



The Tell Tale

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2011 MEMBERS' APPRECIATION NIGHT

Friday May 20th @ 6:30 p.m.

Things are shaping up to become a wonderful year at the SYC – winds are nice, pool is looking awesome and the grounds are greening. All that...and the Club is thanking YOU for being a member!

Come and have a blast at the 2011 Membership Appreciation Night! *The Sands Band* is booked and ready to rock us into the night. We're very proud to present the newly opened blue-water pool as we gear up for a great summer season. As always, we're planning for a great night of fun food, cool drinks, great friends and live music as we welcome the warm weather. Don't miss it, and don't let your friends miss out either!

This is also your night to be proud...and introduce your friends to the Club. In years past we've done a lot to introduce locals to this annual blow-out to enjoy a special night at the Club (and let 'em know what they're missing). By your invitation, we are relying on our current members to present our *future members* to a fun evening at our proud institution. This is your opportunity to introduce your friends to YOUR Club. By bringing a buddy, you can shape the fun faces we will see in the future!

As usual, a wonderful spread of food will be provided by the Club. The keg is on the house and Erik will make sure the drink specials are very special! Be casual and make sure to wear a smile.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I have not been able to get to the club as much this month. I have been assisting my brother during and after a major surgery he had in New Orleans. Believe it or not he flew from the Washington D.C. area to Louisiana to get the best medical care for his condition. Louisiana is at the top of some good lists. I would like to thank Ed Owen, Will, the Board of Directors, and others for carrying on in my absence. Holiday in Dixie is coming up on April 29, 30, and May 1. I believe Mark Van Doran may still need some volunteers if anyone is interested. An adult sailing class is scheduled for May 27. Anyone interested should contact Harold Battarbee. I'm looking forward to getting back to the club.
Your Commodore,
Bill Sniffen

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BRUNCH

MAY 7TH AT 10:00 a.m.

Invite your mother, daughter, sister or best friend and enjoy a delicious meal of Cold Cantaloupe Soup, your choice of Grilled Shrimp Salad with Blackberry Vinaigrette or a Grilled Chicken Salad with Peanut Dressing, and a Pecan Pie Tower with Vanilla Ice Cream and Chocolate. Flavored tea will be served. Mimosas will be available for purchase. The cost is \$15.00. Seating is limited, so please RSVP by Wednesday, May 4th. You may call or sign up at the club with your reservation and salad preference.



SAILING EDUCATION NEWS



Junior Sailing and Polywog Classes: Sailors, check your schedules. In June, our Club conducts its summer sailing camps. These classes provide excitement and training for what often becomes a lifelong family sport. Accordingly, parents and grandparents are urged to participate. Two junior-level sessions (age 8-17) and one "Polywog" session (age 6-10) are scheduled. Classes are "hands on" and taught by U.S. Sailing-certified instructors. General boating skills, weather, sailboat rigging, knots and lines, rules of the road, and basic sailing skills will be taught. Boating safety is emphasized. The first junior session runs June 6th-10th and the second June 13th-17th. One session of Polywog classes, for our youngest sailors, will

be taught June 13th – 17th using our new Optimist dinghies. All Classes are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., include classroom instruction, land drills, and on-the-water drills using either Sunfish, JY-15s, and/or Optis. Lunch and textbooks will be provided. Each session is limited to 20 students (10 for Polywogs), and enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes fill up fast, and early enrollment is encouraged. If you are interested, contact (Harold Battarbee, Chair, Sailing Education Committee (hbattarbee@comcast.net)). For more information, visit the SYC website (www.shreveportyachtclub.com) and follow the Sailing Education link to our site and our new Facebook site. If you have any friends who might be interested in the program, please let us know. One does not have to be a Club member to participate. One of our program goals is to promote sailing as a community sport.

Thank you for your interest.

Harold Battarbee

Adult Sailing Class: Hi Everyone! For some time now, the Sailing Education Committee has struggled to accommodate adults who want sailing lessons. Adult scheduling problems made getting a class together very difficult. This year, we are taking an alternative approach. An adult session will be offered over the Labor Day weekend (May 27th – May 30th). Classes will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Compressing the session into four days makes the process much easier to orchestrate and completes the process in a timely manner. Also, group sessions are much more effective and a lot more fun. The cost will be kept at \$300 for Club members and \$350 for non-members. Should a non-member choose to become a Club member after the session, a \$50.00 rebate will be given. Please note that all proceeds are used to maintain and improve the SYC Sailing Program. US Sailing-certified instructors teach the classes. The sailing program is definitely hands on. You will be sailing by the end of the holiday. For more complete information, take a look at the SYC web site (<http://www.shreveportyachtclub.com>). Click on the Sailing Education link. Also, there is a Facebook link within the Sailing Education site, which many find to be fun. If you wish to enroll, contact me via email, and I will send you the necessary forms. Timely registration is important, for the lessons are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and the program can accommodate twelve adults.

Thank you for your interest in our sailing program.

Harold Battarbee
(hbattarbee@comcast.net)



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.

The Tell Tale, along with updated information, is always available on our website. Check it out!

MANAGER'S NOTES

As of April 30th the swimming pool is open. Lifeguards are on duty Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 7 p.m. The pool is open during the week but please be aware that there is no lifeguard on duty. Swimming is not allowed when the lifeguard or club manager feels conditions are not safe, such as severe weather, pool equipment problems, etc. Swimming lessons will be offered so please contact the Club for more information if you are interested.

The rules are posted at the pool but here are a few reminders:

- No small children shall be allowed in the pool unless accompanied by an adult.
- Parents or guardians are responsible for the safety and conduct of any child allowed in the pool.
- Any action or activity that might endanger lives or safety, such as running, horseplay, unnecessary roughness, will not be allowed in or around the pool area.
- Only one person on the diving board at a time.
- No glass bottles or glassware is allowed in the pool area.
- No one is allowed on the lifeguard stand except lifeguards.
- No other attire but swimming attire is allowed in the pool. Wet Bathing suits are not to be worn in the Clubhouse. When entering the Clubhouse shirt or cover-up and shoes must be worn.
- The lifeguards use their discretion to ensure everyone is safe and free from harm. All questions or comments should be directed to the Club Manager.

Please join me in welcoming our new members:

Mark Newman
Bob Zahn

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club,
Will Bittick
Manager



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May 2011 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HID Regatta	2	3	4	5 Power Squadron 6:30 pm	6 Pot Luck 7 pm	7 Long Distance Race 10 am Mother-Daughter Brunch
8 11:30 am Mother's Day Lunch No Race	9	10	11	12 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Pot Luck 7 pm	14
15 11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	16	17	18	19	20 Members' Appreciation Night 6:30 pm	21
22 11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	23	24	25	26	27 Memorial Weekend Adult Sailing Lessons Pot Luck 7 pm	28
29 11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	30 Memorial Day Brisket Lunch	31				

June 2011 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Power Squadron 6:30 pm	3 Pot Luck 7 pm	4 Long Distance Race Book Club Brunch 10:30 am
5 11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	6 SYC Jr. Sailing Session #1	7	8	9 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	10 Pot Luck 7 pm	11
12 11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	13 SYC Jr. Sailing Session #2	14	15	16	17 Pot Luck 7 pm	18
19 11:30 am Father's Day Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	20	21	22	23	24 Pot Luck 7 pm	25
26 11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	27	28	29	30		