

# Light *Westerlies*

## Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay  
Tiburon, California



Longitude 122° 28' W.



### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS



by Tiffany Townsend

I would like to begin by thanking all the members of Tiburon Yacht Club whose encouragement and enthusiasm made 2019 a wonderful year to be Commodore! This year was filled with entertaining events for people of all interests and ages. In addition to a busy racing schedule, we enjoyed cruises to St. Francis Yacht Club, the Delta, Angel Island, San Rafael Yacht Club, Golden Gate Yacht Club, and Tinsley Island.

We brought back regularly scheduled TYC General Meetings, incorporating talks by the U.S. Coast Guard about keeping us safe on the Bay, local Bay Area discoveries by member Ruth Doodson, a San Francisco Professional Food Society Chocolate Making Class and tasting, a talk about boating accidents by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and movie nights featuring sailing films by Life on the Water. Our Summer racing season experience was enhanced by weekly professionally catered Friday night meal service, spiced up by monthly Karaoke nights. Foodie favorites abounded, including our Annual Crab Feed, Super Bowl Chili Cook-off, Saint Patrick's Day Pub Night, Birthday Luau, First Annual Lobster Boil, Commodore's Picnic, and music with food pairing events hosted by Musica Marin. While nearly every activity at the clubhouse is considered family-friendly, kids of all ages enjoyed our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Cinco de Mayo party, Fourth of July BBQ, Halloween Pumpkin Carving & Movie Night (made even spookier by the Marin power shutoff), and our Annual Holiday Party with canned food and toy drive.

The spirit of generosity was strong amongst our members this year. During January's governmental lapse in funding, we collectively raised nearly \$3000 in support of our local Coast Guard heroes at Sector San Francisco. During the San Francisco Leukemia Cup Regatta in October, Tiburon Yacht Club was recognized as the third top fundraising team, raising \$6000 in support of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Through racing regatta and cruising participation, a select few Tiburon Yacht Club members were recognized for exceptional and memorable seamanship during our **Annual Dinner and Change of Watch**. The Deep Six Award is bestowed upon the individual who takes the most spectacular "dive" into the Bay during the year. During the Don Wan Regatta in April, this (un)lucky seafarer

was nearly fully submersed within the cockpit when Siento el Viento suddenly broached during a fierce wind gust. He held his breath, and the lifelines, while his PFD auto-inflated - this year's **Deep Six Award** recipient is Robert Clark.

The Wretched Wreck Award is presented to the Tiburon Yacht Club Skipper who commits the most memorable "goof" of the year... It was a beautiful, warm Indian Summer day, just perfect for an early afternoon cruise. This was the very first TYC cruise these members (almost) participated in, a trip up the Delta to Tinsley Island for the 7-Star Cruise. The day was made memorable by inviting the Commodore (that's right, me) aboard. Shortly after departing the Cay, just South of the Richmond Bridge, black smoke billowed from the engine compartment; an engine fire! Two hours later, following a rescue at sea by Boat U.S., Sailor's Daughter and her precious cargo were safely returned to G-Dock. This year's **Wretched Wreck Award** goes to new members Tracey & David Schwartz. We hope they continue cruising with us!

The William B. Wiley Memorial Trophy is awarded to a TYC Skipper demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship. The Skipper's style of participation, conduct, perseverance, and exercise of skill are considered, with recognition given for promoting interest, participation, safety, and enjoyment for the Crew. This Skipper is actively helpful and unselfish, contributing to the racing program while sacrificing personal participation, promoting the enjoyment of other sailors. This year's recipient is a highly capable sailor, a great communicator, kind, clear, and pleasant on the water, and makes people feel welcome and included both on the boat and while exchanging sea stories at the clubhouse. As I can personally attest, this Skipper has been an absolute joy to Crew for. The unanimous consensus of the Board was for this year's **William B. Wiley Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship** to be presented to Mariellen Stern.

