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Southern Yacht Club opens new pool over the Memorial Day Weekend, see photos on page 10 - 11



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COMMODORE'S CORNER:

Summer is here and SYC is in full swing for the season. For those of you who may have missed it, the SYC swimming pool opened as scheduled on Memorial Day Weekend and is in full operation for the remainder of the summer and beyond. Let me reiterate what I said at the Semi-Annual Meeting: All of us at SYC owe a special "thank you" to SYC Fleet Captain, Kett Cummins, for his diligence in overseeing the design and construction of the new swimming pool and deck. Kett was awarded the Top Gallant Award at the Semi-Annual Meeting for his efforts on the pool. When you see Kett at the Club, please take a moment to thank him for all of his hard work.

With the opening of the swimming pool, summer camp has returned to its pre-Katrina numbers and our new Sailing Director, Jodi Weinbecker, and her staff of counselors are working hard to make this year's camp both fun and a great learning experience for the kids. The opening of the pool also saw the beginning of operations for the SYC Grille. Chef Justin LeBlanc and his staff have developed a wonderful menu to go along with all of the pool and outdoor activities associated with Summer.

On the water, SYC continues to shine. Steve and Stephen Murray's TP 52 DECISION, was the winner of the racing division of the recently completed Regatta al Sol. We held our Lipton eliminations in May and congratulations to the 2010 Lipton Team, John Alden Meade, Katie Lovell, Preston Christman and Patrick Ryan. Over Memorial Day weekend, SYC held our annual Commodore Juby Wynne One-Design Regatta which drew over 80 boats and was a huge success. Tom Long once again did an outstanding job as Regatta Chairman. SYC Member, Ambassador Jack "John" Weinmann was on-hand to present the Commissioner General trophy which he donated to SYC following the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans. Ambassador Weinmann served as Commissioner General of the World's Fair. Commodore Arthur Wynne and the entire Wynne family were also on hand to honor the patriarch of their family.

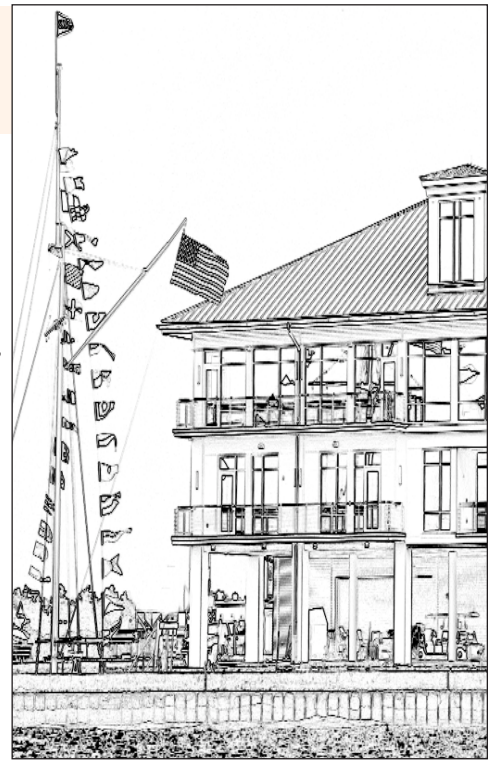


The BP Oil Spill continues to cause concern throughout New Orleans and the entire Gulf Coast region. We were able to go forward with the New Orleans to Gulfport Race on Saturday, June 5, which proved to be a wonderful race with great conditions. The New Orleans Gulfport Race continues to be one of the oldest, continuous races in the history of the United States. Unfortunately, due to projections of surface oil on the race course, we were forced to cancel the Gulfport to Pensacola Race scheduled for Friday, June 11. However, the GYA Challenge Cup was sailed June 18-20 in Pensacola Bay and Southern won its third Challenge Cup in a row. Coverage of the Challenge Cup will be in the next issue. Sailing on the Gulf Coast will undoubtedly face some uncertainty this summer and let's all hope that BP can plug the well soon.

With the pool and grill open, I would like to remind all members that our weekly Friday evening races are underway. This is a great opportunity to come out to the club for some fun sailing, swimming and casual dinner. The Thursday night, Grill Your Own (GYO), is in full swing and has moved down to the pool area making it more attractive for families. The SYC Swim Team, the Seagulls, are now practicing and competing in their home pool and are looking forward to a great season.

Enjoy the summer; come out to the Club for the Fourth of July and the many other activities we have scheduled this month.

