

Light *Westerlies*

Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay
Tiburon, California



Longitude 122° 28' W.



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS



by Ian Matthew

Holiday Greetings from your incoming Commodore. I wanted to slip in a Holiday edition of the *Westerlies* before the year's end. I hope you are enjoying your time with friends and family, and are looking forward to all we have planned for this coming year!

Before I look forward, I'd like to look back and first thank Shirley for steering the club through an active 2017. She will be a hard act to follow! I'd also like to thank all those members who worked so hard to make the club successful, and I hope to see more of you actively participating in the coming year.

And that leads me to our theme for 2018 – participation! I have always felt that to get something out of an organization, you need to put something in. At TYC, you'll get it back, with interest. Come to the club, meet your fellow members, chat at the bar, go on a short cruise, or if you are a sailor, come out and race. We have something for everyone.

An important change you will see this year is that we have committees! Joining a committee is a great way to become active, get to know other members, understand how we work as a club, and have a say in what happens within the club. I want to thank all those who have signed up for the Social, Race, Finance, and Bar Committees. Walt could use some help with the Cruise Committee, and we welcome more participation on the Membership Committee. If any of those might interest you, please give me a call or drop me an email. One other area that needs your input is in managing our club rentals. Ideally, this would be someone (or two, or three) who lives close to the club to facilitate showing renters around the club, for example.

Your 2018 Board has had its first monthly meeting, and we are currently setting goals for the next two years. Yes, two years – to ensure continuity, and have the ability to plan well in advance.

Our Social Committee has already kicked off the 2018 season. Our annual, don't want to miss it Crab Feed will take place on January 6th, after the Midwinter Series races. We have an interesting speaker coming January 11th - Cooper Helfet. Local Marin boy, he will tell stories of

his time in the NFL and playing (winning!) in Super Bowl XLVIII. Sign up online for a generous member discount: all proceeds benefit the Children's Theatre Assoc. of SF.

And speaking of the Super Bowl, the Chili Cookoff returns by popular demand on Feb. 4th. And we're just getting started! As we look ahead to 2018, remember this is your club. Let us know what you want from the club – the key to success is your participation. P.S. And please don't forget to renew your membership!

Happy New Year to you and your family, from your TYC family.

-Race Notes-

The final race of the year was the annual Wild Turkey Race held on Black Friday. The weather was totally uncooperative as the racers drifted around waiting for any kind of wind to fill in.

Finally, race officer Cam Tuttle decided it was as good as it was going to get and started the race. Once again, a pursuit race format was used and a short course was set. The racers tried to get away on their correct times, and drifted up towards TYC. Lon Woodrum in Lion, and Mariellen Stern in Cinnamon Girl took full advantage of the early (slight) breeze to get around the first mark before the breeze died again.

The Race Committee called a shortened course (a necessity even though it's not theoretically possible in a pursuit race - after all, the prizes had to be awarded!) Lion finally drifted across the finish line to take first place in the non-spinnaker division followed by Cinnamon Girl. In the spinnaker division, Ma's Rover, Mark Eastman's Corsair F-31 trimaran, slowly crossed the finish line first, after sailing almost to Red Rock to try and catch some wind, with the Kaiser family in second place in their J-105, Donkey Jack. As always, the prizes were consumed in company in the clubhouse after the racing. Is there any better way to share a bottle of Wild Turkey?

-Social Scene-

As always, the annual Holiday Party on Dec. 9 was a smashing success. Besides all the smiles on all the kids who came and enjoyed themselves, over 100 pounds of nutritious food was collected, and lots and lots of toys to put even more smiles on the faces of children who got a special gift this Christmas, thanks to your generosity.

While the fire trucks couldn't make it this year (one whole crew of Tiburon firefighters and trucks were in Southern California helping with the raging fires down there), the fireboat that brought Santa was spectacular! Rainbow and all!

So many elves helped put this event together (special thanks to Carole, who led the charge), we'll try and thank them all here, but please forgive any omissions. Decorating crew: Rita, Patty, Carole, Gerry, Rene, Kelly, and Jackie. Bartenders: David and Pellie, Tracy, Carter, and Ian. Craft supervisors, cookie bakers, fireboat skipper Ken Royal and the Tiburon Fire Department, SANTA and Mrs. Claus, everyone who donated food and toys, and came to join in the fun, ... THANK YOU!!

Happy Holidays
everyone!



Thanks! to all our fantastic volunteers



Santa's elves can even make a rainbow on a beautiful sunny day, as Santa arrives by Fire Boat



And a great time was had by all



Calling All Crab Lovers!



