



July 2010

Commodore's Log

Our "Fast Women" party at Flipper's was the first time we've had an event on the south side of the Waterway in years. We were concerned about what kind of turnout we might have but, not to worry, 75 members showed up. Brenda and Mike Fahey had the idea and it worked out very well indeed. I think we overwhelmed the staff at first but, they eventually caught up and the food was excellent. Chef Mike Myers specialties were delicious as usual. It's kind of nice partying inside at this time of year.

John Horner is still trying to work out a date to have the Fast Women Race. A lot of people want us to preserve the three race series this year in spite of the iffy conditions in our area. Our idea is to run the race out of Pensacola Yacht Club on Sunday the 22nd of August, if we can get all the players to agree. We'll let you know.

This would fit because PYC has again invited us to attend their "Jamaican-Me-Crazy" party on August 21st. Last year we had 6 boats make the trip and several folks came over by car. It was a really good party.

There are several changes to our published schedule. We had planned the Poker Run/LooWow for August 14. We are moving that to the August 28 in hopes that Barber Marina will have completed finishing their upstairs Party Room by then.

The week end of August 14 is also the PYC trip to the Wharf. It was a lot of fun last year. They had 42 boats make the trip and I think we had 7 more. Call the Wharf Dock Store for a slip reservation at 224-1900. We have a special rate of \$1.50 per foot per night.



Let me recap the revised August schedule;

August 13-14	Rendezvous at the Wharf with PYC.
August 21	Jamaican-Me-Crazy Party at PYC.
August 28	First Annual Poker Run and LooWow Party at Barber Marina

The Board has decided to plan for scaled down Lost Bay Regatta for October 9. We suspect that we'll have a much smaller turnout than we are accustomed to. Many of the sailors have their boats stored on land.

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It's impossible to know what our situation will be then, but we have to start planning now. We'll give everyone an update when we see what the next month brings us.

Our first event at Barber is an exciting prospect. Its availability will mean a great deal to the future of our Club.

See you out there,

Paul Sykes
Commodore



Fast Women Regatta

We Our Fleet Captain, John Horner, has been able to reschedule the Fast Women Regatta for Saturday August 21st. We will conduct the race at the Pensacola Yacht Club. A Notice of Regatta will go out next week.

The Fast Women Regatta will be the same day as the Jamaican Me Crazy party at PYC. All of our members are invited to the Awards Ceremony at the PYC sailing center, which will be over before the party starts, I promise. We are most grateful to PYC for helping us stage the third race in this year's Women's Trilogy series.

Perdido Bay Areas Open to Traffic

We have had some good news on the oil closure front. Effective 7/21/10 the State of Alabama has opened the following areas to recreational and commercial boat traffic: Perdido Pass, St John Bayou, Cotton Bayou and Terry Cove. They are all now no wake zones. Soldier's Creek and Palmetto Creek are also open. Robert's Bayou will open on request. Wolf Bay is now open for shrimping.

At least we have a temporary reprieve.

Boom / Hurricane Policy for Perdido Beach

Sean Hickey reports that Perdido Beach's current boom policy is to keep Soldiers and Palmetto Creeks open unless there is an immediate threat of oil. Their policy in case of a hurricane will be to remove the booms completely.

That's good news because many of our members use those creeks as their Hurricane Holes.

