



The Tell Tale

The Official Publication of the Shreveport Yacht Club

February 2012

Items of Interest:

- SUPER BOWL Chili & Cornbread Cook-off— Feb 5th
- Sweetheart Dinner— Feb 10th 6:30
- Valentines Day—Feb 14th
- Poker Night—Feb 16th 6:00
- **SYC ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING - FEB 17th 6:30**
- North Sails Seminar — Feb 25th
- Harbormaster Update
- SYC Youth - Orange Bowl Update

North Sail's "North U. Trim Tour" comes to SYC

Skippers, Crew, Junior Sailors - Everyone should be on the same page - Now is the time to Get Fast....Fast!

The North U Racing Trim Seminar is offered as a one day course focusing on boat speed and boat handling.

Bicycles, bobsleds, sailboats. No matter what you race, you've got to be fast to win. If it's sailboats you race, then the North U Trim Seminar is for you. North U Trim Seminars teach the latest in racing skills with an emphasis on

practical, proven, real world techniques that will help you win.

You will learn the fundamentals of upwind performance, plus advanced techniques that balance angle of attack, sail depth, and twist in both the main and jib in order to optimize speed and pointing in all conditions. Through animated graphics, photos, and video you will see how the champions do it.

In addition, the course covers the latest in spinnaker trim and control for both conventional

and asymmetric spinnakers.

But that is not all! The course also teaches proven boat handling methods that put you in control. You'll see how to set, jibe, and douse all types of spinnakers in all kinds of weather. You will leave with the tools to make your boat handling second nature, and your boat speed second to none.

Be at the club on Feb 25!!

Cost: \$85 SYC Members / \$115 Non Members
Class: 8:30 check in /9:00—4:30



CHUCK FADELY/MIAMI HERALD STAFF

SYC's Max Hudson Sailing in Miami, FL— Orange Bowl Regatta

Commodore's Comments—What's The Plan, Stan?



I'll tell you...I did not see the Giants playing the Pats in the Super Bowl. But I do see us all having a great time watching the game together at the Club. There's already a long line of SY-Chefs lined up and ready to deliver gallons of chili and cornbread next Sunday.

Also, please don't wait much longer to sign up for the Sweetheart Dinner and Dance on the 10th. It's almost booked. The Band and the Chef are sure to deliver a fine evening. Don't forget, the *North U. Sail Trim Tour* makes its stop at SYC on Feb. 25. If you want to hone your sail shape, learn practical techniques, and get your boat to the finish faster, enroll now.

Overall, the Club is in fine shape as we compile reports to deliver to the Membership at the Annual Business Meeting on February 17th. An operating budget has been delivered by the Finance Committee, approved by the Board, and is ready to be presented to the Membership. It has been well reasoned, and extensively prepared. You will see that there are some very impressive new cost savings being implemented. For the first time in over a decade we are now able to save money as a regular practice. The Long Range Planning Committee is completing a far-seeing plan that examines our capital expenditures for 2012 and also through the next years, and beyond. With the help of many volunteer members, we are running a much more efficient machine. With confidence, we can now

shape a plan for the future. Comfortably, we can now begin to tackle larger projects that have been stalled for far too long. Make sure you make plans to be there at 6:30 to help move the Club forward.

Be assured that the Board, and it's Committees, are working diligently to improve your Club and make it a great place for all Members to enjoy equally. While staying grounded to judicious fiscal disciplines, I am sure our plans will make this Club progress and prosper. As Commodore, I am doing my very best to insure that our Club will always be a comfortable and rewarding retreat for you and your family - now, and in the future. There is a plan for that!

-Kevin Willey

SYC Sailing Program— ORANGE BOWL REGATTA—Max Hudson



This past Christmas Santa brought presents to our family at the Marriott Courtyard in Coral Gables, Florida. We

were there so I could participate in my first Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta. It is the largest youth regatta in the United States and is held in Miami, Florida at the Coral Reef Yacht Club. Geoffrey Nelson (from Chandlers Landing Yacht Club in Dallas) was my skipper and we used my new Club 420 sailboat. It was a four-day regatta that started with practice races on the day after Christmas with 525 kids and about 1000 parents/coaches. Sailors (age 8 - 18) came from 23 states and 22 countries. One Optimist sailor came from Israel. There were three different types of boats in this regatta - Optimists (300 boats), Lasers (150 boats) and

Club 420 (75 boats).

Every morning we arrived at 8 a.m. to rig the boat and get it in line for launching, have a twenty minute meeting with our coach (Bill Draheim) and get launched by 9 a.m. to sail out to the race course for a 10 a.m. warning gun. All 75 - 420s launched off a hoist or concrete ramp that were right next to each other. There were plenty of Orange Bowl volunteers that looked like former football players. They would take our boat and dolly and get it in the water for us. Then they took the dolly and stacked them in order by number. When you came in each afternoon, you gave them your assigned number and they would go retrieve your dolly from the stack and help you get your boat on the dolly and up the ramp.

