



Lake Charles Yacht Club

The Tacking Times Newsletter

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NEWS

- The **board** met on January 13, 2026. Here are some highlights:
 - The Board welcomed three brand new board members and three continuing board members to new positions. See **pg. 4**
 - New Commodore, Robert Goodson, presented to the board his agenda for conducting board meetings. The minutes from the December 12, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved.
 - New Harbor Master, Ricky Shetler, reviewed plans to install permanent numbering on wet slip pilings. He reported new piling for pier #16 is ready to move forward under direction of Richard Doss. Additionally he discussed pier reconstruction on the west side of the marina for powerboat slips. That discussion was tabled due to funding constraints.
 - New Social Director, Summer Rice, reviewed the 2026 Social Calendar, which you can view on **pg. 7**. Our next *official* club social is **February 21**. This social will be our awards banquet. Details on the venue will be sent out soon. Please plan to attend and honor all of our 2025 award winners. Summer was excited to report an *extra* social event on **Feb. 8** that will be a “**Souper Bowl**” party. Come out to watch the Super Bowl with your yachty friends and bring a pot of your favorite soup to share. You can see more details about the event on **pg. 4**. She also reported the December fund raiser generated \$400. Thank you to all who participated!
 - Race Committee Chair, Ricky Richardson, discussed his on-going plans involving the development of the **Deep South Regatta** hosted by LCYC and scheduled for May 2, 2026. There will potentially be a crawfish boil fundraiser at this event. He also reviewed plans for the February 21 awards banquet.
 - Vice Commodore, Ralph Unglaube, discussed facility maintenance concerns, including restroom plumbing, painting, downstairs kitchen completion, and a water leak affecting the breaker box. Contractor evaluations will be pursued.

Reminders:

- The new 2026 **RACE SCHEDULE** is on **pg. 6**. Check it out!
- If you know of any Boy Scouts, School Clubs, etc. that are looking for places to volunteer for community service hours, please contact a board member. Scouts, students, etc...can do beach clean up and/or participate in work parties.
- Remember the fire pit is available on Friday evenings for a “**Pit and Sip**”. Get together with some other members and friends, bring something to grill, your favorite beverage and enjoy the evening around the fire pit.



Reminders cont'd:

- The club house is not available for overnight sleepovers in the building. It is a liability that the club cannot assume.
- **Membership Cards** are available at Ship to Shore, 4313 Lake Street, in Lake Charles. Ask for Sheron.
- Please be aware that members are not allowed to do any type of boat repairs inside the upstairs clubhouse, including but not limited to sail repair, fiberglass work, electrical work, etc.. Thank you for helping us keep our facilities comfortable and inviting for social gatherings.
- Guests are not allowed to use club boats.
- No smoking or vaping or pets allowed in clubhouse.
- A member must always accompany a guest.
- One adult member per each 10 minor guests under age 18.
- Please bring extra paper towels and toilet tissue for your events.
- Members are responsible to report any damages IN WRITING to a board member or to Ship to Shore 337-474-0730 so that repairs can be made.
- Please make sure the **gate** is closed when you leave.
- After hanging out at the club, please,
 1. Clean the clubhouse, including removing trash to dumpster,
 2. Put things back where you got them from (boats, gear, sails, silverware, whatever).
 3. Set the air conditioners at 82* before leaving.
- Watch out for **OVER HEAD POWER LINES!** If your aluminum mast touches one, you may be badly burned or worse.
- **RV CAMPING** for the weekend, (i.e. Fourth of July event or organized race event) on the club grounds is allowed for members, the board only asks that the member will please remit a **FEE of \$25 PER RV, PER WEEKEND** to cover the increase on the club electricity bill. Payments can be made the same way you pay your quarterly dues: Zelle, info@shiptoshoreco.com , or snail mail. and this will be done on the honor system.
- **PARTIES INSIDE CLUBHOUSE BY MEMBERS in good standing** : Cleaning/Maintenance Fees are required to have a non-club related event/party. This is separate from just having a few friends/family at the club for a bbq, sailing, etc. The clubhouse **MUST BE RESERVED in writing** with a board member and **FEES paid in advance.** CURRENT board members do not pay the fees, but must complete the TO DO LIST.

LIST OF FEES :

CLEANING FEE: (PAID PRIOR to event)

- Up to 10 guests.....\$50 minimum
- 11-25 guests.....\$100
- 26-50 guests.....\$150 maximum capacity allowed-50 guests

EXCLUSIVE RESERVATION FEE: (PAID PRIOR to the event in addition to the cleaning fee)

- Exclusive use fee.....\$100
- This fee will allow you to post signs: **"CLUBHOUSE CLOSED for PRIVATE EVENT"** for up to five hours during your event. Other members will be excluded from the clubhouse during that time.

