



# The "Tell Tale"

The Point Yacht Club Newsletter

May 2005

## Message from the Commodore-

### Lee Pelfrey

April was a relatively calm month event wise, but certainly not weather wise. We experienced record rainfalls up and down the coast causing multiple cancellations of events. However, we did manage five workdays on the West Wing renovation. The structure was partially dismantled, leveled and the decking replaced in time for the Wood Boat Show. It is now ready for railings and seating to be constructed and the roof patched. Watch for notices of workdays in your email. It is important to have this rallying point for our club events functional as soon as possible. I hope to have this facility substantially completed for the June 9 membership meeting. I want to take this time to thank the following members who gave up their Saturday mornings and some afternoons to make this project work. Many showed up for multiple work days.

Jon Weyand	John Snow	Phil Turner
Ken Menck	Paula Menck	Harold Gibson
Neal Rowell	Pam Rowell	Charlie Brown
Brenda Pelfrey	Michael Hunt	Hank Coate
Joe Woods	Carson Williams	Lee Olson
Dean Gould	Gary Beson	Larry Chapman*

\*Larry was a potential member who is now a new member!

A special thanks to Neal Rowell for his active participation in all of the workdays as well as scrounging up tools and materials when needed. If I missed anyone, please accept my apologies. I'm not coordinated enough to swing a hammer and do notes at the same time!

## 2005 Club Officers

Commodore - Lee Pelfrey 987-5967

Vice Commodore - Guy Storey 975-1947

Rear Commodore - Michael Hunt 968-5959

Fleet Captain - Neal Rowell 752-6820

Secretary - Pam Rowell 752-6820

Treasurer - Karen Brown 968-4481

## Board Members

Harold Gibson 987-5203

Charlie Brown 968-4481

Gary Beson 987-1421

Jo Hood 980-5640

We had three boats that we know of from our club participating in the Dauphin Island Race. The following are excerpts from reports by Kathy Coates and Ken Wall.

Fastest race ever—many boats finished in less than two hours. Strong winds and big seas made for a “hold-on” situation. Best story is Matt Taylor’s aboard Calculated Risks with crew of his nine-year-old son, Ben, his father (three generations), sister and a couple of friends. It started with engine problems on the way to the starting line. He shut down, put up the sails and continued to the start. Shortly after the start, the rudder became hard to turn. Upon inspection, he saw that his anchor was missing. He sailed the entire race with the feeling that the anchor and rode may be hung up on the rudder and prop. Upon completing the race, Matt went overboard in nasty conditions to find the anchor attached to the rudder. He was able to remove it and motor on into the harbor where he rafted up with the Coates. Matt and Ben got second place in their class! Ho Hum.... just another day at sea.

Hank and Kathy Coate aboard SOLMATE had an “uneventful race”. Only a shouting match with one of those sailors who sometimes lets his competitive juices override safety in turbulent conditions and the knot meter flirting with 10 knots on occasions interrupted another Ho Hum sail in 20+ winds across Mobile Bay.

Ken Wall aboard his new ALERION with crew Denny Blume, John Fay and Beth Wall, in his words “had a great day on the water”. They blew out the spinnaker a couple of miles past middle bay light...might have had something to do with a 27 MPH gust! Still managed to catch five or six boats before the finish. Rumor has it that Denny represented The Point Yacht Club well at the after race party. Like he said, it was a good day.

Please welcome new members Sean Hicky and Christine O’Connor of Metairie Louisiana. They have a 34” Mainship appropriately named: NO SAIL. Also welcome Larry Chapman of Elberta with his 37’ Endeavor sailboat, SWEET LITTLE SHIELA. We’re pleased to have them as a part of our club family. If you have any friends or family you feel would enjoy our club, please encourage them to check us out.

## NOTICES.....

Regattas: The Navy Cup is Sat. May 21. Please contact Neal Rowell if you are interested in being part of the team representing our club. Info is available at [www.Navypnsyc.org](http://www.Navypnsyc.org)

The Spring Regatta at Buc YC will be held on March 14-15. Anyone interested in racing on a Flying Scot, please contact Denny Blume at 251-980-1354 or [denny@blumeconstruction.com](mailto:denny@blumeconstruction.com) Also if you are interested in one design sailing on Wednesday nights after work, let him know.

Man Overboard Exercises: Kathy Coate is organizing a man overboard training class for June 16 at 8 am. There will be a class in the morning followed by on-the-water drills. The Pensacola US Coast Guard Auxiliary has agreed to conduct the training.

This is an excellent yacht club safety event. We will need confirmed participation to justify this class. Please contact Kathy at [Kathycoate@att.net](mailto:Kathycoate@att.net) if you are interested in participating.

Merchandise: We now have new burgees (\$20.00) and license plates (\$5.00) for sale. Contact Pam Rowell or Lee Pelfrey. We plan to have them available at the June 9 meeting.

Metal Detector: We need to borrow a metal detector to locate our custom-built stainless steel grill top. If anyone has one, we would appreciate a call. Hmm.... sounds like a good excuse for a “Find the Grill” party!

## Check Out Our Website

[www.pointyachtclub.org](http://www.pointyachtclub.org) for more news and photos of events!

## Lee

Enjoy the West Wing worker photo on the right. From left to right: John Shaw, Phil Turner, Jon Weyand, Lee Pelfrey, Brenda Pelfrey, Larry Chapman, Paula Menck, Ken Menck, Harold Gibson, Pam Rowell and Neal Rowell.

