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## COMMODORE'S QUARTERDECK

### ADJUSTING SAIL COMMODORE MICHAEL PILGRIM

It has been a busy time at the Lake Belton Yacht Club. We got started fast and furious with the new board in January, worked our way to the first Race series, got the Chaparral fixed for Race Committee Boat and then we took a wave over the bow with COVID-19.

Slowly but surely, we are starting to get activities going again. We had our first First Sail sponsored by US Sailing, and it went quite well. We also had many new members join the club. I hate we have not been much of a social club the last few months, but we do plan to fix that shortly.

One of the things I love about sailing is how it can relate to life in general. There is a sailor saying, "you can't control the wind, but you can adjust sail". We cannot always control the things that happen around us, but we can change how we react to them. As every sailor knows, you can usually maintain the same course just by adjusting sail. However, sometimes that wind is right on the bow. We can still make progress to our goals by tacking into the wind. It takes work and lots of change, but you can still make port in any wind.

This tempest will pass, and we will be ready for the calm seas that follow. I am looking forward to a great sailing year.

# VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

## GROWING MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS BY TOM GOLDSMITH

Membership is growing steady. With 21 paid members/families, we are well over halfway to our membership goal of 30 paid members-families for 2020. We hope to blow that goal out of the water. Keep in mind everyone is a marketer when it comes to membership. If you know someone who might enjoy the sailing lifestyle and or our social activities, feel free to invite them to come.

We just got new LBYC Burgees. If you are a new member, you should have received one. If you did not, let the Commodore or Vice Commodore know, and we will get that fixed. Extra Burgee's are available for \$25 each. If you visit another club and bring their Burgee back, we will trade you a free LBYC Burgee. Most clubs will give you a Burgee if you give them one too.

Finally, we have ID cards available for members. LBYC is a member of Yacht Clubs of America. In order to gain access to other Yacht Clubs you will need your current ID card. It is best to check with the club prior to traveling. Some clubs require a letter of introduction from LBYC, and we can get this for you.



Vice Commodore single handing his Capri 18.



Commodore Michael Pilgrim had the chance to sail from Denmark to Sweden across the North Sea. This is a stop at Ven Island Sweden. Did you know, Ven Island is the only place in Sweden you can see Sweden behind Denmark?

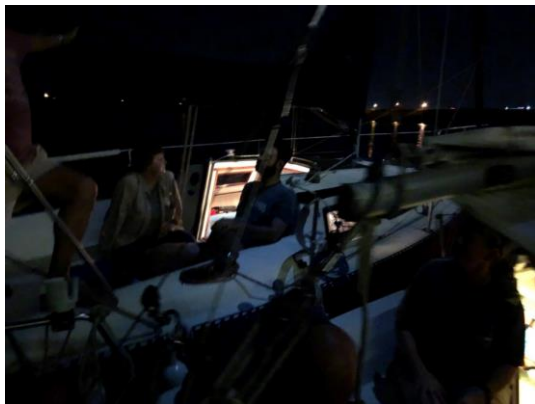
# CRUISE CAPTAIN

## RESTARTING SOCIALS COMMENTS BY PHIL BERKLAND

COVID-19 has put a real damper on our Social Activities. Socials used to be the best way for club members to network and see one another on a regular basis. We know it must be as frustrating for you as it is for us.

Things are slowly but surely starting to open back up. We plan to monitor what happens and try to plan events based on what is happening in our area. As restaurants open, again we are planning to have a Social June 21 at Dead Fish Grill. The time and location may change. If it does, we will send emails and post it on the LBYC Website calendar. We understand reservations to social gatherings so come if you are comfortable.

People have asked in the past about Theme's for our socials. We may have to start with this event. For now, we can call our first social back the Quarantine Social. Wear your favorite mask.



Lake Belton Yacht Club had a raft up July 2019 in front of the Dead Fish Grill. The plan is to have another raft up somewhere On the lake July 2020. Stay tuned for more details.



