



# The Tell Tale

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## Commodore's Comments

As my year comes to an end, I would like to thank all those who helped me. Will Bittick and his staff, the Board of Directors, those who served on committees, and many who offered suggestions and support. It takes a lot of people to keep this Club going and many of them are volunteers. I'm looking forward to working with the new Commodore and Board Members next year and believe we can continue giving members and guests a Club they can enjoy.

Your Commodore,

Bill Sniffen

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## Local Sailor Wins at Gulf Coast 420 Regatta

Max Hudson (crew) and Geoffrey Nelson (skipper) recently took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Gulf Coast Club 420 Jubilee Regatta in Pensacola. Their formidable opponents included Ben Herman, who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall at C420 North Americans. Nary a competitor gave in willingly to the stiff competition. At the end of day 1, they were in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 7 points. The competition was very tight with the team only 2 points behind first and a scant 1 point ahead of third. On day 2 Team Nelson/Hudson scored two bullets (1<sup>st</sup> place finishes) to cinch the overall win with only a 1 point cushion over 2<sup>nd</sup> place. I don't think we'll be able to get that smile off Max's face for quite some time.



Max Hudson 2<sup>nd</sup> from left, Geoffrey Nelson 3<sup>rd</sup> from left

# WURSTFEST REGATTA

Day 1 was windier than predicted. I'm not sure how strong it was but it allowed me to hike hard and leave the little guys behind. For race 2 & 3 I started near Hank Saurage and Ash Beatty and went more or less the same way they did. This "tactic" combined with the heavy air and my heavy weight resulted in finishes of 6-3-3 for me. There were some wild downwind rides where I was talking really bad to the boat as it threatened to do bad things to me. I won the argument and didn't capsize despite the boats determination otherwise. What a ride!! Day 2 at Wurstfest was light and shifty. Not the best conditions for my little Sunfish "Piglet". She doesn't like to go so well in light air (6-8) with a hippo like me aboard. I only placed 9 and 7 in the second day's racing but with yesterday's good races averaged out to 4th overall. Top place went to Hank Saurage followed closely by Ash Beatty. Third was a local named Dave Sanfordwurstfest report for tell tale, then me, then Vic Manning followed by Dave McCary. You may view results at:

[http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_regatta\\_results.php?regatta\\_id=4072&show\\_crew=1](http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_regatta_results.php?regatta_id=4072&show_crew=1)

Article submitted by Ed Owen

**Annual Tree  
Trimming Party  
Sunday, December 4th  
at 2 p.m.**



In Loving Memory  
**Van Hagaman**

Van Hagaman a long time member of the Club passed away on the 12th of November. Please keep his family in your prayers and thoughts. He will be missed by all who knew him.

The Van Hagaman Trophy is presented each year to one student from each summer sailing session at The Shreveport Yacht Club. The student is selected by the instructors and trainers who feel best exemplifies the "Corinthian Spirit"-a code of conduct that emphasis character, integrity, respect, good judgment, courtesy and unselfishness. Dr. Hagaman will be remembered as a gentlemen and scholar with the Corinthian Sprit.

## MANAGER'S NOTES

### **There are several upcoming events:**

The annual Tree Trimming Party will be on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The Commodores' Party will be on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Santa Claus will make an appearance at the SYC on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

I look forward to seeing you at The Club,  
Will Bittick  
Manager

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# Looking Forward to 2012

I have been pleasantly surprised by the swarm of Shreveport Yacht Club Members that have come forward to volunteer, lend perspective, and ask what they can **DO** to help our Club continue to move ahead. I am writing this note to thank everyone who has already engaged in efforts to create a positive platform for 2012. In addition, I appreciate the many Members that have approached me asking to serve on the required committees for 2012. This is most welcome. Most committees are full, and others are already beginning to function and bring solutions forward to build direction. We are organized early, and throttled up, for a smart start to a great new year. As next year's Commodore, I desire to deliver a pleasant, proper and productive plan.

As we are currently faced with low water levels in Cross Lake (the main source for most of our fun), I believe we can utilize this time to capitalize on the Club's greatest resource – Spirited Members – to keep the Club energized, vibrant, social and fun in these dry times. I've absorbed a healthy handful of ideas to keep us on the right track to grow and thrive. These constructive plans, pet projects, and profitable plots are easily converted into actual solutions if we can retain the Club's proud tradition of membership contribution and volunteerism.

In 2012, the Board is saddled with the great responsibility to meet the needs and wishes of the Club's membership - YOU. As we are ALL part of this family, I am happy to see we are working together to actively preserve the prosperity of our great Club.

Verily,

Kevin Willey

Save the date

## Annual Commodores' Party

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Black tie optional

Open bar, Buffett, Music & Dancing

RSVP at [www.shreveportyachtclub.com](http://www.shreveportyachtclub.com) or call the Club.

*Rumor has it Santa Claus is going to make  
an appearance at the SYC on Sunday,  
December 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.*

*Looking forward to seeing you!*

## 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.

# December 2011 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Please confirm dates & times with the Office before making plans.			Power Squadron 6:30 pm	Pot Luck 7 pm	
11:30 am Lunch Tree Trimming Party 2 pm				Board Meeting 6:30 pm	Pot Luck 7 pm	Commodores' Party 6:30 pm
11:30 am Lunch					Pot Luck 7 pm	
11:30 am Lunch Santa Visits 2 pm					Pot Luck 7 pm	Christmas Eve Club Closed
Merry Christmas Club Closed					Pot Luck 7 pm	New Years Eve

# January 2012 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11:30 am New Years Day Lunch				Power Squadron 6:30 pm	Pot Luck 7 pm	
11:30 am Lunch				Board Meeting 6:30 pm	Pot Luck 7 pm	
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