

# The Pointer

March 2014



Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!

# From the Commodore by Butch Leger

#### Upcoming Events

- Cypremort Sipper's Mardi Gras Parade, Saturday, March 1, 2014, 11:00 A.M.
- Race #1 of Spring Series, Saturday, March 8, 2014.
- March Social, Saturday, March 8, 2014, 6:00 P.M.
- Race #2 of Spring Series, Saturday, March 22 2014.

Enough winter already!! I am sure that all of you are as fed up with this cold winter as I am and can't wait for warmer spring weather and some fun times on the water. You still have some time left to get those last minute boat projects completed before the sailing season starts.

I am happy to report that the board has accepted bids on rebuilding the boat ramp, which work is due to commence in the immediate future. We have opted to rebuild the ramp out of concrete and feel that this will be a permanent fix to a problem that has been plaguing us for years. Originally, the plans for the ramp called for concrete construction. However, before the concrete could be poured, a hurricane broke the retaining levee and flooded the marina prematurely, forcing us to construct the underwater portion of the ramp out of wood, which has required constant repair. We are confident that this will end our ramp problems and free up future resources to address other projects at the club. We appreciate your patience while we get this essential ramp rebuild completed.

Please come out and participate in the races, it is really a laid back program with everyone having a great time. Besides, there is no better or quicker way to perfect your sailing skills than through racing. If you are a bit apprehensive to start, consider crewing on another boat, or volunteer to assist the race committee with the running of the race.

Remember to keep up to date with club activities by checking out the club's Facebook page. If you haven't done so yet, all you have to do is go to our Facebook page and click "like" to become a friend so that you will be able to get the latest up to date information on what's going on at your club.

The board is looking into getting our Ship's Store back up and running. Norene Martinez did a superb job managing this for the club for many years. Though we will never be able to replace her, we will attempt to get the store up and running. We haven't decided on a format just yet, but keep watching for more information.

Hope to see you at the club!



March Social by Mark Milam

This month's social will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2014, starting at 6:00 P.M. Following the race, we will have a "bring your own meat" cookout. You bring whatever it is you want to grill, i.e., steak, chicken, seafood, etc., and the club will provide the pit, baked potato with fixings, salad, bread and wine for \$5.00 per person. We would appreciate a head count from anyone planning to attend so we can make certain that we have the right amount of food prepared and we can avoid unnecessary waste and expense. So, if you plan to attend, please help our chef out by providing us with a head count by simply replying to this email.

Please join us at the club on the 8th, participate in some fun racing, then kick back on the deck, do a little grilling with friends while enjoying the sunset. It doesn't get any better!

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#### Membership News by John Conner

Current membership in good standing is 119.

Please welcome David England and Luke Conner, our latest new members who were accepted by the board last month.

Also, if anyone has a change in their email address, please send it to me to update our records so you can receive newsletters and other

notices. Membership cards were mailed out in January and if for some reason you did not receive your membership card, please contact me at john.conner@lusfiber.net

Once again, you can address any questions you may have about your membership, membership card, access key, etc., by

## Racing News by Butch Nolan

Just a reminder that March 8th is our first race of the year. The Rosemary Lucas Cup series is 5 races held on the second and fourth Saturday of March, April and May. I already have 3 boats committed to race. Come on out and sail. It is the best way to gain experience with a group of sailors. A social will be held that evening following the race. At the end of the

series, the points will be totaled and a prize given for the top three finishers of the series. So please join us for the first race of the spring series on Saturday, March 8, 2014. Skipper's meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M., with an 11:00 A.M. race start.

The Rosemary Lucas Cup Race #2, will be email address.

held on March 22, 2014.

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seeing you there and for any

other information needed

please call me at #278-4352.

Don't forget to turn

Looking forward to

11:00 A.M. race start.

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contacting me at the above

1965 Pearson Ensign (22'6" Hull # 543) Draws 3'. Comes with various sails and outboard motor. No trailer. Sound boat, ready to sail. Great entry level boar for a young family. Best day sailor ever made. Asking \$4,000.00 Contact Jady Regard,

#337-365-4136.

BOATS FOR SALE:

1985 Spindrift 22' centerboard model, asking \$2,300.00 for boat and trailer. Tohatsu 4 stroke 3.5 long shaft outboard motor available by separate purchase. Good inventory of sails, new VHF, new am/fm /CD, new teak in and out. Contact Ivan LaFrance at #337-235-1494

Flying Scot #4001, family racing boat, with several suits of sails and heavy duty galvanized trailer. This boat is solid, clean and planes readily. Asking \$4,499.00 Contact Al Rees at akrees@bellsouth.net

Sunfish Racing Program by Butch Nolan clinics Two for

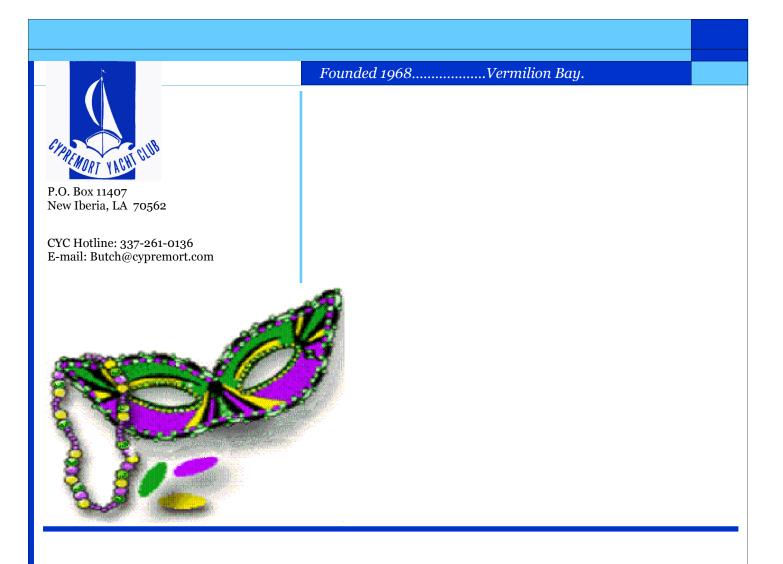
adults will be held this year. The first round on June 7 and 8. The second round will be held on August 2 and 3.

The junior sunfish sailing camp will be held on July 18, 19 and 20.

The 2nd annual Sunfish Sun Splash Regatta will be held on October 4.

We will post more information in future newsletters as same becomes available.





### House and Grounds by Dan Snow

When the weather permits, we will call for a work party to correct a problem we are having with our main sewer line.

Also, a reminder that any removal of club property from club grounds is prohibited. We would like to ask whoever removed the charcoal barbeque pit from the club to return same. Club property is for club use only!

Thanks to the membership for your cooperation with the

drinks in the refrigerator.

If you are the last to leave the clubhouse, please take a minute or two to make sure everything is locked up and that everything has been turned off, and the thermostat turned up. Every member has a key, so don't think you are inconveniencing anybody by locking up.

If you notice any house and ground or maintenance issues that need to be addressed, please contact me at daniel.snow@lusfiber.net

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