I look forward to seeing you all out at the Club! Commodore J. Dwight LeBlanc III



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ON THE COVER:

**SYC'S NEW POOL OPENS OVER
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
COMPLETING ANOTHER LINK IN
REBUILDING AFTER KATRINA**
*Insert: Commodore Dwight
LeBlanc and Rocky Sanchez
jump into the pool*

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Sailing Shorts

Thank you all for the warm welcome to SYC. I am very excited about working with you, your kids, and your grandkids throughout the year.

Summer camp is rolling along. I am so excited about the 250+ youngsters that we are able to introduce to sailing or help them refine their sailing skills. I am especially pleased that we have over 60 brand new harbor mice Opti kids trying out sailing this summer. What a great way to build our junior program back to the prestige of the past. If you see these young sailors on the water pass on a word of praise and encouragement. Please watch for more information coming out about Junior Fall Clinics.

I apologize for adult sailing taking a vacation. We are back up and rolling! Check the website for dates and registration information.

We have a busy summer planned with Camp, Liptons, Junior Olympics (in Pensacola), Texas Race Week and our SYC teams traveling to away regattas. Now is great time to be involved with sailing at SYC. Give me a call to find out how you can get in on the action or email me at jodi@southernyachtclub.org.

Congratulations:

SYC's Marcus Eagan, Larry Frost, Tommy Meric top finishers at 2010 Lightning Southern District Championships.

June 5th & 6th the Lightning Southern District Championships were held at Buccaneer Yacht Club on Mobile Bay. Saturday saw good 15 to 18 knot breeze with Sunday's wind a little different.

This event qualifies the top competitors to sail in the 2010 Lightning North American Championships in August at Toms River Yacht Club, NJ.

Marcus Eagan, the past Lightning North American Champion won the District Championships with a total of 5 points with Larry Frost 2nd with 15 points and Tommy Meric in 3rd with 16 points. Rounding out the top 5 spots were Clarke Newman from Rush Creek YC in Dallas in 4th and Robert Bernhardt from Buccaneer YC 5th.

Many thanks to Robert Bernhardt and the volunteers of Buccaneer YC for hosting this event.

Happy Sailing,
Jodi Weinbecker
SYC Sailing Director

Commodore Juby Wynne Memorial One-Design Regatta a Wyner

It was a great day, good weather, the Grand Opening of the pool and a good turn out for the Juby Wynne Regatta. Regatta Chairman Tom Long and Race Committee Chairman Rocky Sanchez and his many volunteers had everything humming along. The Regatta is named in honor of Commodore Arthur D. Wynne, Sr., Commodore of SYC in 1976-77. Best know as Juby, the Commodore was an avid sailor and sailed Snipes, Lightnings, Stars and L-16s. He strongly supported one-design sailing hence the dedication of this yearly Regatta to his name.

The Flying Scots sailed for their Gulf District Championship, the Rhodes 19 sailed for Gulf Coast Regional Championship and the Fish Class sailed for the Gilbert Gray Trophy. Aboard the second place Fish Class boat were a three man crew whose combined aged exceeded 200 years. Sailing is a great sport and participation can be a lifetime of fun for all. Photos of the Regatta and Trophy presentation can be seen on our website: www.southernyachtclub.org. Thanks to Yvonne Pottharst and Dr. Craig Maumus for posting their photos.

VANGUARD 15				
1	GEOFFREY SINGLE	DYC	1204	2.00
2	CAL HERMAN JR	SYC	1138	4.00
3	DENNIS MELLO	SYC	1887	7.00
4	CHRIS TESKE		1045	8.00
420				
1	ROSS KIRK	SYC	18	4.00
2	CLERC COOPER	SYC	4252	4.00
3	BEN HERMAN	SYC	4550	4.00
4	KHLOE OHNGER	LBYC	30	9.00
5	DUSTIN BRENNAN	SYC	17	10.00
6	QUENTIN WHITSETT	LBYC	89	11.00
SUNFISH				
1	HANK SAURAGE	SYC	75200	2.00
2	PETER WUESCHER	SYC	87460	5.00
3	PAM BRIERRE	SYC	55800	5.00

