

# Westerlies

## Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay  
Tiburon, California



Longitude 122° 28' W.



### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS



*By Nancy Bilofsky*

Remember to cast your ballot to vote for the bylaws amendment allowing associate members the right to vote after three years of membership. You can either mail the ballot to arrive at the club's post office box by noon, April 8, or cast your vote in person on that date between 6:00 and 7:00pm or for one hour after the start of the general meeting. Thank you for voting.

Speaking of voting, during this heavy election year please remember that TYC does not endorse or oppose any candidate. Even if a member rents the club for a political event, the rental does not constitute support for the candidate. Staying neutral serves the club well in the long run.

To everyone who renewed their membership this year, thank you. Now let's add to our membership. On April 17—in addition to the Commodore's Cocktail Party from 4:00-6:00pm—we are adding something new, coordinated by Dick Selmeier and Walt Bilofsky.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8  
General Meeting  
Doors open 5:30pm

April 10  
Sunday Brunch  
11:00am

April 17  
Commodore's Guest Cruise  
2:30pm  
Commodore's Cocktail  
Party  
4:00pm

April 20  
Indian Cooking Class  
6:00pm

We want prospective members to experience the fun we have, both on the water and at the clubhouse. So from 2:30pm to 4:00pm on Saturday, April 17, members and the prospective members they bring as their guests will have the opportunity to board a boat for a short cruise on the Bay, subject to weather and space. So please bring a prospective member for a boat ride, or sign up to volunteer your boat for this event. Afterwards have a drink or two at the cocktail party starting at 4:00pm, compliments of the commodore.

Thank you to all the March event leaders: Program Chair Bob Mott brought us speaker Paul Kaplan on general meeting night, which also included table games before the meeting; Lon and Susie Woodrum spearheaded a docent tour of the Matthew Turner Tall Ship; René Matthew taught our first cooking class; Shirley Vaughan brought us another Happy Hour; and Social Chair Rita Pirie revived the TYC Ski Cruise and also delighted children with an Easter Egg Hunt with major help from Jessica Pressman.

As we complete the first third of this year, with membership participation ranging from coordinating and working an entire event to just playing, relaxing and enjoying, be assured that TYC appreciates all levels of involvement. The next couple of months include several catered events. Look for details on those and other events in this issue as well as at [www.tyc.org](http://www.tyc.org), in club emails and the TYC Tidings.

## 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](http://www.tyc.org).

Submissions may be sent electronically to the editor at [sheila@tonic.to](mailto: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, especially if there is no "official" photographer on site.

~Sheila Lyons, Editor  
[sheila@tonic.to](mailto:sheila@tonic.to)

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## TYC welcomes the Irwin Family



Meet the Irwins—Jimmy, Jen, Chris and Charlie (from left to right). They moved from Southern California to Paradise Drive last June and are loving Marin. Although they don't have a boat at this time, they hope to get one soon.

Jen says they look forward to being a part of TYC life and getting to know everyone.

Be sure to introduce yourselves when you see them at the club!



# The Social Scene

By Rita Pirie

March began with two simultaneous events: the cruise/field trip to the Matthew Turner in Sausalito, with our own Lon Woodrum as head docent, and the ski cruise to Lake Tahoe's north shore. It was a very busy weekend for TYCers! Since I was organizing the ski cruise, I was not able to attend the Matthew Turner tour. But be sure to read Susie Woodrum's write up on this event in this month's *Cruise News*.

## TYC Ski CRUISE RETURNS

After a really warm February, the 2016 Ski Cruise was not looking too promising. However, the weather gods came through with fresh snow just in the nick of time. Those of us who were able to arrive on Thursday had a fun evening and dinner at the Cottonwood Restaurant during a little pre-ski get together. Over the next two days we were able to get in some great skiing at Northstar. Those who didn't ski had a lovely lunch in Truckee and checked out the local stores for a little shopping. Some even visited the new Donner Party Museum.

The Canada's hosted an après ski dinner of Mexican food and margaritas on Friday evening. Saturday's après ski party was held at Roslyn Ewings' home in Truckee with an Italian dinner. A big thank you goes to all who contributed to making this ski cruise a big success: Bill and Chris Canada, Suzanne and John Orvis, Lauren and Dick Selmeier, Roslyn Ewing, Karen and Mike Obley, and Jack Solomon. A toast was made to Stan and Nancy Behrens for starting this fun tradition, which hopefully will continue in the years to come. It is a wonderful outing as well for our young families who like to ski.

