



Lake Charles Yacht Club

The Tacking Times Newsletter

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News

- The **board** will meet on Jan 14. Here are some highlights from Dec.
 - The 2025 **SOCIAL SCHEDULE** is out! Please see **pg 5**. Mark your calendar with the 2025 Dates!
 - Our next social is our Awards Banquet. It will be on Feb 7th at 6:30. **Pg 6**.
 - This year it will be at Mexico Magico Fresh Mex & Bar at 3395 Derek Dr.
 - Everyone will get a **FREE** Margarita or a Soda. Members will purchase their own meal.
 - Dec 7th was our **December Social**! Maggie made a great gumbo! We had a great turnout! Thank You! Our **fundraiser** raised about \$250!! Thanks to everyone who was able to bring an item. Everyone was having fun and forgot to take pics. Sorry for no pictures.
 - The new 2025 **RACE SCHEDULE** is on **pg 9**. Check it out and save the dates. It also includes the social dates.
 - We are in our **Winter Series Races**. They are the 2nd Saturdays of the mth. See **pg 4**.
 - Skippers meeting at 11:30, race following at noon.
 - Also, in reference to **DRY SLIPS/MARINA**. Boats are moving around and trailers are showing up without the Groundskeeper being aware. Please see **PG 2** for details
 - 1st Quarter **DUES** are due on the 1st of Jan. You should receive an invoice in your email. Please remember to keep your accounts current! If you do not receive your invoice or have questions about it, please contact **Sheron 337-474-0730** or sfaulk@shiptoshoreco.com
 - We've sadly lost 2 Lifetime Members, Hector and Ken. See **pg 8**.
- Reminders:
 - The clubhouse is **not available** for overnight sleepovers in the building. It is a liability, and we cannot have that happen.
 - **Membership Cards** are available at Ship to Shore, ask for Sheron.
 - We will be planning a "**Tie Downs**" work party in the near future for the dry slips. DOCKS are still our priority right now. We are possibly in need of a few supplies.... (chain, rope, pvc, cinderblocks, etc...) date/plans to be announced. Contact **David (Grounds Keeper) 337-529-6872** if you have donations.
 - Remember to come out on Friday evenings for a "Pit & Sip". Bring something to grill, and your favorite beverage and enjoy the evening around the firepit.
 - We have also decided to allow Boy Scouts, School clubs, etc to volunteer at LCYC for Community Service hours. They can do beach cleanups and help at work parties. If you know of anyone needing service hours, please contact a board member.

LAKE CHARLES YACHT CLUB
WINTER SERIES RACES

Skippers Meeting at 11:30 am
Race Starts at Noon

Want to Crew?  Want to Join? 

RACE 1 - OCT 12
RACE 2 - NOV 9
RACE 3 - DEC 14
RACE 4 - JAN 11
RACE 5 - FEB 8

Skippers Meeting at 10 am
Race Starts at 11 am

OCT 19-20 INVITATIONAL CHUCKFEST REGATTA

LAKE CHARLES YACHT CLUB
SERIES 1
2025

Skippers Meeting at 5:30pm
Race Starts at 6pm

Want to Crew?  Want to Join? 

RACE 1 - MAR 12
RACE 2 - MAR 19
RACE 3 - MAR 26
RACE 4 - APR 2
RACE 5 - APR 9
RACE 6 - APR 16

Skippers Meeting at 10 am
Race Starts at 11 am

APR 12 - RACE TO PRIEN



DRY SLIPS/MARINA

Here are some reminders:

- When you are assigned a slip, that is your slip. You **MUST** check with the Groundskeeper or Harbor Master before you park in someone else's spot. Even if it is temporary.
- You must get permission from the **Groundskeeper** to bring a vessel, trailer, or anything to park on the grounds.
- When you **buy/sell** a boat or trailer that is parked/docked at LCYC to someone **within the club**, the Harbor Master or Groundskeeper **MUST** be notified so we can keep the slip assignments/billing correct.
- When you **sell** a boat or trailer that is parked/docked at LCYC to someone **outside of the club**, you are responsible for the slip fee until the vessel is removed from our property. The Harbor Master or Groundskeeper **MUST** be notified so we can keep the billing correct.
- If you decide to remove your boat or trailer from the grounds or docks, **you will be billed** until you notify the Groundskeeper or Harbor Master that you have removed vessel.





New to racing? Here's a beginner's guide...

Want to try racing? It looks intimidating, but it's actually easy, cheap, and fun. We'd like more people to sail--especially young people and women, because they tend to be few. Here are a few tips. See last month's newsletter for tips on how to enter a race. This week: how to know who won.

7- How do I know who won the race? For some of the bigger regattas, we'll have a race committee boat that will time everyone. But for most races at the yacht club, you're supposed to keep your own time: start your watch during the start sequence (5 minutes before the start) and stop it at the finish line. When you're back at the club, write that time on the sign-up sheet on the bar counter (deduct the 5 minutes of the start sequence).

If you signed up for the race but didn't actually start (say: you flipped your boat during the starting sequence), write DNS (did not start). If you quit before the end (say: the wind was minimal and you got bored), write DNF (did not finish). If you were disqualified (say: you started your engine during the race), write DSQ (disqualified).

