



Lake Charles Yacht Club

# The Tacking Times Newsletter

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Oct 2024

## News

- The **board** met on October 8, 2024. Here are some highlights
  - We had our DOCK PARTY!!! Details on **Pg 5**
    - The **WEST DOCK** is still OFF LIMITS right not until it can finish being repaired. It is still dangerous, and **NO ONE** can be on it for safety reasons.
  - The **NEWSLETTER** position on the board is still open. It is being temp. filled by Commodore. Contact **Summer (Commodore) 337-660-1722** if you are interested to finish out the year!!
  - Reminder of the new **"Party/Event" reservations** will be posted on our website. Details on **pg 2**
  - This Saturday is our **October Social!** Costumes are encouraged but not required. There will be a contest for best costume. Maggie said dinner will be a surprise!!
    - **RSVP to Maggie at 406-260-8689** if you can or cannot make it. See you all at 5:30
  - Tonight is our last **Wed Series Race**. Skippers meeting at 530, race following. Winter Series is about to start up!
    - Also, we will have our **Chuckfest Regatta** open to all LCYC sailors. Details on **Pg 4**
  - We will have the 2025 Board Nominations at the Social this Saturday. Details on **pg 2**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter **DUES** are due. You should have received an invoice in your email. Please remember to keep your accounts current! If you did not receive your invoice or have questions about it, please contact **Sheron 337-474-0730** or [sfaulk@shiptoshoreco.com](mailto:sfaulk@shiptoshoreco.com)
  - We have a few members racing in TX, see race page for details.
- 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.
  - We still have the **weekly races on Wednesday nights...** meeting at 5:30, race to begin after. **Pg 4**
  - 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.
  - Our **next social** will be on **Oct 19th at 5:30 pm**. The theme will be **Halloween**. Costumes are encouraged. Invite your friends to come too. If it's a beautiful day, don't forget your lawn chairs and bug spray.
  - 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.

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Let's welcome our New Members:

John & Michelle Simpson

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## ***PARTIES INSIDE CLUBHOUSE BY MEMBERS in good standing***

Reservation Fees will now be 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.

~MUST BE RESEVED ***in writing*** with a board member with ***FEES paid in advance***

~CURRENT Board members do not pay the fees, but must complete TO DO LIST

### **Here is the list of Fees:**

- **Reservation fee** (PAID PRIOR to event)
    - For up to 10 guests \$50 minimum
    - 11-25 guests: \$100
    - 26- 50 max guests: \$150
  - **Exclusive Reservation fee** (PAID PRIOR to event in addition to reservation fee)
    - Exclusive use fee of \$100
      - This fee will allow you to post ***CLUBHOUSE CLOSED for PRIVATE EVENT***, otherwise other members will have access to upstairs during your event
- Extra fees may be added if club is not left clean SEE TO DO LIST BELOW -

### **RULES for clubhouse use**

- NO OVERNIGHT sleeping in clubhouse
- NO Smoking, Vaping or PETS allowed inside
- Guests are not allowed to use club boats
- Member must always be with guests
- One member adult for each 10 minor guests under age 18
- BRING EXTRA paper towels and toilet tissue for your event
- MEMBERS are responsible to report any damages in WRITING to a board member

### **TO DO LIST AFTER EVENT**

- Put all trash bags into dumpster and re line trash cans with trash bag
- Sweep upstairs, mop if needed
- Wipe off all tables and counters
- Put table 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 stamp PICTURES*** after the event to board member

## **2025 Board Nominations**

### **Nominees must be members in good financial standings**

If you are interested in a seat that is continuing, you can still nominate yourself for that seat and membership will vote. All board seats are approved by membership at the December Social.

Our Board meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Commodore** – Summer Rice to continue

**Newsletter** – Debbie Cresswell (Nominated)

**Vice Commodore** – Ralph Unglaube to continue

**Grounds Keeper** - Open

**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



## 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 so far...

1. Robert Goodson, Sunfish Class
2. Danny Craft, Wave Class
3. Ricky Richardson, Wave Class
4. Stuart Thibodeaux, Wave Class
5. Troy Thomas, Sunfish Class
6. Richard Doss, Flying Scot Class
7. 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.



