

Westerlies

Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay
Tiburon, California



NEXT GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30

Longitude 122° 28' W.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Ann Watson

My watch is now at the half way point and I'm proud of all that this board has accomplished. We're in the final phases of implementing the strategic plan. Ian's Committee on Increased Balanced Programs and Activities is coordinating race, social and cruise and will report back to the board at its June meeting.

We're getting started on some marketing for the club and plan to hold targeted events to attract new members. We've had more kid events than ever before with more to come. My favorite was the first ever Easter egg hunt. Having the club open every Friday is coming to fruition and the POS system is helping us coordinate that.

Shirley Vaughan has rejuvenated the bar with some premium cocktails in addition to our usual bargain drinks. That means my favorite, the Dark 'n' Stormy, is back. We're getting the Bar Stars Program up and running and will be using professional bartenders for larger events in addition to volunteers. We're doing trainings on the POS system and bartending itself. Tweaks to the POS system continue to be made to speed up its use.

Friday Night Beer Can racing is back and bringing in the crowds. We'll do a mix of grill

-your-own and catered or food truck events. Max's Pig 'n' Pie BBQ was a huge hit, as was the Grilly's taco bar, so we'll add them to our repertoire along with Lily Kai and Milano's. There should be something for everyone over the course of the year.

The club itself has been spruced up, with new back stairs and patio, a refurbished front walk and new railings. The exterior has also been freshened up. We've cleaned up the landscaping with more plantings to come. A small but handy crew participated in a spring work party, with more to come.

We are making progress toward changing the club to be more family friendly and to be open for the benefit of its members more often. Change is ongoing and will take time, but it is coming. I am reaching out to my counterparts at Golden Gate, St. Francis and San Francisco Yacht Clubs to get some ideas to bring to TYC. We have a broad range of members and need to move forward together so that everyone can embrace the changes. It may be slow, but it is steady.

We've held our usual parties, adding a fine dining experience and some wine tastings to the mix. On May 30th the clubhouse will be rocking in celebration of TYC's 50th anniversary, after the TYC/CYC Friendship Race. The racers want to bring that trophy back to TYC. Look for some coverage in *Lectronic Latitude*.

So a huge thank you to everyone who has helped along the way, or just come and enjoyed TYC. It's going to be a fun summer!

June 2015

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Important Dates

Ladies' Night Out
Wine Tasting

June 4

South Beach Cruise/
Giants Game

June 12-15

Westerlies Deadline

June 22

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.

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. In addition, *TYC has a small camera available at the club for any member to use during clubhouse events*. Please use this camera to take snapshots at any time, especially if there is no "official" photographer on site. If you let me know, resulting photos will be picked up from the club for possible inclusion in *Westerlies*.



~Sheila Lyons, Editor

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Tying Off a Cleat



YES

You'd be surprised how many boaters don't know how to tie off a cleat. Or maybe not. Take a stroll down any dock; you're sure to see a bad cleat hitch. Like the tangled mess shown above. Or the multi-looped yet still insufficient tie-off that isn't to be trusted.

What some don't realize is that a good, strong cleat hitch consists of three turns around the cleat's horns (see example below); no more, no less. Layering on the turns by crossing and re-crossing the cleat doesn't provide *any* extra holding strength. In fact, it only makes it more difficult to untie—something you don't want if quick action is called for.



The Social Scene

By Telesha Destein

The winds are howling outside the club and the fog is not too far off in the distance. It must be June! I'm writing this month's Social Scene while wrapping up last minute details for the Club's 50th Birthday Party, which happens on Saturday, May 30. (If you are reading this after this date, I hope you had a good time! And if you weren't able to attend, we missed you!) This will be one of the biggest events of the year with a 1950's style cocktail party, food stations and a local, popular band bringing us cover songs from the 1950's.

I'm just about half way through my tenure as social chair and am continually learning about the club and how it fits into your life. My goal at the beginning of the year was to come up with so many "social scene" ideas that hopefully, I would find something that appeals to you. I have overseen many of the traditional parties and have incorporated some new ideas as well. As always, if you have ideas, I would love to hear them!