Don't forget to write your name, boat type, and Portsmouth Number on the sign-up sheet. It indicates how fast your boat should be on paper (the lower the number, the faster the boat is supposed to be on paper). A fancy model of catamaran might be ranked in the 50s; standard catamarans are in the 70s; a SunFish is 99.6; a big monohull is in the 100s. Portsmouth numbers for common boat types can be found on the sign-up sheet and <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/portsmouth-yardstick-table-pre-calculated-classes/>. Watch out: the number can be different if you're alone on your boat or if you have a mate with you (75.17 vs. 77.5 on a Prindle 16). The number is lower if you're alone ("one up") because the boat is lighter and potentially faster because of the reduced drag.

So... who won? If you're racing against boats of the same class (everyone has a SunFish, for example), then it's easy: the lowest time wins! Most of the time, however, we'll have a smorgasbord of boat types, some of which can't possibly beat others, even with a great skipper, because they're intrinsically slower. This is where the Portsmouth number comes in: The race director will convert your total time to decimals, multiply it by 100, and divide that figure by the Portsmouth number. The corrected time can now be compared across boat types because better boats are penalized (they receive a handicap). This means that a SunFish that arrives one minute behind a Hobbie can later be declared the winner based on corrected time.

The ranking can be broken down into smaller categories. For most of our races, we will do two rankings, one for monohulls and one for catamarans. We need at least 3 boats per class, so if few people are racing there will be a single "open Portsmouth" class with everyone in it.

Regattas (on Saturdays) are one-day affairs. Your score for that race (which might include multiple races run back-to-back) will determine who won that particular regatta.



RACE NEWS

Regatta Committee:

Ricky Richardson
Summer Rice
David Sargent
Robert Goodson

Series 5 Overall Results ...

1. Robert Goodson, Sunfish Class
2. Ricky Richardson, Wave Class
3. Danny Craft, Wave Class
4. Troy Thomas, Sunfish Class
5. Stuart Thibodeaux, Wave Class
6. Ricky Shetler, S2 7.3 Class
7. Richard Doss, Flying Scott Class
8. Richard Doss, Capri 22 Class

Don't forget to use the ice machine for races/socials. It's Free for club members.
Code on lock should match gate code.



Winter Series Overall Results so far...

1. Ricky Shetler
2. Richard Doss
3. Stuart Thibodeaux
4. Clyde Smoot

UPCOMING RACES

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2025 SOCIAL SCHEDULE



All Socials are at LCYC unless otherwise specified

FEB 7

Awards Banquet at 6:30
Mexico Magico Fresh Mex & Bar
3395 Dereck Dr. Lake Charles



APRIL 26

Crawfish Boil
\$20 per 5 lbs



Show up 12:30
Serving at 1pm

JUNE 14

Cheeseburgers in Paradise



Cocktails at 5:30
Eat at 6pm

AUG 16

August Social

Cocktails at 5:30
Eat at 6pm

OCT 18

October Social



Cocktails at 5:30
Eat at 6pm

DEC 13

Christmas

Social and Fundraiser

Cocktails at 5:30
Eat at 6pm



406-260-8689





2025 Board Members

We would like to introduce our 2025 Board Members.
These members were voted on and approved by membership at the past Dec Social.

Commodore – Summer Rice to continue

Newsletter – Debbie Cresswell

Vice Commodore – Ralph Unglaube to continue

Grounds Keeper – Robert Goodson

Rear Commodore – Ricky Shetler to continue

Race Chairman – Ricky Richardson to continue

Treasurer – Sheron Faulk to continue

Harbor Master - Tom Roller to continue

Secretary – Bob Dilmore to continue

Social Chair – Maggie Tripp to continue

It is very important that you RSVP to this event. YES or NO.

Here is the info on the Awards Banquet coming up on Feb 7th!



Lake Charles Yacht Club

AWARDS BANQUET

Join our annual awards ceremony to celebrate
the remarkable achievements and dedication
of our exceptional sailors.

Feb 7, 2025 @ 6:30

FREE Margarita or Soda

**RSVP to MAGGIE
YES or NO
406-260-8689**

It will be at
Mexico Magico
3395 Derek Dr.





This month we have lost 2 of our Incredible
Lifetime Members at the club.

Hector Ponton & Kenneth (Ken) Abrahams



Please keep their families and any other
members that we've lost families in your
prayers as we move through the holiday season
and start the New Year.

They will greatly be missed by us there at LCYC.



For Sail...