Overall Top 17				
1	JONATHAN POTTHARST	SYC	16720	7.00
2	PIERCE DE BOISBLANC	SYC	16653	7.00
3	WILLIAM BREAUX	SYC	17722	13.00
4	DAVIS FRIEND	SYC	13	14.00
5	DWIGHT LEBLANC IV	SYC	16662	16.00
6	BOYD HOUSEY	SYC	14006	16.00
7	TOMAS BRALY	PCYC	13899	19.00
8	ALEXANDER ERGUN	SYC	16625	23.00
9	KALE KILLEEN	SYC	8	27.00
10	JAKE RYAN	SYC	6861	31.00
11	JMICHAEL HAUPT	SYC	14618	33.00
12	REED MENSZER	SYC	17808	35.00
13	JOHN PEREIRA	FYC	0	35.00
14	KEVIN MCKEE	SYC	15051	45.00
15	TOM HIXON	SYC	12707	48.00
16	AMELIE LAGARDE	SYC	14016	49.00
17	MATHIDA ANDRY	SYC	12564	51.00

RED				
1	1 JONATHAN POTTHARST	SYC	16720	
2	2 PIERCE DE BOISBLANC	SYC	16653	
3	5 DWIGHT LEBLANC IV	SYC	16662	
4	12 JOHN PEREIRA	FYC	0	
BLUE				
1	3 WILLIAM BREAUX	SYC	17722	
2	4 DAVIS FRIEND	SYC	13	
3	7 TOMAS BRALY	PCYC	13899	
4	8 ALEXANDER ERGUN	SYC	16625	
5	9 KALE KILLEEN	SYC	8	
6	14 KEVIN MCKEE	SYC	15051	
7	15 TOM HIXON	SYC	12707	
8	16 AMELIE LAGARDE	SYC	14016	
9	17 MATHIDA ANDRY	SYC	12564	
WHITE				
1	5 BOYD HOUSEY	SYC	14006	
2	10 JAKE RYAN	SYC	6861	
3	11 JMICHAEL HAUPT	SYC	14618	
4	12 REED MENSZER	SYC	17808	

Place	Skipper	Club	Row / Sail	Time	1	2	3
FLYING SCOT							
1	CHRIS WENTLES	NOYC	5663	3:00	1	1	1
2	LARRY TAGGART	SYC	5510	15:00	2	11f	2
3	ERIC A SCHAPPEBURG	SYC	5784	20:00	6	11f	3
4	NANCY CLAYPOOL	SYC	3445	21:00	4	11f	6
5	KENNETH WINK	SYC	2260	23:00	3	11f	4
6	KRESTON CRISTIAN	SYC	20ELACK	25:00	3	11f	11f
7	CARSON HADDOW	SYC	21	25:00	3	11f	5
8	JOHN A NEADE	SYC	20KED	27:00	5	11f	11f
9	DAN BAIRD	SYC	5504	29:00	7	11f	11f
10	ANDREW WHITLEY	SYC	3231	32:00	10	11f	11f
RHODES 19							
1	STEVE SALEER	SYC	2683	14:00	3	10f	1
2	PETER SLADOVICH	SYC	1712	14:00	1	10f	3
3	DOUG WHITE	SYC	1130	14:00	2	10f	2
4	DWIGHT LEBLANC	SYC	2642	18:00	4	10f	4
5	BRUCE CRAMMER	SYC	135	20:00	5	10f	5
6	TOM CARVILLE	SYC	3136	23:00	7	10f	6
7	JOHN STASSEL	SYC	1787	23:00	6	10f	7
8	ANDREW WILSON	SYC	342	28:00	8	10f	10f
9	BRUCE SOLTIS	SYC	3237	29:00	9	10f	10f
FISH							
1	DOM BRENNAN	BYC	8	3:00	1	1	1
2	JOHN CURREN	SYC	7	6:00	2	2	2
3	LOUISE DOUGLAS	NYC	1	11:00	3	3	3
4	WILL BRENNAN	BYC	5	11:00	4	4	3
5	JACOB BRENNAN	BYC	34	14:00	5	5	4

