

Westerlies

Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay
Tiburon, California



NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1
DOORS OPEN 12:00PM

Longitude 122° 28' W.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Ann Watson

It's the New Year and time for us all to believe we'll keep those resolutions. That new diet. The rigorous exercise program. The resolve to spruce up the house. Well TYC is getting with the New Year's resolution program. We've already had the tomato soup diet on New Year's Day. Now it's onward to the chili and cornbread Super Bowl diet. And then there's the much awaited Valentine's chocolate diet. In the meantime, a couple of the club's contractors will be getting their January exercise replacing rotten siding outside the club and demolishing and then replacing the back patio. Roof Pilates and back stairs tai chi are next with more construction calisthenics to come. So we are indeed sprucing up the house. The yard gets a tune-up too. There's a new gardener on board to perform a clean-up exercise followed by routine maintenance calisthenics. In the spring we've resolved to have some new plantings. Now if only I could get myself so together.

bly best that I give it a wide berth. In order not to make me feel inferior, my phone isn't smart. So I have some digital learning to do before I attempt to run a transaction through. Luckily we have plenty of tech savvy folks to make this work. Integral to its operation is the new wireless internet service for the club. No more spotty coverage. So while I encourage you to put those phones away and enjoy the club fellowship, if you want to do a quick email check or a Google search, now it's possible.

In keeping with the adage that everything old is new again, we'll be reinstituting some of the bar resolutions established when the new clubhouse opened. The board is in the process of reviewing those policies and the current ABC requirements. I'll report back next month with more details. But the one "new" change you will see right away is that members who are not bartending cannot come behind the bar. We want the bar scene to remain a fun experience but we want to be sure to keep our license in effect. I encourage any of you who want to bartend to let TYC Bar Chairman Justin DeTray know. We can even have a couple of bartending classes to get you up to speed. I'm no Tom Cruise, but I've always found it a fun experience.

And speaking of the bar, the great warm beer crisis of 2014 is now behind us. Thanks to Justin and Joe King, the kegerator is back to the proper temperature and will be kept so with regular scheduled maintenance. Another example of an old policy becoming new again.

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Important Dates

New Year's Open House
January 1

Crab Feed
January 10

Westerlies Deadline
January 26

Also new this year is the Point of Sale system you will see gracing the end of the bar. Spearheaded by Ken Romley, the officers and directors are training on its use. We've resolved to make this simpler to use than a previous attempt at a POS system. Hopes are high that we can go operational for the Super Bowl party. Right now it's proba-

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.

Submissions may be sent electronically to the editor at 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.



Note: TYC has a small camera available at the club for any member to use during clubhouse events.

Feel free to take snapshots at any time, especially if there is no "official photographer" on site. Use of this camera is encouraged. Resulting photos will be picked up from the club for possible inclusion in *Westerlies*.

Sheila Lyons
Editor

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A WARM WELCOME TO TYC'S NEWEST MEMBERS...



Welcome, Sarah and Danny McNamara along with their children, Juliet (6) and Colin (4). The McNamara's, who live in Tiburon, are regular members with a 17.5' Bayliner. Not surprisingly, they are interested in youth activities, but lucky for us, are willing to pull bartending duties now and again.

In addition, Daniel Marsh of Petaluma has joined the sailing crew aboard Dick Selmeier's boat, Hurricane Gulch.

It's a good thing the beer is cold and flowing again, because we've also resolved to have some sports nights at the club. We've got the big screen TVs. All we need are some fans to watch them and break those resolutions to eat healthy in 2015. Stay tuned for more details soon. In the meantime, Susie will have to teach me how to work the TVs. I'm more like Ozzie Osborne around this piece of technology.

Speaking of hopeless at technology, there's also consideration being given to providing some video gaming opportunities for TYC tweens and teens. In the past I was quite accomplished at crashing Mario's go-cart, but at least my godson opined I wasn't as bad as his dad. I'll be glad to take advice from moms and dads about how to make this happen. Let's face it, if Malia and Sasha think the Commander Dad in Chief is lame, what chance do we have to be interesting to this age group?

