

# Light *Westerlies*

## Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay  
Tiburon, California



Longitude 122° 28' W.



### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS



by Shirley Vaughan

This edition of the light *Westerlies* is just a tad late. Your Commodore just has too much going on to keep all the balls in the air sometimes, but here it is, and hopefully will have been worth the wait. Memorial Day has come and gone, so it must officially be summer!! But before we go into that, let's look back at April and May. If we had a real *Westerlies* editor, there would be a social page, a racing page, a calendar, etc., but you have me, so it's not quite that orderly.

We had a fantastic Easter extravaganza, thanks to the enormous effort put out by Jen Irwin. She invited friends and neighbors and found some potential new members, and it was a huge success. Thanks to volunteers Patty, Eric, Susan, Tiffany, Pete, and anybody else I forgot. You can tell by the photos that the kids had a blast, and well, I think I'll just let the photos do the talking. It was impossible not to have a good time; all those smiles were contagious!

The Commodore's Cocktail Party and Guest Cruise was a great time. Thanks to skippers Snorre Grunnan, David Anderson, and Walt and Nancy Bilofsky for volunteering to take guests out for a short cruise before everyone was treated to complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the club. Thanks also to everyone who brought treats.

And then there was a lovely farewell to our beloved Bob Mott. There were many heartfelt tributes sent to me, and I picked a handful to share with you here. We could fill volumes with stories about Bob, so I am not attempting to capture his life story, just a few tidbits for you to savor. Enjoy.

With the busy summer racing season upon us, it seems like a good time to remind everyone that none of what we do is possible without volunteers. Lots and lots of volunteers. I want to tell you a story about three such volunteers. There was a major water leak in the main line coming into the club. Our water bill was over \$900. I won't get all the details right, but the gist of it is, hours were spent digging, with shovels, to pinpoint the location of the biggest leak. It was very deep, under a large drain, so the hole had to be covered up and revisited another day when the weather improved. Robert Clark devised a way to slow the leak with a pressure regulator valve in the meantime. A small excavator with a driver was rented, and the leak was repaired, and in the end the club was saved thousands of dollars thanks to the dedication and ingenuity of Robert, Snorre Grunnan, and Bill Hoehler. Buy them a beer next time you see them at the club.

There are other stories of members working behind the scenes that you will probably never know about either. But they're there. TYC is all volunteer, with very few exceptions. If we weren't, we would be looking at thousands of dollars in initiation fees, monthly dues, dining room minimums, etc. Members built this clubhouse, and members keep it alive. And it's not just a cliché that you get out what you put in. Thank you all for all you do. I, for one, appreciate the spirit that is TYC. We must be doing something right, because we have all these great folks wanting to know what we are all about, and are interested in joining. Membership Chair is a really important position, and Jen has asked for a hand. Anybody interested in helping welcome our new friends???

## Upcoming Events:

June 9 – **THIS JUST IN - TYC Birthday Celebration Postponed – Come watch the Warriors play Cleveland at 6pm.** Bar opens at 5:30, pizza and salad served for dinner. RSVP at TYC.org so we get enough food.

June 16 – Friday night race with Burgers in Paradise hosted by Team Cinnamon Girl and Team Lion

June 23 – Friday night race (and dinner??)

June 24 – H.O. Lind Summer Series, Races #1-3

June 30 – Friday night race (and dinner??)

## New Officer:

It is my great pleasure to announce that Tiffany Townsend is your new Rear Commodore!



Welcome Tiffany! (buy Tiffany a beer too next time you see her!)

## New Members Corner: Shannon and Rolf Kaiser, with Isla, Luke, and Will



Shannon and Rolf live in the Cay, and their family has been enjoying the Monday Playdates. They are also members of StFYC and Youngstown YC in NY, and Rolf campaigns a J105. Welcome Kaisers!

## Cruise News:

An amazing variety of things to do (and eat) in and around the beautiful Brickyard Cove neighborhood, just four miles by boat from Paradise Cay, made the weekend of June 2-4 a busy mini-vacation for the crews of six TYC boats who cruised in to Richmond Yacht Club.

Friday night dinner at the newly remodeled clubhouse was enjoyed by Marshall and Shelby Gross aboard *Solitaire*, Jon and Betsy Price on *Adagio* and Walt and Nancy Bilofsky on *Golden Phoenix*.

On Saturday, Trip and Jill Ames and Sondra Blake arrived on *Amore* in time for Jill and Sondra to join Jon and Betsy for a short drive to the Rosie the Riveter Museum where a 94 year old ranger, the oldest in the National Park Service, talked about the African American experience in the Kaiser shipyard during WWII.



