



The Tell Tale

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2011 Van Hagaman Trophy

In June, SYC instructors and trainers select one student from each summer sailing session who they feel best exemplifies the "Corinthian Spirit." The Corinthian Spirit is a code of conduct that emphasizes character, i.e., integrity, respect, good judgment, courtesy, and unselfishness. It is about helping another without being asked, congratulating for a job well done, and recognizing other's positive efforts. Examples of the Corinthian Spirit are helping fellow sailors rig a boat when they are having trouble, aiding a sailor in difficulty on the water, and congratulating a competitor for a great race (even though they beat you). It can make the difference between a classy performance and sour grapes. It is always difficult to select one recipient from each sailing session, but, this year, the awards go to Josefina Simoncini and Katherine Hanselman. Recipients are presented with, a personal trophy, and their names are engraved on a perpetual trophy, which hangs at the Club's entrance. Congratulations are in order for these two young ladies! Also, thank you Fran and Van for endowing these awards!

Harold Battarbee
Chair, Sailing Education Committee

Labor Day Adult Sailing Class

In September, the Sailing Education Committee is offering adult sailing classes over the four-day Labor Day weekend. Compressing training into four days makes the process much easier to orchestrate and completes the process in a convenient and timely manner. Best of all, there is a good chance that the oppressive summer heat and doldrums can be avoided. Also, group sessions are much more effective for teaching, less expensive, and a lot more fun. Classes are preferably taught in the JY-15, classically constructed, sloop-rigged dingies, which are excellent teaching boats. During the recent Memorial Day weekend session, however, the class was forced into larger boats due to the unusually high winds (15-20 mph, gusts to 30). The Labor Day Session will be held September 2nd-5th. Classes will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. The cost will be kept at \$300 for Club members and \$350 for non-members. Should a non-member choose to become a Club member after the session, a \$50.00 rebate will be given. Please note that all proceeds are used to maintain and improve the SYC Sailing Program. US Sailing-certified instructors teach the classes. The sailing program is definitely hands on. You will be sailing by the end of the holiday. For more complete information, take a look at the SYC web site (<http://www.shreveportyachtclub.com>). Click on the Sailing Education link. Also, there is a Facebook link within the Sailing Education site, which many find to be fun. If you wish to enroll, contact me via email, and I will send you the necessary forms. Timely registration is important, for the lessons are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and the program can accommodate twelve adults.

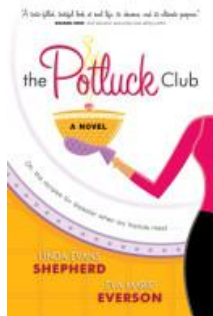
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COMMODORE COMMENT'S

I am deeply saddened by the tragic accident that took the life of Mr. Ernest Beauvais at the Club on July 1. I ask you to please keep the Beauvais Family and their friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Your Commodore,
Bill Sniffen

SYC Ladies Book Club



The next Ladies Book Club meeting will be Sat. August 6, at 11:00 AM, at the home of Pat Colbert, 2909 Moss Point Road, Shreveport, (this is not very far from the SYC). The book is *The Potluck Club, Book 1* by Linda Evans Shepherd and Eva Marie Everson.

Meet the Potluck Club --- Six women who gather each month to share their insatiable appetite for good friends, great food and a pinch of prayer. Their seemingly unlikely friendship brings a little spice to life in Summit View, Colorado. The Potluck Club discovers that friendship is no piece of cake. "A slice of life with the flavor of Steel Magnolias."

All ladies are invited. This is a great group. Brunch will be served. Please call 631-8150 to RSVP (or get directions).

Max Hudson – Youth Sailor on the Move

Max Hudson has been a busy sailor this year. After doing a stellar job of crewing with Mark Van Doren on his Hobie 20 earlier this year at Holiday In Dixie, Max crewed on his own Hobie 16 with skipper Jake Larson from Iowa at the Hobie 16 Youth Championships held in Ocean Springs, MS, in June. Although Max and Jake are new to the H16 and were towards the back of the pack in the final standings, they managed to finish well in several races. Both had a blast and picked up valuable experience that will contribute immensely to their growth as sailboat racers.

Max has also been busy sailing with Steven Pracht on a 420. They participated in a clinic at Rush Creek Yacht Club in Dallas and competed in a 420 regatta on Galveston Bay. They will campaign the 420 in several other events this year along the Gulf Coast. Like a ping-pong ball, Max will bounce back and forth between 420's and Hobies for the rest of the year. He will again crew with Mark Van Doren on the Hobie 20 at the Hobie Mid America's at Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club on Labor Day weekend. After Max whips Mark into shape during more practice this fall, they will compete at the Hobie 20 National Championships in Fort Walton Beach in November. Keep plugging Max, these experiences are exactly what you need to develop into a great sailor.



