



The Tell Tale

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CROSS LAKE COMBEAUX REGATTA Oct 14-16

LOW WATER? – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Given the drought and low water level, I'm sure many of you are wondering if we will be able to host the Combeaux in October. I've been asked the question several times. It just depends on whether we get any appreciable rainfall over the next few weeks. We'll make a call prior to publishing the next edition of the Tell Tale. IF we cancel, we'll do it with enough lead time to head-off would be out of town participants and to allow our own folks time to plan other activities.

In the meantime, however, we'll continue planning for the Combeaux. We need volunteers for race committee duty, to include a PRO, and two safety boat crews with a minimum of two people on board (three is better) to include somebody that would be willing to jump in the water to lend assistance if necessary. Our volunteers did a fantastic job last spring during Holiday-In-Dixie. It wouldn't have been possible without them. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out with the Combeaux. Feel free to call me at 741-1006 or email markwv2@suddenlink.net.

Pray for Rain!

Mark Van Doren

SYC Regatta Chairman

2011 Cross Lake Combeaux Regatta

October 14-16

Fri, Oct 14: 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Late registration/Pre-registrant check-in & Spaghetti dinner.

Sat, Oct 15: 8:00 a.m. – Late registration/Pre-registrant check-in & Free continental breakfast.

9:00 a.m. – Skippers' meeting.

10:30 a.m. – First warning gun.

TBD – Lunch in the Clubhouse, nominal fee. Cat sailors; be prepared to eat on the water.

Post Lunch – More racing! Up to four races per class on Saturday.

6:00-7:00 p.m. – Dinner, Cook-Your-Own Steaks at the Clubhouse.

Sun, Oct 16: 8:00 a.m. – Free continental breakfast.

9:30 a.m. – Warning gun for the Chuck Miller Memorial "Whole Enchilada Regatta" Distance Race.

TBD – Mexican lunch in the Clubhouse, nominal fee.

Trophy presentation ASAP after completion of racing – One race constitutes a regatta.

Please visit www.shreveportyachtclub.com for more information on the 2011 Cross Lake Combeaux Regatta

Commodore's Comments September 2011

It is hard to escape the heat this summer. Even trying to go out on the lake, is not appealing and now the lake is dropping. Working on your boat in this heat does not sound good either. When the temperature drops to 96 during the day and I find people saying how good it feels, you know it is bad. This is a summer we will remember. Be careful and keep cool. There is a catfish fry scheduled for Labor Day and Mark Van Doran is looking for volunteers for the Cross Lake Combeaux in October.

Your Commodore,

Bill Sniffen

At the upcoming Annual Election Meeting in Oct, Tom Hadel plans to make the following motion for the membership to consider. **I move that we rebuild "B" Pier and refurbish the sailboat slips on "C" Pier in the harbor as soon as possible. The new "B" Pier structure is to be one that provides for a maximum number of covered power boat slips given physical and city constraints. The business of determining the specifics of this capital expenditure and its method of funding are to be a "top" priority of the 2012 Board of Directors and its Committees and presented to the Club Membership for their approval or disapproval within six months of this meeting.**

The purpose of this motion is to have a vote on a key issue facing our club and, if passed, provide member direction to the 2012 Board of Directors. Please attend the meeting to hear arguments (for and against) and to cast your vote.

NOMINEES FOR 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee's slate of nominees for the upcoming Annual Election Meeting:

Commodore – Ed Owen
Vice-Commodore – Harold Battarbee
Rear Commodore – Bill Sniffen
Secretary – Linda Jordan
Treasurer – Will Manwaring
Member-at-Large – Chuck Moffet
Member-at-Large – Ed Taylor
Member-at-Large – David Wilson

Nominations may also be made from the floor, providing the nominee's name has been proposed by no less than five members who are in good standing with the Club. Such nominees must be filed in writing with the Secretary of the Board no less than ten days prior to the meeting posted at SYC at least seven days before the meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Friday, October 21st.

