

# Light *Westerlies*

## Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay  
Tiburon, California



Longitude 122° 28' W.



### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS



by Tiffany Townsend

Ahoy Shipmates!

Wow, we've been keeping busy at the TYC Clubhouse since our last *Westerlies* was published in December!

Our family favorite, the **TYC Holiday Party**, brought three generations of TYC members together. This included still active members who literally built the clubhouse, and their children who grew up in the club, now sharing the TYC experience with children of their own. The kids shared Christmas wishes with Santa and his helper, who braved a torrential downpour to arrive by fire truck. After filling up on treats and sweets, the little ones were kept busy making ornaments, decorating the TYC tree, and playing with a model train set, all while our Mommies and Daddies enjoyed some much needed egg nog amidst the holiday hustle.

Our **General Meeting** series kicked off in January with an excellent presentation by USCG Petty Officer Cree Townsend about keeping us safe on the SF Bay. Sector San Francisco's Area of Responsibility is extensive, reaching from the Oregon Border to San Luis Obispo, with over 2,500 miles of shoreline including the SF Bay and its tributaries. 780 Active and Reserve Coast Guardsmen operate four Cutters, seven Search & Rescue stations, an Aids to Navigation team, and a Vessel Traffic Service, responding by sea and air 24/7 to keep us recreational boaters safe on the water. Our hats are off to them!

The U.S. Coast Guard presentation came in the midst of our federal government's lapse in funding. I would like to thank those of you who personally contributed to the effort to help our local Coasties stay afloat. We raised almost \$3,000 to help support our local Coast Guardsmen/women in a Coast Guard Mutual Assistance fundraising effort (Tinyurl.Boaters4USCG). Our members were especially touched by the outpouring of support at the Southern Marin Fire Protection District's "All Hands on Deck" food and supply drive. Cars lined up down the street and one of the volunteering Coast Guard moms was so thrilled, tears in her eyes, she thanked donors with hugs all around. I'm really proud of our members for stepping up and giving back to help those whose sacrifices keep us safe on the water.

One of our favorite annual events, the **TYC Crab Feed** on January 26th, was much enjoyed by all. Susie Woodrum and Ruth Fults expertly managed the masses with 41 volunteers, 308 pounds of crab, and 110 attendees. Following the all-you-can-eat extravaganza, everyone was full and happy. If you enjoy seafood, this Summer's **Lobster Boil** and 14th Annual **Salmon Derby** are also certain to please your palate.

February was "Super" busy at the TYC Clubhouse. Ruth Doodson gave an interesting presentation about **Fascinating Bay Area Discoveries**, which stimulated some interest in a group cruise-out to visit Safari West and do some Sonoma wine tasting. Tracy Hansen brought together seven chili chefs (1st Prize Pellie Anderson, 2nd Place Tracy Hansen, 3rd Place Ian Matthew) and four cornbread chefs for the perfect accompaniment to our annual **Super Bowl** viewing party. The clubhouse was packed for our beloved **Bea Lufi's Celebration of Life**, otherwise known as 'just another lousy party'. The **Local Fishing Legends fundraiser**, organized by little Jack Moseley, brought in 65 guests interested in learning about fishing secrets for the SF Bay. The **TYC Happy Hour & Open House** was a lot of fun, with live rock, jazz, and folk music by "Three if By Air." (Did anyone recognize the lead vocalist from member Dave Anderson's Kind of Blue crew?). Our work promoting Tiburon Yacht Club through social media and neighborhood networking sites was evident by the appearance of many friendly new faces.



March brought us a tasty twist on the **General Meeting**, with an incredibly edible & interesting chocolate-making class by Mike Loring of the San Francisco Professional Food Society. Chocolate martinis, chocolate stout-beer float, absinthe- and espresso-infused chocolates were among the offerings, with enough samples for everyone to enjoy. We celebrated **St. Patrick's Day** with TYC's Pub Night & 2nd Annual Darts Tournament. First Place went to... the Commodore and husband Pete. The

Bailey's Irish bounty was kindly shared with Second Place winners Lon Woodrum and returning member Budd Van Winkle (Welcome back, Budd!).

