



THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

March roared in like a lion and has continued roaring. On March 1 we had a massive clean-up day to prepare for the construction. We moved picnic tables, the tent, the pool pump, the sand box, and in general cleaned the grounds. The volunteers removed the cover from the tent and then each support pole was manned by a person and one support pole had Maddy, Blake, and Quentin. On command the volunteers lifted their support pole and marched to the south. When the swimming pool enclosure was cleared the group halted and about faced to the east. They, again on command, marched to the east clearing the swimming pool enclosure, halted, and about faced, this time to the north. On one last command, they picked up the support poles and marched forward until the tent was in place. Hurray! The tent was successfully moved. The swimming pool pump took a little longer to move and required the expertise in plumbing and electrical work from several of our members. With much digging and a couple of leaks or geysers of water the pump was successfully moved. Thank you to Howard Kapp; Bill Caraway; Fred, Freddie, Christie, and Ricky Welch; Dick Marx; Dick and Karen Urban; Joe Fleming; Dana and Roy Burke; Al, Holly, and Maddy Murray; Tom Stokes; Kathy Burns; Barry Skellie; Pattie and Charlie Coleman; Jasmine Henson; Bennie Orozco; Ron Irby; Philip and Quentin Whitsitt; Lawrence and Judy Simpson; Beau Gamble; June Wiggins; Mike Vickery; David Keith; Julie Noble; Tommy Rand; Lionel Keel; William, Beth, and Blake Crowell; Chuck Rumsey, and Shirley Steen. After the clean-up we enjoyed oyster po-boys prepared by Barry Skellie.

Then on March 8th we enjoyed the Long Beach Yacht Club Groundbreaking Ceremony with James Hancock leading us in prayer and encouraging words from guest speakers Long Beach Mayor Billy Skellie and Chris Broussard from PierCon. The Board of Governors, Mayor Skellie, Mr. Broussard, and the building committee gathered together with our gold shovels and broke ground. Thank you to Ed, Becky, and Erin Keefer and Tanita and Khloe Ohliger for the gold shovels. Thank you to Kathy Burns for the invitations.

We have successfully gotten our building permit and received the approval of the Port and Harbor Commission. March was certainly an exciting month and by the time you receive this newsletter you will be able to see some construction progress on our grounds. We have a thrilling and fulfilling six months ahead of us.

Good Friday, March 21 was our Catfish Dinner with Barry Skellie frying the catfish and hushpuppies crispy and delicious. We enjoyed fresh and scrumptious coleslaw by Patti Keith and baked beans by Mike Vickery. We appreciate everything that you do! Thank you. As you have noticed there are many "thank you's" in this newsletter. That is because we have a magnificent group of members at the Long Beach Yacht Club and it is important to me to recognize them. Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you for all that you do. That is what makes our club the success that is yesterday, today, and tomorrow. ■

RACE & SAIL COMMITTEE

PHILIP WHITSITT

A big salute to the sailors. I regret that work had me away during the LB Harbor Race last month. It sounded like it was quite thrilling with rails in the water and spray in the face. With 17 or more sailors braving the conditions, LBYC has once again proved to be a real sailing club. I raise my mug to you. I look forward to reading Dana's entry for a complete first hand report. Thank you Dana. Thanks also to Tom, Holly and Lawrence for helping out where needed. The next Harbor Race is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. The registration and info is posted in the club. This is also the date of the spaghetti dinner youth fund raiser. So please plan to stay around and support the youth sailing as well. Also our neighbor Gulfport Yacht Club will be holding their 2008 GORC PHRF regatta on April 5 and 6th. And for anyone interested, the Dauphine Island Race is scheduled for April 26th (www.dirace.com). Spring is here. Let's go sailing. ■

LADIES AUXILIARY

JUNE WIGGINS

Ladies! We are starting up the Long Beach Ladies Auxiliary and we need more ladies!!! We had an impromptu meeting last month and will have another meeting on Wednesday, April 16th at 7 pm. One of the things we will be doing is to get ready for the Bunco night we are hosting on May 14th. Please come and join us. We always have a good time. If you have any ideas we would be glad to hear them. We need more help with Bunco night. ■

VICE COMMODORE

LAWRENCE SIMPSON

Hi all:

We had a really good March, weather is getting better and I don't know about you but I am looking forward to summer. I want to thank all the members who came on Clean-Up day. It was a great success. All seems to be going well with the permit process for the building. We should see work begin soon! Shelda has asked me to be the contact between all of you and the contractor. Don't know if I can stand 100 wives but I'll give it a try. If you see a problem or have a suggestion, my cell phone number is 228-324-2556 and my home phone number is 601-928-0830. Give me a call and I will do my best to address it. To all you sailors, it sure was good to get out on the 15th with a bone in her teeth. What a great day it was. Sometimes we get too wrapped up in the day's necessities and not enough of the pleasures but days like that help to level the field. I want to thank Mike Vickery for a great job keeping us fed. To all of you who keep this club running, Thank you. Fair winds and following seas. ■

MEMBERSHIP

KATHY BURNS

Welcome Aboard to our new members: Bart & Marcie Haddad of Purvis, Mississippi.

The following application will be presented to the Board of Governors at their regular meeting on 14 April 2008: John Robbins of Tupelo, Mississippi. ■

FLEET CAPTAIN

HOLLY MURRAY

We had a great time March 15 with the junior racers, although we didn't get out sailing we did get some much needed work done with the sail locker and boats. A big thanks to Erin, Khloe, Quentin, Blake, Maddy and Ricky they did an awesome job cleaning up all the sailing gear. The junior racers next meeting at LBYC will be April 20 at 11:30. Make sure you bring your lifejacket, some drinks for the day and a great attitude.

Let's not forget Race and Sail's dinner April 19 at 6:00. There will be Shrimp Fettuccine and Spaghetti, tickets are only \$10. Come join us for a good time and good food.

A big thanks to Charlie and Patti Coleman we now have a trailer that will carry 3 board boats, this is a great asset to our sailing program.

We have two regattas that the juniors can make this month one Wet and Cool in FYC on the 5th and 6th of April. The other is at GYC on the 26th and 27th Alfonso/Sutter. Please call me if you are interested in attend one or both of these events.

Sailing Lessons for beginners begin June 2 – 13 There will be limited spots available; Call me at 228-868-6880 or 228-363-0073 Cost for members will be \$150 non members cost will be \$200.

Congratulations to Jasmine Henson, last month's winner of a free drink! Here is a two part question for April. Must complete both parts to win the drink.

The one minute rule is in effect when code flag _____ is displayed as the preparatory signal four minutes before the start. You may not cross the line from the wrong direction after the one minute signal. A dip start or dip restart is not allowed. You must clear yourself by

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REAR COMMODORE

Happy Spring Everyone! I am so glad to see the signs of the season and some warm weather (mixed in with still a few cold days/nights). They say that March winds blow and there has been a "whirlwind" around the club this month. We started off on Saturday the 1st with a clean-up day. This was a tremendous success with a record number of volunteers. Just to mention a few things that got done - the tent, pool pump and sandbox were moved in preparation of beginning construction of our new club. Many thanks to all who helped. On Saturday, March 8th we had our Groundbreaking Ceremony. We are all so excited to see the progress we are making and the support of our members as well as the community. Thank you to Shirley Steen for the wonderful spaghetti dinner that night. I would like to thank Karen Urban, Sally Kapp, Judy Simpson, Becky & Ain Rajala and June Wiggins for providing desserts for our Thursday night "grill your own" dinners. This continues to be a fun time. St. Patrick's Day was celebrated at the club with a traditional corned beef & cabbage dinner (many kudos to Mike Vickery) after a fun regatta (those sailors looked like they had a really great time). One of the most fun events for me at the club is our annual Easter Egg Hunt. This was held Saturday the 22nd and I think everyone had a great time. We had Easter pictures to color, the egg hunt, hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch (along with chips, drinks, cookies & cupcakes), egg dying and a very special visitor - the Easter Bunny! Each child received a prize for collecting eggs and we apologize for a few little ants that wanted to share the candy!! I would like to thank Lyda Murray and her friend, Tyna, for stuffing our eggs and thanks to June Wiggins and her son, Chris, for hiding all of those eggs! Also, I'd like to thank Judy Simpson, Dana Burke, Kathy Burns, Barry Skellie, Holly Murray, Philip & Karla Whitsitt and Joe Fleming for helping us make this a success. Also, thank you for sharing your children with us for this fun event. Along with our other special dinners, you can see that it has been a very busy month! Please check the calendar for upcoming events in April - and, as always, we look forward to seeing you at your club! ■

JULIE NOBLE

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

We are going to try some different things this next month! On April 5th we are going to have a game night. Meet and/or bring your friends down to the club for what ever game you enjoy. I like to play cards- anything from Eucre to spades to poker (only chips please). It could be a board game or cribbage, or whatever you enjoy.