May was filled with camaraderie at the club with Friday Night Socials in full swing. The highlight was the lingering Cinco de Mayo spirit (read: tequila) that Joe King happily mixed and poured. Apparently his secret Margarita recipe has been enjoyed on several continents and was quite the hit at TYC!

May also brought us the start of Beer Can racing and Friday Night Dinners. The best food award goes to Pig 'n' Pie. Thank you, Commodore Ann, for coordinating this dinner for the first race night. We had a great turnout and that food was SO delicious!

This time last year, Michael and I had a four-month-old baby (Enzo) when race nights started and it was nice to be able to get out, while staying close to home. We came to almost every race night. We are again excited about what this race season brings for Friday nights at the club. I will continue to find ways to make the club enjoyable for all members. We have some Friday nights open if you would like to coordinate a dinner during race season. Please email me if you are interested.

Michael and I were away most of the month with our families in Florida, so we are excited to get back to the club to see you. While in Florida, we spent some time enjoying reciprocal benefits at the Sarasota Yacht Club. Wow—what a beautiful club! We identified a few unique ideas that we will share. Reciprocal benefits are a huge benefit to membership in TYC so don't forget to use these benefits while on your travels this summer. And report back to us on anything interesting you find!

I'm already looking forward to next month's column so I can tell you all about the club's birthday party as well as our first Ladies' Night Wine Tasting event, which takes place on June 4.

Don't forget to check the TYC website often for updates on the social scene. Also, if you are a Facebook user, don't forget to "Like" TYC's Facebook page. I will begin using this more for updates.

See you at the club!

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PIÑATA FUN ON CINCO DE MAYO



TYC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS INVITES YOU TO ITS ANNUAL

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

1:00 - 7:00PM

1:00PM: CLUB OPENS FOR BROTHERS & SISTERS RACE

2:30-3:30PM: GAMES AND FUN FOR ALL AGES

3:00PM: BAR OPENS

4:00-7:00PM: DINNER SERVED

FEATURING:

GRILLED CHICKEN SAUSAGES

LINKS & HOT DOGS WITH ALL THE FIXINGS

SALADS

DESSERT

\$10 ADULT

\$6 CHILDREN UNDER 12

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CRUISE NEWS

BY JON PRICE

BALLENA BAY YC CRUISE REVIEW (MAY 22-24)

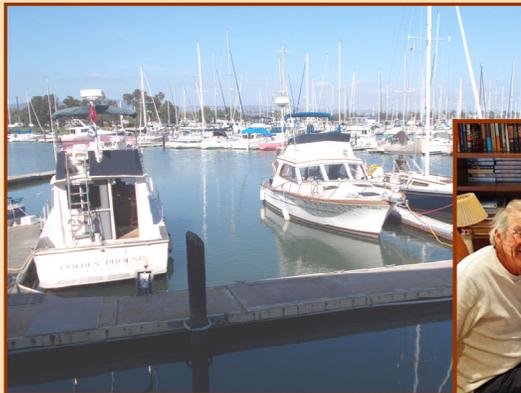
Turnout for this cruise of four boats was unfortunately diminished by one due to medical reasons. Two boats arrived at Ballena Isle Marina on Friday, followed by the remaining one on Saturday.

Friday evening was open, and we dined at Pier 21 Restaurant at the marina. In this writer's opinion, the fare and the service were exceptional, without exorbitant pricing. Highly recommended for anyone visiting.

The following day was occupied in socializing with B.B.Y.C. members, exploring the large marina with a great variety of boats, admiring the beautiful location on the west shore of Alameda Island, and lounging in the sun (afternoon only as it was quite overcast in the morning). That evening our hosts staged their Red, White & Blue Barbecue, and at the same time everyone was being entertained by yet another Warriors playoff victory.

Our thanks to the B.B.Y.C. members who were very cooperative in helping arrange this cruise-out.

