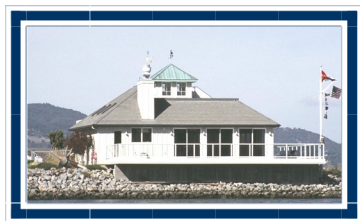


# Westerlies

## Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay  
Tiburon, California



Longitude 122° 28' W.



### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS



*By Nancy Bilofsky*

What a wonderful respite it was from January's seasonal rain—for which we are all grateful—that allowed us to arrive at both the New Year's Day Open House and the Crab Feed under dry skies. Thank you event leaders Ann Watson and Susie Woodrum, who respectively headed up these two events, for starting the new year off so well.

The Annual Crab Feed is TYC's most popular event, attracting 94 people this year who ate about 230 pounds of crab. It could not have been done without the help of the 39 volunteers who stepped up to help Susie. Be sure to see photos from this event on page 6. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered at these two January events for your time and effort.

This month we are offering something new for our young families with complicated schedules: a short children's hour on general meeting night. On Tuesday, February 12 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, there will be children's crafts, story time and, weather permitting, soccer. Come with your kids and any ideas on improving or expanding this new effort. Cheese pizzas will be available for children. You can make it an early night and leave after eating, or stay on for the meeting.

Another new initiative in February will be the TYC Happy Hour with live music. Bar Chair Shirley Vaughan will be gauging feedback for future planning. Come for a drink, stay for the live music. Dinner, featuring Chinese chicken salad and macaroni and cheese for the kids, will be served at this first event. Details are on page 4.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7  
Super Bowl & Chili Fest

February 12  
General Meeting  
Children's Hour starts  
4:30pm

February 19  
Happy Hour with Dinner  
5:00pm

Anyone interested in a short family friendly day cruise? If so, mark your calendars as we have one planned for March 12 to see the tall ship *Matthew Turner* being built in Sausalito. This is a cruise-out that allows you to come by sea or land. See details in the Cruise News section of this *Westerlies*.

After hearing members discuss at December's General Meeting whether to allow associate members to convert to regular membership, the board is recommending that the bylaws be amended to allow associate members, after three years of membership in good standing, to convert to regular membership. The bylaws committee will now work on the exact language for this change.

To all donors who contributed coats to the Coats for Kids Project benefitting kids in Marin City, thank you for your generosity. And thank you, Carole Gunn, for spearheading this coat drive. It's good to be reminded how fortunate we are to belong to a wonderful club and be able to help those less fortunate.

## 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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"Radar seems to be on the blink..

**But don't panic!**

The GPS says there is clear water ahead, the fish finder says we have plenty of depth, the iPad Ap says we are on course....."

# *The Social Scene*

By Rita Pirie

TYC brought in the New Year with fun, games, and camaraderie during the open house event on New Year's Day. Thanks to Past Commodore Ann Watson and her helpers for an enjoyable start to 2016!

Big thanks to Susie Woodrum for her relentless search for edible crab! TYC had another fabulous crab feed on January 16. The club was packed with members enjoying endless cracked crab, salad, bread and dessert in copious quantities. It was touch and go for a while, but in spite of the Northern California ban on Dungeness, we were still able to get delicious, healthy specimens from Oregon. Thanks also to the many volunteers (count 'em: 39!) who helped make this event so delicious and so fun!

We closed out January with our own René Matthew's South African dinner on the 29<sup>th</sup>. She prepared some of her favorite recipes from her homeland.

February kicks off with this year's Golden Super Bowl Viewing & Chili Cook Off on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>. The big game will be showing on both TV's, with chili tastings and voting from 3:00pm onward. Thank you, Jane Clark for organizing this event. Be sure to let Jane know if you would like to enter your chili. There's still time! See details on page 4.

On Friday, February 19, Vice Commodore Shirley Vaughan brings us a delightful Happy Hour, featuring the "river rock" of Chuck Steed. There will be dinner, too. Doors open at 5:00pm. Come on down for a cocktail or two and enjoy the music. Staying for dinner? Make your reservation at [www.tyc.org](http://www.tyc.org). Thanks, Shirley, for organizing what looks to be a satisfying, well-rounded evening at the club. We hope to do more of these.

Be sure to save the date for our Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Party on Saturday, March 26 from 10:00am-noon. Kiddies of all ages are welcome, rain or shine! Stay tuned for exact details.

Snow in the Sierra's is plentiful this year and there is a very good possibility that the TYC Ski Cruise is coming back! At this point it is still a work in progress, so keep your fingers crossed. Be sure to check your email, TYC Tidings and the events calendar at [www.tyc.org](http://www.tyc.org) for updates.

