Tell Tale

Shreveport Yacht Club Member News

November 2026

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2nd Annual Guvernator Memorial Regatta

November 7th & 8th, 2026

All fleets welcome. Fleets expected; J/22, Catalina 22, and Portsmouth. Portsmouth handicapping system will be used for non-one design fleets and the distance race on Sunday.

Windward leeward courses on Saturday. Up to 5 races scheduled. Around the lake distance race on Sunday with all fleets competing for the Guvernator Cup.

Friday, 11/6	6:00 –7:30pm - Registration
Saturday, 11/7	8:00am – Buffet Breakfast & Registration 9:00am - Competitor's Meeting 10:30am – Warning Signal 1st Race Lunch on Water, Keg Beer Post Race 6:00 –7:30pm Cook-Your-Own Steak
Sunday, 11/8	8:00am – Buffet Breakfast

Fees: $100 per boat (includes race management, trophies, all meals, and keg beer for skipper only). Crew social packages including all meals and keg beer for shore and boat crewmembers are available for $45.

Pre-registration: Send email to shreveportyachtc@gmail.com that includes boat type, boat name, and crew particulars.

Question: Contact Tom Hadel (903)331-1710 or email thomashadel@bellsouth.net

2nd Annual 8 Bells Ceremony – November 8th, 2:00pm

Celebrating club members that have "ended their watch on earth"



In conjunction with our fall regatta, we will recognize and honor all SYC members whose watch on earth ended this year. We will honor, individually, those who have passed in late 2025 and this year. Those members we currently plan to honor are;

- Jack Fisher
- Margaret McElroy
- Bonnie Pracht
- John Reeves

We acknowledge that there may be other members who have passed away this year we have omitted and invite you to let the club know their names so we may honor them individually as well. Family members of those being honored, whether SYC members or not, and their guests are invited to attend.

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We had a great turnout for our Halloween Mahjong! Many thanks to Jeri Little for coordinating this event!



Congratulations to our Halloween Bingo winners!



Welcome New Members

Deborah Sutton, John & Rececca Radford

Eric & Morgan Lang

The club membership is currently full with 9 families on the wait list.

Commodore's Comments



October has been another wonderful month at the Shreveport Yacht Club! Sooo many events took place: Adult sailing classes, mahjong, live music on the deck, Halloween bingo…and so much more!

While having dinner at the club with my husband, we struck up a conversation with a gentleman who has been a member since around 1972. His name was Vincent. He shared stories about sailing on Cross Lake as a young man and the incredible sense of freedom and independence it gave him to simply hop on a sailboat and head out onto the water.

It was such a lovely conversation and a wonderful reminder of one of my favorite things about our club—the stories, the history, and the generations of memories made right here on this lake.

As we head into the final months of the year, I encourage you to enjoy all that our club has to offer. And the next time you're here, strike up a conversation with a fellow member. You never know what wonderful piece of SYC history you might discover!

Thank you for keeping your anchor at SYC—where the friendships run deep and the stories live on!

Commodore Shelly Wagner





Bonnie Pracht

This month we spotlight one of the most active members in SYC history, Bonnie Pracht, who recently passed away.

Bonnie was heavily involved in the Red Hatters book club and the club potluck gatherings. She assisted with the junior sailing camps from 2003 – 2014, helping support the club's sailing tradition for more than a decade. She owned 2 sailboats and a 26-ft. Carver Santa Cruz named *Bonnie June*. She kept *Bonnie June* at SYC for approximately 30 years, making the boat a longtime fixture at the club.

Bonnie was instrumental in her grandson's sailing career, helping foster his passion for the sport and supporting his development as a sailor. Her influence helped lead to his participation in multiple world championships representing SYC.

Bonnie's connection to SYC went far beyond simply being a member. Through her leadership, involvement in club activities, dedication to sailing, and encouragement of the next generation, she helped create a lasting legacy at the club. Her impact will be remembered not only through the years she spent here, but also through the family sailing tradition she helped inspire.

SYC and the world lost an amazing lady when she passed but her legacy will live on and we will always remember Bonnie as one of the most influential members SYC has ever had.



Complimentary Heavy Hors D'oeuvres
Complimentary Open Bar
Live Band
6:00-10:00pm



New seawall in Annex.

WORK IN PROCESS

The badly eroding seawall in the annex/sailboat launching area has been repaired. Many thanks to George Carroll for coordinating this repair and to James Pinard for completing the work.

SYC Children's Gingerbread House Party

Sunday, November 29th

3:00 - 5:00pm

$15.00 per child

We will be making gingerbread houses to take home! Snacks, drinks and gingerbread house kits will be provided.



Employee Christmas Bonus

This year, as in the past, we are asking you to participate in our Employee Christmas Bonus fund; an expression of gratitude to all the hourly employees who work so hard during the year. This fund gives the entire membership an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the staff that are not only visible on a regular basis but also those who work "behind the scenes".

Your December statement will reflect the optional charge of $25.00 for the Employee Christmas fund. If you prefer to give more, less, or none at all, please notify the Club office prior to December 15th.

The board of directors wishes you a safe and happy holiday season.

The Board of Directors of the Shreveport Yacht Club

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	**2** Clubhouse Closed	**3** Clubhouse Closed	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7** Guvernator Memorial Regatta
8 Guvernator Memorial Regatta	**9** Clubhouse Closed	**10** Clubhouse Closed	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14** Private Event Dining Room 50 guests 5:00-9:00
15	**16** Clubhouse Closed	**17** Clubhouse Closed	**18** Private Event Dining Room 50 guests 5:00-9:00	**19** SYC Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30pm	**20**	**21** Private Event Dining Room 40 guests 2:00-5:00
22	**23** Clubhouse Closed	**24** Clubhouse Closed	**25**	**26** Thanksgiving Clubhouse Closed	**27** Private Event Dining Room 50 guests 4:00-7:00	**28**
29 SYC Children's Gingerbread House Party – Dining Room 3:00-5:00pm	**30** Clubhouse Closed					