

Westerlies

Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay
Tiburon, California



NEXT GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 3
DOORS OPEN 5:30PM

Longitude 122° 28' W.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Ann Watson

April is when we take things into account at tax time. And here at TYC we always take our volunteers into account. Yes, there are our visible, active board members and committee chairs, and we always thank those volunteers who help with the bar, dinners and parties. But we must also thank those member volunteers working behind the scenes to keep this club running. They are like Adam Smith's invisible hand.

There's our resident CPA, Patty Cerf, who makes sure our state and federal tax returns get done properly. Construction Manager Peter Schoen does countless maintenance projects that benefit both the club and marina. Along with Bill Hoehler, he meets repairmen and analyzes bids and specs for construction and repairs, keeping everything on track.

pile the handbook, make badges and do balloting administration.

Ken Romley spent hours analyzing the best POS system for the club, training us and tweaking it to best serve our needs. Paula Blake ensured we got the best deal on our cocktail napkins, prepared your Commodore's Cocktail Party invitations, and proofs the club's handbook every year. Joan Dekelbom prepared the club's original landscaping plan, now being overseen by Shirley Vaughn. Trip Ames keeps us well insured. Gerry Gunn and John Sullivan are working to refine club financial projections. Walt Bilofsky and Don Kunstler labored mightily to prepare the recent club survey. Now Dick Selmeier and Don are working on the member retention study. There are many more members who help in unsung ways. Please forgive me for not mentioning you all.

So think about how you can keep us functioning smoothly by lending some of your talents to the club. Start by coming to the club work party on Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. followed by a light lunch. Among other things, we'll organize the storeroom, polish the trophies, clean the windows, and organize the galley. You'll get to see Peter and Bill in action. So please come be one of the invisible hands that keep the club ship-shape and in Bristol fashion.

Also behind the scenes, your board has been spending weekend time tweaking the club's draft

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Important Dates

Easter Egg Hunt
April 3

Friday Dinner
April 10 & 24

Commodore's
Cocktail Party
April 19

Westerlies Deadline
April 27

All the beautiful floral arrangements at the club are done for us by Jane Borodkin. Susie Woodrum, Carole Gunn, Marcia Sullivan and many others launder, fold and put away our galley and bar towels. Susan Hoehler and Justin Detray make sure the club is supplied with durable goods and liquor. Ruth Fults and Susie Woodrum process membership applications, assemble new member packets, com-

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.



Westerlies can always use good photographs.

Members are encouraged to pull out their phones or cameras at any of our events, snap a few shots, and email them to the editor. In addition, *TYC* has a small camera available at the club for any member to use during club-house events. Feel free to use this camera to take snap-shots at any time, especially if there is no "official photographer" on site. If you let me know, resulting photos will be picked up from the club for possible inclusion in *Westerlies*.

Sheila Lyons
Editor
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TYC Has Merchandise!

Warm, comfy fleece-lined blankets are just one of the many TYC-embroidered items available for purchase. Perfect for those chilly, foggy summer evenings!

Lightweight and packable, they also make great picnic, beach and game-day blankets.

Contact Jessica Pressman at Jesspressman@gmail.com to find out how to get yourself one (or two!).

The Social Scene

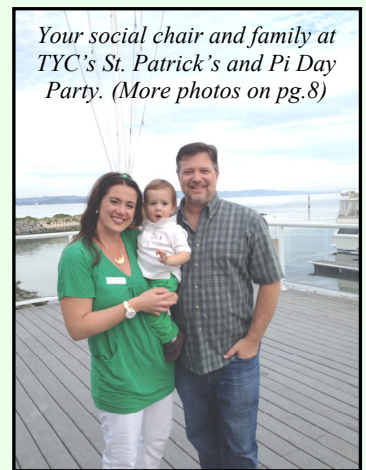
By Telesha Destein

It is late Friday evening as I write this month's column and I'm reflecting on what fun it was at the club tonight. This was our fourth "Friday Night Social" and including kids and babies, we had almost 100 people at TYC! I saw familiar faces, new faces and faces of members whom I haven't seen at the club since Michael and I joined a little over a year ago. Maybe it was the delectable Mediterranean fare, or the warm weather, or maybe TYC is really feeling the fresh start of a new season.

