



The "Tell Tale"

The Point Yacht Club

Newsletter
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P.O. Box 218
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Message from the Commodore -

Randy C. Fitzgibbons, Sr.

Lost Bay Regatta – 'Almost Lost'

The one thing you can't control when preparing for a regatta is the weather and this year's Lost Bay was no exception. All the preparations had been made and every detail covered as we moved into the final days prior to the race. Then, as luck would have it, a little storm called 'Hanna' started threatening.



Even though the possibility of the storm existed, as of Friday afternoon sixty-nine boats had signed up for the race.

The race committee had a tough decision before it, but in true Point Yacht Club form, the decision was made that we might not be able to sail, but the party would go on as planned! So with rain and wind outside, Coconut Dave set up to play and Mexico Rock put together one of the finest food spreads we've ever seen on Friday night.

Saturday morning rolled around and the wind was blowing 60 knots. After a brief phone meeting, the race was rescheduled for Sunday afternoon. However, the Saturday night party would go on as scheduled. By 4:00 p.m. the wind had laid down and thanks to the hard work of our Lost Bay Committee and Pirates Cove, the great music of Blind Driver and culinary delights of Cliff Stapleton, the crowd enjoyed a great evening. If you missed it, YOU REALLY MISSED IT!

Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny. To my surprise, after all the challenges of the previous two days, forty-two boats were on the start line. It was a fun, fast race and I truly believe the racers who signed up for this year's Lost Bay and raced are truly the cream of the crop. My hat is off to each of them!

An event like Lost Bay would not be possible if not for sponsors and others who contribute both funds and services to help assure our success. Our title sponsors included: The Alabama Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau, Ken Wall Properties, Flora-Bama Lounge & Package, Orange Beach Sailing Center, Blue Water Ships Stores, HL Hood Apparel and Grant, Sanders & Taylor, PC. Others who helped to make our event possible were Sea Oat Studio, Holk Electric, Kaiser Realty, Gulf Shores Title, John Bozeman Hair Studio, Visual Effects, Craft Farms, Kathy Coate – RE/MAX, First Gulf Bank, Simmons & Company, Schurr Sails, Caribiana Sea Skiffs, Mary Ann Marston-Whitney Bank, Mexico Rock, Cliff Stapleton Catering, Blume Construction, Bear Point Marina, Hank Coate-Control-Temp Self Storage and Pirate's Cove. I especially want to thank Paul & Karl Mueller and the entire Pirate's Cove family for their hard work. Most will never know the amount of work that goes into getting ready for Lost Bay. This year's challenge of having a tornado hit the restaurant building just three weeks prior to our event and

'LOO WOW' Memories

Now that Lost Bay is behind us, we can go back in time and remember another annual event that took place in late August... 'LOO WOW'.

As with most every event this year, the weather was a challenge. A stiff breeze most of the day prevented organizers from erecting tents and umbrellas but it didn't dampen the spirits of our partiers. With eight boats anchored in the cove and many more skiffs and smaller boats either on the beach or anchored just off, the party got under way. Food, Drink, Games and Fellowship added up to another great event!



It wouldn't be the 'LOO WOW' without Randy's Rum Punch



The challenge of getting a pig and all the fixins' to a party on the beach is never a problem for 'Cliff Stapleton Catering'. The problem is keeping our members out of the food after it arrives. We definitely know how to eat!

having the put a complete new roof and porches on in such a short period of time was a Herculean challenge. Great job!

Several PtYC members picked up trophies in this year's event. Winners included:

New members Ed & Michelle Harrison from 'Gitsomerays' and long-time member June Lovell enjoying the food, music and getting to know each other.



CUDA BEEN PARIS	Jo Hood	2nd Spinnaker Class B
KATIE LEE	Jim Majerick	1st Non-Spin Class C
SOL MATE	Kathy Coate	2nd Non-Spin Class E
LAGNIAPPE	Jon Weyand	2nd Non-Spin Class F
REVERIE	Neal Rowell	2nd Non-Spin Class G
PURA VIDA	Randy Simmons	3rd Non-Spin Class G
SHANGHAI LADY	Barry McCoy	2nd Non-Spin Class I
CLEWLESS	Bret Holk	1st Non-Spin Class J
FLIRT	John Shaw	2nd Non-Spin Class J
INDULGENCE I	Doug Abercrombie	3rd Non-Spin Class J



The yacht club flag in the background is a good indicator of the wind speed. Oh well, life at the beach!

Class Act, skippered by Byron Yoder and crewed by Hank Jordan & Jason Kingery, is presented the Paul Schreck Perpetual Trophy for 1st in Fleet, Spinnaker Class.



For full race results, visit the club's website at -

www.PointYachtClub.org



Our racers prepare for competition! The strategy, the skill, the cunning! We're not sure if Jim Drake's strategy paid off, but anything is worth a try. Happy LOO WOW!



2002 Club Officers –

Randy Fitzgibbons – Commodore
979-7311

Brett Holk – Rear Commodore
981-4532

John Shaw – Vice Commodore
980-1460

Randy Simmons – Treasurer
967-1306

Joan States Davidson – Secretary
981-4934

Eric Nelson – Fleet Captain
980-5440 or 225-635-3470

Board Members –

Jon Weyand – 987-5711

Phil Turner – 949-6198

Jack Minish – 981-4584

Steve McGonigal – 981-6321

Election Time Nears

It's hard to believe but it will soon be time to choose officers for the coming year. As with any organization, the Point Yacht Club is only as strong as the people who take on the responsibility of leading. That's why we need each member to consider where they would like our club to go and also consider how we are going to get there. We need individuals to volunteer to lead. Yes, some jobs are time consuming, but they can also be rewarding. The current Board will be meeting soon to select our next leaders. If you are interested in serving please contact Commodore Randy Fitzgibbons at 979-7311.

2002 – Busy Year With Lots of Memories

This has been a very busy year indeed. In preparation for our annual Christmas party, we would like for you to look through your pictures of this year's events and if you have images you would like to share, contact Jeanne Fitzgibbons at 968-7200 or 979-7311. We're working on a memory book that will include all the activities that have happened this year. Don't delay, get those pictures together today!

'Nautical Night of Lights' Boat Parade

How many times have you been out to watch the Christmas Boat Parade held each year in Orange Beach? Have you ever considered being in the parade? If not, we encourage you to consider this annual event that was originally created by our club. This year's parade will be held Saturday, December 7th. It

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Calendar of Events -

October –

10 Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

19 Terry Cove Raft-Up – “Rear Commodore’s Cajun Shrimp Boil”

November –

14 Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

14 Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

December -

7 Christmas Lighted Boat Parade

TBA Christmas Party

Special Notice -

Pirates Cove has taken repeated beatings over the last month and a half. First with the tornado then with three storms. When possible, please take the time to see if there is any way that you can help with the rebuilding.

Newsletter Information -

starts at Bear Point Marina and will travel to Terry Cove. For more information contact the Alabama Gulf Coast Area Chamber of Commerce at 968-6904.

If you have articles, pictures or other items you would like to submit for the newsletter, please contact Jeanne 968-7200 or email jeanne@gulftel.com
Thanks!!