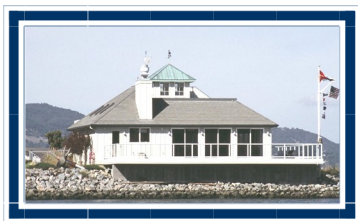


# Westerlies

## Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay  
Tiburon, California



Longitude 122° 28' W.



### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS



*By Nancy Bilofsky*

With the winter rains subsiding, can spring be far behind? I'm looking forward to having some fair weather activities at the club. A morning small boat event is a possibility. Are you interested in using your paddle board, kayak, canoe, Opti, etc., or sharing one with someone else and coming to the club for a race...or whatever? Contact me to share ideas or otherwise help put an event together. This is a great way to give our youth members some on-the-water activities.

Other spring/summer offerings are low effort, low volunteer events with some paid help. Hiring a bartender and someone to clean up after a dinner adds about \$5 to the cost of an event. We'll try it and see if that's sustainable. Also planned are cooking classes, including a children's class. Teacher-chefs Rekha Dutt and René Matthew want to know what cuisines interest our members. Let them know your preferences.

Thanks to Program Chair Bob Mott, two deputies from the Marin County Sheriff's Marine Unit spoke at February's general meeting about their work for public safety on the water. They welcome reports from the public about any problems or injuries related to water activities. Contact Kate Dahlberg at [kdahlberg@marinsheriff.org](mailto:kdahlberg@marinsheriff.org) and Kyle Couture at [kcouture@marinsheriff.org](mailto:kcouture@marinsheriff.org), or 415-479-2311, at any time with feedback or concerns.

General meeting nights are looking a little different. Besides a talk by KKMI's Bob Kaplan, the March General Meeting will again offer a Children's Hour. At our first Children's Hour, just before last month's meeting got underway, four children and one teenager participated. This month, expect children's table games from 4:00-6:00pm as well as dominoes, mahjong and any other table games you may bring. Lessons in dominoes and mahjong will be available. If you have them, bring dominoes or mahjong sets. Let's make these nights "hang out at the club" nights.

Bar Chair Shirley Vaughan's first Happy Hour with live music was fun, casual and drew a good crowd. Thank you Shirley! She plans to have another, possibly on March 18. Watch your email for announcements.

A vote to amend the bylaws for associate membership will be held at the April 8 General Meeting. Ballots will be mailed this month. Please vote in person or by mail.

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership. To those who haven't, consider renewing in support of your friends and neighbors who are members and join them in fun events to come. If you have a friend or neighbor who may be interested in joining TYC, bring them to an event so they can get to know us. The Commodore's Cocktail Party on April 17 is an excellent time to bring prospective members to the club.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*March 11*

General Meeting/Program  
with Children's Hour  
Doors open 4:00pm

*March 11-13*  
Ski Cruise

*March 12-13*  
Sausalito Cruise &  
Tall Ship Tour

*March 26*  
Easter Egg Hunt & Party  
10:00am

## 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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## General Meeting Program Notes *By Robert Mott*



February's meeting program featured Deputies Dahlberg and Couture from the **Marin County Sheriff's Marine Unit** who described their responsibilities and operations. Their primary mission is enforcing law on the Bay, but other responsibilities include assisting distressed or disabled vessels and people in the water, conducting accident investigations, and being on the watch for unsafe conduct and negligent boat operation. The area covered by the Unit's two boats *Rescue One* and *Rescue Two* (right) takes in approximately 90 square miles of waterways and 59 miles of shoreline within Marin County's borders, including both Bay and offshore coastal waterways. And last but not least, they also bring Santa Claus to our annual Christmas parties!



### Coming Up for the March 11 Meeting...



Once the beer and pizza and the business meeting are done **Paul Kaplan** of **KKMI**—the Bay Area's premier boat works and chandlers with yards located in Point Richmond and Sausalito—will give us a rundown of their facilities and activities. Many famous yachts—both local and visiting cruisers and racers—have utilized their services. KKMI has a very good website with some really interesting videos of the work they do. You can find it here: <http://www.kkmi.com/video-library/>. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

# The Social Scene

By Rita Pirie

February is Super Bowl month and TYC likes to watch and celebrate the Big Game. This year, in honor of Super Bowl 50, we held The *Golden* Super Bowl Viewing and Chili Cook-off. Besides the eight chili entries and cornbread, there was an "after-chili-tasting" menu of cole slaw, Fat Tire brats and pulled pork sliders, with African pudding and brownies for dessert. Oh, and Jane Clark, who organized everything, also made chocolate-covered strawberry footballs! Here's what Jane has to say about the event:

