

AHOY LBYC Summer/Fall 2022 Newsletter



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Save the Date!

2nd Annual Pirate Party... Aargh!

October 22, Commodore's House



Antigua Crew March 2022

COMMODORE'S QUARTERDECK

FAIR WINDS AHEAD FOR LBYC

It has been an exciting year for the Lake Belton Yacht Club, and it's not over yet. We had a great Frostbite Race series won by Mitch Walker. That was followed by a fun filled Spring race series won by Tom Goldsmith. Michelle Januzzi won our Hot Summer nights series and Mark Munns also won a spot on the Top Sailor Competition roster due to a penalty. Who will win our Fall race series and compete to be crowned 2022 Top Sailor? Oh, by the way, if you missed the announcement, the club now owns two J22 race boats. These boats are superfast and will make the Top Sailor Competition one to remember in 2022.



In case you missed it, we had 9 club members attend the 2022 Commodore Cruise to Antigua in March 2022. We sailed from Jolly Harbor on the main island to Barbados about 33 miles north across the Atlantic. Swells were big and there was a little sickness, but all in all it went well, and we had a great dinner in a beautiful setting. We sailed from Barbuda to Green Island on the east side of the Island then on to English Harbor before we ended up back at Jolly Harbor. What a trip! The Caribbean certainly has beautiful water, and Antigua is known to be one of the best sailing grounds in the world.



2023 Copenhagen, Denmark?



Raft up!



Fun on the water



New Future Clubhouse Location!



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Next June 2022 we have Scandinavia on the docket. Likely, we will sail out of Copenhagen, Denmark or Malmo, Sweden. From here, we can sail around Ven Island, Helsingborg, and grab lunch at the island fort of Flakfortet with harbors everywhere to spend the night. There is also discussion of taking another Caribbean trip in the March time frame. Perhaps BVI or AVI area. Wherever we can find an affordable charter. Many have asked for a Catamaran in the Caribbean. Bahamas and the Keys are also on the list of possible locations. It is essential to start the trip planning, so if either of these sounds interesting, let us know so we can work out packages.

We also have a committee that was formed in the spring to go over our club and fund bylaws. The committee has been working very hard to develop something that will fit our needs while ensuring the future of the club stays focused on sailing. It looks like we finally have something ready to present to the board and will push it out from there. From what I have seen, the documents look great, should help us stay within our legal requirements for the club and fund, support community safety and sailing on the water, and protect our purpose for years to come. I am excited to see this move forward.

We are forming another committee to help plan the future of the Lake Belton Yacht Club. There are three major aspects of our club. This is not unusual for any club around the nation, and we need to make sure the needs of each aspect are being addressed. We all have sailing in common, but some of us like to Race, while others like to cruise on the lake and around the world, and many who enjoy club socials. It would also be nice to address youth and community outreach sailing programs. I would like to see a 3-year, 5-year and 10-year plan that includes goals to meet these needs over that period.

Most companies operate from a business plan, and as we increase our legitimacy as a true Yacht Club, we need to do the same. This will give us a direction to make sure we take it to the next level and can provide enriching experiences for all members of all ages. We would like to have all our different interests represented on the committee. If you would be willing to help shape the future of the Lake Belton Yacht Club, please let us know. We want cruisers, racers, and social activities well represented on this committee.

Finally, I have some exciting news. We now have a place for a clubhouse. As some of you know, we store our board boats at a facility across from the Sportsman's Club near Temple Lake Park. We now have a large, air-conditioned room that we can decorate and add equipment to make an official location for our Lake Belton Yacht Clubhouse. This will also give us access to the Sportsman's club next door for large gatherings and youth summer sailing camps in the future. It looks like we will have a mechanism to get the resources we need to build out the location. We will need some help from people with expertise in construction for different parts of the process. We just got access to the property, so we are still in the planning and design phase. We are accepting ideas and people interested in helping. I am working on something special only available to current paid club members to leave their mark on the clubhouse and will have more details to follow. Stay tuned, as I believe we will have an informal gathering at the new Club location in September to officially kick things off and allow everyone to see the potential.

Like I said, it's been a busy 2022 so far, and it's not over yet. We still have a lot to do, and we have some great opportunities. Please get involved where you can. The next 4 months will be key to the future of the Lake Belton Yacht Club. You can and should have a lasting impact on our future.

Fair winds and Following Seas,

Michael Pilgrim, Commodore
Lake Belton Yacht Club

