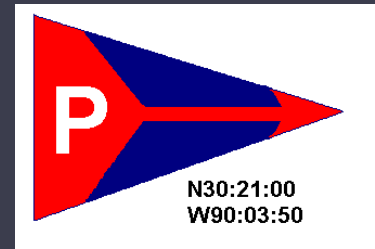


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Commodore's Corner

Lot's to unpack here. January was quite busy.

Pontchartrain Yacht Club was well represented at the GYA winter meeting in Gulfport. Thanks to our members who attended the meetings. It was educational to say the least. Some highlights...

- Jimmy Ruthven from St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club is our new GYA Commodore. That is Larry Ruthven's brother. I had breakfast with Jimmy Sunday morning prior to GYA meetings and enjoyed getting to know him.
- The GYA opening this year is being held at St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club on the weekend of May 1st.
- The Mardi Gras Regatta, hosted by New Orleans Yacht Club is once again a Capdevielle event. NOYC is ramping up the regatta and they promise it will be a fun and successful regatta.
- The GYA needs more judges and are willing to train people.

The Junior Sail Team has much going on. With the addition of the Christ Episcopal sailors we have more than doubled the team. We still need Opti sailors though so please get with our Junior Chair Mary McKeogh or our Sailing Director Mike McKnight for information about the team. Also, Harbor Mice to begin April first and go for 8 weeks.

We also had our first ladies sailing classroom instruction. Adele Dauphin helped to organize the meeting with the Lake Pontchartrain Women's Sailing foundation and it was very well attended. I encourage any lady that is interested in sailing to get involved with this program. Be on the lookout for the next meeting on our calendar or in Kaia's emails.

Our open mic night came a little early this month. It felt more like a singer/songwriter festival. The music was fantastic and we had good attendance. Please consider coming to these. We have a unique thing going on and we should support these talented musicians.

Reminder, don't discard your old sails. Sails for sustenance will take them and make sure they get used in Haiti by needy fisherman. Check out their website <http://sailsforsustenance.org> for more info.

Our club calendar can be found at <http://www.pontyc.org/calendar>. The calendar gets updated often so be sure to check it and as always read Kaia's emails as they are full of useful club info.

Smooth Sailing
Court Richardson - Commodore

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Vice Commodore

Greetings. Last August and September, as part of the SWOT Analysis, two meetings were held to discuss ways in which we can make the club more user friendly for young families and their children. Many ideas and suggestions were discussed. As a follow up I have invited a few of the members who attended to form a committee and recommend a variety of games, toys activities and events that would make for a better experience for the kids. Jen Messina and Chris Erichson have agreed to be part of the committee. I would like to have one or two more volunteers be part of this committee. If you are interested please contact me.

Thanks,

Dick Jones

Rear Commodore

The Consumer Price Index for the months Jan-Dec 2019 has come out. The CPI increased 2.3%; i.e., the average cost of everything used in our daily lives went up 2.3% in 2019 (I don't believe it either). Per the by-laws our dues, will increase accordingly. You will see this increase on your current bill.

And a reminder to all: NO ONE under 21 years old is allowed in the bar. Louisiana law only allows minors in the bar if food sales are greater than bar sales. Since we do not have much in the way of food service, the bar is off limits for everyone under 21. BTW, food service is not a money maker at other clubs.

Thanks for all you do to make PYC a great club. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Club soon!

Larry Young

Fleet Captain

The re-write of the Boatyard rental agreement has been implemented (see Mike) and also our policy on the use of PYC boats will adhere to. You need to be aware that, if you choose to utilize a club asset without proper authorization, you have probably removed yourself from under the Club's insurance umbrella. (Checkout forms are on the Office door)

We will try to get all of our powerboats serviced, repairs done, and up to proper requirements by the time sailing season kicks in. We also need to rearrange our own boat storage area adjacent to the club.

Additional (used) 420's have been acquired for the Juniors and Summer Camp use (Thanks – Paul Rees); Mike can use some help getting them repaired and up to speed.

The Saga of our missing marks: P was still there last Saturday!

As we crawl out of hibernation and back on to the water, please be aware of safety.

