

The Tell Tale

The Point Yacht Club Newsletter

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Commodore's Log

Greetings and a belated Happy New Year!

Your Board of Governors recently held their first meeting of 2011 and we had much to talk about and plan for the upcoming boating season. We are looking forward to an "uninterrupted" year. The basket was certainly full last year but we all struggled through it together. My first and most important wish is for a full and enjoyable boating season. The 2011 Events Schedule is in this "Tell Tale" issue and open to suggestions for new additions and comments. We have already had a couple of interesting thoughts about some additional events. A couple of those are a "Blessing of the Fleet" in the early spring and perhaps some "full moon" raft-ups several times this year. The Board will discuss these at our next meeting. Sounds like fun.

At present, our events for the year are the same as last year with programs that will also include power boat activities as well as sailing events. Our goal is to have something for everyone and more participation in the water events throughout the year. We will have two GYA open races and our traditional four club races. The club races will determine the Club Sailing Championship. Fleet Captain, John Horner, is working hard on determining venues and details for all of our races.

Vice Commodore Robert Clark accompanied me to the annual GYA meeting at the Fairhope Yacht Club on January 8-9. It was a fun and informative event and launched the 2011 GYA sailing season. One of the great benefits of being a member of the Point Yacht Club is our membership in the GYA. The benefits of reciprocity include not only monthly sailing events but the ability to visit other member clubs and enjoy their restaurant and bar facilities. For you cruisers you should make a note that the first night dockage fee is usually free at any member club with dock facilities if you make advance reservations. Please go to www.GYA.org for more info about the GYA and their member clubs.

The Point Yacht Club is partnering with five other yacht clubs in the area to participate in the Centennial of Naval Aviation celebration on May 7th at the Pensacola Yacht Club. The other clubs involved are; Pensacola Yacht Club, Navy Yacht Club, Pensacola Beach Yacht Club, Grand Lagoon Yacht Club, and the Ft. Walton Yacht Club. We are excited to be a part of this celebration and are busy planning details now which will be shared with you soon. At this point we know we are going to have a boat parade open to power and sail as well as a formal blessing of the fleet event.

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The parade route is still being planned but will include sailing past the "Iwo Jima" which will be the primary ship representing the celebration along with several other Navy and Coast Guard vessels. Awards will be given for the best decorated powerboats and the best decorated sailboats.

The grounds of the Pensacola Yacht Club will be headquarters and have club booths, displays, youth events and many other activities throughout the day. We will have a Point Yacht Club booth there and will be asking for a few volunteers. I will be contacting you later about this opportunity. The conclusion of the celebration will be a "sundowner" ceremony in front of the Pensacola Yacht Club. We will ask all of our flag officers to participate. This will be an exciting event celebrating an important historical part of our coastal community so please put it on your calendars.



*Chili Cook Off
Saturday February 19
Details to Follow
Betty Jean Pelt's
Party Barn, Josephine*

Please remember to contact our Secretary, Margherita Roberts, with any changes to your information in the website directory. We want it as up to date as possible as Paul Sykes is working hard to try to be able to merge that information with the printed directory to include boat names. We will have the 2011 membership cards and printed directory for you as soon as possible.

We welcome Larry McAnally and Harriet Bilbo from Destin, FL to our membership. Larry is an avid sailor and a dedicated Cape Dory owner. He has owned several Cape Dorys and is active in the Gulf Coast Cape Dory Owner's Association. He is also a veteran of several Dauphin Island races. We look forward to having him compete in our club races this year. Welcome aboard, Larry and Harriet.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in membership to submit an application and consider The Point Yacht Club as their boating home. If you have any friends or neighbors who would be interested, please let us know and we will send them an application.

We continue to work with Barber Marina to finalize plans for a physical presence at the marina and a commitment to completing the upstairs for our meeting room and events location. We will continue to have some of our club race events based out of Pirate's Cove. Progress is slow but we are very optimistic about 2011 and being able to once again feel "at home" in our new location. We need your enthusiastic participation. Your board is working hard to make this your best year ever on the water with the Point Yacht Club.

Fair winds!
Nick Steen
Commodore

Fleet Captain's Report

*Wheelbarrow Regatta
Saturday March 12
Registration: 10 a.m.
Race Start: High Noon*



The Wheelbarrow Regatta-2011

You know what to bring! Your entrance "fee" is one bottle of your choice Rum, Vodka etc.... to be distributed after the race.

The Wheelbarrow Regatta will be held on March 12th 2011. This is our first club race and registration will be from 10:00-10:30 am Saturday morning at the Pirates Cove Pavilion. Skippers meeting will be at 10:45 am. We will have our normal Bermuda Start at 12:00 noon for the scratch boat. The race will start and finish in front of Pirates Cove. A notice of race will be sent out 2 weeks in advance.

The Ingram Bayou Raft-up-2011

The annual Ingram Bayou Raft-Up is scheduled for March 26th. This has been well attended in past years. It starts whenever you get there. We usually have 8-10 boats. Everyone brings appetizers to share and dinner for later that evening. Also, Sunday morning there are breakfast eats to share.

Call me with any questions! 752-3636

John Horner, Fleet Captain

Social Committee

Save the date! Our annual Chili Cook -off is scheduled for Saturday, February 19th at Bettie Jean's Party Barn in Josephine. Details will follow soon but please plan now to join us for a fun evening. We will have a very brief membership meeting right before the Chili Cook-off to review the 2011 events calendar, 2010 financials, and the 2011 budget.

**Calling
All Party
Planners!**

Once again the Point Yacht Club has a lengthy list of wonderful social get-togethers lined up for this year! I'm looking for folks interested in volunteering their time and creativity to help me in the planning and coordination of each. If interested please join me for a little planning get together on Thursday, February 3rd, 6:00 PM at my home located at 26586 Frank Road in Elberta. Refreshments will be served. Come on out and join the team. Let's make 2011 another fantastic PYC year.

Connie Fuqua
Social Committee Chair

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AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The following info was submitted by Paul Sykes. For those who may be interested, the University of South Alabama sent a letter informing us that someone had donated a sailboat to them and they are going to auction it off to the highest bidder. The winning bid will be considered a tax deductible donation to USA. What a deal, a tax deduction and a boat. Bids are due 2/1/11.

The boat is a 1973 38' Yankee Yacht. This is a Sparkman & Stevens design that later became the Catalina 38. The boat is at USA Sailing in Mobile. For complete information contact Paul Kleinschrodt at 251.892.0656 or by e-mail to pkleinschrodt@hotmail.com

2011 Point Yacht Club Schedule of Events

January	12	Board of Governors Meeting
February	9	Board of Governors Meeting
	19	Chili Cook Off & Membership Meeting
March	9	Board of Governors Meeting
	12	Wheelbarrow Race & Party
	26	Ingram Bayou Raft-Up
April	13	Board of Governors Meeting
	16	Cheeseburger Race & Party
May	11	Board of Governors Meeting
	21	Red Fish Point Raft Up and begin Panama City Cruise
June	8	Board of Governors Meeting
	11	Dock Party and Members Boat Show at Barber Marina
July	13	Board of Governors Meeting
	16	Fast Women Regatta & Party - GYA Open Event
August	10	Board of Governors Meeting
	13	Annual Poker Run and LooWow Party
September	14	Board of Governors Meeting
	17	Commodore's Cup Race & Party
October	5	Board of Governors Meeting
	8	Lost Bay Regatta - GYA Open Event
	29	Lillian Bridge Race & Halloween Party
November	9	Board of Governors Meeting
	11	Nomination of Officers for 2012
December	9	Christmas Party, Membership Meeting & Election of Officers

