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The Newsletter of The Shreveport Yacht Club, 2905 Municipal Pier Rd., Shreveport, LA 71119

## Commodore's Comments

Hello, I hope everyone is well. We had a great July despite the heat, and an awesome 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend celebration. We have somehow managed to continue to improve on it each year. Thank you to all who were involved in making it great, including Melissa Lamberth for the awesome decorations. We are currently working on plans to refinish the swimming pool and surrounding area, and hope to have something firm to present to the membership at the upcoming business meeting. Also, we will be installing a new privacy fence around the dumpster and the fueling station to make those areas a little more aesthetically pleasing. An email went out on July 23rd announcing the 2023 SYC Board nominating committee, and I would like to encourage those who may be interested in serving on the Board, or in nominating a fellow member to complete that submission ASAP.

We have a great August in store, so I hope you will come out and enjoy all that we have to offer this month at the club. I know the dog days of summer are upon us, but the A/C is on, the food is delicious, and the beverages are always ice cold. Hope to see you soon!

*Brian Fulco, Commodore*

## Manager's Message

Wow, how hot can it get? Definitely not hot enough to keep our wonderful members from coming out and supporting this great club. Thanks to all who continue to come out and enjoy the great food at the club, even when it is so hot. Chef John and his staff are really doing a great job.

As summer winds down we will begin planning our member events for the fall and winter months. If you have an idea of what you would like to see happen at the Club please do not hesitate to let us know. We will try just about anything! One thing that I know you will not want to miss is the FREE adult sailing classes being offered by several of our generous members. This was done last year and we had great reviews from all that participated. The Member Appreciation party is another event that you won't want to miss! This is one of our biggest parties of the year and we are thrilled to once again welcome the band "Dagnabbit" to the club. They are definitely one of the best cover bands around.

Looking forward to cooler temps!

*Rick Hutson, General Manager*

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## Board of Directors

Commodore:	Brian Fulco
Rear Commodore:	Steve Craig
Vice Commodore:	Donald Hathaway
Treasurer:	William Bradford
Secretary:	Jeff Little
Members at Large:	Brenda Graves, Carolyn Prator, James Coe



SYC Pasta Night  
Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>  
6-9 pm  
\$25.00 / person

Ala Carte service will NOT be available

You pick the pasta, sauce and toppings and enjoy the show as Chef John and his staff prepare your order before your eyes in the dining room.

With a wide selection of pasta, sauces, meats, vegetables, spices and cheeses there will be something for everyone

A Caesar salad, garlic breadsticks and tiramisu will accompany your pasta dish.

Ala Carte service will not be available. Reservations **REQUIRED**.

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## 2022 Member Appreciation Party

Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Featuring the band “Dagnabbit”

\$10.00 per person

Includes heavy hors d’oeuvres, music and a cash bar

6:00 – 10:00 pm

Ala Carte Service will **NOT** be available

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## Adult Sailing Classes

Club members will conduct free adult sailing orientation/classes on their boats for any/all interested Club Members and their invited guests each Wednesday evening in September and October at 5:00. If you are interested, please e-mail Tom Hadel at [thomashadel@bellsouth.net](mailto:thomashadel@bellsouth.net) to sign up. Sessions will last about 2 hours, followed by a “bring your own” social on C Pier. When you sign up, you’ll get a return e-mail confirmation with details about what to bring and wear, where to meet as well as some other pertinent info.

## CAPT. CURMUDGEON

[Editor's Note: The opinions expressed by the Cap't. are entirely his and not shared by anyone, including the editor]

The Cap't just witnesses one of the best Fireworks shows in the history of the Club. Wayne Wentworth did a wonderful job of recreating the British bombardment of Fort McHenry in 1814 (which inspired Francis Scott Key to write the "Star-Spangled Banner). Key witnessed this from the water, as I sure many of the Club members did last month.

Wayne's task was not easy. Fire and wooden decks and docks have never been a good match. The problem got worse in the 16th Century with the introduction of seaman smoking on board vessels. And also, back in those days matches were scarce and unreliable. However, smoking contributed positively to the morale of the crew who suffered cramped quarters, poor unpalatable food, bad lighting and boredom.

The solution was oil lamps which were hung in the fo'c'sle (forecastle) or the area directly surrounding the galley (away from highly combustible woodwork and gunpowder) indicating that smoking was permitted in this area. Even after the invention of matches in the 1830s, the lamp was an item of convenience to the smoker. When particularly hazardous operations or work required that smoking be curtailed, the unlighted lamp relayed the message. "The smoking lamp is lit" or "the smoking lamp is out" were the expressions indicating that smoking was permitted or forbidden.

During times of war, the lamp was the only authorized light aboard and was doused during general quarters or when sailing in areas also operated by enemy vessels or submarines.

Today, the smoking lamp has survived only as a figure of speech. When the officer of the deck says "the smoking lamp is out" before drills, refueling or taking ammunition, that is the Navy's way of saying "cease smoking." At the club, please note there is not a smoking lamp and smoking is only allowed outdoors and away from the entrances. Please don't put out your coals on the newly refurbished deck and please don't smoke while fueling your boat (also did I mention the club's new gas tank?).

.Capt. Curmudgeon



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>2</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>3</b>  Food Service 3:00-9:00 pm	<b>4</b>  Food Service 3:00-9:00 pm	<b>5</b>  Food Service 11:00 am-9:00 pm	<b>6</b> Private Event Downstairs Bar & Outside Areas – 50 guests  Food Service 11:00 am-9:00 pm
<b>7</b>  Food Service 11:00 am-8:00 pm	<b>8</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>9</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>10</b>  Food Service 3:00-9:00 pm	<b>11</b>  Food Service 3:00-9:00 pm	<b>12</b>  Food Service 11:00 am-9:00 pm	<b>13</b> Private Event Downstairs Bar & Outside Areas – 80 Guests  Food Service 3:00-9:00 pm
<b>14</b>  Food Service 11:00 am-8:00 pm	<b>15</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>16</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>17</b>  Food Service 3:00-9:00 pm	<b>18</b> Board of Directors meeting – 6:30 pm  Food Service 3:00-9:00 pm	<b>19</b> SYC Interactive Pasta Night – 6:00 pm  Food Service 11:00 am-9:00 pm	<b>20</b>  Food Service 11:00 am-9:00 pm
<b>21</b>  Food Service 11:00 am-8:00 pm	<b>22</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>23</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>24</b>  Food Service 3:00-9:00 pm	<b>25</b>  Food Service 3:00-9:00 pm	<b>26</b>  Food Service 11:00 am-9:00 pm	<b>27</b>  Food Service 11:00 am-9:00 pm
<b>28</b>  Food Service 11:00 am-8:00 pm	<b>29</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>30</b> Clubhouse Closed	<b>31</b>  Food Service 3:00-9:00 pm			