In celebrating the first day of spring and pushing the clocks ahead to enjoy a little more light at the end of the day, my reflections really do feel like the leaves are turning over. These aren't new leaves per se, but leaves from ghosts' past when the parties were alive, decorations and costumes were extravagant, and enthusiasm, camaraderie and the true meaning of being a part of Tiburon Yacht Club were undeniable. I only know all of this because I've talked to you, I've read the social club binders in the storage room, I've seen the pictures and the twinkle in your eyes and smiles on your faces when you tell me all about it.

As Social Chair this year, and a proud member of this club, I want you to know that the past is important. I hope to bring some vigor to the club and serve all of your interests. Whether it's resurrecting old traditions, coordinating annual parties, or trying out new ideas, I hope to continue to find ways of encouraging camaraderie among our diverse membership. Commodore Ann and I work closely on TYC's social scene and she has given me courage to try new things while inspiring me to stay true to our club's legacy. She also has an incredibly dedicated board behind her, supporting us through these inevitable changing seasons.

I'm enjoying what feels like longer days but, wow, did March seem to fly by! It started out with Commodore Ann's General Meeting, followed by a lively St. Patrick's Day party and finished off with two Friday Night Socials. Thank you, Nancy Bilofsky and team for spearheading the St. Patrick's Day Party. Here is Nancy's recap:



Your social chair and family at TYC's St. Patrick's and Pi Day Party. (More photos on pg.8)

All the right spirits were out at TYC's St. Patrick's and Pi Day Party. Volunteers, as well as other attendees, made this party a wonderful event. Of particular note are the new members who helped make it a success. So welcome and thanks to new member volunteers, Leif and Barbro Gistrand, Sophia Yao, Barbara Lonn, and Lisa and Alexi Stavropoulos. Of course, many others helped, including Ann Tunney and Marcia Sullivan, who made and donated the delicious Colcannon, and Jane Borodkin, who donated and arranged all the flowers. Additional volunteer bartenders, galley help, and other chore doers included: Ann Watson, Catherine Damele, Deanne and Harvey Gilbert, Derice Tao, Ian Matthew, Joe King, John "St. Patrick" Sullivan, Lon and Susie Woodrum, Patty Cerf, Roy Borodkin, Shirley Vaughan, Telesha Destein, and Walt Bilofsky. A big thank you to all of these helpers. Thanks also to all the other helpers who contributed to clean up and take down of the tables and chairs, etc.



The Cabana Shack visited us on Friday, March 20 yet we didn't have many come by the club. Perhaps it was the menu...or perhaps just bad timing (?). The following Friday we served Avi's Mediterranean cuisine and this one was a hit! We will definitely serve this again. Thank you for your prompt RSVPs. I can't tell you enough how important these RSVPs are to the success of our social events, especially when there is dinner involved.

Spring is here and the club doors will be open to let that fresh air rush through! We say goodbye to March and its extremely warm weather. I know that many are hoping for some April showers (to bring May flowers), but rain or shine the club will be hoppin' this month. I'm so excited to share the fun events we have planned with you! Commodore Ann will again host the Children's Easter Egg Hunt followed by the General Meeting.

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strategic plan. Our refined vision statement is: "A casual yacht club with a deep spirit of camaraderie and cooperation." Our mission statement is: "TYC attracts members and families onto the water and into the clubhouse with fun activities to satisfy a variety of members' interests. We participate, volunteer, and share our skills to create what we enjoy." Indeed, due to our volunteers, our slogan should be: "We create what we enjoy."

Club management has set forth five major goals for the club: 1) increased, balanced programs and activities; 2) sustainable membership; 3) build leadership and volunteerism; 4) financial stability; and 5) a strong, mutually beneficial relationship with Paradise Cay Yacht Harbor. We are now in the process of working as committees to establish the tasks to achieve these goals. Once the plan is completed, we'll present the whole package to the club, building on Gary's presentation last year. Many thanks to volunteer Walt Bilofsky who has spent countless hours facilitating this effort and who will keep the finalized tasks on track.