*What a fun competition this year, which saw some new entrants and excellent chili recipes. Chili tasters mingled and tasted and when it finally came down to voting knew that Hell Hath no Fury (Susie Woodrum) like the Silent Thunder (Mike and Carolyn Fitz-Gerald) that came roaring past the St. Lucia Special (Steve Nimz), taking a detour to Chili Con Carne de Credo Con Chipotles (Ian Matthew). But they rose to the challenge and voted for their favorites. Congratulations to First Place winner Kelly Palaima (Kelly's Koffee Chili) and Second Place winners Ruth Stainken (Big Game Chili) and Bob Cerf's Fart-less Chili. Thanks to all the participants for your contributions to this event!*

If you're scratching your head after reading that, here's a clarification:

Chef	Chili Entry	Standing
Bob Cerf	Fart-less Chili	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place (tied)
Jane Clark	Chi50i	
Carolyn & Mike FitzGerald	Silent Thunder	
Ian Matthew	Chili Con Carne de Credo Con Chipotles	
Steve Nimz	St. Lucia Special	
Kelly Palaima	Kelly's Koffee Chili	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Ruth Stainken	Big Game Chili	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place (tied)
Susie Woodrum	Hell Hath No Fury	

A big thank you to Jane and all of her volunteers for another great Super Bowl gathering!

On February 19 Shirley Vaughan, our chief barkeep, hosted TYC's first Happy Hour featuring live music from Chuck Steed, who came all the way from Guerneville to entertain us with his "river rock." Appetizers, drinks and dinner were enjoyed by all. The evening was a big hit and we may see more Happy Hours in the upcoming months. Thank you, Shirley, for this fun evening!

Let's talk March. The Ski Cruise is back! Snow bunnies and skiers head to the slopes on March 11, 12, and 13. We ski Northstar on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>, meeting at the Gondola at 9:00am. On Saturday we'll be at Sugar Bowl, meeting at 9:00am at the Judah Lodge. Chris and Bill Canada are hosting an après margarita party on Friday. And there will be an après dinner on Saturday at Roslyn Ewing's cabin in Truckee. Please RSVP if you are coming so we can plan accordingly. Email Rita at [rwpirie@comcast.net](mailto:rwpirie@comcast.net) or phone [415-370-9435](tel:415-370-9435) with questions and for more information.

On Saturday, March 26 from 10:00am to noon, TYC will have an Easter party for all members' children, grandchildren and friends. All ages are welcome. A small donation would be appreciated. Highlights include an Easter egg hunt, crafts and an appearance by The Bunny. We would really like a few volunteers to help with crafts, so please let me know if you are interested.

## COMING UP

April 10 - Sunday Brunch 11:00 to 1:00 by Chef Ellie  
April 17 - Commodore's Cocktail Party, 4:00-6:00pm

**TYC thanks these members for their contributions to this year's fine Super Bowl/Chili Cook-off!**

- ✓ **Number One volunteer** for this event was, as usual, **Ms. Jane Clark**. Besides coordinating the whole event (lots of moving parts!), Jane even entered a chili of her own. She didn't win because that would be what's known as a conflict of interest. ☺ Sorry, Jane, but you're still a big winner in our eyes!
- ✓ Cornbread makers: Patty Cerf, Rita Pirie and Ann Tunney
- ✓ Dessert contributions: René Matthew, Jane Clark
- ✓ Bartenders: Patty Cerf, Gary Greene, Suzanne Jolma, John Orvis, Rita Pirie
- ✓ Set-up: Carole and Gerry Gunn, Lon and Susie Woodrum
- ✓ Check-in: Ann Watson
- ✓ For the effort that went into making the chili queso bites that never made it to the club: Carole Gunn.
- ✓ Clean-up: Walt and Nancy Bilofsky.







## CHILDREN'S Easter Egg Hunt & Party!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26**  
**10:00AM—NOON**

→ **Egg Hunt**  
→ **Crafts**

All ages welcome!

Open to children, grandchildren and friends.

Young ones encouraged to come meet **The BUNNY** in person!

Craft helpers needed. If you can lend your time, please contact Rita Pirie at:

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

### Ongoing Beginning Tai Chi Class at TYC

Free beginning Tai Chi class now meeting **every Tuesday at 9:15am** at the clubhouse.

If you're interested in this gentle, exotic exercise, this is a great opportunity to give it a try.

Classes started February 23rd, so the earlier you join the easier it will be to catch up.

For more details see the listing at [www.tyc.org](http://www.tyc.org) or contact Walt Bilofsky at [bilofsky@toolworks.com](mailto:bilofsky@toolworks.com).



