



Lake Pontchartrain Women's Sailing Association

What's New: Member's Adventures

In the aftermath of the devastating fire at Southern Yacht Club, there was a bright spot. Elaine Boos discovered the main part of the Trilogy Trophy, which she had recently won, in the remains of the Manager's Office. Elaine and her crew, the Gritz Girlz, won the women's events held in Pensacola in the summer of 2005. The 2006 GYA Women's PHRF Championship, previously hosted by PBYC in conjunction with the Race for the Roses, will be held in New Orleans June 3-4 during the Fleur de Lis Regatta.

This year SYC received an invitation to participate in the Jackson Cup, a team-racing event sponsored by Boston Yacht Club. The team soared to a victory over several talent heavy teams. The talented field of skippers included numerous collegiate All-Americans, World Champions, and Olympic competitors. Even losing a race in the final round wasn't enough to knock Southern from the top spot and victory was assured. Team members were presented the Jackson Cup, as well as a keeper trophy, which will be displayed in SYC's new clubhouse. The team members included LPWSA Commodore Mamsie Manard.

GRITZ was laid to rest on October 22, 2005. Pallbearers somberly ushered an ice chest casket filled with what was left of her into the parlor as a jazz band played a mournful funeral dirge. Friends, family, and crew gathered at her open casket to bid her farewell after Reverend Ron delivered a poignant and beautiful eulogy that brought tears to the eyes of many. Then the jazz band livened up and lifted everyone's spirits while the guests ate and drank a toast to GRITZ's safe delivery to the Pearly Finish Line.

Current News

The Fleur de Lis Regatta/ GYA Women's PHRF Championship was held on June 3rd & 4th. The newest GYA Women's Champion is Debby Grimm who skippered Siren, a J24. Her crew consisted of Mamsie Manard, Janice Griglack, Michelle Hitter, and Jan Bancroft. Also skippering were Louise Bienvenu, Dee Mollenkopf, and Elaine Boos. Congratulations to all those who competed and made this years regatta a success.

June General Membership

Meeting was held on June 1 at NOYC. A new Executive Board was voted in consisting of Debby Grimm as Commodore, Janice Griglack as Vice Commodore, Lisa Luongo as Rear Commodore, Kiki Smith as Secretary, Margie Offan as Treasurer, Immediate Past Commodore Mamsie Manard and Executive Board Lynn Gildersleeve, Ashley Spangenberg, and Dee Mollenkopf.

The Pink Ribbon Regatta will be held on Sunday, October 15th. This fun fund-raiser was a huge success in its inaugural year raising over \$12,000 for the Louisiana Breast Cancer Task Force. All of the Task Force funds are used in Louisiana for education, research and screenings. We need volunteers for registration, silent auction, set-up and take down of the post race party, solicitations and communications. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Debby Grimm at deb-casey@cox.net.



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Regatta*

New Members

LPWSA would like to welcome our newest members Diane Daigle and Susan Duvieilh.