



The Tell Tale

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

First off, I would like to offer a personal apology to our powerboat members. I have a tendency to focus on the sailors in our Club, forgetting that in the Articles of Incorporation, it states that we were founded to foster interest among its members in motor boating, and then sail boating. Since it is listed first I think the original directors knew where the importance lay. With this apology I would like to say how pleased I am that our own powerboaters are sponsoring a column in this Tell Tale dealing with powerboats and their issues. You will find it very enlightening and entertaining.

My personal thanks for Mark's hard work to keep our aging pool in such great condition this summer. The water has been sparkling and has gotten a lot of use in this steamy hot summer we are enduring. Our last big splash of the year is coming up on Labor Day weekend. Come out and enjoy our pool, the traditional fried catfish dinner, a first time ever regatta for our young people, and a poker run and croquet for the adults.

September is going to be a busy month with the first of three regattas. This one will be held in conjunction with the Tyler and Longview Clubs. It will be a fun regatta, with opportunities to sail, activities for the children and good food to eat. It will be held on Saturday, September 18th starting at the Longview Club at 9:00 A.M. I invite everyone to come out and have some fall fun with our neighbors.

We will be hosting a J-22 regatta in memory of Bill Jennings on October 16th and our Annual Cross Lake Combeaux will be held on October 23rd and 24th.

Our annual election meeting will be held on the evening of October 22nd. Plan to come out and hear about the health of the club.

Kaye Crichlow
Commodore

Mark your calendars...

Annual Election Meeting
Friday, October 22
6:30 p.m.

See page 2 for the Report of the 2010 Nominating Committee

SYC LABOR DAY PARTY!!!



Monday, September 6

Fish Fry
Noon - 2

Fried Catfish
Hushpuppies
French Fries
Cole Slaw

Catered by
Shaver's Seafood

Please join us for Croquet on the
Lawn & the Poker Run!
SIGN UP NOW!!!

The SYC Sailing Program
Proudly Presnets:

Ready, Get Set, Sail Event!!!

Labor Day
Monday, September 6

10 a.m. - Let the Games Begin

Noon - 2 p.m. - Lunch

2 p.m. - Games, Races, Activities

5:30 p.m. - Award Presentation

Participation is free and open to all SYC members and students of the Sailing Program. For more information, contact the Club or www.shreveportyachtclub.com or email ilove2sailatsyc@hotmail.com

KEELBOAT & CRUISING CERTIFICATION



Two SYC instructors just returned from successfully testing for US Sailing's Keelboat and Cruising Certifications in San Francisco Bay. Harold Battarbee and Ed Owen told Club Nautique instructors that heavy air experience was desired. They got their money's worth! Following brief chalk talks, Ed and Harold cast off into 18-25 kt. winds and churning tides. Double reefing mainsails and furling jibs was necessary. Crew overboard drills were the order of the day.



After training under sail, time was spent undocking/docking, turning in crowded harbors, stopping, and backing the larger boats under power. The slips were very narrow, and, with the crosswinds and tides, maneuvering was very tricky. It was a great learning experience. All that said, what was really remarkable was the bay's dynamics. There were numerous "choke points" where currents reached 5-7 kts and the wind was very strong (the "Chute" under Golden Gate Bridge, and "Hurricane Gulch" near Sausalito).

Then there was the infamous fog. Due to the sun heating the Sacramento Valley, San Francisco Bay fog runs on a three-day cycle. On day one, cold air generated by the cold offshore currents meets warm coastal air and creates dense fog. The sea fog encroaches to the bay's Pacific edge as the valley heats, creating a thermal sea breeze. Later, in the cool of the night, and with the flagging thermal breeze, the fog retreats back to the Pacific. Not having sufficient time to cool down overnight, the valley heats up more during day two, and the thermal breeze advances fog well into the bay. On day three, the brisk breeze carries the fog across the bay, brings clouds into the valley, the valley cools in the shade, and the cycle ends. The next day, due to lack of heating in the valley, the sea fog advances only to the bay's Pacific edge, and the cycle has begun anew.

By taking into account the time and day, the tides, and the area sailed in, it is possible to choose almost any condition to sail in. SF Bay is a sailor's paradise. During evenings, hosts Patrick Mercer, Harold's Stepson and his wife Colleen, filled time with all sorts of distractions. Saturday though Monday was filled with sightseeing and eating our way through the city. We experimented with an incredible variety of food from out-of-the-way little ethnic restaurants. The foods were wonderful.