Reflecting upon how much our members have accomplished throughout the year, I have been contemplating the meaning of "Service" as it applies to volunteerism. Volunteering is, by definition, an altruistic activity where an individual provides services benefitting another person, group, or organization for no financial or social gain. Tiburon Yacht Club thrives on the coordinated service of our members who organize and carry out many varied activities on a purely volunteer basis. In 1986 the Commodore's Cup was established, an award recognizing outstanding member service. It was renamed the Hill-Hoehler Perpetual Trophy in 2000, recognizing a uniquely exceptional level of commitment over more than 25 years by Ronn Hill and Bill Hoehler, who planned, designed, and constructed the new clubhouse with more than 60 volunteers, epitomizing the volunteer spirit and camaraderie for which this trophy stands. The recipient must be a Regular Member who has donated time and distinguished efforts freely and selflessly. Typically awarded to a member without Flag or title, Board and Committee members may be considered when providing services above and beyond their assigned duties. When considering a recipient for the Commodore's Cup this year, I immediately recognized who helped me the most. This individual is cheerful and welcoming, shares stories and warm laughter at the bar, regularly volunteers in club activities of all kinds, and often stays late to help close the clubhouse. As a Skipper, new members are always invited to come aboard as Crew, no matter their skill level or how full the boat is. Whenever I needed help, he consistently acted to make my life as Commodore easier, taking on additional tasks and sharing in the duties of running the club. In addition to helping with new member applications, galley communications, and contract negotiations, he's always the first to sing karaoke to help get the party started. This member exemplifies the spirit of volunteer service and club participation, helping make Tiburon Yacht Club a fun and inviting place for us all. It is my

pleasure to award this year's **Hill-Hoehler Perpetual Trophy** to my neighbor, friend, and our incoming Commodore, Dave Anderson.

A reflection upon 2019 would not be complete without remembering our fellow seafarers who crossed the bar: Suzanne Jolma, Garry Greene, JoAnn Richardson, and Allen Dekelbourn.

You are standing upon a shore... somewhere. A ship before you spreads her white sails and starts for the blue ocean. She is a beautiful and strong ship and you watch her until she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at your side says, "There... well, well. She's Gone." Gone Where? From your sight-that's all. She is just as large in mast and spar as when she left your shore, just as strong and able. Her diminished size is in you, not in her, and while someone at your side is saying, "She's gone..." there are other eyes watching her coming and ready to take up the glad shout, "There she comes."  
—Ernest Gann

As my Commodore-ship sails beyond where sea meets sky, please join me in gladly greeting the arrival of Commodore Dave Anderson. May he fare the seas of 2020 well, steering us towards new adventures together.

Fair Winds,  
**Tiffany Townsend – Past Commodore, Tiburon Yacht Club**

## **-And a word from our Incoming Commodore-**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Commodore in 2020. I want to thank those members who are supporting our club by serving on the Board of Directors or in the various special roles that allow a volunteer club to function. I also want to thank Tiffany Townsend for her service as Commodore in 2019. Her leadership and dedication made the year very special.

TYC has been a special place for generations who share a unique bond as an informal nautical community on the Tiburon peninsula. 2020 promises to be another great year where we renew our friendships and I hope our connection to the magic of San Francisco Bay. We are planning a spirited range of races, cruises, parties & activities that both maintain our traditions and create a new legacy for future members. I would ask all of you to think about your special moments at TYC and to share those moments with your friends and ask them to join TYC as new members. I would also ask that you consider how you can make the club a better place for its members and share your ideas with me or other Board members. The spirit and dedication of the volunteer makes TYC a unique place and will allow us to grow and thrive in our fifth decade.

I wish you Fair winds and Following seas,  
**Dave Anderson – Commodore, Tiburon Yacht Club**

## **-Welcome New Members!-**

### **David and Lisa Claiborne**

crew for the Anderson's on Kind of Blue. They have taken a few sailing courses at Modern Sailing and have sailed in Thailand and in the San Juans.



### **Rick and Carol Cunliffe**

have lived in Paradise Cay for 33 years. Rick is a former USAF Fighter Pilot and is retired from an international career in the Aerospace Industry.



Carol is still working part time in retail at Johnny Was, and volunteers at Marin General Hospital. They raised their two kids, Ericka and Ricky, in the Cay, both of whom live in the City now.

### **Bob and Eileen Kulperger**

are both from New York State and are about to celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They settled in Paradise Cay in 2013 and have two daughters at Redwood High; Caitlin is a Senior and Claire is a Sophomore.





### **Mark and Melody Schumacher**



have lived in the Bay Area since '91 and in the neighborhood since 2014. Mark is a physician at UCSF and directs the Pain Medicine Division, while Melody is an architect in the City that specializes in corporate interiors. Their three children, Rachel, Derek, and Gina are evenly distributed across the country. They sailed in college and grad school and are getting back into it again.



