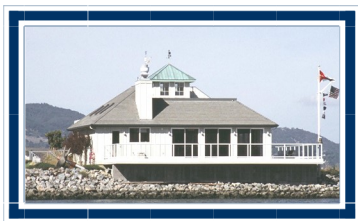


Westerlies

Tiburon Yacht Club



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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS



By Nancy Bilofsky

At the April 8 general meeting, the membership passed a bylaws amendment to allow associate members the option to convert to regular membership after three years of continuous associate membership. Thank you to all the members who voted. Program Chair Bob Mott brought us another good program by having the Bay Area Association of Disabled Sailors make a wonderful presentation of who they are and what they do to allow disabled sailors to enjoy sailing on the Bay. Thanks, Bob.

The catered brunch on April 10 was a fabulous way to welcome spring. Thanks to Social Chair Rita Pirie, the food was varied, plentiful, and delicious.

The Commodore's Cocktail Party and mini boat cruise on April 17 saw a good turnout of members and prospective members. Twenty-six people participated in the boating event on a glorious, sunny day thanks to skipper Marshall Gross, Jon Price, Lon and Susie Woodrum, and Walt Bilofsky. About 90 or so stopped by the club for a drink afterwards and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres. Thanks to those members who brought treats and to bartenders Shirley Vaughan, Michael and Telesha Destein, Connie Heldman and Jane Clark. Thanks also to all the members who brought prospective members to the club. I hope you follow up and encourage them to join. Credit and thanks also go to Dick Selmeier and Walt Bilofsky for spearheading the mini cruise event showing prospective members the fun we have on the water and in the clubhouse.

A special thank you goes to those members who extended a welcome to the prospective members, engaging them in conversation and befriending them. I'm always gratified to see the casual friendliness that TYC exudes. Let's always remember to extend a friendly hello to fellow members, and particularly new(er) members, at every event. Remember how it felt when you had just joined and didn't know many people. An article in this month's BoatUS Magazine about successful membership outreach reminds us that this is a year round effort and depends on every member being a good ambassador.

Speaking of every member, new membership cards are now available thanks to the efforts of Susie Woodrum, Jennifer Irwin and Ruth Fults. Cards can be picked up on Mondays from 2:00-4:00pm or at any club event. Otherwise your cards will be mailed.

The Indian cuisine cooking class and dinner on April 20 was fun, delicious, informative and lively, all due to Rekha Dutt's exuberance and expertise. Thank you, Rekha. We look forward to more food fun with René and Rekha.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7

Cinco de Mayo Race &
TYC Birthday Party
1:00pm/6:00pm

May 13

General Meeting
Doors open 5:30pm

May 20

Friday Night Race & Dinner
Doors open 5:30pm

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, especially if there is no "official" photographer on site.

~Sheila Lyons, Editor
sheila@tonic.to

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Commodore's Guest Cruise

This year TYC added a new dimension to our traditional Commodore's Cocktail Party, inviting members and guests on a two-hour Bay cruise before the main event. Four skippers hosted 15 other members and seven guests and prospective members.



The warm weather couldn't have been better, with smooth water for power boats *Solitaire* (Marshall Gross) and *Golden Phoenix* (Walt Bilofsky), and enough air for sailboats *Adagio* (Jon Price) and *Lion* (Lon Woodrum).

The cruise and cocktail party were a perfect way to enjoy and introduce guests to TYC's mission: To attract "members and families onto the water and into the clubhouse with fun activities ..."

See more photos from the Guest Cruise as well as the Commodore's Cocktail Party on page 10 of this issue.

The Social Scene

By Rita Pirie

SPRINGTIME SUNDAY BRUNCH

Spring at TYC kicked off with a fabulous Sunday brunch from our favorite chef, Ellie Sanchez. Pre-brunch offerings included make-your-own Bloody Mary's (the way *you* like it), or the chance to pour yourself a screwdriver or a mimosa. The brunch buffet itself had so many delicious entrees and sides to choose from that most had to go back for a second grazing.

If you were unable to attend, you missed a fantastic event. Hopefully I can get Ellie to do another brunch for us in the future. Many thanks to all the members who helped with clean-up. And special thanks go to Jane Clark and her nephew for all their help with set-up!