## EASTER EGG HUNT & PARTY

We closed out March with the Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Party. Toddlers and young children alike had a great time collecting all of the eggs hidden in the park behind the club. They couldn't wait to open their eggs to see what surprise was inside. After the egg hunt, the children moved to the craft tables to make bunny masks and bunny puppets.

With all of these activities, our hunters and gatherers needed some sustenance. They snacked on fresh fruit, pigs in a blanket and rainbow sherbet punch. Special thanks goes to my daughter, Jessica Pressman, for her creative crafts and organizational skills. Thank you also to Karen Obley for all of her help with the egg hunt and party.



Gathering Easter eggs in the park

## COMING UP

**April 10** is our first Sunday brunch from 11:00am to 1:00pm, catered by Chef Ellie. She has a fabulous menu planned for us. Details are on page 4. Be sure to RSVP early and no later than April 6!

The Commodore's Cocktail Party is on **April 17**. Remember to please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and a potential member!

And don't forget to mark your calendars for TYC's Margarita Madness: Cinco de Mayo TYC Birthday Bash on **May 7**. Chef Ellie will prepare a delicious Mexican dinner and we'll see the return of our favorite band The Blues Brothers. So get out your Sombreros and get ready to boogie! See all the details on page 5.

## Crazy for Custards and Creams Cooking Class

René Matthew held a cooking class on Wednesday, March 23 for which eight people signed up. Patty Cerf, Sheila Lyons, Tetyana Hrehk, Nataliya Anon, Brian Forster, Katie Ai and Deanne Gilbert were the students who learned René's techniques for making vanilla bean crème brûlée, bittersweet and milk chocolate pots de crème and both vanilla and butter-milk panna cotta.

René made it a fun and informative session for all and included a door prize.

Everyone took home full-size samples of all the desserts they had made to enjoy later. Thank you, René, for a most delicious and informative class!

The next TYC cooking class—A Taste of India—is on **April 20**. See page 4 for details and registration information.

## *Tiburon Yacht Club Presents:*

### *A Springtime Sunday Brunch*

*Sunday, April 10  
11:00am - 1:00pm*

*Fabulous and extensive menu:*

*Eggs and Quiche  
Sausage and Ham  
Home Fries  
French Toast  
Breakfast Breads  
Mixed Greens  
Fruit  
Juices*

*Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers and Mimosas available  
for purchase at the bar.*

Go to [www.tyc.org](http://www.tyc.org) to reserve early!

[Deadline for reservations: April 6](#)

## **Cooking Class – A Taste of India**



Join us for a fun and interactive evening as we take the mystery out of Indian cooking!

You will discover how to use Indian spices and prepare a healthy multi-course meal. We will make the classic dishes: chicken tikka masala, fragrant Basmati rice, and seasonable vegetables.

Best of all, we'll wrap up the evening by enjoying the meal we made.

You'll have an exciting epicurean experience and take home recipes, spice samples and some shopping tips.

### **Registration info**

Date of Class: **Wednesday, April 20**

Time: **6:00-8:00pm**

Price: **\$60 per person**

***Register by April 15<sup>th</sup>***

Class limited to the first eight people to sign up.

Want to bring a guest? Be sure to register them at time of online sign-up at [www.tyc.org](http://www.tyc.org).





**Club de Yates Tiburon**

## **TYC's Combined Cinco de Mayo and 51th Birthday Bash**

**Dinner, Dancing & Surprises  
Platos Mexicanos by Ellie**

**Margaritas...endless Margaritas**

**Music and Entertainment by the Blues Burners  
(The Best Blues and rock Band in Marin)**

**Where: Tiburon Yacht Club Clubhouse**

**When: Saturday evening, May 7, 6-11 PM**

**The Tab: (muy barato!) \$45**

**Questions: Check with Rita Pirie  
at [rwpirie@comcast.net](mailto:rwpirie@comcast.net)**





# RACE NOTES

BY CAMERON TUTTLE



## BOB AND ESTHER MOTT MIDWINTER SERIES COMES TO A CLOSE

The rescheduled third and final race of the Bob and Esther Mott Midwinter Series was held on Saturday, March 26 in spring-like conditions with warm temperatures, mostly sunny skies, a light southeasterly breeze and flat water. Seven boats were ready in the starting area as the volunteer race committee, Rob Hutchinson and Cam Tuttle, handled radio check-ins by the competitors and surveyed the conditions. With seven total boats and only one opting to fly their spinnaker, RC made the call to run a single division and sent them all on course three, taking them from the start line to the TYC mark, then GRC, R14, ISO, and back through the finish in front of the clubhouse.