### **David Tucker and Sarah Channell**

met in grade school in Marin but didn't realize they were meant for each other until about ten years ago. They love anything to do with the outdoors, especially sailing. Their first boat together was a C&C 27, which they traded for Catalina 36 named Sadie. David had an early career as a professional skateboarder and now works in Residential and Commercial Real Estate. Sarah worked in high-end retail at Wilkes Bashford and Go Silk. She is now Operations Manager for a large private medical practice, as well as working with David in Real Estate.

### **Johnny Neilson**

is a US Coastguardsman who enjoys sailing and racing. He is the newest member of TYC's race committee, and expresses his artistic side working with leather.





### **Peter Shamray and Marie Hoch**

live in Hamilton Field, Novato. In 2015 Peter happened to attend a Coast Guard Strike Team open house there where he learned about the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He then joined the Auxiliary and qualified for Boat Crew, which led to his buying his first boat, an Albin T28 in Dec. 2018. Peter and Marie attended a TYC meeting last year where their neighbor Steve Bustin talked about boating accidents in the bay. Their introduction to TYC was so positive they decided to join on the

spot and look forward to making new friends and participating and contributing to the club in 2020.

### **Mike and Debra Rosen**

have been boating for more than 30 years. Most of that time was spent on power boats, but looking forward to retirement, they figured a catamaran would be a good fit and purchased a 2010 Lagoon 440 in Australia in July. They also enjoy time with family, great champagne with friends, travel, and the occasional game of golf.



### **Budd and Kay Van Winkle**

are both Marin natives who met at College of Marin and have been married over 60 years. They have two sons in their late 50's. Budd has sailed since age 15, converted a 12 ½' rowboat into a sloop with his dad, built a sloop in the 60's and has owned several other boats in partnership with his younger son. He enjoys low-key racing, and Kay indulges his passion, though she is not a sailor. They also travel the west in their 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer.





**David and Tracey Schwartz**



Tracey is from a long line of boaters on the East Coast, including members of the Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. She grew up on a Merritt sports fishing yacht crewed by her father. Sailor's Daughter is a nod to her father and a vessel lost in a hurricane off the coast of Florida. David recently started boating and has fallen in love with power boats. Under protest, he recently sailed a catamaran through the Tahitian islands and begrudgingly admits to enjoying it.

## **-Introducing your 2020 Officers and Staff-**

### **2020 Board**

Commodore	Dave Anderson
Vice	Jessica Pressman
Rear	Chris Cooper
Past	Tiffany Townsend
Secretary	Mark Schumacher
Treasurer	Patty Cerf
Director	Nataliya Anon
Director	Roger Fuller
Director	Susan Hoehler
Director	Lee Royal
Director	Peter Shamray

### **Committee Chairs**

Race Chair	Mariellen Stern
Race Committee	Robert Clark/John Neilson/Susie Woodrum
Cruise	Roger Fuller/Walt Bilofsky/Nataliya Anon
Paddlecraft	Open
Social Coordinator	Pellie Anderson
Galley Manager	Pellie Anderson
Westerlies	Shirley Vaughan
Tidings	Jane Clark
Apparel	Judy White
Bar	Eric Lyons
Building/House	Peter Schoen/Bill Hoehler
Historian	Susan Hoehler/Carolyn Fitz-Gerald
Membership	Tiffany Townsend/Susi Woodrum
PICYA	Bob & Patty Cerf
Program	Dave & Pellie Anderson
Port Capt'n (Cruise-Ins)	Walt Bilofsky
Rentals	John & Valerie Carter
Stores	Susan Hoehler
Webmasters	Walt Bilofsky/Eric Lyons
YRA	Cam Tuttle

## ***-Upcoming Events-***

**Jan 11 – Bob and Esther Mott Midwinter Race Series**

**Jan 25 – Crab Feed**

**Feb 2 – Super Bowl Party and Chili Cookoff**

**Feb 8 – Bob and Esther Mott Midwinter Race Series**

**Feb 21 – TYC Happy Hour and Open House**

### ***Recurring Events:***

**Playdate – Mondays 9:30am**

**Mah Jongg – Mondays 2pm**

**Tai Chi – Tuesdays 10:30am**

**Board Meetings:** 2nd Tuesdays of the month 6:30 to 8PM

- December 10th
- January 14th
- February 11th
- March 10th
- April 14th
- May 12th
- June 9th
- July 14th
- August 11th
- September 8th
- October 13th
- November 10th