



# *Tell Tale*

October 2025

Shreveport Yacht Club Member News

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## **Guvernator Memorial Regatta**

**October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Open to all sailboat classes**

### **Schedule:**

#### **Friday, Oct 17**

Registration – 6:00-7:30pm

#### **Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Buffet Breakfast & Registration – 8:00am

Competitor's Meeting – 9:00am

Warning Signal 1<sup>st</sup> Race – 10:30am

Lunch on Water, Keg Beer Post Race

Cook-Your-Own Steak – 6:00-9:00pm

#### **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

Continental Breakfast - Map of Racecourse Available – 8:00am

"8 Bells" Ceremony for SYC Members who have "Concluded their Watch" – 9:00am

Warning Signal for Distance Race – 10:30am

Awards after racing

Fees: \$100 per boat (includes race management, trophies, all meals, and keg beer for skipper only).

Pre-Registration: Send e-mail to [syachtclub@comcast.net](mailto:syachtclub@comcast.net) that includes boat type, boat name, and crew particulars.

Questions: Contact Tom Hadel (903)331-1710 or e-mail [thomashadel@bellsouth.net](mailto:thomashadel@bellsouth.net)



Eric & Mary Guvernator





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**James Coe – Commodore**

**Jeff Little – Rear Commodore**

**Brenda Graves – Vice-Commodore**

**Shelly Wagner – Treasurer**

**Charles Tabor – Secretary**

**George Carroll –Member At Large**

**Kelly Crawford - Member at Large**

**Patrick Garrett – Member at Large**

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## 2025 Annual Election Meeting Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

Please join us for this informative membership meeting. The 2026 board of directors will be duly voted into office and we will share the state of the club as we wind down 2025.

The proposed 2026 board slate:

Shelly Wagner – Commodore

James Coe – Past Commodore

George Carroll – Vice Commodore

Charles Tabor – Treasurer

Brenda Graves – Secretary

Kelly Crawford – Member at Large

Chris Lamberth – Member at Large

Brad Schmidt – Member at Large

### NOTICE OF SERIES

SYC Sunday Racing

OPEN TO ALL SAILBOATS

Portsmouth Handicap System Scoring for Youth & Adult Divisions

Racing:

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday beginning 9/21/25 SYC will have two Windward/Leeward Course Races for all interested sailors with the 1st race starting at 2:00PM and a 2nd race to start immediately after all boats have finished the 1st . There will be two separate starts for each race. The first start will be for the Adult Division, and the second (about 5 min later) will be for the Youth (under 18)

Division:

Beginning in October 2025, SYC will also conduct a Fun Distance Race on the 2nd Sunday of each month-- touring the lake on a course to be determined that starts and finishes in the vicinity of the T-Pier at 2:00PM. Youth are encouraged to crew on adult boats during these distance races. These races will be scored using the Portsmouth Yardstick System but will not be included in the series scoring as the purpose of these races are to build esprit-de-corps, hone skills, enjoy the lake, and sail with new people.



**Welcome New Members!**  
**Justin Cannatella**

**Current Wait List for Membership - 5**



## Commodore's Comments



September was a great month for SYC. We've started our Sunday Racing Series again and The Membership Appreciation Party was one of the best in recent years and Labor Day weekend a group of SYC members and I traveled to the Buccaneer Yacht Club, where SYC was formally accepted as full members of the Gulf Yachting Association. The GYA is a collection of over 30 Yacht clubs located in the gulf states working together to promote sailing, racing and education. GYA membership gives SYC a broad network of nearby yacht clubs that help, sponsor and support each other. Being members of GYA also gives our membership reciprocal access to all the other GYA Club's facilities, their regattas and other GYA events. Many of the clubs along the coast also offer transient slips and launches for those traveling and overnight trips. If you should wish to visit one of the GYA clubs, you will need a SYC Membership Card from the office to present as validation to other clubs. You should also check with the other clubs as they all have different requirements for reciprocal visits. If you have any questions about GYA, please feel free to contact me or one of our other GYA representatives, Steve Durham, David McCary, and Tom Hadel.

*James Coe, Commodore*

## Manager's Message



October is the start of sailing season at the club. We have already started the Sunday racing series but there is still time to join in on the racing fun. We also have the Guvernator Memorial Regatta scheduled this month. In conjunction with this regatta, we will begin our new annual "8 Bells" ceremony celebrating the life of those who have passed on in the current year. Please see this newsletter for more information. We also have a "cook your own steak" night on the Saturday of the Guvernator Regatta.

