

The Tell Tale
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Commodore's Log

I would like to begin 2013 by thanking Mike and Janet Asher along with Jay and Barbara Warthen for hosting our Christmas party at Cottages on the Green December 7. Not only were the decorations beautiful, the food was excellent and the Christmas music presented by Jay Warthen and Carolyn Waller was a special treat. Point Yacht Club is a talented group and when members share their talents so freely it is always appreciated by everyone. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and clean up afterward and to Linda Kieffer for all her efforts.

At the Membership Meeting held in conjunction with the Christmas Party a new slate of officers was ratified for the 2013 Board of Governors and a list of the 2013 officers is included in this Tell Tale. Paul Sykes gave a presentation outlining the details of a clubhouse proposal at Bear Point Marina. Paul along with John Shaw provided a drawing of what a second story clubhouse might look like if it were built above the existing Dock Store at Bear Point. This generated much enthusiasm among members as Paul answered questions concerning the project. Members of the 2012 BOG were presented with gift certificates to Wolf Bay Lodge in appreciation for their service.

The January Board of Governors Meeting was held at Flippers on the 15. The first order of business was to welcome new members Larry Chapman, Jay Warthen, Paul Sykes, Paula Menck and Susan Storey. These new members along with existing members Gary Peaden, Linda Kieffer, Connie Fuqua and Doug Abercrombie wasted no time digging into the operation of the club

A motion was passed to send out invoices to all existing members along with a request for updated information. If there are changes to mailing or email addresses or to phone numbers please include them when you send your payment. If we have multiple phone numbers listed it would be helpful to let us know a name to put next each number. These can also be sent to pointyachtclub@gmail.com.

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There was some discussion about an audit of the club's books with a decision being made to gather more information and resume the discussion at the next meeting. After a short discussion about our web site it was decided I should contact the web master about problems updating information and report at the next meeting.

Jay Warthen will serve as our Tell Tale editor and provided a timeline for gathering information in order to publish the Tell Tale by the first Monday of each month. He is requesting all information get to him by the fourth Monday of each month by sending it to jwarthen411@gmail.com.

A Schedule of Events for 2013 was presented and is included in the Tell Tale. Several suggestions were made to enhance the schedule and a search is on for a Cruise Chairman to help facilitate a monthly raft up type event and coordinate activities with surrounding clubs. A Membership Application from William J. Roy was accepted and Doug and Beverly Morin were accepted as members. The next BOG meeting was moved to February 5 due to Mardi Gras.

The Bear Point Civic Association located next door to Bear Point Marina held their annual Christmas Party and Membership Meeting on December 9. The main topic for their meeting was a vote to accept or not accept the lease agreement presented to them by Point Yacht Club for the use of and improvements of their facility. There were 35 votes for and 65 votes against leasing to Point Yacht Club. My thanks go out to Nick Steen and Herman Roberts for all their work on this project and to all the members of the BPCA Board for allowing us to make the proposal.

Paul Sykes has invested much time over the last couple months working out details of a building to be used as a clubhouse at Bear Point Marina. The original plan of building a second story over the existing Dock Store has not panned out due to issues with the foundation. The owners of Bear Point Marina agreed to the possibility of an independent structure located east of the existing Tiki Bar at Flippers. Details presented to the BOG include a 35 ft X 40 ft building with an 8 ft X 35 ft covered porch on the west side. This will provide approximately 1,440 sq ft of heated space and 288 sq ft on the porch. The building would include bathrooms and a limited kitchen area along with some space for storage. The north side of the building would have windows to provide a view of Arnica Bay and the west side would have windows and doors to provide a sunset view. An open floor plan would be used to provide as much usable area as possible inside. It would need to be raised to a level of 8 ft above sea level to meet the latest flood requirements. An effort will be made to keep the height above ground low enough to use a handicap accessible ramp on the east side rather than install and maintain an elevator. A rough cost estimate of approximately \$154,000.00 was given. This number can be firmed up once the architectural drawings are complete. Details of the lease discussed with Bear Point Marina management include a 15 year lease term with an option to renew. A yearly lease not to exceed \$10,000.00 was discussed and a 10% discount for Point Yacht Club members who choose to rent a slip long term. Many other details such as cost of transient slips for GYA Members and dock space during club events are being discussed. Work will need to be done on a parking area adjacent to the existing parking lot on property owned by Bear Point Marina but the details and cost are not complete. Thanks to Paul and John Shaw for their work on this project.

Following Paul's report the BOG voted to spend the necessary money to get architectural drawings completed in order to get a firm estimate for a clubhouse at Bear Point Marina.