## **COMING UP**

March 26 - Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Party, 10:00am to Noon

April 17 - Commodore's Cocktail Party, 4:00-6:00pm

April 26 - Opening Day on The Bay Brunch, 11:00am to 1:00pm

May 7 - Margarita Madness: Cinco de Mayo TYC Birthday Bash

## **Tentative Events**

March 10-13 - Ski Cruise to North Shore Tahoe

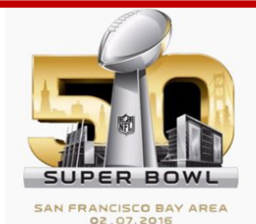
March 18 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Party

### ***Crab Feed 2016:***

*Susie and crew  
arrange seating for  
just under 100  
diners who enjoyed  
Dungeness crab  
from Oregon at the  
ever-popular Crab  
Feed.*







# "The Golden Super Bowl" at TYC Viewing & Chili Cook-off Party



It's not too late to gain notoriety  
by entering a chili into this year's  
contest! Sign up today!

**Sunday February 7th**

Bar Opens 2:30 PM **Chili Tasting Starts 3:00 PM** Kickoff at 3:30 PM

*Enter a Chili for judging  
or  
stop by to tantalize your taste buds and vote for your favorite Chili*

Let us know you're coming or bringing a Chili by signing up at [TYC.org](http://TYC.org)

**Chili Tasting Kit:** \$10 to taste the entries and vote  
for your favorite. Hot Dogs or Sausages: 2 for \$5

To Enter your Chili Register on or before 2/3/16  
-- Simple rules and sign up on [TYC.org](http://TYC.org)--

Prizes awarded after half-time show for the **People's Choice Chili**  
**Volunteers** to help with bar, cleanup, and other sundry duties are requested contact Jane Clark.

## Join your friends at the TYC Happy Hour

Featuring

no cover  
charge

Dinner  
6 - 8

Comforts  
Chinese Chicken Salad  
& Mac 'n Cheese  
\$16 (kids \$7)



Bar Opens  
at 5

Live Music  
5:30-7:30

Reservations for Dinner -  
at [TYC.org](http://TYC.org)

**Friday  
February 19**

# RACE NOTES

BY CAMERON TUTTLE



Five boats braved the cold weather on January 9 for the first of the Bob and Esther Mott Midwinter races. Rob Hutchinson—TYC Race Committee for this year's midwinter series—weighed the ebbing current and weak north breeze and decided on Course 1, reverse for both the spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions.

The two boats in the spinnaker division, *Joyride* and *Siento el Viento*, positioned themselves well for their starting gun, with *Joyride* barging in on starboard from east of the line and *Siento el Viento*, also on starboard tack, making progress against the ebb on shore side of the start line. Both boats were struggling to clear the starting line after the gun. *Joyride* managed to clear the line—but just barely—before having to tack back away from the harbor breakwater and back into the stronger ebb offshore. *Siento el Viento* was unable to maintain forward progress to cross the start line and resorted to temporarily dropping the headsail and deploying ground tackle.

The starting gun for the non-spinnaker division sounded, but none of the three boats in that division were able to make progress towards the start line, and they drifted helplessly south, away from the start line in the nearly windless conditions.

By this time, *Joyride* had also slipped back down behind the start line, finding themselves sailing only slightly to windward of *Lion*, who was still trying to start their race. Crews on both boats shifted their weight to leeward and forward, attempting to induce some beneficial heel and reduce the wetted area of their vessels in the faint puffs of breeze. *Lion*, with her lower displacement, was able to pull past the heavier *Joyride* in a faint northwest wind before the wind shut down completely around 2:00pm. Even *Lion* ceased to make forward progress against the strong ebb current.

In the meantime, the other three boats in the race had drifted all the way down to the Coast Guard mooring ball. With little hope of rounding the windward mark—or even finishing for some—every boat in the fleet decided to throw in the towel and head for the harbor and the warmth of the club house.

For the Mott Midwinter Race scheduled on February 6, Race Committee has decided to move the starting time up an hour, to noon, so as to facilitate running two races to make up for the abandoned January race.

## Coming Up

Bob and Esther Mott Midwinter Race #2 - February 6

Bob and Esther Mott Midwinter Race #3 - March 5

All 2016 races have been posted to the website calendar.



Ahhh...  
the Crab  
Feed.

Truly a tasty  
tradition!



The force  
behind the Feed:  
Susie Woodrum







# CRUISE NEWS

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2016

Many of our boat-owning members are families with crowded schedules. So just a few hours will be enough for you to join our first cruise of the 2016 season, to tour the kid-friendly *Matthew Turner* tall ship now under construction in Sausalito. Less time? Drive over. More relaxed? Boat in for the weekend. See the box below for details on this unique opportunity.

As usual, cruise leadership duties over the year will be spread out among the fleet. The schedule so far:

- **March 12-13** - Sausalito, with a tour of the *Matthew Turner* tall ship on Saturday, March 12. Day cruisers and drive-ins welcome. TYCers will get a tour given by member, head docent and shipwright Lon Woodrum. Cruise leaders: Lon and Susie Woodrum
- **April 8-10** - Destination to be determined. Cruise leader: Marshall Gross
- **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.

