

Westerlies

Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay
Tiburon, California



NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
FRIDAY, MARCH 7
DOORS OPEN 5:30PM

Longitude 122° 28' W.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Gary Stypulkoski

Trying to write the Commodore's Comments while on vacation in Puerto Vallarta amid a mixture of beaches, boats, sun, warm water and whales—not to mention a few too many margaritas—proved a bit challenging. Now back in wet and windy Marin, I finally have the time.

February was a busy month at the club, starting with the Super Bowl & Chili Cook-Off. Many thanks to Jane Clark and her crew, who organized this fun event. Our General Meeting on February 7 featured a program by Thomas Kerwin, author of *The Pan Am Journey*. One of the stories he shared was how a pilot navigated his way back to San Francisco by following channel markers outside the gate and then flying under the south span of the Golden Gate Bridge for a successful water landing. I hope never to be on a flight that has to resort to doing this to make it back to San Francisco!

It seems the rainy season officially started just in time for the first TYC race on February 8. While I stated I wanted to get my sailing mojo back, I could not convince myself or my crew to go out and brave the stormy weather. Instead, I spent the day rearranging and cleaning out my garage, a project I have put off for over five years. I can now finally park one of our cars in the garage—

something my wife never thought would happen. If you put your mind to it, almost anything is possible.

That being said, the TYC board has put its collective mind together to review the 2013 survey findings and is plotting a new course to make the TYC a better club. I'll be sharing the results, and our plans for improvement over the coming months, in a separate article to come.

While I did not make it out on the course for that opening race, congratulations to those who didn't mind getting wet and came out to compete. If it rains during the next two races scheduled in March, I will *not* spend the day figuring out how to get a second car in the garage.

The Valentine's Speakeasy Party was a huge success. Chris Canada, with the help of Trip Ames and many others, did a fantastic job of organizing the party while Chef Carl did a great job keeping us well fed. Check out the photo spread on page 8 of this issue.

If you happen to read this prior to February 28, come on down to TYC's first Bistro Night of the year, featuring live music, and catering by Milano's.

Another General Meeting with program takes place on March 7 (see page 7) and a St. Patrick's Day party on the 15th. The month closes out with a cruise to the St. Francis Yacht Club.

I challenge any of our new members to come up with an idea for a party and take the lead on organizing the event. Let me know your thoughts and the board will see what can be done to make it happen.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the club!

March 2014

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Important Dates

**Gen. Mtg. & Program:
The Wines of Tiburon
March 7**

**St. Patrick's Day Party
March 15**

**Westerlies Deadline
March 24**

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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2013 Blue Water Medal To Jeanne Socrates

Remember Jeanne Socrates, the woman Alice Shinn brought to TYC last November to give us a presentation on her solo-sailing travels around the world? Well, listen to this:

The Cruising Club of America has selected Jeanne Socrates (Ealing, West London, England) to receive the Blue Water Medal for her completion of a solo nonstop circumnavigation of the world on her third attempt.

The Blue Water Medal was first awarded in 1923 and is given "for a most meritorious example of seamanship, the recipient to be selected from among the amateurs of all nations." The award will be presented at the annual CCA Awards Dinner on March 7, 2014 at New York Yacht Club in Manhattan.

After 259 days alone and unassisted at sea, Socrates sailed past the Ogden Point breakwater in Victoria, on July 8, 2013 at 2:26 a.m., completing her nonstop goal and becoming the first woman to sail nonstop around the world (on a route that started and finished in North America) and the oldest woman to sail solo nonstop around the world.

Socrates is raising money for Marie Curie Cancer Cure, a British program that offers free home nursing for terminally ill cancer patients. Links to the charity can be found by visiting her website, svnereida.com



The Social Scene

By Trip Ames

Wow...what a party! Friday, February 14, TYC opened its very own speakeasy (secret password: *moonshine*.) Attended by 70+ gangsters, flappers, rum runners, gamblers, and an undercover Fed or two, virtually everyone came in 1920s prohibition-period dress—although the Thompson submachine gun was nowhere to be seen. But there was a full-blown “working” moonshine still complete with smoke, flashing lights and obligatory warning labels, should anyone be crazy enough to drink the stuff. (Trip Ames built the still in his garage because he just retired and has too much time on his hands.) Contributing to the 20's atmosphere, John Orvis produced a very cool music and video show capturing the sounds and sights of that era.

And how about all those flowers meticulously arranged on every table by Jill Ames and donated to the club by Jane and Roy Borodkin? Many thanks to you three for turning the club into a magical place.

