



THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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Flag Officers	Board of Governors		Ex-Officio
	One Year	Two Years	
COMMODORE.....Shelda Jones	Kert Meyer	Dana Burke	Fleet Surgeon.....Dr. David V. Larosa
Vice Commodore.....Lawrence Simpson	Patti Steagall	Dick Urban	Fleet Chaplain.....
Rear Commodore.....Julie Noble	Tom Stokes	Bill Caraway	Auxiliary President.....June Wiggins
Fleet Captain.....Holly Murray	Tommy Rand	Chris Carrubba	Newsletter Editor.....Joe Fleming
Past Commodore.....James Hancock			Secretary.....Shirley Steen

NOTICE: On January 10, the price of drinks at the bar will increase 25 cents per drink (due to an increased cost in Beer and Liquor prices). In addition, we are reactivating the automatic 15% gratuity if you fail to close out your tab prior to leaving the club.

FROM THE BRIDGE

SHELDA JONES, COMMODORE

WOW! What a fantastic and busy January 2008.

The Governing Board met on January 7, 2008 and agreed to move ahead with building plans. They voted to present the proposal from PierCon of Hattiesburg, MS, to the General Membership. On January 9, 2008 at the General Membership meeting, yacht club members agreed to give the Governing Board authorization to enter into a contract with PierCon not to exceed \$560,000. The Building Committee is now in the process of discussion and work sessions with PierCon to finalize specifics. We are currently negotiating raising the roof line as requested at the meeting while staying within the budget. Many hours of work have been expended by many individuals to bring us the best building at an affordable cost. The conceptual drawings of the new club are on display in the "doublewide." The new building has to meet 2008 rules and regulations such as the sewer and water, FEMA requirements, and fire and wind standards. This will keep our insurance costs to a level that we can afford. In February, we hope to have signed a contract and begin groundbreaking.

Following closely behind the busy meetings we celebrated with the Commodore's Ball on January 12, 2008. I had a wonderful evening and enjoyed the company and support of my family, Angela and Brady Mills, Christina and Scott Fontenette, Chrissy and Lenny Edwards, Tim Bourgeois, and Randolph and Theresa Bourgeois. Thank you to June Wiggins, Julie Noble, Mike and Eun-Hye Vickery, Ain and Becky Rajala, Lawrence and Judy Simpson, Shirley Steen, and Linda Johnson for making the ball a huge success.

On Sunday, January 13, 2008 I traveled to Tillman's Corner to attend the Winter Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) Commodore's meeting. The weekend was filled with meetings on different subjects to benefit clubs. Tom Stokes, Holly Murray, and Phillip Whitsitt attended meetings on Saturday and rushed back for the ball. We missed the awards ceremony on Saturday night but we were presented with our award on Sunday at the Commodore's meeting. We received an award "For Exhibiting the Essence of the Gulf Yachting Association's Competitive Spirit by Competing in all GYA Capdevielle Events in the Year 2007." Joey Stokes, Claude Dannemann, Jr., Ramona Dannemann, Randall Danneman, Amanda Schrantz, Holly Murray, Lyda Murray, Lisa LeBeau, Alexis Leach, Jasmine Henson, Beth Crowell, Philip Whitsitt, Mark Oehmichen, Peter Hansen, Khloe Ohliger, Kwinton Ohliger, Cameron French, and Erin Keefer participated in the 2007 season races to make this award possible. Congratulations are extended to each and every one of these people. You can see the 2008 schedule of races by logging on to the GYA website or looking at the LBYC calendar. Our sailors have a very busy year and they enjoy your support.

During our recent very cold freezing weather, Howard Kapp and Charlie Coleman made sure that our clubhouse did not suffer. They ensured that the pipes and pump did not freeze. Thank you for the behind the scenes work that you do.

In a continuation to support the club and build our new building we are going to raise money by "Buying a Square." The idea is to buy a square for \$100 and engrave your name into a 12" x 12" square of concrete. This square will then become a permanent part of our ground foundation. If you are interested in "Buying a Square" put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway at the club.

Thank you to everyone who gives their talent and time to make the club a success.