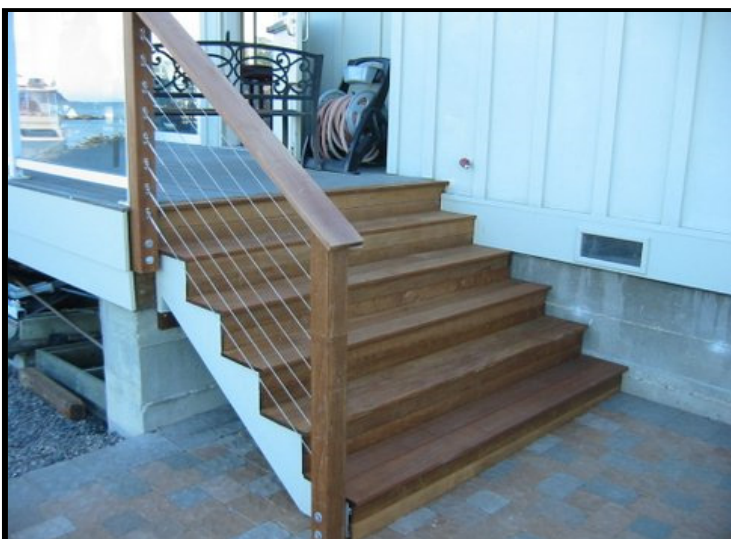
There are four final ways that you can help TYC. First, we are trying our best to keep the club open every Friday night with bar and food service. But this requires timely RSVPs. Accurate attendance counts mean we do not risk losing money by having too much food, nor do we have to turn away members who walk in. We need to be a bit more Adam Smith-like in how we manage the club bar and galley if we are going to be open consistently.

Second, come down on Fridays! We need to have enough members participating to make all the effort worthwhile. And consider sponsoring a dinner. Third, bear with us as we refine the POS system and learn to use it quicker, thereby helping us manage bar finances.

Along these lines, the fourth way to help is to understand the economics of our bar. To keep your bar prices reasonable, we must adhere to a standard-size pour instead of filling glasses to the rim like we used to. Our wine glasses are now bigger than they used to be, so the fill line is now lower. So please don't expect a club bartender to top it all the way up. You're still getting a great deal for \$5.

And speaking of the bar, your invitations are arriving for the annual Commodore's Cocktail Party on Sunday, April 19 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Drinks are on me! Members, please come with an appetizer to share and guests who are prospective members.

But before that party, there's this week's first TYC Easter Egg Hunt—Friday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m.—before the dinner and general meeting. Volunteers are helping Telesha and me stuff plastic eggs with treats. So come on down early and watch the fun before dinner and the program. This month may the bunny be good to you. Or may you find the hidden matzo and enjoy those four glasses of wine.



Your Dues Dollars at Work: TYC's brand new patio was featured in last month's *Westerlies*. This month we just can't help bragging about the beautiful new stairway leading down to it. The wood is Ipe and some of the material for building these steps (which now span the width of the deck) were donated by Ron Tostenson.

Membership Notes

By Ruth Fults

Welcome, new associate members **Marc and Patricia Steuer**, who live on Trinidad in Paradise Cay, and new junior member **Micherice Tao**. It's so nice to have you!



New Members receive their membership packets from Commodore Ann at TYC's St. Patrick's Day Party



Membership Handbook

The 2015 Members Handbook along with membership cards should be available at the Commodores Cocktail Party. If anyone needs their cards sooner, you can pick them up from me. Let me know!

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CRUISE NEWS

BY RICK BLAKE & JON PRICE

THE BENICIA/SUISUN CITY (SOLANO YC) CRUISE WITH OPTIONS (RICK BLAKE)

- Departing Thursday the 23rd of this month, cruising across San Pablo Bay through the Carquinez Strait to the delightful waterfront town of Benicia
- Interesting shops, quite a few good restaurants and an overall delightful atmosphere

On Friday cruisers will have the option of cruising home (Option 1), or continuing on past the Mothball Fleet and up Montezuma Slough and San Joaquin River west to another interesting waterfront town: Suisun City, where we will be hosted by the friendly members of the Solano Yacht Club (Option 2).

It's dinner in town Friday night, and a cook-your-own-steak (supplied by Solano YC for \$18.00) on Saturday. No charge for docking at Solano YC. Sunday is departure day.

This will be a great extended weekend. Sign-up is on TYC's Cruise page. Indicate your option by specifying your arrival and departure days as follows: Option (1) - Thursday to Friday; Option (2) - Thursday to Sunday.

RICHMOND YACHT CLUB CRUISE-OUT, MARCH 20-22 (JON PRICE)

Arrival of four boats at Richmond Yacht Club Harbor during the course of Friday afternoon was uneventful. But the action picked up in the club bar at about five o'clock when those of us who had cruised in found a bunch of other club members already there, making for a lively cocktail hour lasting until dinner time.