## UPCOMING RACES

### LAKE CHARLES YACHT CLUB WED SERIES 5 RACES

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

**RACE 1 - SEPT 4**  
**RACE 2 - SEPT 11**  
**RACE 3 - SEPT 18**  
**RACE 4 - SEPT 25**  
**RACE 5 - OCT 2**  
**RACE 6 - OCT 9**

**Want to Crew?**  


**Want to Join?**  


Skippers Meeting at 11:30  
Race Starts at Noon

**SEPT 14 - PATRIOT DAY REGATTA**

### LAKE CHARLES YACHT CLUB WINTER SERIES RACES

Skippers Meeting at 11:30 am  
Race Starts at Noon

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

**Want to Crew?**  


**Want to Join?**  


Skippers Meeting at 10 am  
Race Starts at 11 am

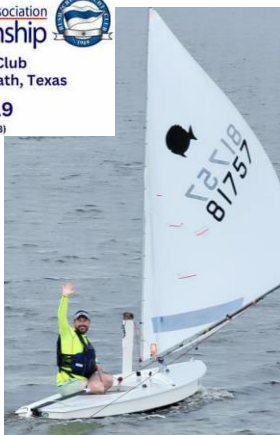
**OCT 19-20 INVITATIONAL CHUCKFEST REGATTA**

**ROBERT GOODSON**

**Sunfish Worlds 2024**

 **International Sunfish Class Association**  
**World Championship**  
Rush Creek Yacht Club  
Lake Ray Hubbard in Heath, Texas  
**October 12-19**  
(race days October 14-18)

We're excited to see Robert compete in the Sunfish World Championship. He has been sailing sunfish at LCYC since he was young, and it is his passion! LCYC wishes you all the luck!



## **RICKY SHETLER & RYAN CLANTON**

### The Harvest Moon Regatta

This is a race from Galveston to Port Aransas.

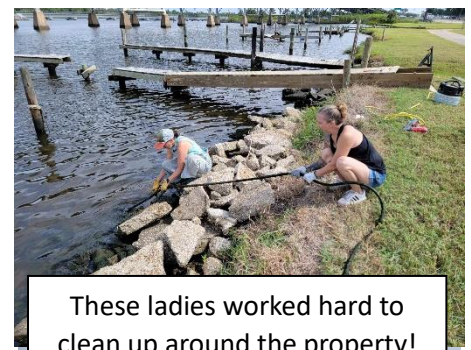
Ricky and Ryan are crewing for this race. We wish them fair seas out in the gulf. Best of luck from us at LCYC!



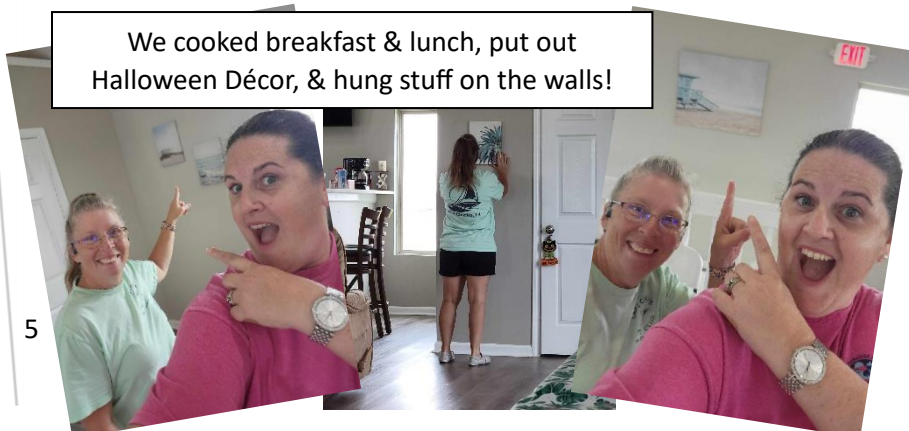


## Docks Work Party 10/5/2024

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to the work party this past Saturday. It was a perfect day for outside work. The weather was wonderful! We were able to get several docks repaired, and we have a few more almost finished. We need a few hours on another day to finish, and open up 4 more wet slips. If you can help, contact TOM at 985-418-1443!



