

The Chart

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Commodore's Corner

As I just returned from a week in Key West, I have to get my head focused back to PontYC!

Let's get into it!

Fences

- The hoist yard fence should be installed soon. We received several bids and decided on a company that Paul Rees recommended. It will be a commercial chain link fence similar to what was there with the addition of a walk-in gate on the south side near the floating ramp. It will be a safer way to access the yard than swinging around the fence as people used to do.
- The perimeter fence project is also progressing. Much thanks to Past Commodores Tom Jarvis & Jeff Bishop for sourcing the materials and labor. Many options were being discussed for installing the new fence and as construction is not my super-power and budgets are important, I asked for their help and they both came through in a huge way! Thanks to Mandeville Ace and Zach Zillner for the Quickrete.
- The pool fence is going to take a little longer as the white pool fence materials are backordered. Again, PC Tom Jarvis knocked this one out of the park.

We had beautiful weather for Opening Day and the Blessing of the Fleet. It was a great day! Food, music and fun! Thanks to Nicole & our incredible staff for organizing the event, Past Commodore Janie Eshleman for the Past Commodores brunch and Father Doug for blessing our fleet! I could go on, so many people helped.

We had a full house for the Tuscan Wine School. As always this is a very fun and educational event. Past Commodore Dick Jones set up the event and I think it was our fourth time doing the school. Nicole & staff put together the small plates and in all it was very well done. Pro tip: don't order wine after tasting (drinking) a lot of wine. Although now I have a bunch of great bottles of wine :-)

Wednesday night races continue! I obviously missed last week but the weather is looking good for tomorrow night so let's get some boats on the water! (Channeling Past Commodore Ken Buhler)

Next time you see Rob Doolittle, please thank him for all he is doing around the club. He repaired and cleaned our Scots, acquired and spread the dirt in the boat storage area, cleaned up the west fence line and a lot more. Thank you, Rob, for all of your help!

Jamie has been busy booking the Regatta Room. This is very important. If you are unaware, when the old club was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and we had to rebuild, part of the financial equation for affording the new club was that we would need rental income from the Regatta Room in order to keep the dues down. Thank you, Jamie, for doing such a good job!

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Commodore

Please welcome Mike Piazza as your new House & Grounds Chair. Mike Messina resigned in March, and we thank him for his time. It's a busy position with the repairs and an aging facility. Mike Piazza served as H&G before Mike Messina and was part of the design team for the club and has great institutional knowledge.

We are getting a new club management system. If you weren't already aware, our current vendor, Club Data is no longer in business so support for our system has ended. Much research was done, and the decision was made to go with Club Spot. It is honestly, hands down the most complete, feature rich and cost-effective system we found. Club Data was the best choice at the time we implemented it and we would probably have stuck with it forever since we had figured out workarounds to make it function for us. I am truly excited for you all to see the value-added features you, as a member will get. We will start the implementation process soon, but it will take a month or two to go live.

We will be implementing an automatic 20% gratuity on all food and beverage purchases starting today. All other GYA clubs do this, and we have discussed doing it for a couple of years but with COVID we held off. We have many members that have been on the volunteer "auto grat" list but now it will be for everyone. I am a huge proponent of this as it will stabilize gratuity for members, guests & servers. Keep in mind you can always tip extra!

Looking to the month of May we continue to have a lot going on. The GYA Opening Regatta is the weekend of the 14/15 in Jackson Mississippi. It's a Capdevielle event and our team will be Matthew, Karl & Jay. Please show your support for them! Also, there's a link below to the club calendar where you can find upcoming events.

Represent! Here's the QR code to get you to our online store:



Or, go to <https://companycasuals.com/pycstore/start.jsp>.

Our club calendar can be found here: <http://www.pontyc.org/calendar/>.

Thank you for your continued support! See you on the water!

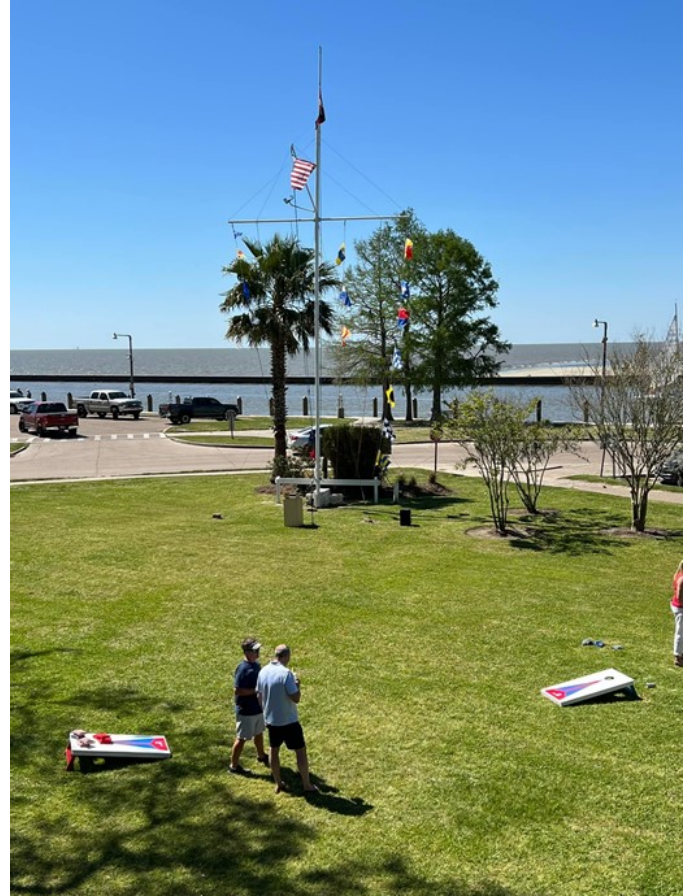
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Membership

We had our first membership mixer of 2022 on Wednesday night. New members “sailed” around to different Ports of Call, mingled with established members, and learned a little more about our club. Food and drinks were great. Plans are in the works to do this again. Thanks to all who made this so fun!