Our Halloween Bingo and kid's party is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>. The children have a great time downstairs with crafts, games, and their own version of Halloween Bingo while the adults play Bingo upstairs. A buffet will be available as well.

I am pleased to introduce our new chef, Herbert (Kap) Kappler. Chef Kap has over 30 years of experience ranging from numerous private clubs, to owning and running several of his own restaurants. Kap is an award winning chef and is a member of the American Culinary Federation, the World Society of Cooks, and the Chaine Des Rotisseurs. Please don't hesitate to pop in the kitchen and introduce yourself to him while at the club.

Please plan to attend the Annual Election Meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>. This is an informative club meeting for all. Looking forward to fall!

*Rick Hutson, General Manager*



# Halloween Bingo & Kid's Party

**Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> -  
6:00-9:00pm**

**6:00-7:00pm – Halloween Buffet**

**7:00-9:00pm – Children's Party Downstairs to include:  
Games, Crafts, Snacks, and Kid's Halloween Bingo w/Prizes**

**7:00-9:00pm - Adult Halloween Bingo - Upstairs**

**Adult Bingo will end promptly at 9:00pm**

**\$20.00 pays for all adult Bingo games**

## Buffet Menu

Garden Salad Bar

Fried Chicken Strips

Flatbread Pizzas

Beef Tips and Rice

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Southern Style Green Beans

Rolls

Chocolate Cake

## Buffet Price

Adults - \$20.00

Kids - \$10.00 (4-10)

3 & under Free





## “Eight Bells” Ceremony

October 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00am

Before chronometers, time was kept on a ship using an hourglass, sized to measure 30 minutes, and a bell. A crewmember would strike the ship’s bell every 30 minutes as they turned over the half-hourglass. This practice evolved into the tradition of striking the bell every half-hour during the watch, increasing from one bell strike for the first 30 minutes, two strikes marking the first hour, and so on. A standard four-hour watch ends with eight bells, struck in pairs of two, hence the phrase “eight bells and all is well.”

Today, the tolling of eight bells is often used to signify the end of a person’s life or “watch on earth.” In maritime tradition, eight bells are sounded during a burial at sea or an interment on land. Eight bells may also be sounded during remembrance ceremonies for someone who has passed away.

### SYC’s Ceremony

By resolution of the SYC Board in June 2025, we will hold an annual Eight Bells ceremony to honor members who have passed away in the past year. Our first ceremony will be held in conjunction with our fall regatta.

This being our first Eight Bells Ceremony, we will begin by recognizing and honoring all SYC members whose watch on earth ended prior to the current year. Attendees at the ceremony will be invited to call out names of these members, after which eight bells will toll for them, collectively. Thereafter, we will honor, individually, those who have passed in 2025. Those members we currently plan to honor individually are;

- Carolyn Battarbee
- Eric Guvernator
- Mary Guvernator
- Will Bittick

We acknowledge that there may be other members who have passed away this year that we have omitted and invite you to let the club know their names so we may honor them individually as well. Family members of those being honored, whether SYC members or not, and their guests are invited to attend.

## Cook Your Own Steak Night

**You will pick out your steak from a selection of hand cut 8 oz. filets, season it to your liking and cook it on our open fire charcoal grill. SYC will provide a salad bar, baked potato bar and a vegetable. It’s a great event to socialize at the club! Guests are welcome!**



**Saturday**

**October 18th**

**\$28.00/person**

## October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Portsmouth Racing Windward/Leeward 2:00pm	6 Clubhouse Closed	7 Clubhouse Closed	8	9	10	11
12 Portsmouth Racing Fun Distance 2:00pm  Private Event Downstairs Bar 40 guests 3:00-5:00pm	13 Clubhouse Closed	14 Clubhouse Closed	15	16 Private Event Dining Room 30 guests 9:00am - 3:00pm	17	18 SYC Governor Memorial Regatta  Cook Your Own Steak Night 6:00-9:00pm
19 SYC Governor Memorial Regatta	20 Clubhouse Closed	21 Clubhouse Closed	22	23 Private Event Dining Room 80 guests 6:00 - 9:00pm  Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30pm	24	25 SYC Halloween Bingo and Kids Party 6:00-9:00pm
26	27 Clubhouse Closed	28 Clubhouse Closed	29	30 SYC Annual Election Meeting – 6:30pm	31	