

The Tell Tale

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Commodore's Comments

I would like to thank the members for coming to the Business Meeting on February 18, 2011 and voting for the by-law changes, 2011 budget, and dues increase. There was a lot of hard work by the finance committee, members and board leading up to this meeting and there were many excellent questions during the discussion. I believe the new budget will bring us challenges and opportunities in the coming year.

I regret that David McCary and Bob Kehoe resigned from the Board of Directors. I know they did not make these decisions easily and I thank them for all their hard work. Bill Dykes has become the Treasurer, David Wilson is now a Member at Large, Ed Owens is Vice Commodore, and I have become your Commodore. The other Board of Directors positions are the same. We still have some committees that need to be filled, so if you would like to be involved, let me or one of the other board members know.

We have Irish Sunday in March and the Holiday in Dixie Regatta at the end of April. The weather is getting warmer and the wind is good. Come out and enjoy the Club.

Your Commodore

Bill Sniffen



SUNDAY
MARCH 13TH

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an Irish Lunch served from 11:30 until 2:00 at the SYC. The cost is \$8.00. Irish Drink Specials will begin at 12:00 in the bar.

Valentine's Dinner

A good time was had by all of those who attended the Valentine's Dinner. Twenty-six people enjoyed a meal catered by John Salmon with our own Blake Roy and Connor Clift serving. We were entertained by Ron Webb Muzik which pleased the oldest to the youngest guests. One special couple, Ruth and Larry Pledger, celebrated their forty-second wedding anniversary at the dinner. The Social Committee did a tremendous job in making the club look great and making for a wonderful evening.



Message from the Board...

Management & Staff: If you have any issues or complaints regarding the management or staff of the SYC, please bring them to the attention of the Board in writing.

Liquor Policy: It is the policy of the Club that outside drinks are not to be brought inside the bar as it may affect our liquor license.

POWER BOAT

To begin at the beginning, I was 61 years old when I decided to buy a boat for the first time in May 09' at Reeves Marine. I always thought how it would be fun running up and down the Red River or motoring around Cross Lake. After buying the boat it sat in my driveway for almost 6 months before I met Katie, then off to the lake we went.

Katie was a member of the SYC in 2000 and still had a share which she gave to me for my birthday in 2010, where upon we met with Will and joined the club. Since becoming a member I have completely quit playing golf and will happily jump on my barge to motor around the lake at every opportunity. Cleaning the boat, coming out to the club on beautiful summer days or chili cook off party before the Super Bowl is great times. Last summer watching the numerous regattas from the water or club deck was very enjoyable.

We have had many ventures which include riding out enjoying beautiful sunsets, motoring friends over to Jane Marie's to eat then showing them the neat community of houses around the lake. It's such a convenience to have such easy quick access any afternoon after a busy day at work or weekends to get away on short notice and a quick drive to Cross Lake dropping the barge into lake from Pier B.

Another handy feature of SYC is having Erik, Mark or Will help us most anytime! We had a night back this past summer when Erik received a boat distress call to help a member who was close and their motor had died so we offered to help and with Erik's guidance we found them and pulled them to Pier B. It's nice and comforting to know one of these Yacht Club employees are a phone call away but of course we also have the luxury of our Cross Lake Patrol guys.

The most fun has been meeting new motor boat and sailing friends.

Regards,
Mike & Katie

Super Bowl Chili and Cornbread Cook-Off

The Super Bowl Chili and Cornbread Cook-Off was a great success with more participants than ever. There were eleven entries for the chili cook-off and four entries for the cornbread cook-off. Tom Hadel, Ed Owen, Stephen Pracht, and Blake Roy did a fine job of deciding which of our entries came in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. For the chili, the winners were Carolyn Battarbee-1st, Bonnie Pracht and Katie Gandy-tied for 2nd, and David McCary-3rd. The winners for the cornbread entries were Linda Nall-1st, Kevin Willey-2nd, and Harold Battarbee- 3rd. Congratulations for a job well done. L to R are Blake Roy, Ed Owen, Tom Hadel, and Steven Pracht.

L to R are: Kevin, Willey, David McCary, Linda Nall, Harold and Carolyn Battarbee, Bonnie Pracht, and Katie Gandy.



MANAGER'S NOTES

Warm weather has arrived and club is bustling with activity. Just a reminder to those bringing your boats back out to the club to put your hitch on blocks and chock your wheels. Failure to do so will cause damage to the tarmac.

Also, be sure to pay your dues by the 10th of each month to avoid any penalties that may be incurred. Please note the increase in your dues was approved by the board and members in our February meeting. This may cause your electronic payments to be adjusted accordingly.