Your watch is open to new ideas. Feel free to share them with us. Let's all resolve to make TYC the fun place to be in 2015. After all, 50 is the new 30.

The Social Scene

By Sheila Lyons

December Recap

December is always a very fun month at TYC, with two traditions bringing members together to celebrate the season: The Tour de Noel—AKA The Christmas Bus—and the TYC Holiday Party. Both of these events come about with the help of dedicated volunteers, but simply wouldn't happen without the organizational skills of Susan Hoehler for the Christmas Bus, and Carole Gunn for the Holiday Party. For years these two have brought us these unique and popular events and, as you can see from the photos on page 9, 2014 was no exception. Thank you, Susan and Carole! TYC's December social scene wouldn't be the same without you.

Ring in the New Year

Moving on to current events, January kicks off with a New Year's Day Open House, followed by what's sure to be a crowded Crab Feed on the 10th. And Jane Clark once again spearheads February's Super Bowl and Chili Cook-Off party. Walt Bilofsky reminds us that it's never too early to reserve tickets for the annual TYC Giants Game and Cruise and this year's opportunity is knocking right now. So don't delay. If you want to be in on it, act soon! Look for specific details on each of these events elsewhere in this issue.

COMING UP

January 1: New Year's Open House at TYC, 12 noon - 4:00pm

January 10: Crab Feed 6:00-10:00pm

February 1: Super Bowl and Chili Cook-Off, 2:00pm

February 6: General Meeting Program-Troubled Waters: A photographic journey by Walt & Nancy Bilofsky

Big Thanks to all Holiday Party volunteers from Carole Gunn

Set-up: Brooke and Sherry Wangenheim, Patty Cerf, Jackie Royal, Marcia Sullivan, Gerry and Carole Gunn.

Bartenders: Joe King and Justin DeTray set up and tended bar till exhausted. Then Alice and Jon Shinn took over for the last hour and then cleaned up all the mess!

Cookies & Snacks: Hal and Connie Mooz, Heather Flynn, Rita Pirie, Nancy Behrens, Suzanne Jolma, Joe King, Alice Shinn, Pat Webb, Sherry Wangenheim, Sarah McNamara, Nataliya Anon, Betsy Price, Ann Tunney (that's just the cookie makers!) Ann Watson, Jessica Pressman, Lee Royal, Carla Parkinson, Esther Mott, Jane Clark, Ruth Doodson, and Patty Cerf all brought delicious appetizers. Everyone enjoyed it all!

Santa's Helpers: Keila and Nina Stypulkoski, assisted by their Grandma, Sue Finn, supervised and helped the children decorate objects for the tree, a project organized by Rita Pirie, helped by Jessica Pressman and at the table by Betsy Price.

Santa and the Tiburon Fire Department: Along with Carolyn Fitz-Gerald for great photos, and for introducing our new Elf, Judith Corte. Santa was there for everyone: babies, families and the young at heart.

Thank you, every one, for all the gifts and food for those less fortunate. Happy New Year to all!

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Troubled Waters

A Photographic Journey

to Ports of Call on the
**Arabian Peninsula
and the Middle East**

SPICE
MARKETS

ANCIENT
TEMPLES

STRONG
TRADITIONS

RELIGIOUS
CONFLICT

DESERT
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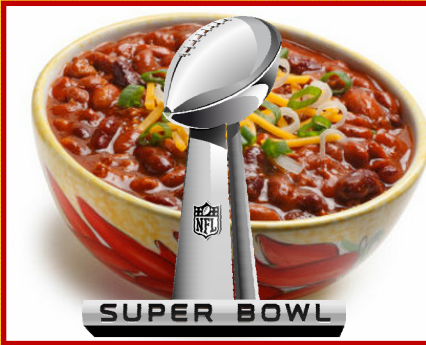
OIL WEALTH

STARRING WALT & NANCY BILOFSKY AND INTRODUCING AHMAD THE CAMEL

FRI. FEB. 6 AT THE TYC THEATRE ON THE SPIT

BAR OPENS 5:30 PM; PIZZA STARTING AT 6:00

SHOW AT 7 PM FOLLOWING BRIEF GENERAL MEETING



Super Bowl XLIX and Chili Cook-Off

Chili chefs, chili lovers and Super Bowl enthusiasts...
Join TYC for the Annual Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-off

Enter a chili for judging...or just come by and taste!

