



# *Tell Tale*

May 2024

## Shreveport Yacht Club Member News



Treat Mom to a fabulous lunch at the club on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Seatings will be at 11:00am & 1:00pm

### Menu

Garden Salad Bar  
Boiled Shrimp  
Smoked Salmon Display  
Carved Prime Rib  
Pork Tenderloin with a Dijon Cream Sauce  
Fried Chicken  
Blackened Red Fish with a Crawfish Sauce  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Southern Style Green Beans  
Spinach Casserole  
Honey Glazed Carrots  
Peach Cobbler  
Brownie Batter Cupcakes





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Burgee exchange with Buccaneer Yacht Club. SYC member David McCary exchanging with BYC Commodore Danny Robertson.



## Pool Opens May 5<sup>th</sup>!



The swimming pool will open for the season on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We encourage everyone to use the pool safely this summer. Lifeguards will be on duty Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend. If you are interested in scheduling a pool party please contact the club office.



## Welcome New Members!

Gary Malerine

Charles & Diana Powers

Jeffrey & Lauren Lusk



## Commodore's Comments

*April in Louisiana brought another flooding to the lake. Events such as Pasta Night and the Administrative Professionals Lunch were successful despite lake levels, but unfortunately, the Holiday in Dixie Regatta had to be scrapped. The club has suffered some damage to the docks and efforts are underway to repair. Hopefully, not too many members had any damage to their boats. I personally blame the Eclipse!*

*Jeff Little – Commodore*



## Manager's Message

*With the recent storms we had to delay the pool opening a week but it will open soon! Please use caution while using the pool as there are no lifeguards on duty until Memorial Day weekend. T-Pier was also closed for a short time while repairs were made but is open now. We are still in the process of making repairs to the docks and piers from the flooding. The water and power has been restored to all piers but there are still a couple of places to be repaired.*

*As you can see from the calendar we have another very busy month. We are very excited to help you celebrate Mother's Day this year with an awesome brunch. Chef John and Chef Mona are sure to please with their menu. Memorial Day weekend kicks off the summer season and we will have a BBQ buffet on Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup>. Please keep in mind that the clubhouse closes on Wednesdays following any Monday holiday.*

*I am happy to report that the sailing camps scheduled for June are SOLD OUT. It is great to know that we have so many future sailors and that they will get the best training from Elizabeth Bradley and her crew! If you were unable to have your child registered in time, please contact the office or Elizabeth to be added to the waiting list in the event there is a cancellation.*

*Looking forward to another great boating season!*

*Rick Hutson – General Manager*







Nice job representing SYC at the Dauphin Island Regatta!

David McCary, Steve Durham, Charles Tabor, Sean Lake, James Coe and Jeff Little.



## Celebrate Memorial Day with SYC!

Buffet Served from 11:30am – 6:30pm

### Menu

Brisket  
Ribs  
Chicken  
Baked Beans  
Potato Salad  
Chips  
Watermelon  
Water & Sweet Tea

We will also be serving hamburgers, hot dogs and appetizers from the kitchen. Regular ala carte menu will not be available.



# Ask Captain Curmudgeon

CAPT. CURMUDGEON

[Editor's Note: You may send questions to Capt. Curmudgeon in care of the editor. The opinions expressed by the Capt. are entirely his and not shared by anyone, including the editor]

I said I would speak more on flogging this month. I offer no defense of flogging which occurred on Navy ships. The existing conditions made it difficult to create effective sanctions for misbehavior. Sailors had to scurry about the decks barefoot, climb the rigging in all climatic conditions and were deliberately toughened up to cope with a life at sea. Food, recreation time and conversation were sacrosanct to them, and reduced diets, extra drill, denial of free time and solitary confinement in the ships' cells were resented by boys, and awkward to supervise, even if effective. It didn't work to just put them in "time out."

A sailor that would be flogged, would have to make his own "cat". "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 logging. Sometimes the bag was waived in front of a potential miscreant to warn him before the "cat is let out of the bag."

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.

Capt. Curmudgeon



## May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Private Event 50 Guests Outside Area 6:00-9:00pm	<b>2</b> Private Event 75 Guests Dining Room 3:00-9:00pm	<b>3</b> Private Event 75 Guests Dining Room 7:00-10:00pm	<b>4</b> Private Event 30 Guests Downstairs Bar 10:00am-2:00pm
<b>5</b> SYC Cinco De Mayo Lunch Buffet 11:00am – 2:00pm	<b>6</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>7</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Private Event 85 Guests Downstairs Area & Swimming Pool 5:00-8:00pm	<b>11</b> Private Event 75 Guests Dining Room 6:00-10:00pm
<b>12</b> SYC Mother's Day Brunch Seatings at 11:00am & 1:00pm – Reservations Required	<b>13</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>14</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>15</b> Private Event 25 Guests Dining Room 11:00am-2:00pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Private Event 100 Guests Downstairs Bar & Outside Areas 3:00-7:00pm	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>21</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> SYC Memorial Day BBQ 11:30am – 7:00pm	<b>28</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>29</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	