

# Westerlies

## Tiburon Yacht Club



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Tiburon, California



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### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS



*By Nancy Bilofsky*

As I write this, we have not yet welcomed the new year at the club's New Year's Day Open House, organized by event leader Ann Watson. But I hope the planned buffet, table games and outdoor children's activities served as a welcome antidote to any necessary New Year's Eve recovery, especially the featured Make-Your-Own-Bloody Mary bar. Whether you were there or not, here's a virtual toast to all for a new year of fun and friendship!

To carry on our members' spirit of generosity shown by the huge success of December's toy drive and food drive, the club continues to collect new or gently used children's warm coats for donation to Coats for Kids, benefiting Marin City kids. Leave your donations in the marked bin inside the clubhouse door anytime up until the General Meeting on January 8.

December has passed quickly. Thanks to trip leader Susan Hoehler, assisted by husband Bill, a busload of revelers had a great trip to the West Marin area singing, eating, drinking and shopping. At the December General Meeting we discussed possible changes to Associate Membership. TYC's board will consider your comments and continue the dialog.

The holiday party coordinated by Carole Gunn brought cheers to all, a visit from Santa Claus, delicious potluck food from members, and craft activities for children. Members also decorated the Christmas tree, contributed food to the food bank, and gave toys for distribution by the Canal Alliance to deserving children. Thanks go to Carole and her chief assistant, Gerry Gunn. Thanks also to Jessica Pressman, who arranged for newly designed TYC t-shirts to be available for purchase at the party. Be sure to check out the new design and buy a shirt for yourself, your family or friends.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8  
General Meeting & Program  
Doors Open at 5:30pm

January 16  
Crab Feed

January 29  
South African Dinner

February 7  
Super Bowl & Chili Fest

At the January 8 General Meeting, before our program showing a film on the restoration of the steam yacht *Cangarda*, I will report on the calendar of events planned for the year and solicit your ideas for new or additional events. Come with ideas for activities members will enjoy. Furthermore, I will be contacting members directly to have small group or individual brainstorming sessions on how to help the club constantly improve. Feel free to call or email me. Together we can accomplish our mutual goals.

The availability and affordability of crab is looking more positive so event leader Susie Woodrum is moving forward with our annual Crab Feed, taking place at TYC on January 16. Look for details about this popular even on page 4. On Friday, January 29, René Matthew will prepare and serve a dinner of South African cuisine. Volunteer sous chefs will have a chance to learn from René how to prepare the unusual dishes. It will be interesting and exciting. May your New Year's resolutions include positive thoughts about TYC and participation in more events.

## 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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**Happy New Year!**

**Let's do it again!**



# The Social Scene

By Sheila Lyons



## **Rita Pirie - 2016 Social Chair**

Please welcome Rita Pirie to this very active position. Rita has been a member of TYC for over 40 years so it's safe to say she's been around the block a few times when it comes to the social scene at our club. But don't let her long tenure fool you into thinking "same old, same old." She has some big ideas for socializing during the coming year and, together with other event organizers, we should be seeing some fresh and fun opportunities for everyone here at TYC.

Let's all plan on chipping in to support Rita as she brings her energy to TYC's social scene!

That being said, January brings us two parties: the traditionally delicious TYC Crab Feed on the 16<sup>th</sup> and, on January 29, a South African meal brought to you by chef and native South African René Matthew. It promises to be unique and tasty! Be sure to sign up online as soon as possible for these dinners; space will be limited.

Fire up your chili-making skills for February's Golden Super Bowl Viewing and Chili Cook-Off. Enter a chili into the contest and/or taste and judge chili dishes while watching the big game on our big-screen TVs. Details of this party, once again spear-headed by Jane Clark, can be seen on page 6 of this issue.

## **Family Holiday Party 2015**

TYC's social life was in full swing in December with the Family Holiday Party (always a favorite) taking up some real energy and spirit. Adults and children came to indulge themselves in everything from holiday crafts and tree-trimming to cookies and eggnog. Not to mention the sitting on Santa's lap. That guy must be really tired!

Beyond those traditional activities, TYC members and friends showed their generosity by contributing toys and food items for the needy this Christmas season. We collected over 100 children's toys and three large bags of food. Both the toys and the food went to San Rafael's Canal Alliance, who distributed it all to local families in need in time for Christmas.

Take a look at the wonderful photos from this event on page 8.

