



THE LIGHT

FEBRUARY 2014

Laguna Madre Yacht Club

New and Members- Welcome

Accepted for membership:

Mike Kelly

Lee and Neal Campbell

**2014 Flag Officers and Associates
The Laguna Madre Yacht Club**

Commodore Mr. Chris Hughston
Vice Commodore Cmdr. Sid Rouch USN (Ret.)
Rear Commodore Dr. John Pinkerman
Secretary Ms. Caren Craig
Treasurer Mr. Michael Myers
Steward (Ad Hoc)
Fleet Captain Captain Rick Ekstrom
Barrister
Fleet Surgeon Dr. Raul Rivet M.D.

The Laguna Madre Yacht club is a voluntary club focused on local boating activities including sail boat racing and cruising. The 2013 program was also presented with over 40 scheduled events. The events include a Fall and Spring racing series, participation in the Race to the Border and educational workshops on a variety of boating topics. The club emphasizes enjoying the safe boating activities for the entire family. A monthly highlight is the social dinner held on the second Saturday of each month except January.

Freedom

"What is freedom? We say of a boat skimming the water with light feet, 'How free she runs,' when we mean how perfectly she is adjusted to the force of the wind, how perfectly she obeys the great breath out of the heavens that fill her sails. Throw her head into the wind and she how she will halt and stagger. She is free only

when you have let her fall off again and have recovered once more her nice adjustment to the natural forces she must obey and cannot defy."

President Woodrow Wilson

The Commodores Ball:

The Laguna Madre Yacht Club conducted its annual Commodores' Ball on January 11, 2014 at the Isla Grande Hotel on South Padre Island. Our new officers were installed and are listed above.

COMMODORES CORNER



The Commodore

The Light February 2014

Here we are well into February and winter shows no sign of letting up. As I write this its 39 degrees and misting with a strong north wind. Even the Resaca behind my office has white caps. The good news is that spring has to be just around the corner and with it another fun filled year on the water.

The club will be hosting a series of great sailing / boating events including bay and gulf races, protected water cruises and at least two "blue water" over night races. I'll leave it to the Fleet Captain to share the details with you but there will be fun for sailors of every experience level.

I will tell you that boats participating in the overnight races will need all the crew that can be rounded up, so don't be bashful , volunteer for the open gulf races , you'll be glad you did.

Continuing the clubs educational and safety mission a series of classes will be held about every other month on a variety of subjects. The schedule will be printed in The Light and 2014 Directory and also posted to the Website. There is a lot of knowledge in the club and its members are anxious to share it. Take advantage of the classes.

The sailing and the education is a very important aspect of the LMYC, but the camaraderie of like souls is just as important. The Fleet officers and club members will be hosting another great year of Socials. Come out for the food fun and fellowship as often as you can and bring a guest. The LMYC is good a deal to keep to ourselves.

In closing I'll remind you what a bargain the club is. Twelve great parties shared with great people. Meaningful education in a relaxed, non threatening environment for every level of sailor. Organized activities on the water that everyone, boat owner or not are encouraged to participate in. Reciprocation to other clubs, discounts on insurance, use of the club house, the list really does go on and on.

It's your club, make the most of it. I think the weather is clearing a little, almost time to go sailing!

FLAG OFFICERS CORNER

Social Dinners on the Second Saturday-

We need your help. Please volunteer.

Our social dinners will be coordinated on a monthly basis by volunteers from the membership. Please sign up for any month and menu you wish. Our officers are available for assistance and consultation.

During our last officers meeting we decided to ask for 2-4 volunteers to have three meetings to design and implement a fund raising plan for the LMYC. This effort goes hand in hand with our membership recruitment but may be broadened to include a special event.

Seamanship Resources