Brian Keating – Fleet Captain

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Juniors

The Junior sailing team started practice Saturday January 25 and we had a parent meeting January 28th to kick off the new year. We look forward to holding our High School Regatta Saturday March 7.

We are in need of Juniors who would like to race Optimists. If your child is interested, please contact our Junior Sailing Director Mike McKnight (sailingdirector@pontyc.org).

Mike McKnight and I attended the GYA Youth Committee Meeting on January 18th. There was a lot of great information shared regarding safety and junior sailing.

Mary McKeogh

Race

Good Day PYC sailors! We had a great beginning to a new decade for PYC sailing. We had 12 boats with crew in conjunction with Corinthian Sailing Association to enjoy the 50 degree temperatures and 3-8 knots of breeze. If you are a sailor, what more could you ask for in the middle of January ? It was truly one of the most delightful days on the lake. The Women's Sailing Association took advantage of the great weather and showed up to crew. We hope to have more ladies on the lake in our upcoming races. Our skippers are willing to show you how to sail so just show up. The beauty of sailing is hard to beat. This week's winners are The Bear and Knot Normal Too. Congratulations to Steve Choate and John David, well done!

The race committee has been working on the race schedules for 2020. We have been attending GYA meetings and working on recruitment of PYC members to join. So, if you want to learn about racing what better way to do it than join the race committee.? The PYC race schedule is published on Facebook, the bulletin board and PYC Race One Drive. After each race, you will see the results at the bar while enjoying adult beverages.

If you have not gotten your boats ready for this sailing season, it's not too late. Get your bottoms cleaned. Talk to Dave for your new sails and don't forget about the adult beverages for the crew. Check the schedule and have some fun.

Ken Buhler

A word from one of our new sailors

I went to the race on Saturday to volunteer on the race committee. I was surprised to be asked to help crew on the Big J, a 30' boat. Tim (the boat owner) quickly gave me a run down on how to tack and the basics of what my duties would be. I quickly got the hang of the pace for tacking and even though we were the last to start (we had the lowest rated boat), we managed to pass three others before we lost win on the final leg. It was a LOT of fun and I was asked to join the crew for future sails. I'll be joining them this Saturday as well. I highly recommend everyone coming out Saturday for the makeup race. Show up at the skipper's meeting at 10:30 and volunteer. They'll find you a spot somewhere - maybe even on the Big J with me. It was so much fun - but bring a hat, sunglasses and SUNSCREEN! I had raccoon-face by the end of the day. LOL.

Jessica

Pontchartrain Yacht Club Racing Schedule - 2020

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Dates	Race/Sailing Event	Skippers Meeting
Jan 11	Frost Bite	10:30 AM
Jan 25	Winter #1, PontYC-CSA	10:30 AM
Feb 8	Winter #2, PontYC-CSA	10:30 AM
Mar 7	Winter #3, PontYC-CSA	10:30 AM
Mar 7	Northshore Cup High School	
Mar 28	Spring #1, PontYC-CSA	10:30 AM
Apr 11	Spring #2, PontYC-CSA	12:30 PM
May 2	Spring #3, PontYC-CSA	12:30 PM
May 30-31	School's Out Regatta	
Jun 13	Summer #1, PontYC-CSA	3:00 PM
Jul 11	Summer #2, PontYC-CSA	3:00 PM
Jul 25	Summer #3, PontYC-CSA	3:00 PM
Aug 29-30	Back to School Regatta	
Oct 10	Fall #1, PontYC-CSA	10:30 AM
Oct 31	Fall #2, PontYC-CSA	10:30 AM
Nov 7	Veterans Regatta	
Nov 21	Fall #3, PontYC-CSA	10:30 AM
Nov 28	Turkey Leg	10:30 AM

GYA 2020 Schedule link: <http://www.gya.org/documents/schedule/>

Ongoing	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

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Closed Mondays, typically will have radio contact (#68 or 69) with on-water events



VALENTINE'S DINNER

Thursday, February 13th
7 p.m.