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The Bear Point Marina proposal has come at a good time. It would be easy to become discouraged after so many proposals that have ended on dead end streets. I am encouraged that Bear Point Marina approached Point Yacht Club offering to work with us to locate a clubhouse at their marina if we can work out an agreement to benefit both of us. Experience tells me though, to continue to investigate all waterfront property we may learn about that may be suitable for our use. As information is available on any of these sites I will relay it to the membership. For now it's full speed ahead with Point Yacht Club at Bear Point Marina.

Our next event is the Chili Cook Off scheduled for 6:00 pm February 16 at Bear Point Marina. A tent will be set up on the proposed clubhouse site giving everyone a chance to look over the property. Linda Kieffer is asking anyone who would like to enter their recipe into the competition give her a call at 251-269-9693 or email her at lskieffer@live.com . I understand she already has several entries. Cynthia and I will be acting as host for the event and an Evite with details has already gone out. Please contact pointyachtclub@gmail.com if you did not get your invitation.

As we begin 2013 I look forward to a fun year at Point Yacht Club. It is shaping up to be a great year on the water.

Fair Winds

Robert Clark

Commodore

US Sailing "Advanced" Judges Seminar

Please join the U.S. Sailing GYA Judge Seminar at Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans, LA March 2 & 3, 2013. [Scholarships are available for materials.](#)

Janace Batty
GYA Secretary-Treasurer

Commodore Clark or Jay Warthen can forward an information flyer to anyone interested.

2013 Schedule of Events

January	15	Board of Governors Meeting
February	5 16	Board of Governors Meeting Chili Cook Off and Membership Meeting
March	12 16 23	Board of Governors Meeting Wheelbarrow Race & Party Ingram Bayou Raft-Up
April	9 13	Board of Governors Meeting Cheeseburger Race & Party
May	14 18	Board of Governors Meeting Red Fish Point Raft-Up
June	11 15	Board of Governors Meeting Dock Party, Member's Boat Show and Blessing of the Fleet
July	9 20	Board of Governors Meeting Fast Women's Regatta – GYA Open Event
August	13 17 31	Board of Governors Meeting Loo Wow Party Annual Poker Run
September	10 14	Board of Governors Meeting Commodore's Cup Race and Party
October	1 5 26	Board of Governors Meeting Lost Bay Regatta – GYA Open Event Lillian Bridge Race/ Halloween Party
November	13 16	Board of Governors Meeting Nomination of Officers for 2013
December	6	Christmas Party, Membership Meeting & Election of Officers

Social Committee Report

Chili Cook Off - Saturday, Feb. 16, 6 pm.

Flipper's Restaurant - Bear Pt. Marina

Hi Everybody,

Join us for our Annual Chili Cook Off and Membership Meeting:

Saturday, February 16, 2013, 6 PM.

Flipper's Restaurant, Bear Point Marina.

To date we have 5 cooks committed to defending their place in the Point Yacht Club's standings. IT IS NOT TOO LATE to enter your favorite recipe if you desire to compete, and don't forget to decorate your table. Call me to enter!

Lets also think about raft-ups and last minute weekends away. Want to organize a raft-up or last minute weekend cruise? We can quickly email our membership. Send your "ahoy" to pointyachtclub@gmail.com. If you invite us, you may be surprised!

Keep Safe on the water and will talk soon,
Linda Kieffer, Social Chair [251-269-9693](tel:251-269-9693).

PS - New Event for our women!

The Pensacola Yacht Club's "Women on the Water Boating Forum" will be held Saturday March 16, 2013 , 9 am - 3 pm at PYC; cost is \$45. The keynote speaker is NANCY ERLEY, international speaker and Captain of two all women World Circumnavigations! Register at www.pensacolayachtclub.org. Lets get some ladies together and make a day of this, I will be attending so call me if want to carpool.

Mardi Gras Boat Parade

Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 3 PM

For the last several years we have participated in LuLu's Mardi Gras Boat Parade. It starts from the Wharf about 3 PM on Shrove Tuesday and proceeds west on the Intracoastal Waterway to LuLu's. You'll need a supply of beads to throw to the spectators along the canal banks. The arrival at LuLu's is wild, with mobs of revelers who have been parade watching all day. Homeport Marina provides a free slip for the night if you care to stay over and there are prizes for the best boat decorations. There is a mandatory Skipper's meeting the night before that includes complimentary appetizers and info about parade procedures. We have really enjoyed the experience and plan on entering again this year. You can sign an application at the Homeport Dock Store or talk to the Dockmaster, Greg at [251-767-4948](tel:251-767-4948). Their website is homeportmarina.net. Call me if you need any further info.

Paul Sykes 678-469-8326
Fleet Captain

A note from the Tell Tale's new skipper...Jay Warthen:

I enjoy communicating. I'm learning how to do graphics and newsletter formatting.

If you have ideas/ suggestions/ can help with graphics and format, please give me a shout.

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