## **Coming Up at a Glance**

Saturday, January 16 - TYC Crab Feed, 5:00pm

Friday, January 29 - South African Dinner, 5:00pm

Sunday, February 7 - Golden Super Bowl Viewing & Chili Cook-Off, 2:30pm



## **Santa's 2015 Helpers:**

Gerry Gunn,  
Jackie Royal,  
Ben Palaima,  
Rita Pirie,  
Kelly Palaima  
and Patty Cerf

**Thanks to everyone who made TYC's 2015 Holiday Party such a wonderful time!**

- ✓ **Number One volunteer** for this event was (and has been for countless years past) **Ms. Carole Gunn**. Kudos to you Carole for once again organizing this event. It's way more complicated and time intensive than most people know!
- ✓ Carole had many volunteers helping her with this year's party, including a group of "Santa's Helpers" pictured below who decorated the club.
- ✓ Special thanks to everyone who contributed cookies, helped with the crafts and cleaned up. You know who you are and so does Santa.
- ✓ Thanks Carolyn Fitz-Gerald for your excellent photographs.
- ✓ Thanks Mike Fitz-Gerald for your very special contribution (shhh!)
- ✓ Thanks to the bartenders. What would we do without you?
- ✓ And of course, many thanks to everyone who contributed toys and food for those in need this Christmas season.

IT'S HAPPENING - THE WAITING IS OVER!  
YES! THERE WILL BE CRAB ON THE TABLE!



January 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	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	1	2	3	4	5	6



Tiburon Yacht Club is pleased to announce  
that our traditional Crab Feed will occur on  
Saturday, January 16th.

Bar opens at 5 PM - Dinner at 5:30 PM

Here's what you get:

- 🦀 All the Dungeness crab that you can eat
- 🦀 Mountains of Garlic Bread
- 🦀 Endless Salad
- 🦀 Scrumptious Dessert

- 🦀 ...and for those of a tidier disposition,  
an endless supply of roll towels will be  
on hand. But still dress accordingly.

The Tariff: \$28 per Head

To reserve: go online to [www.tyc.org](http://www.tyc.org) and  
then click on Crab Feed in Upcoming Events  
where you can register and pay with your  
credit card. It doesn't get any easier.

Reservations close at midnight, Tuesday,  
January 12. So you better hustle and re-  
serve now to guarantee your reservation.



# RACE NOTES

BY IAN MATTHEW



## Wild Turkey Race – 2015

On a beautiful Friday after Thanksgiving, six TYC boats came out to enjoy the beautiful weather. The morning had given us some wind and expectation was high. This year there was a new format: a pursuit race with three courses posted and start times allocated by PHRF Rating.

There was expectation as Race Officer Ian Matthew aboard *Siento el Viento* called out the selected course and confirmed each boat's starting time. A slight breeze prevailed as the start approached and the ebb tide started to build. The excitement grew as the guns sounded and the boats drifted towards the start line at their allotted times.

*Siento el Viento* found a path over the line blocked by *Joyride* as the *Mooretician* and *Lion* slowly crept towards the Birdcage, the first mark of the course. *Donkey Jack* and *Siento el Viento* had difficulty getting across the line as the tide built up and the wind disappeared and they watched the fleet head out into the wind. Only *Lion*, *Joyride* and *Mooretician* rounded the mark and headed for GRC, the second mark of the course. The wind died completely and the race was called with finishing positions given at GRC. *Joyride* was declared the winner, *Lion* took second place and *Mooretician* third, with fourth place given to *Carpe Vita*. *Donkey Jack* and *Siento el Viento* failed to make the first mark.

Then the fun started! *Carpe Vita* called for a tow back having used up all his fuel in the motoring around before the start. *Siento el Viento* came to the rescue. *Joyride* headed home and *Mooretician* towed *Lion*, until *Mooretician* also ran out of fuel. *Lion* finally got their engine going, but *Mooretician* ended up getting a tow back to the dock from the very helpful Marin Sherriff's boat.

The competitors all enjoyed the camaraderie back in the clubhouse with the traditional awarding of the Wild Turkey prizes and shots. All had fun and the new format was well liked – we'll do it again!

