



# The "Tell Tale"

The Point Yacht Club

Newsletter  
July 2002

P.O. Box 218  
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## Message from the Commodore –

*Randy C. Fitzgibbons, Sr.*

It's hard to believe that we're halfway through the year. Many members have been busy participating in races, raft-ups and planning for the future. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved! If you haven't participated so far, you don't know what you're missing. Our Fast Women Regatta will be a great opportunity to come out, race and stay for the club Raft-Up in Roberts Bayou. We're planning a great party on the Clubhouse grounds with good food and music by Tim Segars. Look for a very special time.

We're trying to grow the Fast Women Regatta and with that in mind have made a lot of changes. This year, for the first time, our race will kick off the women's series, which includes Bikini Cup hosted by Navy Yacht Club and Race for the Roses hosted by Pensacola Beach Yacht Club. A beautiful perpetual trophy will be given to the overall winner in all three races. Since we're hoping to host a lot more people this year for the post-race party we've ordered a tent, chairs & tables. I would like to acknowledge our sponsors who are helping us to cover the costs associated with making this event bigger and better. Our sponsors include Sweet Dreams Bath & Body Shop located at SanRoc Cay and Tootie Green's Yellow Broom on Perdido Beach Blvd. Please shop with these sponsors as they're helping to make our event possible.

Also, for the first time in many years we will have race tank tops available for sale. This year's race logo, designed by our own Toni Turner with input from a few other member ladies, was conceived at the Fort McRae Raft-Up, proof that we accomplish a lot with social functions. As always, we still need help with bringing all the details together for a great event. Please call me if you can help in any way and also please let folks know that we want them to participate.

Sail Camp is right around the corner, July 29 – August 2. For the second year we've partnered with the City of Orange Beach Parks & Recreation Department to help bring more of a focus to our camp. Children 8-14 will be participating at a cost of \$45.00 each. The hours will be 3-7 p.m. each day. We still need volunteers to help and most importantly need sunfish. We want to host as many children as possible but may have to limit what we can do for lack of boats. If you know anyone who would be willing to lend their boat for the week, please contact Brett Holk at 251-981-4532.

**Note** – Members need to have their registration in by July 11<sup>th</sup>. To obtain a registration form, visit the club's web site at [www.pointyachtclub.org](http://www.pointyachtclub.org)

## New Members – June 2002

**John & Susan Carr** – John & Susan own a new 42' Cabo Rico, *Osprey*, docked at Bear Point Marina. John is an Investment Broker in Birmingham. Their home is in Pelham, but they make it to the coast every chance they get. Jack Minish and Randy Fitzgibbons are sponsoring them for membership.

**Corey & Meghan Fancher** – Corey is a Counselor at Elberta School and Meghan manages Page & Palette in Fairhope. Corey is our instructor for Sail Camp this year and is looking forward to getting involved in more club events. Randy Fitzgibbons & Kathy Coate are sponsoring them for membership.

**Ed & Michelle Harrison** – Ed & Michelle own a 40' Sea Ray, *Gitsomrays II*, docked at their home on Wolf Bay. Ed owns Harrison Building in Gulf Shores and Michelle is a Mental Health Counselor. They have three children – Devan, Patrick & Christina. Randy Fitzgibbons and Bill Smart 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.*

## 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

## Fleet Captain Report -

*By: Eric Nelson*

The Cheeseburger Race held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> was a bit of a wild ride to say the least. The morning began with strong winds and confused seas but as the race got under way things calmed down. Five club boats participated. The first boat to finish was Cuda Been Paris sailed by Jo Hood, followed by Clewless sailed by Brett Holk and third was Shangai Lady sailed by Barry McCoy. Giving it their best shot were Denny Blume on Zig Zag and Jim Drake on Breeze Seeker. Everyone had a good time and the Cove cheeseburgers following the race topped off a great day.

## News From The Troops -

We received a card from DJ Hazebrook. He is doing well since being called to active duty for homeland security with the Coast Guard. We extend our thanks to all those serving to protect our country and our way of life. God Bless

The Scrub My Bottom Raft-Up on June 8th was a great success as ten boats with about thirty people showed up at Fort McRae to enjoy the beautiful weekend. Floating in the beautiful turquoise water was the sport of choice and we even had a floating buffet to supply the snacks prior to dinner. A plentiful supply of Boston butts assured everyone that they would not go away hungry. In addition, the great food brought by each member rounded out a feast enjoyed by all. As the sun set, the festivities moved around the campfire where everyone enjoyed oldies music, shared a few stories and even got in a little dancing.



No raft-up would be complete without food and when it floats by you on a kayak you simply have to eat!

Early morning showers on Sunday didn't dampen the party as the skies quickly cleared and everyone got together for brunch on the beach. Afternoon brought the actual bottom scrubbing as those pesky barnacles were eliminated (for now).

It was a grand weekend and everyone agreed one that we definitely need to do again.



Susan loves to dance and she's good!



Of course, after you've done some grazing on the water then its time to move to the real food.

Tables, chairs, tent, firewood, coolers, food and great people go into making a special summer party.



## Mark Your Calendars –

### ***Fast Women Regatta, Beach Party and Club Raft-Up in Roberts Bayou***



Don't miss out! This will be a fun time to race or simply join the rest of the club for the Beach Party and Raft-Up. We're serving Hawaiian chicken and a bar will be set up on the grounds. Music will be by Tim Segars, a performer from Pensacola with a diverse range of songs from yesterday and today. A fun time is planned so come on out and be a part.

## Lost Bay Regatta – September 14th

It's time to start planning for our biggest and most prestigious event of the year, Lost Bay Regatta. This is the big one and we'll need the entire club to pitch in to make it a success. Committees will be needed for entertainment, food, sponsorships, publicity, set-up/break-down, retail items, goody bags, registration and more. If everyone works together it will be an enjoyable event for all as no one person will have the burden on their shoulders. This and other topics will be discussed at our next membership meeting, which will be held July 11<sup>th</sup>. If you can't attend that meeting please call the Commodore and let him know where you'd like to help.

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## ***Sail Camp –***

**July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Will be held next to the Waterfront Park in Orange Beach**

**\$45.00 per child, Children 8-14**

**Club member's registration due by July 11<sup>th</sup>**

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## **Calendar of Events -**

**July –**

**6 & 7**            *Meigs Regatta FWYC - Capdeville*  
**11**              **Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 p.m.**  
**11**              **Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.**  
**13**              **Fast Women Regatta, Beach Party**  
                    **& Raft-Up in Roberts Bayou**  
**29 – Aug 2**    **Sail Camp**

**August –**

**8**                **Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 p.m.**  
**10**              **LOO WOW Beach Party**  
**31**              *Lipton Series BWYC - Capdeville*