



# The "Tell Tale"

**The Point Yacht Club**

**Newsletter  
June 2002**

**P.O. Box 218  
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## **Message from the Commodore - *Randy C. Fitzgibbons, Sr.***

We've already had a busy spring but now summer has arrived and we're kicking into an even busier season. Keep your calendar of events handy and don't miss out on all the fun that's coming your way in the next few months.

On June 8<sup>th</sup> we'll rendezvous at Fort McRae for the first '**Scrub My Bottom Party**'. As the name implies, this will be a great opportunity to get in the water and scrub those pesky barnacles and slime away, thus getting ready for the racing events on the horizon. We're cooking Boston butts for the main entree. Bring a covered dish to share, snacks, beverages, plenty of sunscreen and those ever-comfortable folding chairs. We'll stake a claim on the beach, hopefully right in front of the fort, so that the party will have lots of room to spread out to. (Just look for the PtYC burgee.) We're bringing material for a bonfire as well. Also, think about items for a Sunday morning brunch before we head back. If you have any questions, give me a call at 251-979-7311.

**Cheeseburger Race** is coming up on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. It'll be a good time to get out on the water and have some fun and the juicy cheeseburgers from Pirates Cove should be a tempting reason to join in as well.

**Fast Women Regatta** is on July 13<sup>th</sup>. This will be the first race in the women's series, which includes the Bikini Cup & Race for the Roses. We know it's the same weekend as the Blue Angels Show but there was not another available date that would work with keeping the series together. Hopefully, we'll have folks who want to get away from the hubbub and join us out on the water that day. We're planning a bigger party, musical entertainment by Tim Segars and encouraging everyone to raft-up in Roberts Bayou that evening. Also, we're meeting with the other clubs who are sponsoring the women's series to come up with a trophy that will be awarded to the overall winner from the three races. We need volunteers to help pull this all

## **Fleet Captain Report - *Eric Nelson***

The Lillian Bridge Race, held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, was sailed on a day sailboats were made for with the wind out of the southeast at 10 to 15 knots, shifting slightly to the south, southeast toward the end of the race. A total of eight boats were entered with the fleet starting using the Bermuda start system and the first boat crossing the start line at 1:30 p.m. The first boat to finish the 13½-mile course was Shanghai Lady sailed by Barry McCoy, followed by Clewless sailed by Brett Holk and the third place boat Cuda Been Paris sailed by Jo Hood. It was a great day to be on the water. Following the race the club hosted everyone to hamburgers and hotdogs.



Do we think that Maureen is saying 'congratulations' to Brett for his Second Place finish or could it be more like a little 'rubbing it in' for Shanghai Lady's First Place finish!

together. Please let me know if you'd be willing to help. We're having an organizational meeting in early June to work out the remaining details.

**Sail Camp** has been scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The hours will be from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. each day. We're happy to announce that Corey Fancher, a coach from Elberta School, will be our instructor this summer. We need volunteers to help with the program and also desperately need sunfish. If you have a boat you'd like to let us borrow for the program, please contact Brett Holk at 251-981-4532.

**Special Note** – Club members who have children that want to participate in this program will need to sign up early. We are getting quite a few calls from parents whose children participated last year and we feel the program will be popular again this summer. We want to make sure that our club members participate but may have to set a limit on how many children we can take. Please plan on having your registration information in by July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Whew!! I told you, we're busy, and that's just June & July. LOO WOW is right around the corner and then Lost Bay. See you out on the water!

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## New Members – May 2002

**Robbie D. Wood** – Robbie lives in Dolomite, AL where he owns a trucking company. He also has a home in Glenlakes and hopes to retire there soon. He is presently looking for a boat and enjoys being around boating people. Randy Fitzgibbons & Gene Caffey are sponsoring Robbie 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.*

## 2002 Club Officers -

**Randy Fitzgibbons** - Commodore

**Bret Holk** - Rear Commodore

**John Shaw** - Vice Commodore

**Randy Simmons** - Treasurer

## Dauphin Island Race & Party -



This year's Dauphin Island Race will always be memorable to those who participated, for many different reasons. The first reason probably being the speed with which most participants finished the race. Everyone agreed that it was one of the fastest Dauphin Island Races ever.

