



The “Tell Tale”

The Point Yacht Club Newsletter

December 2004

Message from the Commodore- Michael Hunt

What a year it’s been—2004 started out with a bang!! Club events/activities including general membership meetings, Fast Women Regatta, the Loo Wow, etc. all had record or near record attendance and participation. Throughout the year, attendance and participation in all club events was strong and at the same time, we had substantial membership growth.

Then in September came Hurricane Ivan and the worst storm that “Mother Nature” could muster, hit the Northern Gulf Coast with all its fury. I see folks everyday that, as a result of Ivan, are living under tarpaulins, in rented housing, in motor homes or trailers, or with friends or relatives, because their homes were so severely damaged. Many of them are personal friends, neighbors or members of the club. I also see sterling examples of friends helping friends and neighbors helping neighbors—demonstrating just how good people really are when it really counts.

Speaking of physical losses, I’m reminded that in addition to homes, some of our members have boats that suffered damages ranging from slight to severe. Several come to mind, but none more than Eric Nelson’s S/V “Otter”. More than one club member has reminded me that “Otter” and her owner represent the epitome of Point Yacht Club spirit and dedication. “Otter” participated in most of the Club events and in many cases was crewed by club members who didn’t otherwise have a ride. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone

2004 Club Officers

Michel Hunt - Commodore

968-5959

John Shaw -Rear Commodore

980-1460

Neal Rowell - Vice Commodore

752-6820

Mary Alice Marston – Treasurer

981-8456

Pam Rowell – Secretary/Webmaster

752-6820

Jo Hood – Fleet Captain

980-5640

Board Members

Hank Coate – 990-6761

Phil Turner – 949-6198

Harold Gibson – 987-5203

Lee Pelfrey - 990-6761

Committees

Budget – Mary Alice Marston

850-492-4307

Membership - Harold Gibson

987-5203

One Design- Denny Blume

980-1354

whose vessels sustained losses, knowing that these are classy folks who will rebound better than ever along with the Point Yacht Club itself.

2005 will be a year of rebuilding of individuals, of families and of the Club. The challenge is there. Your new Flag Officer and Board Members will need your support and I'm certain you will be there for them and for the Club. Start by attending all General membership Meetings and calls to work on the Clubhouse. Plans are being formulated as we speak and the Club is counting on everyone's support—including you.

In conclusion, I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to this year's Officers, Board and Club membership who supported this novice Commodore over the past year. I am humbled and grateful to all of you!!

Michael

Happy Holidays to Everyone!!

Publicity – Susan Storey

975-1947

Race – Jo Hood

980-1460

Grounds – John Shaw

980-1460

Club Cruises – Kathy Coate

990-6761

Club Historian – TBA

POINT YACHT CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 11, 2004

6:30 PM

Ono Commons Club House

ONO Island

BYOB and an appetizer for 10-12 servings to share! Club will provide set ups. Regrets only:

Joyce Minnish 251-981-4584 or Vickie Weyand 251-987-5711