



# Tell Tale



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

## Commodore's Comments



Ok, I agree, it's hot...but what a better time to come out and enjoy everything your newly renovated Club has to offer! It is a perfect time to get your boat out and enjoy the water and a sunset, bring the family out to the pool and grab a chair while

keeping cool swimming, and remember to grab your favorite food or beverage from the downstairs walk-up bar area.

I trust each of you has had a chance to see the entire renovation project and are happy with the results. This could not have been done without your support and the hard work of our committees who served us all so well.

A few things your Board and committees are working on to continue to make our Club even better are: security at all entry points to the Club; a freshly painted yardarm with new flags on the back deck; sound absorption measures in the downstairs bar area which is desperately needed. If there are other areas you see 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 or comments, please let Rick or myself know so they can be addressed in a timely manner. Have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July, celebrate our great country, thank you and see you at SYC soon.

*Steve Craig, Commodore*

## Manager's Message



I am greatly anticipating another wonderful 4th of July event at the club this year. Wayne Wentworth has the fireworks stored and ready to go. If you have not attended this event in the past I encourage you to attend this year. You won't want to miss it!

Many thanks to Liz & Karl Bradley for heading up another successful junior sailing camp season. The kids had a blast and learned a lot at the same time. The club was able to purchase a new outboard motor for one of the safety boats with the proceeds from the camps.

Many of you have had trouble with your gate cards since we switched to a new system with the remodel. Please let the office know if you need any assistance getting your gate card to work. We understand that it can be frustrating not being able to get in the club and we will work to remedy this situation.

We look forward to seeing everyone out on the lake and in the dining rooms soon!

*Rick Hutson, General Manager*

### Welcome New Members!

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

- Carl & Renee David • Mark & Karen Weathers
- Daniel Pierce • Ken & Kathie Booth
- Neil & Glenda Erwin • Steven & Jennifer Strecker
- Russell & Marsh Friedrich • Louis & Debra Roach
- Katherine Smith • Stephanie Faries
- Scott & Noelle Tobey • Lissa Busbee & John Locke
- James & Catherine Lusk • Ryan & Tracy Jones
- Brittany Alvarez • Tim & Shu Whaley
- Stephen & Christine Fortson • Ronald Madden
- Anna Gleason • Ryan & Victoria Camp
- Randall & Maureen Lillich



## 4th of July Celebration • Join us for the fabulous all day event at SYC!

Food service from 11:30 to 8:00 pm • DJ from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm • Police officers on duty all day and night  
• Fireworks display at dusk

**Food Available:** • Chopped Brisket Sandwiches • Grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs • Kielbasa with Peppers and Onions  
• Grilled Chicken Sandwiches • Chips • Potato Salad • Ice Cream • Full bars available upstairs and downstairs

*A la carte service will not be available*

Non-members may not launch boats. All guests **must** be registered with the office by July 3 to gain access. Guests arriving at the club without a member will not be allowed in unless they are pre-registered. Due to the popularity of this event, we strongly urge you to carpool to help alleviate some of the congestion in the parking lot.

Vehicles with trailers attached **must** either use the transient parking area or the annex area for parking. No trucks with trailers attached will be permitted to park in the parking lot. Due to our limited amount of fuel available, we will be limiting each boat to no more than 20 gallons of fuel on the 4th. If you would like to donate funds to help with the cost of the fireworks, you may do so by sending a check payable to Wayne Wentworth, or we can add it to your club bill if requested.

### Ask Captain Curmudgeon

*Dear Captain Curmudgeon,*

I overheard my spouse on the phone to his friends. He used the words “hawsepip” and “Boatswain’s Pipe.” He might just be taking up some new nasty habit, like vaping. I’m afraid it could be something worse, like boating! What do you think?

*Signed, Fuming in Shreveport*

*Dear Fuming,*

Maybe he’s buying a “Cigarette Boat.” But from the terms he used, I think he’s buying a wooden frigate! “Hawsepip” is not some new Cuban import. This comes from “Hawser” which derives from the Middle English “Halse”, and Old Norse, “Hals.” Both words mean “neck”. Hawser is a thick, large rope (about the size of a man’s neck) used for towing or securing a ship to its anchor, or to a pier. From this comes the word, “hawsepip”, which refers to the hole in the bow area where the ship’s anchor chain runs out.

Also very nautical is the Boatswain’s Pipe which is the emblem of the boatswain and his mates, has an ancient and interesting history. Even the four parts of the pipe have nautical names: buoy, gun, keel and shackle. On the old Grecian and Roman galleys (way before

I/O drives, these were “row” powered by slaves), the boatswain used his pipe to call the stroke. Later because its shrill pitch could be heard above most of the activity on board, it was used in the Crusades to call English cross bowmen on deck for attack. In time, the pipe came to be used as a badge of office by commanders. The whistle was used for salutes to distinguished persons as well as to pass orders, or to signal various happenings such as knock-off and the boarding of officials. So essential was this signaling device to the well-being of the ship, that it became a badge of office and honor in the British and American Navy of the sailing ships. It was also used to signal the crew to be quiet and pay attention. Thus, the origin of the phrase often used towards my kids - “to pipe down.”

*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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