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Corinthian Sailing Association Pirates in the Lake Party

AUGUST 3, 2024

PONTCHARTRAIN YACHT CLUB, 6:00PM

Raffle /items, Caribbean Menu
Beer/Wine/Soft Drinks Included
Costume Contest, 3 Blind Mice Band

Menu -

Salad / Caribbean Coconut Rice
Curried ChickPea Stew
Jamaican Jerk Vegetables
Pulled Pork w/Rum BBQ Sauce
Grilled Shrimp/Vegetable Skewers

Tickets \$35, \$45 after 7/17/24
Purchase Tickets/More Details
at: <https://corinthians.org>



ATTENTION!!!!

CORINTHIAN SAILING ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PROGRAM - JULY 23, 2024, 7:00 PM NEW ORLEANS YACHT CLUB



PROGRAM: LEFT OR RIGHT?
MAKING DECISIONS - 2024 REGATA AL SOL RACE
RYAN FINN - FRENCH PINEAPPLE
STEVE WADELL - NEXT SLICE

FOR NOYC PORK DINNER RESERVATIONS, EMAIL ELLA MCCULLOCH
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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Hooper Harris



It's been an interesting quarter.

On a personal note. I spent the last part of May and most of June dealing with a trifecta of sinus infection, COVID and pneumonia. The worst was a two-week period with considerable double vision, which appears (no pun intended) to have gone away on its own. Finally, I'm starting to back into the swing of things. Thanks to the medical staff who worked with me, and most of all, my wife, Vicki.

During my sidelining, our able Vice Commodore, Skipper Chenault, took over leadership of the Board, and the rest of The Board and our committee chairs carried on quite well without me. That's a real testament to the commitment of your Board and Committee Chairs and the structure of our by-laws.

The time on the bench gave me an opportunity to think about the role of the Corinthians today, and how we might better serve our local sailing community. As you look around the Lake, there are a lot of venues for sailors. There are Southern and New Orleans Yacht clubs and the New Orleans Power Squadron on the South Side; Tammany Yacht Club in Slidell; Pelican Yacht Club in Madisonville; Pontchartrain Yacht Club in Mandeville; and of course, Corinthian Sailing Association working both North and South Sides.

Each offer something different to potential members:

- SYC has outstanding facilities, and an amazing history.
- NOYC may be a bit less prestigious, but let's face it... they have a great steak night! SYC and NOYC do a great job in leading a wide range of racing activities across the Lake and the Gulf Coast.
- NOPS offers great multi-session courses and social activities.
- PontYC offers a bit more of a calmer vibe befitting the North Shore with fine facilities and great youth sailing programs.

As someone pointed out, now that they have chillers and heaters for their pool, they've become one of *those* yacht clubs! Also, great place for weddings... I know

- TYC and PeLYC offer what they offer as well.

Basically, there's a lot going on around the Lake.

What does CSA offer? Well, we're not a brick-and-mortar institution. Nobody calls to book a wedding with us. We offer adult (big boat) racing, mostly on the North Shore, some series in concert with PontYC, and we collaborate with SYC and NOYC (and lead some on our own races) on the South Shore.

We have an active cruising program and are fortunate to have Kenny Breaux on our board (who leads cruising for NOYC) to collaborate efforts.

Our education program offers timely, organically developed, locally-specific and well delivered seminars, live, on Zoom, and archived on YouTube. For example, we recently offered seminars on Spring Commissioning as the season started to pick up, and a seminar on Hurricane Preparedness just in time for what looks like an active season of prayers and crossed fingers... and closely checked insurance policies. Of course, we put on a couple of great parties each year!

And, we are the best bang for the buck on the Lake.

So, with all that, what's the issue?

The issue is, in spite of the fact that we offer so much more for so much less, we've lost some membership. I know we have a bit of the usual attrition, like people forgetting to pay dues, people moving out of the area, people losing interest in sailing due to work, health or family priorities. But, even with some recent new members joining, our total paid membership numbers aren't as good as just a year or so ago. And, we still have only a light footprint on the South Shore, even though CSA was once a South Shore-centric organization.

Here's my call to you. Give this some thought. How can we increase our membership? Is it doing what we currently do better? Is it expanding our portfolio of capabilities? And for our South Shore friends, how do you see CSA expanding in New Orleans?

If you have any ideas, please send them to me at hooperamity@gmail.com. I'd love to hear them.

Thanks, and stay safe!

To All the Boats I've Loved Before...

Hooper Harris

With apologies to Hal Davis, the lyricist of 'To All the Girls I've loved Before,' made great by Julio Iglesias and Willie Nelson, I'd like to speak to the boats I've loved before.

Vicki and many others in my family accuse me of being a bit maudlin, a little overly sentimental, sometimes. I plead 'Guilty as charged.' I've owned several boats in my life. I've loved them each for completely different reasons.

My first boat was a home-made dinghy crafted from a single sheet of plywood by my father. He used as set of plans from the back page of a 'Mechanic's Illustrated' magazine. Here I am in the cockpit of the Turtle, assisted by my brother Chris and cousin Johnny astern. My first command!