EXTRA FEES may be added if clubhouse is not left clean. See "TO DO" list below.

TO DO AFTER EVERY EVENT:

- Empty all trash receptacles, placing bags in dumpster outside and reline trash cans with clean trash bags.
- Sweep upstairs clubhouse.
- Put tables and chairs, etc., back in order.
- Remove your items from refrigerator.
- MEMBERS are responsible to report any damages in **WRITING** to a board member.
- MEMBERS are responsible to **SEND date stamped PICTURES** of the cleaned clubhouse after the event to a board member.



DRY SLIPS/ MARINA

- When you are assigned a slip that is your slip. You **MUST** check with the **Groundskeeper** or the **Harbor Master** before parking 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 club 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 **buy/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 the vessel.

SPECIAL REMINDER FOR WINTER MONTHS

- Cold weather is **HERE!**. The club house water pipes will be blown out PRIOR TO ANY FREEZE EVENT to empty them and prevent them from bursting with frozen water. The Vice Commodore will send text messages out to members when the pipes have been emptied. All members need to be aware and be cautious during the cold weather months. When you have received a text and the main valve has been shut off, there will be **NO WATER AT THE CLUB** to flush toilets, rinse boats or any other water related tasks. When the main water valve is off at the club, **MAIN WATER VALVE MAY NOT BE TURNED ON EXCEPT BY THE VICE COMMODORE,** or with his permission. We are very sorry for the inconvenience. Water pipe repairs are very expensive. Please make every effort to help us keep our club in good repair. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Souper Bowl Party

**Join us for
Super Bowl LX
at the club for a souper fun
watch party!**

**Bring your favorite pot of soup to share while
rooting for your favorite team.**

**Don't forget the snacks and beverages you love
most. This is an "unofficial" event and totally
B.Y.O.B. (and food)**

Welcome A Board

**At the first meeting of the new year LCYC Board of Directors welcomed
three brand new board members:**

**Mario Baca-Grounds Keeper
Jameson Kilburn-Rear Commodore
Clyde Smoot-Secretary**

and three returning board members to new positions:

**Robert Goodson-Commodore
Ricky Shelter-Harbor Master
Summer Rice-Social Director**

God Bless all the board members and thanks to all for serving.



RACE NEWS

Regatta Committee:

Ricky Richardson

Summer Rice

Robert Goodson

WINTER SERIES

Overall Rankings (so far)

1st Robert Goodson

2nd Danny Craft

3rd Ricky Richardson

Next series race,
February 14, 2026

Skippers meeting 11:30 A
Race to begin at noon

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

LAKE CHARLES YACHT CLUB
WINTER SERIES
2025-2026

Skippers Meeting at 11:30 am
Race Starts at Noon

Want to Crew?

Want to Join?

RACE 1 - OCT 11
RACE 2 - NOV 8
RACE 3 - DEC 13
RACE 4 - JAN 10
RACE 5 - FEB 14

Skippers Meeting at 10 am
Race Starts at 11 am





Series 1 Races

Race 1 - Mar 11
Race 2 - Mar 18
Race 3 - Mar 25
Race 4 - apr 1
race 5 - apr 8
Apr 11 - Race to Prien
race 6 - apr 15



2026

RACE SCHEDULE

Series 2 Races

Race 1 - Apr 22
Race 2 - Apr 29
May 2,3 - Deep South Regatta
Race 3 - May 6
Race 4 - May 13
race 5 - May 20
race 6 - May 27

Series 3 Races

Race 1 - June 3
Race 2 - June 10
June 13 - Flag Day Regatta
Race 3 - June 17
Race 4 - June 24
race 5 - July 1
race 6 - July 8
July 11 - Ladies/Gents
1st Timers Regatta

Series 4 Races

Race 1 - July 15
Race 2 - July 22
Race 3 - July 29
Race 4 - aug 5
Aug 8- Dog Days Regatta
race 5 - Aug 12
race 6 - Aug 19

Series 5 Races

Race 1 - aug 26
Race 2 - sept 2
Race 3 - sept 9
Sept 12 - Patriot Day Regatta
Race 4 - sept 16
race 5 - sept 23
race 6 - sept 30

