



THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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SUN 2 PM >6 PM	MON Closed	TUE Closed	WED Closed	THU 4 PM >9 PM	FRI 4 PM >8 PM	SAT 2 PM >8PM
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MAY 2008				1 Grill Your Own \$5.00 Set Up	2 Red Beans & Rice \$3.00	3 GYA Opening Regatta PYC Hot Dogs & Chili \$3.00
4 Club Closed GYA Opening Regatta PYC	5	6	7	8 Grill Your Own \$5.00 Set Up	9 Chef Salad \$3.00	10 Tent Sale LBYC Harbor Races BBQ Dinner \$15
11	12	13	14 BUNCO	15 Grill Your Own \$5.00 Set Up	16 Chicken Wings \$3.00	17 Spring Regatta BucYC Membership Drive & Picnic 5 PM
18	19 Board of Governors 7 PM	20	21	22 Grill Your Own \$5.00 Set Up	23 Nachos \$3.00	24 Boiled Shrimp
25	26	27	28	29 Grill Your Own \$5.00 Set Up	30 Spaghetti \$3.00	31 Chandler Regatta St.ABYC Jambalaya \$3.00

Flag Officers	Board of Governors		Ex-Officio
	One Year	Two Years	
COMMODORE.....Shelda Jones	Kert Meyer	Dana Burke	Fleet Surgeon.....Dr. David V. Larosa
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Junior Sailors at Fairhope



The last piling comes down!



The slab begins! . . .



FROM THE BRIDGE

SHELDON JONES, COMMODORE

Construction began on Thursday, March 27 when PierCon began taking down the pilings. What a bittersweet day. It was sad to see the last of the old club come down but at the same time it was exciting to see the beginning of progress. With the bulldozer moving the dirt we have found dishes, an old radio, a candle holder, and more. The forms have been placed and the footing has been poured and by the time you receive this newsletter the ground floor will have been poured. We are making progress. We will begin to pour and stamp our "buy a square" project in the next few days. I will be contacting those of you who have reserved a space. It is not too late so if you haven't signed up to "buy a square" please add your name to the list located on the bulletin board in the LBYC hallway (we are limited to 100 squares).

March Martini Madness was celebrated with 1940's circa antique martini glasses that belonged to Pattie Steagall's parents. We enjoyed the taste of a dirty martini, vodka martini, lemon drop martini, appletini, cosmopolitan, pomegranate martini, and chocolate martini. The dirty martini and the pomegranate martini were the most popular. We even served a few gin martinis and according to Dr. Rayner that is the only real martini.

Thank you to Jewell and Al for allowing us to use their house and property to hold our 2nd Annual Croquet Tournament. We had two fields; everyone dressed in white, and slowed traffic on Pineville Road. Jewell Huch, Al O'Banion, Tom and Lydia Stokes, Gus and Joyce Piolet, Karen and Dick Urban, William and Beth Crowell, Blake Romig, Julie Noble, Roy and Dana Burke, Joe Fleming, Don Rayner, and I played and Patti Steagall cheered. The consolation game winners were: Blake Romig (3rd Place), Al O'Banion (2nd Place), and Roy Burke (1st Place). The championship game winners were: Dick Urban (3rd Place), Tom Stokes (2nd Place), and William Crowell (1st Place). Thank you to Julie Noble, Dana Burke, Jewell Huch, Gus Piolet, and Karen Urban for the breakfast casseroles, chocolate croissants, brie with pecans and a yummy sauce, cream cheese and almond rolls, ham, fresh strawberries and a chocolate fountain, frozen mint juleps, coffee, and beer.

Thank you and congratulations to all of our sailors on and off the water. They have brought home trophies, cooked a fantastic dinner, and raised money for equipment.

Thank you to Mike Vickery and Linda Johnson and the many volunteers who continue to serve us great food and good drinks. Thank you Joe Fleming for delicious cheesy chicken soup, Barry Skellie for the crispy catfish and creamy coleslaw, and all those involved in the spaghetti dinner and the scrumptious desserts.

Beginning May 11, the club will be open on Saturdays from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. We hope to continue these hours, so come on down and support your club.

Check out our new masthead. Can you see Holly Murray, Bo Clarke, and Cameron French? The picture is the Pat Gilliland Regatta in Jackson. ■

REAR COMMODORE

JULIE NOBLE

Where to begin?!! April has been another great month at our club. Of course, the most exciting thing going on is the construction of our new building. It is uplifting to watch the progress - if you haven't been down lately, please come - we'd love to see you!

