



The Tell Tale

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Christmas is coming and it is time for us to put on our Santa Hats and bling. There are a lot of festivities scheduled in the coming days. The Annual Tree Trimming with complimentary Bloody Marys will be on December 5th at 2:00 p.m. A special meeting of the membership will be held on Friday December 10th at 6:30 p.m. Please plan on attending this important function in the life of our Club.

On Saturday December 11th we will have our Annual Commodores' Christmas Party. Ruby will be serving some yummy foods, and it will be open bar as is our tradition. The year-end awards will be handed out, and music provided by Ron Webb.

On Sunday December 19th at 2:00 p.m. Santa will visit our children and grandchildren to give out gifts to them. Please sign up if you have little ones that plan on attending. On December 31st we will have our annual New Year's Eve blow out. January 1st Ruby will be serving black-eyed peas for Good Luck. On Sunday January 2nd at 2:00 p.m. we will have the installation of our new Board and first race of the New Year.

I would like to thank everyone who has made this past year such a wonderful experience for me. The Board has been wonderful to work with. The Staff has bent over backwards and the membership has been so supportive. We are up twenty-three new members this year! Truly a reflection of how hard the Board, staff, and members have worked. I have truly been touched and blessed by each and every one of you. You are getting a great new Board and I know you will be just as supportive of them. I'm going to really miss the parking space!!

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Good Night!
Kaye Crichlow
Your Commodore

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL COMMODORES' PARTY

Saturday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m.



Black-tie optional

Open Bar, Buffett,

Music provided by Ron Webb



Annual Tree Trimming Party

December 5
2 p.m.



Contributions to The Tell Tale are always welcome & encouraged.
Please email correspondence to shreveportyachtclub@comcast.net.

PURE POWER



35,000 fans, aqua blue water, sparkling white sand, temp in the low 80's, crisp sea breeze, and 216 mph speeds! Oh, forgot to mention two FREE concerts by Bon Jovi, and Brad Paisley on the beach! What I have just described is not a dream, but a reality that took place in Gulf Shores, Alabama a few weekends ago appropriately themed "Thunder On The Gulf".

The Offshore Powerboat Association (OPA) offers one of the most extreme motorsports on the water known to man. With speeds exceeding 200 mph the stresses on man and machine alike are beyond brutal. During the race, teams can experience G-Forces six times normal, testing the crews and boats to the breaking point. In order to win the boats have to live at full throttle. These extreme machines also fly ... but not by choice. They launch off of swells and fly as much as twenty feet out of the water and for distances up to two hundred feet before landing again (hopefully upright). Put forty five or fifty of these machines, and crews together racing, and knowing they are leaving it all out there, it's pure poetry in motion. A sight that will give any adrenaline junky the chills.

There is simply not enough room in this column to properly convey the fun, and excitement during this weekend. This is an annual event, and if you have never attended an offshore powerboat race ink this one on your calendar, I absolutely encourage you to give it a shot. You will not be disappointed! Did I mention speeds over 200mph!

SYC Power Boaters STAY TUNED...



Rumor has it Santa Claus is scheduled to make an appearance at the SYC on December 19th at 2 p.m. Please let us know if you plan to be part of the celebration by signing up at the Club. Looking forward to seeing you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 5 - Annual Tree Trimming Party
- 10 - Special Business Meeting
- 11 - Commodores' Party
- 19 - Santa Claus Visits
- 31 - New Year's Eve Blow Out

JANUARY

- 1 - New Year's Day Lunch
- 2 - 2011 Board of Directors Installation
- TBD - Annual Super Bowl Party and Chili/Cornbread Cook-Off

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30 P.M.

Discussion will include the proposed
By-Law changes and
Long Range Planning

You are encouraged to attend but
attendance is not mandatory.

Please contact the Club for more
information.

