

Westerlies

Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay
Tiburon, California



NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
FRIDAY, APRIL 4
DOORS OPEN 5:30PM

Longitude 122° 28' W.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Gary Stypulkoski

I could have written the Commodore's Comments this month on *Ka-Nina*, waiting for the wind to fill in so we could start the second TYC race of the season. The bay was like a pond. Unfortunately the wind never came and the race is still in postponement. But it was a beautiful day and my crew did an excellent job of raising the main, trimming the jib, opening the wine and drinking without any spills. I'm hopeful that the wind gods will grace us with just enough wind to have two races on the 29th. The current forecast calls for wind and rain. This is winter sailing at its best!

We've managed to have several fun events in the past few weeks. Our general meeting/program featured wine tasting, something members indicated they would like to see at the club. We also had our first Bistro Night of the year with some great Italian fare from Milano's and music by the DownLow Duo. We closed out the month with the GreenLine Boats and Tesla

event. Erin and I even test drove one of the Tesla's, but I've decided to hold off on purchasing one for the short term since I'm not sure if we can afford getting all the speeding tickets that the car is capable of producing. The salesman held on for dear life as we rounded a few of the curves on Paradise Drive. After a spin in the Tesla, we slowed it

down and took an electric-powered dinghy, with a solar panel on the canopy, for a cruise around the Cay. This could be in our future since the top speed was only five knots.

At the board meeting this month, we spent the majority of our time discussing having the club open every Friday. The decision was made to have the club open starting at 5:30 every Friday evening starting in late April. We are still working out the details of how to staff the bar and what Friday nights will have some type of meal service. More details will be coming in the *Tidings*. For now, plan on it starting April 25th, which will also be the night of our second Friday Night Bistro, with food provided by Lily Kai. We also plan on having a few boat related activities for the kids since it will be the weekend of Opening Day on The Bay. So now is the time to get your boat in ship shape for the season.

When you come to TYC next month, you'll be among the first to enjoy our new tables. The old ones provided many good years of service and some even dated back to the original club. If any member wants one of the old tables, please come by the club the night of our next general meeting and program on April 4th and take one home.

Lastly, save the dates for the TYC Commodore's Cocktail Party on May 4th and the TYC Birthday/Cinco de Mayo Party featuring the Blues Burners on May 17th.

I look forward to seeing you at the club!

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Important Dates

Gen. Mtg. & Program:
Atlantic Passage
April 4

Bistro Night
April 25

Westerlies Deadline
April 28

Submit Articles or Photos to *Westerlies*

Westerlies is the monthly newsletter of the Tiburon Yacht Club. We welcome interesting, relevant stories, as well as photographs, from members and non-members alike.

Westerlies is distributed both by mail and online at www.tyc.org.

Submissions may be sent electronically to the editor at sheila@tonic.to. Deadline is usually the last Monday of the last full week of each month, but is always listed in the Calendar of Events, which appears both online and at the end of each issue of *Westerlies*.

All submissions will be edited for grammar, content, size and relevancy. Inclusion is up to the editor's discretion.



Note: TYC has a small camera available at the club for any member to use during clubhouse events.

Feel free to take snapshots at any time, especially if there is no "official photographer" on site. Use of this camera is encouraged. Resulting photos will be picked up from the club for possible inclusion in *Westerlies*.

Sheila Lyons
Editor

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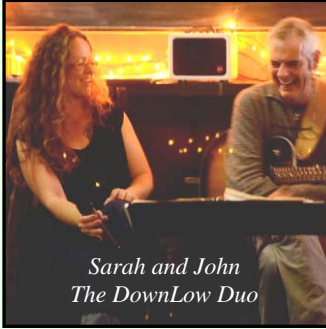
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The Social Scene

By Erin Styplkowski

Things have been happening at TYC! I hope you visited at least once, as we held a variety of events that hopefully had something for everyone. Here's an overview of these fine events:



*Sarah and John
The DownLow Duo*

Bistro Night

The month kicked off with one of our popular Bistro Nights catered by local favorite Milano Restaurant and featuring live music. The tunes of the DownLow Duo enhanced the overall atmosphere inside the club, adding life and warmth but without being so loud that you had difficulty carrying on conversations with friends and neighbors. Guitarist John Theis and vocalist Sarah Kerlow thoroughly enjoyed themselves along with everyone else and hope to return.

Even with one injured hand, Roger from Milano's did a stellar job—with the minor exception of, ah, late lasagna. But it was some of the tastiest lasagna I've ever had! Meanwhile there was plenty of salad, pasta and yummy garlic and cheese bread as well as a gorgeous bar, set up by Justin DeTray and Joe King. People lingered over drinks and Milano's delicious tiramisu dessert, enjoying the club and the mellow music of the DownLow Duo. We wish Roger a speedy recovery for his hand. (And lay off those pain pills, Roger!)

