



Lake Charles Yacht Club

The Tacking Times Newsletter

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May 2025

News

- The **board** met on May 13, 2025. Here are some highlights:
 - Turnout for the April Social Crawfish Boil was great and the food was amazing. Thank you to Bon Temps Crawfish Catering! Excellent food and service. See pg. 13.
 - Our next social is Cheeseburgers in Paradise. It will be on **June 14**.
 - Please RSVP to the Social Director, Maggie Tripp if you plan to attend.
 - Race Chair Ricky Richardson reports that there will be eight sunfish ready for the annual free summer sailing lessons in June. He has been working on getting those polished up and in good working order. Also, ongoing Race Series Results are posted every month on the LCYC website. Check them out!
 - Improvements on East and West docks are on going. A big “Thank You” to member Richard Doss for improvements that he made on the west dock in April. Docks are safer now. We appreciate you, Richard!
 - Grounds Keeper, Robert Goodson, announces the dates for the summer sailing lessons. June 16 through June 20. See flyer pg. 8.
 - The board Secretary position has recently been vacated and needs to be filled. If you are interested please contact Commodore Summer Rice.
 - The new 2025 **RACE SCHEDULE** is on **pg 7**. Check it out and save the dates. It also includes the social dates.
 - **3rd** Quarter **DUES** are due on the 1st of July. 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
- Reminders & Notes:
 - The clubhouse is **not available** for overnight sleepovers in the building. It is a liability, and the club cannot bear that responsibility.
 - **Membership Cards** are available at Ship to Shore, ask for Sheron.
 - 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.
 - The club house ice machine is back in business



- 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.

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.

Welcome New Members

*Donald & Cheryl Pettefer
Mario & Michelle Baca*

*Terry Gatte
Drew Gosssoo*



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

Wednesday Series 1

Overall Rankings

1st Danny Craft

2nd Ricky Richardson

3rd Stuart Thibodeaux

Regatta Committee:

Ricky Richardson

Summer Rice

David Sargent

Robert Goodson

**THANK YOU TO ALL SAILORS WHO
PARTICIPATED IN WEDNESDAY SERIES
ONE:**

**DANNY CRAFT, RICKY RICHARDSON,
STUART THIBODEAUX, RICHARD DOSS,
RICKY SHETLER, AND BENJAMIN
CRESSWELL.**



May 28, 2025
Skippers meeting 5:30
pm

Race to begin at 6:00

For more information please contact the
Race Chairman, Ricky Richardson
rickyrichardson92@gmail.com

- The series races are a great opportunity for new sailors to get some experience racing by crewing on another more experienced members boat. Come on out on Wednesday evenings to participate or just watch. Everyone is welcome!



Contraband Days Regatta

May 10, 2025 Lake Charles, Louisiana

Race Rankings

1st Robert Goodson

2nd Danny Craft

3rd Ricky Richardson

Thank you to all sailors who participated in the Contraband Days
Regatta: Robert Goodson, Danny Craft, Ricky Richardson, Richard Doss, and
Stuart Thibodeaux

For complete and up-to-
date Race information
please visit
lakecharlesyachtclub.com
and click on the “race
information” tab.



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			



Lake Charles Yacht Club

SAILING LESSONS FREE TO THE PUBLIC AND MEMBERS

REGISTER AT SHIP TO SHORE

 337-474-0730

JUNE 16-20, 2025
5:30-7:30

 **AGES 13 AND UP**



If you are an aspiring sailor and don't know how to get started, the Lake Charles Yacht Club gives lessons.

Free sailing classes will be held from June 16 through the 20th for anyone ages 13 and up.

We'll go out and spend five days on the water learning how to sail.



- DAY 1** We will go over the rules and safety regulations
- DAY 2** We will actually get out on the lake
- DAY 3** Sail alone or grouped up
- DAY 4** TBD
- DAY 5** TBD



Instructed by: Robert Goodson

 1305 N Lakeshore Dr

 337-474-0730



Lake Charles Yacht Club

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





For Sail...



Shirts
\$20



Koozies
\$5 each



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



17" O'Day Sailboat \$1,250.00

Contact Walt Jessen

337-912-9116 dwiir@dwmrj.com

HOBIE BRAVO

\$2500

Sail & rudder are good

Needs minor repairs

Contact Sheron at Ship to Shore

337-474-0730



If you have anything for sale, please email
Debbie Cresswell at
deb.cress.1929@gmail.com to have it put
in the Newsletter!



For Sail...

Hunter 26' Sailboat needs mast
asking \$2000.00 call 337-540-8646
for more information.



S2 Sailboat 30'

Good Yanmar engine engine asking \$4800.00

Contact David LeJeune 337-513-9774

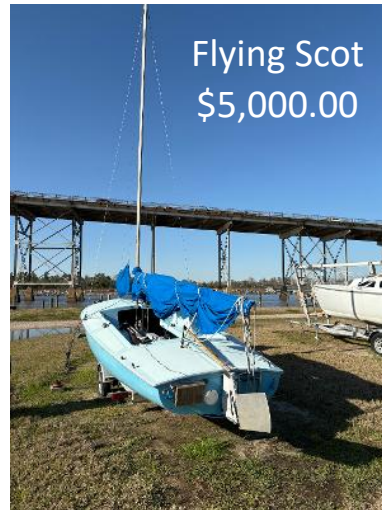




For Sail...



Very Fast, Very Fun to
sail!



Flying Scot
\$5,000.00

Trailer and full set of sails

Contact Richard Doss

richarddossr@aol.com



April Social Crawfish Boil

4-26-2025

The April Social Crawfish Boil was such a fun event.
Thanks everyone for coming out and a great big
THANK YOU to *Bon Temps Crawfish Catering* and our
very awesome social director *Maggie Tripp!*



*Good Food
Great Friends
Good Times*





BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commodore – Summer Rice

Vice Commodore – Ralph Unglaube

Rear Commodore – Ricky Shetler

Treasurer – Sheron Faulk

Secretary – Vacant

Race Chairman – Ricky Richardson

Grounds Keeper – Robert Goodson

Harbor Master – Tom Roller

Social Director – Maggie Tripp

Newsletter – Deborah Cresswell

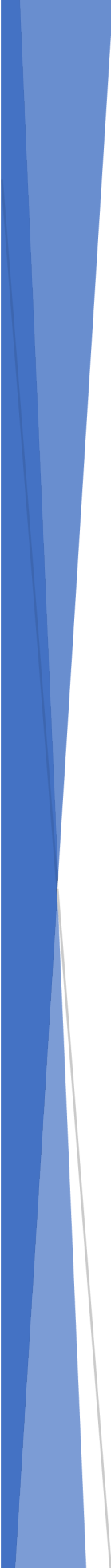
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Association and U.S.
Sailing

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

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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