



Tell Tale



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

Commodore's Comments



Welcome summer! I trust everyone had a great Memorial Day holiday and it was great to see so many of you out enjoying the Club and the great weather. I hope you have had a chance to see the completed expansion/updated Club building and facilities, and if you have not been out yet, please come see it. The upstairs dining room, new bar area, and outside deck are available for your enjoyment, and peek your head in one of the most modern and well-equipped kitchens around. All food service has now been moved into the kitchen, and thanks for the food truck that served us very well in the interim.

Downstairs the pool is open and ready to enjoy, along with the new walk up bar and dining area. Please come utilize your new Club facilities, and take advantage the good weather for sailing, boating or just hanging out on the water.

Thank you to our entire membership during this construction phase, and we appreciate your patience and continued patronage of your Club as worked progressed. 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

Welcome New Members!

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to SYC:

- Jaime Davis • Patrick & Samantha Doyal
- Joel Casale & Kaitly Cauffman
- Jacob & Karen Terry • Larry Clevenger
- Thomas & Suzette Beene • Keith & Kim Carter
- Patrick & Elizabeth Garrett

Manager's Message



Summer is finally here. Between Covid, flooding and construction, it has been a long road to get to this point but it seems that everything will be back to normal soon. If you haven't seen the newly expanded clubhouse yet, I encourage everyone to come out and see how beautiful it turned

out. So many "thanks" to Don Olson and the expansion committee, Brenda Graves and the color coordination committee, Wayne Wentworth, and the Board of Directors for all of their hard work.

The junior sailing education camps have begun and we have sold out on several of the dates. It's great to see the future of the club out on the water. Thanks to Karl and Elizabeth Bradley for heading up the camps this year. Our new summer menus will be rolling out soon. Chef John and his staff have been working so very hard the past couple of months to ensure the food service did not miss a beat during construction. I could not be more proud of him and our entire staff for working so hard and sticking with us through all of this. We are planning a great Father's Day buffet this year so please mark that on your calendar.

The 4th of July party is also fast approaching and will be an event that you won't want to miss. Please keep in mind that there will be a \$15.00 voluntary assessment on your June statement to help pay for our 4th of July fireworks. Our yearly Membership Appreciation party has been moved to August 21st.

Looking forward to a great summer!

Rick Hutson, General Manager

Nominating Committee

It is time to form the nominating committee for the 2022 Board of Directors. Please contact Steve Durham, Rear Commodore, or the office if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Steve Durham, Rear Commodore

Welcome Even More New Members!

- Kevin & Ashley Ellis • Roger & Kelly Devilbiss • Rodney & Ashley Clements • James & Megan Campbell
- Michael & Rachal McCauslin • Carrie Jones • Michael & Laura Watts • Roy & Katrina Lincecum

Ask Captain Curmudgeon

Dear Captain Curmudgeon,

[Editor's Note: Capt. Curmudgeon was on vacation when we asked for his column. His temporary secretary, sent the following note. Please don't send her any more questions].

Dear Editor,

Like Capt. Curmudgeon had this article to send in, but like the phone was ringing a lot and I was having this bad hair day, so I don't know what I did with it. Capt. Curmudgeon did say I needed to "Shake a Leg" and do my work "Balls to the Wall". I'm not sure what this means. But this professor type guy that my friend Tiffany is dating said that "Shake a Leg" comes from the British Navy of King George III, when many sailors' wives accompanied them on long voyages. I guess it was like a free cruise or something. Once, I got invited by this customer to go on cruise last year when I was waiting tables in Hooter's. I got good tips but that was like way cool. I couldn't go cause my boyfriend at that time, Rocco, was home sick with an infection from a tattoo he got in Mexico. Anyway, Tiffany's boyfriend said the wives were allowed to stay for the night when the ship was in port. There was always a problem at reveille, which is like the alarm that goes off before you hit the "snooze" button. I got this great app on my cell phone but it's next to the camera and I always forget to set it after I take my "going to sleep" selfie. Where was I, oh yes, the problem of telling which bunks or hammocks held males and which held females. To avoid dragging the wrong "mates" out of their hammocks, the bosun asked all to "shake a leg" or "show a leg." If the

leg was shapely and/or adorned with silk, the owner was allowed to continue sleeping. If the leg was obviously male, such as being hairy and/or tattooed, then he was roused out. In today's Navy, showing a leg is a signal to the reveille petty officer that you have heard his call and you are awake. Like Tiffany would really confuse them, cause she has tattoos and hardly ever shaves her legs. I won't let her borrow my new pumps either.

I found out two different meanings for "Balls Out" or "Ball to the Wall." The editor won't let me tell you Rocco's explanation. Something about taking advice from someone dumb enough to get a tattoo in Mexico. Tiffany's boyfriend says it has to do with the early design of engine governors, in which a pair of masses (balls) spun at an increasing rate as engine speed increased. Centrifugal acceleration threw the masses outward, so "balls out" refers to maximum possible engine speed. I guess "Balls to the wall" came from the small engine compartments so that the balls were spinning almost against the bulkheads. Of course, small rooms on boats also goes with Rocco's explanation for the term. But what would that bum know about "maximum effort." Anyway, I hope the Captain comes back soon cause like the phone rings a lot around here.

Sincerely,

Brandy, Capt. Curmudgeon's temporary secretary

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

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