



The Tell Tale

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OH, SAY CAN YOU SEE?

by Coco Hudson



Have you ever been to your local library? If so, have you ever seen an Optimist and/or Sunfish sailboat parked INSIDE your library? If so, you were probably at the Broadmoor Memorial Library in Shreveport on Friday, June 18th at 11:30 a.m. And, if so, you got to see the 65+ parents and children that were sitting in chairs, sitting on the floor, standing in the back, or the ones climbing inside the boats waiting for the sailing presentation to begin. The energy and excitement level at seeing these boats inside the library was such that you would have thought a rock star was in the building.

Yes, our own Harold Battarbee and David McCary took time out of their day, and managed to get these boats inside the library, and give a wonderful presentation to these 65+ interested and excited parents and kids that literary packed the room. Carol McCary (David's wife) is to be credited for arranging this most unusual, yet educational event.



Harold and David talked about the history of these boats, and about the Junior Sailing Educational Program that the SYC has to offer. We watched a video of an Optimist regatta that clearly showed young children competing in a national racing event. It was another "sight to behold" seeing these kids curiously climbing inside these boats, and asking how soon they could learn to sail.

The SYC Junior Sailing group is hard at work to increase interest in families sailing together. This is just another example of volunteers continuing their efforts to promote membership and junior sailing at the Shreveport Yacht Club.



2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As required in the SYC Bylaws, the Board of Directors elected the 2010 Nominating Committee during its July Meeting. This Committee is charged with selecting nominees for each of the 2011 Board positions. Nominees' names shall be presented at the Fall Meeting of the general membership. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting, provided the nominees have approval in writing of at least five members. Floor nominees' names must be filed with the Secretary at least ten days prior to the meeting. These names must also be posted at least seven days before the meeting. This year the Nominating Committee shall consist of the following individuals: Henry Baker (Chairman), Bill Dykes, Ed Owen, Dale Pracht, and Bill Meaney.

Save the date...

Cook-Your-Own Steak Night!!!

Saturday, August 14
6:30 p.m.

You pick your meat, grill it to
your specifications and
we'll fix the sides!

Sign up at the Club or on online at
www.shreveportyachtclub.com

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS



Summer in Shreveport has gone to the dogs. Dog Days, those long, hot days following the summer solstice, have always gotten a bad rap. Nineteenth-century laws in Alabama ordered all dogs muzzled in July and August to prevent them from spreading maddog disease (rabies). And in ancient times

people attributed all sorts of problems to the Dog Star, Sirius, which would rise just before the sun in July and August. First, the Egyptians blamed the Nile floods on its appearance; then the Greeks, led by the physician Hippocrates, thought that time to be the unhealthiest of the year. Even the Romans claimed that Sirius intensified the sun's efforts, creating unbearable summer heat and humidity—hence the nickname, "Dog Days". It's enough to make you want to go out and howl at the moon.

This past month, we selected the members of this year's Nominating Committee. They are published elsewhere in this edition of the Telltale. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or have recommendations for the committee, please contact any of the members directly.

In the upcoming months we have many scheduled activities. The SYC Book Club is the first Saturday of August, followed by Cook your Own Steak night on the 14th. Labor Day is just around the corner. We will be sailing into fall with our usual delicious fried fish catered dinner on Sept. the 6th. There will be a poker run and croquet for the adults. For the younger members of the Club, there will be a Labor Day Regatta for them to test their skills and abilities out on the lake. Later in September we will have our first ever scheduled Triad Regatta with Tyler and Longview Yacht Clubs, held at Longview Yacht Club.

I was personally saddened by the death of another SYC Commodore and Catalina 22 sailor, Pat Middleton. He and his wife Jackie have been long time members of our Club, and some of my very dear friends. Pat has gone on to sail at a new longitude and latitude. We wish his family God's healing power as he sails into a new harbor.

Kaye Crichlow
Commodore

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Is right around the corner!

Make plans now to spend the day with us to celebrate the awesome summer we had at the SYC! We will be hosting Junior sailing activities, a Poker Run, and croquet on the lawn. Join us for our delicious fried catfish dinner!