Dinner consisted of passed appetizers and stand-up food stations that included crab cakes, scallops, lamb chops, steak sliders, brie and cheese platter, vegetables and chocolate eclairs—fabulous! Thank you, Carl Peschlow and your hard-working staff, who together catered a truly sumptuous feast.

Throughout the evening two very active blackjack tables were in full operation with party goers standing in line to place their bets. Trip and Mike Obley were the designated dealers for the night, with others stepping in to cover when they could not hold it any longer. Chips were purchased for a minimum of \$5 with all the proceeds going to the Youth Sailing fund. The top two chip holders at the end of the evening each received a bottle of TYC's finest whiskey. No bathtub gin here.

By all accounts the party was a huge success as evidenced by the large turnout, great food, creative costumes, active bar scene and the fact that a lot of folks stayed late. Parties like this don't just happen. A bunch of hard-working volunteers, led by Chris Canada, pulled it off. Kudos to Chris and her committee, which included Suzanne Jolma (set up, clean up); John Orvis (videos, music, photos); Sheila Lyons and Sondra Blake (rentals, set up); Erin and Gary Stypulkoski (set up, clean up, back-up dealer); Trip Ames (publicity, gaming, moonshine); and Karen and Mike Obley (bar, dealer). Be sure to see photos from the party on page 8.

For those who did not attend this great event, you'll have other opportunities in the very near future.

Coming Up: St. Patrick's Day Party-March 15 (see flyer on page 4) Commodore's Cocktail Party-April 27

New Champ Emerges from 2014 Chili-Cook-Off

TYC went hog wild this year at the Fourth Annual Chili Cook-off and Super Bowl Party thanks to Susan Hoehler's chili of the same name. Susan's Hog Wild Chili clinched first place, followed closely by Bob Cerf's Blazer's Blazing Chili. With eight chili contestants and more than 50 tasters, this was one hot and spicy event! Tasters were able to tame the heat by testing a variety of cornbread and with a visit to the bar. Thank you to each of the chili and cornbread chefs and the volunteers who gave their time to make this event so much fun. Here is the list of participants and volunteers *you* can thank next time you see them at the club:

Chili Chefs

Susie Woodrum
Trip Ames
Patty Cerf
Susan Hoehler
Carolyn & Mike Fitz-Gerald
Barbara Henderson
Marcia Sullivan
Ann Tunney

Chili Name

Not Yo Mama's Chili II
Trip's Bullsh*t Chili
Blazer's Blazing Chili
Hog Wild Chili
Texas Sweat Chili
Turkey Challenge Chili
Boston Proper Chili
Ann's Flying High Chili

Cornbread Chefs

Carole Gunn
Ann Tunney
Patty Cerf

Couldn't Have Done it Without Party Organizer Jane Clark and:

Carole & Jerry Gunn
Jack Wernick
Suzanne Jolma
Joe King
John Sullivan
Geoff & Penny Mulligan
Lee Royal
Allen Dekelbourn



Winning Chef &
Her Hog Wild
Chili



***Get Your Leprechaun On!
Break Out the Green!***

Vice Commodore Ann Watson Brings You:

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY IRISH PUB NIGHT AT
TIBURON YACHT CLUB**

SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH

Bar opens at 6:00pm — Dinner at 7:00pm.

No snakes allowed!

Featuring:

Corned Beef Sliders

(Meat Specially Cooked & Sliced by Paradise Foods)

Coleslaw

Potatoes O'Brien

Irish Cream Cake and Irish Coffee

(All of the Above Prepared and Served By Ann & Crew)

**Special Drink O' the Night: Jameson and Ginger (the Irish Dark 'n' Stormy)
\$3.00 During Happy Hour: 6:00-7:00pm**

Irish Music! (Jig if you must)

Pub Games! Irish Trivia Contest!

Get Your Gaelic Horoscope (Be ye a Stag or a Salmon or ?)

Will we see St. Patrick wearing his Red Sox miter?

Only \$12 with Paid Reservation

Reserve at www.tyc.org BY NOON Wednesday, March 12

(credit card and PayPal accepted)

OR

Send a check (payable to TYC) to:

Ann Watson

1 Edwards Avenue

Sausalito, CA 94965





CRUISE NEWS

BY JON PRICE

February's cruise to Corinthian Yacht Club came off without a hitch, save some last minute bookings that required a few hastily arranged changes in reservations. Friday arrivals dined at Lily Kai, well known at our club for excellent catering of some of our events.

Saturday dawned with absolutely splendid weather and some of us just hung out at the club while others hit the shops on Main Street, returning with an assortment of goodies to the probable chagrin of their spouses when the bills come due.

