

# Westerlies

## Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay  
Tiburon, California



NEXT GENERAL MEETING:  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

Longitude 122° 28' W.

### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

*By Nancy Bilofsky*

I feel honored to receive a vote of confidence from the membership in being elected your commodore for 2016 and look forward to working with the following newly elected officers and directors: Vice Commodore Shirley Vaughan, Rear Commodore Michael Destein, Secretary Suzanne Blake, Treasurer John Carter, Past Commodore Ann Watson, and directors Jane Clark, Freddie Greene, Sheila Lyons, Rita Pirie, and Laurie Selmeier. Bringing together all the groups and interests of the club is one of my primary goals. To that end, I plan to introduce a variety of activities, including water sports, in addition to the usual racing and cruising programs as we seek to engage all segments of the club.

First, a big thank you goes to 2015 Commodore Ann Watson and her board for all their hard work and accomplishments. During a great annual meeting dinner coordinated by Rita Pirie (thank you, Rita), Ruth Fults was presented the Hill-Hoehler Perpetual Trophy in recognition of her exceptional service, which epitomizes the volunteer spirit and camaraderie that define this club.

Rick Blake received the Ed Boddington Memorial Cruise Award for his long-time contributions to the cruise program and for exemplifying TYC's values of participation, perseverance, boating skills and camaraderie. Congratulations to all.

And last but not least,

thanks to Ian Matthew for ending the 2015 term by coordinating the Wild Turkey Race as a pursuit race.

Building on the successes of this past year and expanding the horizon of possibilities for our club will require cooperative effort from all members. Therefore, I welcome ideas and help from all who want TYC to remain a vibrant, fun club. I would like to foster open communication starting with the general meeting on Friday, December 11, when we will discuss whether to allow associate members an option to become regular voting members under certain circumstances.

Also planned for December, event leader Susan Hoehler has hired a holiday bus to West Marin for shopping, eating and drinking on Saturday, December 5. Event leader Carole Gunn is coordinating a family holiday party with Santa arriving by boat, tree trimming, children's activities, and donating to Toys for Tots and the Marin Food Bank on Sunday, December 20. Ann Watson will start 2016 off on the right note with a New Year's Day Open House on January 1. Event leader Susie Woodrum is monitoring crab health to hopefully bring us a crab feed on Saturday, January 16. René Matthew will teach a class on South African cooking on Friday, January 29; and the traditional Super Bowl viewing and chili competition will be run by event leader Jane Clark on Sunday, February 7.

I hope each of you will make an effort to participate throughout the coming year by lending a hand or enjoying an event at the club. I look forward to a productive and fun year.

#### **December 2015** ***Westerlies***

##### ***Important Dates***

**Christmas Bus**  
**December 5**

**Family Holiday Party**  
**December 20**

**Westerlies Deadline**  
**December 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](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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Here's a peek at what was going on at the Paradise Harbor Yacht Club in February 1974, when photographs first started to appear in *Westerlies*—with spotlight on the lovely Nancy Behrens and the Winter Doldrums Party.

### ★ KICK THE WINTER DOLDRUMS PARTY

Social committee co-chairmen Mike Carolyn Fitz-Gerald and Ken and Suzanne Piper launch their social program for the year with a "Kick the Winter Doldrums Party - Let's Get Ready for Sailing" at the PHYC clubhouse, Saturday, February 9 from 8 p.m. to ? The bar will be open (natch!) and ladies are asked to bring a plate of their favorite hors d'oeuvres.



No Doldrums here although Dorothea and Bob Eachus appear camera shy. Not so Nancy Behrens, nor Chuck Ecker peering over Nancy's head.

# The Social Scene

By Sheila Lyons



*TYC's 2016 Board of Directors*

## **Annual dinners kick off the holiday season at TYC**

November is always a busy time at TYC. Two festive and important events take place this time of year: the Annual Race Awards Dinner and the Annual Meeting and Dinner. Mariellen Stern, who has been our hardworking race chair for the last year, oversaw the Race Awards Dinner, and the competent and congenial Rita Pirie was at the helm of the Annual Meeting and Dinner. Many thanks to these two women for their excellent efforts.

Mariellen details the Race Awards Dinner in this month's Race Notes, found on page 5, followed by a lot of great photos. Congratulations to all the award winners!

The Annual Meeting and Dinner is always a tony, well-attended affair and this year was no exception. Rita and her crew of volunteers made sure that the club was dressed up appropriately for the occasion, the bar well tended and the food plentiful. Members donned their finest and crowded up to a bar that at one time boasted three bartenders, including bar manager Shirley Vaughan who graciously helped oversee things at the start.