At the **April General Meeting** we welcomed Coast Guard Auxiliarist Steven Bustin for a talk about Boating Accidents on the San Francisco Bay, and how to avoid them. Boating safety learning opportunities for TYC members continued during two fire extinguisher and flare practice sessions. These were instructed by Ashley Perrin of Racing Yacht Management with support of the







Tiburon Fire Department as part of a Safety at Sea course for offshore sailing. Ashley kindly collected expired flares from our members, since there's no place for pyrotechnics onboard a recreational boat. (*Safety tip:* The Weems & Plath SOS Distress Light is part of West Marine's Memorial Day Sale. Buy this once and you won't have to keep replacing expired flares!)

In April and early May, we've also had plenty of fun. At the **Commodore's Cocktail Party**, TYC members were appreciated at the open bar and we had the opportunity to meet with prospective new members. We have four applications in progress as a result, so thank you all for showing your TYC hospitality. The Annual **Easter Egg Hunt** was a hit, with Music by Megan, an appearance by the Easter Bunny, and 500 eggs that were expertly collected by the kids within two minutes! Many thanks to



Jessica Pressman, Shannon Kaiser, and Jennifer Irwin for organizing this family favorite event. The **Opening Day on the Bay Party**, hosted by Richardson Bay Yacht Club, was a whopping success, with dance favorites by the Charlie Baker Band. The **Cinco de Mayo** party had something for everyone to enjoy, with a taco truck, a bounce house for the kids, and

margaritas by Eric Lyons. The event, coordinated by Susan Hoehler and co-hosted by the Paradise Cay HOA, was so well attended we ran out of tequila!

Thus far for 2019, however, the crowd favorite for best party was **TYC's Birthday Luau** on Saturday,



May 18th. The club was decked out like a tropical jungle, with gorgeous floral centerpieces donated by Jessica Pressman. Guests enjoyed Mai Tai's, Luau Watermelon Lemonade, and Pineapple Punch while being entertained by hula dancing lessons (Kay Bradley, Richardson Bay Yacht Club) and Catherine Damele's four hula hooping friends who amped up the party vibe with their youthful talents. The music was loud, the lights were low, the Warriors game was on, and the LED-lighted hoops were flying! The festivities were accompanied by music from Fish & Chips (Joe Tate, a Sausalito legend) and the "*low*" point of the

night was the Limbo Contest with cheers and laughter all around. Many thanks to friend of the club and musician Damir Stosic for constructing the Limbo equipment. We'll definitely see it again! Chef Mark's feast (lomi lomi chicken, napa cabbage slaw, was an absolute delight. Tracy Hansen who surprised us with a delightful birthday cake attendees. At least for me, it was a



With Spring in full swing and opportunities to celebrate, Beginning May 24th, the **Night family-friendly buffet** much-deserved drink after neighbors and friends.

Summer on the horizon, I see many enjoy, and relax with you. clubhouse will be open for **Friday dinners**. Come down and enjoy a work while having dinner with your

If there's any topic of interest you would like to share with the Club or a particular event you would like to organize, please let me know. I'm calling 2019 the "Year of Yes!" and will do my best to support you. Please bring me your ideas to help make TYC a club you, your friends, and family will all enjoy.

This is a truly special place.

Fairest of Winds,  
*Tiffany Townsend*  
 Commodore  
 Tiburon Yacht Club

## **-General Meetings-**

Jane and Carole do such a great job with the Tidings every week, that is your "go to" place for all the upcoming events, but here's just a quick mention about the **Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting**. It will be followed by dinner and two **Life on the Water films**, featuring Jon Wilson (founder of WoodenBoat magazine) and local legend Ron MacAnnan. Watch the Tidings for more details.

## **-Race Roundups-** *by Ian Matthew*

Well, the 2019 racing season got off to a very slow start. The Midwinters series added one extra Saturday in December, for 4 days of racing in December, January, February and March. December saw nice sailing conditions, with Bill Hoehler in *Joyride* coming in first and Lon Woodrum in *Lion* taking second place. Then the winter storms hit, forcing the cancellation of January, February, and March races! *Lion* had her bottom cleaned three times, only to sit at the dock.





With the postponement of the TYC/CYC Friendship Race, the race committee decided to try for three make-up races on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The weather cooperated and the winds were beautiful! With eight boats on the line, *Joyride* prevailed, with *Siento el Viento* second, and *Cinnamon Girl* correcting out for third. Race two saw a strong ebb, so rounding GRC was very difficult. After a long dead run to the birdcage and then a close reach to the finish, *Joyride* again took first, Ian Matthew in *Siento el Viento* took second, and Alice Shinn's *Sonata* took third.

