



# The "Tell Tale"

**The Point Yacht Club**

**Newsletter  
March 2003**

**P.O. Box 218  
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## **Message from the Commodore-**

John R Shaw

The new year has begun. We have had our first membership meeting, our first club race, the azaleas are starting to bloom, and here's your membership package for 2003. On the 15<sup>th</sup> we'll have our first raft-up of the season at Ingrams Bayou. We have handled a great deal of business already this year at both the board meetings and the membership meeting. We have set the new schedule for 2003, approved an operating budget, approved an addition to the club adding the old covered picnic area to the west of the house, and we approved the sale of the Capri 14.5 that Eric Nelson donated to the club. We are offering the boat where is/as is for \$1000. If it doesn't sell in a month or two we'll clean it up and raise the price proportionally. We also approved reinstating the advertisements for club members in the "Tell Tale". We also approved adding a link to a club members web site on our web site for \$50 per year or both for \$75 per year. Any member interested should contact our treasurer, Mary Alice Marston. Speaking of our web site, Bill Smart is keeping it up to date so don't forget to check it out on a regular basis. The last bit of news is that our club is changing physically. The new grinder pump is in and should be hooked up in the next week or so and the pilings for the addition are ordered and will start going in this weekend. This addition will be a major improvement for our facility and help is needed so please let me know when you can work either by e-mail or phone. We will mostly have small groups working on any one day with the work scheduled ahead so as not to waste anyone's time. This work is not rocket science, in fact a trim carpenter working on a house where I was building a dock told me the only thing lower on the evolutionary chain than a dock builder was a roofer. So much for my self-esteem. In closing I would like to point out that our April membership meeting will be on a Saturday evening following the "We Found The Bay Race" so how about you out-of-towners and in-towners who can't make it on a Thursday night attending and enjoying a good time at **your** club. The addition probably won't be done but it will at least be decked so we'll have plenty of room.

## **See You Then**

**From the Fleet Captain**

**Barry Brothers**

## **2003 Club Officers-**

**John Shaw** - Commodore  
981-1460  
**Randy Fitzgibbons** -Rear Commodore  
747-1544  
**Michael Hunt** - Vice Commodore  
968-5959  
**Mary Alice Marston** – Treasurer  
981-8456  
**Bill Smart** – Secretary/Webmaster  
981-3644  
**Barry Brothers** – Fleet Captain  
987-1228

## **Board Members –**

**John Weyand** – 987-5711  
**Phil Turner** – 949-6198  
**Steve McGonical** – 981-6321  
**Hank Coate** – 990-6761

## **Committees -**

**Budget** – Mary Alice Marston  
**Membership**- Michael Hunt  
**One Design**- Denny Blume  
**Sail Camp**- Brett Holk  
**Publicity** – Jeanne Fitzgibbons  
**Races** – Barry Brothers  
**House**– Randy Fitzgibbons  
**Club Cruises** – Kathy Coate  
**Club Historian** – Joan States-Davidson

## **Raft-Up**

Our first race of 2003, the Wheelbarrow Race went off with only minor hitches. There were 7 boats that entered on a cloudy wet morning. The boats that entered, listed in starting order, were Clewless skippered by Brett Holk, Cinco de Enero skippered by Rusty Davidson, Otter skippered by Eric Nelson, Essndee skippered by Doug Henckel, Lagniappe skippered by Jon Weyand, Cuda Been Paris skippered by Taylor Hood, and Katie Lee skippered by Jim Anker. The rain ended by race time and there was about 8 knots of wind. We ran a 2km windward-leeward course with 2 laps for a total course length of 8km. It was a Portuguese start with 20 minutes separating the first and last boats. The race was scheduled to start at 1:00PM but was delayed 17 minutes due to the race committee having trouble anchoring and a clogged fuel filter. Our committee boat was Dunverkin Captained by Leroy Olson. The wind was good for the first lap, but got lighter as the second lap progressed. 5 of the boats that started the race were able to finish with 2 DNF's. Since the only place that matters in the Wheelbarrow Race is 1st I am only going to list the winner, Cuda Been Paris. The race participants then returned to the clubhouse and joined a few others to help the winners enjoy their prize. Even though Cuda been Paris could have taken their prize home after the party they were nice enough to donate what was left of there winnings to the clubs bar. All involved seemed to have a good time and enjoy the day.

The next race will be the We Found the Bay Race to be held Saturday April 5th. As always we are looking for people to help with the race and a full field of racers. If you can help in any way please give me a call @ 987-1228. On a final note we are still looking for a Vice Fleet Captain. Your club only works if members get involved. So please participate, the more members that get involved the better our club gets.

## Ingrams Bayou

March 15

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Supplied by the club

BYOB

and an

Appetizer

See you there for the first of the season!