



The "Tell Tale"

The Point Yacht Club

Newsletter
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Message from the Commodore-

John R Shaw

Fall is truly upon us with northerly winds and cool nights. The 17th Lost Bay Regatta has come and gone and was a great success from all indications. My sincerest thanks to all those who worked so hard to make it a success and again my thanks to all those who supported us through their sponsorship or advertising in the program. We are going to review this years effort for the Lost Bay at the board meeting Thursday the 9th so if anyone has any suggestions please contact me or one of the other board members by phone or e-mail before the meeting. Mary Alice is busy working on the financial report and we should have that available for you all at the membership meeting November 13th at the club.

Our Capdieville team has been busy practicing on Thursday afternoons and competing all over the gulf coast. The next race is the Schreck at Pensacola on the 18th of this month. If you can, stop over to Pensacola Yacht Club and support our team.

The Rear Commodores Raft-Up is scheduled for the 25th of this month. Randy & Jeanne have been working hard to plan and exciting time so plan to join the fun in Pensacola for our last event before the Christmas Party.

Finally I have some trivia. I just returned from a trip to New England and made my annual pilgrimage to the Herreshoff Museum in Bristol, RI. This is the 100th anniversary of the successful defense of the Americas Cup by Reliance. She is the largest boat to win the Americas Cup and I believe the largest sloop ever built and of course designed and built by Herreshoff. She was ordered in October and Capt. Nat did the model in 3 days. They started construction pouring the 204,569 pound keel on Nov. 26th. She was 144' long 169 tons with 16,000 sq. ft. of sail. They got the boat built and launched her on April the 11th with sea trial the 25th. Remember this little story the next time the boat yard tells you how long it will take to fix your boat.

2003 Club Officers-

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Committees -

Budget – Mary Alice Marston
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Club Cruises – Kathy Coate
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