Next up: Richardson Bay Yacht Club cruises into TYC on Saturday, July 11. Then July 17-19, TYC cruises out to the friendly Encinal Yacht Club on the Estuary in Alameda.



Eight Bells for Richard Storer

Former long-time TYC member Richard Storer died Thursday, May 14 in Roseville, CA. He had just turned 89.

Richard was born May 9, 1930. He and his wife Joan, a racer for whom the Joan Storer Regatta is named, were active members of TYC for many years. They lived in Paradise Cay in what is now Jeff Bruscia's house.

Both Richard and Joan served in a variety of capacities over the years, with Richard serving multiple terms as club treasurer.

Richard's son, John Storer, plans to work with TYC to incorporate a party and special trophy for this year, which marks the 25th anniversary of the Joan Storer Regatta.



IT'S GAME TIME!

GIANTS OUTING JUNE 14

Join your TYC friends at our annual outing to a World Champion S.F. Giants game, Sunday, June 14 at 1:00pm against division rival Arizona Diamondbacks. Just a few field-level seats along the left field line remain for late deciders. Email Walt Bilofsky (bilofsky@toolworks.com) or call 415-435-4433.

Mini-Vacation for Cruisers

Cruisers - navigate your weekend condo to the heart of the city that lures tourists from all over the world! It's a perfect mini vacation!

Walk to the game, and to restaurants and Muni, from your slip at South Beach Yacht Harbor, adjacent to the ballpark. No need to provision the boat - enjoy Saturday dinner (\$15 - \$20) at South Beach YC and a sumptuous Sunday breakfast at Town's End with their legendary mini-muffins. After the game, enjoy a sunset cruise home (sun sets 8:32 pm), or stay over until Monday. We're holding two extra slips for late deciders, but will have to release them soon, so reserve now!

Can't take a whole weekend off? Boat over for the day. Reserve on the Cruise page at tyc.org.

Listen up: TYC addresses noise issues



We all know how noisy the club can get, especially during a crowded, popular event. There are times when we simply can't hear the club phone ringing. To fix that, TYC now has a "phone flasher" at the south end of the bar. So now, if someone calls from the box at the gate, the flashing light will alert us that the phone is ringing. Once answered, just push 9 on the club phone to open the gate and let folks through.

Adding to the din of mingling club members is the sound of our hard working ice machine. Most of the time, we don't care. But for those times when quiet is called for, we now have a 60-minute timer located on the wall to the left of the icemaker, allowing one to silence the ice-making mechanism. Once the hour is up, the ice maker automatically turns back on.



Many thanks to Bill Hoehler for these handy solutions!

RACE NOTES

BY MARIELLEN STERN



May has been a busy month of racing! Here's a rundown of the races:

"Sinko" de Mayo Race

The Cinco de Mayo Race has not been run since 1998! Thanks to Commodore Ann Watson for suggesting we bring it back this year. In doing so, we decided to call it the "Sinko" de Mayo Race. We wanted to make this race different from the others so we designed it to be a "FIASCO", an idea similar to the Three Bridge Fiasco that takes place on the Bay in the fall season. Although the race would be in the Cay, the course would be chosen off of our TYC List of Courses. It turned out to be a beautiful day with lots of wind. The race committee sent us on a 5.7 NM course. Although the course selected could not be run as a FIASCO, everyone had a good time anyway!

Lon Woodrum and Steve Nimz on *Lion* was first around the weather mark and kept that position for the rest of the race! David Harps on *White Bear* came in second, followed by third place winners John Sullivan and Gerry Gunn on *Diversion*.

Thanks to Ann Watson and Shirley Vaughan for the food and bar service after the race. Thanks also to Floyd Fulmer and Bill Hoehler for running Race Committee.

The Behrens Regatta

This regatta was held on June 16. We had a nice turnout with three divisions: the Ultimate 20's with their own one-design fleet, followed by spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions. Although very shifty, the wind was out of the south the majority of the day, moderate to light. But by the third race, we had a very gusty westerly arrive. So a nice variety of conditions made for a lovely day on the Bay. Thanks to Alice and John Shinn for being our Race Committee.

