

# The Tell Tale

The Point Yacht Club Newsletter

January 2010

## Commodore's Log

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Hi everyone:

At the end of this newsletter is our 2010 Schedule. You'll note that there are some changes from previous years and I wanted to give you some background on our thinking.

We have eliminated the "We Found the Bay" Regatta. Attendance has been poor in recent years and in 2009 we only had 3 boats who were non members. It's a lot of work to put on a GYA open event for such a small number. The pool party has also seen declining attendance in recent years and has been replaced.

We have added two "on the water" events that are power boat oriented.

On June 12th we will have a Dock Party at Barber Marina. The idea is to raft up at the dock. Bring your boat or drive over. You can hang out, show off your boat and visit other member's boats. The Club will provide dinner on the porch overlooking the Marina. I'm sure many boats will spend the night so it should be a good party.

In August, we will have a Poker Run that will begin and end at Barber Marina. Participating boats will visit five destinations to pick up playing cards to make up a poker hand. When everyone gets back to the Marina, they will draw wild cards and play out their poker hands. The winners will share the pool of entry fees. There will probably be two divisions, based on boat size. The Club will provide dinner at the Marina. The party will continue at the docks afterward and, hopefully, many boats will spend the night.

The Club Sailing Championship will be sailed in four races: the Wheelbarrow, the Cheeseburger, the Commodore's Cup and the Lillian Bridge race.

We have again been able to schedule Lost Bay for the second weekend in October. Let's hope we have more wind than we did last year.

The Social Committee is inviting everyone to sign up to help out with one of the social events this year. More volunteers means less work for everyone. It's a great way to get involved and meet (con't on page 2)



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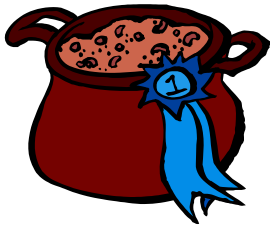
other active members. Melodie Shatzer and Jeanne Benedict have everything organized and budgeted and it's really going to be fun.

You'll also note that we are having a Membership meeting right before the Chili Cook-off. We want to review the schedule of events, last year's financial results, and this year's budget. It will not be a long meeting, I promise.

See you out there,

Paul Sykes  
Commodore

## Chili Cook-off



Hooray! We have five (5) eager contestants signed up to compete, ladle to ladle, for this year's celebrated first social event, the Chili Cook-off. As you may remember, there are even PRIZES to be awarded based on your votes for the top three entries.

For all the rest of us, please bring a "side" of salad, corn bread or dessert. So as to avoid twenty slaws or cornbreads and NO desserts, please let me know what category you intend to produce. Notify me at the following address: [j333benedict@aol.com](mailto:j333benedict@aol.com).

There's nothing more fun on a cold, clear night than gathering with friends and sampling deliciously flavored chili, all the other fixin's and a few sips of a favorite brew! If this sounds good to you, remember the date, February 20th, 5:00 p.m. (cooks come at 4:00 p.m.) at Betty Jean Pelt's party barn on Josephine Drive (behind Josephine Gardens, the area's most gracious cemetery). If you don't know its whereabouts, contact me at address above.

Jeannie Benedict  
Chili Cook-off Coordinator

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*Chili Cook Off*  
*Saturday February 20*  
*5:00 p.m.*  
*(Cooks come at*  
*4:00 p.m.)*  
*Betty Jean Pelt's*  
*Party Barn, Josephine*

## Wheelbarrow Regatta

You know what to bring!

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*Wheelbarrow Regatta  
Saturday March 13  
Registration: 10 a.m.  
Race Start: High Noon*

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The Wheelbarrow Regatta, our first club race of the year, will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Registration will from 10:00-10:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. We plan on having a Bermuda start with a 12:00 high noon start for the scratch boat. The race will start and finish in front of the PTYC.

As you all may remember with the Bermuda start, the slowest boats, based on their PHRF handicap, start first. The faster boats start later and the fastest boats start last. This results in a (hopefully) crowded finish with everyone hitting the finish line around the same time.

Anyone interested in helping/assisting with the race committee as a committee boat, a mark boat or with registration please contact me at [pbay@gulftel.com](mailto:pbay@gulftel.com) or on my mobile phone at 251-752-3636.

Hope to see you on the water!

John Horner  
Fleet Captain

## Social Committee

The Social Committee is eager to have new members and asks each member to give favorable consideration to participating on the Social Committee for 2010. We are soliciting new ideas to make our Social Events even more fun and entertaining.

If you are interested in serving on the Social Committee, please let me know.

Melodie Shatzer  
Social Committee Chair

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## 2010 Point Yacht Club Schedule of Events

January	13	Board of Governors Meeting
February	10	Board of Governors Meeting
	20	Chili Cook Off & Membership Meeting
March	10	Board of Governors Meeting
	13	Wheelbarrow Race & Party
	27	Ingram Bayou Raft-Up
April	14	Board of Governors Meeting
	17	Cheeseburger Race & Party
May	12	Board of Governors Meeting
	22	Red Fish Point Raft Up and begin Panama City Cruise
June	9	Board of Governors Meeting
	12	Dock Party and Members Boat Show at Barber Marina
July	14	Board of Governors Meeting
	17	Fast Women Regatta & Party - GYA Open Event
August	11	Board of Governors Meeting
	14	First Annual Poker Run and LooWow Party at Barber Marina
September	8	Board of Governors Meeting
	11	Commodore's Cup Race & Party
October	6	Board of Governors Meeting
	9	Lost Bay Regatta - GYA Open Event
	30	Lillian Bridge Race & Halloween Party
November	10	Board of Governors Meeting
	12	Membership Meeting & Nomination of Officers
	25	Thanksgiving Day Turkey Fry at Sean Hickey's
December	10	Christmas Party, Membership Meeting & Election of Officers

