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THE POINT YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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From all of the activity this month it looks like the 2011 boating season for The Point Yacht Club is in full swing. The board has been busy making plans for the upcoming events and trying to secure fun locations for all of them. The first club race was held on March 12th with a better than expected turn out of racers. The race results will follow in the Fleet Captain's report. Following the race we had our Wheelbarrow party at Cottages on the Green hosted by Gary and Barbara Beson with help from the Kelleys and Erikksens. We had a good turn out with 41 people in attendance. Everyone thought the location was excellent and a good place to have future parties that aren't tied to racing events. Plans have been made to have our Cheeseburger Race party at the Wharf. This party will be hosted by Jack and Veda Kelley with help from some other members. A notice will be out to you soon with details. We will have the party on the grassy area just east of Shucker's and near the ICW bridge. This is the same site where the Annual Orange Beach Boat Show will be located the week before. Paul Sykes was able to negotiate the location and the best news for those who wish to come by water and spend the night; we have a special overnight dock fee of \$1.00 per foot. We hope many of you will plan to come and tie up overnight. If you do decide to spend the evening you will need to contact Beverly Morgan, Marina Director and make reservations. Her office is at Shucker's and her number is 251.224.1900. Beverly will try to assign reserved slips at check-in to allow us to be as close together as possible. What a great opportunity for a special weekend and rendezvous.

We have ordered some Point Yacht Club merchandise for purchase by our members. We have ordered some white polo shirts and khaki caps with the club logo as well as some additional club burgees. They look good and we sold a few at the Wheelbarrow party. We have a few left and will bring them to the Cheeseburger party. We will also be taking orders for more if you are interested. They are \$25 each for the shirts and burgees and \$15 for the caps. There is a minimum order number required so if you want any of these items you can order at the party or send your request directly to me by e-mail.

Directories and membership cards for 2011 have been mailed to all members who have paid their dues for the new year. We still have a few members who have not paid their dues for the year. If you are one of these members please mail your dues as soon as possible so we can finalize our budget process for this year.



INGRAM BAYOU RAFT UP

SUBMITTED BY PAUL SYKES



We had a terrific turnout for the Ingram Bayou Raft Up. We had some "yachts" and looked like a real yacht club. Bo and Jeannie Benedict's 47 foot motor yacht and John and Susan Carr's 42 foot trawler were flanked by Larry Chapman's 37 foot Endeavor, Randy Simmons' Pearson and Matt and Brooke Taylor's Catalina on the east side . On the west side were Dean and Sandy Gould's 42 foot Bristol and the Beson's 38 foot C & C, the Sykes' Catalina 34, Buck and Ruby Ceccanti's new Catalina 445, Jim and Susan Drake's Hunter and new members Gary and Sherry Peaden's Catalina 34. Eleven boats tied together is an impressive sight.

John Bozeman started another raft in the late afternoon on Orca. His son brought "Caddy Wampus" and Robert and Cynthia Clark tied up to them in their recently acquired Morgan 33.



We had a number of Cruisers who visited for the Cocktail Party. The Shatzer's tied up their Robalo behind the Benedicts. Along side, in their runabout, the Weyands brought the Storeys. The Ericksons tied up next to them and Kathy and Denny Blume arrived to make it 4 boats deep for the visitors. Kathy Coate tied up her Scout bay boat behind the Ceccantis. There was a great deal of visiting among all the boats and several folks shared dinners Saturday evening and breakfast on Sunday morning. Larry Chapman prepared a beautiful bonfire on shore after dinner. All in all, a great time was had by all!!



Plans are still underway for the Centennial of Naval Aviation event to be held at the Pensacola Yacht Club on May 7th. Our final planning session is this week and I will send details after that meeting. There will be a boat parade and events on the grounds of the yacht club as well as a special Sundowner's event. Clubs in the area participating in this celebration are the Pensacola Yacht Club, The Point Yacht Club, The Grand Lagoon Yacht Club, The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club, The Navy Yacht Club and the Destin Yacht Club. Above is the official burgee of the clubs who are participating in the event. Please plan on joining us on May 7th. Details soon.

Please mark your calendars for May 21st for the Red Fish Point Raft-Up and the beginning of the Panama City Cruise. Even if you aren't planning on doing the cruise to Panama City, please plan on joining us for a fun evening on the beach at Red Fish Point.

New Members

We welcome Bob and Barbara Suberi to our club. The Suberis reside in Orange Beach and sail a Tartan 34' sloop named "Tif Blue". Their e-mail address is bsuberi@gulftel.com. The Suberis are our fifth new members to our organization so far this year. Please welcome them to our club.

See you at the Cheeseburger Race. Thanks for all of your support!

**Fair Winds!
Nick Steen**



Fleet Captain's Report-Wheelbarrow Race Results

The first club race was held on March 12th 2011 and the turnout was great! There were 13 boats from the club and the weather was perfect.

We had our usual Bermuda start at 12:00 noon. The course was 10 miles. The starts ranged from 12:00PM-12:28:30PM. The wind was from the South and Southwest around 5-12 knots.

The winners were:

1st Place-Horse With No Name-Phil Turner-5 Bottles of Booty
2nd Place-Clewless-Brett and June Holk- 4 Bottles of Booty
3rd Place-Cannonball-Joe Hood- 3 Bottles of Booty
One Bottle of Booty for the Award Presentation

I would like to thank all who participated and helped. Tom Schlinkert helped set the race mark and Larry Chapman picked up the mark after the race.

I would like to thank Brett and June Holk for having the post race awards presentation on their pier deck! Thank you very much!

I would also like to thank the Party Planners at Cottages on the Green. The facility looked great and I know everyone had a great time! Thank you very much!

The online registration worked great. If no one objects I would like to continue this method. If you can't e-mail me just call me and I will make sure you get registered. We will send out a Notice of Race for the Cheeseburger Race two weeks in advance.

I hope we can have such a great turnout for all our club and GYA Races!

John Horner
 Fleet Captain

