



From the Commodore

September Lee Sheet notes

Biloxi Yacht Club has a lot of irons in the fire right now; we hope to take some out of the fire soon. The new trailer is still under construction. We're doing our best to have it ready for the General Membership meeting, but like everything else on the coast, it's one step forward and two steps back. Buzzy is doing a great job organizing this project, and has more patience than I do. Rocky Rhodes is in charge of flooring, and electricians and plumbers are on notice. We want to thank Otto Larson and his assistant Wayne Fortier for their work on new lighting and ceiling fans. When finished, it really will be great.

In the meantime, please come by our temporary bar and welcome back Lisa, Joanne and Ali. Ali has been a great help in organizing the bar, and I really appreciate it. It's a good feeling to see their familiar faces.

Our Junior sailors did BYC proud at the Junior Liptons recently hosted by Southern Yacht Club. We finished sixth overall out of a field of thirteen clubs. This is exceptional, considering they had not sailed since last year. Robert Smith led the group, sailing fourth in his race. Southern Yacht Club made me and all the BYC parents feel very welcome. They furnished two spectator yachts, and free refreshments. A good time was had by all.

The Senior Liptons will be held Labor Day weekend at Bay-Waveland Yacht Club. We do have a team ready to go for this event, thanks to Jeffrey Ellis, Race Chairman, Robbie Schmidt, Boat Chairman and Robbie's wife Jennifer. They would appreciate anyone who can attend the races. There will be spectator boats for anyone who wants to watch out on the course. As part of the weekend, I will be attending the GYA business meeting that Saturday morning.

We welcome aboard two new members, Michael Durlak and Lynn Revill. We look forward to seeing them at the Club.

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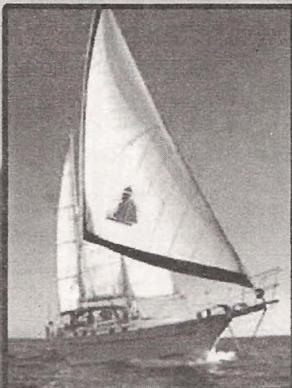


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Biloxi Yacht Club

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The Board approved reinstating the fee for delinquent accounts. We have not done this since the storm, but we are returning to normal. Any account over 60 days will be charged 15% of the past due balance, plus \$25. This will start with the billing at the end of September.

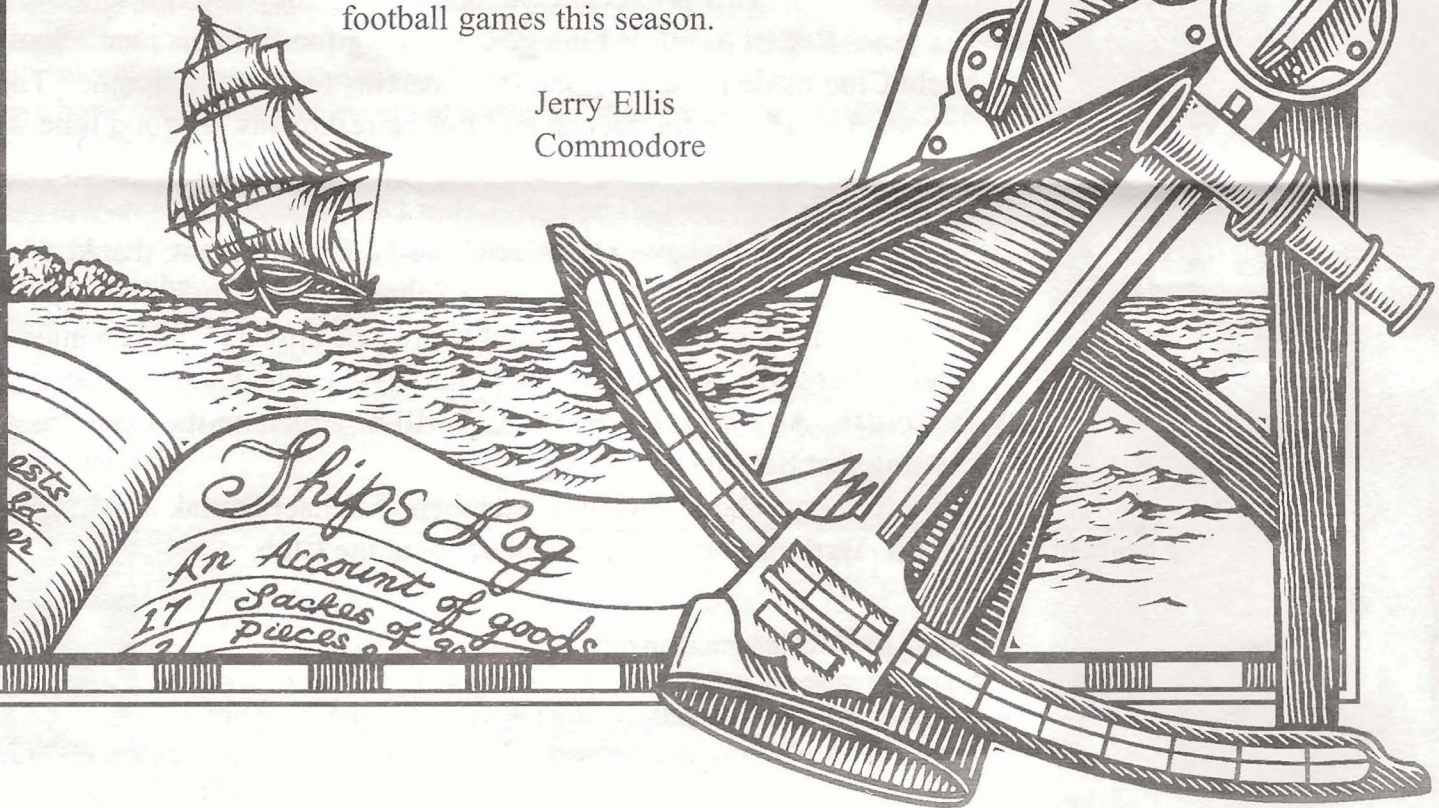
If you need a 2006 sticker, they are available at the office or bar. If you need a new card, let us know, we will be getting new ones.

