



The Pointer

April 2017

From the Commodore by Butch Nolan

Upcoming Events

- **Work Party, Saturday, April 1, 2017, 9:30 A.M.**
- **Race #3 of Spring Series, Saturday, April 8, 2017.**
- **April Social, Saturday, April 8, 2017, 6:00 P.M.**
- **Race #4 of Spring Series, Saturday, April 22, 2016.**
- **Semi-Annual General Membership meeting on Saturday, May 13, 2016.**

The spring sailing season is here! Please come out and enjoy your club. One of the big benefits of joining CYC is use of the club for your private function. All that is required is to contact a board member, fill out the club usage form and it's yours on a non-exclusive basis for the day or evening. The only time usage is restricted is during a club held event.

As the boating season is heating up, please remember to update flares, medical kits, fire extinguishers, registration with Coast Guard and/or Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries depending on whether your boat is documented or not. Check all hoses, fittings, filters, batteries and fluids. Thru hull fittings should be checked for leaks and corrosion, and should be able to be closed easily. Also back up plugs should be in place in the event a thru hull fitting breaks. Stuffing boxes should be checked regularly, and adjusted when necessary. Water is required to lubricate conventional packing, so a properly adjusted

stuffing box can be watertight when the shaft is stopped, but it must drip when the shaft is turning. Two or three drops per minute are adequate. It is not uncommon to see stuffing boxes leak at a much higher rate. This doesn't harm the shaft or the stuffing box, but the spinning shaft will sling this excess flow all over the engine compartment, leading to rampant corrosion of the shaft coupling, the transmission housing and everything else getting sprayed. Even more disastrous, it puts an unattended boat at risk of sinking if the bilge pump fails, the float switch jams or the battery dies. If your stuffing box leaks more than 8 or 10 drops a minute, it needs servicing. Tightening the stuffing box nut a half turn is usually all that is required to reduce the leak.

Our club has numerous spots for dry storage of not only small sailboats but also for sport fishing boats. If you intend to fish Cypremort this season, consider

leaving your boat at the club. The cost for a spot is \$25 per month. The boat will be out of your way and closer to the launch ramp without the stress of towing your boat back and forth. Less wear on the trailer and the vehicle. A

If anyone has any ideas for our club or the growth of our club, always feel free to contact me #337-278-4353 or email me at: breakwater@bellsouth.net



April Social by Johnny Beyt

This month's social will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017, starting at 6:00 P.M. and will be hosted by Al & Lisa Lilley. Menu will consist of crawfish étouffée, salad and French bread. The cost will be \$10.00 per per-

son. A head count would be appreciated, so if you plan to attend, kindly RSVP by replying to this email. Please come out early Saturday, jump aboard a vessel for the Saturday race and

then enjoy your evening with friends!

Hope to see you at the race and the social!

Happy Boating!!

Membership News by John Conner

Current membership in good standing is 122.

Please welcome Jarrod David, Rebecca Boudreaux and Jacob Leblanc, our most recently approved members.

Everyone should have received their 2017 membership card with the 1st quarter bill. If you did not receive your card, please let me know so I can get one to you.

Please note that the broadcast emails contain the email addresses of all active members and some past members.

If anyone has a change in their phone number, address, or email address, please send it to me to update our records so you can receive newsletters and other notices.

Once again, you can address any questions you may have about your membership, membership card, access key, etc., by contacting me at the following email address:

john.conner@lusfiber.net

BOATS FOR SALE:

Racing News by Bill Whitehead

We had good conditions March 11 for the first race in the spring Rosemary Lucas Cup series. Five boats raced with John Conner taking first, Mac & Brent Boulet finishing second and Ed Duhe third. Weather was uncooperative for Race 2 on

March 25. The start time was pushed back to early afternoon in an effort to allow a severe weather front to pass. However, conditions remained gnarly (surfing parlance for difficult and dangerous) and race 2 was ultimately can-

celled. The first two races in the spring The April racing calendar has three dates: Rosemary Lucas Cup race 3 on April 8 and race 4 on April 22. the first Round the Bay race is scheduled for April 29.

Sunfish Racing Program by Bill Whitehead

Summer is going to be here before you know it so check with you children and/or grandchildren to see if they will be available to participate in the Sunfish Sailing Camp, which will be held on July 14, 15 and 16, 2017. It's a blast and they really learn how to sail. We have space for twenty juniors, ages 8 to 15, and CYC members have signed up for five spots already.

Juniors can attend the camp more than once, which is recommended to continue to learn and build skills/

experience, particularly as wind/weather conditions can vary from one year to the next. Teenage sailors who have attended the camp previously are invited to return to help us with on-water instruction.

Contact me for more information and to register for the camp:

williamrwhitehead@gmail.com or #337-981-2999. Note: There was a typo in my email address in the February newsletter. If you tried to contact me and didn't get a reply, please

try again using the above email address or call me on the phone.





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House and Grounds by Abby Lester

Club house and grounds are in decent condition, however, we still need to complete some minor maintenance projects which we will be addressing this Saturday, April 1, 2017, starting at 9:30 A.M. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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. Also, please lock the ramp. 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 wazzarunner@icloud.com

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ABIDE BY THE 10 MPH SPEED LIMIT WHEN DRIVING IN THE MARINA. ALSO,

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR GUESTS, SO ADVISE THEM OF THE SPEED LIMIT AS WELL.