Elizabeth Callais



Race

Race is looking for volunteers!

Sailors, we are getting A LOT of requests for fun sailing opportunities. Folks want to sail Wednesday nights, Friday nights, and Sunday afternoons. Another club wants to join forces and form an adult Flying Scot regatta team. This is awesome and we should definitely do these things, but...I need one or two people to help me manage these logistics. Interested? You know you are. Call me!

Flying Scots are ready for the water again. Huge thanks and shout out to Rob Doolittle. Rob, you're the greatest!

School's Out will be here before we know it...come train on Wednesday nights and learn race committee.

See you at the mark,
Adele

Juniors

Hello May!

April was full of all kinda activities for the juniors! Started out with our Opening Day which was a grand success and much fun was had by all.

Then an awesome evening at the Fish Fry fundraiser. Special thanks to Randy Sharpe for being our resident fish fry guy and to Heather Stokes for making the delicious potato salad. Thank you to all that came to support the junior program and the contributions received.

Sail camp sessions 1-2-3 are FULL! Just a few spots left in session 4 if you are interested Hurry! Ages 8-16

Our camp keeps filling up faster and faster every year. Our four new green fleet Opti junior team members come straight from sail camp.

Coach Dave says these kiddos know how to sail! Kudos to our instructors that have done a great job teaching campers to sail. We have an excellent program.

Harbor Mice still has a few spots. Get those littles signed up y'all.

May 18- June 22. Every Wednesday 5:30-7:00pm. Ages 5-8

Members only. Contact Nicole to register 985-626-3192

Next stop was Alfonso-Sutter/ ILCA Gulf Coast Championship in Gulfport.

We took 9 boats to compete ya'll!! On Opti's were Macy Berndsen, Joesph Cusimano, McLaurin McBee and Brody Wilson. The green fleet did great on their first regatta and prevailed over Gulfport and won all their races. Good job!

Thank you to Scott Graham for getting the Opti trailer looking like new.

Sailing lasers were Noah Díaz, Karl Duplantis, Jay Graham, Dylan McKnight and non juniors Matthew Dupuy and Caleb Keister. Lasers had a tough first day with a steady 18-20 kts. Bravo to those that braved it this day. Sunday brought much more manageable breeze and everyone was able to sail.

School's Out regatta Volunteers still needed. June 4-5. Please contact me if you can help. Bea@cbdbymamabea.com 504-421-1248

SAVE THE DATE- April 1-2, 2023. We will once again host the ILCA (laser) Gulf Coast Championships!

See y'all around the club!

Beatriz Dupuy

HARBOR MICE

Every Wednesday Beginning

May 18th

At 5:30 p.m.

For 6 consecutive weeks

\$100.00 per child

Space is limited so sign up now:

office@pontyc.org

One Design

Looking for Capdevielle Sailors! Call or text! (985)-507-8683

Thanks

Rob Doolittle



CALLING ALL BOATERS!

For some time, PYC has been the source of Judges for the Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival. I have been doing judging off and on since the mid-1980s, soon after I joined PYC. Joe Huffman recruited me, and Larry Young took over for him as Chief Judge. Before the pandemic Larry passed the Chief Judge torch, lit end first, to me. Most of our judges have participated for many years and quite frankly, we are getting old. We need new, younger (under 70) judges to carry the torch. So, you are thinking, I don't know anything about wooden boats. Remember this is Craig, the high tech, fast, plastic boat sailor, if you know bow, stern, and perhaps starboard and port, then you are qualified. We will teach you all you need to look for in wooden boats. In fact, we have a vintage fiberglass class.

The festival is October 15-16. As a judge you get two tickets to the Friday night owners' banquet, a shirt, and free admission to the festival. We meet early Saturday morning and finish reviewing the boats by that afternoon. On Sunday morning you can attend the boatowners' breakfast where you can hand out the awards to the class you judged. In addition, you get to listen to my witty remarks and wisdoms as I MC the awards ceremony. So don't be bashful, men, women, and couples are all welcomed. Please email me at jcraig.cohen@gmail.com and include a phone number. Thanks!

Craig Cohen,

Chief Judge

Social

Thank you all who helped with the events in April! Thank you to Dick Jones for setting up Tuscan Wine School!
Thank you to Elizabeth Calais for coordinating the membership mixer.
Opening Day was successful!!

Events coming up-

Friday, May 20- kids party for last day of school

Friday, May 27- trivia

Saturday, May 28- flotilla raft up

Monday, May 30- club will be open for Memorial Day! Picnic style

Please note that auto gratuity starts May 1! All other clubs do it and our hard working staff definitely deserve it!

Keep an eye out for info on yacht club bus crawl!

Hope to see you around the club!

Clancey



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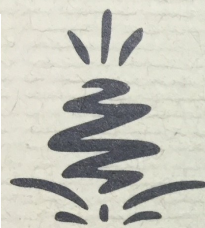
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