Also serving hot dogs and sausages

Sunday, February 1

2:00PM — BAR OPENS

3:00PM — CHILI TASTING

3:30PM — GAME TIME

Chili Chef Cook-Off Rules:

Register by **January 25!** Enter your chili by emailing Jane Clark at Tigressvictoria@gmail.com
Bring your favorite chili *ready to serve* to TYC on Super Bowl Sunday. Space for your entry provided by TYC along with fixings (cheese, onions, 4-oz cups, etc.). *Hint: Crock pots work well. Usually a double recipe does the trick.*

Prizes awarded after half-time show for the *People's Choice Best Chili*

Chili Tasting and Judging:

Chili Tasting Kit: \$5.00 - Taste all the entries and vote for your favorites.

Hot Dogs or Sausages: \$3.00

BRING A CHILI AND TASTE AND EAT FOR FREE!

GIANTS OUTING AND CRUISE - PRIORITY SIGNUP FOR TICKETS

The good news: The Giants are World Champs!

The bad news: Tickets are hot items, so there'll be fewer this year for our **Sunday, June 14** outing. And TYC has to buy them early this month.

So if you're thinking about joining us, either for the day or on your boat at South Beach for the weekend, use the link on our home page (www.tyc.org) to indicate your interest and **get on our priority list** for tickets and slips. If enough people show interest, we'll nail down the date.

~Walt "Stub Bubba" Bilofsky



ONCE AGAIN, TIBURON YACHT CLUB BRINGS YOU ITS LEGENDARY CRAB FEED

The Place:



The Date & Time:

To Do List:

1/1/15 –
TYC
Open
House

1/10/15 –
TYC
Crab
Feed

JANUARY 2015

www.9calendar.com

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

The Menu:



Bar opens at 5 PM – dinner at 5:45 PM

Not only all the Dungeness Crab you can eat, but mountains of garlic bread, salad and dessert as well! No holding back! And for those of a more fastidious disposition, Roll towels will be provided without limit. Dress accordingly.

The Tariff: \$25 per head. *There is no online sign-up!* Clip and fill in the form below and send it with your check to arrive no later than Tuesday, January 6th, to guarantee your reservation.

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of reservations for members and up to
two (2) non-member guests at \$25 each:

Amount of your check: \$ _____

Return to: Esther Mott, 134 Trinidad Dr., Tiburon 94920

Watch for the e-mail requesting help with this all volunteer event.

RACE NOTES

BY JIM BLISS



Wild Turkey Race

The last race of the 2014 season was the Wild Turkey Race on November 28, the day after Thanksgiving. It is TYC's annual alternative for those who prefer a sailboat race over of a day at a crowded shopping mall. There were nine boats that came to the line for a 13:05 start. The fleet was split into spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions. The weather was perfect—blue skies, a steady 10 knots of wind from the west, and a moderate flood tide. The results are posted on Jibeset. The Spinnaker Division was won by Peter Schoen in *Mooretician*. Bill Hoehler was a close second in *Joyride* and Ian Matthew was third in *Siento el Viento*. The Non-spinnaker Division was won by Lon Woodrum and Steve Nimz in *Lion*. Mariellen Stern finished second in *Cinnamon Girl* and Budd Van Winkle was third in *Chris Anna*. Thanks to Floyd Fulmer for serving as race committee.

In keeping with tradition, the post-race awards included a shot of Wild Turkey for each competitor and a small bottle of the brew to each division winner. It was a fun way to finish up the season.

