



Tell Tale



October 2021

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

Manager's Message



What an awesome time of the year! The weather is cooling off and we have so many members using the decks of the club to dine and relax! I wanted to remind everyone of the Annual Election Meeting that will take place on Thursday, the 21st. We

will be discussing the state of the club and any long range plans.

We also have an Oktoberfest Buffet planned for Friday, October 22nd. Come out and enjoy some authentic German food and beer! We have also planned our annual Halloween Extravaganza on Saturday, October 30th. This will be one party you won't want to miss! Please see the articles in this newsletter for more information. Looking forward to a great October!

Rick Hutson, General Manager

Welcome New Members!

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

- Powell & Nikki Perot • William Guinn
- Celia Boswell • Ronnie Hermes
- Tiffany Theriot • Joe & Candice Ford
- William & Caroline Andress

Annual Election Meeting

Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:30pm

2022 Board of Directors Nominees:
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

There will also be a vote held on amending the current bylaws of the Club. The bylaw amendments are included in this newsletter for your review. Updates on the Club and long range planning will also be discussed.

Please plan to attend this very important meeting!

Oktoberfest, Friday, October 22



Buffet from 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Buffet to include: German Potato Salad • Dill Cucumber Salad • Beer Glazed Brats with Sauerkraut • Sauerbraten • Wienerschnitzel • Braised Red Cabbage • Cheese Spaetzle • German Sweet & Sour Green Beans • Apple Strudel • German Beers will be available

Adults \$18.00+ • Children (4-8) \$9.00+ • Under 4: Free

Reservations Requested. Ala Carte dining will not be available this night.

SYC HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA!

October 30th, 5:00 pm

Join us for a family-friendly party you'll never forget.
 We'll have a dinner buffet, prizes for best dressed, most impressive pumpkin carving,
 Halloween games & a haunted hayride!
 Games in the downstairs bar at 5:00 pm
 Dinner buffet from 6:00 - 7:00 pm
 Hayride begins at dark!

Reservations Recommended

Adults \$15.00+ • Children (4-8) - \$7.50+ • Under 4 - Free



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,

Scuttlebutt around the Clubhouse is that you are a bum and a son of gun. What say ye?

Signed, Anonymous New Member

Dear A.N.M.

That would be fighting words to most - but not to me. Scuttlebutt is a term for gossip and rumor which comes from an early 19th century nautical term for an open cask of water kept on deck for use by the crew. Scuttle (to cut a hole in) + butt (a large cask). The sailors would gather about the cask and trade stories, much like ye office workers do at the water cooler. But if any of those swabbies ever called the Captain a "Son of a Gun," they wouldn't be gossiping.

Back in the good ole days of the big sailboats, women, wives, mistresses, and yes, even prostitutes, were frequently on board ship when in port or in home

waters. And yes, rarely, okay, occasionally, alright, it happened pretty often, and so, of course children would be born aboard ship. Common sailors and their women (when on board) slept on the gun deck. If a child were born on board, it would likely be born on the gun deck. If male, such a child of the common sailors was referred to as a "son of a gun." If anyone called me a "son of a gun," my mom would just kick em with her peg leg.

The term "Bum" may come from the small boats used to bring provisions out to the Ship anchored in a port. The supplies were hoisted and lowered using a boom (from the old German "buom" meaning tree). English corruption of the term made the small boats "bum boats," as well as any small boats, even those carrying goods for sale to the sailors. The occupants of these boats begging from ship to ship were called "Bums" even when they walked around on shore. Which why they always referred to me mom's leg as a "bum leg".

Signed, Captain Curmudgeon

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Rear Commodore	Steve Durham
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Proposed Bylaw Changes

2021 Board of Directors Proposed Bylaw Changes/Revisions

Bylaw revisions to be voted on by the SYC membership at the Election Meeting on October 21, 2021.

6:30 pm

Current bylaw in **BLACK** – Proposed revision in **RED**

ARTICLE I, Section 2

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ARTICLE I, Section 3

Section 3. The number of members in the Club shall be limited to 450 Active, and such number of Associate, Junior, Military, Non-Resident, and Novice Members as are eligible for memberships under conditions hereinafter set out, and such number of Honorary members as may be elected by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The number of members in the Club shall be limited to a maximum of 450 members, including all classes of membership as set forth in Article I, Section 2 above, except for Honorary members, as are eligible for memberships under conditions hereinafter set out. The number of Honorary members shall be determined by and as elected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE I, Section 4 (a)

a)“Active Members” shall have reached the age of twenty-one, and shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club, including holding offices and voting at all called and general meetings of the Club. The immediate household of the Active Member shall be entitled to privileges of the club until they reach the age of 21 (age 25 if still enrolled as a student in an accredited college or university).

