



The Tell Tale

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Commodore Comments

I would like to thank Mark Van Doran for his efforts on the Cross Lake Combeaux Regatta. Unfortunately we could not make it rain and decided the lake was too low to safely have the regatta. Hopefully there will be water in the lake by Holiday in Dixie. If you ever wanted to know what is on the bottom of Cross Lake this year may be your opportunity.

The Annual Meeting to elect next year's Board Members is scheduled for October 21st. The nominating committee has put together a good group. Come out and help shape the future of your Club.

Your Commodore,
Bill Sniffen

Sailing Education News

Adult Sailing Classes: The Sailing Education Committee started off its Labor Day Adult Training Session with a full class and the best of intentions. Low water, concerns about light wind, and record-breaking heat, however, quickly gave way to tropical storm Lee. Saturday arrived cooler but with east winds at 15-20 mph gusting to >30 mph, pinning the class in the harbor (Please see pictures). Trainers Conner Clift and Thomas Jaynes were game, as always, but nature had other plans. The session was postponed until the following weekend. At that time, conditions were perfect, with nice wind and mild temperatures. The class quickly moved onto the water for their "hands on" experience. The staff and the class had a great time sailing the Club's JY-15s and the Spindrift, and all students made significant progress toward their US Sailing Small Boat Certifications. Thanks go to Lead Instructor Sandy McCall, to trainers Conner Clift and Thomas Jaynes, and to our photographers John and Linda Harris.

Harold Battarbee

Chair, SYC Sailing Education Committee



Rigging JY-15



Conner sails out of slip



Instructor Sandy McCall

SYC Sailor Competes in Sunfish Worlds: Steven Pracht climbed the Sunfish competition ladder to find himself representing the U.S. in the Sunfish World Championship held in the picturesque waters of Curacao (June 7th – 11th of this year). The location is absolutely gorgeous, and the high winds and the extreme depths of the sea so close to the coastline (600-800 m) make Curacao a unique and perfect location to hold big sailing events. The competition was incredibly stiff and the predictable heavy seas and high winds resulted in a physically demanding venue. Eventually Brazilian top sailor Matheus Dellagnelo was crowned the new World Champion. Former multiple World Champions David Loring and P.J. Patin from the USA took 5th and 11th place respectively, multiple World Champion Smith from Bermuda was 15th, World Champion 2010, Jonathan Martinelli from Ecuador was 17th, and former World Champion in 1980, Corvan Aanholt, 19th. Steven finished a respectable 15th among the youths and 53rd overall (Please see picture). To get some perspective on the seas, the venue, and the competition view the excellent video posted below. The language is Dutch, but the video speaks for itself. Hurrah for Steven! http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_iGZFkj6w4.

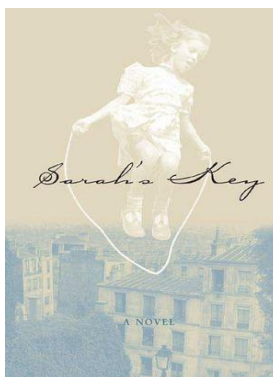
Harold Battarbee

Chair, Sailing Education Committee



Steven at 2011 Sunfish World Championship

SYC Ladies' Book Club



The next meeting of the Ladies' Book Club will be held on Saturday, October 8 at 10:30 a.m. Brunch will be served at the home of Lois Anne McVay, 264 Weeping Oak Dr., Shreveport. RSVP if declining.

This month's book club pick is *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay. Paris, July 1942: Sarah, a ten year-old girl, is brutally arrested with her family by the French police in the Vel' d'Hiv' roundup, but not before she locks her younger brother in a cupboard in the family's apartment, thinking that she will be back within a few hours.

