



THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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MARCH						1 Crawfish Boil Work Party 9AM
2	3	4	5	6 Grill Your Own \$5.00 Set Up	7 Taco Soup	8 Spaghetti Karaoke
9	10	11	12	13 Grill Your Own \$5.00 Set Up	14 Nachos	15 St. Pat's Party Corned Beef & Cabbage LB Harbor Races
16	17 Board of Governors 7 PM	18	19	20 Grill Your Own \$5.00 Set Up	21 Good Friday Catfish Dinner	22 Easter Egg Hunt Karaoke
23 Happy Easter	24	25	26	27 Grill Your Own \$5.00 Set Up	28 Potato Soup March Martini Madness	29 Jambalaya
30	31	2008				

Flag Officers		Board of Governors		Ex-Officio
		<u>One Year</u>	<u>Two Years</u>	
COMMODORE.....	Shelda Jones	Kert Meyer	Dana Burke	Fleet Surgeon.....Dr. David V. Larosa
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NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN

January and February were full of activity and March is going to be another busy month. Great things are happening at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

We signed the contract with Pier Con of Hattiesburg to build the new Long Beach Yacht Club. They have plans to begin construction in early March. The building will be 5,000 square feet under roof. The ground floor and main floor will be concrete. The ground floor will be open and the main floor will have a bar, lounge, bathrooms, storage room, junior room, kitchen, an elevator, and a very large deck. Drawings of the new building design are on display at the club. Be sure to stop in to look at the design and envision your new club in the old location.

We are planning the groundbreaking ceremony and celebration for March 8, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. We will gather at the "clubhouse" for our ceremony. The "House" has planned a spaghetti dinner and karaoke for that evening. Everyone is invited to attend so please come enjoy the camaraderie and excitement of making progress.

To prepare for the groundbreaking we have planned a clean-up day beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, 1 March. The pool pump has to be moved, the tent has to be taken down, the flower pots need to be put away, and all the swings and play toys have to be removed from the area, and additional clean-up is necessary. Please plan to come and lend a hand as we need a lot of help.

As construction begins we ask that you the members refrain from walking around or entering the construction area. In addition, please do not disturb or interrupt the contractors. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions call Lawrence Simpson or me. We don't want anything to hinder or delay the construction of our new clubhouse. I'm thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Thank you to everyone who has paid the full dues or are on the payment plan. It is up to each of us to propose new members. Bring a friend to the club and let them enjoy it as much as we do. Let's double or maybe even triple our membership.

Thank you to Howard Kapp, Lawrence Simpson, and Charlie Coleman for your work on the doublewide. The roof and windows leaked and have now been caulked, no more wet floors. The filters for the HVAC system have been changed, I can breathe better. It is wonderful to know that we have a support system to take care of our "doublewide owner" duties.

Thank you to Mike Vickery, Linda Johnson, June Wiggins, Julie Noble, and the many volunteers for your continued work, support, and talents in the food, drink, and entertainment areas.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to each member and their families who have had a sickness, surgeries, or loss. Ø

MEMBERSHIP

KATHY BURNS

Welcome Aboard to our new members: Joseph Hilton and Michael & Carol Morgan, all of Long Beach. Also, welcome back a reinstatement member, Chuck Rumsey of Long Beach.

The following applications will be presented to the Board of Governors at their regular meeting on 17 March 2008: Ø

Louis E. Massarini, Jr. (Regular)
1000 Arbor Station Drive #944
Long Beach, MS 39560

Bart and Marcie Haddad (Non-Resident)
664 Tatum Camp Road
Purvis, MS 39475

HOUSE COMMITTEE

MIKE VICKERY

Again, first thing I want to do is thank all the people who made my job easier for February, Becky and Ain, Cathy, Barry, Judy, Shirley, Linda, and of course my wife, Eun-Hye. If I missed a name or two, I'm sorry, just blame it on the medication.