The members of the 2011 Nominating Committee are as follows:

Chairman:

Kaye Crichlow

Members-at-Large:

Harold Battarbee

Linda Jordan

Linda Shimwell

Mark Van Doren

ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING

Friday, October 21st

6:00 p.m.

MANAGER'S NOTES

Make plans to attend SYC Labor Day Catfish Fry on Monday September 5th from 12 – 2 p.m. \$15.00 per person. Catered by Shavers Seafood. Register online at www.shreveportyachtclub.com or call the Club to make reservations.

Save the date... September 24th at 6:00 p.m. the SYC is going to do it again with Steak Night II, but this time the cost will be \$12.00 per person. Same as before, you grill your filet mignon to your specifications and we'll provide the baked potatoes, salad, and bread.

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SYC Sailing Program News



2011 Galloway Regatta Steven Pracht 1st place

Steven Pracht and David McCary recently ventured to Gulfport, MS, where they participated in the Annual Galloway Regatta Sunfish competition. Each year, the Gulfport Yacht Club hosts this event, which is sponsored by the Galloway Family. There was a large Opti turnout, 19 Sunfish, some Finns, Lasers, and Laser Radials. For juniors, like Steven, it is the *Gulf Coast Yachting Association's Junior Sunfish Championship* race. Light winds and small waves made for a pleasant set of races. Steven placed very well, finishing first among the juniors (Please see picture). David hung with the adults from the coast, staying just ahead of Steven. David finished 5th overall and Steven was 6th overall. Kudos are in order for our SYC Sunfish sailors. Complete results can be found at:

http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_regatta_results.php?regatta_id=4408&show_sub_class=1.

Max Hudson and Steven Pracht Enter TRW Junior Olympic

After a tune-up at Rush Creek Yacht Club and coaching my none other than Ellen Burks (Sunfish Worlds, 2010), SYC sailors Max Hudson and Steven Pracht competed July 14th – 17th in the annual festival known as Texas Race Week (TRW). TRW is part of a nationwide US Sailing Junior Olympic series for youths ages 8 to 21. Each event represents a “family” of regattas, hosted by different clubs at several venues. One-design boats such as the Optimist Dinghy, Laser, Club 420, and others compete at these events. TRW was conducted in Galveston Bay and hosted by the Houston Yacht Club, Texas Corinthian Yacht Club, and Lakewood Yacht Club. These regattas offer youth sailors the opportunity to learn, enjoy the fun and excitement of competitive sailing, Olympic style, in larger fleets. US Sailing organizes the U.S. Youth Sailing Championship and U.S. Junior Championships in single-, double-, and triple-handed classes. Some events are open events, while others select the fleet in each region by resume’ *via* an elimination ladder. Future U.S. Olympians typically emerge from the ranks by racing at the National Youth Championships. During TRW, the SYC team faced some tough competition and were in a medal position until they were capsized by a coach boat and lost their spinnaker pole. Being severely handicapped downwind after that, they still finished fourth overall in the contest. Congratulations to Max and Steven for tenacity and a job well done. Please see picture of Max and Steven launching a Club 420 during TRW.



Steven Pracht & Max Hudson 2011 JO Galveston

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. Go to:
www.shreveportyachtclub.com

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

September 2011 Calendar of Events

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	Please confirm dates & times with the Office before making plans.				Power Squadron 6:30 pm	Pot Luck 7 pm	
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11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Race	Labor Day Catfish Fry \$15.00 per person 12 – 2 pm		Club Closed in Observance of Labor Day	Board Meeting 6:30 pm		Pot Luck 7 pm	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Race					Pot Luck 7 pm	Triad Regatta Longview	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Race					Pot Luck 7 pm	Steak Night II \$12.00 per person 6 pm	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Race					Pot Luck 7 pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30		

October 2011 Calendar of Events

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Race				Power Squadron 6:30 pm	Pot Luck 7 pm		SYC Ladies Book Club 11 am
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11:30 am Lunch 2 pm Race				Board Meeting 6:30 pm	2011 Cross Lake Combeaux Regatta		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Combeaux Regatta 11:30 am Lunch					Annual Election Meeting 6 pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
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