TYC Midwinters

Going forward, the TYC racing season for 2015 starts with the Midwinters. There will be three races, with #1 on Saturday, January 10. Midwinters #2 will occur on February 7, and #3 on March 7. The warning signal for all three races will be at 13:00.

We will use Jibeset again in 2015 for registering and paying. The Notice of Races and Sailing Instructions will be posted on Jibeset. Jibeset may be reached from the link on the Race Page of the TYC website, or by going directly to www.jibeset.net.

Calling your Commodore



Sausalito is great, but like the Cay, cell coverage on my hill is nil.

So if you need to reach me, call me at the home number in the directory. I work out of my home, so I'm most often there. Email works too, but not texting.

Always glad to hear from members.

~Commodore Ann Watson

Beware the Crane!



Please don't park anywhere near the crane in the Paradise Cay Yacht Harbor. While there aren't any "No Parking" signs, a guest's car was defaced recently for parking

near it.

We'll be taking this up with PCYH. But until this is resolved, give it a wide berth.

~Commodore Ann Watson

CRUISE NEWS

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Two TYC sailors are currently experiencing life on the high seas: Bill Alexander aboard his Catalina Morgan 440, Bonnie Lass, and Sherri Wilkinson (with partner Don Scott) on her Morgan 38, Spring Fever. Reports of these two separate adventures periodically reach us here at home. The following is a small window into their life aboard and abroad.

Hello from the Caribbean by Bill Alexander
Tuesday, December 23:



Entering Marigot Bay, St.. Lucia

We crossed the Atlantic this time with the World Cruising Club and their ARC+ Rally. I brought two crew with me—a couple of young, eager sailors looking to build their ocean-going experience. We departed Las Palmas, Gran Canaria on November 9 and sailed 850 miles south to Mindelo, Sao Vicente, Cape Verde, a leg that took nearly seven days. After a little sightseeing, resting, provisioning and of course a few boat repairs involving a torn mainsail, a torn genoa and a broken spinnaker pole, we sailed the next leg—2,100 miles west to St. Lucia.

Departing the Cape Verde Islands on November 19, winds were excellent. We had 17 to 28 knots of wind behind us all the way. We finished in 14 days, managing to break and repair the spinnaker pole two more times along the way. Flying a poled-out genoa and an asymmetrical spinnaker in an unexpected squall 1,000 miles offshore is a thrilling experience I do not want to repeat soon.

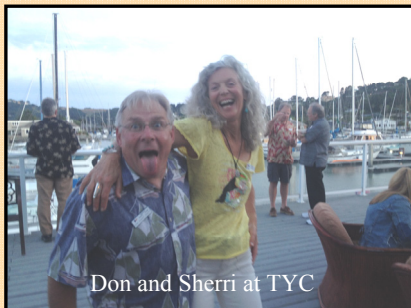
To stay entertained (and well fed) along the way, we did a little fishing. Attached is a picture of a 52" dorado (Mahi-Mahi) caught midway across. We also caught a number of tuna, ranging from 5 to 40 kilos.



Catching Dinner

We sailed into Rodney Bay, St. Lucia on December 3, taking a much needed rest for a week. From there the *Bonnie Lass* has ventured south to visit Marigot Bay, Bequia, Tobago Cays, Union Island and Grenada, where I am now. After spending Christmas here on the "Spice Island" I begin my single-handed island-hopping north to Antigua where I plan to attend the Antigua Classic and Race Week events in the spring.

750 miles of sunrises/sunsets by Sherri Wilkinson
Monday, December 8:



Don and Sherri at TYC

We escaped the jaws of the Pacific once again! The last two weeks we have enjoyed nonstop downwind sailing while anchoring many days along the Baja coast. We dumped ourselves and dingy in the waves in Abrejos, but dried off and went into town to fill 3-5 gallon Gerry cans of diesel and have fish tacos before successfully taking off from the beach! The water was warm though.