### Website Tip of the Month

Keep in touch, and keep safe, by updating your personal and boat information now on your profile at [tyc.org](http://tyc.org). The Member's Handbook will be printed soon, so make sure your contact and boat data is current.

The online Member Directory—only visible to logged-in members—is a good place to look up an email, phone or address. It's always at your fingertips, because our web site works on smartphones.

Update your boat information for safety. The Deputy Sheriffs from the Marin County Marine Unit said at February's general meeting that it helps them in safety situations to have your boat information on record. Last year we lost track of a boat during a race and didn't know its slip number to check if it was back. The MMSI number from your DSC-equipped VHF can help members contact you, and may locate your boat in case of emergency or theft. So we've added fields to your profile for you to enter all that information. It's only visible to members, but we can provide it to safety agencies if needed.

And let us see your smiling face. Now you can add a photo to your Member Directory listing.

To update your profile, make sure you're logged into [tyc.org](http://tyc.org). If you see "Login" in the upper right corner, click it to log in with your email address. If you don't have a password yet, use "Forgot password." Check "Remain logged in" so you don't have to log in each time. If there are two of you, you each have your own login and profile.

Once you're logged in, click your name in the upper right, click "Profile", and then "Edit Profile." When you're done, the Save button is all the way at the bottom. That's all there is to it.

# RACE NOTES

BY CAMERON TUTTLE



## Bob and Esther Mott Midwinter Series

Races one and two of Tiburon Yacht Club's Bob and Esther Mott Midwinter Series were held on a delightfully warm Saturday, February 6, under mostly sunny skies and light wind. Five of the seven registered boats were at the starting area before the noon start of the day's racing. Volunteer race committee Rob Hutchinson wisely combined the spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats into a single division and served up a four-leg, 3.4 nautical mile course that, combined with the mild north breeze, provided for a downwind start.

"All clear," was the call from the race deck, and the fleet was headed down the course, aided by the ebbing tide. This first leg ended with a close and orderly port rounding of the TYC mark at the entrance to South Paradise Cay by the fleet and onto a reaching leg east to the middle channel marker, 'GRC.' Things became interesting here when the boats turned broadside to the flow of the current as they reached across leg two of the course, having to aim well high of the mark to avoid being swept south with the ebb. Lon Woodrum's Olsen 25, *Lion* was the first to clear GRC and harden up for the beat back north to ISO, followed by Ian Matthews' C&C 29-1, *Siento el Viento*, and Mariellen Stern's custom 26' wooden sloop, *Cinnamon Girl*, rounding third. Trailing the leading three boats along leg two, Jon Price's S2 9.2 A *Adagio*, and Robert Clark's Olsen 25 *Carpe Vita*, found themselves without adequate wind to carry them to GRC over the flow of the ebb, and eventually both reluctantly retired from race one.

On the beat to the windward ISO mark, *Siento el Viento* and *Cinnamon Girl* headed to the shore side of the course, seeking relief from the ebb current, while *Lion* stayed out nearer the shipping channel, favoring a stronger breeze over adverse current. And *Lion*'s strategy paid off, rounding mark three with a sizable lead over the nearest competitor, *Siento*, and holding that lead through to the finish line. *Lion* would win race one on corrected time, besting eventual second place finisher *Siento*. *Cinnamon Girl* persisted on the course and earned a third place finish for their effort.



*Cinnamon Girl and Lion  
at the start of race two*

*Adagio* and *Carpe Vita* were persuaded to stay for race number two under the race committee's promise of a shorter course, a call made easier by the lessening breeze of the afternoon. RC smartly sent the fleet on course one reverse, a shorter 2.3 nautical mile windward-leeward course. *Cinnamon Girl* got out ahead of the fleet on a clean starboard-tack start at the Hopeful end of the line, but again *Lion* managed to pull away on the beat to the windward ISO mark and never gave her lead up, earning line honors and a win on corrected time in race two. *Siento el Viento* was again the second boat across the finish line, but this time it wasn't enough as *Cinnamon Girl* edged out *Siento* for second place by just nine seconds on corrected time. Robert Clark's *Carpe Vita*, finished race two in fourth place.

After two of three midwinter races, *Lion* holds first place with two bullets and as many points, while *Cinnamon Girl* and *Siento el Viento* sit tied for second place with five points apiece. All will be decided come Saturday, March 5, when the third and final race of the Bob and Ester Mott Midwinter Series will be held. The single race registration fee is only \$15, and registration is available online at [www.jibeset.net](http://www.jibeset.net).