I know most of you are concerned about the future of the Biloxi Yacht Club. We are continuously meeting and planning. A representative of GCID was at our last Board Meeting. He showed us plans and answered a lot of our questions. Our next scheduled meeting is August 29th at the club attorney's office. We hope to have a presentation ready for the General Membership meeting. However, we are still working with SBA to secure financing for a new club on our present property. We are as anxious as you are to see the rebuilding of our clubhouse.

Final reminder, our annual meeting is Sunday, September 17th, 3:00 p.m. here at the club. Bylaws read, "one member per family can attend this meeting". Your account must be current in order to attend. We will be voting on a new slate of officers for 2007. The Nominating Committee has posted their slate on the bulletin board in the club. We also have printed it in this Lee Sheet.

Again, I appreciate all the support I've had from the majority of the members, and will continue to work as hard as possible for the remainder of my term. You won't see me as much on Friday nights though, as I've agreed to hold the down markers for Biloxi High football games this season.

Jerry Ellis
Commodore



BILOXI YACHT CLUB

In accordance with Article VIII Nominations and Elections
of the constitution of the Biloxi Yacht Club,
the following members have been placed in nomination
to serve in office for the year 2007:

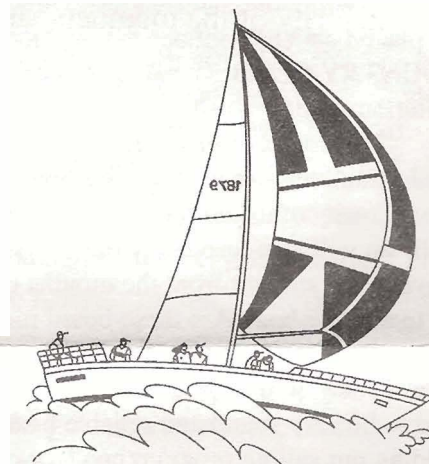
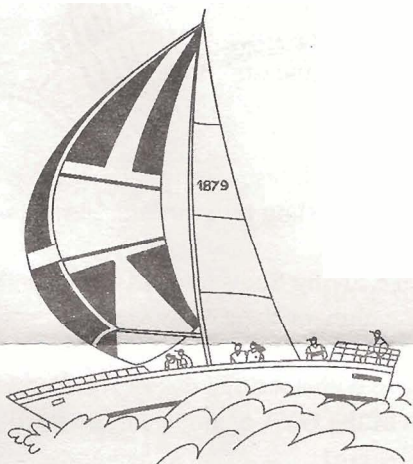
Commodore: Jim Graham

Vice Commodore: Robert Smith, Jr.