Speaker Series

At the March general meeting we got to know the charming local winemaker and skier, Jon Grant. He makes and blends his own wines with grapes from all over California, but insists that right here in Marin we have some of the best winemaking happening in the state! Everyone enjoyed his Straight Line and Couloir wines. Stop by Jon's Main Street Winery on Ark Row. Let him know you met or heard about him at TYC. He also has a nice wine club you can join that provides some enticing incentives.

St. Patrick's Day

From what I've heard, the blarney was flowing at the annual St. Paddy's Day Party, which was a rousing success. Enjoy Ann Watson's write up and pics on page 9!

Greenline/Tesla Event

Just in case Italian food, music, corned beef, or wine is not your thing (how picky can you be?), TYC hosted a green car and boat event March 21 and 22. Tesla brought cars for display and test drives. (Who knew a Tesla could be a family car, with a flip-row of seats in the back for tiny travelers?!) Many members and neighbors got to experience Tesla's 0-60mph acceleration in 4.2 seconds. The Greenline Hybrid electric trawler, Zapato Verde, was also at the club, along with Torqueedo and Ruckmarine. Greenline boats are beautifully made in Slovenia, of all places. These boats range from 33 to over 100 feet long—more than big enough to cruise around San Francisco Bay. Torqueedo's bright orange KONA 17 SportRIB electric speedboat was on display as were an electric pontoon boat and dinghy. The dingy cruised around the Cay with many TYCers at the helm, including our 12-year-old daughter and her friend.



Coming Up:

Looking forward, April sees the return of Lily Kai for a Bistro Night on the 25th (see flyer on page 5) and there is heavy rumor of another Ladies Night Out in either April or May. Stay tuned!

Commodore's Cocktail Party - Sunday, May 4 (Look for your invitation to arrive via the US Post Office.)

TYC Birthday Party & Blues Fest - Saturday, May 17: One of the biggest and most exciting parties of the year, be sure to put this date on your calendar today. It would be really great to see some newer, and even younger members, or members who have not been to a TYC event in a while, come to this event. This is not your grandmother's tea dance! The party organizer is looking for a few good souls who would like to be on the party committee to help make this event happen. There are many perks—including taste-testing of margarita's—so contact Trip Ames (tripames@comcast.net) and join in on the fun. See flyer with all the details on page 4 of this issue!

Saturday, May 17, 2014

Celebrate TYC's Birthday
At the
“CINCO DE MAYO” PARTY & BLUES FEST

Dinner, Dancing, Prizes & Surprises

DINNER CATERED BY *THE CANTINA*
MARGARITAS IN MULTIPLE FLAVORS
MUSIC BY *THE BLUES BURNERS*



Music & Dancing to the Best Blues & Rock Band in Marin
Doors Open at 6:00pm

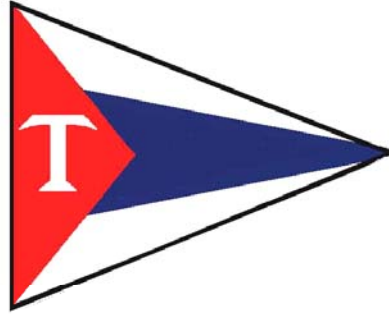
\$40 (cheap) - Dinner, Margaritas, Band, Prizes

Sign up at www.tyc.org

- Or -

Contact Trip Ames at: 435-1602 tripames@comcast.net

(Members are encouraged to invite guests.)



Bistro Night @ TYC

Friday, April 25

Back by Popular Demand



Happy Hour 5:30 - 6:30

\$1 off all drinks

Dinner served 6:30 - 8:00

\$11 Adults, \$6 Kids

Because we expect another sellout, reservations are required.

Please sign up at tyc.org, or call Trip Ames at 435-1602

(We will not run out of pot stickers)



CRUISE NEWS

BY JON PRICE

Oakland Yacht Club Cruise, April 18-20

With all the recent attention to the St. Francis Yacht Club cruise, the Oakland Yacht Club cruise seems to have fallen off the radar for the moment. Do not ignore this splendid club, which is situated on the Alameda Estuary, right next to Encinal Yacht Club.

The club has its own marina. The visitors' dock has recently been reconfigured and offers 30-amp electrical and potable water at each berth. For land cruisers, there is ample free parking and the Marina Village Inn nearby.

The club has excellent dining facilities as well as a variety of amenities. Those nearby include Shoreline Park, a supermarket, retail shops and a number of good restaurants.

The visit to this club will be a memorable experience and you are encouraged to sign up on the TYC website (www.tyc.org.)

Giants Game Outing May 25 and South Beach Cruise

It's your choice how to participate in this returning TYC tradition:

- **Weekend cruise** to South Beach over Memorial Day.
- Ride our **private yacht** to the Giants game direct from Paradise Cay.
- Or come on your own and still enjoy our **reserved TYC block seating**.