Saturday evening dinner in the Corinthian dining room was, as expected, exceptional—great ambience, splendid view and great food. In summary, hopefully experience matched expectations in our cruise to this great club.



Happy Cruisers Not So Far From Home

St. Francis Yacht Club Cruise March 28 – 30

The forthcoming March cruise is to St. Francis Yacht Club, arguably the most elegant club in the Bay Area. It was recently named the #1 Yacht Club of the U.S. Platinum Clubs of America (yes, even ahead of New York Yacht Club).

Your cruise director is familiar with this club and knows a number of members, all of whom you will find most welcoming and gracious. Contrary to popular impression, this club does not manifest the pretentious attitude for which it has acquired an undeserved reputation. However, it does have certain rules, such as men removing hats in the club and wearing jackets in the upstairs dining room.

There will be ample visitor dock space, and for those enjoying exercise, fresh air and extraordinary views, the Marina Green is right at hand. This is a cruise you won't want to miss.



Giants Game Outing May 25 and South Beach Cruise

It's your choice how to participate in this returning TYC tradition:

- **Weekend cruise** to South Beach over Memorial Day.
- Ride our **private yacht** to the Giants game direct from Paradise Cay.
- Or come on your own and still enjoy our **reserved TYC block seating**.

Day boat from the Cay: Thanks to new member **Jack Wernick**, you can cruise to the game from the Cay aboard his 50' Sea Ray, *Lady*. Cost is \$42 per person: \$30 for your field-level seat and a \$12 contribution toward fuel costs (ferry from Larkspur costs \$22). Space is limited. Mail your check, payable to TYC, to Patty Cerf, 182 St. Thomas Way, Tiburon 94920. TYC members and immediate family only, please.

Or buy your game tickets (1 pm, Sunday, May 25 vs. Minnesota, \$30) in the TYC block, then take the Larkspur ferry directly to the park, or get there on your own. Supply is limited so send your check to Patty now.

Best choice is to spend the weekend on your boat with our fleet in fabulous South Beach Marina. Enjoy all that San Francisco has to offer: museums, restaurants (brunch at Town's End), the Ferry Building farmers' market and more. It's a **great cruise for your family**: A little park adjoins the marina, and the Exploratorium is a delightful Embarcadero waterfront stroll or a short tram ride away.

There are **two reserved slips remaining** in our block of 10 as of this writing, so sign up on the Cruise page now – first come, first served. More slips will become available March 23, direct from the marina. But buy your tickets now; if you can't get a slip we'll take them back.

Space is limited, so sign up now. We look forward to seeing you at the game!

~ Walt ("Say Ahoy Willie") Bilofsky

RACE NOTES

BY JIM BLISS



First Midwinter Race February 8, 2014:

The weather for the first Midwinter was a discouraging rain and fog. Of the 12 boats entered (six in each division), only two ventured out to the starting line: Ian Matthew's *Siento El Viento* in the Spinnaker Division, and Gary Proctor's *Meritime* in the Non-Spinnaker Division.

The wind was good enough to race, so Ian and Gary agreed to go ahead and sail the shortest course, as long as they were out there. Both boats finished Course 1 (to TYC and back) in under 15 minutes, with *Siento El Viento* first across the finish line. Since they were in separate divisions, each was awarded a first place and a single point for their efforts, giving them a big point advantage for the series over the five boats in each division that did not start.

Non-starters received eight points each (fleet +2) as a DNC. The short race allowed them to get back to the club early for their prize and some post-race socializing, and still get home for some Saturday non-sailing chores.

The remaining 2014 Midwinter Races are:

Midwinter #2	March 8
Midwinter #3	March 29

Our **2014 Races Calendar** continues as follows:

Don Wan Regatta - April 12
Behrens Regatta - May 17
Friday Night Racing - every Friday Night starting May 23 ending September 12
TYC/CYC Friendship Regatta (hosted at CYC) - June 14
H. O. Lind Series - Jun 28, July 19 & August 23
Brothers & Sisters Race - July 4
Moseley Regatta (for Etchells & Knarrs) - July 26
Fox Hat Regatta - August 16
Tornberg Regatta (TYC Members Only) - September 13
Short-Handed Regatta - October 4
Joan Storer Womens Regatta - October 11
Red Rock Regatta - November 1
Wild Turkey Regatta - November 28

Volunteers Needed for Race Committees:

We are seeking volunteers to serve on race committees for our 2014 races. Currently regular racers want to be on the starting line, leaving us short-handed on the race committees. We would like at least two people for each race so we can pair a new volunteer with an experienced member. We invite racers to learn the race committee procedures and take a turn serving. Non-racers who would like to become familiar with the racing process are also invited. Pick your preferred dates and races from the above list. Training and guidance will be provided as required.