Max Hudson prepares to raise the jib on his boat at the Hobie 16 Youth National Championships in Ocean Springs, MS in June.

The members of the 2011 Nominating Committee are as follows:

Chairman:

Kaye Crichlow

Members-At-Large:

Harold Battarbee

Linda Jordan

Linda Shimwell

Mark Van Doren

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**Cross Lake Combeaux Regatta
Shreveport Yacht Club
October 14 – 16, 2011**

Go to the SYC's Website for the NOR to
this Regatta.

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PURE POWER

Tips For Preparing For Summer Lightening Storms

It's the heat of summer, and with that brings those nasty, out of nowhere thunderstorms, and lightning. At the SYC we have had more than our share this year, and a couple have been nasty complete with injuries. Because of space limitations all aspects of boating safety and thunderstorms cannot be discussed, so I thought lightning and boating safety would be a good place to start. As we all know getting back to basics is never a bad thing! Safe boating! "Flying Monkey"

Don't wait until it's too late: Get off the water early. Getting to a safe harbor is the safest bet. If you're in a powerboat and can't get in, you may be able to get around the storm.

- **Inside is best:** If you can't get off the water in time, the best place to be on a boat is inside any cabin, but avoid being near the mast or chain plates (sailboats), or large metal appliances like refrigerators.
- **Keep away from metal:** If there is no "down below" and you're stuck out on deck, stay away from metal railings, wheels, the mast and mast stays (both on sailboats), or any other metal fittings. A boater was killed in North Carolina when lightning jumped from his sailboat's backstay to his head and then the metal steering wheel he was holding.
- **Don't be a lightning rod:** If you're on an open boat, stay low and in the center. Depending on the severity of your situation, it's also a good idea to remove jewelry. The US Coast Guard reported a case a few years ago in which lightning struck a man who was standing up wearing a large medallion.
- **Stay out of the water:** Don't fish during a thunderstorm – or dangle toes overboard.
- **Disconnect the power and antenna leads to your electronics:** Many strikes just damage electronics so disconnecting them goes a long way in preventing equipment damage.
- **Lower antenna:** Unless they serve as part of a lightning protection system, lower any antennas.
- **Stay silent:** Don't use the VHF unless absolutely necessary.
- **Lightning grounding protection systems:** Grounding systems, which provide a path for the lightning to enter and safely exit the boat, must be free of corrosion if they are going to provide any protection.
- **Dissipater dilemma:** As for mast-top lightning dissipaters, there is no agreement by the experts on how well or if they work at all. It should be noted that Boat US insurance claims files show that boats with "brush-like" dissipaters mounted at the top of the mast have been struck by lightning.
- **If you do get hit:** 1) Check people first; 2) then check the bilge as strikes can rupture through-hull fittings and punch holes in hulls; 3) check electronics and compass, and if all is good up to this point, 4), you may want to consider a short haul to check the bottom thoroughly (trailer boats can be inspected when you get back home). The challenge with lightning strikes is that they sometimes leave hard to find traces of damage that may only be seen when the boat is out of the water.

MANAGER'S NOTES

All boats parked in the parking lot please make sure you have a block under the tongue jack.

Members who have boats moored in the water please check your dock lines because the lake level is dropping.

On September 5th the Club will have its annual Labor Day Catfish Fry starting at noon.

Please join me in welcoming the new members:

Jared Barkofen
Jason Edwards
Richard Hibbs
David C. Moore
Jose Neugart

Save the date...

Cook Your Own Steak Night

Saturday August 20th at 6 p.m. \$15.00 per person

You choose which tender cut filet mignon you want to grill to your specifications and we'll provide the baked potatoes, salad and rolls.

CLUB HOURS

Clubhouse is closed on Monday & Tuesday

Office Hours:

Wednesday - Sunday
Noon to 6 p.m.

Bar Hours:

Wednesday - Friday
3 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday
Noon to 10 p.m.
Sunday
Noon to 8:30 p.m.

Kitchen Hours:

Lunch is served every
Saturday & Sunday
11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gas Hours:

Saturday
9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Sunday
Noon to 6 p.m.

August 2011 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Power Squadron 6:30 pm	5 Pot Luck 7 pm	6 Ladies Book Club 11 am
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