



Tell Tale

Shreveport Yacht Club Member News

September
2025

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MARGARITAVILLE

Member Appreciation Party

Saturday
September 6th
6:00-10:00pm

Live Music from 7:00-10:00pm

Complimentary Heavy Hors D'oeuvres

Cash Bar





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

STAFF

Rick Hutson – General Manager

Brian Keller – Assistant Manager

Lee Hughes - Maintenance

**Kaelyn Hutson – Member
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SYC Fall Regatta – Renamed

We have decided to rename our annual Fall Regatta! In the past we have called it the “Cross Lake Combo” Regatta but, beginning this year, we will be calling it the “Guvernator Memorial” Regatta in honor of long-time SYC members, Eric and Mary Guvernator who both died tragically in an automobile accident on June 2, 2025. For years, Eric chaired our Regatta Committee, organizing and coordinating each regatta, serving as primary race official, and showcasing our club to so many skippers and crews from across the United States. Eric and Mary were cherished friends to many at SYC and are truly missed. The Guvernator Memorial Regatta will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 18 and 19. There will be a cook-your-own steak night on Saturday. On Sunday we will have our first annual Eight Bells Ceremony to honor our deceased members and an awards ceremony that will include the presentation of a new award – the Guvernator Cup Trophy. We hope you will participate, either as a skipper, crew member or just an interested SYC member. Continue to watch the Tell Tale and future emails for details. Please call Rick or Brian if you have any questions.



Welcome New Members!

**Stanley & Vivian Swesn, Glenn & Ellen Kinsey, Franklin & Christy Roemer,
Janio & Theresa Jarquin, Cameron & Emily Jones**



Commodore's Comments



September is here which means Fall is just around the corner and with it a new event, that we hope will become a tradition for SYC. Some of you may have noticed some new decorations in the bar area. This bell and burgee will be part of an Eight Bells Ceremony during our October Regatta and all SYC members and friends are invited to attend. Please see the article in this newsletter for more details.

James Coe, Commodore

Manager's Message



Summer is winding down and the heat is starting to subside. This is the perfect time to relax on the back patio with family and friends. The football games are always on!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Labor Day weekend. We are expecting another large crowd for the fish fry. The club "Member Appreciation" party is Saturday, the 6th. Jimmy Wooten will be the entertainment for the evening and the food will be on the house! Many thanks to Donald Sanders for filling in as the interim Chef. He is doing an outstanding job! I know he is working on a new dining menu that should be rolling out in the near future.

Please be reminded that if you store your trailer in the Annex area you must notify the office and get a parking permit sticker. There are several trailers in that area that are unidentifiable and will be locked up and immobilized until the owner receives their parking sticker and pays back rent.

I wanted to thank Kelly Crawford for organizing and leading our safety training for all of the SYC staff. These classes are ongoing and can really make a difference in the case of a medical emergency at the club.

Hope to see everyone at the Member Appreciation party and around the club during this early Fall!

Rick Hutson, General Manager

These lovely ladies had a nice "tea party" at the club recently. Thank you for spending the day with us!





8 Bells Ceremony – 2025

History and Tradition

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 and as announced in the July "Tell Tale" newsletter, 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. Please watch your email for further information about this event.

Fair winds and following Seas...

SYC Board of Directors



Labor Day Fish Fry

Join us for our annual fish fry on September 1st

Buffet served from Noon – 7:00pm

Menu to Include:

Fried Catfish, Fried Shrimp, Potato Salad,
Coleslaw, Hush Puppies, Baked Beans and
Strawberry Shortcake.

Adults - \$22

Children (4-10) \$12.50



2026 Board of Directors Slate

The 2025 Nominating Committee has made their recommendations for the 2026 Board of Directors:

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| <i>Commodore</i> | <i>Shelly Wagner</i> |
| <i>Vice-Commodore</i> | <i>George Carroll</i> |
| <i>Rear Commodore</i> | <i>James Coe</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>Charles Tabor</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>Brenda Graves</i> |
| <i>Member at Large</i> | <i>Kelly Crawford</i> |
| <i>Member at Large</i> | <i>Chris Lamberth</i> |
| <i>Member at Large</i> | <i>Brad Schmidt</i> |

This slate has been approved by the Board of Directors and it has been posted in the clubhouse. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee members and outgoing board members; Jeff Little and Patrick Garrett.

Club News

The Club will no longer be open for lunch on Fridays after Labor Day. We will still be open for lunch on Saturdays and Sundays beginning at 11:00am.

Please be aware that no one under 21 years of age will be permitted to sit at the bar countertop. Those under 21 may still dine in the bar area but must be seated at a table.

September 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| | 1 SYC Labor Day Fish Fry | 2 Clubhouse Closed | 3 Clubhouse Closed | 4 | 5 | 6 SYC Member Appreciation Party |
| 7 | 8 Clubhouse Closed | 9 Clubhouse Closed | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Clubhouse Closed | 16 Clubhouse Closed | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Private Event Dining Room 100 guests 5:00-10:00pm |
| 21 | 22 Clubhouse Closed | 23 Clubhouse Closed | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Private Event Downstairs Areas 175 guests 12:00-4:00pm |
| 28 | 29 Clubhouse Closed | 30 Clubhouse Closed | | | | |