COMMODORE'S COCKTAIL PARTY...WITH A TWIST 🤔

Sunday, April 17 brought us a new format for TYC's traditional Commodore's Cocktail Party. Members and their guests were treated to a cruise on the Bay and then welcomed into the club for drinks from the commodore's hosted bar. Members outdid themselves for this year's pot luck, contributing fabulous hors d'oeuvres and desserts. You can see Carolyn Fitz-Gerald's photos from this event on page 10.



Richard and Mike help themselves from the buffet at TYC's Springtime Sunday Brunch

MAY EVENTS

On May 7 we celebrate TYC's 51st birthday with the Cinco de Mayo Birthday Bash in conjunction with the Margarita Madness Race. This is not a party to be missed! Chef Ellie will be in the galley whipping up Mexican specialties for us and The Blues Burners Band will be performing live. So put on your sombreros and dancing shoes and boogie on down to the club.

May 20th is the start of our Friday Night Race Series and we will be serving a catered Italian dinner of lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert prepared by Chef Ellie. So all you racers and non-racers alike, come and enjoy this year's start to the Friday night festivities. Be sure to check *Westerlies* and/or TYC's website for event times. And don't forget to RSVP early!

Indian Cooking Class: a spicy evening



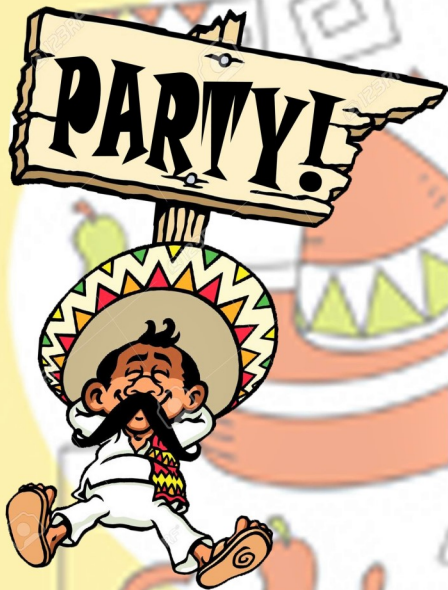
On a balmy night in April, Rekha Dutt and a crew of six gastronomists gathered in TYC's kitchen to prepare a delicious meal of chicken tikka masala, mixed vegetable rice, green beans with mustard seeds, and roasted cauliflower. After a short lesson on the various regional cuisines of India, the preparation and hands-on cooking began.

Under Rekha's experienced guidance, the cooks worked with the many essential spices involved in Indian cooking, pairing up to make each dish.

And when it was all done, everyone sat down to a really tasty meal! In addition, all went home with sample spices and a folder containing the recipes as well as a guide to where to find fresh Indian spices.

Thank you, Rekha, for a most delicious and informative experience. Thanks also to Amitabh Dutt, who very graciously cleaned the kitchen afterwards.

TYC hopes to offer more cooking classes as the year progresses. If you're interested in teaching a class, please contact Commodore Nancy. She'd be happy to help facilitate another class.



Club de Yates Tiburon

TYC's Combined Cinco de Mayo and 51th Birthday Bash

**Dinner, Dancing & Surprises
Platos Mexicanos by Ellie**

Margaritas...endless Margaritas

**Music and Entertainment by the Blues Burners
(The Best Blues and rock Band in Marin)**

Where: Tiburon Yacht Club Clubhouse

When: Saturday evening, May 7, 6-11 PM

The Tab: (muy barato!) \$45

**Questions: Check with Rita Pirie
at rwpirie@comcast.net**



Get the Most From TYC – Use TYC.ORG

Enrich and streamline your participation at TYC with all the features of our new website.

Club Events:

- Plan your participation with the online calendar.
- Register online for social events, races and cruises, and see who else is coming.
- For some events, prepay with credit card.
- “Add to my calendar” link: Add your events to your Outlook calendar.
- Volunteer online: Sign up for a bar shift. Some events list other ways to pitch in.

Member Directory:

- Look up a member’s latest contact info on line.
- Changed your phone or email? Update it in your online profile.
- Set your profile preferences for receiving emails and hard copy Westerlies.
- Add a photo. Let us see your smiling face!
- Enter your slip location and MMSI number for reference in an emergency.

