



Tell Tale



September 2021

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

Commodore's Comments



First, I would like to ask all of you to take a few minutes and think of our friends in South Louisiana who have been impacted by Hurricane Ida, and who continue to deal with the devastation left behind. It seems these last three storms have had it out for Louisiana, but it also shows

the fortitude and resiliency of our people to respond, rebuild, and remain.

Even though the calendar says summer is coming to an end and everyone reverts back to school and their work routines, please remember we are fortunate here to have many great days ahead to enjoy. Please take advantage of the longer evenings on the water before the time change, and/or enjoy the sunsets from your newly renovated Club.

The renovation is now complete, so please come out and enjoy dinner and drinks with your friends and family and take advantage of all your new Club has to offer. Also, the Club is starting an adult sailing class for those of us who might be too old for Junior Sailing, so if you have any interest and want to learn, please contact the office and get signed up for classes. A special thanks to those who have volunteered their boats and instruction abilities to help us get this program on the water.

As always, if any of you have additional concerns or comments, please let Rick or me know so they can be addressed in a timely fashion. See you at the Club.

Steve Craig, Commodore

Manager's Message



Summer is winding down and it has really been a great one! The board has gotten so much accomplished this year (with a little help from Don Olson and Wayne Wentworth), and the facility is in terrific shape. I really hope that everyone is enjoying the improvements.

Our "Member Appreciation" party was very well attended and everyone seemed to be having a great time. Thanks to Chris & Melissa Lamberth for the excellent decorating job!

This is the time of year that we try to ramp up the member events, but we will need to play that by ear again due to Covid. One thing that is definitely happening is our annual Labor Day fish fry. Come out and have some of Chef John's fried catfish and shrimp and spend some time at the lake or pool.

I would like to remind everyone that guests of members MUST be accompanied by a member to utilize the facility, including getting gas.

We have noticed throughout the summer that this rule has not always been followed. The club will be strict on not serving guests that are not accompanied by a member in the future. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Our Annual Election Meeting is scheduled for October 21st. We encourage all members to attend to elect the 2022 Board of Directors, as well as having your voice heard on any club issues, improvements or suggestions. See you at the club,

Rick Hutson, General Manager

Welcome New Members!

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

- Eric & Laurie Karling • James & Paulette Freeman
- Judson & Kimberly Lorant • Kim Bailey



Please join us on Labor Day, Monday, September 6th for the annual
Labor Day Fish Fry

Menu:

- Fried Catfish • Fried Shrimp • Potato Salad • Cole Slaw • Hush Puppies • Chips • Strawberry Shortcake
- \$15.00 - Adults • \$7.50 Children (4-10) • 3 and under free

Buffet will be available from 12:00 - 7:00 pm. All food service will end at 7:00 pm.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will also be available from the kitchen.

The club office and clubhouse will be closed on Wednesday, September 8th.

SYC Adult Sailing Orientation/Lessons

- What:** No cost adult sailing orientation/classes.
- Who:** Ages 16 and up.
- When:** 5:30 pm start on Thursdays in September (beginning September 9th) and October.
- Where:** J22s launching off of "C" Pier.
- How:** Interested SYC members and invited guests should sign-up with the club staff in the office or by e-mail (shreveportyachtclub@gmail.com). An email from the club will follow containing a few particulars for the program. The club will provide some food for after-sail socials & chalk-talks on "C" pier. Participants can come out on one Thursday or all of them.

2022 Board of Directors Nominations

The 2021 Nominating Committee has made their recommendations for the 2022 Board of Directors:

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| Commodore | Brian Fulco |
| Vice Commodore | Donald Hathaway |
| Rear Commodore | Steve Craig |
| Treasurer | William Bradford |
| Secretary | Jeffrey Little |
| Members at Large | James Coe, |
| | Brenda Graves, |
| | Carolyn Prator |

This slate has been approved by the Board of Directors. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee members, John Hellyer, Jon Saye, John Moore and Vincent Rice for their efforts in assembling this slate.

Steve Durham, Rear Commodore and Chair of the Nominating Committee

Ask 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,

Do you think the editor will let you do movie reviews? Which do you think is better, the movie, "Poseidon" or "Titanic"?

Signed, C.B. DeMill

Dear Cecil,

Most of the Yacht Club is old enough to know that "Poseidon" (2006) is a loose remake of the 1972 action movie "The Poseidon Adventure" (not to be confused with "Beyond the Poseidon Adventure" the 1979 critical and commercial failure. However, few are old enough to know that their was an earlier (silent - black and white) version by the same name. It was based on a novella , entitled "Futility" by a writer named Morgan Robertson. This was 14 years before the Titanic sunk and the boat name was - are you ready for this - Titan!. Do you hear eerie music in the background? No! Well consider this much lesser known fact:

At the very moment the Titanic struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic late in the evening of 14 April 1912, this film was being screened aboard ship. The film was an astonishing 53 minutes (very long in an era where most were generally 10 minutes long and no more than one reel in length), and of course it was silent and black-and-white.

The White Star line, saw to it that its new flagship Titanic carried its own projector and a complement of movies

rented from the British office of a U.S. film distributor. In those days, the film industry, due to the nickelodeon, had a low class image. To avoid offending first class passengers who considered motion pictures to be a lower class fad, movies were screened only in the second class dining saloon. The films were also not run until after 11:00 P.M., after the first class passengers retired and the ship's orchestra finished its evening concert. Witnesses watching the movie were so enthralled by the movie that they failed to notice the slight shudder that marked the Titanic's fatal encounter with an iceberg at approximately 11:40 pm.

Because no one alarmed the passengers, the movie was immediately screened for a second time just after midnight. By the time the second screening drew to its conclusion after 1:00 am and a few hundred second class passengers filtered back out on deck, all but a precious few of the woefully inadequate number of lifeboats had loaded and cast off at far less than capacity.

This may explain why barely a third (116 out of 285) of the Titanic's second class passengers and crew ultimately survived the disaster.

Strange but true!

I think this explains why the Shreveport Yacht Club won't let the Junior Sailing Camp screen the movie "Captain Ron" ever!

Signed, Captain Curmudgeon

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