For race three, the current again proved to be formidable. Ian had the advantage at GRC, but the wily Lon Woodrum in *Lion* got good speed on the close reach to TYC and went on to win the race on corrected time. *Joyride* came in second, and Mariellen Stern's *Cinnamon Girl* took third place. What a great day of sailing!

Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> greeted the six racers for the Don Wan Regatta with little wind – not what was forecast. Don Kunstler and the race committee decided on two divisions; spinnaker and non-spinnaker, and informed the racers the start would be a 'scramble'. The boats were anchored below the start line, sails lowered and/or furled, and everyone but the skipper stayed below decks until the one minute signal. While at anchor, the wind came up from the south and all was set for a beautiful day's sailing. Bill Hoehler's *Joyride* claimed victory over Ian Matthew's *Siento el Viento* by one second on corrected time. Alice Shinn's *Sonata* was third in the spinnaker division. In the non-spinnaker division, Lon Woodrum and Steve Nimz' *Lion* took an easy win over Mariellen's *Cinnamon Girl* and Dave Anderson's *Kind of Blue*.



Sonata and Lion at anchor for the scramble

The next two races formed the series for the actual Don Wan trophy. Unfortunately, *Joyride* encountered a problem with their forestay and had to retire. *Siento el Viento* had an exciting race with fluky winds and strong gusts. One was perfectly timed as they rounded TYC, causing a major round-up with the spreaders touching the water. Robert Clark was on the lee side setting up the spinnaker sheet and ended up fully immersed, but managed to hang on.



The crews of *Siento el Viento* and *Lion* earned the trophy, with two bullets each



Robert showing off his inflated PFD

## **-Cruise News-** *by Dave Anderson*

TYC cruised to St. Francis YC on March 23-24. Braving 25 knot winds, the passage proved more challenging than typical. After surviving the harrowing journey, the crews enjoyed a well-deserved rest at the dock, a nice dinner at the St. Francis, and a lovely evening in the Marina Harbor. The morning featured a fine brunch in the City, and the return to Paradise Cay closed a wonderful weekend of camaraderie and fun.



And mark your calendars for **July 16-26**. We will again join Petaluma YC and several other groups for the [Delta Cruise](#). July 16-20 The Cove, July 20-22 Devil's Isle, and July 22-26 Delta YC. Looks like fun!



## **-Upcoming Events-**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> - The first Friday night race and dinner**, featuring our classic “**Burgers in Paradise**” before we get into our regular Chef Mark dinners. **Bar opens around 5:30, dinner is served from 6:30 until the last racers are in.** Please be sure to **RSVP** to make sure we have enough for everybody.

**May 31<sup>st</sup> - Friday night Dinner** will be followed by **Karaoke Night kick-off.**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting followed by Life on the Water films.**

**June 8<sup>th</sup> - Fox Hat Regatta.** Racers sign up on [Jibeset](#), and everyone is welcome to come down to the club to share in the festivities.

**June 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday Night Dinner.** Menu TBA

**June 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday Night Dinner.** Menu TBA

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> - H.O. Lind races #1-3, and Save the Date for the Lobster Boil!**

**June 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday Night Dinner.** Menu TBA

**July 4<sup>th</sup> - Brothers and Sisters Regatta and BBQ**

## **-Recurring Events-**

Mondays 9:30 am – [Kids' Playdate](#)

Mondays 2pm – [Mah Jongg](#)

Tuesdays 10:00 am – [Intermediate Tai Chi](#)

Tuesdays 10:30 am – [Advanced Tai Chi](#)

Thursdays 2 pm – [Bridge Group](#)

Got any news, items of interest to members, or photos to share? We would love to include them in the Westerlies. Please send to [Shirley@greenartist.com](mailto:Shirley@greenartist.com).

### **-Random Stuff-**



Okay, we all know it's not all glamorous parties and fun running a yacht club. Your Board, Officers, Committees and volunteers do a lot of work behind the scenes. Thank you Team TYC!

David Wegner installing a new roof on the shed



And thanks to John Orvis for this beautiful photo!