Club Information:

- Everything about TYC is online for members to view: Weather at the Cay, current and past issues of Westerlies, club history, officers and chairs, house rules, member rental information, and all you need to know about tending bar.
- **Bring a Friend:** Point your non-member friends to “Is TYC for You?” and lots of membership and club information that the public can see.

TYC on Facebook and Twitter:

- Get the latest posts and reminders: Follow @TiburonYC on Twitter and Like us on Facebook.
- Post your photos on the Facebook page; then email webmaster@tyc.org so we can move them to the main timeline, which also appears on our home page.

On the Move: TYC.org is mobile friendly. Use it anywhere from your smartphone.

To protect your privacy, most of these features require member login. Log in with your email address from the club directory. For your first login, use “Forgot password” to set a password, and check “Remain logged in” so you don’t have to log in each time.



\$2,500 Scholarships Available

PICYA, the Western Boating Safety Group and other donors are again offering \$2,500 scholarships to students whose parents, grandparents or guardians are members of a PICYA-affiliated yacht club.

Applying for one of these scholarships is easy. It requires completing an application, writing a short essay picked from one of three topics, providing an official school transcript along with a list of volunteer and school activities in addition to providing a written statement of need.

Additional details as well as the application are on the PICYA website. Go to www.picya.org and click on *Resources* at the top of the page. On the drop-down menu click on *PICYA Scholarships* then click on *Scholarship Application* for instructions and the application.

Note that this year applications must be signed and RECEIVED BY JUNE 15, 2016 even though the PICYA website says June 30. This is three months earlier than last year.

If you have questions, contact Patty and Bob Cerf or one of the members of the Scholarship Committee listed on the PICYA website. In past years, four students nominated by TYC members have received scholarships through this program. Scholarships will be awarded at the August 1, 2016 PICYA meeting at Sacramento Yacht Club.

RACE NOTES

BY CAMERON TUTTLE



The Don Wan Regatta, our semi-official racing season opener, was held on Saturday, April 9. The cooler, wet weather before the race discouraged Don Kunstler and his crew from their tradition of running the Race Committee from the water, opting for the shelter of the race deck in the clubhouse.

The heavy rain of the morning gave way in the early afternoon and a lighter, variable breeze out of the southwest was present for the first of the two races. After radio check-ins were received, the race committee selected two divisions: a PHRF division and an Ultimate 20 one-design division. The PHRF division was composed of a pair of Olsen 25s: Lon Woodrum's *Lion*, opting to sail non-spinnaker, and Robert Clark's *Carpe Vita*, choosing to fly their kite. The U20 division had four boats: *Breakaway*, *Salsa*, *Too Tuff*, and *Uhoo!*.

Race one of the regatta was a 3.4-mile trip from the start line to TYC, GRC, ISO, and back to the finish. *Lion* lead the PHRF division start, and put some decent space between *Carpe Vita* in the first two legs of race one. *Carpe Vita* was able to close some of the gap on their spinnaker leg down to ISO, but it wasn't enough to close the distance. *Lion* finished race one two minutes ahead of *Carpe Vita*, and about three minutes on corrected time. In the one-design division all four boats had conservative starts to the first race, crossing the start line well after the starting signal. *Uhoo!* made the best of the conditions, finishing race one with an elapsed time of 48 minutes and change, and was the first boat of either division to finish the course. *Salsa* sailed across the line about 90 seconds behind *Uhoo!*, earning a second place in the U20 division, and *Too Tuff* managed a third in U20 division.

The wind had picked up by the start of the second race, and so race committee chose a course of 4.4 miles sending both divisions from the start line directly to GRC, then all the way down to C15 before heading back to ISO and finally the finish line. In the PHRF division it was more of the same as *Lion* lead *Carpe Vita* around the course. *Lion* finished atop the regatta standings with two bullets, while *Carpe Vita* ended the day in second with four points. In the U20 division, *Uhoo!* and *Salsa* blazed around the course and were first and second to cross the line in race two. Mike Josselyn's *Uhoo!* earned first in the regatta standings for their division with two bullets, with *Salsa* solidly in second with four points. *Breakaway* capitalized on a slow run by *Too Tuff* to claim third place in race two and tie for third place in the regatta standings with 7 points each.

Feedback from the Ultimate 20 skippers and crew is that they greatly enjoy racing with TYC and are planning to be back sailing at TYC for the Behrens Regatta.