We had our 2nd Annual Invitational Croquet Tournament on Saturday, April 12th. Thank you so much, Jewel and Al, for allowing us to use your home and yard for this fun event. The weather didn't seem to want to cooperate, but it did clear up and I, for one, had a great time. The ground was a little soggy and some of us played in our bare feet with our pants rolled up! Our "all white" attire seemed to attract a great deal of on-lookers - cars were really slowing down on Pineville Road! We even had our pictures taken by some! The food was great and the mint juleps wonderful. Thanks to all who helped. I would like to thank everyone who has made desserts for our "grill your own" Thursday nights. They have all been delicious. Please be sure to check the calendar in the newsletter for all upcoming events in May ■

RACE & SAIL COMMITTEE

PHILIP WHITSITT

Tis the season to be jolly, Jolly Rogers that is and boy have we been having fun. Last month we had four boats at Gulfport Yacht Club's GORC big boat regatta. Tom Stokes (crew - Lydia, Grif, Arthur Whitfield and Arthur Gary) took first place on *Free Spirit*, Don Rayner (crew - Roy, Danna, Beth and Susan) took third place with *Infinity*. Freddy Welch (crew- Fred and Rodney) in *No Worries* and Stan Snodgrass (crew – Jasmine and Beaux) in *Francis J* followed not far behind. The big boats took a breather the next weekend while the Capdevielle sailors were in Jackson.

The Spring Series LB Harbor Race followed the next Saturday on an absolutely gorgeous day. Five LBYC boats tried to no avail to take the lead away from *Infinity* (Don Rayner with, Roy, Dana, Beth, Tom and John). Khloe Ohliger (with Joey) in *Betty Ford* took second and Kert Meyer with *Mississippi Magic* was third. *No Worries* (Freddy Welch, crew – Fred and Rodney), *Whatsitt 4* (Philip Whitsitt, crew – Karla, Piper and Margaret, mascot-Thibodeaux) and *Gundagai* (Lawrence Simpson, crew Judy and Ain) battled for the tail end of the fleet. Next month we are set for our third and last race of the series on May 10, 2008. May the handicaps help us at the tail end at least see the sails of the speed demons. Notices and registration forms are posted at the club.

Hope all you sailors get lots of time on the water this month. As I write this another wonderful day at the beach has passed and I know of three of you that enjoyed it by sailing. Life is better at the beach. ■

LADIES AUXILIARY

JUNE WIGGINS

Hello fellow club members!! Can you believe it, May is here! The building is proceeding (never as fast as we would like) spring is here and summer is on the way. We are planning some fun stuff this month. Let's start with the Under-The-Tent sale on May 10th. We need your stuff!! You can see the article elsewhere in this newsletter. We need to raise some money for a lot of things for inside the club once it is built! The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring this event and half of the proceeds will go to the Race and Sail Committee. Please call June at 228-326-7690 or Julie at 864-4966 and help us with your donations. This will be in the paper and we hope to bring in a crowd of buyers!

Also, the Ladies Auxiliary is having a Bunco Night on May 14th. At 6:30 PM the fun will begin. Come on down and have a great time. We have lots of food, door prizes, and fun! You need not know how to play, we will guide you. The cost is \$7.00. You can buy tickets at the door or from any Ladies Auxiliary Member. There will also be some tickets at the bar. Hope to see you there!

The biggest event for May will be the Picnic and Membership party by the Sea! On May 17th at 5 Pm we want everyone to come and have fun. We are having Encore provide us with music. We are having some games and events for the kids and adults! We will have some great picnic-type food (I believe chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs plus all the fixings) we think we have a pretty unique club and would like to share this with others that might also think this. If you have a friend or someone you know that you think might be interested in joining our club- please bring them- or let Kathy Burns know and she will officially invite them. (Any member of the Board can help also. We want this to be a fun event and with your help- it can be! There will be a nominal charge of \$5.00 for members- It is free to perspective members. Come and help us have fun building the club. ■

SAILING LESSONS

June 2nd – June 13

Monday- Friday 9-4

Cost : \$150 for members/\$200 for non-members

Call: Holly Murray 228/363-0073 or 863-6880

MEMBERSHIP

KATHY BURNS

Welcome Aboard to our new member, John Robbins of Tupelo, MS. The following applications will be presented to the Board of Governors at their regular meeting on 19 May 2008:

