am Jr. Team
3 Open Mic	4 Closed for Mardi Gras	5	6 ● 6pm Hot Dogs!	7 Shrimp Dinner	8	9
10 Mardi Paws!!! Daylight Saving Time	11	12 ● 4:30pm Jr. Team Practice ● 6pm Taco Tuesday ● 6pm Botox & Board	13 ● 6pm Hot Dogs!	14 ● 4:30pm Jr. Team Practice	15 ● 12pm Jr. Open House ● 7pm Friday Dinner	16 Alfonso Sutter Regatta
17 St. Patrick's Day ● 6pm Irish Dinner	18	19 ● 5:30pm Jr. Sail Te ● 6pm Taco Tuesday ● 6:30pm Book Club	20 Burning of the Sock ● 6pm Hot Dogs! ● 6:30pm Board Meeting	21 ● 4:30pm Jr. Team Practice	22 ● 7pm No F.F. Trailh ● 7:30pm Family Tri	23 High school Regatt.
24 ● 10am Bubbles Bru	25	26 ● 4:30pm Jr. Team Practice ● 6pm Taco Tuesday	27 ● 6pm Hot Dogs!	28 ● 4:30pm Jr. Team Practice	29 Event Rental ● 7pm No F.F.	30 Spring PHRF Race #3 ● 10:30am Jr. Team
31 Apr 1	Apr 1	2 ● 4:30pm Jr. Team Practice ● 6pm Taco Tuesday	3 ● 4:30pm Harbor Mixer ● 6pm Hot Dogs!	4 New Member Mixer ● 4:30pm Jr. Team Practice	5 Event Rental ● 7pm No F.F. Trailh	6 Event Rental 10am Adult Sailing

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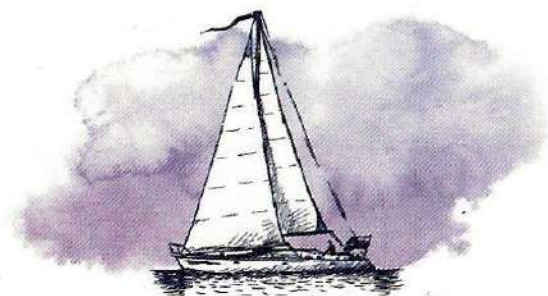
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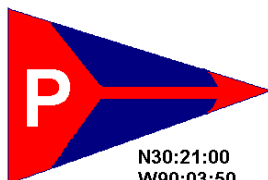


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