Second reason, the PtYC party at the end of the race. Since the awards ceremony at this event seems to leave a lot to be desired, we decided to set up our own event this year, complete with tent, bar-b-que grill, jam box, table and chairs. It was a big hit as members from other clubs wandered by to see what was going on. We think we may have started something, which of course wouldn't be a bad idea. In the future as you see those other clubs begin to set up their areas, remember back to this year and who started the trend...PtYC.

Third reason, the unfortunate collision of two of our club members...Bill Smart's OB-LA-DI and Tom Schlinkert's new catamaran. Both boats were damaged, OB-LA-DI pretty severely. She will be out of the water for quite some time and Bill is currently living near Turner Marine where she is hauled out. We wish OB-LA-DI a speedy recovery and hope that Bill will be back with us soon.

We also had several club members who placed in their divisions. Congratulations to all!

**Joan States Davidson - Secretary**

**Eric Nelson - Fleet Captain**

**Board Members -**

**Jon Weyland**

**Phil Turner**

**Jack Minish**

**Steve McGonigal**



Neal & Pam Rowell

REVERIE



Brett Holk, June Lovell and  
Pat Martin

CLEWLESS



Jim & Susan Drake and friends

BREEZE SEEKER

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## Cheeseburger Race



**Date:** Saturday, June 22nd

**Skipper's Meeting:** 11:00 a.m. - noon at PtYC Clubhouse Deck - Pirate's Cove

**Start:** 1:00 p.m.

**Course:** On the main of Perdido Bay

**Post Race:** Winner will buy CHEESEBURGERS for all participants - on the deck of Pirate's Cove Restaurant

**Information:** Contact Fleet Captain Eric Nelson at 251-980-5440 or Commodore Randy Fitzgibbons at 251-979-7311

### Club Members On 'Life Support' –

Before you get the wrong impression, Life Support is a 62' Nordhavn and the club members who had the privilege of bringing her back from Key West recently were Gene Caffey, Randy Fitzgibbons and Bill Smart. The wife's and a few other guests were also along for the trip.

The original plan called for a flight to Key West on Friday with a few days in port before departing on Sunday or Monday. As can always be expected, the weather did not cooperate. Winds in excess of 40 knots blew the entire weekend and on into the week, kicking up the Gulf to 10-12 and pushing back departure until Wednesday. Everyone had a grand time exploring Key West and taking in the sights while waiting for a weather window.

Life Support departed Key West on Wednesday about 1:00 p.m. and made a 14-hour trip to Cabbage Key. The group dined at Cabbage Key and spent the evening. Leaving the Boca Grande channel behind at 9:00 a.m. Friday morning, Life Support was on her way home, making straight for Pensacola Pass and a 36-hour run. The crew had a fine time fishing while under way as they had made this passage several times before. The wife's were not so sure about the trip as the Gulf was still kicking and Life Support was into some serious yawling at times. Life Support was doing what she does best, riding the waves and letting the miles click by.

### Calendar of Events -

#### June -

1 & 2 Candler StABYC - Capdeville  
 8 Fort McRae Raft-Up - 'Scrub My Bottom' Party  
 13 BOD Meeting - 5:30 p.m.  
 22 Cheeseburger Race

#### July

6 & 7 Meigs Regatta FWYC - Capdeville  
 11 BOD Meeting - 5:30 p.m.  
 11 Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
 13 Fast Women Regatta & Beach Party  
 Raft-up in Roberts Bayou  
 29 - 02 Aug Sail Camp

Life Support is a true ocean going vessel and to top it off is magnificently appointed. If you're going to cross-oceans in comfort and style, she's definitely the way to go. In spite of the weather and conditions, all who made the trip were glad they did.

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### 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](mailto:jeanne@gulftel.com) All materials need to be in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. *Thanks!!*