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### Founding of the Gulf Yachting Association

At a banquet given by Commodore Percy Benedict honoring the winners of the first Lipton regatta, the Pensacola Yacht Club, the Commodore presented a proposal for the forming of a yachting association of all yacht clubs on the Gulf Coast along with the same to be laid down by the Southern Gulf Coast Yachting Association, the parent organization organized in 1901, which had ceased to function before World War I. The idea was received with much enthusiasm. Ever since the founding of the Southern Yacht Club had there been a greater stimulus to the sport of yachting along the Southern rim of the

United States than the coming of the Fish Class and the founding of the Gulf Yachting Association. Commodore Benedict's proposal had a sensational appeal. A meeting was called in Mobile on November 13, 1920 with Commodore Ed. Overton of the Eastern Shore Yacht Club as host at the famous old Battle House Hotel. Invitations were extended to the Houston, Southern, Biloxi, Eastern Shore, and Pensacola Yacht Clubs, and these were enthusiastically received. —Flora K. Scheib



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September 5, 1998

Team Members and Sailing Enthusiasts,

On the behalf of the Gulf Yachting Association a welcome, indeed a hearty welcome to the 79th Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup, the jewel-in-the-crown of the Auguste Capdevielle series.

Our host, Pontchartrain Yacht Club, has been planning many months for this grand reunion of sailors' families and friends from the thirty-one General Members composing the GYA. To the innumerable club members and staff who have striven to provide a memorable event we express our gratitude for their efforts in our behalf.

To the competitors are extended best wishes with the reminders that as participants you represent the life of the GYA, its raison d'etre, and have earned the right to place. Put forth your best and may your efforts be duly rewarded.

Whatever our part or role may be in this congress of sailing enthusiasts, let us all enjoy the camaraderie for which our GYA family, now almost 80 years old, is known.

Excelsior!

François D. Vaillant  
Commodore  
Gulf Yachting Association







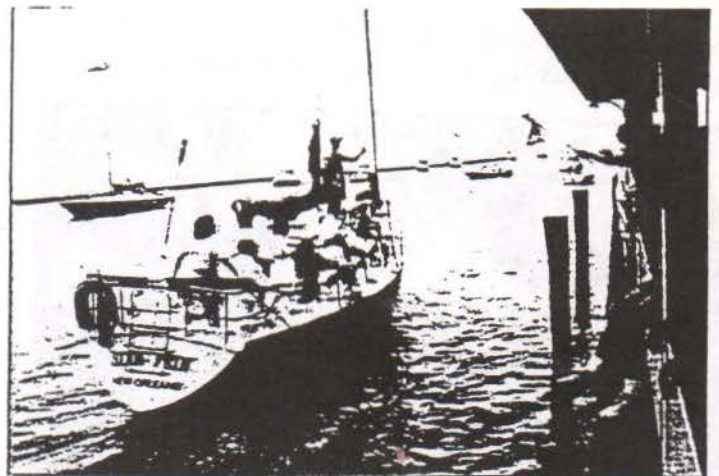
TO: ALL LIPTON TEAMS, OFFICIALS AND GUESTS

On behalf of the Flag Officers, Board of Directors and members, I would like to welcome you to the 79th SIR THOMAS LIPTON CHALLENGE.

Pontchartrain Yacht Club is honored to provide the Mandeville venue and our club for the challenge to New Orleans Yacht Club for the Sir Thomas Lipton Championship Trophy. Our appreciation goes out to the many members of our club who have worked long and hard to provide you with a world class regatta as well as hospitality you will not forget. Special thanks go out to our many sponsors and especially the LIPTON TEA COMPANY for their continued commitment to their name sake regatta.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable weekend. Please make yourself at home and utilize our facilities as you would your own.

Sincerely,  
Tom Jarvis  
Commodore



*Blessing of the Fleet...  
Pontchartrain Yacht Club Opening Day*



# Pontchartrain Yacht Club begins. Members from all over.

by Joan Doolittle

The 1960's saw Mandeville move from a sleepy town to an emerging city. The causeway linking New Orleans to the northshore was completed in 1956. By 1969 the second span made travel across the 24 mile bridge easier and faster. All the while recreational boating, especially sailing, began to attract wider segments of the population.

A group of people began looking for ways to promote, foster, and afford opportunities for the enjoyment of boating. This led to Pontchartrain Yacht Club. The Charter of Pontchartrain Yacht Club was signed December 11, 1967. The first Board of Directors were: Dr. Lathan A. Crandall, Jr., A.R. Blossman, Jr., Frederick S. Ellis, William H. Deilly, Lawrence C. Thonn, Sr., and Charles T. Morse.

Later, property across from the Mandeville harbor on Jackson Avenue was purchased. The private home situated on the property underwent several renovations to meet the needs of the boating community. A swimming pool and boat storage facilities were added early on.

Gradually, adjacent lands were purchased, enabling members to enjoy picnicking under shade trees, as well as, providing a field for informal games of volleyball, football and tag.

Racing sailboats has always been popular, so the club is a long time member of the Gulf Yachting Association.

The summer sailing classes for children are an important service provided to children. There are usually five sessions held each summer.

In 1994, after months of negotiation, PONT.Y.C. purchased the piece of property across the street from the club house and on

Bayou Castain. Here at last, a hoist was installed to lift smaller boats in and out of the water. This was an on going problem, finally solved.

The majority of members are from Mandeville and Covington. However, PONT Y.C. attracts sailing enthusiasts from across south Louisiana. The majority of out-of-parish (county) members are from Hammond, Baton Rouge, Metairie, Kenner, New Orleans, and Lafayette.

- Membership in PYC presently is 331.
- Members from out-of-state number 20

• Past Commodores:

Dr. Lathan Crandall	1968
A.R. Blossman, Jr.	1969
Frederick S. Ellis	1970
Felix Dreyfus	1971-72
Joe Abrams	1973
Felix Dreyfus	1974
Ed Swanner	1975
Hazen Ross	1975-76
Richard Upton	1977
John Cramer, Jr	1978-79
Bill Dietrich	1980-81
Ian Prosser	1982
Dr. Charles Norris	1983
Cleve Fair	1983
Robert T. Doolittle	1984
Howard Phillips	1985
Beverly Toebben	1986
Joe Huffman	1987
Will Farris	1988-89
Ed Reardon	1990-91
Janet Miller-Schmidt	1992-93
Jack Gilbert	1994
Tommy Harris	1995
Hank Vasquez	1996-97
Tom Jarvis	1998



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