Did you know TexAppeal did an article about LBYC? Check it out at <https://texappealmag.com/?s=lake+belton>



Inflatable donation.



Race Captain Schweikart preparing to race.

## TREASURE'S REPORT

### PAYING BILLS

#### COMMENTS BY MARY TRAWICK

At our last board meeting, we reported the RSBC account has \$3545 and the LBYC account has \$8520. We currently have 3 slips paid through December 2020 at Franks Marina for the Hunter 32 Vision, Capri 22 and J24 with lift. Membership approved \$1800 from the General Fund to repair the Chaparral lower unit, and the repair work has been completed

Big Thank you to Sean and Linda Bowie. They donated an Achilles inflatable. Many people have heard of Zodiac boats. The Achilles is very similar but a French product. New boats sell for \$6000. Used boats in this condition still bring up to \$2500. This will be budgeted as a gift in kind.

If you know anyone who would like to donate a boat or any boating equipment we could use or sell please let us know. Gifts and donations are a great way to help fund our club and reduce/supplement the cost of activities.

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## RACE CAPTAINS REPORT

### HOT SUMMER SERIES AND FUN RACES COMMENTS BY CHRIS SCHWEIKART

I am looking to put together an informal/social "racing" series for the month of June. The Pop Corn Weekly Rally will occur every Saturday in June with the intent of getting members together (6ft apart obviously) and out on the water. The course will be emailed the day prior with up-to-date weather conditions. Unlike the more formal Fun Race series, sailors will have to grab a certain object off the course buoy and finish with the item onboard to place. The projected dates and times are listed below. These are out and back races that should be no more than an hour or two. They are designed to be a short time frame single race.

Pop Corn Weekly Rally dates: 06 June 20, 13 June 20, 20 June 20, 27 June 20

Boat time: 4:30, Cast off: 5:30, Start: 6:00 (for all dates)

Course: Race #1) To be determined the day prior (based on weather conditions)

\* The J24 and Vision are available for Charter during these races. Due to the time frame, charter will be \$50 for this race only.

\* Captains meeting will be held just prior to Cast off. The Captain or a crewmember need to be present for instructions and hand in a crew list for their boat.

\* There will be Prizes to top placers and a race flag to be developed and passed around weekly winners.

Don't forget the Hot Summer Night Series races are July 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. During the race series, the Popcorn Race will transition to a late evening during the week. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 the Spring Race Series had to be canceled. Currently we do not know if this will be rescheduled. More information on the races will come in early July.



Jacob Hughes with our Ship 101 youth.



Bill Carter handling one of our Lasers

## BOARD AND KEEL BOAT CAPTAINS

### CHANGES TO THE FLEET MAY BE COMING COMMENTS BY BILL CARTER AND JACOB HUGHES

Michael, Chris, and Bill did a trial excursion with board boats over at Temple lake park, and we thought it would be good to share some impressions.

There is a section of shoreline in Temple Lake Park facing the open lake on a finger with 3 or 4 picnic tables, it is less popular with the swimmers but very good for launching small sailboats. In addition, someone had a jet ski there. The water is shallow out to quite some distance, which is convenient.

The wind was blowing from the north at about 12 knots, which is good wind speed for Lasers. The wind was enough to get the boats up on a plane (and splash some spray back into your face). Coming back in was a little challenging because our site was somewhat upwind. I have found that it is best to have a spare person onshore to help catch you and stabilize the boat when you come back in, so with two boats in action there should be at least 3 people for safety and comfort.

Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> we had our first First Sail. This is a US Sailing program designed to get people involved in sailing at a reasonable cost. We had 2 couples participate and both couples are interested in joining the LBYC.

Finally, big news, we have an offer to buy the Capri. We also have an offer to trade the J24 for a J22. The plan is to use the funds from the Capri to purchase a second J22 so we can race them on Lake Belton and around the state. The J22 is much easier to handle and set up, which is better for our Club purposes. The board has approved this transaction, so members check your emails for voting. The sooner we get this done the quicker we can turn the fleet over.