Full results can be found at:

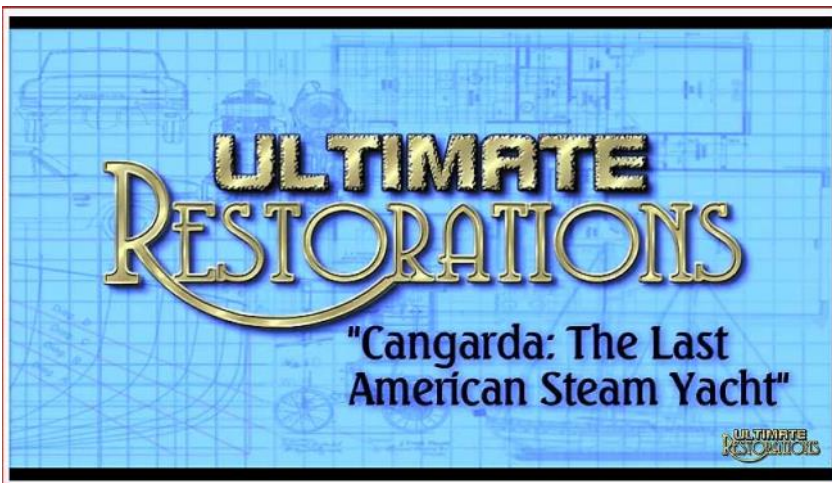
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### Coming Up

Midwinters #1 is on Saturday, January 9. First gun is at 1:00pm. You can enter here:

<https://www.jibeset.net/TYC000.php?RG=T00935106>

2016 races have been posted to the website calendar.



## Tiburon Yacht Club Presents:

*The PBS special*  
*"Cangarda – the last great American steam yacht "*

**Friday, January 8**  
**following the General Meeting**

**Doors Open at 5:30**  
**Pizza at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00**

This is a documentary of the meticulous restoration of this magnificent 136-foot yacht at the Rutherford boat shop in Richmond. Absolutely fascinating.

*All the great American steam yachts of the Golden Age are gone, except Cangarda. The vessel was built in 1901 at the Pusey and Jones Shipyard in Wilmington, Delaware. She is 136 feet long and weighs 125 tons, the size of a small airliner. Watch as the original machinery is restored, including seven steam engines. It will take over 100,000 man hours to bring this classic yacht back to life.*

*The most important yacht restoration of all time, no detail was spared to bring Cangarda back to her original beauty and charm, while at the same time utilizing modern technology, making her seaworthy and suitable for family use. Cangarda now has the best of the old and the best of the new, and is out sailing the sea, doing what she was designed to do.*



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



**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**

**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--

*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.





*Lunch at Occidental Union Hotel*



*At the cheese shop*



*Caroling on the way home  
and last chance for treats*



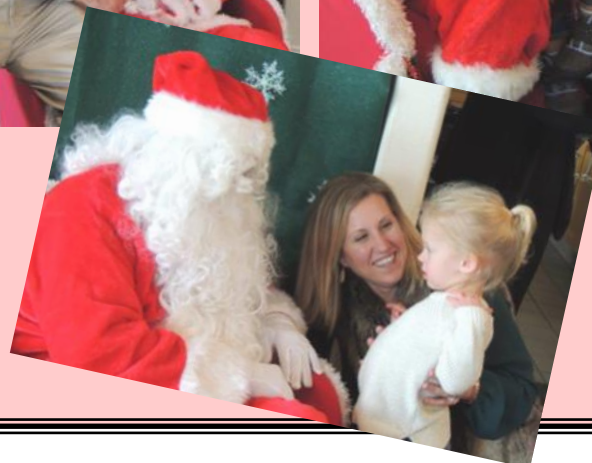
*Last stop, Paradise Cay*

**TYC's Annual Christmas Bus:  
caroling, lunching, tippling, shopping  
and smiling. 'Twas a good time!**





Santa Comes to TYC





# TYC Calendar for January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27  12:00 PM Private Party - Campbell	28  9:30 AM Music with Megan  2:00 PM Mah Jongg	29  <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 AM Tai Chi	30  (club cleaning)  6:30 PM Dominos Night!	31	<b>Jan 1</b>  12:00 PM New Year's Open House	2
3	4	5  <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 AM Tai Chi  <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM (PCHA meeting)	6  (club cleaning)  <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM (board meeting)	7	8  5:30 PM General Meeting	9  1:00 PM Bob & Esther Mott Midwinter Race #1
10	11	12  <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 AM Tai Chi	13	14  (club cleaning)	15	16  5:00 PM Crab Feed
17	18	19  <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 AM Tai Chi	20	21	22	23
24	25  Westerlies Deadline	26  <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 AM Tai Chi	27	28	29  5:30 PM South African dinner	30
31	Feb 1	2  <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 AM Tai Chi  <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM (PCHA meeting)	3  <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM (board meeting)	4	5	6  1:00 PM Bob & Esther Mott Midwinter Race #2

## OFFICERS

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