Paris, May 2002: On Vel' d'Hiv's 60th anniversary, journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article about this black day in France's past. Through her contemporary investigation, she stumbles onto a trail of long-hidden family secrets that connect her to Sarah. Julia finds herself compelled to retrace the girl's ordeal, from that terrible term in the Vel' d'Hiv', to the camps, and beyond. As she probes into Sarah's past, she begins to question her own place in France, and to reevaluate her marriage and her life.

CROSS LAKE COMBEAUX REGATTA - CANCELLED

The Shreveport Yacht Club regrets to inform our members and friends that the 2011 Cross Lake Combeaux, formerly scheduled for October 15-16, is cancelled. Due to the recent drought, the water level in Cross Lake has dropped so low that hosting a sailboat regatta is no longer safe or practical.

Please consider joining our friends at the Tyler Yacht Club for their Rose Regatta on the same weekend, Oct15-16. Due to low water, they are limited to dinghies and catamarans. Here's a link to their website: www.tyleryachtclub.onefireplace.org/

We sincerely hope that you will join us for the Holiday In Dixie Regatta in the spring. Begin checking the website for dates after the first of the year.

Thank you for your understanding & pray for rain.

Mark Van Doren

SYC Regatta Chairman

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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PURE POWER

For those of you who may wonder what a poker run is, and particularly those of you who might say ... what's the point? Please take a moment and read the following article from *Speed On The Water*. I believe it will answer your questions, and you might just want to participate in one someday. See y'all on the water!

"Flying Monkey"

Emerald Coast Poker Run raises \$140,000 for youth charities

The **Emerald Coast Poker Run**, which has been held August 13 in the Destin and Fort Walton Beach, Fla., areas raised approximately \$140,000 for various local youth charities, according to Stu Jones of the **Florida Powerboat Club**, which organizes and manages the annual event with the **Emerald Coast Foundation**. Jones said the amount of money raised is a record for an FPC-run event, and likely a record for all poker runs.

"It meant more to me than anything that we raised this money, especially after I visited some of the local charities and children who benefited in Fort Walton Beach," said Jones. "For example, I walked into the Eleanor Johnson Youth Center on Monday and 40 children sang a song of thanks to me and my crew for all we did."

This year, the run attracted approximately 150 boats. The event has an unusual format in that there is no official course and the boats can leave at any time during the day after the run starts and pick up five cards at more than ten stops.

"I am convinced it is the very poker run in the entire country," said Brad Schoenwald, who attended the event, of the **Tres Martin Performance Boat Driving School**.

"It's nice to know that while hundreds of wealthy and fortunate people are having fun at a major boating event they are, at the same time, enriching the lives of hundreds of less-fortunate children and adults through the fundraising efforts of event management partner, the Emerald Coast Foundation," said Jones. "It's an ironic and pleasant twist that makes this event unique among so many others." Next year the Emerald Coast Poker Run will celebrate its 20th anniversary.



The Emerald Coast Poker Run boats is one of the most spectacular settings in the country.

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The scenery is a match for the hardware at the Emerald Coast Poker Run.

MANAGER'S NOTES

I want to remind you the Annual Election Meeting is Friday, October 21st at 6 p.m.

Due to the lack of rain all summer the 2011 Cross Lake Combeaux, that was scheduled for October 15-16, has been cancelled.

Also, the 2011 Triad Challenge at Lake O' The Pines has been rescheduled due to local wild fires. The new date for the 2011 Triad Challenge is October 1st. Please check out the SYC's website for more information.

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

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Friday, October 21st
at 6 p.m.

October 2011 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		Please confirm dates & times with the Office before making plans.					1
11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Race				Power Squadron 6:30 pm	Pot Luck 7 pm	SYC Ladies Book Club 10:30 am	
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11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Race				Board Meeting 6:30 pm	Pot Luck 7 pm		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Race					Annual Election Meeting 6 pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Race					Pot Luck 7 pm		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Race							
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November 2011 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Pot Luck 7 pm	
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11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Race				Power Squadron 6:30 pm	Pot Luck 7 pm	
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