Got an idea how your club can help you and your family have more fun on the water, on your boat or anything else that floats? Give a call to or email Cruise Chair Marshall Gross or Commodore Nancy Bilofsky.



### Field Trip to the Matthew Turner

*Saturday, March 12*

*Bring-your-own picnic lunch at 12 Noon*

*Tour the Matthew Turner at 1:00pm*

Wish you and your family could get out more often on your boat? Here's a great kid-friendly opportunity: Join the TYC cruising fleet for a day or overnight in Sausalito and visit the *Matthew Turner*, a tall ship under construction there to serve as an experiential learning platform for Bay Area youth. If you can't boat in, then drive over.

Meet for lunch at noon (bring your own or buy lunch at the nearby Mollie Stone's) and eat at the outdoor picnic tables. BYOB okay. At 1:00pm, our own Lon Woodrum, the Turner's Head Docent, will lead a guided tour.

Cruisers can reserve dock space a few days ahead at Clipper Marina (415-332-3500) or Schoonmaker (415-331-8523). Contact [LonWoodrum@gmail.com](mailto:LonWoodrum@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Dominoes Night**  
**Wednesday, February 10**  
**7:00-9:00pm**

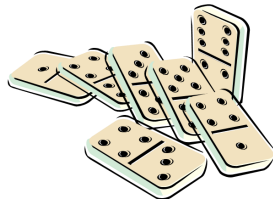
Want to play Dominoes after dinner?  
Come to TYC on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup>,  
starting at 7:00pm.

*Lessons will be available for those who need them.*

Bring a set, if you have one.

Questions?  
Contact Carolyn Fitz-Gerald at:  
[carolynandmike@comcast.net](mailto:carolynandmike@comcast.net).

This is a casual drop-in event. If there's enough interest,  
Dominoes Night will continue on a more regular basis.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**CHILDREN'S Easter Egg Hunt & Party**

March 26  
10:00am—Noon



**Egg Hunt**  
**Games**  
**Crafts**  
**AND MORE!**

We're looking for hunt helpers and game referees. If  
you can lend your time, please contact Rita Pirie at:

[rwpirie@comcast.net](mailto:rwpirie@comcast.net)

Look for further details in next month's *Westerlies*.

**Free Introductory Tai Chi Class at TYC February 9**

If you're interested in learning Tai Chi or are just intrigued by this gentle, exotic form of exercise, here's your chance to find out more about it.

Tai Chi is a perfect way to improve your balance on a rolling deck or just stay in shape without too much sweating. It improves balance, coordination, and internal strength and—according to Chinese practitioners—builds health and longevity. And it looks way cool.

A free introductory class will be held Tuesday morning, February 9, at 9:30am at the clubhouse. The principles of Tai Chi will be discussed and you'll learn the first few moves of the exercise. Wear loose clothing and preferably smooth-soled shoes.

Depending on interest, the group will decide how and when to continue the classes. The eventual goal will be to learn the 37-move Yang short-form exercise of Tai Chi, and join the advanced class, which has been ongoing at TYC for over four years.

If you can't make this class but are interested, phone Walt Bilofsky or email [bilofsky@toolworks.com](mailto:bilofsky@toolworks.com).





# TYC Calendar for February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	<b>Feb 1</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM Music with Megan  <input type="checkbox"/> 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games	<b>2</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 AM Tai Chi  <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM (PCHA meeting)	<b>3</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM (board meeting)	<b>4</b>  (club cleaning)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>1:00 PM</b> Bob & Esther Mott Midwinter Race #2
<b>7</b>  <b>2:30 PM</b> Super Bowl Viewing & Chili Cook-Off Party	<b>8</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM Music with Megan  <input type="checkbox"/> 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games	<b>9</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 AM Tai Chi	<b>10</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Dominoes	<b>11</b>  (club cleaning)	<b>12</b>  <b>5:30 PM</b> General Meeting	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM Music with Megan  <input type="checkbox"/> 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games	<b>16</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 AM Tai Chi  <b>11:30 AM</b> (carpet cleaning)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  (club cleaning)	<b>19</b>  <b>5:00 PM</b> Happy Hour with Live Music and Dinner	<b>20</b>  <b>8:00 AM</b> (club cleaning)  <b>5:00 PM</b> Private Party Classic Yachts
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Westerlies Deadline  <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM Music with Megan  <input type="checkbox"/> 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games	<b>23</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 AM Tai Chi  <b>1:00 PM</b> (CSA 29 Advisory Board Meeting)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  (club cleaning)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>4:00 PM</b> Private Party - Lopez
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<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>

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**FIRST CLASS**