



Waterford Yacht Club

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Warmer days are here again! As of this writing, the bitter cold has passed and sunshine and bright skies are ahead. No more icy docks to traverse, no more slipping and sliding. I would like to thank our nomination committee of Richard Bruce, Karen Townsend and past Commodore, Russ Records for gathering and selecting our 2011 Board. This past weekend we saw the fruits of their labor when we attended our first “official” event, the **Lunch and Learn**, that attracted 55 attendees from the Waterford area and netted 5 new members for the club. Thanks to our Rear Commodore and Treasurer for this effort.

Our Social Director showed us her ability to create a warm and cozy affair with our New Member Greeting and Wine-Tasting Competition. She opened her home to our membership and provided a most welcoming atmosphere...but she didn't stop there. On Sunday we experienced a high turnout for the Yacht Club's Super Bowl party under the palapa at the Sundance Grill. Good food, good game and a good time was had by all. Our membership had many winners during these events. Doug Gillis, Julie Gibb and Dina Leita won top honors at the wine tasting event and members Pat and Susie Andrus and Paul and Debra Davis won the Super Bowl competition.

The first official 2011 Board Meeting was held on Sat, Feb 5th. We finalized the calendar including all social and boating events. We've posted the next few months of our calendar on the back of this newsletter, on the website, and physically at the ice house and restrooms at Waterford Harbor Marina.

As I introduced myself as Commodore last month, I'd like to introduce our board to the membership. Meet board members Dawn Jackson-Vice Commodore, Scott Stillman- Rear Commodore and Tom Mooney- Fleet Captain.

1) The Vice Commodore's responsibility is primarily membership (working with Director of Membership Ellen Van London). Dawn is one of those “rare” native Houstonians and is the Director of Perioperative Services at San Jacinto Methodist Hospital in Baytown. She, along with her husband Ricky can be seen on their 35' Carver “Let's Jet”. As the Social Director for 2010, Dawn planned and directed all the social events last year. It was a big job deserving of big thanks.

2) Rear Commodore-Scott Stillman, an Aggie from Texas A&M, is a second year board member. Scott will continue the educational responsibilities of the Yacht Club bringing us informative “*how to*” sessions. He will also oversee the communication between the board and membership via information posted on our website, email, evites, etc. Scott's a Financial Advisor with Ameriprise Financial, and he and his wife Jennifer (our treasurer) live aboard their 42' catamaran VII C's that they sailed from Fort Pierce to Kemah. They are members of the Texas Offshore Multihull Association, and are currently hosting a foreign exchange student from Poland. They are heavily involved serving the community with organizations like Habitat for Humanity and the Seabrook Rotary. They plan to go cruising, but probably not for another 10 years.

3) Tom Mooney, our Fleet Captain, has extensive boating experience starting in high school when he built and sailed a 10' sailboat on Andover Lake, CT. During his college days he completed two oceanographic cruises in the Gulf of Mexico and has received extensive training on how to captain a boat. We are in good hands with Tom's leadership as the Fleet Captain, so plan to attend all of the events he has scheduled. He and his wife Holly enjoy their 43' Beneteau sailboat, “Wind Jammin”. We anticipate an active boating season creating great on-the-water memories for 2011.

Our final hurrah of the 2010 season was the Commodore's Ball, a well-attended black tie affair held at the Houston Yacht Club. Member Joe Stanfield showed up at this year's ball (courtesy of much subversive coercion by Dawna O'neal and Mark and Adriene Clark) to proudly accept the *Yachtsman of the Year* Award. He also received a one-year free renewal for his individual efforts in bringing in new members into the club in 2010. Joe, demonstrating once again his philanthropic nature, donated his renewal back to the club for our silent auction this fall. A heartfelt thanks to Dawn Jackson and her social committee for another memorable Commodore's Ball.

Club Activities and Other

SHIP's STORE FEATURED SALE ITEM: *WYC Insulated Tote Bag - Normally \$20 - \$15 while supply lasts!* Email your order to wyc.info@gmail.com before they're all gone.

Boater's Yachty Gras: Join us as we celebrate the first annual WYC Yachty Gras with our very own "Krewe". We are looking for A Few Good Men (and Women) to represent our club in the boat parade during this celebration on March 5th. Many boats are needed but one great boat will do. Gather your beads and your lagniappe, and let's show the boardwalk landlubbers what the Waterford Yacht Club is all about. For interested boaters, contact Janis Sampson at wyc.info@gmail.com. Don't wait until the last minute. This event takes planning, volunteers and coordination. Got a boat? We'll get you the volunteers to help.

The Friday night happy hours continue at the Sundance where members enjoy dinner and drink specials.

Calling all Volunteers: Mark your calendar for all the events you and your guests would like to attend. Remember, we depend on good weather and will provide back up plans as needed. We are a volunteer organization so make time to get involved and help our board provide a safe and fun-filled year. Email your interest in helping out with any event to wyc.info@gmail.com. **JUMP IN, THE WATER'S FINE!**

Until next month,
Your Waterford Yacht Club Board

	Denotes Social Events
	Denotes Education Ever
	Denotes Fleet Events

Dates shown are Saturday unless otherwise noted

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR	5	Board Mtg. 9:00	12		19		26	
		Knots 10:30 Yachty Gras - King Cake		Railean Tour 9:00		West Marine-Nasa Rd One Appreciation Cookout L&R		Galveston Bay Sail & Spring Shake-down
APR	2	Board Mtg. 9:00	9	Dock 15 No Forkin'	16		23	Waterford Harbor BBQ
		10:30 Fiberglass				Dinghy Rally Crawfish Boil		9:30 Watts up Marine Double Bayou - Job Beason Marina
MAY	7	Board Mtg. 9:00	14	(Mother's Day 5/8)	21		28	Memorial Weekend
				Julie's Dinghy Trip Sam's Boat		Open Boat Party		Freeport
JUN	4	Board Mtg. 9:00	11		18	(Father's Day 6/19)	25	
		Friday Night Happy Hour		Fri Night Kemah Fireworks Sat. Brunch at Sundance				9:30 Diesel Class Dinghy to Opus