This year's dinner saw the return of caterer Ellie Sanchez. Ellie and her team dished up a fine meal for over 70 guests who came to eat, drink and, yes, vote in an unprecedented election process. Whether your voting choices prevailed or not, members can be proud knowing that democracy is alive and well at TYC. And that catered dining at the club can be quite nice indeed!

During dinner, out-going Commodore Ann handed out awards and recognition to all who helped during the past year. Perhaps you noticed that she even managed to get her photo up on the wall of commodores—at almost the last minute and in the last remaining space. Looks like we'll have to make room for more photos starting this year. In the meantime, enjoy these photos from the Annual Dinner.

### **Coming Up:**

December 20: Family Holiday Party (see pg. 4)

January 1: New Year's Day at TYC (see pg.7)



*The Bilofsky's accepting their 6500 Miles Cruising Award*



*Rick Blake, winner of the 2500 Mile Cruising Award and the Bodington Trophy*



*Ruth Fults wins the Hill-Hoehler Award for exceptional service*

### **A note from Rita Pirie...**

Thank you to the following people for helping with the many details of the Annual Dinner: Suzanne Jolma for handling the invitations and reservations; Susan Hoehler for place cards; Gerry Gunn, Walt Bilofsky and Kelly Palaima for table set up; Carole Gunn, Freddie Greene, Patty Cerf, Esther Mott, Karen Obley, and Ann Watson for table arranging and ambiance.

A special thank you to Roy and Jane Borodkin for their generous gift of beautiful flowers, as well as Ruth Fults for her contribution of unique greenery. And a big thank you to Jane Borodkin and Jill Ames for putting together the fabulous flower arrangements.

Thanks to Shirley Vaughn for coming in early to help train the bartenders on our POS system.

Thank you all for your support in making our Annual Dinner a success. The club looked beautiful and the dinner was delicious. I hope everyone enjoyed the evening as much as I did.

~ Rita



*Passing the gavel*



COME ONE, COME ALL!  
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES (BABES TO 100 YEARS!)  
ARE INVITED TO

## THE TYC FAMILY HOLIDAY PARTY!

DATE: Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 2:00 Crafts for kids, time for egg nog ("spirited" or not),  
cookies & snacks, decorating the Christmas tree,  
and talking with friends

3:00 SANTA ARRIVES by Tiburon Fire Boat (weather permitting)  
Santa will listen to wish lists from all the children.

4:00 TIBURON FIRE TRUCKS ARRIVE to pick up Toys for Tots  
Children can admire and investigate the fire trucks.

PRICE: *Please bring gifts for children (babies through teens) for the Toys for Tots program. (Most needed: gifts for babies-toddlers, and over 12 years old)*

*Please bring non-perishable food for the Marin Food Bank.  
(There are so many in need this year.)*

### ALSO NEEDED:

8 people to bring two dozen cookies

8 people to bring simple appetizers (cheese and  
crackers, veggies, etc.)

2-3 people to bartend for each hour. Choose a shift:  
2-3 pm, 3-4 pm, 4-5 pm (easy!)

Clean up! All invited to help for a few minutes.

If you'd like to do any of the above "chores,"  
please contact Carole Gunn at  
[carolegunn@comcast.net](mailto:carolegunn@comcast.net) or 415-435-6038.

*Members may bring friends,  
especially children.  
But please remember that you are  
responsible for your guests.*





# RACE NOTES

BY MARIELLEN STERN



## RED ROCK REGATTA

The racing season came to a close with November 27<sup>th</sup>'s Wild Turkey Race wrapping up the season. But before that the Red Rock Regatta was held on October 31<sup>st</sup> during a beautiful fall day with moderate breeze and flat water. There were two divisions, spinnaker and non-spinnaker.

The non-spinnaker division started first in a northerly direction, heading out to Red Rock and rounding it to port. *Lion* (Lon Woodrum/Steve Nimz) and *Cinnamon Girl* (Mariellen Stern) had a great start with *Diversion* (Gerry Gunn) close behind. *Lion* took the lead around Red Rock followed by *Diversion*, *Cinnamon Girl*, and *Wind Dance* (Ann Watson). Then it was a beat back to the finish with a strong flood tide to contend with. *Lion* crossed the line first, followed by *Diversion*, with *Cinnamon Girl* and *Wind Dance* close behind.