I have only participated in four 420 regattas and the most boats that were on the starting

line at those regattas was ten. At Orange Bowl, there were 75 boats on the starting line. The starts were really crazy especially at the start of the sequence, but around the one-minute horn, boats started to line up and things became less hectic. On my first day of racing, the wind was fairly strong, and not long after we rounded the windward mark, we broached and capsized. It took Geoffrey and I at least fifteen minutes to get the boat righted. Once the boat was back up, we were faced with a cockpit full of water and our bailer was gone. We finally realized that the auto-bailer was not working since the napkin from our Subway sandwich was lodged in it so we spend the remainder of the race bailing with

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SYC - Harbormaster— Monty Walford

I'm very pleased to help Kevin in his tenure as Commodore by serving as Harbormaster. In reviewing the slips & parking there are some problems that we must clear up. There are at least 18 boats or trailers parked on the hard surface parking which are not being billed for the particular numbered space. Perhaps some have been moved from their assigned space. To help update the database, if you are parking a boat or trailer in the parking lot please e-mail me at monty@jm-aircraft.com & let me know which numbered spot you are parking in.

To protect the parking lot surface it has long been a requirement that all trailers have blocks under the tongue. Currently many don't & at

least one has seriously damaged the asphalt surface. Effective March 1 the Board of Directors has voted to charge a \$25 fee for club personnel to place blocks under any trailer. This charge will be added to the renter's SYC bill. Please help us protect the surface of the lot by placing blocks under your trailer.

Member parking is not authorized on the grass on the left as you come through the gate. **This area is for short term transient parking only.** Many boats & trailers are currently parked there & must be moved. Hard surface parking spots are available. Please

e-mail me for an assigned space. Any trailer not moved from this area by March 1 will be moved by club personnel & a \$25 charge added to the member's bill.

If you would like to be on the waiting list for a covered slip please e-mail me or advise the club manager in writing & we will add your name to the waiting list.

Monty Walford

SYC—Swap Shop / Crew Wanted



If you would like to add an item to the SYC Swap Shop / Crew Wanted list, please email the Club shreveportyachtclub@comcast.net Ads will run only one month at time and must be renewed monthly.

- Spinnaker pole, 2" diameter, 101" length - \$50. Monty Walford, 222-5430, 868-6281, monty@jm-aircraft.com
- Crew needed. Foredeck needed on Catalina 22 - Willeytipit. Willing to train. Contact Kevin Willey @ [617-6154](tel:617-6154)

ORANGE BOWL REGATTA continued

finishes out of 75 on the first day of racing.

Geoffrey and I placed 30th overall by the end of the regatta. One of my favorite things about the week was meeting and being around other sailors because we all share a common interest. My aunt and uncle gave me the 420 in September and for Christmas they gave me a custom spinnaker. During the regatta, the Miami Herald newspaper featured a large photograph of four boats (one of which was mine!) sailing downwind with the spinnakers up. Orange Bowl was an awesome experience for youth sailors that are interested in competing.

February 2012

Please confirm dates and times with management before making plans

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | 1 | 2 Power Squadron 6:30 | 3 Pot Luck 7 pm | 4 |
| 5 SuperBowl Chili Cookoff 5 pm | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Board Mtg 6:30 | 10 Sweetheart Dinner 6:30 pm | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 Valentines Day | 15 | 16 Poker Night 6 pm | 17 Annual Business Mtg 6:30 | 18 |
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Goto: www.shreveportyachtclub.com

Contributions to "The Tell Tale" are always welcome. Please email correspondence by the 15th of each month to:

shreveportyachtclub@comcast.net

Club Hours

The Clubhouse is closed on Monday & Tuesday

Office Hours:

Wednesday : Sunday : Noon - 6 pm

Bar Hours:

Wednesday: Friday : 3 pm - 10 pm

Saturday : Noon - 10 pm

Sunday: Noon - 8:30 pm

- Bar hours subject to change at Managers discretion

Kitchen Hours:

Lunch is served every Saturday & Sunday

11:30 am - 2: 00 pm

Gas Hours:

Saturday: 9:30 am - 6:30 pm

Super Bowl XLVI



Means it's time for the 2012
Chili & Cornbread Cookoff
Sunday, February 5th

...sign up at the clubhouse

Judging @ 5:00
Kickoff @ 5:30

Friday, February 10th



6:30-9:00pm

You're in for a fine treat with music by

A Fine Romance

*If you like swinging to music in the vein of Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra & Michael Buble,
you're going to have a great night*

Three Course Meal Prepared In-house by

Chef John Salmon

Salad

- Spinach Salad with Sherry Vinaigrette

Choose Entrée

- White Chocolate Chicken
- Baked Salmon with pecan Filling
- Pork Loin Stuffed with Sausage Spinach and Roasted Red Pepper

Dessert

- Shortcake w/Strawberry Soup, Vanilla Ice Cream and macerated Berries

\$30 per person—Wine and Soft Drinks Included



Dear Members,

The Annual Business Meeting will be held on Friday, February 17th at 6:30pm. In advance of the meeting, I have made a list of motions and By-Law amendments that will be discussed and up for a vote. We've had a great deal of help from Building & Grounds, Long Range Planning, and Finance Committees to arrive at a point to begin improving our Club substantially and confidently. These diverse committees began meeting as early as last November to develop what will be presented at this important annual meeting. I encourage everyone to attend, participate and cast their vote accordingly.