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MEMBERSHIP

KATHY BURNS

Welcome Aboard to our new member: Raymond & Elva Hendry of Petal, Mississippi.

The following applications will be presented to the Board of Governors at their regular meeting on 18 February 2008:

Michael & Carol Morgan
5005 Plantation Dr.
Long Beach, MS 39560

Joseph Hilton
121 N. Island View
Long Beach, MS 39560

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HOUSE COMMITTEE

MIKE VICKERY

As I'm writing this before the end of January, I'm hoping for decent weather for our Mardi-Gras party! We had a busy month in January; Members meeting, Commodore's Ball and the Mardi-Gras party. All the events I know about (and I'm predicting a good turnout for the party) were very well attended. We had our first shrimp boil of the season and managed to just about eat up all the shrimp we bought. Thursday night continues to grow and I must apologize for running out of food. We will increase the amount and quality available. We now serve light snacks on Friday nights. The menu will be in the calendar, and posted on the wall calendar of the club. On Saturday 9 February, there will be a crawfish boil it will be "All-you-can-eat for \$10.00." On Saturday 23 February, it's Asian Theme Food, "Cuisine from 6 different Asian countries" for \$15.00 per person. This will be served buffet style. There will probably be food you have never heard of, but nothing will be really strange☺. Try and support it if you like food with a little spice added! As a quick note, if anyone has a kitchen with a double oven, and large preparation space, we'd really love to use it to prepare this meal. You'll probably learn all sorts of interesting things about Asian food. Please help if you can. On the drink side of things, I am attempting to acquire some bottled craft beers. I was going with a draught system until Tom Stokes pointed out we don't really have any drainage. There is now a House Committee consisting of myself and Dick Marx, Ain and Becky Rajala, Judy Simpson, Kathy Burns, and Shirley Steen. See any of these people with your outstanding ideas for the future. I want to give a special thanks to Becky, Ain, and Shirley, who stood in with little notice, due to a family emergency on my part. Without them there wouldn't have been all the excellent food at the Commodore's Ball.

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FLEET CAPTAIN

HOLLY MURRAY

Ok can you say it is "cold"? Well the Sugar Bowl Regatta was cold in December. Cold and gloomy made for a long day on the water. Lyda and Jasmine made up for the gloomy day on the water with their humor, so not all was bad. Even though winter is here we have been very busy getting trailers ready for the year, getting our event calendar ready, attending GYA meetings and getting some much needed work done on our Flying Scot. Lawrence Simpson has been working on the 2nd 420 getting it ready to sail in the spring. I am really excited that the board approved the buying of the gear for the 420, which will really help with out fleet, giving some of our High school juniors a good class to race with.

On February 11th, Monday @ 7:00 pm we are going to have a meeting for anyone interested in the Sailing program @ LBYC.

Here are some up coming event dates to put on your calendars:

Feb 9-10 NOYC Mardi Gras Regatta – GYA Flying Scot

March 15 – LBYC Harbor Races and Jr. Racers a day of sailing for everyone

SUMMER SAILING CAMP June 2-6 June 9-13 I am going to open it for 20-25 campers, so get your name in the hat early. Call me at 863 - 6880

Stay warm and I hope I see you at the Meeting February 11th.

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VICE COMMODORE

LAWRENCE SIMPSON

I would like to thank you for having the faith to elect me Vice Commodore. To say the least I am really excited about starting our new building. Hopefully, it will be a new beginning and help to close some of the heartache I'm sure we all have felt during the past two (2) years.

For those who were or were not at the General Membership Meeting: this is "OUR" club. It doesn't belong to ONE person or ONE small group. It belongs to ALL the members. In saying that, for the club to rise from those broken pilings that we have looked at for too long, we, as the members of this club (family), must, if we want it to survive and remain a viable organization, give it our time and support. The activities are for ALL the members. We want you to show up and enjoy my definition of Sweat Equity: the opportunity to bond with and get to know your fellow members better, in cut offs and ratty tee shirts, while getting paint splattered on your face and in your hair, to laugh and talk, to enjoy the day and at the same time get some paint on the walls of our new club.