The spinnaker division course was from the start to the TYC mark, to Red Rock (leaving it to port), back to TYC and then to the finish. The start was tight, with the spinnaker boats setting off after the non-spinnaker boats. The close fetch up to TYC saw *Hurricane Gulch* (Richard Selmeier), *Neverland* (Aidan Collins) and *Siento el Viento* (Ian Matthew) in the leading group with *Neverland* trying to pass *Siento el Viento* to windward, but unable to do so due to good lee bow work on *Siento*. *Hurricane Gulch* rounded TYC first with *Siento el Viento* second, *Neverland* third and then a small gap to *Don Wan* (Don Kunstler) and *Carpe Vita* (Robert Clarke).

It was a good spinnaker leg although the wind transition from southwesterly to southeasterly half way to Red Rock caused spinnaker challenges. But all boats kept their spinnakers flying. *Hurricane Gulch* kept the lead rounding Red Rock with *Neverland* and then *Siento el Viento* close behind.

The leg back to TYC was a very close fetch, turning into a beat as the boats got further west. Again the first three boats were very close and it was *Hurricane Gulch* who rounded TYC first with *Siento el Viento* close behind and *Neverland* in a close third. These three set their boats up for a spinnaker reach to the finish, but in the gusty winds and very tight reach, no one actually hoisted their spinnaker.

At the finish, *Hurricane Gulch* crossed the line about 30 seconds ahead of *Siento el Viento* with *Neverland* just a minute behind. The 30 seconds wasn't enough though, giving the victory to *Siento el Viento* on corrected time.

Thanks goes out to Ian Matthew for conducting the "on the water" race committee.

## Results:

### Spinnaker Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Siento el Viento, Ian Matthew
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Hurricane Gulch, Richard Selmeier
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Neverland, Aidan Collins

### Non-Spinnaker Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Lion, L. Woodrum/S. Nimz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Cinnamon Girl, Mariellen Stern
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Diversion, G. Gunn/J. Sullivan

## RACE AWARDS DINNER

The Annual Race and Cruise Awards Dinner was held on Saturday, November 7. Lily Kai of Tiburon catered the dinner, which was excellent! Everyone who volunteered for Race Committee this year was given RC hats. If I missed anyone, please let me know and I will see to it that you get your hat!

The race awards were given for first, second, and third place in each division of our Perpetual Races held this year. First place racers were awarded an embroidered fleece vest; second place, an embroidered 12-pack cooler; and third placers received an embroidered tote.

Many a story was told, the drinks flowed and it was a fun time for all!

Thanks to all the racers who attended and especially participated in this year's racing season. It wouldn't be the same without our fleet of racers! And one more special thanks to all who volunteered for Race Committee this season!





## 2015 Race Awards Dinner







New Year's Resolution #1:  
Be More Awesome than last year.



## **NEW YEAR'S DAY 2016 OPEN HOUSE at TYC**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016**

**NOON – 2:00pm: LIGHT LUNCH**

**Noon – 4:00pm: NO HOST BAR OPEN**

MIMOSAs and make-your-own beverages

BLOODY MARY BAR - \$7

BEER, WINE, SOFT DRINKS (Usual prices)

Mah Jongg Lessons and Dominoes

Bring your own board games

Football on the big screen TVs

Bring outdoor toys to share

**\$5 PER ADULT; \$2 child**

**SOUP  
SANDWICHES  
VEGGIE PLATTER  
FRUIT PLATTER  
COOKIES**

**RSVP at [www.tyc.org](http://www.tyc.org)**

### **NEEDED: COATS FOR KIDS!** **Bring new or gently worn jackets and coats** **to TYC on New Year's Day**



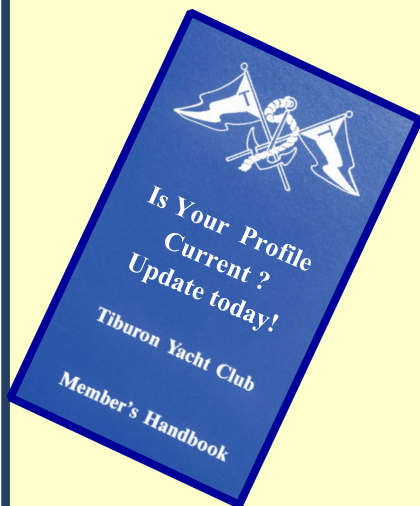
Winter is upon us and it's starting to get cold and—if we're lucky—rainy. There are many kids in Marin who don't have a warm coat or jacket for the winter.