We cooked breakfast & lunch, put out Halloween Décor, & hung stuff on the walls!



These ladies worked hard to clean up around the property!







# 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



## '83 Hobie

\$500

Ready to Sail

Contact Marcus Johnson

337-513-7905





## LCYC 2024 RACE & SOCIAL SCHEDULE

Sat	Feb 17	Awards Banquet	Wed.	Aug 14	Series 4, Race 4
Sat	March 11	March Winds Regatta	Wed.	Aug 21	Series 4, Race 5
Sun.	March 10	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	Wed.	Aug 28	Series 4, Race 6
Wed.	March 13	Series 1, Race 1 FIRST WED SERIES	Wed.	Sept 4	Series 5, Race 1 NEW SERIES BEGINS
Wed.	March 20	Series 1, Race 2	Wed.	Sept 11	Series 5, Race 2
Wed.	March 27	Series 1, Race 3	Sat.	Sept 14	Patriot Day Regatta LCYC
Wed.	April 3	Series 1, Race 4	Wed.	Sept. 18	Series 5, Race 3
Wed.	April 10	Series 1, Race 5	Wed.	Sept 25	Series 5, Race 4
Sat.	April 13	Race to Prien LCYC	Wed.	Oct 2	Series 5, Race 5
Wed.	April 17	Series 1, Race 6	Wed.	Oct 9	Series 5 Race 6
Sat.	April 20	Social LCYC Crawfish Boil	Sat.	Oct 12	Winter Series, Race 1 NEW SERIES BEGINS
Wed.	April 24	Series 2 Race 1 NEW SERIES BEGINS	Sat/Sun	Oct 19-20	Chuckfest Regatta, Invitational
Wed.	May 1	Series 2, Race 2	Sat.	Oct 19	LCYC Halloween Social
Sat/Sun	May 4-5	Contraband Days Regatta, Invitational	Sun.	Nov 3	Daylight saving ends
Wed.	May 8	Series 2, Race 3	Sat.	Nov 9	Winter Series, Race 2
Wed.	May 15	Series 2, Race 4	Sat.	Dec 7	LCYC Christmas Social
Wed.	May 22	Series 2, Race 5	Sat.	Dec 14	Winter Series, Race 3
Wed.	May 29	Series 2, Race 6	Sat.	Jan 11 2025	Winter Series, Race 4
Wed.	June 5	Series 3, Race 1 NEW SERIES BEGINS	Sat.	Feb 8 2025	Winter Series, Race 5
Wed.	June 12	Series 3, Race 2	Wed.	series races start on water @ 6:00PM.	
Sat.	June 15	Flag Day Regatta LCYC and Social	Regattas and Winter Series are held on Saturdays on water at 1200 PM.		
Wed.	June 19	Series 3, Race 3	Keep your own time and report it to RagFlappers or race committee.		
Wed.	June 26	Series 3, Race 4	These races will be governed by the rules as defined in the <i>Racing Rules of Sailing</i> .		
Wed.	July 3	Series 3, Race 5	Sailing instructions will be available before races.		
Sat.	July 13	Ladies/Gentleman's / 1 <sup>st</sup> timer Regatta LCYC			
Wed.	July 17	Series 3, Race 6			
Wed.	July 24	Series 4, Race 1 NEW SERIES BEGINS			
Wed.	July 31	Series 4, Race 2			
Sat.	Aug 3	LCYC Social			
Wed.	Aug 7	Series 4, Race 3			
Sat.	Aug 10	Dog Days Regatta, LCYC			
Wed.	Aug 14	Series 4, Race 4			



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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### **Join us on....**

- **Facebook Page** [www.facebook.com/LakeCharlesYachtClub](http://www.facebook.com/LakeCharlesYachtClub)
- **Google Groups** [LCYC\\_Sailing@googlegroups.com](mailto:LCYC_Sailing@googlegroups.com)
- **Yahoo Groups** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sailc>
- **LCYC Website** [www.lakecharlesyachtclub.com](http://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](mailto:info@shiptoshoreco.com)**

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

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