The first warning signal was sounded at 1300 and at 1305 the starting signal sounded with five of the seven boats—*Neverland*, *Siento el Viento*, *Cinnamon Girl*, *Lion*, and *Diversion*—hitting the start line with speed and abeam of one another. John Price's *Adagio* and Robert Clark's *Carpe Vita* filled in the back of the fleet at the beginning of the race with slightly more conservative starts. There was enough east in the breeze to allow the fleet to fetch the TYC mark on a port tack with few or no tacks. *Carpe Vita* and *Diversion* jostled for position down this first leg, while *Lion* was first to round, followed closely by *Siento*, *Neverland*, and *Cinnamon Girl*.

Resisting the temptation to bear away on starboard tack after rounding the TYC mark, boats that stayed higher seemed to benefit by not being swept north by the flood tide and so footing off just a little for good boat speed in the light air seemed to fair best on the second leg of the race. *Lion* was first to the GRC mark, with *Siento* in pursuit. It was a long starboard reach from GRC to R14, during which *Siento* hoisted their spinnaker and chased *Lion* all the way down the third leg, rounding R14 to the outside of *Lion*. The fourth leg to ISO was a reach but one made tricky by tidelines and some fluky wind near the bridge. *Siento* managed to keep their chute up on the reach and in doing so legged out on *Lion* and the rest of the fleet.

Upon reaching the ISO, *Siento* doused their kite, rounded ISO, and with their big headsail powered up, charged hard up to the finish line. *Lion* was second to cross the finish line, with *Neverland* crossing third, and *Cinnamon Girl* fourth, coming into the line hard and nearly catching *Neverland* at the line. *Carpe Vita* (sailed singlehanded by Robert) crossed fifth, *Diversion* sixth, and *Adagio* persevered on the course to finish their race in seventh.

Finish times were entered, corrected times calculated, and when it was all said and done Ian Matthew's *Siento el Viento* earned first place, besting Lon and Susie Woodrum's *Lion* by more than six minutes over the 4.4-mile course. Third place went to Mariellen Stern and the ladies aboard *Cinnamon Girl*, who debuted their new J2 headsail and in doing so found some much needed boat speed off the wind.

For the Midwinter Series, *Cinnamon Girl* claimed third place with eight points (3,2,3), *Siento el Viento* earned second place with six points (2,3,1), and *Lion* takes home first place with just four points (1,1,2). Congratulations to *Lion* and her crew on their victory and thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Midwinter Series.

## COMING UP

Looking ahead on the race calendar, we have the season opening Don Wan Regatta coming up fast on April 9 and the Margarita Madness Cinco de Mayo Race and TYC Birthday Bash on May 7. Hope to see you there.



# CRUISE NEWS

## THE CRUISING LIFE AT TYC

### CRUISE TO THE **MATTHEW TURNER TALL SHIP PROJECT** – MARCH 12 BY SUSIE WOODRUM

On a rainy, windy Saturday, about 20 TYC'ers participated in a drive-in cruise to the *Matthew Turner*. She's a traditional 100-foot wooden tall ship being constructed of Douglas fir with bronze fastenings at a shipyard in Sausalito. Using mostly volunteer labor from all over the Bay Area, the construction continues six days a week and visitors are welcome to drop by, check in on the progress, or perhaps even to sign up to join the volunteer crew. Upon completion in 2017, the ship will serve as an experiential learning platform for Bay Area youth.

After a short introduction to the project by Executive Director Alan Alson, we broke into two groups, one lead by Alan, the other by docent Lon Woodrum. Entering the construction tent, we walked alongside the massive ship, staring up at the towering bulwarks. The planking is half-way completed, the spars are being built, and we watched as the 1800-pound, water-tight bulkhead doors were being installed. We saw the bronze 5'5" x 13' rudder post, which—thanks to volunteer Dan Higgins—is now ready for attaching to the oak rudder blade. Check out the photos from this cruise on page 8.

The shipyard and visitor center is open from 9:00am-4:00pm Monday through Saturday. You can follow the progress at [www.educationaltallship.org](http://www.educationaltallship.org).

### THIS MONTH

If you're a TYC cruiser or curious about trying it out, April is a great opportunity. Enjoy Encinal Yacht Club's fabulous Cabaret Night, with professional entertainment, on TYC's cruise-out to EYC **April 8 – 10**. Boat in on Friday or Saturday and enjoy a singer and a comedian magician, with the option of a full dinner. Then on Sunday the nearby Oakland Yacht Club serves a great breakfast, and stop on the way home for the Jack London Square Farmer's Market. Sign up on the Cruise page at [www.tyc.org](http://www.tyc.org), and make Cabaret Night reservations directly with EYC by April 4.