Overall results:

Ultimate 20

U Again - David Woodside
UHoo - Mike Josselyn
Breakaway - John Wolfe

Spinnaker Division

Siento El Viento - Ian Matthew
White Bear - David Harp
Don Wan - Don Kunstler

Non-Spinnaker Division

Galante - Otto Schreier
Lion - Lon Woodrum/Steve Nimz
Joyride - Bill Hoehler



Ultimate 20's at the start line



Galante — Winner Non-spinnaker Division

Friday Night Racing

To kick off Friday Night Racing, a Race Committee Clinic was held before the first race. Ian Matthew put on a very informative lecture on what is involved in conducting a race. Topics included checking wind and current conditions before choosing a course for the racers; selecting a course for the racers; starting the race and getting the finish times. Anyone who wanted to stay later and assist Race Committee during this first Friday night race could do so. Thanks to all the participants. I hope you found the clinic informative. Many thanks to Ian Matthew for conducting this clinic!

The first Friday night race got off to a nice start with a moderate breeze. We had six boats divided into two divisions. It was a beautiful evening on the water.

Ian Matthew's *Siento El Viento* came in first in Division 1 and David Wegner's *Coaster* was first in Division 2.

A BIG thank you goes to Susan and Lon Woodrum who made up flyers announcing the upcoming Friday night series and hand delivered them to all the sailboats in the Paradise Cay Yacht Harbor.

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Offer to New Sailors

Race Committee will be awarding a \$10.00 gift certificate (while supplies last) from West Marine to any new junior sailor or "new" crew member who participates in a Friday night race. (Hint: Check the TYC crew list...two new sailors would like to crew.) We will also award a certificate to any new boat that wants to give racing a try.

If you are short on crew, please check the crew list on the TYC website!

Basics of Racing Clinic

Coming up on June 5, Ian Matthew will be conducting a clinic on the basics of racing. If you are new to racing, this is the clinic for you! This clinic will begin at 4:30pm and end at 5:30pm, with racing afterwards. We hope to see you there!



TYC's Spring



Work Party



June 2015

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	May	1	Jun	2	3	4	5	6
		2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jongg		10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi 7:00pm PCHA Meeting		Club Cleaning 7:30pm Ladies Night Wine Tasting Party	6:30pm TYC Friday Night Racing	
7		2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jongg		10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi	10	11	12	13
4:00pm - 8:00pm Private Party						Club Cleaning 6:30pm TYC Board Meeting	SF Giants / South Beach Cruise 6:30pm TYC Friday Night Racing	SF Giants / South Beach Cruise
14		2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jongg		10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi	17	18	19	20
SF Giants / South Beach Cruise 1:00pm SF Giants Game		SF Giants / South Beach Cruise 2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jongg				Club Cleaning	6:30pm TYC Friday Night Racing	12:00pm H.O. Lind Series #1 & #2
21		Westerlies Deadline 2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jongg			24	25	26	27
Fathers Day						Club Cleaning	6:30pm TYC Friday Night Racing	Club Cleaning
28		2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jongg			1	2	3	4
Private Party					Jul		6:30pm TYC Friday Night Racing	Independence Day 1:00pm Brothers & Sisters Regatta 1:00pm - 8:00pm 4th of July BBQ by Board of Directors

July 2015

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	Jun	29		30	1	2	3	4
Private Party		2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jongg			Jul		6:30pm TYC Friday Night Racing	Independence Day 1:00pm Brothers & Sisters Regatta 1:00pm - 8:00pm 4th of July BBQ by Board of Directors
5		2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jongg		7:00pm PCHA Meeting	8	9	10	11
						6:30pm TYC Board Meeting	6:30pm TYC Friday Night Racing	Richardson Bay Y.C. cruise-in
12		2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jongg			15	16	17	18
							Cruise Out to Encinal YC 6:30pm TYC Friday Night Racing	Cruise Out to Encinal YC 12:00pm TYC Moseley Regatta
19		2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jongg			22	23	24	25
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