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The Pointer



Happy

Mardi Gras

February 2015

From the Commodore by Edward Duhe

Upcoming Events

- **Cypremort Sippers Mardi Gras Parade, Saturday, February 14, 2015. Parade starts at 1:00 P.M. (get there late morning because they close road at Quintana).**
- **February Social, Saturday, February 14, 2015, 5:30 P.M.**

It's Mardi Gras time! I hope everyone has a fun and safe carnival season. It's also time to get your boat ready for the upcoming sailing season. The Rosemary Lucas Cup races are starting in March. If you haven't participated in the racing series, I strongly encourage you to come out and get involved. It a very laid back environment and gives you a chance to hone your sailing skills and make new friends. Even if you don't want to sail your own boat, members are always looking for crew. Come out and enjoy the fun!

CYC is one of the best kept secrets in our area. The facilities and location are fantastic and an incredible value. The club dues and slip rental fees have not been increased in over 30 years, while the expenses of maintaining the club have risen considerably. For example, the cost of insurance alone

in 2014 was over \$18,000. We are at a point, with our current average membership of 120 members, of not having funds to do the necessary repairs the club requires. The most pressing repair at this time is the bayside bulkhead, which is anchored with metal rods from each piling back inland to hold them from falling into the bay. Many of these rods (tie backs) have deteriorated or rusted away completely, resulting in the bulkhead starting to collapse. You can see this on the north end of the bulkhead where it has already bowed out quite a bit. This repair needs to be a priority in order to prevent a much larger and much more expensive repair in the future.

The board has been looking at various ways to raise the funds needed to make these critical repairs. Starting

with the 2nd quarter, we will be raising the wet and dry slip rents by 20%. So, beginning April 1st, the new rates will be as follows: dry slips \$24, 14' slips \$100, 17' slips \$120, and 18' slips \$126 monthly. As you can see from the new rates, the increase is nominal and still a great value. After 30 years of rates remaining unchanged, this increase is not going to fund the required repairs in total. The board is evaluating other options and look for more information about that in the next newsletter. If you have any questions or suggestions on repairs, raising funds, or anything else, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Please be sure to read over the rest of the newsletter and visit our Facebook page and web site. There you will get all the information about things going on at your club and I hope to see you at the Point!

February Social by Jeremy Cooper

After the parade, we will have our Mardi Gras meal and social. Happy Half Hour will begin at 5:30 P.M. with the meal at 6:00 P.M. We will be serving Red Bean Gumbo with trimmings and wine. Cost will be \$5.00 per

person. It would be of great help to the cook if you could give him a head count of number attending by February 12, 2015. You may do so by replying to the email containing the newsletter. Come out and make a day of

it by attending the parade and then "wine" down at the club after the parade, enjoy the sunset from the deck with your family and friends, and then partake in a great meal. Hope to see you there!!



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Membership News by John Conner

The current membership in good standing is 123. Please welcome John Maak and Lee LeBlanc, our latest new members approved by the board.

The new membership cards should have been included with your 1st quarter dues notice in early January. If you did not receive your card, please let me know and I'll print you one. You will also notice on the card a number following your name. This is your member number which

should be used at other GYA clubs for billing purposes. Most clubs do not work on a cash basis for meals, etc., but will invoice the club for your expenses and you will be billed once our accountant receives the invoice.

Please send me any changes in your email address in order to insure that you get the latest newsletters, notices & updates. You can address any questions you may have about

your membership, membership card, access key, etc., by contacting me at the following e-mail address:

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BOATS FOR SALE:

Racing News by Butch Nolan

The spring season of sailing is kicking off on March 14, 2015, with the Rosemary Lucas Cup Race # 1 of the spring series. Five races are scheduled in the series. Races will be held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Race instructions are posted on the CYC web site along with the race schedule on our club calendar. If you would like to crew, just show up or call ahead to schedule. All races start at 11:00 A.M. The starting line is an orange flag on the north clubhouse deck and the tower in the

bay. Registration and skipper's meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. Also, if any board boats such as Sunfish, or multihulls, wish to compete, feel free to contact me and we can make this happen at our club race series based on Portsmouth calculations.

CYC will be bringing back our "Around the Bay" series starting with the first race on April 18, 2015. This series will be three races covering a minimum distance of 12 miles. The races will

begin at 9:30 A.M. A notice of race and sailing instructions will be sent out in March with more instructions.

Also, please remember to give me a copy of your PHRF certificate so I have your current PHRF rating for calculating race results. If you do not have a certificate, or have any questions, please call me at #337-278-4352.

Junior Sunfish Program by Butch Nolan

We anticipate holding the Junior Sunfish Sailing Camp again on the 3rd weekend in July (July 17, 18 & 19, 2015) unless weather conditions dictate otherwise. We are confirming the dates early, so members interested in having their juniors participate will have ample time to arrange

their summer schedules to accommodate the camp.

We are still looking for additional sunfish or sunfish parts to complement our club's sunfish fleet. If anyone either has a sunfish and/or parts, or knows of a sunfish and/or parts that are available or can be ac-

quired for the club's junior program, I would ask that you contact me by replying to this e-mail or by calling me at 337-278-4352.



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House and Grounds by Dan Snow

Repairs to the tie backs on our west bulkhead are currently under way. Work will be ongoing as funds become available and as the contractor has time between his other projects. We ask for your patience while this extremely necessary work is being undertaken.

Once the weather warms up, we will schedule a work party to address general maintenance items around the

club. I hope that you will consider lending a hand to accomplish these projects.

Thanks again to the membership for your cooperation with the drinks in the refrigerator and for doing a great job of cleaning up after using the clubhouse.

You can address any house and ground or maintenance issues to me at dwsnowjr@cox.net.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ABIDE BY THE 10 MPH SPEED LIMIT WHEN DRIVING IN THE MARINA. ALSO, REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR GUESTS, SO ADVISE THEM OF THE SPEED LIMIT AS WELL.