



The "Tell Tale"

The Point Yacht Club

Newsletter
April 2002

P.O. Box 218
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Message from the Commodore -

Randy C. Fitzgibbons, Sr.

Spring has arrived and that means lots of activities. A big thanks to everyone who participated in the March events. Remember to mark your calendars and make plans to come out for the **We Found The Bay Race** On April 6th. We're planning a Cajun Feast, hosted by Vice Commodore John Shaw, so you don't want to miss it. Also, Dauphin Island Race is coming up. Look for announcement later in this issue.

We're focusing on lots of new things this year and one of those is the creation of our own web site. Bill Smart, a new club member, is providing his services free of charge to design and maintain our site. Please visit the site, as it is still a work in progress, and give Bill your feedback. If we all work together we'll have a presence on the web that is second to none.

Also, at our last Board Meeting we voted to establish a Junior Membership for youth ages 14-18. We feel this will help us bring in young sailors who want to learn and will help us grow our membership in the future. The Junior Membership is \$30.00 per year.

Luck of the Irish Raft-Up

This raft-up has a history of strange weather and this year was no exception. Dense fog did not stop the revelers from celebrating the first floating party of the year, as five yachts and several dinks took to the water to celebrate.



No St. Patty's party would be complete without raising a toast. Salute!

As promised, we had our very own dance floor. OB-LA-DI provided the perfect facilities and the music



We're not sure exactly what was in that concoction that June & Brett brought, but we all sure liked it!!



PtYC Is About Ready To Go Online

by: Bill Smart, Webmaster

At the March Membership Meeting I was given the green light to develop a PtYC Website.

Things are going very well. I have designed the basic site, and the infrastructure or 'logical outline' is pretty much done. You can see the progress of the site for yourself by going online and reviewing it. Follow these directions to access site-in-progress:

1. log onto www.SCiLimited.com
2. select Custom Websites at the top of the Home Page
3. select Websites Under Construction at the bottom of the next page
4. select Point Yacht Club – password is **"perdido"**.

As you review the site you will find the following general structure:

Home Page (welcome, general information and hub of website)

Regattas, Events, Activities and Programs – index into all club services arranged by topic rather than by date as in Calendar

Races

- Contact and Registration Forms
- Comment Forms (for Past Races)
- Race Results (for Past Races)

Flying Scots

- Description, Contact and Registration Forms

Junior Sailing Program

- Description, Contact and Registration Forms

Raft-Ups

- Description, Contact and Registration Forms

Parties (like LOO-WOW)

- Description, Contact and Registration Forms

Misc Events (flea markets, etc...)

- Description, Contact and Registration Forms

*Note – All of the above can be kept for historical records and can be restricted to Members Only

Calendar of Events - same as on the back of the last Tell Tale with hyperlinks to other pages where appropriate – a few of the links are there.

What's New? new or hot items for member and public

Tell Tale (current) & can hold historical array

I Want To Join! - pages to market directly to prospective new members-Contact & Information Form

Tell Us What You Think - will collect general info and remarks

Members Only - password protected area – password is now "sailboat"

Membership Directory

Membership Meetings – historically arrayed

Agenda and Minutes

Membership-only issues - Feedback, suggestions, issue submission (this could eventually become a way to do surveys or even take votes on issues)

ALL OF THIS IS DOABLE, but we can also implement the site initially with a smaller subset of these pages.

If you have suggestions, comments or would like to help please contact:

Bill Smart, PtYC WebMaster
bill@billsmart.com
(251)-981-3644

New Members – March 2002

Barry & Alice Brothers – Barry & Alice own a 41' Morgan, Sarita Sea, docked at Bear Point Marina. They also own the excursion sailing vessel, Daedalus, which Barry captains. Alice is a registered nurse and works at Thomas Hospital. Randy Fitzgibbons and Jim Majerik are sponsoring them for membership.

Carson & Eve Williams – Carson & Eve own a 26' Bayliner, POOH Bear. The boat is docked at their home in Stone Quarry. Both are retired and enjoying their home & children. Jon Weyand and Kathy Coate are sponsoring them for membership.

Instead of posting new members at the Yacht Club, we will use the Newsletter as a way of conveying this information to the membership.

Newsletter Information

If you have articles, pictures or other items you would like to submit for the newsletter, please contact Jeanne Fitzgibbons at 251-968-7200 or email jeanne@gulftel.com All materials need to be in by the 20th of the month. *Thanks!!*

Wheelbarrow Race & other good intentions –

By: Eric Nelson, Fleet Captain

The weather forecast for the day sounded like a fine outlook for a day of racing with light easterly winds forecast of about 5-10 kts. or less, expected to shift around to the NW late in the day. The book, How To Set The Proper Racecourse, did not say what to do in a case like this so a decision was made to do a timed start in front of the clubhouse and then proceed to a triangular course set in Perdido Bay with port roundings and then finishing at the line in front of the club. This course was planned to give an upwind leg to the first mark and then two more marks before running downwind to the finish. The race started with eight boats registered and the wind now out of the S.W. (what did you expect?). The first boat to the eastward mark was Clewless followed by the rest of the fleet. The next mark (NE) now became the only mark that would give the fleet an upwind leg leading to the finish. Jo Hood's J boat "Cuda Been Paris" was first to finish followed by the McGonigal's on Riptide with Brett & June on Clewless right behind. The club and its Chef Randy provided an excellent finish to the evening with grilled chicken and other dishes. Thanks again to all who participated and thanks to Barry McCoy for helping to set the marks.



Participants gather on the porch prior to race to admire the 'trophies'. We thank **Lee Olson** for updating our old wheelbarrow with festive colors and design. It's a must read when you visit the Clubhouse.



2nd Place – Rip Tide

Pictured – Mason, Linda, Cliff and Steve McGonigal.



1st Place – Cuda Been Paris

Picture – Wil Kimsey, Molly Klaas, Jo Hood & Taylor Hood

3rd Place–Clewless

Pictured – Brett Holk & June Lovell

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

Dauphin Island Race Plans –

Many of our club members are making plans to participate in this year's Dauphin Island Race on April 27th. The Point Yacht Club had quite a good showing at last year's race and we're making plans to have better participation this year. With that in mind, we're planning to establish our own 'party' when we arrive on Dauphin Island for the post-race festivities. The plan is for Hank & Kathy Coate to take a vehicle to the island loaded with our supplies... tent, chairs, grill, etc. Each person would then bring their own food and drinks from their boats. Once we arrive on the island, we'll gather at a designated spot to celebrate our victories. If you have items you would like delivered to the island, contact Kathy at 251-990-6761. The vehicle will be delivered to the island Friday morning so make your plans early.

Calendar of Events -

April –

- 6 We Found The Bay Race
- 11 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 13&14 Weatherly GYC – Capdeville
- 27 Dauphin Island Race

May –

- 3,4,5 Wooden Boat Festival – Pirates Cove
- 4 & 5 GYA Opening BWYC – Capdeville
- 9 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 9 Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Lillian Bridge Race
- 18&19 Navy Cup – Pensacola

- Board Members –**
Jon Weyand – 987-5711
Phil Turner – 949-6198
Jack Minish – 981-4584
Steve McGonigal – 981-6321