Phase I of the task to "Rebuild B-Pier and refurbish the sailboat slips on C-Pier in the harbor as soon as possible" – a motion that was passed at the Annual Election Meeting this past October – has already been prioritized by Long Range Planning and now the Finance Committee is proud to present it. The Finance Committee is continuing to work to assemble a proposal for Phase II of this mandate. That will come in a special meeting in the very near future.

Please read the motions and By-Law amendments below so you know what's on the table. If you have any questions or need clarification, feel free to ask me or other members of the Board. As a group we have an agenda dictated by our By-Laws...we're all working hard, on behalf of the Members, to improve and enhance the Club. Thanks, in advance, for making plans to attend.

Your Commodore,

Kevin Willey

Motions

-Motion to approve an expenditure of \$20,000 from cash – \$10,000 from Slip and Pier account, \$10,000 from Long Range Planning account – to repair, coat, and restripe the parking lot.

-Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$40,000 from cash from Slip and Pier account to demolish and reconstruct the 14 slips on C-Pier in the harbor, and repair the failing A-frame foundation (Phase I).

-Motion to approve the expenditure of \$15,000 from Long Range planning account to remodel the bar according to the posted drawing, given that the remaining \$20,000 of anticipated expense is raised by the membership through donations, or loaned to the club by members at 0% interest over a 12 month term.

-Motion to increase the monthly rental for covered boat slips on A-pier to \$70.00 per month effective March 1, 2012, to increase the rental for hard surface parking spaces for boats & trailers to \$25.00 per month effective March 1, 2012, and to increase the rental rate for present B-pier covered slips to \$70.00 per month effective with the first billing period at least 90-days after the completion and acceptance of the pier following its complete rebuild. Additional covered slips on B-Pier are priced at \$70, effective at the point of rental.

By-Law Amendments

By-Law change proposed by Monty Walford regarding vacancies on the Board of Directors.

Amend ARTICLE II, Section 5. VACANCIES as follows:

Remove the section entirely and replace as follows: “The Board of Directors shall have the authority to fill any vacancy occurring within its membership. Notice of the vacancy shall be posted on the club bulletin board within forty-eight hours of the vacancy occurring. The replacement shall be made by the appointment of a member in good standing selected by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors. The replacement member shall be appointed in no more than forty-five days from the date that the vacancy occurs and the appointee shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the member he or she is appointed to replace. All vacancies on the Board of Directors and the name of the appointee shall be published in the next monthly issue of Tell Tale.”

Amend ARTICLE III, Section 4. VACANCIES as follows:

Remove the section entirely and replace as follows: “The Board of Directors shall have the authority to fill any vacancy in the officers of the club. Notice of the vacancy shall be posted on the club bulletin board within forty-eight hours of the vacancy occurring. The replacement shall be made by the appointment of a member in good standing selected by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors. The replacement officer shall be appointed in no more than forty-five days from the date that the vacancy occurs and the officer appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the officer he or she was appointed to replace. All officer vacancies and the name of the appointee shall be published in the next monthly issue of Tell Tale.”

By-Law change proposed by Monty Walford regarding absentee voting.

ARTICLE VI(i):

Delete current paragraph in its entirety and replace with:

- (i) “Proxy voting shall not be allowed. Members who will be unable to attend a general membership meeting may submit an absentee ballot in person to the club office or by mail. All ballots must be received at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the membership meeting. Absentee ballots shall be in a sealed envelope clearly marked “ballot”. Ballots shall not be opened until the counting of ballots at the membership meeting. The minutes of the membership meeting shall include the number of ballots received and the names of those members who submitted ballots.”

By-Law change proposed by David Young regarding Nominations.

Amend ARTICLE III, Section 2(a) by adding:

Nominating Committee members shall not be eligible for nomination by the Nominating Committee on which they serve. Nominating Committee members shall be eligible for nomination from the floor in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section.

Amend ARTICLE III, Section 2(b) by adding:

If nominations from the floor are made in accordance with para (c) of this section and received by the Secretary at least six weeks before the annual meeting the names of the individuals nominated shall be posted on the club bulletin board and published in the September Tell Tale. If the nominations from the floor are not received before publication of the September Tell Tale but are received by the Secretary before September 20 the names of those nominated shall be published in the October Tell Tale.