J-22							
1	DWIGHT LEBLANC III	SYC	539	3:00	1	1	1
2	ARTHUR MEARS	SYC	964	8:00	2	2	4
3	BOO HEAUSLER	SYC	1043	8:00	3	3	2
4	CHIP CARPENTER	SYC	663	11:00	4	4	3
5	???		2	16:00	5	5	6e
LIGHTNING							
1	THOMAS MERIC	SYC	15329	5:00	3	1	1
2	LARRY FROST III	SYC	15211	5:00	1	2	2
3	JEANNE HERMAN	SYC	14136	12:00	2	4	6
4	JOHN WOMBLE	PCYC	14817	13:00	5	3	5
5	IAN EDWARDS	HYC	15410	13:00	4	5	4
6	MARK HAAS	HYC	14964	15:00	6	6	3
EASTERLY 30							
1	LOUIS LAMBOU	NOYC	48	3:00	1	1	1
2	GLENN HEGGENS	SYC	6	7:00	2	2	3
3	JAY SMITH	NOYC	49	9:00	3	4f	2
FINN							
1	ASH BEATTY		75	4:00	1	2	1
2	GUY BRIERRE	SYC	57	7:00	3	1	3
3	MACHO SLAVICH	NOYC	13	7:00	2	3	2
4	DAVID HERRERA	CSA	26	14:00	4	6	4
5	JOEY STOKES	LBYC	37	14:00	5	4	5
6	LOUISE BIENVENU	NOYC	2	18:00	7	5	6
7	WILLIAM NUNN	SYC	108	21:00	6	7	8f

PHRF Class had successful Spring Series



Blade Runner and Tenacite take off from the start line on the way to the windward mark in PHRF Race number 6.



We are very excited about the response to this year's Spring Handicap Racing Series as we re-introduced a traditionally popular style of racing: The Big Triangle. We heard and responded to an increasing number of comments from boat-owners who don't necessarily want to train and keep a highly skilled crew to compete in multi-round, windward-leeward races with lots of corners. The new CLASSIC DIVISION is defined, not by the types of boats, but by the racecourses, which will be longer courses with only a few turns; perfect for novice or short-handed crews or skippers more interested in straight-line speed than inside overlaps. Not to worry, the usual high level of custom-course racing will continue to be offered, as well.

32 boats sailed the Spring 2010 Handicap Racing Series. That is an increase of over 100% when compared to 2009. Congratulations to the following winners of our Spring Series:

PHRF A – FOOTLOOSE TOO – Dr Alan Robson. PHRF B – BLADE RUNNER – Captain Vague Sailing Team. CLASSIC SPINNAKER – MADAM X – Ralph Junius. CLASSIC NON SPINNAKER – QUEST – Glenn Higgins. Please go to the REGATTA NETWORK website and sign up for the Fall. Chris Clement, Class Captain..

PHRF A 33

1	FOOTLOOSE TOO	4.00	1	1	6	1.2m	1	1
2	DANSOUX	14.00	2	3	3	6f (1.3c)	0.3c	
3	SERLA	18.00	(1.3c)	0.3c	0	1	3	5
4	PURPLE EXPRESS	20.00	(1.3c)	0.3c	1.3c	2	2	3
5	ONE MORE GLASS	22.00	7	7	4	0.3c	(1.3c)	4
5	REVOLUTION	22.00	3	2	11.1	6f (1.3c)	0.3c	
7	RED PRESSURE	26.00	5	6	(1.3c)	0.3c	1.3c	2
8	NO TO BOAT!!	28.00	4	5	6	0.3c	(1.3c)	1.3c
9	CALIFORNIA	31.00	6	4	8	0.3c	(1.3c)	1.3c
10	ROUGARU	40.00	(1.3c)	0.3c	1	1.3c	1.3c	1.3c
11	TRIKE	41.00	(1.3c)	0.3c	2	1.3c	1.3c	1.3c
12	LUNATIC	46.00	(1.3c)	0.3c	7	1.3c	1.3c	1.3c

PHRF B 102

1	BLADE RUNNER	5.00	1	(2)	6	1	1	2
2	SENOLA GORDA	8.00	2	(3)	1	2	6	3
3	DEWITTS	9.00	(0.0c)	1	3	4	(1.5c)	1
4	TENACITE	12.00	3	4	6	3	2	(1.5c)
5	WIKELAWAY	41.00	10c	5	11	(1.5c)	(1.5c)	1.5c
6	SEVEN	42.50	4	(1.5c)	8.5	(1.5c)	1.5c	1.5c
7	DEW VU	46.00	10.1	6	(1.5c)	(1.5c)	1.5c	1.5c
8	THE RIGHT STUFF	47.00	5	(1.5c)	12	(1.5c)	1.5c	1.5c
8	WIND SHIFT	47.00	(1.5c)	(1.5c)	2	1.5c	1.5c	1.5c
10	FREK	48.00	10c	3c	(1.5c)	(1.5c)	1.5c	1.5c
11	STRAY BULLET	49.00	(1.5c)	(1.5c)	4	1.5c	1.5c	1.5c
12	ELITE	52.00	(1.5c)	(1.5c)	7	1.5c	1.5c	1.5c
13	OVER THE LINE	53.50	(1.5c)	(1.5c)	8.5	1.5c	1.5c	1.5c
14	JUDICIOUS	55.00	(1.5c)	(1.5c)	10	1.5c	1.5c	1.5c