*Solitaire*, *Golden Phoenix* and *Amore* at the RYC docks at dusk



Two generations of TYC Tostensons and some of the TYC cruisers at the Tostensons' Saturday BBQ dinner

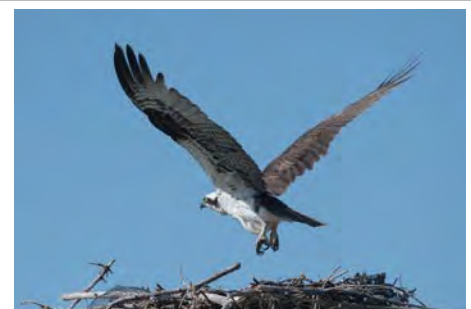
Rick and Susanne Blake drove over and walked with the Grosses and Bilofskys to the All's Fare café, overlooking the Brickyard Cove Marina, for lunch served by a staff that's been there for 30 years and is still going strong, if not fast. Then they visited the Golden State Model Railroad Museum, a short walk from the club, featuring vast, meticulously modeled operating train layouts in O, HO and N scales.

Lon and Susie Woodrum on *Cheers* and Steve Nimz on *Zubabe* arrived in time for a wonderful barbecue dinner hosted by Pat and Staff Commodore Jerry Tostenson at their beautifully remodeled waterfront home just opposite the yacht club.

Sunday morning the Ames and Prices enjoyed breakfast at All's Fare before everyone headed home, with Marshall pausing to photograph the osprey nest, with chick, at the entrance to the marina.

## Next Cruise:

The next scheduled cruise is a laid back week in the delta, July 22-30, with the Petaluma and Ox Bow clubs at the lovely Delta Yacht Club, one notch (OK, one island) above Tinsley. See [tyc.org](http://tyc.org) for details.



The osprey nest at the marina entrance  
*Marshall Gross photo*

In the meantime, we would like to have one or more lunch cruises, either weekday or weekend. If there's a day and/or destination that would be convenient for you, email [cruise@tyc.org](mailto:cruise@tyc.org) or contact Nancy or Walt Bilofsky.







Bob was the consummate MC at TYC events. Witty, erudite, and always fun. His Professor Mottley lectures were always a treat.  
Ann Watson



RT liked to go out to lunch with the boys, which he did until the last couple of months before he passed on. He had few pleasures in the last couple of years, but going out with the boys and having his vodka was one of them.  
Trip

Met the Motts in the early 80s, Bob and I hit it off immediately, loved each other's sarcasm. What was the most amazing story Bob related to me was that we were identical twins, separated at birth, and forced to go to different schools together.

We were brothers from then on. Still are.  
Lon Woodrum



RTM



My favorite memory of Bob is him playing a small keyboard for the annual Caroling the Cay, sitting atop the bridge, playing his keyboard for us to sing along with. He knew every song.  
Paula Blake

When Bill first brought me to a TYC event, I was very nervous. After all, he'd been a member for a long time, even served as Commodore, and these were his friends. I was just the new girlfriend. I hung back a bit, unsure and anxious. And there was Bob, right next to me, with his huge smile and his hand outstretched. "Welcome to TYC" he said. "Glad to have you aboard." Bob and Esther were always there for Bill and, later, for me.  
Karen Kadushin Robinson



In the late 90's, when the Club knew it needed a new club house, there were so many potential problems, that there was paralysis. One night at Bob's house, he volunteered to research, shop for and buy the 120 foot pilings on which the Club now sits. The idea was that if we put down the deposit on \$60,000 or \$70,000 worth of pilings, the project would get off dead center. It worked. The long process began because what else ya' gonna do with a bunch of concrete pilings except connect them with grade beams and put a club house on top?







The Voice of God








Yes, thank you, Bob









Thank you, Bob.  
Bill Hoehler












## OFFICERS

Commodore	Shirley Vaughan	
Vice Commodore	Ian Matthew	
Rear Commodore	Tiffany Townsend	
Secretary	Jen Irwin	
Treasurer	John Carter	
Past Commodore	Nancy Bilofsky	

Directors		
Patty Cerf		Doreen Clark 
Snorre Grunnan		Hal Mooz 
Lauren Selmeier		

## STAFF AND COMMITTEES

Apparel	OPEN/Freddie Greene	
Building/House	Peter Schoen	
Historian	OPEN	★
Membership	Jen Irwin	
Port Captain	OPEN	★
Race	Cam Tuttle/Robert Clark	 
Social	Michael Zhao	
Tidings	Jane Clark/Carole Gunn	 
Westerlies Editor	OPEN!	★

Bar	Eric Lyons**	
Cruise	Walt /Nancy Bilofsky	 
Marketing	Walt Bilofsky	
PICYA Delegates	Bob & Patty Cerf	 
Program	OPEN	★
Rentals	OPEN/Melanie Wegner	
Stores	Susan Hoehler	
Webmasters	Walt Bilofsky/Eric Lyons	 
YRA Delegate	Ian Matthew	

\*\*Eric would love to have a Co-Chair