1st course:

Pork belly

Micro greens, pickled onions, pineapple pepper jelly vinaigrette

2nd course:

Corn and crab bisque

3rd course:

Beef tips

Cremini mushrooms, green top carrots, rosemary Parmesan grits and asparagus

4th course:

Chocolate torte

Fresh raspberry sauce

Champagne and wine included

\$50.00 per person

Plated dinner

Babysitting available

Reservations required: office@pontyc.org

Social

Big thank you to the social committee for coming to the last meeting to plan for the first half of the year. I appreciate **Marian Arrowsmith, Elizabeth Callais, Becca Choate, Kacey Zillner, Dick Jones, Anne Rooks, Julie Bolyard, and Heather Doolittle** for their time and dedication to making this club **even better!** We came up with some great ideas and set out a calendar for social events through June, 2020. **On May 13, 2020 at 6 pm**, we will have another social committee meeting. Please plan to attend if you are at all interested in helping with events or have ideas for events. A few notes:

Friday night food: members are given a budget of \$300 to provide dinner, side, and a desert for 30 people. This can be made or just picked up from one of our local restaurants! It is super easy and a great way to meet new people. Thank you **Heather and Bryan Stokes** and to **Annie and Jason Rooks** for stepping up to help this month.

Dates to mark down:

Ladies Sailing Class- Feb 6 @ 630 pm- We had a great turnout and learned LOTS thanks to **Adele Dauphin!**

Bingo- Feb 7 @ 7 pm- Great family event with prizes!

Open Mic- Feb 9 @ 430 pm- We are lucky enough to have **Bicycle Jones and crew** to entertain us

Valentines Dinner- Feb 13 @ 7pm- 3 courses with wine and champagne!

Book Club- Feb 18 @ 6:30 pm- Book is *Unsheltered*, By Kingsolver

Mardi Gras- Club Closed- Feb 25th

Trivia- Feb 28 @ 7 pm- Great event (thanks to the extraordinary **Elizabeth Callias!**)

Krewe Du Pooch- Feb 29th- PYC is a sponsor and we **need** volunteers- please see Kaia or Clancey to help sign up

Tea Party- Sunday, March 8, more information to follow!

AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS- MARCH 22- 11 AM- **DRAG QUEEN BRUNCH!**

PYC will be hosting a brunch with bottomless champagne and entertainment courtesy of 4 Drag Queens

\$60 for the event

80 people max, first come first take!

All members will be able to bring a plus 1, so get to thinking about who you would like to bring!

We will send out invitation to the event in late February, be on the lookout

Hope to see you all around the club!

Thanks,

Clancey Powell

February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 Event Rental ● 2pm Practice@Po	27	28 ● 6pm Taco Tuesday ● 6pm ParentMeet@	29 Kid's Spanish Class ● 6pm Hot Dogs!	30 Burger Sliders	31 ● 7pm Guest Chef F	Feb 1 ● 2pm Practice@Po
2 ● 11am Practice@P	3	4 ● 6pm Taco Tuesday	5 Kid's Spanish Class ● 6pm Hot Dogs!	6 Burger Sliders ● 8am Event rental ● 6:30pm Women's	7 Bingo! ● 4pm BoatPrep@P ● 7pm Guest Chef F	8 PHRF race #2 ● 9am Practice@Ba
9 Brunch ● 4pm Open Mic	10	11 ● 6pm Taco Tuesday	12 Event Rental Kid's Spanish Class ● 6pm Hot Dogs!	13 ● 7:30am Event Ren ● 7pm Valentine's D	14 Eve Parade	15 Event Rental Event Rental ● 2pm Practice@Po
16 Event Rental ● 2pm Practice@Po	17	18 ● 6pm Taco Tuesday ● 6:30pm Book Club	19 Kid's Spanish Class ● 6pm Hot Dogs! ● 6:30pm Board Me	20 Burger Sliders ● 8am Event Rental	21 ● 4pm BoatPrep@P ● 7pm Guest Chef F	22 ● 9am Practice@Ba
23	24 Club Closed for Ma MardiGras	25 Kid's Spanish Class ● 6pm Hot Dogs!	26 Kid's Spanish Class ● 6pm Hot Dogs!	27 Burger Sliders	28 Trivial! ● 7pm Guest Chef F	29 Event Rental ● 2pm Krewe Du Po

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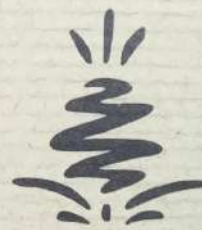
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