



Tell Tale



August 2021

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

Commodore's Comments



I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer, and taking some time for vacation, family and friends. It is also a great time to come out your Club and enjoy everything it has to offer. Yes, the weather is hot, but what an opportunity to enjoy the water, pool, or just take it easy in each of the Club's restaurant/bar areas.

Our renovation project is complete, with just a few items left on the punch list to get corrected with our contractor. Overall, I think it turned out amazing, and thank you all for your patience during the construction phase, and another thank you to our staff and renovation team for their work during the same. Currently, we are working on the sound absorption in the downstairs dining/bar area, and you should see some of these improvements in the next week or so.

Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed the 4th of July festivities, I hope you had a great time, and thank you to all who worked so hard to make it a success.

If there are issues or areas at the Club that could be improved and/or updated, please let us know and we will continue to work diligently to get them done.

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

Be careful in the heat and have a great August.

Steve Craig, Commodore

Manager's Message



Wow, it's hot! What a perfect time to hit the lake and grab a bite to eat at the club! We are currently planning our FIRST member event since the Covid outbreak and are very excited. The member appreciation party is scheduled for August 21st and is free

to members and their invited guests. Reservations are requested so we can plan food preparation properly. See the article in this newsletter for more information.

With such increased membership and utilization of the club there have been some long wait times for food recently. Please keep in mind that weekends are busy times at the club and every order is cooked from scratch with fresh ingredients. We pride ourselves on food that is fresh, great tasting and consistent, even if not always quick. Please be sure to plan on a little wait time for our kitchen to prepare your order while enjoying time with your friends and family. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Rick Hutson, General Manager

Welcome New Members!

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

- Kyle & Martha Dill • Robert & Julie Brown
- Kelly Crenshaw • Jose & Patty Galilondo
- John & Katelyn Nance • Will & Judy Hubbard
- Barron & Mary O'Neal • John & Carolyn Norris
- Brian & Heather Frazier • Lance & Kayla Duay
- Dale & Gloria Dunn • Joseph & Dana Milner
- Christopher & Brittney Jewitt
- Jason Lustig & Destin Black

2021 SYC Membership Party!



Saturday, August 21st, 7:00 - 11:00 pm

*Come dressed as a cast member of Gilligan's Island
(optional but encouraged)*

- Prizes for the best costumes!
- Complimentary Heavy Hors D'oeuvres
 - Live Music by Side FX

Reservations requested.

Please note: regular food service will stop at 2:00 pm so the staff can prepare for the party.



2021 Board of Directors

Commodore	Steve Craig
Vice Commodore	Brian Fulco
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Ask Captain Curmudgeon

Dear Captain Curmudgeon,

Editor's Note: You may send questions to Capt. Curmudgeon care of the editor. He may or may not answer them.

Dear Capt. Curmudgeon,

I know pets are NOT allowed on the club premises (except for immediate transport from your vehicle to your boat), but which pet is better for boaters, Dogs or Cats?

Signed, Pet Owner.

Dear Pet Owner,

NEITHER! When is the last time you saw a pirate with a dog or a cat on his shoulder? But if you have to choose between kids or cats, always pick the cats. With cats you only have to change the litter box once a day!

Historically, dogs and cats association with boating is related to "at the dock" and not "at sea." Dogs have since ancient times served as watchdogs and cats have always served well in "pest control."

Mention of the term "dog" while underway was more often related to the term "dog days." Both the Romans and Egyptians placed great nautical significance on Sirius, the Dog Star. The Romans who believed the star added its heat to that of the sun from July 3 to August 11, creating exceptionally high temperatures and called the period dies caniculares, or "days of the dog."

Sirius was a very important star to the ancient Egyptians, who called it the "Star of Isis" or the "Nile Star". About 5,000 years ago, the helical rising of Sirius

occurred earlier, around June 25. When the Egyptians saw Sirius rising just before the Sun they knew it would soon be time for the flooding - inundation - of the Nile River, which was important for Egyptian river traffic.

Mention the word "Cat" while underway and sailors of old would shutter. "Cat" was a reference to the cat 'o nine tails which was normally kept in a cloth bag, and was only pulled out immediately prior to flogging. Sometimes the bag was waived in front of a potential miscreant to warn him before the "cat is let out of the bag". Some feel this phrase also has to do with the situation where someone would sell a suckling pig to sailors before leaving port, presenting them with a squirming sack, or "poke". The unfortunate sailor would then have bought a "pig in a poke" but sometimes when the poke was opened, he would not find a nice edible pig, but instead, a cat; thus, letting "the cat out of the bag" reveals the deception.

However, the phrase "no room to swing a cat" does come from the cat 'o nine tails. During punishment all hands were called on deck to bear witness. In the case of a ship with a full complement on board this could make for a very crowded deck. In fact the deck could be so crowded that a cat o' nine tails could not be used without hitting the observers.

I was never hit by a cat, but was once hit by a bowl of dip. It made my parrot, Polly, remark that it "wants a cracker"!

Signed, Captain Curmudgeon

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee to select the 2022 SYC Board of Directors has been approved by the current Board of Directors and advertised in the August Tell Tale as required in the bylaws.

The Nominating Committee:

Steve Durham

John Hellyer

John Saye

John Moore

Vincent Rice

The Committee wishes to thank all those who volunteered to serve on the Board of Directors.

The 2022 Board of Directors nominees will be announced in the September Tell Tale.

Steve Durham. Nominating Committee Chair