The Report of the 2010 Nominating Committee:

Commodore - David McCary
Vice Commodore - Bill Sniffen
Rear Commodore- Kaye Crichlow
Secretary - Kevin Willey
Treasurer - Bob Kehoe
Members-At-Large
John Childress • Wil Manwaring • Bill Meaney

SAILING NEWS



Arlington Yacht Club's Oktoberfish Regatta (Sunfish only) had some serious competition this year. Among the 21 boats were Paul Foerster (Olympic Gold 470), Stewart Draheim (Jr. Olympic Gold 420), Tony Collins, Jamie Rabbitt,

Ellen Burks (Worlds) and Steven Pracht (Jr. Olympic 420 Silver). With C.P. Burks' (P.R.O.) short race format, sailors mixed it up with every race. After a cold front passed, bringing 3 inches of rain and lightning, the regatta began Saturday p.m. in light wind. Foerster finished 1st. In the 2nd race, light-air settled in favoring smaller sailors, and Steven moved to 5th place. Then the wind died.

Sunday was challenging, with winds 14-20 mph. The fleet stayed together, giving less experienced sailors an opportunity to observe more experienced ones and to improve their hiking, tacking, and boat handling techniques. There was a total of 7 races. During the 5th race, a very exciting boat wreck occurred at the downwind gate. Foerster, Rabbitt, Steven, and Bill Jackson had rounded the gate, when a boat swarm converged. Annie Lancaster, Ellen, and Ed Owen decided to round the starboard gate, while Collins and Larry Bynum avoided the large pinwheel by jibing around the port gate. A lot of yelling suddenly ensued at the starboard mark...a heavy puff had death-rolled Annie, forced Ellen to head up, and Ellen could not bear off enough to clear Annie. There was a loud crack and crunching as Ellen plowed into the exposed dagger board. About 14 inches of the trailing edge and 3-4 inches of the front edge came off. In the chaos, crafty old Ed Owen shot past, rounded up and was on his way to upwind. At regatta's end, Foerster had 4 bullets and one 2nd. Rabbitt and Collins took 2nd and 3rd on the podium. The juniors showed awesome skill with Stewart Draheim taking 4th, and Steven Pracht placing 5th place. Crafty Ed Owen finished 10th.

Check out the following link for some excellent videos and pictures of the event: <http://sunfishracing.org/2010/09/pics-video-2010-oktoberfish-regatta/>



It's not too late to order your SYC logo items for the perfect holiday gifts! We offer embroidered polos, sweatshirts, pool bags and much more. Keep in mind we can also have them personalized for you! Please check out the available items on display near the front entrance.

MANAGER'S NOTES

Please keep in mind that the Special Business Meeting is Friday, December 10th. We will also be presenting a financial report, discussion of long range planning, as well amendments to the By-laws.

The Annual Commodores' Party is just around the corner. Dust off those dancing shoes and please join for this fun-filled evening.

December is the month that the Club gives our hardworking staff a Christmas gratuity. Please note that ten dollars has been added to this month's statement for this purpose, but this donation is optional. If you do not wish to donate this fund, please deduct \$10 from your bill's total prior to sending in your payment.

I would also like to mention that the New Year welcomes a new editor for the *Tell Tale*. Allie Murphy will be taking over the publication as well as Administrator for the website. You may continue to forward correspondence to shreveportyachtclub@comcast.net.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Will Bittick
Manager

December 2010 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Power Squadron 6:30 p.m.	3 Pot Luck 7 pm	4
5 11:30 am Sunday Lunch 2 pm Tree Trimming Party	6	7	8	9 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	10 Special Business Meeting	11 Commodores' Party 6:30 p.m.
12 11:30 am Sunday Lunch	13	14	15	16 Poker Night 6:30 p.m.	17 Pot Luck 7 pm	18
19 11:30 am Sunday Lunch 2 pm Santa Claus Visits	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Club Closed	25 Merry Christmas Club Closed
26 11:30 am Sunday Lunch	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Blow-Out!	

January 2011 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day Lunch
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The Clubhouse is
closed on
Monday & Tuesday

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

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

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