Dinner at the club was served in a different manner than any other club your correspondent had visited, everyone lining up at the galley window and ordering from the menu, then paying for the order. Food was excellent, and it was a satiated bunch that left the club dining room later that evening.

Next day a number of us elected to visit the Red Oak Victory (victory ship in Richmond harbor), which included a fascinating tour of the ship and its impressive museum. The ship is in the process of being restored, and the docents told us they expected it to be operational in

about two years, at which time we should see it out there touring the Bay along with the liberty ship, Jeremiah O'Brien.

Saturday evening Jerry and Pat Tostenson very kindly opened their lovely home just across the inlet from RYC for a barbecue. But when we got there, instead of just the cruising group, we found what seemed like half our entire club there. Overwhelming and what fun! It was truly a grand get-together a great way to wind up our weekend.



Pat and Jerry Tostenson graciously hosted TYC cruisers and then some at their Richmond home.



RACE NOTES

BY MARIELLEN STERN



Race Number 3 of the TYC Midwinter series finally got off to a start after two postponements. Very light air and a building ebb tide made for a very challenging day!

Joyride, *Ma's Rover*, and *Lion* were the first three boats around the weather mark. The ebb continued to build and the wind was rapidly dying, so race committee made a good call, shortening the course after rounding the first weather mark and heading back to the finish line. *Lion*, *Joyride*, *Ma's Rover*, and *Diversión* were all very close to finish, but the ebb and light air took charge. Lon Woodrum and Steve Nimz's *Lion* even anchored off the finish line in hopes the breeze would freshen. But by 4:00 p.m. Race Number 3 of the 2015 TYC Midwinter's was abandoned.



Light winds make for a short course during Midwinter Race #3

Final Results of the 2015 TYC Midwinter Series:

Spinnaker Division

- 1st - *Ma's Rover* - Mark Eastham
- 2nd - *Siento El Viento* - Ian Matthew
- 3rd - *Joyride* - Bill Hoehler

Non-Spinnaker Division

- 1st - *Lion* - Lon Woodrum/Steve Nimz
- 2nd - *Cinnamon Girl* - Mariellen Stern
- 3rd - *Neverland* - Aiden Collins

Special thanks to Gary Proctor for assisting Floyd Fulmer (who hails from SYC) on race committee.

Another big thank you goes out to Dan Higgins, Lon Woodrum, and Gerry Gunn for correcting the angle of our start line between Panda and Hopeful.

Coming up on April 11 is the Annual Don Wan Regatta. Don Kunstler and his crew will be officiating from the water. Sign up directly on Jibaset.net or through the TYC website. #

2015 TYC RACING EVENTS

Don Wan Regatta - April 1

Behrens Regatta - May 16

Friday Night Racing - Every Friday night starting May 22, ending September 4

TYC/CYC Friendship Regatta (hosted at TYC) - May 30

H. O. Lind Series - June 20, July 25 & August 22

Brothers & Sisters Race - July 4

Moseley Regatta (for Etchells & Knarrrs) - July 18

Fox Hat Regatta - August 15

Tornberg Regatta (TYC Members Only) - September 12

Short-Handed Regatta - October 3

Joan Storer Women's Regatta - October 17

Red Rock Regatta - October 31

Wild Turkey Regatta - November 27

(Social Scene continued...)

Friday Night Socials will continue with the great momentum we've gotten going. Mid-month is the Commodore's Cocktail Party and we finish off the month with Opening Day on this beautiful Bay and our very own "Opening Day" wine tasting party, featuring Matanzas Creek Winery of Sonoma. This will be the first of a series of wine tastings we will be having at the club. Stay tuned for more details about how to get your TYC "Wine Tasting Passport"!

Michael, Enzo and I will be enjoying the club all of April, so hope to see you there. We will be traveling most of May, but will be back in time for the Club's BIG 50th Birthday Party on Saturday, May 30th, a party you don't want to miss featuring The Hot Rods, a "back to the 50's" rock and roll band (www.hotrodsband.com). So dust off your poodle skirt and be on the lookout for more details!

Lastly, if you use Facebook, please "like" the Tiburon Yacht Club's page! We hope to use this soon as another way to communicate about TYC's social scene.

