



The “Tell Tale”

The Point Yacht Club Newsletter

April 2009

COMMADORE’S REPORT

The bad weather of the previous few days cleared up just in time for the Ingram Bayou Raft-Up to begin as planned. We had eleven boats in two rafts that spent the night. However, such events are never without incident....



Each Ingram Bayou Raft Up is memorable and this year was no exception. Paul Sykes was supposed to be the first anchor boat but because he had an unidentifiable vermin which ate two anchor rodes and made a nest from the fibers, a nice anchor and chain went overboard and stayed there attached only by about 5 feet of frayed line.

So the next attempt to anchor was by Phil and Toni Turner on “Gypsy Woman” but before Phil’s anchor had a chance to set, Paul Sykes and Matt Taylor tied up to him and the entire raft was dragging back onto the shallow point. At this time Larry Chapman on “Sweet Little Sheila” also joined the raft and the 4 boat raft motored forward under horsepower, with the assistance of Mike Graham, a large plow was set, then every other boat set anchor and the raft was set for other boats to join, in total we had 8 sailboats in one raft. (“Hula Girl” with Jon and Jodi Horner, “Bajan” with Paul Sykes, “Calculated Risk” with Matt and John Taylor,” Gypsy Woman” with Phil and Toni Turner, “Sweet Little Sheila” with Larry Chapman, Kathy Coate, and Linda Kieffer, “Revelry” with Neal and Pam Rowell (who came in and left under sail power alone, very impressive), “Breeze Seeker” with Susan and Jim Drake, and Catalina 30 with Robert and Cynthia Clark.

The other tri boat raft was Larry and Celia Parham, Connie and Donnie Fuqua on "Spoonman", Mike and Becky Graham & Ellen Pitman on "P-JAE". I'm not sure what exactly was in those little test tubes, but they were little frozen delights which tasted like butterscotch candy and you couldn't just drink one. In fact they were so generous in sharing these, that Donnie fell in the water as he was trying to hold onto "Sweet Little Sheila". I really think Mike backed the boat up just a little bit, "on purpose." So much for wallets and cell phones!

Everyone enjoyed visiting boat to boat, sharing snacks, drinks, and stories. Around dark a few brave folks went to shore to enjoy fun around the warm glow of a fantastic bon fire which Matt and John Taylor built for the group.

Sunday was a shared brunch and reluctance to leave- another beginning to a wonderful season of sailing, anchoring and Point Yacht Club cruises and raft ups in 2009.

Note: We are not sure who left with the critter Paul brought.

We have made some changes to our schedule. The "Fast Women Regatta" will be moved to July 18th because the Blue Angels are flying on the Eleventh.

The Pensacola Yacht Club has invited us over for their "Jamica-Me-Crazy" Party again this year. It is on Saturday August 29th. Last year we had four boats go and we really had a good time. Friday night we walked over to the Oar House for dinner. Saturday afternoon there was a pool party. The party Saturday night with island food and music was great fun. Sunday we had Bloody Mary's and Brunch before leaving around noon. They have plenty of free dock space at their club. I hope we have a good turnout since they were nice enough to invite us. Joan and I are definitely going to go again this year.

Guy Storey has asked to be relieved of his Treasurer's duties. He is doing a lot of traveling at work and wants to spend his available time as Chairman of the Lost Bay Regatta Committee. I hope to appoint a replacement shortly. Are there any volunteers out there who know Quick Books???

Paul Sykes
Commodore

Fleet Captain Report

Seven boats participated in the Cheeseburger Race held on April 18th. The winds were a little less than predicted on the Marine weather forecast, but still gave the competitors a challenging time on the 10.5 mile course. The top three finishers were 1st Place Joe Hood on "Cannonball", 2nd Place John Bozeman on "Caddy Wampus", and 3rd Place Brett Holk on "Clewless". Congratulations skippers!

Also THANKS to the members who served on the Race Committee including Larry Chapman (and his boat), Sean Hickey, Deidre Reagan, and Cindy Jordan.

Our next scheduled race is the We Found The Bay Regatta on June 13th and will include both spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. Power boats and volunteers will be needed to run the race, so please call or e-mail me if you are available to help on this committee.

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PtYC LOGO ITEMS FOR SALE

2008 Lost Bay Regatta short sleeve tee shirts-\$5.00

2008 Lost Bay Regatta long sleeve tee shirts- \$5.00

Lost Bay Regatta Huggers - No dates - \$3.00

Lost Bay Regatta Caps - No dates - \$20

Point Yacht Club car tags - \$10.00

Point Yacht Club Burgees - \$20.00

Trevis Tumblers - Point Yacht Club - sets of 4, 10 oz. or 12 oz. - \$35.00 per set

APRIL CALENDAR

April 16 Board Meeting

April 18 Cheeseburger Race and Party

UPCOMING MAY CALENDAR

May 14 Board Meeting

May 23 Red Fish Point Raft up and begin Panama City Cruise

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www.pointyachtclub.org

Our New Classifieds

If you have a boat or items relating to boating, both sail and power, we encourage you to put an "ad" in our newsletter.

Just email Kim Gibson to get your item(s) listed.

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