Looking forward to a great spring!

- Will Bittick

NOTICE OF RACE

Holiday-In-Dixie Regatta

All Sailing Classes Welcome

SHREVEPORT YACHT CLUB: April 29th – May 1st, 2011

<http://www.shreveportyachtclub.memberlodge.com/>



Location: Shreveport Yacht Club, 2905 Municipal Pier Rd, Shreveport, La. 71119 – Phone (318) 631-7414

Fleets Expected: Sunfish HID LaTeX Challenge, Hobie 18 Div 14 Points/NAC Warm-up, J-22, Catalina 22, Hobie 16, Hobie 20, plus Rhino Division for boats 25ft or longer.

Classes: Five boats of a class constitute a fleet with their own start. Classes to be determined after late registration. Classes registered before April 15th will have three trophies. Boats without a class will sail in Portsmouth monohull or multihull classes as appropriate.

Entry Fee: \$35 per boat (\$45 if registered after April 15), \$15 for Juniors (skipper and crew under 21 years old)

Lodging: Camping is permitted on club grounds but no RV hook-ups are available. Hot showers on site.

We are sorry, but **no pets are allowed on the SYC grounds**. See the SYC website for hotel discounts.

Directions: Exit off I-220 at Lakeshore Dr. and go west approx 1 mile to the “T” intersection. Turn left, go past the park entrance, then take the first right. You’ll see the club in a couple hundred yards.

Schedule/Meals:

- Fri, April 29: 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Late Registration/Pre-registrant check-in & spaghetti dinner (\$7.50 each)
- Sat, April 30: 8:00 a.m. – Late Registration/Pre-registrant check-in & free continental breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. – Skippers’ Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. – Warning Gun First Race – Up to four races depending on time and conditions
- TBD – Lunch in the clubhouse, nominal fee. Cat sailors, be prepared to eat on the water
- Post Lunch – More racing!
- 5:00 p.m. – Happy hour
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. – Dinner, cook-your-own steaks at the clubhouse (\$15.00 each)
- Sun, May 1: 8:00 – Free continental breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. – Warning gun for the first race – No races will start after 1:00
- Trophy Presentation ASAP after completion of racing – one race constitutes a regatta

Questions: Contact Mark Van Doren, (318) 741-1006 or email to markwv2@suddenlink.net

TO AVOID THE LATE REGISTRATION RATE, RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK BEFORE APRIL 15 TH. SYC MEMBERS MAY AUTHORIZE A CHARGE TO THEIR ACCOUNT BY MARCH 20TH OR PAY BY CASH OR CHECK BY APRIL 15TH TO QUALIFY FOR EARLY REGISTRATION.

SKIPPER: _____ CREW: _____ CLASS: _____ SAIL # _____
 ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____ CLUB: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____ E-MAIL: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SHREVEPORT YACHT CLUB, 2905 Municipal Pier Rd, Shreveport, LA 71119

Sorry, We are not able to take credit cards or allow charging reciprocity with other yacht clubs.

ENTRY FEE:	Early Registration before April 15th-Per boat:	(\$35.00)	x Quantity _____ =	\$ _____
	Late registration after April 15th-Per boat:	(\$45.00)	x Quantity _____ =	\$ _____
	Juniors, boats w/ all crew members under 21:	(\$15.00)	x Quantity _____ =	\$ _____
MEALS	Friday Spaghetti Dinner tickets	(\$7.50 each)	x Quantity _____ =	\$ _____
	Saturday Steak Dinner tickets	(\$15.00 each)	x Quantity _____ =	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:				\$ _____

MARCH 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Power Squadron 6:30pm	4 Pot Luck 7pm	5 10am : Long Distance Races
6 11:30am: Lunch 2pm: Sunday Race	7	8	9	10 Board Meeting 6:30pm	11 Pot Luck 7pm	12 International Masters & Sunfish Mid- Winters
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24 11:30am: Lunch 2pm: Sunday Race	25	26	27	28	29 6pm HID Regatta Registration	30 Holiday In Dixie Regatta

The Shreveport Yacht Club

Clubhouse closed Monday & Tuesday

Office Hours: Wednesday – Friday: Noon to 6pm

Bar Hours: Wednesday – Friday: 3pm to 10pm Saturday: Noon to 10pm

Sunday: Noon to 8:30pm

(Subject to Change at Managers Discretion)

Kitchen Hours: Saturday & Sunday Lunch served 11:30am to 2pm

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