If you can help us out, contact me, Jim Bliss, at race@tyc.org or 415-407-8059. Your participation is greatly appreciated.



- Friday evening, March 7
- Pizza, salad and **wine pairings** served from 5:30 pm – **kids drink free!***
- A brief General Meeting at 7 pm, followed by **the winemaker's talk**



Coming all the way from Tiburon's historic Ark Row, **Couloir Wines | Straight Line Wine Tasting Room** owner and **winemaker Jon Grant** brings his wines and expertise to TYC. You've seen the new tasting room at 72 Main St; now hear one of the most talented and passionate of California's new generation of winemakers reveal the secrets behind these world-class wines. Inspired by traditional western European winemaking, Jon celebrates California grape growing to preserve each wine's unique sense of place, vintage and variety.

You'll enjoy samplings of Jon's Couloir Wines: handcrafted, vineyard designated Pinot Noirs, alongside Straight Line's varietal wines from top appellations. Each of the wines expresses genuine varietal character and is designed to over-deliver at reasonable prices.

These fine wines can pair with everything from filet mignon to caviar. You should try all of them at the tasting room downtown. But tonight, specifically for TYC, Jon has created a **specially selected set of pairings** to go with your **favorite flavors of Stefano's gourmet pizzas**. Pairings are listed on tyc.org.

Pizza plus salad is still only \$7, and a generous tasting of these fine wines only \$10.

** - Kids get a free juice or other non-alcoholic beverage.*

Coming Attraction:



April 4: Atlantic Passage. From one wine tasting to another, but far from Tiburon: TYC members Alice and Jon Shinn stop off in Porto, Portugal (left) on their 7,400 mile sail from Edgartown, Mass. to the dramatic fjords of Norway. Sail along with them on this lavishly illustrated blue water journey.

Program Report: On February 7, Tom Kewin, Pan Am flight engineer on the Clipper flying boats in the 1940's, held about 75 TYC members and guest Pan Am veterans rapt by spinning yarns like the time his pilot, a Sausalito sailboat skipper, navigated in the Gate under a 100 foot cloud ceiling by following the sea buoys! If you missed it, **catch him at the March 26 lunch** at our copycat sister club, the St. Francis. Thanks to dinner, setup and cleanup organizer Nancy Bilofsky, helpers Bob and Patty Cerf, Ruth Fults, Paula Blake, Erin Stypulkoski and Susan Hoehler, and a raft of bartenders.

- Walt ("Be a Winer") Bilofsky, Program Chair



March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 Feb	24	25	26	27	28	1 Mar
Corinthian Y.C. Cruise-Out.	Westerlies Deadline	9:00am - 10:00am Beg. Tai Chi 10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi		Club Cleaning	5:30pm Bistro Nite/Music	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		9:00am - 10:00am Beg. Tai Chi 10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi 7:00pm PCHA Meeting	Club Cleaning		General Meeting and Speakers' Series - The Wines of Tiburon	1:00pm Midwinter
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Start Daylight Savings Time		9:00am - 10:00am Beg. Tai Chi 10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi		Club Cleaning 6:30pm Board Meeting		St. Paddy's Day Party
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	St. Patrick's Day	9:00am - 10:00am Beg. Tai Chi 10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi 6:00pm PCHA Annual Meeting	Club Cleaning			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Westerlies Deadline	9:00am - 10:00am Beg. Tai Chi 10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi			St. Francis Y.C. Cruise-Out.	St. Francis Y.C. Cruise-Out. 1:00pm MidWinter Race
30	31	1 Apr	2	3	4	5
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April 2014

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30 Mar	31	1 Apr	2	3	4	5
St. Francis Y.C. Cruise-Out.		9:00am - 10:00am Beg. Tai Chi 10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi 7:00pm PCHA Meeting			General Meeting and Speakers' Series - Atlantic Passage	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		9:00am - 10:00am Beg. Tai Chi 10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi		6:30pm Board Meeting		12:00pm Don Wan Regatta
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		9:00am - 10:00am Beg. Tai Chi 10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi			Oakland Y.C. Cruise-Out.	Oakland Y.C. Cruise-Out. Cruise In Richardson Bay
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Oakland Y.C. Cruise-Out.		9:00am - 10:00am Beg. Tai Chi 10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi				
27	28	29	30	1 May	2	3
Commodore's Cocktail Party	Westerlies Deadline					

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