Rear Commodore: Gaylord Wilson

Governing Board (elect three (3):

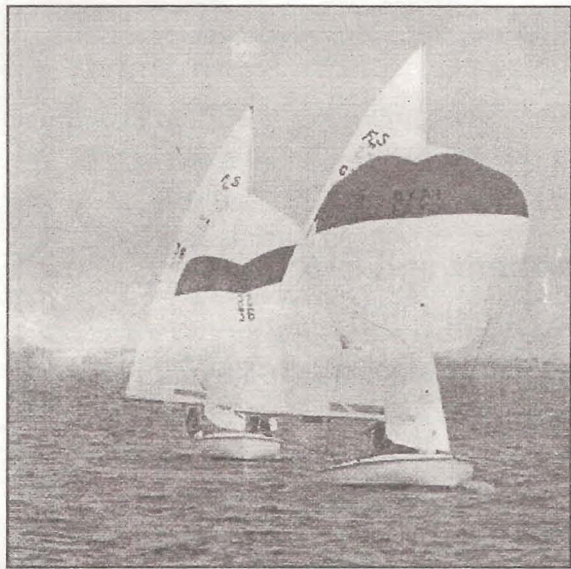
Mary Boles
Dixie Hollis, Sr.
Tim Kirkman
Wendell Lee
Ralph Pringle
Ethel Radzewicz



Witness my signature this the 9th day of August 2006.

Elizabeth Giraud

Elizabeth Giraud, Secretary



BYC Board Members,

I am writing this letter to voice the concern of myself, as well as many other members of this club on the status of our sailing program. Prior to Hurricane Katrina, the Biloxi Yacht Club was gaining a reputation throughout the Gulf Yachting Association as a sailing club on the rise. With the help of many people, we had our club boats in the best shape they have seen in nearly 20 years. We had anew sets of sails for each boat, and sailing activity was flourishing. During the summer months we were averaging nearly 80 sail campers per summer. Each week we were averaging 20 to 30 juniors at the Friday Night Races, and even got to the point where sailors were being turned away for our Wednesday Night Racing due to a lack of boats. There was activity back out on the pier, and we actually felt like a yacht club again. Times were great!

However, Hurricane Katrina came along and devastated our club. We members realize it is going to take time to get back on our feet. Rebuilding a club of this magnitude cannot be done overnight. Rebuilding is going to take time, and unprecedented support and patience from our membership.

I am requesting that the Board of Directors devise a master plan to rebuild the ENTIRE yacht club. A lot of emphasis is being placed on a new clubhouse, and that is fine, but it is one one component of the total organization. **WE ARE NOT A COUNTRY CLUB.** The BYC stands for much more that just a clubhouse. The first line of Article II of our constitution states:

“The object of this club shall be to promote YACHTING in the vicinity of Biloxi...”

I understand that we would loose much of our membership is we do not rebuild a clubhouse in a timely manner. However, many of us are members for the sailing aspect. So, if we do not rebuild our sailing program in a timely manner as well, we will also lose many members.

I have heard straight from the mouths of certain board members that they dislike Flying Scots, and wish that we would move to another boat. Are these board members looking out for the welfare of the club, or their own personal interests? We are a founding member of the GYA, and the GYA voted to adopt the Flying Scot to be our inter-club boat. Therefore, in order to stay competitive in the GYA we must sail **FLYING SCOTS**. They have withstood the test of time, and have proved to be very sound and reliable boats. If our yacht club is to ever be on top of the GYA again, we must start rebuilding our sailing program now!

I am asking that our Board of Directors act now to rebuild our sailing program. Buying a feet of Flying Scots is something that can be budgeted for immediately, and I hope that the Board considers authorizing the purchase of 4 new Flying Scots, as well as the repair of the Flying Scot lifts on the pier before next spring. We must do everything in our power to ensure we remember that we are a sailing club. Thank you for your time and dedication to rebuilding our beloved yacht club.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Ellis



Let's build for the future of Biloxi Yacht Club!