Last but not least, something from my heart. In my life I have had the opportunity to be associated with many different types of people, from hobos and dirt bags to millionaires but the friendships I have made here at Long Beach Yacht Club are the best I have ever had due to the character of you. It is an honor and I am proud to be associated with all of you. Here's to a great coming year. Love to you all, Lawrence.

P.S. Remember that all functions or meetings of the Club are always open to ALL members.

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REAR COMMODORE

JULIE NOBLE

Our club has started off with a bang in 2008!! It is going to be a great year and very, very busy. We have some great activities planned (always remember to check your calendar in the newsletter) and, of course, the biggest thing going on will be the construction of our new building! Many thanks to our Building Committee and especially our 2008 Commodore, Shelda Jones, who has pushed to see this happen!

Our 2008 Commodore's Ball was held on Saturday, January 12th. This was probably one of the best we've ever had. "Encore" provided us with great music (they will also be here for our Mardi Gras party after the Long Beach parade) and even let one of our members (yeah, Patti Steagall) be a "star"! We had great food (thank you Mike Vickery and your committee), beautiful cakes (thank you Chrissy Edwards) and our traditional decorations of red, white and blue (thank you June Wiggins and committee). It was wonderful to see so many of our members attend and if you weren't able to be there, we missed you! Those of us there had a really good time. We even had some of our members (yeah, Don Evans and Chris Carrubba) show us how young and fit they are (push-ups on the dance floor guys?!). It was good to see a lot of Shelda's family (the Jones' girls "grew up" at our club) and we're glad Tim was able to be here from Washington, DC. If the ball is any indication of the coming year, it is going to be fantastic and fun! We had a shrimp boil Saturday the 19th and even though the weather was not the greatest, the attendance was good and the shrimp great. Our next big activity is the Mardi Gras party after the Long Beach parade. We think the weather is going to be good and we'll have a great turnout. Remember to check your calendar because there are a lot of things happening at your club and we would love to see you all there.

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RACE & SAIL COMMITTEE

PHILIP WHITSITT

Hello club members. I will be your new Race and Sail chairman. I am looking forward to the next sailing season. The club now has Opti's (prams), lasers, a 420 and a Flying Scot at the club and ready for club members' use. By the spring we hope to complete the rigging/repair on another 420 and another Flying Scot. Holly and I would like to encourage you to use the club sailing equipment. In order to make our boats available we will be "certifying" skippers. Our harbor is a bit tricky getting in and out of so certification will require on the water demonstration of sailing ability. Once certified you will be able to check out a boat for your personal use. Updated rules will be available on the website shortly. If you are interested in being certified please contact me (263-0114) or Holly (363-0073).

We are hoping to have an even more active sailing program this year. Our goal is to again make all the Capdevielle races. We are hoping to have more training opportunities so please make sure to let us know if you want (or are willing) to help us make this happen again. The round the nav markers races that Kert began last year will be continued. Watch for these "LBYC Harbor Races" on your calendars this spring. Also to the big boat sailors, start thinking about the Dauphine Island Race scheduled for Saturday, April 26th. This race is from Fairhope Yacht Club to Dauphine Island and followed by a beach party at Dauphine Island. This might be a fun trip for some of our boats to make. Check out the website www.dirace.com. We also hope to fill your Thursday "Grill Your Own" evening with sails. Watch for Thursday Eve Races coming this summer. Hope to see you on the water soon. ∅

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

JUNE WIGGINS

Fellow yacht club members!

Well, if you missed the Commodore's Ball- you missed one of the best ones LBYC has ever had. What a great time!

we are having the Mardi Gras party on January 27th. And don't forget the Superbowl Party on February 3rd, 2008.

We are much anticipating the raising of the new LBYC clubhouse. When things start happening we will have things like "status of new club " parties- which will be deck parties basically.

We will have a special little something on Valentine's Day for you and your sweetheart. So come on down for grill your own that Thursday (that's February 14th for the calendar impaired)

Upcoming in march: St. Patrick's Day party on March 15th

Easter Egg Hunt on March 22nd

DONT FORGET!

SUPERBOWL PARTY- FEB 3RD AT 5pm

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