Enzo's Corner

What's Happening
for Kids at TYC



Hello! My name is Vincenzo Destein, but you can call me Enzo. I am 15 months old and my favorite things to do are going for boat rides with my family and playing at the park. I live in the Cay and have been coming to the club since I was just a few months old. All of you welcomed me with open arms and I start squealing in my seat every time we pull onto that narrow road that leads to the yacht club!

Commodore Ann suggested I use this space every month to talk to the kids of TYC. You may have noticed the new play yard set up at most family events. This is a great area for kids of all ages to hang out in and a dedicated spot where we can play with each other. Thank you to the adults for giving us some space to call our own! I can't guarantee we will stay in this space—ha ha—but it's worth a try! Also, you may have noticed that a lot of my friends have been coming with me to the club. My mommy and papa are always telling everyone how great TYC is, so lots of people will be coming to check it out!

Mommy stays home with me, so we have a lot of time to talk. She's been telling me all about these ideas she has JUST FOR KIDS! I hope to share details about everything with you on a monthly basis in this section as her ideas come to fruition. But for now, here are a few ideas: The Babysitters' Club of TYC, water olympics, kayak lessons/races, holiday parties, movie night, game night and more!

Hope to see you on Friday nights in the play yard! Ciao!

GIANTS OUTING AND CRUISE



Giants Game – Reserve Your Tickets...

Our traditional outing to a World Champion S.F. Giants game is on **Sunday, June 14 at 1:00 pm**. Seats are field level in left field. Send your check for \$52 per ticket, payable to TYC, to Walt Bilofsky, 4804 Paradise Drive, Tiburon 94920. See our home page at www.tyc.org for more information. Or email bilofsky@toolworks.com.

...and the South Beach Harbor / Giants Cruise

Start with the Giants game, add a beautiful neighborhood with restaurants from Momo's to the Java House, a walk along the Embarcadero to the Ferry Building's Farmers' Market, maybe a dim sum lunch at Yank Sing, and a dinner at the South Beach Yacht Club. Then, on your own, attractions like the new Exploratorium and Pier 39 are a short street-car ride away.

Add it all up and it's our South Beach Cruise! Arrive as early as Friday, June 12. Leave after the Sunday game or stay until Monday. So sign up on the Cruise page, mail Walt a \$10 berth reservation fee, and look forward to joining new and old TYC friends on a weekend not to be missed.



**St. Patrick's Day Fun
at TYC**



Cooperating Group—GA84410Y

TYC has once again renewed their cooperating group accord with BoatUS. This agreement gives TYC members who join or renew their membership in this great organization a 50% discount on the \$30 yearly membership.

Yes, for only \$15 a year BoatUS makes available a broad range of services including marina and fuel discounts, low cost boat insurance, on-the-water towing services, EPIRB rentals and a kids life jacket loaner program. They have an excellent bimonthly magazine, which alone is worth the \$15 in annual dues. Their website provides excellent information on boating safety, buying and selling a boat, as well as access to a boat recall registry and consumer protection bureau.

Possibly one of the most important reasons for belonging to BoatUS is to support their efforts as an effective lobby representing boater interests on the federal level.

Already a Member of BoatUS?

Make sure you are billed at the group rate of \$15. If not, put our cooperating group number – **GA84410Y** – on your renewal notice and pay the reduced group dues. Keep this number handy until you've renewed your membership. It will also be posted at the club.

Not Yet a Member of BoatUS?

To learn more about the benefits of membership visit their website, www.boatus.com. If you need further information, or want a membership application, contact Bob or Patty Cerf at 435-9587 or rcerf@comcast.net.

April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Mar	30	31	1 Apr	2	3	4
	2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jongg 3:30pm - 5:30pm CSA 29 (Dredging) Meeting	10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi		Club Cleaning	5:00pm - 6:00pm Easter Egg Hunt!!! 5:30pm General Meeting/Dinner	
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Mothers Day	2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jongg	10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi		6:30pm TYC Board Meeting	5:00pm Friday Night Social - Dinner TBD	11:00am Behrens Regatta
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HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY, TYC!!!	2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jongg	10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi			Cruise Out to Ballena Bay YC 6:30pm TYC Friday Night Racing	Cruise Out to Ballena Bay YC
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31	1 Jun	2	3	4	5	6
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