Last month was mixed. It was exiting to see some increased participation, but we still aren't hitting our goal of making the clubhouse financially self-sufficient. The number of members who already paid their dues is impressive, and we hope to build on that and try to double the membership. With the new building going up, we will have one of the best views on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. I can't wait to be able to sit 22 ft in the air, watching the sunset; while I enjoy my favorite beverage☺ My committee is trying hard to improve the quality of the services at the club in an attempt to offer a reason for members and their guests to visit more often. We now offer food every night we are open. See the calendar for the menu.

Next month we have several special events planned, along with the food to accompany them. On the 1st, another crawfish boil. Even though a couple of members tried to eat their own weight in crawfish at the last one, we didn't get the participation I had hoped for, so we will try one more time. On the 8th we have a spaghetti night, donated by Shirley Steen, followed by Karaoke. For a St Paddy's day meal we will have corned beef and cabbage, price; just \$10.00. On the 21th we will try to bring back the catfish dinner that was so popular before Katrina. I need help with that as it is labor intensive and I don't eat catfish myself. You know how to find me if would like to offer your services.

I look forward to seeing more of YOU and MORE OF you in the coming months. The club cannot survive without your participation. ∅

FLEET CAPTAIN

HOLLY MURRAY

Does anyone know what happened to winter? There is an old saying we need to remember before spring fever has a grip on us. "Lighting in February, Frost in March." But I am holding out hope that spring is here early. We have been steady working on the boats and equipment getting them ready for the summer. Charlie and Patti Coleman are working hard getting a trailer ready to haul a combination of Lasers or 420s. Lawrence is working on the 420. Philip and I are getting the old boat ready to use as a training Flying Scot.

We owe a big cheer to Joey Stokes, Amanda Schrantz and Khloe Ohliger. They did a great job at the Mardi Gras Regatta in New Orleans. It was a beautiful weekend with lighter winds than expected and we didn't finish last! Our next Capdeville race is in April at the Jackson Yacht Club.

This month the Jr. Racers will have the first clinic on March 15 we will meet at 10:00 and end the day around 4:00. Please don't forget to bring lifejackets and a change of clothes may be needed. We will have some lunch available but think about bringing some drinks for the day. We have come along way since the start of lessons last summer, but there is still a lot to learn, just like any other sport, it takes practice.

I would like everyone to take note of April 19th. The Race & Sail Committee will be having a Spaghetti Dinner. We will pre-sale tickets starting in a couple of weeks, at \$10 a ticket. All proceeds will go to purchasing a new set of sails for the Flying Scot. We hope to see everyone there!

This is just for fun, be the first one to name this start approach and I will buy you a drink!

It is a popular but flawed approach. The basic plan is to sail away from the line on a port tack broad reach on the reciprocal of your starboard tack closehauled course. You then tack or jibe, and return to the place from which you started. ∅

REAR COMMODORE

I don't know about everyone else, but, I am ready for spring!! We have been "teased" with a couple of warm days and I think we are all wanting more! Our Mardi Gras party on Jan. 27th was good and many thanks to June Wiggins and all those who helped with the clean-up the day before and during the party. "Encore" provided us with great music even though it was quite cold and we had to put the outdoor heater on the band - their fingers were freezing! February was a busy month at the club beginning with the Superbowl Party on the 3rd (hope your team of choice won!). Many thanks to Mike and his committee for our "hot dog bar". We had a crawfish boil on the 9th and they were really great (some of us made Charlie Coleman look like he was really, really hungry by having him refill our plates!) Thank you Patty for the wonderful coleslaw and thanks to Becky & Judy for the desserts. Valentine's Day was on Thursday and we had our "grill your own" and each lady at the club received a long stem rose. We raffled the "Bucket of Love" containing a bottle of wine, wine glasses, wonderful chocolates, tickets to the Hollywood Casino buffet and more - and I won!!! Thanks to June Wiggins for the decorations. Our next raffle will be a "Pot of Gold (Luck)" full of goodies to be given away at the St. Patrick's Day Party on March 15th. February 23rd we had our Asian Dinner and I think everyone enjoyed it - we had a wide variety of dishes to choose from. Many thanks to Mike & Eun-hye and everyone else that helped make this a success. I want to thank Shirley Steen, Judy Simpson, Becky & Ain Rajala for providing desserts at our Thursday night dinners and, of course, Lawrence & Judy for the wonderful chocolate covered cherries - ummm!