Tiburon Yacht Club is pleased to announce
our traditional **CRAB FEED** will be held
Saturday JANUARY 6th

Bar opens at 5
Dinner served at 5:30

----- For only **\$30** you get: -----

All the Dungeness Crab you can Eat*
Mountains of Garlic Bread
Endless Salad
Special Dessert

**dress accordingly*

**LOTS of helpers needed. Email Susie Woodrum at onthewater@pacbell.net
to volunteer.**

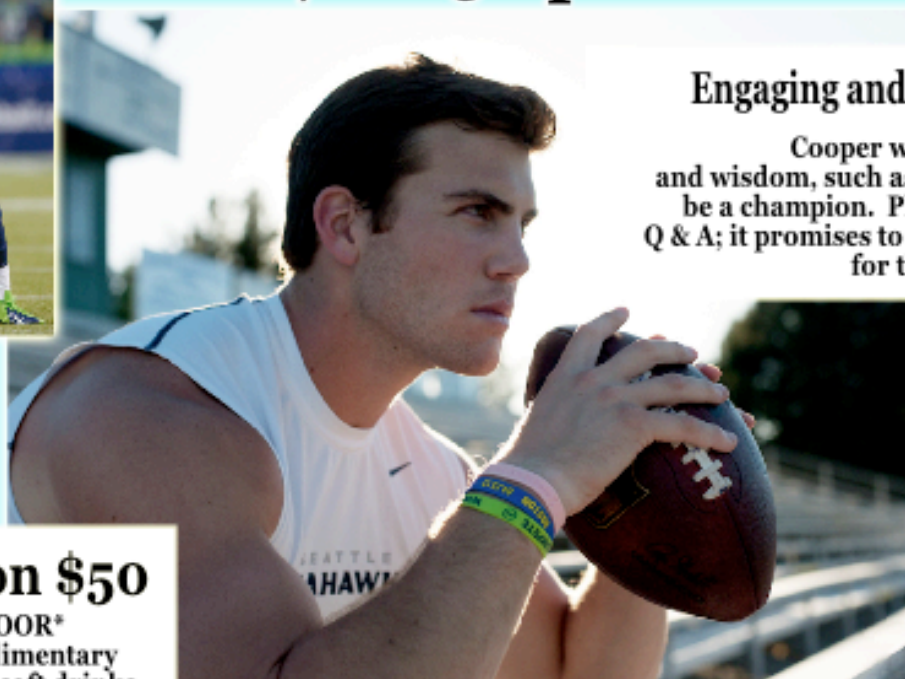
PREPAY ONLINE before midnight Jan 2nd at TYC.org. Space is limited.

Tiburon Yacht Club & Children's Theatre Assoc. of SF

cordially invite you to an evening with Cooper Helfet

Marin native, Redwood High and Santa Rosa JC graduate, played with the Raiders and Seahawks, winning Super Bowl XLVIII.

Thursday Jan 11, 2018
7 - 8:30 pm



Engaging and entertaining,

Cooper will share stories, and wisdom, such as what it takes to be a champion. Plenty of time for Q & A; it promises to be a fun evening for the entire family.

Admission \$50

AT THE DOOR*
includes complimentary
beer, wine, and soft drinks

***Discount for TYC Members*
who sign up and pay online
before Jan. 10th. Details at
TYC.org**

**ALL PROCEEDS benefit
Children's Theatre Assoc. of San Francisco,
who brought live musical theater to over
7,500 underserved school children
last year at no cost.**

coming up:

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Children's Theatre Association
of San Francisco Presents

ALICE IN WONDERLAND



Musical theatre for
children Grades K-3

Presented at
the Cowell Theater
Fort Mason Center
Marina Blvd.
at Buchanan
San Francisco



Saturday shows on
February 3, 10, 24
and March 3 at
10:30am and 1pm

Reservations for
schools now open




-Upcoming Events-

Jan 6 – Bob and Esther Mott Midwinters #1 & 2

Jan 6 – Crab Feed

Jan 11 – An Evening with Cooper Helfet

Feb 3 – Bob and Esther Mott Midwinters #3 & 4

Feb 4 – Super Bowl and Chili Cookoff

Recurring Events:

Playdate – Mondays 9:30am (No Playdate Jan. 15)

Mah Jongg – Mondays 2pm

Tai Chi – Tuesdays 10am

2018 Officers, Staff, and Committees



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