Shirts
\$20



Koozies
\$5 each



Keychains
\$3 ea. Or 2 for \$5

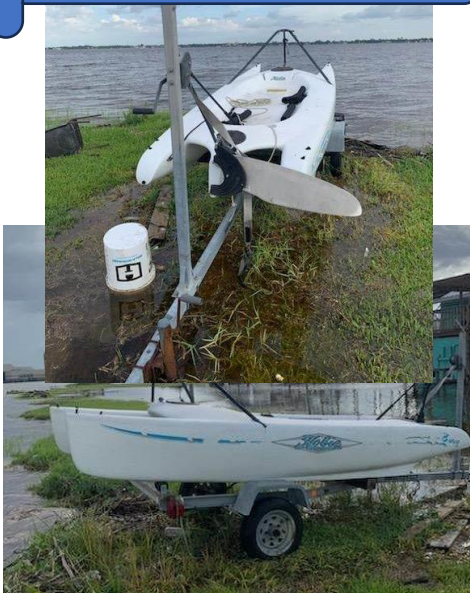
HOBIE BRAVO

\$2500

Sail & rudder are good

Needs minor repairs

Contact David 337-529-68972



If you have anything for sale,
please contact a board
member to have it put in the
Newsletter!



LCYC 2025 RACE & SOCIAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Jan 11	Winter Series Race 4	Wed.	Aug 6	Series 4, Race 4
Fri.	Feb 7	Awards Banquet	Sat.	Aug 9	Dog Days Regatta, LCYC
Sat.	Feb 8	Winter Series Race 5	Wed.	Aug 13	Series 4, Race 5
Sat.	March 8	March Winds Regatta	Sat.	Aug 16	LCYC Social
Sun.	March 9	Daylight saving begins	Wed.	Aug 20	Series 4, Race 6
Wed.	March 12	Series 1, Race 1 FIRST WED SERIES	Wed.	Aug 27	Series 5, Race 1 NEW SERIES BEGINS
Wed.	March 19	Series 1, Race 2	Wed.	Sept 3	Series 5, Race 2
Wed.	March 26	Series 1, Race 3	Wed.	Sept 10	Series 5, Race 3
Wed.	April 2	Series 1, Race 4	Sat.	Sept 13	Patriot Day Regatta LCYC
Wed.	April 9	Series 1, Race 5	Wed.	Sept. 17	Series 5, Race 4
Sat.	April 12	Race to Prien LCYC	Wed.	Sept 24	Series 5, Race 5
Wed.	April 16	Series 1, Race 6	Wed.	Oct 1	Series 5, Race 6
Sat.	April 26	Social LCYC Crawfish Boil	Sat.	Oct 11	Winter Series, Race 1 NEW SERIES BEGINS
Wed.	April 23	Series 2 Race 1 NEW SERIES BEGINS	Sat.	Oct 18	LCYC Halloween Social
Sat.	April 26	Social LCYC Crawfish Boil	Sun.	Nov 3	Daylight saving ends
Wed.	April 30	Series 2, Race 2	Sat.	Nov 8	Winter Series, Race 2
Wed.	May 7	Series 2, Race 3	Sat.	Dec 13	LCYC Christmas Social
Sat.	May 10	Contraband Days Regatta	Sat.	Dec 13	Winter Series, Race 3
Wed.	May 14	Series 2, Race 4	Sat.	Jan 10 2026	Winter Series, Race 4
Wed.	May 21	Series 2, Race 5	Sat.	Feb 14 2026	Winter Series, Race 5
Wed.	May 28	Series 2, Race 6	Wed. series races start on water @ 6:00PM.		
Wed.	June 4	Series 3, Race 1 NEW SERIES BEGINS	Regattas and Winter Series are held on Saturdays on water at 1200 PM.		
Wed.	June 11	Series 3, Race 2	Keep your own time and report it to race committee.		
Sat.	June 14	Flag Day Regatta LCYC and Social	These races will be governed by the rules as defined in the <i>Racing Rules of Sailing</i> .		
Wed.	June 18	Series 3, Race 3	Sailing instructions will be available before races.		
Wed.	June 25	Series 3, Race 4			
Wed.	July 2	Series 3, Race 5			
Wed.	July 9	Series 3, Race 6			
Sat.	July 12	Ladies/Gentleman's / 1st timer Regatta LCYC			
Wed.	July 16	Series 4, Race 1 NEW SERIES BEGINS			
Wed.	July 23	Series 4, Race 2			
Wed.	July 30	Series 4, Race 3			



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Newsletter – Temp. filled by Commodore

Join us on....

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- **Google Groups** LCYC_Sailing@googlegroups.com
- **Yahoo Groups** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/saillc>
- **LCYC Website** www.lakecharlesyachtclub.com

LCYC is a member of:
Gulf Yachting Association
and U.S. Sailing

Please remember...

- **DUES AND FEES** – Dues and fees must be received no later than the 15th of the second month of the quarter to avoid late fee. Payments are applied to older balances first. Mail to LCYC, 4313 Lake St, Lake Charles, LA 70605
- Make sure the **gate** is closed when you leave.
- Please **clean** the clubhouse after use
- Please do not leave the air conditioners running.
- If you took it out (boats, gear, sails, silverware, whatever), put it back.
- Pick up your **trash** and dispose of it in the garbage cans or the **dumpster**. For extra credit, you can pick up someone else's trash they left out!
- Watch out for power lines! If your aluminum mast touches one, you may be badly burned or worse.
- If something on a club boat breaks, report it to a member of the Board or Ship to Shore so that repairs can be made.

You can ZELLE dues to: info@shiptoshoreco.com

Any questions, please call ShiptoShore at 337-474-0730

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