The Report of the 2010 Nominating Committee:

On behalf of Henry Baker, Chair of the Nominating Committee, the following are our nominations for next year's Board:

Rear Commodore- Kaye Crichlow
Commodore - David McCary
Vice Commodore - Bill Sniffen
Treasurer - Bob Kehoe
Secretary - Kevin Wiley
Members-At-Large
John Childress
Wil Manwaring
Bill Meaney

Triad Sunfish Regatta 2010

**Saturday September 18th
Longview Yacht Club
Lake O' The Pines**

**Hosted By:
Shreveport Yacht Club - Tyler Yacht Club
Longview Yacht Club**

- **8:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- **9:00 am Skippers Meeting • 10:00 am First Race Start**
- **2 Morning Races**
- **Shore Lunch • 2 Afternoon Races**
- **Awards Ceremony & Refreshments**

\$25 Entry Fee - Includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch (\$10 for Non-Entry Meals)

From Interstate 20, Take Hwy 59 North to Hwy 49 From Hwy 59, Take Hwy 49 West to Rt 729 Take Rt 729 South to Rt 726 LYC is Adjacent to Big Cypress Marina

For **Questions** or to **Pre-Register** Contact -
TraidRegatta@suddenlink.net

***This event is a non-sanctioned, novice to intermediate skill level, casual Sunfish regatta**



*Contributions to The Tell Tale are always welcome & encouraged.
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PURE POWER



I'm not sure, but this may be an historic first for the SYC. Over the years the club has experienced many firsts, just not so historic as this may be. It is something the club should be proud of. I hope.

I know there are many members who had just as soon go to the bathroom, and have conversation with the porcelain god as have anything to do with power boats, power boat discussions, or power boat owners. For the most part we are genuinely a likable bunch of folks, and are happy to converse with sailors, even though a tack here, and a reach there is totally lost on most of us as it should be unless you would like to be thought of as an expert in both disciplines.

Our agreeable personalities are demonstrated in the bar and all of the functions that the SYC offers. Mostly the bar though. Throughout my membership I have not seen or been a part of any activities where the SWAT team has been summoned. So far as I know. I, for one consider it an educational opportunity when I enter into discussions with sailors if the sailors would just listen.

Sailors like wind direction, wind speed within limits, and what I've been able to discern is that they hold in great esteem yelling at each other, and their crew. The loudest thing you hear on a powerboat, when the engines are shut down, is please pass me a beer. We are, after all, a very courteous group. On a powerboat I have never heard, "duck you idiot", "not that line moron", "you fall off that's your problem." :-)

Yes, fellow members, the SYC power boat group is going to produce a monthly column for power boaters. Sailors, hang in there!

Save the date...

The SYC cordially invites you to the 1st

SOB PARTY
(SHRIMP, OYSTERS, & BEER)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
6:30 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 6 – Labor Day Celebration
- 9 – Board Meeting
- 16 – Poker Night
- 18 – Triad Sunfish Regatta

OCTOBER

- 9 – SOB Party
- 14 – Board Meeting
- 16 – J-22 Regatta
- 21 – Poker Night
- 22 – Annual Election Meeting
- 23-24 Bill Jennings Memorial Cross Lake Combeaux

Every Sunday – Club Race & "Sail for Fun"

MANAGER'S NOTES

As the summer season begins to wind down and the kids are heading back to school, the Club is gearing up for a lot of hustle and bustle over the next couple of months. Please refer to the calendar of events for everything we have planned.

The Wednesday evening Sail for Fun has been changed to Sundays from 2 – 5 p.m. to minimize conflicts with school activities, church, and contend with the Fall's waning daylight hours. Non-member guests are welcome and there is no charge. Ed Owen and Harold Battarbee will be setting up a "Fun Sail" to continue basic sailing and racing training. To participate, one must have completed the Beginner Junior or Adult class offered by the SYC.

Many thanks to Lisa Brutto for setting up and maintaining our new SYC Sailing Program Facebook page! The page provides information in regards to sailing education and upcoming sailing events in and around the area. I encourage you to join this fantastic group!

Please join me in welcoming our newest members:

Ashley Powell Sutton
Thomas Jaynes
Elisa Chwoschtschinsky
Vincent Rice (reinstated)

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

September 2010 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
5 11:30 am Sunday Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	6 Labor Day Celebration	7	8	9 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	10 Pot Luck 7 pm	11
12 11:30 am Sunday Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	13	14	15	16 Poker Night 6:30 pm	17 Pot Luck 7 pm	18 Triad Regatta Longview Yacht Club
19 11:30 am Sunday Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	20	21	22	23	24 Pot Luck 7 pm	25
26 11:30 am Sunday Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	27	28	29	30		

October 2010 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pot Luck 7 pm	2 Long Distance Race
3 11:30 am Sunday Lunch 2 pm Sunday Race	4	5	6	7 Power Squadron 6:30 p.m.	8 Pot Luck 7 pm	9 SOB PARTY 6:30 p.m.
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The Clubhouse is closed on Monday & Tuesday

Office Hours:
Wednesday – Friday
Noon – 6 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Bar Hours:
Wednesday & Thursday
3 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday 3 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Saturday Noon – 10 p.m.
Sunday Noon – 8:30 p.m.
(Bar hours are subject to change at the discretion of the Manager)

Kitchen Hours:
Lunch is served every
Saturday & Sunday
11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.