Coming Up

Looking forward to TYC racing in May we have the Cinco de Mayo Race and TYC birthday party on Saturday the 7th, the Behrens Regatta following just a week later on Saturday the 14th, and Friday night racing will return to TYC beginning the 20th of May.

(Commodore's Comments *continued...*)

New this year, you can opt out of receiving a hard copy of the Member's Handbook, which saves the club money, not to mention saving a tree. View the handbook online and in a PDF file. See details in the article entitled "Save a Tree - View Member's Handbook Online" on page 9.

The club birthday party on Saturday, May 7 features a live band. Join the fun at this special event. General meeting night on May 13 will include table games from 4:00-6:00pm, a race clinic, and dinner. Stop by to eat, drink, play games, and learn about racing and TYC's racing program. Friday night beer can racing starts May 20 with a catered dinner, and continues weekly through August 19.

Thank you, Peter Schoen, for completing another clubhouse project. Please read our hard-working bar chair Shirley Vaughan's column on page 9 for the latest news. And note her request for volunteer bartenders to sign up early so she can better coordinate volunteers and paid bartenders.

And remember, we sure would like to see additional friendly faces at the clubhouse.



CRUISE NEWS

THE CRUISING LIFE AT TYC

CRUISING MINI-VACATIONS

TYC Cruising offers you two great mini-vacations in May and June.

Visit wonderful downtown Petaluma over Memorial Weekend. The Petaluma Yacht Club will be hopping, with a full weekend of activities including a Hollywood costume party and dinner with a fantastic band, a Charlie Chaplin Poker Walk, two breakfasts, a cocktail contest, and too many more activities to list here. See the full writeup on the Cruise page at tyc.org. If you wish to participate at PYC, you must register online and pre-pay by May 20. The \$60 fee includes the three meals, the party and all activities.

Petaluma is a fantastic destination, whether or not you join the PYC's festivities. We tie up right in the middle of town, close to lots of restaurants, antiquing and shopping, a Victorian architecture walk, and this weekend the Sonoma Home Brewers Competition.

Then in June cruise your floating condo to San Francisco for a weekend at South Beach, June 17 – 19. There'll be lots of great dining at the yacht club and nearby restaurants. Possible activities include a tour of AT&T Park or a visit to the newly reopened SFMOMA, the Ferry Building Farmer's Market, and access to all San Francisco's attractions by nearby public transportation. This is a joint cruise with Petaluma YC, so you'll meet some friends from last month's cruise. Sign up quickly, as slips are very limited.

More details about both these cruises, and online registration, are at tyc.org/cruise.

COMING UP

A Loch Lomond YC cruise, July 8 – 10, will be led by Jon Price. The Commodore's Cruise is September 23 – 25; there was a typo in the date in last month's Cruise News.



Our March cruise to Encinal YC was curtailed by scheduling and weather, but TYC was represented by Commodore Nancy Bilofsky and her aide Walt on *Golden Phoenix*, and Marshall Gross by land and sea (long story). EYC put on quite a show at their Cabaret Night, with professional entertainment including a magician who couldn't have done it without Marshall's help. (See the photo, and ask him how she did it.)

Correction: The Commodore's Cruise is September 23-25, with the picnic, free to members, on the 24th. In last month's Cruise News the date was incorrect due to a typo.

The ocean has always been a salve to my soul. The best thing for a cut or abrasion was to go swimming in salt water. Later down the road of life, I made the discovery that salt water was also good for the mental abrasions one inevitably acquires on land.

~ Jimmy Buffett

Memorial Weekend Petaluma Cruise

HOLLYWOOD

Memorial Day Weekend
May 27th - 30th 2016
(Friday - Monday)

PETALUMA YACHT CLUB
Petaluma, California

Cocktail Contest
Costume Contest
Dinner & Dancing

**You Must Register
and prepay at tyc.org
by May 20**

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UNDER 17 REQUIRES ACCOMPANYING
PARENT OR ADULT GUARDIAN
VIOLENCE, GRISLY IMAGES, LANGUAGE,
SOME NUDITY AND SEXUALITY



News From the Bar

By Shirley Vaughan

First, the really good news: We have an ice machine again! Thank you, Peter Schoen, for all the hard work you did to make this happen. Everyone please note that *nothing should be stored on top of the ice machine*. The large buckets that used to be stored there are now out in the storage shed if you need them.