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ARTICLE I, Section 4 (c)

c) “Junior Members” shall be between the ages of 21 and 32 inclusive. They shall be entitled to enjoy all the privileges of Active Members, except that they shall not be eligible to vote or hold office. A Junior Member shall automatically become an Active Member upon purchase of one share of stock and paying to the Club the difference between the amount of the initiation fee for a Junior Member and an Active Member in effect at the time he/she reaches his/her 33rd birthday, with the exception that Junior Members with at least three years standing may attain Active status without paying additional initiation fees. The change from Junior Membership to Active Membership shall become effective on his/her 33rd birthday.

c) “Junior Members” shall be between the ages of 21 and 25 inclusive. They shall be entitled to enjoy all the privileges of Active Members, except that they shall not be eligible to vote or hold office. A Junior Member shall automatically become an Active Member upon purchase of one share of stock and paying to the Club the difference between the amount of the initiation fee for a Junior Member and an Active Member in effect at the time he/she reaches his/her 26th birthday, with the exception that Junior Members with at least three years standing may attain Active status without paying additional initiation fees. The change from Junior Membership to Active Membership shall become effective on his/her 26th birthday.

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d) “Military Members” shall be persons who on active duty with any of the armed forces of the United States who may be admitted to membership upon the recommendation of two members of the Club, and upon approval of the Membership Committee of the Club. Military Members shall not have the right to vote or hold office, but may, upon acquisition of at least one whole share of Active Member stock and the payment of appropriate

initiation fees, convert such membership to that of Active Member and enjoy all the privileges of that class. The immediate household of Military Members shall be entitled to privileges of the Club until they reach the age of 21 (age 25 if still enrolled as a student in an accredited college or university).

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ARTICLE I, Section 4 (g)

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g) A member who has paid the initiation fee, and who is unable to use the Club privileges for reasons deemed satisfactory by the Board of Directors may apply for “Inactive” status. An “Inactive” member shall not pay dues and shall not have the rights of a member. No member shall be allowed to remain Inactive for more than one year at a time without Board approval.

ARTICLE I, Section 5 (a)

a) Applications for membership in the Club shall be made in writing and shall state the name, address, business of the applicant, and the class of membership desired. It shall be endorsed by two voting members in good standing. All applicants for membership shall be filed with the Secretary, who shall deliver the applications to the Commodore, who shall, in turn, deliver such applications to the Membership Committee. At least two members of the Membership Committee shall then indicate their approval or rejection by placing their signatures on the face of the application.

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ARTICLE II, Section 6

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ARTICLE III, Section 4

Section 4. VACANCIES: The Board of Directors shall have the authority to fill any vacancy occurring within its membership. Notice of the vacancy shall be posted on the club bulletin board within forty-eight hours of the vacancy occurring. The replacement shall be made by the appointment of a member in good standing selected by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors. The replacement member shall be appointed in no more than forty-five days from the date that the vacancy occurs and the appointee shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the member he or she is appointed to replace. All vacancies on the Board of Directors and the name of the appointee shall be published in the next monthly issue of Tell Tale.

(Removed as repeated in Article II, section 5)

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ARTICLE IV, Section 5

Section 5. The SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE shall have complete charge of the swimming pool and shall work with the manager to keep the pool and equipment in a good state of repair. The Committee shall work with the Club Manager and the Board of Directors in employing lifeguards who have been qualified by the American Red Cross. After the lifeguards are employed, they shall be under the supervision of the Club Manager.

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Section 7. The FINANCE COMMITTEE shall consist of the appointed Chairperson, Treasurer, immediate past Treasurer, and such other Members, as the Commodore deems advisable. The Finance Committee shall prepare a budget for the new Fiscal year and present it to the Board of Directors for acceptance, modification, or rejection not later than the first regular meeting of the New Board of Directors after the annual meeting. The Committee shall study the financial condition of the Club and assist the Board in all financial matters. The Committee shall submit to the Board of Directors and to the membership financial reports as requested by the Board of Directors.

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ARTICLE V, Section 1(b)

b) Effective March 1, 2011, the initiation fee of a JUNIOR MEMBER is \$150.00, the monthly dues shall be \$69.84, and Long Range Planning \$6.96 per month. In addition, a \$100.00 deposit is required of all Junior Members upon joining or conversion from novice status. The deposit will be returned upon resignation, less a debt owed to the Club, or will be applied towards the purchase of a share of stock if the Junior Member converts to active status.

b) Effective October 22, 2021, the initiation fee of a JUNIOR MEMBER is \$450.00, the monthly dues shall be \$79.32, and Long Range Planning \$7.93 per month. In addition, a \$100.00 deposit is required of all Junior Members upon joining or conversion from novice status. The deposit will be returned upon resignation, less any debt(s) owed to the Club, or will be applied towards the purchase of a share of stock if the Junior Member converts to active status.

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ARTICLE V, Section 1(e)

e) MILITARY MEMBERS shall pay \$100.00 annually in advance as an initiation fee; however, total payments are not to exceed the initiation fee of an Active Member. Effective March 1, 2011, monthly dues shall be \$87.30, and Long Range Planning dues \$8.70.

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ARTICLE VIII (b)

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Annex Trailer Parking - \$17.50/mo.; Parking Lot Trailer Parking - \$25.00/mo.; Uncovered Over Water Regular Boat Slip - \$40.00/mo.; Uncovered Over Water Houseboat Slip - \$100.00/mo., Uncovered Over Water Large Slip - \$80.00/mo.; Covered Over Water Regular Slip - \$70.00/mo.; Covered Over Water Large Slip - \$100.00/mo.; Locker - \$10.00/mo.