A sign up sheet will be located at the Club or online at www.shreveportyachtclub.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 7 - 10:00 Long Distance Race
- 10:30 Ladies Book Club
- 12 - 6:30 Board Meeting
- 14 - 6:30 Cook-Your-Own Steak Night**
- 19 - 6:30 Poker Night
- 28 - Full Moon Raft-Up

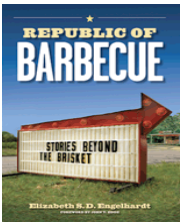
SEPTEMBER

- 2 - 6:30 Power Squadron
- 6 - Labor Day Celebration**
- 9 - 6:30 Board Meeting
- 11 - Lake of the Pines Regatta
- 16 - 6:30 Poker Night

Every Sunday - 2:00 Club Race
Every Wednesday - Junior Sailing
Every Thursday - Adult Sailing
Every Friday - Pot Luck

SYC LOSESCHARLES PATRICK "PAT" MIDDLETON

July 15th the Shreveport Yacht Club has lost one of our own. Charles Patrick "Pat" Middleton passed away after a 16-month battle with cancer. Pat is survived by his wife of 25 years, Jackie; sons Charles Christopher Middleton of Shreveport and Captain Brandon Patrick Middleton (USAF) of Las Vegas. Pat loved to sail and joined the SYC at 18 years of age. He later went on to become the youngest commodore at that time. The Club sends its condolences to the family and friends of Pat.

LADIES' BOOK CLUB

They SYC Ladies' Book Club will be hosting a special event this month. Join us Saturday, August 7 from 11 - 1 in the Clubhouse as our special guest speaker Elizabeth Engelhardt will present her "portrait of the world of barbecue of Central Texas."

"Elizabeth Engelhardt, Associate Professor of American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, writes and studies food, gender, race, and class in the south. She and 11 of her graduate students set out to study the life and culture of barbecue in central Texas. They're a diverse group that includes native Texans, people from other barbecue strongholds of the South, a Chicagoan, and even a couple of northeasterners. They all share a passion for listening to stories, debating and trying to understand American cultures, and eating lots of barbecue." (As adapted from the University of Texas Press)

MANAGER'S NOTES

July proved to be a busy month around the Club. It was great to see everyone on the 4th of July weekend! I am sure I can speak for all who stayed around for the extravagant fireworks display that it really went off with a BANG! Many thanks to Wayne Wentworth and his friends for making this year's celebration a truly memorable occasion!!!

I am so happy to see the success of the Wednesday Night Sailing for our junior sailors. I would like to take this opportunity to mention we are hosting weekly Adult Sailing every Thursday night and Saturday afternoon. I look forward to seeing you take advantage of these opportunities to come together with your fellow sailors.

Please join me in welcoming our new member:

Heather Hoffee

Coco Hudson was very generous in donating two outdoor canopy swings for the Annex. They have been assembled and ready for you to enjoy. Thank you Coco!

As a reminder, shirts and shoes must be worn in the Clubhouse, including the Bar. Please be mindful when entering the Clubhouse that appropriate clothing is worn.

Looking forward to seeing you around the Club,

Will Bittick

Manager

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August 2010 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 11:30 am Sunday Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	2	3	4 Evening Sailing	5	6 Pot Luck 7 pm	7 Long Distance Race SYC Book Club
8 11:30 am Sunday Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	9	10	11 Evening Sailing	12 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Pot Luck 7 pm	14 Cook-Your-Own Steak
15 11:30 am Sunday Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	16	17	18 Evening Sailing <i>Private Party</i>	19 Poker Night 6:30 pm	20 Pot Luck 7 pm	21 <i>Private Party</i>
22 11:30 am Sunday Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	23	24	25 Evening Sailing	26	27 Pot Luck 7 pm	28 <i>Private Party</i>
29 11:30 am Sunday Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	30	31				

September 2010 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Evening Sailing	2 Power Squadron 6:30 pm	3 Pot Luck 7 pm	4 Long Distance Race
5 11:30 am Sunday Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	6 Labor Day Celebration	7	8 Evening Sailing	9 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	10 Pot Luck 7 pm	11 Lake of the Pines Regatta
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Bar Hours:

Wednesday & Thursday

3 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday 3 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Saturday Noon – 10 p.m.

Sunday Noon – 8:30 p.m.

(Bar hours are subject to change at the discretion of the Manager)

Kitchen Hours:

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

The Clubhouse is
closed on
Monday & Tuesday

Office Hours:
Wednesday – Friday
Noon – 6 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.