CLASSIC SPIN

1	MADAM X	4.00	1	0c	6c	0c	1	2
2	TOY BOX	5.00	2	0c	1	0c	2	(1.5)
3	JACKPOT	6.00	3	0c	2	0c	6c	1
4	MAC DADDIES	15.00	6c	0c	3	0c	6c	6c
5	BON BEVE	16.00	6c	0c	4	0c	6c	6c

CLASSIC NON-SPIN

1	QUEST	5.00	1	0c	4	0c	1	3f
2	KANGLER	12.00	6c	0c	1	0c	3c	3f
3	KOALA	15.00	4	0c	3	0c	6c	3c
4	YEMOT	16.00	6c	0c	6	0c	2	3c
5	PURPLE HAZE	18.00	2	0c	6c	0c	3c	3c
5	RED BOAT	18.00	6c	0c	2	0c	3c	3c
7	VIVACHE	21.00	6c	0c	5	0c	3c	3c

The Regatta del Sol al Sol - What a Ride



Left Photo: l to r, Jay Eckholdt, Chris Zinc, Fred Querens, Donald McKoin, Mark Taliancich, Mel Pavon in the far background is Rob Tyler. Right photo: Dieter Hugel holding his Regata del Sol all Sol trophies

by Dieter Hugel & Mark Taliancich

The spinnaker flew proudly above the bow of the boat and boisterous cheers, both relieved and excited, could be heard from the cockpit as the Tigi Too sailed across the finish line Tuesday afternoon. After ninety-nine hours of sailing, having started in the picturesque harbor of St. Petersburg, the crew had reached that beautiful sandy utopia that was Isla Mujeres, the Island of Women.

This race did not just begin four and a half days before, however; it truly began over 5 years ago, when the captain of Tigi Too, Dieter Michael Hugel, felt the pull of offshore racing. After years of the Gulfport to Pensacola regatta, with his Newport 30 and subsequently Newport 41, it was time to try something bigger, something more. It was then that the dream started and the search began for both information and crew. A call was sent out throughout both the regular and part time members of our illustrious troop, and the wrangling began as to numbers and who would be able to make this epic journey.

After numerous discussions with Guy Briere as to the timing of the Pensacola – Isla Mujeres Race it was decided to participate in the St.Petersburg - Isla Mujeres Race. This was principally due to the time of year in relation to the graduation of our niece from Tulane School of Architecture which was

the same week as the Pensacola Race. So instead of the 555 from Pensacola to Isla Mujeres , Tigi Too traveled 460 miles from New Orleans to St. Petersburg then 456 from St. Petersburg to Isla Mujeres then 555 from Isla Mujeres to Pensacola, Florida.

A similar call went out to others, those who had completed the race before and would be able to explain the dos and don'ts of this offshore regatta, many thanks to friends Bill Provensal and Russ Hoadley for their sage advice. Sails were checked and readied by Quantum New Orleans. Each yearly haul out saw more and more equipment installed or upgraded, Tigi Too became more and more prepared for her long trip.



This was a first for many of the Tigi Too crew members, and as the date approached the list of tasks to be completed

in order to begin seemed to mount higher and higher. However, with the expert help of Junius Shipshape the list was whittled down. On Monday, March 29, 2010, the captain and a few volunteers began the first leg of the race: bringing the boat from New Orleans to St. Petersburg. Four days later, she was docked in Florida, safe and comfortable and ready for her sprint through the tumultuous Gulf.

As the last days before the race counted down, nine crewmembers made their way to Florida, anxiety and excitement co-mingled, ready to brave the Gulf of Mexico. The crew list consisted of Dieter Michael Hugel, Mark Taliancich (stepson extraordinaire), Mel Pavon, Mike Floberg, Rob Tyler, Donald McKoin, Fred Querens, Jay Eckholdt and Chris Zinc. The excitement remained through the loading and preparing of the boat, through the morning of the race, the planned false start (staged for whatever onlookers there were and media), the true start, and throughout that first day.