Winter Races

Race 1 - oct 10
Race 2 - nov 7
Race 3 - dec 12
Race 4 - jan 9
race 5 - feb 13



2026

Lake Charles Yacht Club SOCIAL SCHEDULE

All Socials are at LCYC unless otherwise specified

FEB 21

Awards Banquet
Mardi Gras Theme



Cocktails at 5:30
Eat at 6pm

APRIL 18

Crawfish Boil
\$20 per 5 lbs



Show up 12:30
Serving at 1pm

JUNE 20

June Social



Cocktails at 5:30
Eat at 6pm

AUG 22

August Social

Cocktails at 5:30
Eat at 6pm

OCT 24

October Social
Halloween Costumes encouraged



Cocktails at 5:30
Eat at 6pm

DEC 18

Christmas

Social and
Fundraiser

Cocktails at 5:30
Eat at 6pm

SOCIAL DIRECTOR:
SUMMER RICE
337-660-1722

Extra Events

2/8 @ 5:30 Superbowl

7/4 Fireworks on the lake

11/28 Light up the Lake
Boat Parade & Fireworks



Around the Club...and Beyond...



*Christmas Social 2025
Wonderful Friends, Fantastic Food, &
Beautiful Decorations!
It was a very nice evening. Thank you to
all who made it happen!*



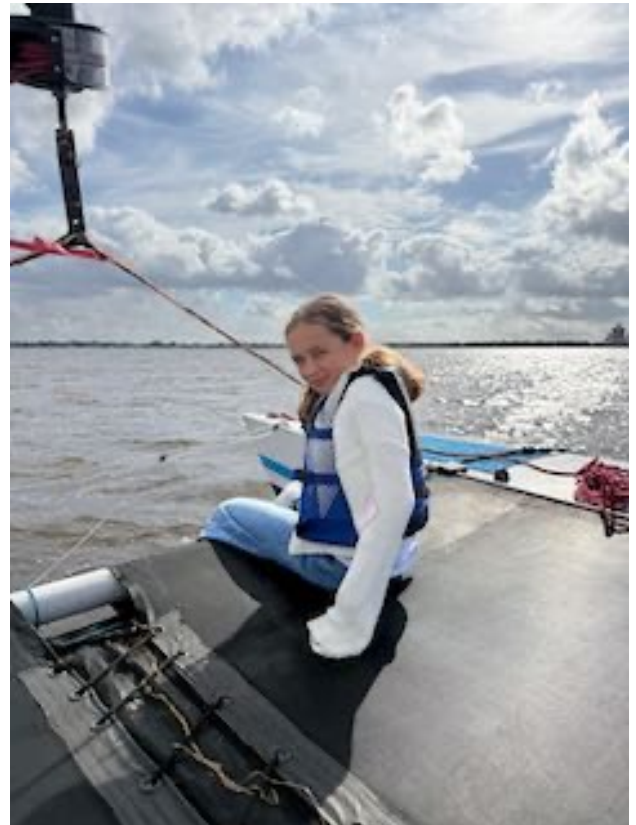


Around the Club...and Beyond...

Thank you Summer and Michelle for the great photos of the social and the races!



Un-official race day, 12/27/25
Nice conditions so why not?



Mario and Michelle pick up the cutest little hitch-hiker.

Rosie, grand-daughter of Mike and Debbie



Official Race Day **01/10/26** **Winter Series** **Race #4**

Conditions not as nice, (for sunfish racers at least), but still a great day to be out on the lake honing those sailing skills. There were a few flips as you might imagine in 12-15 kn winds gusting up to 27 knots, but not only the sunfish were catching all the action, a wave went over also. Sorry I didn't get photos of all the racers that day Hands were busy!



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 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...

Flying Scot \$4,500.00

Trailer and full set of sails Contact Richard Doss richarddossr@aol.com



Very Fast, Very Fun to sail!



Flying Scot
\$4,500.00

ERIC AND SUMMER RICE

**1985 35' Californian
Twin engine
\$35,000**

Contact: Eric Rice (337) 794-1930 or
Summer Rice (337) 660-1722





BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commodore – Robert Goodson

Vice Commodore – Ralph Unglaube

Rear Commodore – Jameson Kilburn

Treasurer – Sheron Faulk

Secretary – Clyde Smoot

Race Chairman – Ricky Richardson

Grounds Keeper – Mario Baca

Harbor Master – Ricky Shetler

Social Director – Summer Rice

Newsletter – Deborah Cresswell

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- **Yahoo Groups** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sailc>
- **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.

You can Zelle dues to: info@shiptoshoreco.com

Any questions? Please call Ship to Shore at 337-474-0730

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