The moonlight has been wonderful at night as a great beacon lighting our way and adding wonder to the long hours of each watch, three hours each: 9:00pm-midnight; midnight-3:00am; and my favorite, 3:00-6:00am (dawn).

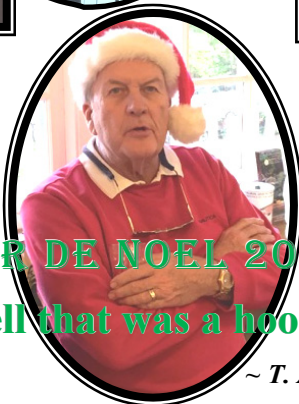
My iPod keeps me singing and awake as I am careful to spot a freighter or floating city such as a Princess Cruise ship or some menacing crab pots! But mostly we are alone with the moon and stars and the rush of wind in our shrouds.

Love San Jose del Cabo! No Cabo for us. This is mas tranquilo. Heading to La Paz for the Holidays!



TOUR DE NOEL 2014
 "Well that was a hoot!"

~ T. Ames



Photos courtesy of Trip Ames and
 Carolyn Fitz-Gerald

Russell Coutts: In his own words

Published on December 3, 2014

In the 14 months since Oracle Team USA successfully defended the America's Cup on SF Bay, team CEO Sir Russell Coutts looked hard at the plan he helped create for the 34th edition, and considered what steps were needed in hosting the next event. With the 35th America's Cup revealed to be Bermuda in 2017, Scuttlebutt editor Craig Leweck quizzed Russell to gain insight into the process and future plans...

With the amazing display of racing AC72s on SF Bay in 2013 and the epic comeback by your team, interest in the America's Cup was quite high. However, 14 months later, a lot of that momentum has been lost. Explain why the planning takes so long.

Let's go back to past America's Cups. When New Zealand won in 1995, it took five years. The next America's Cup was in 2000 and it took a long time to develop that venue. With something as involved as this, where you've got broadcast contracts that affect the timing, you can't just walk into a broadcaster and say, "Right, well we've got this great race going on, let's screen it on your television program." They'll say, "Well actually, we've got other programming on." Even in 2017.

There are a range of considerations to weigh throughout this venue process. Let's discuss two key criteria. One is having all teams based in one area that overlooks the course, which could also incorporate a central village. The other consideration (is) time zone. When you look at who the location is for—four of the current six teams are European-based—the time zone, particularly with European broadcasters, becomes a key point.

Think about all the people outside the stadium watching on broadcast platforms; this is a key consideration that I suggest the America's Cup has not really got right, until now. It's one of the main reasons the dates weren't announced when the Protocol was issued. People said to me, "Hey guys, how come you didn't announce the dates?" My answer was, "We have to work through that with the broadcasters." If we want television for this event, then you've got to get those decisions right and make sure that you're in broadcast windows that create value for the teams and their sponsors.

Commercial interest has certainly complicated the process to organize the America's Cup, hasn't it?

Broadcast is a major commercial element of the puzzle. But there are other commercial considerations as well. Two of the major factors facing a sports event are sponsorship and infrastructure. Particularly with America's Cup, where you're moving to a potentially new venue, even if we got it staged in San Francisco again, we would've had to work through sponsorship and infrastructure components again. When we looked at the venue decision in terms of that criteria, Bermuda provided for those elements in a very, very efficient and well-run way.

So having all the team bases in one location was a priority. Was that a strike against the other venue finalist, San Diego?

I'm not going to criticize any other venue. Many of the venues put in a lot of effort to meet certain criteria. But that would have been very, very difficult in San Diego. They didn't have an open space (that) could effectively house even six AC62 teams together. But I should add, that's quite a difficult criteria for most venues to achieve.

Since the AC62 rule was released, there had been discussion of making the boat smaller. Is that still under consideration?

