

THE TELL TALE

POINT YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

February 2012

Commodore's Log

2012 at Point Yacht Club has gotten off to a great start. Our first event each year is the Annual Chili Cook Off. Considering the fact a tornado watch was in effect all afternoon and a tornado warning being issued just north of us only thirty minutes before everyone was scheduled to arrive at Betty Jeans, thirty eight brave souls showed up to sample chili from the six teams. A big "thank you" to Linda Kieffer for all her work organizing the teams as well as volunteering to cook chili herself. Linda's report has all the details.

I'm sure all the sailors have been busy scrubbing and polishing bottoms in preparation for the Wheelbarrow Race scheduled for March 17 at Pirates Cove. Race details can be found in the Fleet Captains Report. The awards ceremony and party will begin at 5pm at Pirates Cove Sand Bar. Beer and wine will be provided by the club with the bar open for anyone who wishes to purchase drinks. The menu will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and everyone is asked to bring their favorite to compliment those provided along with any desert items you wish to bring.

The annual Ingram Bayou Raft Up is scheduled for March 24. Sean has included the details in the Fleet Captains Report. I would like to encourage anyone planning to attend to invite a friend or another member of the yacht club who does not own a boat to attend with you. Annual dues invoices were mailed in January and to date all but 20 have been paid. We encourage everyone who has not made their dues payment to do so immediately in order for us to finalize and print the new membership directory. Anyone who did not receive their invoice should contact Treasurer Bud Eriksson 251-987-1008 or jalleall@gmail.com.

Please visit our web site at www.pointyachtclub.org and review your contact information. If there are corrections to the information it can be sent to pointyachtclub@gmail.com. Several people have told us of email changes already. These are important to us because they are our primary means of communicating with our members.





Commodore's Log cont'd

The subject of a new permanent location for Point Yacht Club has been a constant topic for discussion at almost every Board of Governors meeting over the last two years and this year is no exception. As Commodore I am interested in any input anyone in the membership may have. There is a perfect spot for us somewhere. We just haven't stumbled upon yet. We have investigated every lead we have been given and will continue to do so. Someone knows exactly where we belong and as soon as they tell us where it is we can begin to move forward. If you are aware of waterfront property or property with adjacent water access for sale or lease suitable for our yacht club please contact me or any other member of the board.

I would like to welcome our newest members. Vincent and Kathryn Arbour, III and their son Jordan. Their Catalina 30 is named "Miss Print". Bruce and Cathi Demers are also new members. You probably remember Bruce from last year's Poker Run as he helped Randy Simmons deal cards. Ford and Crystal Pope have returned as members after being away for a while. They own a Morgan 32 named "Mediator". Please take a moment to welcome these new members when you see them.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events.

Robert Clark
Commodore 2012
Fair Winds

If you are planning an overnight or short cruise and would like to invite other members to join you, please email your itinerary to me and I will forward it to the entire membership.

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FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Our annual Chili Cook-off held at Betty Jean's Party Barn was a great success. The weather threatened a washout but our "trooper" members waded thru heavy rains to make it an evening to remember. Our 6 contestants displayed their best Chili efforts and we all enjoyed the fun atmosphere, lots of laughs and good food. First prize went to the Warthens "everyday chili", second to the Ashers and Booths who also had the best table decorations, and third to the Erickson's. All entries were delicious, especially notable was the Sykes Venison and Bacon Chile entry! Thanks to Robert and Cynthia for planning the party and Cynthia for the great decorations.



Our upcoming event is the Wheelbarrow Race at Pirates Cove on March 17th. We will have a "cocktails party" after the race with heavy hors d'oeuvres supplied by our members, and the club supplying beer and wine. Lets everyone come out and enjoy the fun getting together and supporting our sailing races.

This year we want to encourage all members to communicate to Commodore Robert, in an email, any last minute raft-up plans, weekend cruises, evening sails, etc, any member is planning. Robert will forward the email to the general membership thereby making it possible to involve more boats, sail and power alike. We hope to get more boats involved in fellow member on-the-water activities.

Linda Kieffer

Social Committee Chair 2012

Fleet Captain's Report

Over the past several years I have been working to refine racing instructions and standardize race courses for our invitational regattas. In the next several weeks I expect to post standard race instructions for the Point Yacht Club for both invitational and club races, as well as standard courses. The intention is to ease the burden on the race committee as well as provide an easy way for fleet members to familiarize themselves with our courses.

Saturday, 17 March 2012

Wheelbarrow Race

Once again, the old wheelbarrow has rusted over the winter. It's time to fill it with rust remover. Choose your poison, rum, vodka, or considering the regatta date, perhaps a bottle of the finest Irish rust remover....

Registration will be held at Pirates Cove from 9:30 – 10:30 Saturday, 17 March 12 followed by a skippers meeting at 10:45. The entry fee is a bottle of your favorite alcoholic beverage (Purchased in Alabama). The race course will be a Bermuda start steeplechase. Starting time for the scratch boat will be 12:00. The start and finish lines will be established in front of Pirates Cove.

The regatta will be followed by an awards ceremony, with refreshments to include hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine. The winner will be awarded the wheelbarrow contents and is expected to participate in the de-rusting along with the remainder of the fleet. A notice of regatta is forthcoming.

Saturday, 24 March 2012

Ingram Bayou Raft-Up

The annual Ingram Bayou Raft- Up is scheduled for Saturday, 24 March 12. The raft-up celebrates our coming out of hibernation and the beginning of our cruising events for 2012. This is a loosely organized event with boats beginning to show up around noon with pot luck appetizers and dinner shared amongst the raft. Those choosing to spend the night in the bayou should also bring breakfast items to be shared in the morning. This event has been well attended in the past by both overnighters and day boats. Come on out and enjoy Ingram Bayou.

Sean Hickey

Fleet Captain Draftee 2012