You can help by donating a new or used coat to the Coats for Kids Project, run by Cronkite Development, Inc., a non-profit charitable and educational organization in Sausalito.

If you have gently used jackets that your family no longer needs, or would like to donate a new coat or jacket, please consider bringing them to TYC on New Year's Day.

Donated coats benefit the children of Marin City.

**PLEASE HELP SOME CHILDREN STAY WARM THIS WINTER!**



## Update Your Personal Profile Online

Is your online member profile up to date? The online version offers more information than the membership handbook, including member photos and personal interests, as well as up-to-date email addresses, phone numbers, and so on. *Only members can view the directory*, which is in the Members Area of the TYC website.

But it's up to you to make sure your profile is correct and current. Log on today to see what other members are viewing about you. Fix any errors, manage your email preference, hide any information you don't want other members to see and, while you're at it, upload a photo of yourself for the directory. You can do all this in your "member profile."

Remember, this same online profile will be used to update the TYC Member's Handbook, so log on soon to make sure all your information is correct.

### How to review and update your profile:

Log into your account at [tyc.org](http://tyc.org). If you're on your own computer, check *Remain logged in* so you don't have to do this every time.

Haven't logged in before? Click *Login* in the upper right, and then *Forgot Password* to set up a password. Your login is the email address listed in the membership handbook. (If that's the wrong address or you don't have one, email [webmaster@tyc.org](mailto:webmaster@tyc.org).)

Once logged in, click your name in the upper right and then **View profile**.

View your information under **Edit profile**.

Click **My directory profile** to see what other members can view in the online directory.

Click **Edit profile** to make any changes

Select **Profile** to change or add information, **Privacy** to control who can see each item, and **Email subscriptions** to opt in or out of club announcements.

When you've made changes, the **Save** button is at the bottom of the page. Hit **Back** on your browser or the **Cancel** button to back out without changes.

Halfway down the Profile page there are two new items: photo, so other members can see what you look like, and personal interests, so they can see what you like to do.

Most information is in the primary member's profile. But the spouse or partner's contact information is in their own separate (but linked) account. So log in with their email address to edit their profile.

You can learn more about using the website on the Website Tips page in the Members Area at [tyc.org](http://tyc.org).

~ Walt Bilofsky

## *Eight Bells for John Farley*



Former long-time TYC member John Vincent Farley of Larkspur passed away peacefully on November 18, 2015 at the age of 75. He and his wife Nancy ran a print shop in San Francisco and for many years did all the printing for TYC.

An avid sailor and racer, John sailed his boat *Zephyrus* in and around the Bay for more than two decades.

Fair winds and following seas, John.



# TYC Calendar for December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30  9:30 AM Music with Megan  2:00 PM Mah Jongg	Dec 1  10:00 AM Tai Chi  7:00 PM (PCHA meeting)	2  6:30 PM (board meeting)	3  (club cleaning)	4	5  8:30 AM Christmas Bus  5:00 PM Folk Boat Association Dinner
6	7  9:30 AM Music with Megan  2:00 PM Mah Jongg	8	9  6:30 PM Dominos Night!	10  (club cleaning)	11  5:30 PM General Meeting	12  4:00 PM Private Party
13	14  9:30 AM Music with Megan  2:00 PM Mah Jongg	15  10:00 AM Tai Chi	16  (club cleaning)  6:30 PM Dominos Night!	17	18	19
20  2:00 PM Holiday Party	21  9:30 AM Music with Megan  2:00 PM Mah Jongg	22  10:00 AM Tai Chi	23  (club cleaning)  6:30 PM Dominos Night!	24	25	26
27  12:00 PM Private Party - Campbell	28  9:30 AM Music with Megan  2:00 PM Mah Jongg	29  □ 10:00 AM Tai Chi	30  6:30 PM Dominos Night!	31	Jan 1  12:00 PM New Year's Open House	2
3	4	5  □ 10:00 AM Tai Chi	6	7	8	9

## 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>Suzanne Blake</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>Open</b>
<b>Bar</b>	<b>Shirley Vaughan</b>
<b>Building/House</b>	<b>Peter Schoen</b>
<b>Cruise</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Bob Mott</b>
<b>Marketing</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Dick Selmeier</b>
<b>PICYA Delegates</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Patty Cerf</b>
<b>Port Captain</b>	<b>Jon Price</b>
<b>Program</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Rentals</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Social</b>	<b>Rita Pirie</b>
<b>Stores</b>	<b>Susan Hoehler</b>
<b>Tidings</b>	<b>Bob Mott</b>
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