Day boat from the Cay: Cruise to the game from the Cay aboard new member **Jack Wernick's** 50' Sea Ray, *Lady*. Cost is \$42 per person: \$30 for your field level seat and a \$12 contribution toward fuel costs (ferry from Larkspur costs \$22). Space is limited. Mail your check, payable to TYC, to:

Patty Cerf
182 St. Thomas Way
Tiburon 94920

TYC members and immediate family only, please.

Or buy your game tickets (1 pm, Sunday, May 25 vs. Minnesota, \$30) in the TYC block, then take the Larkspur ferry directly to the park, or get there on your own. Supply is limited so send your check to Patty now.

Best choice is to spend the weekend on your boat with our fleet in fabulous South Beach Marina. Enjoy all that San Francisco has to offer: museums, restaurants (brunch at Town's End), the Ferry Building farmers' market and more. It's a **great cruise for your family**: A little park adjoins the marina, and the Exploratorium is a delightful Embarcadero waterfront stroll or a short tram ride away.

There are **two reserved slips remaining** in our block of 10 as of this writing, so sign up on the Cruise page now – first come, first served.

Space is limited, so sign up now. We look forward to seeing you at the game!

~ Walt ("Say Ahoy Willie") Bilofsky

RACE NOTES

BY JIM BLISS



Second Midwinter Race - March 8, 2014:

The weather for the second Midwinter was encouraging...blue sky, smooth water, a slack tide, but...barely a breeze. Well, winter on the Bay is like that, and it feels so good to get back on the water, even if it requires a wait for the wind.

There were 14 boats entered for this second Midwinter, and 12 optimistic skippers brought their boats out to the starting line for a 1pm start. Such a good turnout was evidence that the racers were ready! But, the wind was not. Oh well, a wait is not unusual for a midwinter, and it will be worth the wait. At 12:50, I called for a 20-minute postponement, thinking that the wind was imminent. But it was not. After 20 minutes, there was still no sign of wind, so I called for another 20-minute postponement. As the second postponement was expiring, all could see occasional ripples on the water appear and fade. The flags on the race deck would occasionally flutter and droop. By now, the boats had spread out from the line, and a few reported hopeful signs of wind where they were. Unfortunately, the signs were more hope than wind. With a flood tide about to start, and no real evidence of wind, I called for another postponement.

To make a long story short, at 2:15pm there was still no sign of wind, so the handwriting was on the wall; there would be no race today. Skippers were growing tired of the wait and starting to bring their boats back to their berths. We officially postponed the race until March 29th, so we could sail two races to make up for not racing today.

Back at the club, the disappointment for not racing turned into acknowledgement that it still had been nice to be on the water, if only to drift. And, two races on the 29th was deemed a good solution. Racers, by their nature, are an optimistic lot.

The remaining 2014 Midwinter Races are: Midwinter #2 & #3 on March 29th

Again, our **2014 Race Calendar** continues as follows:

Don Wan Regatta - April 12

Behrens Regatta - May 17

Friday Night Racing - Every Friday Night starting May 23 and ending September 12

TYC/CYC Friendship Regatta (hosted at CYC) - June 14

H. O. Lind Series - Jun 28, July 19 & August 23

Brothers & Sisters Race - July 4

Moseley Regatta (for Etchells & Knarrrs) - July 26

Fox Hat Regatta - August 16

Tornberg Regatta (TYC Members Only) - September 13

Short-Handed Regatta - October 4

Joan Storer Women's Regatta - October 11

Red Rock Regatta - November 1

Wild Turkey Regatta - November 28

Volunteers needed for Race Committees:

We still seek volunteers to serve on race committees for our 2014 races. We would like at least two people for each race so we can pair a new volunteer with an experienced member. Most of all we need members who have done the race committee before. We also invite racers to learn the race committee procedures and take a turn serving. Non-racers who would like to become familiar with the racing process before giving racing a try are also invited. Please pick your preferred dates and races from the above list. Training and guidance will be provided as required. Contact me, Jim Bliss, at race@tyc.org or 415-407-8059 with any questions. If you can help us out, it will be greatly appreciated.



- Friday evening, April 4
- Pizza and salad served from 5:30 pm
- A brief General Meeting at 7 pm, followed by **the evening's program:**

April 4: Atlantic Passage. Sail along with lifelong bluewater sailors and TYC members Alice and Jon Shinn as they voyage from Cape Cod across the Atlantic Ocean, stop off in Porto, Portugal (above) for a little port wine, and then continue their 7,400 mile journey up the coast of Europe to the dramatic fjords of Norway. Don't miss this lavishly illustrated adventure!

Coming Attraction:



May 2: Raise the Potomac!