We discussed downscaling the size of the boats to give us more room to maneuver with some of the venues under consideration. It was quite an intense, robust discussion, with consideration toward moving these boats around the world, the future of these boats, the costs, and how many crew they should have. But the teams didn't vote for downsizing. I think—given the information—we've made the right decision.

There is a contingent that is critical of the venue now being held outside of the defender's country. America's Cup is draped in tradition and having the venue in Bermuda is contrary to this tradition. Has the America's Cup moved beyond this sentiment that the event should be hosted in front of the team's club?

We think it has moved beyond that. We could have considered it selfishly and said, "We're just going to host it in front of our own club" without considering broadcast time zones (or) where the other teams could be housed. But this is an international event. It's got international teams and sponsors, and broadcasters are an important part of that sponsorship. So we looked at those things and weighted them very, very highly.

Speaking of the event outgrowing past tendencies, the responsibility of the defender hosting the event inevitably creates a stop-start scenario for each America's Cup. How much of a burden is this now? Has the event outgrown this requirement?

Teams are in discussions now about all kinds of efficiencies for the future. We were proposing talks begin six to eight months before the last Cup ended...to get all the teams together to discuss, "Okay, can we agree on the type of boat for next time? The year for next time? What are the areas of agreement we can have?" But we weren't able to put anything in place last time, as various people did not want to enter into that process.

This time these discussions are very active; the competitor's forum has been very active. One of the main differences is, rather than having the rules advisers from each team having these discussions, it is now the skippers of the teams who are sitting in that room having those discussions. That's a quantum shift. Now you've got Jimmy Spithill sitting there. You've got Dean Barker, Nathan Outteridge or Iain Percy. You've got Franck Cammas sitting there. You've got sailors making these decisions now. Also, design personnel are involved. So now, I believe—in fact I don't believe, I know—that those discussions have gone way further than any previous experience I've had with America's Cup. And they are continuing to go further.

What are the immediate plans for Oracle Team USA?

We will be moving our base to Bermuda. The team's got one last session in San Francisco in February. They're going to be sailing a new test boat. Then the whole operation will move to Bermuda. The team is planning on being there in April.

With the venue now officially revealed, and some of the other details now publicly known, how good does it feel to be at this stage?

I'm really happy with where we are; this is a fantastic decision, and I'm absolutely convinced this is going to be a fantastic America's Cup. It's not a PR sell or anything like that; I believe it. I really do. It's going to be the best one yet. I'm not over-hyping it as you've criticized certain people, rightly so, for the over-hype during the last event. It's just that I reckon I've got good reason to believe this America's Cup is going to be great.

January 2015

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		Friday	Saturday
28	Dec	29	30	31	1	Jan	2	3
		Club Cleaning Westerlies Deadline			<i>New Year's Day</i> 12:00pm - 4:00pm New Year's Open House and January General Meeting			
4		5	6	7	8		9	10
			10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi 7:00pm PCHA Meeting	Club Cleaning	6:30pm TYC Board Meeting			1:00pm TYC Midwinters #1 5:00pm - 9:00pm Crab Feed Bar opens @ 5:00, Dinner @ 5:45
11		12	13	14	15		16	17
			10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi		Club Cleaning		Rental/Tarlson	
18		19	20	21	22		23	24
		<i>M.L.King Day</i>	10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi	Club Cleaning				
25		26	27	28	29		30	31
		Westerlies Deadline	10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi		Club Cleaning			

February 2015

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Feb	2	3	4	5	6	7
2:00pm - 9:00pm Super Bowl Party and Chili Contest			10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi 7:00pm PCHA Meeting	Club Cleaning		5:30pm - 8:30pm General Meeting & Program	6:00am - 11:00pm Private party 1:00pm TYC Midwinters #2
8		9	10	11	12	13	14
			10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi		Club Cleaning 6:30pm TYC Board Meeting		<i>Valentine's Day</i>
15		16	17	18	19	20	21
		<i>Presidents Day</i>	10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi				
22		23	24	25	26	27	28
		Westerlies Deadline	10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi				

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