



Tell Tale



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

Commodore's Comments



As we wind down another great summer and move into fall, please remember we have cooler days and evenings ahead, making for a great time to enjoy the water and the Club's amenities. We invite everyone to come take a nice cruise on the

lake, enjoy a great meal in the dining room, upstairs bar, or out on the patio. Remember the upstairs bar is a great place to watch a ball game with friends, or soon to be friends, while enjoying your favorite beverage.

Chef John and our wonderful staff continue to impress and exceed expectations with their delicious food items, so please come out and enjoy a nice experience in your newly renovated Club. If there is something you would like to see on the menu or as a special, please let the staff know and we will make our best effort to try make those available.

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

Steve Craig, Commodore

Manager's Message



What a beautiful time of the year! Our adult sailing classes were very well attended, informative, and a lot of fun for all. We plan to have another sailing class program in the early spring next year.

Chef John has a wonderful Fall Harvest brunch planned for the 14th and the menu looks awesome. Although we will not have a Commodores Ball this year due to Covid concerns, we still plan to have our Santa Brunch. We still have a few dates available to host Christmas parties, so please call the office if you are interested in utilizing this great facility for a company party or any other event.

Congratulations to new board member James Coe. I know he will bring a lot of sailing and club experience to the board next year and will be a great asset. Many thanks to outgoing board member Steve Durham. Looking forward to a great holiday season!

Rick Hutson, General Manager

Welcome New Members!
 Please join us in welcoming
 the following new members to SYC:

- Maury & Carrie Woolridge • Charles & Joey Black
- Wesley Carlisle & Mary Hastings • Vita Riner • Jack & Coni Fisher
- Christopher Coe & Sophie Li

Fall Harvest Brunch

Sunday, November 14, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Menu:

- Pear Salad • Deviled Eggs • Pumpkin Waffle Station with Apple Cider Syrup
- Sweet Potato Casserole • Baked Oatmeal Stuffed Acorn Squash • Broccoli & Cauliflower Gratin
- Cider Braised Pot Roast • Harvest Pork Chop • Chicken & Dumplings • Apple Crisp

*Adults \$24.95; Children (4-8) \$12.00; Under 4, free***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 Captain Curmudgeon,

What is the meaning of numerous flags I see hanging in the newly remodeled upstairs bar? Since they are not everywhere in the club, only above the bar, I think the bartenders hung them to mean "SOS" or "Save our Scotch." Is this a distress signal?

Signed, Anonymous New Member

Dear A.N.M.

Those flags are the club burgees for other yacht clubs. I personally checked the Scotch supply and there is no worry today. However, just in case you check up on the downstairs bar, you should know that the letters S.O.S., the international Morse code distress signal, has become a "word" with meaning of its own. Unfortunately, it has a false acronymic origin. S.O.S. does not stand for Special on Shots, Sale on Sangria, Save Our Souls, Save Our Ship, Stop Other Signals, Sure Of Sinking, or any other phrase. S.O.S. was chosen as the universal distress signal by the International Radio Telegraph Convention of July 1908 because this combination of three dots followed by three dashes followed by three dots (... --- ...), was easy to send and easily recognized, especially since they were usually sent as a nine-character signal,

which stood out against the background of three-character Morse Code letters. The letters themselves are meaningless.

The first recorded mention of the false acronymic origin is in reference to the Titanic sinking of 1912 (You've heard of it - it was in all the papers and one of the last newsletters), which may account for its wide spread endurance.

Prior to 1908, the high seas distress signal consisted of the letters C.Q.D., which many took it to mean Come Quickly, Danger. Actually this term is a combination of the letters C & Q, the standard radio hail meaning essentially "calling all stations" or "is anyone out there?" and the nonsense letter D. Some suppose that the D stands for distress, but this is not documented. Use of C.Q.D. continued past 1908, and the Titanic's initial distress calls used this older signal. Later in the process of sinking, the radiomen sent out the new signal. Because of the widespread news of the events of the sinking, the legend began.

By the way, C. Q. & D. are the secret ingredients of this month's drink special. I'm off to check out the downstairs bar.

Signed, Captain Curmudgeon

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