Mild to moderate winds from the south kept the waves on our bow, becoming increasingly more insistent in their battering of the boat as the first day waned and the second began, beginning a trend that seemed to stick with us throughout the majority of our trek. Land was glimpsed fleetingly as it slipped beneath the seas behind us and we were surrounded by a deep, blue, writhing
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Footloose Too sweeps the GYA Women's Championship



Front row: Mary Duncan, Janice Griglack, Debby Grimm, Mamsie Manard, Anne David. Second Row: Nora Hickson, Kate Kemp, Michelle Hitter. Photo by George Hero.

The Gulf Yachting Association Women's PHRF Championship was hosted by New Orleans Yacht Club over the May 22 and 23 weekend. *Footloose Too* won the regatta.

The skipper was Debby Grimm and the crew was:

- Mamsie Manard***
- Janice Griglack***
- Anne David***
- Kate Kemp**
- Michelle Hitter**
- Nora Hickson**
- Mary Duncan**

*** = SYC member**

It was a great weekend with 2 races sailed on Saturday in a light breeze of 5-8 knots. One race was sailed Sunday in about 8-12 knots of breeze. *Footloose Too* managed to win all three races. Also representing Southern Yacht Club in the GYA Championship was Elaine Boos skippering *Jalepeno*.

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entity that was the Gulf of Mexico.

As the swells continued, some of us became ill, praying to the Gods of the sea and offering up previous meals as sacrifice, but that soon passed and we were left with those things that would get these nine men through the race: determination, love of the water and wind, camaraderie, and inappropriate jokes. These things got us through the difficult times, the frayed tempers, the survey vessels that forced course changes in the

middle of the night, and the wholly uncooperative currents that were insistent on carrying us north when we were determined to go west.

Though caked with salt and butts sore from four days of sitting on fiberglass, all that mattered on Tuesday afternoon was that the Green Machine (our highlighter green spinnaker) was flying full and we were crossing the finish line in Mexican waters with cold beer and anxious wives waiting at the docks for us to disembark from this amazing trip. And despite the difficulties or

discomforts, I believe that each of us could look at one another and say, with some degree of certainty, that when, not if, we do this race again, it will be an even better experience for the knowledge we've gained and experience we've had.

What a RIDE!!!

I just want to say thank you to my wife, Anna Young Hugel, for all the support and understanding in putting this campaign together. DMH

REGATTA AL SOL XXVI

RHUMB-LINE RACE LEAVES COMPETITORS WITH PLENTY OF TIME TO ENJOY FESTIVITIES IN ISLA MUJERES By Stephen Murray, Jr



During the Regata al Sol's activities in Isla Mujeres the Lima Cup was presented to Enrique Lima by Commodore Dwight LeBlanc and Commodore Sam Foreman. Also taking part in the ceremony was the State Governor, Felix Gonzalez Canto. The Lima Cup trophy was created by the Southern Yacht Club of New Orleans and the Pensacola Yacht Club, co-sponsors of the Regata al Sol, to honor the memory and life achievements of Senor Jose de Jesus Lima. The Trophy is a tribute to the man who founded and promoted the race and awarded to a yachtsmen for Seamanship and Sportmanship during the race.

Even with the course lengthened by eleven miles to avoid the oil slick from the recent Deepwater Horizon disaster, this year's Regata al Sol was the fastest on record. Strong southeast winds made for fast jib reaching conditions nearly all the way from Pensacola, Florida to Isla Mujeres, Mexico. Nearly all of the fleet finished by Sunday or Monday, leaving plenty of time to enjoy all that the tiny Caribbean island has to offer, from swinging (literally) at Buho's bar,

to sight-seeing, to diving, snorkeling and fishing on Isla Mujeres' reef, the second largest in the world, to participating in Mexico's only known all golf-cart Mardi Gras parade.

Setting the pace for the regatta was SYC's own *Decision* a Botin &

Carkeek designed TransPac 52 skippered by Stephen Murray, Jr., which finished at 10:21 p.m. Adjusted for the eleven miles added to the course, *Decision's* elapsed time beat the previous elapsed time record set by the Andrews 70 *Decision* in 2002 by 52 minutes. *Decision* also won the racing division on corrected time.



