



The Pointer

April 2016

From the Commodore by Butch Nolan

Upcoming Events

- **Race #3 of Spring Series, Saturday, April 9, 2016.**
- **April Social, Saturday, April 9, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**
- **Race #4 of Spring Series, Saturday, April 30, 2016.**
- **Semi-Annual General Membership meeting on Saturday, May 14, 2016.**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter! Sailing season has begun, so please come out and take advantage of our club race series. The best way to grow sailing and membership to our club is to introduce people to sailing and boating that have little or no experience on the water. So invite a neighbor or friend at work to participate aboard your vessel. If an award can be given to a member who has done the above, it would go to Al Rees, hands down. Al has single handedly introduced more people to sailing than anyone I have ever met. So please use his formula; invite people from church, school, business, social, etc., and be the reason for a lifetime of enjoyment on the water.

At our last board meeting in

March, it was decided to budget the cost of the bulkhead project over a period of 3 years. The board is looking at possible refinancing options to help offset the cost of the project. Our second quarter dues contains a note about the 2016 maintenance assessment which is \$120.00 payable either in one lump sum or 4 quarterly payments of \$30.00 each. The cost of replacing the bulkhead is far more than what our dues per year can cover. So please bear with us for the coming years because replacement of the bulkhead is necessary if we are to maintain our club and property. Once completed, we will need riprap to help protect the outside of our bulkhead wall. If any club member has contacts in demolition and

construction, please contact that person so we can possibly locate a source of broken concrete in need of disposal.

As always, please feel free to utilize the club for private functions by contacting a board member to reserve your date.

If you have any suggestions or concerns about your club, do not hesitate to contact me at #337-278-4352 or email me at: breakwater@bellsouth.net

****Editor's Note:** Long time member and Past Harbormaster, Henry "Hank" Cowen passed away this past Saturday. Visitation will be held at Asbury Methodist Church on Johnston Street this Wednesday, April 6, 2016, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Burial will follow in Crowley. Hank was an avid sailor and accomplished coastal cruiser. He and his wife, Terry, cruised extensively from Brownsville, TX to Panama City, FL. He even crewed with Les and Nancy Guidry, former CYC members, when they sailed across the Atlantic to France. Please keep Hank, Terry and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

April Social by Jeremy Cooper

This month's social will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016, starting at 6:00 P.M. Menu will consist of caprese salad, lasagna, bread, pecan pie and wine. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. A head count would be appre-

ciated, 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 112.

Please welcome Don Meaux, Sr., and Randy Moity, our latest new members who were approved by the board last month. We also have two new applicants waiting the 30 day notice period for approval.

Everyone should have received their 2016 member-

ship card with the 1st quarter bill. If you did not receive your card, please let me know so I can get one to you.

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

The first two races in the spring Rosemary Lucas Cup series have been completed.

Race #1 on March 12 was delayed by rain. Four boats stated with three boats completing the course in a tight, rain-soaked finish separated by less than two minutes. Butch Nolan, Al Lilley and Edward Duhe were 1-2-3 on corrected time.

Seven boats started Race #2 on March 26 on an overcast morning with very light winds. Matt Geunther sailed to victory in a Hunter 170 sloop winning by a wide mar-

gin on both elapsed and corrected time. Competition for second place was closer with the next three boats finishing about two minutes apart. Mac Boulet was second, Butch Nolan was third, Joe Gary fourth and Edward Duhe fifth.

Race #3 in the series is April 9, race #4 is April 30 and race #5 is May 14. Skipper's meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M., with an 11:00 A.M. race start. A "round the bay" race is scheduled for April 16. While impressed by persistence and

patience on display during the first two races, I think all participants would be happy to have 5 to 10 mph winds and a ray of sun or two for the remaining races.

Upcoming events through July:

April 16- Round the Bay
 May 28- Spring series make up race (if needed).
 May 28- Spring Regatta.

Don't forget to turn in your current PHRF certificate.

Sunfish Racing Program by Bill Whitehead

The junior sunfish sailing camp will be held on July 15, 16 and 17, 2016. More details to follow in upcoming issues of the Pointer.

The 4th annual Sunfish Sun Splash Regatta will be held on October 1, 2016.

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



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Founded 1968.....Vermilion Bay.

House and Grounds by Abby Lester

Club house and grounds are in good condition.

The board met with a contractor who presented plans for restoration of the west bulkhead. Essentially the project involves replacing existing whalers, driving new pilings and reusing existing sheeting. This is a large undertaking and no final decision has been made. Other proposals may be forthcoming and will be considered.

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 wazzarunner@yahoo.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.