



Tell Tale



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The Newsletter of the The Shreveport Yacht Club, 2905 Municipal Pier Rd., Shreveport, LA 71119

Commodore's Comments



Happy New Year and I hope everyone's 2021 is off to a great start. Mine is as I am honored to be your Commodore for the 2021 year, and thank each of you for the opportunity. First, I want to thank our 2020 Commodore Steve Durham, and our

2020 board of directors and committee members, for their commitment, effort, and leadership this past year; you are all appreciated for a job well done.

Secondly, we have an interesting year coming up, and I hope each of you will take advantage of the opportunities the Club offers our membership. We continue to see progress on the building construction, with our fingers crossed that the weather holds to keep us on schedule. If you have not had a chance to come out and see the progress, I urge you to come out and take a look, we just ask that you be careful, as it is an active construction site. Also, the kitchen and bar remain open, although reduced in size due to construction, but I invite you to come out and enjoy Chef John's specials and/or have a cocktail in the bar area. We have a great staff to take care of you, so please come out.

Lastly, my agenda for the year includes several areas of the Club, including but not limited to: completion of the construction in the approved time frame; potential swimming pool repairs and upgrades; dock repairs to several piers; and finally some changes to our parking lot, transient boat parking area, and grass trailer parking area. If any of you have additional concerns/comments, please let Rick or myself know so they can be timely addressed. Thank you again, and see you at SYC soon.

Steve Craig, Commodore

Manager's Message

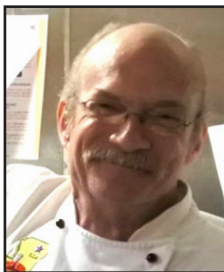


As things progress with the club expansion, we are planning for great things after it's completion! We have hired additional qualified help for Chef John and are working on new menus to implement when the renovated kitchen is complete. In the meantime, shortly we will be working out of the food truck that Wayne Wentworth has graciously let us borrow. We have come up with a nice menu that we will be able to serve from the truck with a couple of new items for your dining enjoyment.

Construction is fast approaching phase two (inside 2nd floor) and we will soon be opening up the new downstairs bar for dining and bar service. Of course construction schedules do not always come to fruition so please check your e-mails from the club for updates. We invite everyone to come out and view the progress!

Rick Hutson, General Manager

Chef's Corner



Welcome to the Chef's corner. We are very excited about the new construction and the product we will be able to create in the new kitchen. My staff and I are preparing a mini menu that will be available soon when we will be cooking in the food truck.

We will continue to serve a weekly special or two, so please keep an eye out for your weekly e-mails.

I would like to welcome Chef Nick Cascio to our kitchen staff. Nick has over 30 years of culinary experience and a wealth of knowledge. He will be another great asset to SYC. Please stop by the kitchen (or food truck) anytime to say hello and give any feedback. Thank you and enjoy!

John Hedgepeth, Executive Chef

J-22 Circuit Regatta

There will be a J-22 Circuit Regatta held February 26-28. Registration is \$140.00 per boat. Included in the registration is Saturday breakfast and lunch and Sunday continental breakfast. Saturday “Cook Your Own Steak Night” is available for an additional cost. Trophies given out on Sunday after completion of racing.



The club is giving away this boat and trailer to the first person to claim them. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Ask Captain Curmudgeon

Dear Captain Curmudgeon,

I was boating on Cross Lake and I noticed a lot of debris floating in the lake. My friend says this is “jetsam,” but I think the correct term is “flotsam.” Who is correct?

Signed, Dock Rat

Dear Dock Rat,

You are both wrong. They are the lost members of the band, BackStreet Boys. Flotsam and jetsam are actually two different types of debris associated with ships. Most people use the terms together and incorrectly, like saying “Over and Out” on the radio. When we talk about “flotsam and jetsam” today, we are speaking metaphorically about some rejected or abandoned aspect of our society (like Bass fisherman). At one time, however, “flotsam” and “jetsam” not only had different meanings, but carried important legal distinctions.

In English common law, “flotsam” (derived from the Latin flottare, “to float”) referred specifically to the cargo or parts of a wrecked ship that float on the sea. “Jetsam” (also derived from Latin jactare, “to throw”) referred to goods

purposely thrown overboard in order to either lighten the ship or to keep it from going down with the ship.

Although the main distinction between the two terms was the way the goods got into the water, technically, to become jetsam, the cargo had to be dragged ashore and above the high water line. If not, the material was considered flotsam, which included all cargo found on the shore between the high and low water lines. Actually, two more terms, “lagan” and “derelict,” were also used to differentiate cargo. “Lagan” referred to any abandoned wreckage lying at the bottom of the sea; “derelict” was the abandoned ship itself. If we hit it, we don’t care what you call it, as long as the insurance company pays for it. What you call it counts when it comes to the remains. Jetsam goes to the owner of the boat, but flotsam goes to the State (or in old times, the Crown).

The stuff you see floating on the lake is called “Crap.”

Signed, Captain Curmudgeon

You may send questions to Capt. Curmudgeon care of the editor. He may or may not answer them.

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