Stephen Murray Jr., center, accepted trophies for accomplishments in the Regata al Sol

wining the Presidente de Mexico Trophy for best racing corrected time, the Trofeo Comodoro Adolfo Lopez Mateos for best elapsed time in

the racing division, the Aztec Warrior trophy for best corrected time of any SYC yacht, and the Madden Randle Memorial Trophy for best performance in the regatta. Additionally, *Decision's* tactician-navigator Johnny Lovell was awarded the Club de Yates de Isla Mujeres Trophy for the navigator of the racing division boat with the best corrected time. Commodore Dwight Leblanc also made the record-setting ride aboard *Decision*.



Commodores Dwight LeBlanc and Sam Foreman display the Senor Jose de Jesus Lima Cup Perpetual Trophy

In spite of her record-setting time, all was not smooth sailing for *Decision*. Less than eleven hours into the race, they lost all electrical power. *Decision's* sophisticated instruments lay dormant while the crew navigated with the aid of Johnny Lovell's hand-held battery-operated GPS and paper charts. With no instruments, or even compass lights, the helmsmen steered by the stars and feel with occasional updates from whoever was holding the GPS. With no electrical power to run the bilge pumps on the very wet ride, the crew had to bail the bilge by hand every two hours. In addition, *Decision's* main was severely damaged while close-reaching in steady

twenty-five knots of breeze on the second night. Just after sunrise, the crew dropped the main and undertook emergency repairs headed up by delivery captain Gjis "Guinness" Gunemann. In less than thirty minutes, Guinness and his team had patched over twenty holes in the main, re-hoisted the sail and continued on their way to the record-setting finish. Fortunately, the repairs to the main held, and upon reaching the finish line, the race committee quickly got a fresh battery to *Decision*, providing her with power and navigation equipment to find her way over the reef and into Isla Mujeres' harbor. Coming in second in the racing division was Pat Eudy's GP42 *Big Booty*, which traveled all the way from Charleston, South Carolina to make the race. SYC members Marcus Eagan and Guy Brierre joined the *Big Booty* crew. *Big Booty's* delivery captain, Dan Valoppi was awarded the newly endowed Jose de Jesus Lima Trophy for sportsmanship and seamanship. When the race committee was unable to hail a cruising boat that still had not finished as of late Tuesday, Dan volunteered to sail to the boat's last known position to render assistance, even though it meant deviating significantly from his delivery course back to South Carolina. Fortunately, the missing boat arrived safely in Isla Mujeres on Wednesday. Finishing a close third in the racing division was Mark Palermo's Beneteau 40.7, *Sapphire. Lunami*, owned by SYC's Celeste Roman and skippered by Devon Sweeney was fourth.

The Cruising Division was dominated by Jim Oyler's Beneteau 49 *Parlay* from Pensacola. *Parlay* took both corrected time and elapsed time honors in Non-Spinnaker and Cruising overall. Additionally, *Parlay* achieved the significant

accomplishment of arriving in Isla Mujeres before any of the racing boats, the first time in memory that a cruising boat had done so. Although cruising boats start twenty-four hours ahead of the racers, they are usually passed by the racing boats before the finish.

Repeating as Cruising Spinnaker winner was PCYC's Steven Montagnet's Beneteau 45, *Fidelis II* took both elapsed time and corrected time honors. In Second was SYC's own Vic Oliver aboard his Beneteau 36.7 *Patriot*. Third place went to Paul & Rachel Gillette's *Atlantic Union* from Pensacola.

As always, the race committee did a yeoman's job of pulling together a first rate event. Regatta Co-Chairmen Guy Brierre from SYC and John Matthews of PYC worked for the better part of a year to ensure that all went smoothly before, during and after the race. Island accommodations were coordinated by Dr. Ed Boos, Communications officer Bill Parson worked around the clock monitoring the boats as they finished, assisted by race committee emeritus members Dick Kammer, Hjalmar Breit and Robin Moyer. Wallace Paletou acted as scoring officer.



Wallace Paletou, left and Commodore Dwight LeBlanc, for Stephen Murray, received Distinguished Guest Awards from City of Isla Mujeres

SYC Opens New Pool



Above: On schedule and on a bright and sunny day over the Memorial Day weekend Commodore Dwight LeBlanc assisted SYC Project Manager Kett Cummins in the cutting of the ribbon to open SYC's new pool as Mike Rotolo of Rotolo Consultants, pool builder, looked on.

