



Tell Tale



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

Commodore's Comments



I hope everyone has been enjoying the spring weather lately and getting a chance to get out and appreciate some time outside. We hope you take some of this time to come out to the Club and enjoy the sunshine, water, boating, and amenities offered you as members and invited guests.

While out at the Club, please take a walk through your new Club building renovations, which are getting closer to completion. Look through the expanded dining room, the new bar area, and the state-of-the-art kitchen upstairs, and the new dining/bar, outside seating areas, and newly renovated deck downstairs. Please remember it is still an active construction site, so be careful as you walk around.

Also, we continue to work on securing your investment, by testing new motion activated lighting and cameras and other security features in all the Club areas.

Remember Chef John and the staff continue to provide amazing dining menus, accompanied by your favorite beverages, in the downstairs dining area, so please come and enjoy when you have the opportunity. Also, the pool will be opening May 1st, so make plans to come out and enjoy the pool and new downstairs food/beverage service area as you use the pool.

As always, if any of you have additional concerns/comments, please let Rick or me know so they can be timely addressed. Thank you and see you at SYC soon.

Steve Craig, Commodore

Manager's Message



Well, it's finally here! After years of planning and work, the new clubhouse is opening this month! It is absolutely beautiful and I encourage everyone to come check it out if you have not done so already. I could not thank Don Olson and Wayne Wentworth

enough for being the club's "project managers". Their knowledge and expertise kept things going smoothly throughout the entire project. Our first club event in the new clubhouse will be our annual BBQ on Memorial Day. With so much room now we will begin planning more and more member events throughout the year. Please keep an eye out for the weekly e-mails to keep up with all that is happening.

We are working on new summer lunch and dinner menus. We will be able to do so much more than in the past with the new kitchen. Also, we will begin serving lunch on Fridays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The pool is now open and we are beginning to hire for summer lifeguards. If you know anyone interested in working at the club as a lifeguard this summer please have them come see me. Dates are filling up fast for events so please do not hesitate in getting on the books for your scheduled event if you have not already done so.

Looking forward to a great summer! See you at the club.

Rick Hutson, General Manager

Welcome New Members!
Please join us in welcoming the following new members to SYC:
• Tracy & Donna Graham



Memorial Day at SYC

Monday, May 31

The Club will be OPEN on Memorial Day!!

We will have BBQ plates available for dine in and to-go. BBQ plates to include choice of:

- Chicken, Ribs, or Brisket, served with: Baked Beans and Potato Salad or Chips
- One Meat Plate, \$10.00+ • Two Meat Plate, \$13.00+ • Three Meat Plate, \$15.00+

• Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will also be available from the kitchen. Served from 11:30 am to 7:00 pm

The club office will be closed on Wednesday, June 2.

Ask Captain Curmudgeon

Dear Capt. Curmudgeon,

Why is the most violent sea called the Pacific ocean? Why is the hospital called “sickbay”? Why is the color blue called “Navy”? Why do you have so much grey in your beard? Why are you frowning at me?

Signed, A four-year old.

Dear A four-year old,

Run along, I think I hear your mother calling. Where do I start? Those explorers you learned about in elementary school look like they are all guts and glory. However, most of them stumbled upon their “discoveries” while looking for somewhere or something else. Perhaps the most famous explorer, Magellan (so famous he goes by only one name, a la Liberace, Cher, and Madonna), was responsible for naming El Pacifico (“peaceful,” “mild”) when he left Spain in 1519 to venture out and explore the new world. As Magellan sailed west, he found the water smooth and the weather pleasant. Of course, Magellan had no idea he was sailing on a body of water that spans sixty-four million square miles, an area bigger than all of the land on earth combined. Traveling through the Pacific, one will also encounter the most violent storms of any ocean. But Magellan encountered only the edges of this mighty ocean, so our largest ocean was given a name to indicate its supposed serenity rather than its enormous size.

Ships hospitals were originally known as “Sick Berths,” but as they were generally located in the round sterns of the old battle wagons, or in the early sailing ships, the bow area was the roomiest area below decks. Both of these contours suggested a “bay,” and the latter name was given them. It was the custom for the surgeon to use these roomiest areas so many men could be stretched out at once for his attention. Sickbay has now become the term for the ship’s medical area on the vessel, regardless of its actual location.

Navy wasn’t Blue until 1745. It was that year that several British officers petitioned the Admiralty for adaptation of new uniforms for its officers. The first lord narrowed the choices for the King to decide. King George II, unable to pick a style or color (he spelled it “colour”), finally chose a blue and white because they were the favorite color combinations of the first lord’s wife, the Duchess of Bedford. The first lord was unaware his wife and his majesty were involved together in what he thought was his “affair.” Sorry, forgot I was responding to a four year old. My Bad

Signed Capt. Curmudgeon

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

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