The presidential yacht of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the USS Potomac, has had a long and checkered history, from a decoy ship enabling a WW II summit to a drug runner to a sunken wreck off Treasure Island.

Admire the list of celebrity guests, including England's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and a later celebrity owner (quite a different king). Learn the real function of the fake second funnel.

And find out how the Potomac was rescued, refloated, refitted and restored to its historical dignity as a crown jewel of the Port of Oakland.

This presentation by the nonprofit Potomac Association will feature a video, talk and question and answer session. Be in the know about this Bay Area landmark!



Report on March's Program: Wine and pizza pairings? Only at TYC, as the Couloir Wines | Straight Line Wine Tasting Room (72 Main St. on Ark Row) poured generous libations for some 45 TYC members who were then held spellbound by winemaker Jon Grant's passion for his craft.

Thanks to dinner organizer Nancy Bilofsky, set up and food prep helpers Ann Tunney, Ann Watson, Mariellen Stern and Walt Bilofsky, and bartenders Brian Swift, Jack Wernick, Roger Fuller, Joe King.

- Walt ("Any Old Port") Bilofsky, Program Chair



St. Patrick's Day Review

On Saturday, March 15, TYC got its green on in a big way. Irish tunes filled the air while the bar saw some lively action involving Jameson and other fine spirits. Pub games were available for play and shamrock necklaces abounded. There were some mighty fine hats as well. Bea Lufi and Patty Cerf womaned the door and handed out the necklaces.

The crowd feasted on corned beef sliders, coleslaw and potatoes O'Brien, all made by galley leprechauns Patty Cerf and Ruth Fults. Servers were Ann Tunney and Joan Dekelbourn. The meal was followed by Irish cream cake washed down by Marcia Sullivan's famous Irish coffees, which were served by St. Patrick himself.

A lively trivia quiz ensued and everyone left with the newfound knowledge of their Celtic horoscope animal. The club looked its finest thanks to Carole and Gerry Gunn and John Sullivan's spritely decorations. And it shined at the end of the evening thanks to a clean-up crew made up of Carole and Gerry Gunn, René and Ian Matthew and dishwasher extraordinaire Ruth Fults. Thanks to everyone for making it a lively and festive event.

~ Vice Commodore Ann Watson



THANK YOU TO OUR MARCH VOLUNTEERS!

Recognizing Members Who Have Volunteered at TYC Events in the Past Month

As a volunteer-run club, the continuing efforts of our members are what keep Tiburon Yacht Club thriving and vital. Below is a list of those who have given time and effort to make each and every event fun, memorable and worthwhile for everyone.

This volunteer list was reconstructed at the end of the month, so if names have been left out we apologize. If you let Social Chair Erin Stypulkoski know, we'll get your name in next month!

Bistro Night Crew

Erin and Gary Stypulkoski
Justin DeTray
Joe King
Susie and Lon Woodrum

It's All Green Crew

Erin and Gary Stypulkoski
Melanie Wegner

St. Patrick's Day Crew

Ann Watson
Carole and Gerry Gunn
Patty Cerf
Marcia and John Sullivan
Ruth Fults
Joan Dekelbourn
Ann Tunney
Ian and René Matthew

General Meeting/Wine Tasting Crew

Walt and Nancy Bilofsky
Roger Fuller
Joe King
Mariellen Stern
Brian Swift
Ann Tunney
Ann Watson
Jack Wernick



New members
Michelle and Shannon
Ackert await a wind
that never came
aboard Commodore
Stypulkoski's boat,
Ka-Nina.

April 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 Mar | 31 | 1 Apr | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| St. Francis Y.C. Cruise-Out. | | 9:00am - 10:00am Beg. Tai Chi 10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi 7:00pm PCHA Meeting | | | General Meeting and Speakers' Series - Atlantic Passage | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | | 9:00am - 10:00am Beg. Tai Chi 10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi | | Club Cleaning 6:30pm Board Meeting | | 12:00pm Don Wan Regatta |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | | 9:00am - 10:00am Beg. Tai Chi 10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi | | Club Cleaning | Oakland Y.C. Cruise-Out. | Oakland Y.C. Cruise-Out. Cruise In Richardson Bay |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Oakland Y.C. Cruise-Out. | | 9:00am - 10:00am Beg. Tai Chi 10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi | Club Cleaning | | 5:30pm Bistro Night-Lily Kai | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 May | 2 | 3 |
| | Westerlies Deadline | | | | 5:30pm Gen. Mtg./Pizza and Program: Raise the Potomac! | |

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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Mothers Day | | | | | | Behren's Regatta TYC Bday Bash |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | | | | | South Beach Cruise 6:30pm Fri. Night Race | South Beach Cruise |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| South Beach Cruise Giants Baseball Outing | South Beach Cruise Memorial Day | Westerlies Deadline | | | 6:30pm Fri. Night Race | |

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