We have some fun things happening at your club in March - beginning with a clean-up day March 1st (I did say fun?!!) This is being done because the biggest event happening in March will be the start of construction of our new building. Yeah!! We will be having a St. Patrick's Day Party March 15th and our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 22nd at 11:00 am. We will have games, prizes, lunch, egg dying, egg hunt and, of course, the Easter Bunny! Bring all the little ones down for a fun time. As always, check your calendar for upcoming events and we hope to see everyone at your club. ∅

JULIE NOBLE

RACE & SAIL COMMITTEE

Ahoy mates. It was great to see so many of you at the sailing meeting last month. This month we will be having the first of our spring Harbor Races. It's scheduled for Saturday, March 15. Look for the registration and info posted in the club. There will be red beans and rice and as always libations afterwards. Also a reminder to check out the Dauphine Island Race at www.dirace.com, its hosted by Fairhope Yacht Club on April 26th and their will be a beach party on Dauphine Island after. That's it for now, wishing you smooth sailing. ∅

PHILIP WHITSITT



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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

JUNE WIGGINS

Hello fellow club members! We had a great Month! The weather has been up and down. We had a pretty good Mardi Gras party. I have a lot of people to thank- hope I don't miss any! Thanks to Julie Noble, Shelda Jones, Lawrence & Judy Simpson, Charlie and Patti Coleman, Ain & Becky Rajala, Ron & Gay Irby, Tom & Lydia Stokes, Barry Skellie, Kathy Burns, Howard Kapp, David Keith, Stanley Snodgrass, Jasmine Hensen, Martin Jones, Shirley Steen, Dana & Roy Burke, Beth Crowell, Marguerite Hess and Jim Poole, Becky Keefer, Mike Vickery and his cooking crew, and of course Linda at the bar! I am sure I have over looked someone- But Thanks to all! We could not have done without you!

We are about to start construction of our new club! YEAAAA!! We are going into unknown territory- so we may need some help along the way. The First Saturday in March we will have a clean up day. We have to move the tent, take down and /or move the picnic tables and generally clean up around the pilings. We need all the help we can get!!! Please come down and help- From 9am to 2pm or any segment of that time you can give.

We had a nice Valentine's night where all the ladies received a rose. Julie Noble won the bucket O" love and shared the candy. We will have a Bucket O'Luck to raffle next week and the winning ticket will be picked at the St. Patrick's Dinner on March 15th. Mike Vickery will be cooking up some great Irish Dishes and we will be doing a little Karaoke and maybe singing an Irish ditty! Come and join us for the fun!

Don't miss the ground breaking ceremony!!! The Long Beach Yacht Club will be officially be breaking ground for the construction of the new club on March 8th! Be there at 5pm and watch history! After that we can eat some spaghetti and sing a little karaoke.

And last but not least- We are going to have a March Martini Madness!! On Friday, March 28th, 2008, we will have a martini bar set up with many different kinds of martini's. If you have ever wanted to try a martini- but didn't know if you would like them- this is your chance to just take a sip of many different kinds. We will have a regular martini, an appletini, a chocolate tini, a cosmopolitan, a pomegranate tini, and many more! The cost will be \$15 and will start at 7pm. Come and join us for a lot of fun and try some different martinis.

BRING THE KIDS FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT!!!!

**Long Beach Yacht club is having an Easter Egg Hunt
March 22nd, 2008**

**We will have the Easter egg hunt, Easter egg coloring,
Drawing contest, fun and prizes galore!!**

**The Easter egg hunt will begin at 11am. We will provide
hamburgers and/or hotdogs after the hunt. This
Is always a fun event and the kids have a great time- so
Bring the grandkids/ or kids and have a fun time**