## Don Wan Regatta

Looking ahead to April, the Don Wan Regatta will be on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> and we will be holding a race committee seminar in the morning before the racing. The seminar will cover equipment operation and procedures for running races from the clubhouse. All are welcome to join (skippers planning to race regularly with TYC are strongly encouraged to attend the seminar), as we will be relying on everyone to volunteer for race committee duty throughout our 2016 season. Look for more information about the race committee seminar in *Tidings* and on the race page of the website.



# The SKI CRUISE is Back!!!

The snow is great!!!

Calling all Skiers and  
Snow Bunnies!!



Friday March 11: Northstar--Meet at  
9am at the Gondola. Margarita Party  
after skiing at the Canadas'

Saturday March 12: Sugar Bowl--meet  
at 9am at Judah Lodge. Après party at  
Roslyn Ewing's cabin, Truckee at 6:30.

: Please contact Rita at  
[rwpirie@comcast.net](mailto:rwpirie@comcast.net) or 1-415-370-9435  
with questions.





# CRUISE NEWS

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2016

- **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 Lon at [LonWoodrum@gmail.com](mailto:LonWoodrum@gmail.com) with any ques- tions.





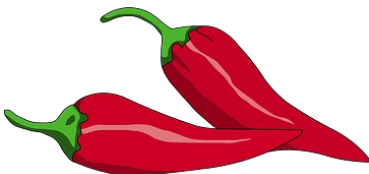
# *Rene's South African Dinner*



# *Golden Super Bowl Viewing & Chili Cook-off*



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*Chili chefs Bob  
and Ruth tie for  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place*





# TYC Calendar for March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	<div>29</div> <div>☐ 9:30 AM Music with Megan</div> <div>☐ 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games</div>	<div>Mar 1</div> <div>☐ 9:15 AM Tai Chi (Beg.)</div> <div>☐ 10:15 AM Tai Chi (Adv.)</div> <div>☐ 7:00 PM (PCHA meeting)</div>	<div>2</div> <div>☐ 7:00 PM (board meeting)</div>	<div>3</div> <div>(club cleaning)</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <div>1:00 PM Bob &amp; Esther Mott Midwinter Race #3</div>
6	<div>7</div> <div>☐ 9:30 AM Music with Megan</div> <div>☐ 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games</div>	<div>8</div> <div>☐ 9:15 AM Tai Chi (Beg.)</div> <div>☐ 10:15 AM Tai Chi (Adv.)</div> <div>6:00 PM PCHA Annual Meeting</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <div>(club cleaning)</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Ski Cruise</div> <div>5:30 PM General Meeting</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Sausalito Cruise/Drive and Tall Ship Tour</div>
<div>13</div> <div>Ski Cruise</div> <div>Sausalito Cruise/Drive and Tall Ship Tour</div>	<div>14</div> <div>☐ 10:30 AM Music with Megan</div> <div>☐ 3:00 PM Mah Jongg Games</div>	<div>15</div> <div>☐ 9:15 AM Tai Chi (Beg.)</div> <div>☐ 10:15 AM Tai Chi (Adv.)</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> <div>(club cleaning)</div>	<div>18</div> <div>5:00 PM Happy Hour [tentative]</div>	<div>19</div>
<div>20</div>	<div>21</div> <div>☐ 10:30 AM Music with Megan</div> <div>☐ 3:00 PM Mah Jongg Games</div>	<div>22</div> <div>☐ 9:15 AM Tai Chi (Beg.)</div> <div>☐ 10:15 AM Tai Chi (Adv.)</div>	<div>23</div> <div>6:00 PM cooking class [tentative]</div>	<div>24</div> <div>(club cleaning)</div> <div>5:30 PM private rental</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div> <div>10:00 AM Easter Egg hunt &amp; party</div>
<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Westerlies Deadline</div> <div>☐ 10:30 AM Music with Megan</div> <div>☐ 3:00 PM Mah Jongg Games</div>	<div>29</div> <div>☐ 9:15 AM Tai Chi (Beg.)</div> <div>☐ 10:15 AM Tai Chi (Adv.)</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div> <div>(club cleaning)</div>	<div>Apr 1</div>	<div>2</div>

## **OFFICERS**

<b>Commodore</b>	<b>Nancy Bilofsky</b>
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	<b>Shirley Vaughan</b>
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<b>Cruise</b>	<b>Marshall Gross</b>
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<b>Membership</b>	<b>Natalia Anon</b>
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<b>Port Captain</b>	<b>Jon Price</b>
<b>Program</b>	<b>Bob Mott</b>
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<b>Social</b>	<b>Rita Pirie</b>
<b>Stores</b>	<b>Susan Hoehler</b>
<b>Tidings</b>	<b>Bob Mott</b>
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