Right: Anxious swimmers await the word to jump in the pool. Bottom left: Swimmers ready to be the first to jump in the new pool. Bottom right: Tim Fitzpatrick and his crew provide a little bit of sweets to top off the Grand Opening of the pool. It was a good way to kick-off the Juby Wynne Memorial One-design Regatta.



General Manager Tim Fitzpatrick's comments

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far! It has been exciting at the club since the grand opening of the pool Memorial Day weekend. What better way to cool off from these hot, humid summer days than by enjoying a "dip" in the club's refreshing saltwater pool.



From summer camp to swim meets activity around the pools has been incredible. Safety is our number one concern, so please abide by the Pool Rules and instructions by the lifeguards.

The pool is another great amenity this facility has to offer the membership. A water aerobics class is now being offered along with the other classes in the fitness center. The pool is available, beginning at 6:00am, to the members over the age of 18 to exercise and swim laps. Also, it is another great venue to entertain family & friends. Contact Christine Yenni for all of your poolside banquet needs. Chef Justin LeBlanc has a great grill menu and Merideth and the rest of the staff are there to serve you.

SYC's Fourth of July celebration will begin at 11:00am with a poolside Bar-B-Q followed by live music with the Rites of Passage performing from 3:00pm-6:00pm. There will be plenty of games and activities for everyone of all ages.

Friday, July 23rd will be "Dive-In" movie night at S.Y.C. A large screen projector will be pool side. Come enjoy a great

movie while relaxing in the pool. Buffet begins at 6:00pm with the movie showing at 8:00pm. Parents this is a great opportunity to enjoy a relaxing dinner in the dining room or join the fun poolside with the kids.

Hurricane season is upon us and we are watching the activity in the tropics and Gulf of Mexico closely. We have revised our Hurricane Preparedness Plan for the new facility and will notify the membership via the website and Iris Alert System of any conditions that may affect the club's property and property of the members. We will be in contact with the Orleans Levee Board and report any closures of the floodgates in the West End area.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and have safe travels.

Tim

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Kett Cummins received Topgallant Award at Semi-annual Meeting



Commodore Dwight LeBlanc presented the Topgallant Award to Kett Cummins for his dedication to promotion and participation in all sailing activities and for his service to the club. Most recently Kett worked with the pool builders as SYC's representative providing many design ideas and overseeing a timely completion.

SYC to discontinue PHRF races?

By W. Lahcram

As many of you remember, the Vulgar Boatman decided to Sail Around the World in order to cash in on the publicity and cash endorsement that would come along with being the oldest sailor to accomplish such a feat. Unfortunately, a hitch has developed in his plans, he has been captured by Somalia pirates and is being held for ransom. The Boatman did manage to get a message out to his friends at SYC. He has come up with an idea to provide the ransom sum with the help of the PHRF Class.

The Vulgar Boatman has asked the Board to disband the PHRF Class and conduct remote-controlled sailboat PHRF races in the pool. This would save the cost of operating PATROL II and the accompanying scat boats that are required for PHRF races, not to mention the cost of food and beverages for the Race Committee. Instead, a scat raft will be used to set marks in the pool. The

Race Committee chairman would not have to worry about putting together a team for each race as we could keep one of the lifeguards on duty over the winter weekends.

Races would be conducted from October through May when the pool would be reopened to people. The Opening Regatta would be rescheduled to October 1 and Closing Regatta would coincide with the Jubly Wynne Regatta on Memorial Day weekend. This would eliminate the risk of having a major regatta cancelled due to hurricanes.

Large oscillating fans will be purchased to insure an endless supply of wind. They will be randomly turned on and off and, when combined with the oscillating feature, will simulate actual Lake Ponchartrain conditions.

Current members of the PHRF class are invited to have scale models of their

boats (3/4" = 1') made. Sails will be limited to Dacron provided by North and Quantum. PHRF ratings would be adjusted for the shorter distances. Each of the boats would be "crewed" by a skipper and one tactician from the Grill Deck, while members would have a bird's eye view of the races from the Bar Deck.

In addition to the increased bar revenue that would result, the Club would apply for an OWB (Off Water Betting) license. The Vulgar Boatman's take would be 50% of all bets and this would drop to 30% once the ransom sum has been raised. George will be contacted and asked to return from retirement in Florida to operate the parimutuel window. To sweeten the offer he will be allowed to sell stuffed grape leaves and kitchen appliances. Former PHRF dues and Race Committee savings will be added to the ransom fund.

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