On April 12th we will have a movie night. We will pop some popcorn and watch "Live Free or Die Hard", the latest Die Hard movie- lots of action and excitement! The movie will start at 7pm. Come and join us.

April 19th is the Race and Sail dinner and after that we will have some music (not sure who is playing yet) - but it will be great!

I am trying to start some new things. I would like to start some sort of exercise group or club. We could meet 1 or 2 nights a week and walk, do yoga, some light aerobics- something like that. If you are interested please call me at 228-326-7690 or Julie Noble. I would like to start a sunset cruise night in the summer (weather allowing) - Maybe a Friday evening one of our wonderful sailboat captains could take a group out for a nice sail and end up back at the club. Of course we need the sailboat and captain to agree (maybe more than one?) If this sounds like a good idea please let me or Julie Noble know.

ANY IDEAS you have please let me or Linda at the bar or Julie, or Shelda know .

Next month look for a wine tasting party!!! also Bunco night on May14th!! ■

JUNE WIGGINS

ST. PADDY'S DAY RACE

On March 15th the forecast was predicted to be a record breaking 81 degrees with 4-6 foot seas and 15 to 25 knot winds. It was a beautiful day for a sail, but weather conditions would test the skills of all involved in the race. The captain's meeting was set for 10:30 with six captains in

DANA BURKE

attendance. After the rules were discussed and start times were set, everyone headed for their designated boats. Mistress was the first to start at noon. No Worries was next at 12:09. Infinity crossed the start at 12:25 followed by Free Spirit and Helen shortly thereafter. Staggered times were set depending on their handicap. It was a rough ride out to the first mark and the crews endured the spray from the water, the relentless pounding from the swells of the sea and the fierce winds. Mistress reached the mark first, but due to sail configuration problems was unable to make the turn right away. The others made the first mark as follows: Infinity, No Worries, Free Spirit and Helen. After Infinity rounded the first mark she had the advantage and there was excitement onboard as they set their course for the second mark. After rounding the second mark Infinity was clearly in the lead. She reached speeds up to 8 knots at times and crossed the finish line at 2:33. Infinity sailed the 12 miles in 2 hours 8 minutes. The boats finished the race in the following order: Infinity, No Worries, Mistress, Free Spirit and Helen. After the times were calculated, the results were in. First place went to Don Rayner on Infinity (crew – Roy & Dana Burke, Beth Crowell, Susan Boxx & John Robbins). Second place went to Freddy III on No Worries (crew – Christy Welch and Rodney Miller). Third place went to Lawrence Simpson on Mistress (crew – Judy Simpson, Jasmine Henson, Ain & Becky Rajala and Lori Wilson). The remaining captains and their crews were Tom Stokes on Free Spirit (crew – Lydia Stokes, Grif Nolan, Arthur Whitfield and Mo Gatto), Freddy, Jr. on Helen (crew – Mark Oehmichen) and Kert Meyer on Stray Cat (crew – Dave Andrews). Stray Cat was prepared to race but “Did Not Sail” (DNS) – Captain’s prerogative! Morning and afternoon snacks were provided by the club and was appreciated by all. It was a great race and we all look forward to the next one. ■

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AN UNDER -THE -TENT SAIL
(otherwise known as a garage sale)

On May 10th we will have a tent sale with the proceeds to go to the ladies auxiliary to help them buy things for the new club. We are going to need a lot of things for the new club- so if you have some things that you don't need anymore and could be sold, please contact June at 228-326-7690 or Julie noble at 864-4966. We will be gathering things on Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th and possibly that whole week.

2nd Annual Invitational Croquet Classic
April 12 2008

The Long Beach Yacht Club invites you to our second annual croquet tournament. Due to our pending construction, this year's tournament will be held at Al and Jewel's home at 105 Yucca St. in Long Beach MS. Games will start at 9am on the 12th. Refreshments will be served throughout the day. United States Croquet Association (USCA) 9 wicket rules will govern play. Just a reminder, the USCA dress code for tournament play is ALL WHITE. Each game will have a 90 minute time limit. The top 4 players will advance to the next round of play. Please see, William Crowell or Linda to sign up. A \$10 entry fee will collected at the time of sign up. First, Second, and Third place trophies will be awarded.

The entry fee will go to help purchase new croquet equipment for our club. So, come out and enjoy the festivities and bring your lawn chairs.

LBYC Easter Party



Mistress



Groundbreaking



Moving the Pool Pump



Moving the Tent