And there's more good news. Yes, we should think of it as good news because the bar is so important to the social and financial stability of the club and we want to keep it thriving. So to help with that effort, there will be a very slight increase in the cost of some of the drinks served at the bar. Effective May 1, a glass of wine will set you back another dollar. (You can still get four glasses for \$20 if you buy the bottle.) Premium wines are still \$7 by the glass, \$24 for a bottle. Standard cocktails will go up by a dollar; premium cocktails are \$8. A pint of beer remains at \$4 for now.

These increases are necessary as our costs go up and to help offset the inevitable cost of hiring bartenders as we enter the busy summer season. We simply don't have the volunteers necessary to run the bar on a weekly basis. But that doesn't mean we won't need volunteer bartenders! It just means that our volunteers will get a break now and then.

Even with paid bartenders, help is still needed to set up and close. So please, please become familiar with all the bar operations and continue to help out behind the bar. And if there is an event you would enjoy tending bar for, please sign up well in advance in the Members area at tyc.org.

If we don't have volunteers for an event, we will hire the necessary bartenders and, besides costing the club money, you will miss out. The Cinco de Mayo TYC Birthday Bash, for instance, should be fun and easy for those behind the bar. So sign up now!



Save a Tree - View Member's Handbook Online

Now you can save a tree, and save the club some money, by opting out of your printed copy of the 2016 Member's Handbook before they are mailed later this month.

When it's ready, you will be able to view the 2016 Handbook online in the Members section of the web site, and download a PDF version to keep on your computer or carry around on your smartphone. (The 2015 Handbook is there right now.)

And through the year you can look up any member's information, including recent changes, on the Member Directory page of the web site. It's mobile friendly and works great on your smartphone.

(We protect your privacy. Only logged-in members can view the Handbook and Directory, and club rules prohibit their use for anything except club business.)

So if you feel you can do without a printed copy, edit your primary member's Member Profile at tyc.org, and under "Mail Member's Handbook" change "Yes" to "No." To get to your profile, log in and click on your name at the upper right of any website page. If that's too complicated, email membership@tyc.org and ask to opt out of the handbook.

You can follow the same steps to opt out of a mailed copy of Westerlies. You can read it earlier and in color on the web site.

Commodore's Cocktail Party & Mini Cruise!



TYC Calendar for May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 1	<p>2</p> <p>☐ 9:30 AM Music with Megan</p> <p>☐ 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games</p>	<p>3</p> <p>☐ 10:00 AM Tai Chi</p> <p>1:00 PM (CSA 29 Meeting)</p> <p>☐ 7:00 PM (PCHA meeting)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>☐ 7:00 PM (board meeting)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>(club cleaning)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00 PM Margarita Madness Cinco de Mayo Race</p> <p>6:00 PM Cinco de Mayo TYC Birthday Bash</p>
8	<p>9</p> <p>☐ 9:30 AM Music with Megan</p> <p>☐ 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games</p>	<p>10</p> <p>☐ 10:00 AM Tai Chi</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>(club cleaning)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 PM General Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:00 AM TYC Behrens Regatta</p> <p>6:00 PM Private Party</p>
15	<p>16</p> <p>☐ 9:30 AM Music with Megan</p> <p>☐ 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games</p>	<p>17</p> <p>☐ 10:00 AM Tai Chi</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>(club cleaning)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30 PM Friday Night Dinner</p> <p>☐ 6:30 PM Friday Night Race</p>	<p>21</p>
22	<p>23</p> <p>Westerlies Deadline</p> <p>☐ 9:30 AM Music with Megan</p> <p>☐ 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games</p>	<p>24</p> <p>☐ 10:00 AM Tai Chi</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Petaluma YC Cruise</p> <p>(club cleaning)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:30 PM Friday Night Dinner</p> <p>☐ 6:30 PM Friday Night Race</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Petaluma YC Cruise</p>	<p>30</p> <p>☐ 9:30 AM Music with Megan</p> <p>☐ 2:00 PM Mah Jongg</p>	<p>31</p> <p>☐ 10:00 AM Tai Chi</p>	<p>Jun 1</p> <p>☐ 7:00 PM (board meeting)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 PM Friday Night Dinner</p> <p>☐ 6:30 PM Friday Night Race</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:00 PM CYC-TYC Friendship Regatta</p> <p>Private Party</p>

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