Alan and Polly Pace 5510 Daugherty Road Long Beach, MS 39560	Van Temple 258 Mymick Road Lumberton, MS 39455	James "Buddy" Ray & Louise 470 W. Beach Blvd. Long Beach, MS 39560
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Our numbers are continuing to grow. We have had 4 new members voted in and 4 more in process. Interest in our Yacht Club is on the rise and it is such a pleasure to see so many new faces. I've noticed that our LBYC "regulars" are always the first to go up to these new faces and give a warm greeting. We all might remember how un-natural it was to walk in the first time we joined. I personally didn't know anybody!! It was that warm greeting I received when I first walked in that made me feel so Welcome. Let LBYC be known as "The Friendliest Yacht Club on the Coast". ■

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

JUNE WIGGINS

Long Beach Yacht Club is having a garage sale. Since our garage is a tent, it is really an Under the Tent Sale. We need your stuff!! If you have anything saleable we need it: Books, clothes, old CDs, DVDs, furniture lamps, rugs, bikes, electronics, just anything you can part with. We also need the help of a person with a truck to haul the donated items to the sale venue, our tent. The sale is on May 10th. Please call June at 228/326-7690 or Julie at 864-4966 if you have a question or donation.

BUNCO NIGHT AT LBYC!

COME AND JOIN US

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH, 2008

FUN, DOOR PRIZES, AND FOOD!

THE FOOD STARTS AT 6:30 PM

THE BUNCO GAME STARTS AT 7PM

COST= \$7.00 FOR ALL THE FUN

AND FOOD YOU CAN HANDLE!



FLEET CAPTAIN

HOLLY MURRAY

Gas to get to Fairhope AI, \$75.

Entry Fee \$25

Digital camera to record the event, \$250.

The look on the Juniors faces receiving their awards **PRICELESS!!**

What started out as a dreary rainy day turned out to be a fantastic weekend with some great sailing. The juniors experienced the winds of 15-20 knots on Saturday, to drifting conditions on Sunday. To be the first race of the year the juniors did an awesome job competing?

Just a note of interest, this was the first time ever for LBYC to compete in the 420 class!

420 – Skipper, **Alexis Leach**, and crew **Catilin Ruby** 2nd overall

Laser Radial – **Erin Keefer** 2nd over all – **Khole Ohliger** 4th overall

Open Bic – **Cameron French** 4th overall

Optimist – **Quentin Whitsitt** 1st in class overall, 2nd in fleet overall – **Blake Romig** 2nd in class overall, 3rd in fleet overall.

They did a fantastic job!!

As I was packing up the Flying Scot for a trip to Jackson to sail in the Pat Gilliland Regatta, I found a pretty little pigeon that was quiet disturbed that I was bouncing around on her new found home (the bow of the FS). I tried to make her leave the boat but that just seemed to really ruffle her feathers. I figured a few bumps on my way to the house and she would surely get out once I stopped. I was wrong, and then I figure she would surely fly out when I traveled a bit further. Again, I was wrong. By the time I made a short stop in Wiggins I had her named Gilly in honor of the regatta that had me bound for Jackson. Although I am not sure what superstition comes with a pigeon, I was glad it wasn't a crow or vulture. I guess sometime in the night after arriving at JYC she decided she no longer wanted to venture with me and left her home. I was semi glad the next morning when she wasn't there, we had no need for the extra crew, nor could I find a life vest small enough for her. Plus no one in Jackson could answer if we would be GYA legal. Bo Clarke and Cameron French sailed the weekend with me, experiencing high to gale force winds. I didn't realize the lake could blow that hard or get that rough. Our finishes weren't that great but I think we made great strides in our new program "The Relocation of Lazy Pigeons".

I would like to take time to thank everyone for supporting the race and sail committee, the spaghetti dinner was a great success! It is a tough task to feed 80 folks in a double wide trailer without a kitchen, but these folks proved we could pull it off without a hitch.

Linda Johnson Mike Vickery Becky Rajala June Wiggins

Lisa LeBeau Julie Noble Rose Lester Bo Clarke

Natasha French Jasmine Henson Ed and Becky Keefer Tanita Ohliger

Christy Welch Karla Whitsitt

Oh, I cannot forget Head Noodle Chef, Bennie French. If you liked the desserts, thank the ladies at the Boomtown Bakery, they gave us a great deal. Everyone did a great job!!

Just to let everyone know we have ordered new Flying Scot sails.

I believe we should all grab our sunscreen and hats because this is going to be a rip-roaring summer with plenty to do and lots of fun to be had by all. ■