### COMING UP

- **May 27-30** - Petaluma Yacht Club. The downtown turning basin and the club will be hopping this weekend, with a party at the club and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sonoma Home Brewers Competition in tow. Cruisers are advised to leave Thursday to secure dock space. Cruise leader: Jens Erlingsson
- **June 17-19** - South Beach Yacht Club. A relaxed weekend cruise to this popular San Francisco neighborhood. Joint cruise with Petaluma Yacht Club. Cruise leader: Walt Bilofsky
- **July** - TBD
- **August 1-5** - Delta Yacht Club. After last year's fantastic, relaxed week along with the Petaluma YC, we jumped at the chance to make this our Delta cruise destination for a second year. Other stopping places before and after are a possibility. Cruise Leader: Marshall Gross.
- **September 2** - Commodore's Cruise to Marin YC. Cruise Leader: Nancy Bilofsky.
- **September 30** - October 2 (tentative) - Annual Five-Club Cruise to Tinsley Island. Cruise Leader: Trip Ames.



### Commodore's Cocktail Party and **NEW!** Guest Mini-Cruise

You'll have a double opportunity this month to introduce your non-member friends to the best of TYC. In addition to our traditional Commodore's Cocktail Party, TYC skippers will take you and your guests out for a short cruise on the Bay. Just come to the club at 2:30 pm and pair up with a sail or power captain. First come, first served, with priority to groups including a non-member guest. Volunteer skippers can sign up on [tyc.org](http://tyc.org); look for the Commodore's Guest Cruise on the calendar.

Then from 4 to 6 treat your guests and yourself to free drinks and potluck hors d'oeuvres at the clubhouse.

So don't miss this first-time doubleheader. Bring a potluck hors d'oeuvre and interested non-member guests. We look forward to seeing you all there.





*March Events at TYC and Beyond*



# TYC Calendar for April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28  Westerlies Deadline  ☐ 9:30 AM Music with Megan  ☐ 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games	29  ☐ 9:00 AM Tai Chi (Beg.)  ☐ 10:00 AM Tai Chi (Adv.)	30	31  (club cleaning)	Apr 1	2
3	4  ☐ 9:30 AM Music with Megan  ☐ 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games	5  ☐ 9:00 AM Tai Chi (Beg.)  ☐ 10:00 AM Tai Chi (Adv.)  ☐ 7:00 PM (PCHA meeting)	6  ☐ 7:00 PM (board meeting)	7  (club cleaning)	8  Encinal YC Cruise with Cabaret Night   5:30 PM General Meeting	9    1:00 PM Don Wan Regatta
10  Encinal YC Cruise with Cabaret Night  11:00 AM Sunday Brunch	11  ☐ 9:30 AM Music with Megan  ☐ 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games	12  ☐ 9:00 AM Tai Chi (Beg.)  ☐ 10:00 AM Tai Chi (Adv.)	13	14  (club cleaning)	15	16
17  2:30 PM Commodore's Guest Cruise  4:00 PM Commodore's Cocktail party	18  ☐ 9:30 AM Music with Megan  ☐ 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games	19  ☐ 9:00 AM Tai Chi (Beg.)  ☐ 10:00 AM Tai Chi (Adv.)	20  11:30 AM Dredge Leaders Meeting (tentative)  6:00 PM Cooking Class à €“ A Taste of India	21  (club cleaning)	22  5:00 PM Happy Hour [tentative]	23  RBYC Cruise-In
24	25  ☐ 9:30 AM Music with Megan  ☐ 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games	26  ☐ 9:00 AM Tai Chi (Beg.)  ☐ 10:00 AM Tai Chi (Adv.)	27	28  (club cleaning)	29	30
May 1	2	3	4	5	6	7

## OFFICERS

<b>Commodore</b>	<b>Nancy Bilofsky</b>
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	<b>Shirley Vaughan</b>
<b>Rear Commodore</b>	<b>Michael Destein</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Carol Campbell</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>John Carter</b>
<b>Past Commodore</b>	<b>Ann Watson</b>
<b>Directors</b>	<b>Jane Clark</b> <b>Freddie Greene</b> <b>Sheila Lyons</b> <b>Rita Pirie</b> <b>Lauren Selmeier</b>

## STAFF & COMMITTEES

<b>Apparel</b>	<b>Deanne Gilbert &amp; Freddie Greene</b>
<b>Bar</b>	<b>Shirley Vaughan</b>
<b>Building/House</b>	<b>Peter Schoen</b>
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