She was a cat rigged boat with tiller and short unballasted full keel. Her mast was a 2x4, flying a sleeved homemade canvas sail. She did OK on a run or broad reach, but anything closer than a beam reach was simply off her polar. In fact, going upwind at all involved abandoning ship and wading.

She was based at my grandfather's camp on the bayou. The camp's name was 'Amity.' As I entered young adulthood, I bought a pirogue. I paddled her on Bayou St. John near my New Orleans childhood home. When I moved to Oklahoma she travelled with me on the roof of my Fiat hardtop. After a while, I sold her to a neighbor who overpainted her traditional dark green with a dark brown for duck hunting. He came home from a morning's hunt and the boat was suddenly two-tone... brown inside and on top, and green on the bottom below the waterline. He had used water-based paint. Welcome to Oklahoma. These home-made boats were followed by a Sunfish. She had both the standard lateen rig and a taller cat-rigged main marketed as the Super Sunfish rig. Basically, it was a capsized initiating device.

She was co-owned with a good friend, Thom. We sailed her on several of the local lakes in Orlando, FL, where I lived at the time. We took her over to Estero Bay in Fort Meyers and the Banana River and the well named Mosquito Lagoon near the Kennedy Space Center. We even did some 'cruising.' We would put in at a boat launch and sail eight or ten miles, chart in hand, following a plotted course, to a destination restaurant, then dock and dine at the Tiki Bar. Ahh, the yachting life...

When I moved to Alexandria, VA, just outside Washington, DC, I bought a project sailboat from a friend embarking on a multi-year assignment in Asia.

She was a 1964 Columbia Contender 24-footer. When I bought her, she was on the hard on the Western Shore of the Chesapeake in DYI yard along with 1200 other derelict boats. She had a waterline inside the cabin about a foot above the sole, the result of several years of Atlantic seaboard rain and ill-fitted weatherboards. She was a mess.

After a Winter of weekends at the yard (some bitterly cold, by the way) and a good slug of my accumulated leave in the Spring, she was splashed. Being my first keelboat... I read some books, then headed out for adventure! All I can say is that she was well ballasted and overbuilt, and those two factors alone helped me out of a lot of self-created situations.

The full keel made departing and landing at the slip a bit of a challenge, more so because the motor ran poorly at low power and cut out about half the time. It was a steep learning curve that really only shallowed... it never actually plateaued.

After a few years, I upgraded to a 1983 Hunter 34. Not only did she sail so much easier, she was big enough to invite guests aboard, and heck, even the engine kept running in the fairway! And with the fin keel, she was so much easier to maneuver in close quarters.

After a couple of life-changing events in fairly close proximity, the Hunter's 15 year season with me came to its end.

I knew what kind of boat I wanted, even what variant. I had a vision of finding such a boat and putting her on the Lake to be close to New Orleans. And I did find her (thanks to Menette Burns)... and in Mandeville of all places! The boat I found was *Gone With the Wind*, which I re-christened *Amity*, named after my grandfather's camp that had been such a haven of peace and joy for me as a boy.

And, by buying *Amity*, a completely new and unexpected path opened in my life, but that's another story. Even I know when I get a bit too maudlin.



2024 North Shore Race Results



SPRING SERIES

North Shore Sailors,

The website listed below from Adele contains all the race results for the Spring Series. Thanks so much to Adele, Jerry and their team for conducting all 6 timed start windward/ leeward races! The final series results are as follows (based on boats sailing in at least 4 of the 6 races):

Spinnaker Class (4 boats participated in at least 2 races; 2 boats qualified (4 races).

1ST Place: Chase (5 points)

2nd Place: Whiskers (6 points)

Non-Spinnaker Class (7 boats participated in at least 2 races; 3 boats qualified (4 races)

1st Place: Wind Nuts (5 points)

2nd Place: Sail La Vie (11 points)

3rd Place: Flying Scott (12 points)

Compared to last year we were down about 20% in participation, but 40% in those that raced at least 2 days to qualify for the series. I think some of this was probably because several boats only have 0-1 crew members and that doesn't work well with timed starts and W/L racing. I'd appreciate any other thoughts on this.

Our next race will be the Single- Handed race on May 25 (10:30am skippers meeting at PYC) and then a staggered -start race at M1 at 12 noon. You will be allowed one crew member to assist with docking & getting the sails up and down, but other than that they cannot do ANYTHING to assist with sailing during the race.

After that , the next race will be the start of our Summer Series beginning on June 8 with staggered-start races around the buoys. There will be no skippers meeting and we will start at M1 at 10:00 am. The race course will be announced on VHF radio channel 68 around 9:45 am.

Gerald

From: Adele Dauphin <adele.dauphin@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2024 9:43 AM

To: Gerald Kuehler <geraldpk@outlook.com>

Subject: Re: Race Results

Here's the link to the results page-

https://www.pontyc.org/regatta/TZoAGkjinGl/results?class_id=OTSISShj0B

There's two tabs at the top for NS & Spin.

