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The Tell Tale

The Point Yacht Club Newsletter



March 2010

Commodore's Log

We have gotten off to a good start with this year's Schedule of Events. The Chili Cook Off was fun. The Wheelbarrow Race was contested on as wild a sailing date as any in memory and the party afterward was very well done.

However, as we know, change is always with us. Just when we think we have everything in hand, the unexpected comes and shakes things up.

In late February I was called to a meeting with Paul and Karl Mueller. They had asked if we had a copy of our lease. Randy Simmons was able to come up with one that had been signed in 2002 for five years. There has been nothing since then.

The Muellers feel that things have changed a lot since we moved to Pirates Cove in 1997. They were no longer seeing any benefits from the Point Yacht Club using their property. The rent we have been paying, \$150 a month, isn't significant and they see little additional business when we have an event at the pavilion. The building and property is theirs and the improvements we have made accrue to them as owners. We have no legal recourse.

They aren't mad at us but, they need to get some additional revenue and have decided to take over the pavilion and put in a bar. In the beginning, it will probably only be open on week-end afternoons. They have agreed to grant us exclusive use on the days we are having an event but any alcohol consumed must be purchased over the bar. There can be no kegs or BYOB. We can continue to supply our own food and they will work with us to develop a better wine selection.

The renovations will probably be completed in May. We have agreed to continue to store our boats in the storage area where our Flying Scots are now and will move our things out of the pavilion by the end of March. We have engaged some storage space and will make the move with a work day on Friday March 26th.

We will have the Cheeseburger Race on April 17th, as we have been doing with food and beer. Our next event at the pavilion isn't until July 17th and we will then begin to see how the new arrangement works out.

We had a Board meeting to discuss our situation and short term we have few options.

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However, we began exploring several other possibilities and should be able to present some alternative arrangements to everyone shortly.

John Shaw reminded me that when we lost our Bear Point house everyone was sure it was the end of the Club but, our move to PC turned out to be a big improvement.

I think that we can come out of this a better and stronger Club if we don't panic and we keep our options open.

Please contact any Board Member with your ideas and we'll see you at the Ingram Bayou raft up next week end.

See you out there,

Paul Sykes
Commodore

Fleet Captain's Report

WHEELBARROW RACE REPORT

The Wheelbarrow Race was held on March 13, 2010. We had a great turnout of 10 boats. The wind was blowing out of the west/southwest at 20-30+ knots.

The race started at 12:00. It was very interesting watching the start with so many boats reefing and changing sails for the conditions faced. Neal Rowell (sailing solo) hove-to before the race start and was quite a sight to behold. I would also like to thank Nick Steen and Gary Beson for helping with the race. They were magnificent and did a great job!

The winners of the race were:

1st Place -- Joe Hood on Cannonball

2nd Place -- Steve McGonigal on Rip Tide

3rd Place -- Neal Rowell on Reverie

4th Place -- Brett Holk on Clewless.

The winners split the Wheelbarrow contents and a great time was had by all. The party afterward was wonderful. The "Party Committee" had great St Patrick's decorations for the pavilion and the food was fantastic. Thank you!

INGRAM BAYOU RAFT UP

The Ingram Bayou Raft Up is scheduled for March 27, 2010. Last year we had a great time with many boats participating!

WheelbarrowWinners:
Joe Hood, Cannonball
Steve McGonigal, Rip Tide
Neal Rowell, Reverie
Brett Holk, Clewless

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Cheeseburger Race:

April 17, 2010

Registration: 9:45 – 10:30

PtYC Pavilion

CHEESEBURGER RACE

The Cheeseburger Race will be held on April 17, 2010. This is our second club race. Once again it will be a Bermuda Start.

Registration will be from 09:45-10:30 at the PTYC Pavilion. An official Notice of Race will be sent one week before the race.

Have fun and see you on the water!

John Horner
Fleet Captain

Ingram Bayou Raft Up:

March 27, 2010

3:00 p.m.

Bring: dinghies and wood

Ingram Bayou Raft Up

The Ingram Bayou Raft Up will start about 3 PM on Saturday. Please be sure to have your lines and fenders ready as you approach the boat you're going to tie up to. I promise not to have any varmints on board and to have a complete anchor rode attached to my anchor.

We'll need some dinghies and wood for a fire on the beach. The weather forecast looks great with temps in the 70's.

See you at Ingram Bayou,
Paul & Joan Sykes





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

