



# The Tell Tale

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## Commodore's Comments



I hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2012 is upon us and we have a lot to look forward to at the Shreveport Yacht Club. Already there are many projects being developed to get the SYC geared up and going better than ever. It is truly shaping up to be an exciting and productive year.

I would like to thank all of the Committees that have already accomplished much planning for 2012. Dozens of dedicated Members are already coalesced and working in a solid direction dedicated to higher efficiency and an improved environment. The Finance Committee has already met on multiple occasions and has nearly formed an operational budget. They will soon be focused on tackling the financial options regarding larger issues. The Long Range Planning and Building & Grounds Committees are also actively working to identify and prioritize capital improvements and maintenance issues to enhance the Club. Sailing Education, Membership, Swimming Pool and Social Committees are all beginning to buzz to make this Club the best it can be. If anyone has any ideas or wants to get involved, please let me know.

Meanwhile, I will continue to do everything I can to get Cross Lake's water level a bit higher (OK, you're still reading). Luckily, the levels have been trending up for almost 2 months. With the water at the same point as late August, many boats can now release. So, with hope in our hearts, we should all be able to enjoy our lake again.

I hope to see many of you at the impromptu *BCS Championship Bash* on Monday, January 9th. We'll have some football food and all the big screens will glow Purple and Gold! Come out and enjoy your Club.

Your Commodore,  
Kevin Willey

## NORTH SAILS SEMINAR

Get out your calendar and pencil this date in. February 25, 2012 the SYC will be sponsoring another North Sails University Class. The seminar will be on Sail Trim. Cost for the seminar TBA.

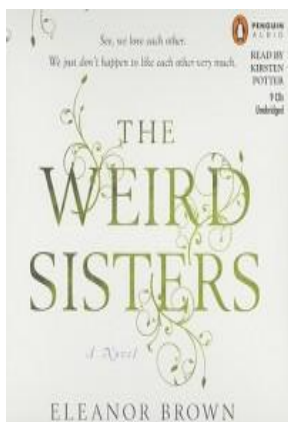
## SYC Ladies' Book Club

Linda Nall will host the next Ladies Book Club meeting which will be on Saturday, January 21 at 11:00 a.m. at the SYC. The book is *The Weird Sisters* by Eleanor Brown.

The Andreas family is one of readers. Their father, a renowned Shakespeare professor who speaks almost entirely in verse, has named his three daughters after famous Shakespearean women. When the sisters return to their childhood home, ostensibly to care for their ailing mother, but really to lick their wounds and bury their secrets, they are horrified to find the others there. "See, we love each other. We just don't happen to like each other very much".

But the sisters soon discover that everything they've been running from-one another, their small hometown, and themselves-might offer more than they ever expected.

A major new talent tackles the complicated terrain of sisters, the power of books, and the places we decide to call home.



## MANAGER'S NOTES

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who joined us for the Commodores' Party. I hope everyone had a good time.

Please come join us at the Club on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm for the BCS Championship Party Tigers vs. Tide. Come watch the game with your friends, we'll provide the snacks.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Super Bowl Chili & Cornbread Cook-off on Sunday, February 5, & save the date...Saturday, February 11 at 6:30 pm the SYC is going to be having a Sweetheart Dance. Look for more information on these events in February's Tell Tale.

Please join me in welcoming our new member, Amanda Cook.

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



## **BCS Championship Party**

**Tigers vs. Tide**

**Come watch the game with your friends.**

**We'll provide the snacks.**

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**7 p.m.**

## **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.

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## **YOUTH SAILOR OF THE MONTH – MAX HUDSON**

Max only recently discovered the sailing experience. Although he had already spent lots of time on the water with Mom (Coco) and brothers Nick & Alex, his first sailing experience was last Summer in the Youth Sailing Camp. He took to sailing with a passion and with Mom's enthusiastic support had the opportunity to jump aboard many different types of sailboats. He found a willing skipper in Mark Van Doren who introduced him to catamaran sailing. After crewing in a few regattas the hook was permanently set. Time for an electronic free, family vacation to Ft Walton. Who knew that at the end of the trip there would be a brand new Hobie 16 waiting on the beach for Max to take back home?

Max also befriended local youth sailor, Steven Pracht, and they began to sail the Club 420 together. Max & Steven participated in several clinics & regattas with good success. When Steven was not available for the Pensacola regatta, a call for a teammate was answered by Dallas youth sailor Geoffrey Nelson. After sailing the Hobie 16 at Ft Walton for 6 straight days (and beating his Mom) he & Geoffrey went on to fill out the next weekend with a win in the Club 420.

Max states there are pros & cons to each boat. He enjoys the raw speed of the Hobie. Although he finds the Club 420 more complicated to sail it has become second nature to him. Either way, he exhibits a quest for learning and seeks continuous improvement in any boat he sails. He has participated in a number of other team sports but finds sailboat racing to be a different sort of challenge. His aquatic goals are to sail against the stiffest competition available, in the biggest fleets possible, continue the learning experience and have fun.

Article submitted by Ed Owen

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## **SYC Sailing Program Prepares to Resume Sailing**

For those frustrated sailors who have been grounded due to Cross Lake's extremely low level, things are looking up. Low water at the floating docks and at the B Pier slips had made using program boats all but impossible. However, these conditions also provided the Sailing Education Committee a much-needed opportunity to clear the sailing annex and boat slips of underwater obstructions and a chance to refurbish the B Pier lifts. Soon there will be newly renovated and standardized lifts for our JY-15s, Zuma 15, and Spindrift 15. No more rusting lift cables, bent lift frames, temperamental lift switches, or slippery walkways. AND, the lake has risen enough that as soon as the repairs are done, the lift boats can be launched. If the water rises another foot, the floating docks will also be available for Sunfish and Opti launching...just in time for the better air of January through May. Just remember, the water will be cold, and wetsuits are advised.



# January 2012 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day Lunch 11:30 am	2	3	4	5 Power Squadron 6:30 pm	6 Pot Luck 7 pm	7
8 11:30 am Lunch	9 BCS Championship Game & Party 7 pm	10	11	12 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Pot Luck 7 pm	14
15 11:30 am Lunch	16	17	18	19	20 Pot Luck 7 pm	21 SYC Ladies' Book Club 11 am
22 11:30 am Lunch	23	24	25	26	27 Pot Luck 7 pm	28
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# February 2012 Calendar of Events

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5 11:30 am Lunch Super Bowl Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off 5 pm	6	7	8	9 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	10 Pot Luck 7 pm	11 Sweetheart Dance 6:30 pm
12 11:30 am Lunch	13	14 Valentines Day	15	16	17 Pot Luck 7 pm	18
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