There are four tabs at the bottom- overall series, Spring #1, Spring #2, Spring #3.



2024 North Shore Race Results



Double Handed Race March 16

North Shore Sailors,

Wow , were we lucky getting great weather sandwiched between big Friday and Sunday storms! Fortunately the 1-2 kt forecast was wrong and we had 4-8 kt SSW winds for our M1-L1-J-M1 Double Handed race. Here are the results:

1. Chase; 1 st in spin
2. Whiskers; 2 nd in spin
3. Lil' Moosey; 3rd in spin
4. Dynamite; 4 th in spin
5. Windward Passage; 1st in non-spin
6. Sail La Vie; 2nd in non-spin
7. WIDOWMAKER; 3rd in non spin

Our next race is March 30. Before that is our Thursday, March 28 General Membership meeting at NOYC. A steak dinner is available for \$20 starting at 6 pm followed by our meeting at 7 pm. Please plan to attend as we will have a presentation on race timed starts by David Bolyard, Skipper & Benz.

Thanks,
Gerald



2024 North Shore Race Results



2024 Full Moon Race

North Shore Sailors,

The weather yesterday was actually very good for a non-moon night race with 8-12 kt SSE-S-SSW warm winds until about 8:30 pm, then I hear 15-20 kt somewhat cooler North winds after that! The good winds allowed us to get around the 11.7 mile race course (M1-L1-North Draw 2-J-M1) pretty fast. Here are the results:

Spinnaker Class:

1. **E's Ambush**
2. **Whiskers**
3. **Nice-tri
Chase**

Non-Spinnaker Class:

1. **Wind Nuts**
2. **Aqua Mystic**
3. **Ondene
Amity**

Coming up next is our Tuesday 6:30pm seminar at PYC. Next is our last Spring Series race on May 11 with a 10:00am skippers meeting and 12 noon timed start for two windward/leeward races.

Gerald

https://noyc.org/regatta/LS5VSlmfVm/results?class_id=dfjxnwA5Ge



2024 South Shore Race Results



Santa Fe Wednesday Night Racing Series 2

Overall results of 5 race series

1	Al Gooch	Wind Shift
2	Jim Brown	ADD
3	Rob Grisoli	Blitz
4	Robert Kemp	Commander
5	Kevin McCaffrey	Siren
6	Joe Ryan	Rochambeaux
7	Gilbert MacLachlan	Evil Intentions
8	Trey Vaneffen	Flying Crowd
9	Jeremiah Johnson	Fifty Eggs
10	Scott Sonnier	Southern Rain
11	Orhan Ergun	Exelera
12	Taylor Guiza	Navigator
13	Ashton Edwards	Miss Mary Ellen



On the Race Committee Boat

Left to Right. Cathy Calhoun, Morgan Troost, Scott Lytell, Ellie McCulloch. Photo by Ivo Arkulin (not in picture)



2024 Race o the Coast



CSA Members Ralph Junius and Dieter Hugel win class honors in 2024 Race to the Coast.

Ralph Junius, on his J/122 *Madam J* won first place overall and first in Open A Class. Ralph sailed the shortest elapsed time of any boat: 9 hours, 55 minutes, and 19 seconds. Dieter Hugel, on *Tigi III*, a Beneteau First 40.7, finished first in Cruising Class with a time of 11 hours, 22 minutes, and 20 seconds.

The 2024 Race to the Coast was sailed on June 14 and 15 in very light winds. Participants sweltered in the heat, dodged barges, bridges, and shallow water to complete the course to Gulfport, Mississippi.



Corinthians in the 2024 Gulfport to Pensacola Race



"The ole girl brought home the bacon again. 1973 Islander 36. Wind Nuts Crew took 2nd place in cruising class B and 4th overall in both classes as well as 7th in fleet of 29 in the Gulfport to Pensacola 100 Nautical Mile race. We had a total of 13 boats in our classes. One boat that capsized, one demasted and one with a ripped main." (From Al's FB post)
Other CSA boats retired with mechanical issues: Madame J, Tigi III, Ondene. The capsized boat was Guacamaya, a Corsair 31. All crew were safely rescued by the Coast Guard



Back row left to right
David Christensen Caleb
Antone
Front row left to right
Danielle Rodriguez
Chad St Julien Al John-
son Gigi Savona James
Furman

Two members missing
Kevin Mixon and Mike
Rivere

For more than a few Corinthians, Bay Saint Louis is our “Sister City”. Ella McCulloch was on hand there to celebrate “PIRATE DAYS”, and shared the photo below.



L to R: (unknown) , John Winters, past CSA Commodore, Louise Bienvenue, past CSA Rear Commodore. A hearty time was had by all.

Other Corinthians enjoying Pirate Days in Bay Saint Louis included Guenevere Rae, Kenny and Annette Breaux and crew, Gigi Savona, and Al Johnson.

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