

# Westerlies

## Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay  
Tiburon, California



NEXT GENERAL MEETING:  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22  
ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER

Longitude 122° 28' W.

### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Gary Stypulkoski

It's hard to believe my year as commodore has come to a close. I hope you'll plan on joining us for the November 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner to celebrate the amazing year we've shared and raise a glass of enthusiastic support to our incoming team of Commodore Ann Watson, Vice Commodore Nancy Bilofsky and Rear Commodore Justin DeTrey, along with our new directors.

Serving as commodore has given me a greater appreciation for the club and our members. I've had the pleasure of working with many of you throughout the year. We started by focusing on having more fun and I hope you would agree that we accomplished this. One of my goals was to have the club open every Friday night. While we did not achieve this goal, the club was open quite a bit with Bistro Nights, a Ladies Night Out, and a full roster of parties. And this coming year marks TYC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary—a milestone!

#### November 2014 *Westerlies*

##### *Important Dates*

Race Awards Dinner  
November 1

Annual Meeting &  
Dinner  
November 22

Westerlies Deadline  
November 24

With the survey results in hand, the board put together a strategic plan to help future commodores and directors continue the momentum. Change is never easy but we have started down a path to increase membership and make TYC a more enjoyable place for all members.

We still need to decide on a point of sale solution (moving away from cash

only) and how to best manage the bar with hired bartenders. The goal is for these solutions be in place by February 2015. There will be continued focus on attracting new members. Family Movie Night, a joint effort with the Paradise Cay Homeowners Association, was a huge success and we will continue to collaborate with them. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make it a fun evening.

The Kid's Halloween Party was my youngest daughter Nina's idea. She thought it would be fun and so prepared a keynote presentation for me to present to the board for approval. Bobbing for apples, cookie decorating, a costume contest, scavenger hunt and the donut eating contest were enjoyed by all. I hope we will continue to have this party in years to come.

Halloween's *Orange is the New Black*-themed party was the best Halloween party I have been to since college. Penny and Geoff Mulligan did a fantastic job. The DJ, food and specialty cocktails were a real treat. I never knew partying with a room full of criminals could be so much fun...not that I've often done that!

Since this is my last *Commodore's Comments*, I want to say how much I appreciate the person who has faithfully served as my first mate throughout this year, my wife Erin. She supported me in many ways and helped me stay calm and carry on. Thank you so much for your time and patience, Erin. I could not have done this without you.

It has been a joy to serve as your commodore. I am grateful for the opportunity!

## 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.



*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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## *Letter to the editor...*

### *Going, going, gone: Vote no on changes to Article VIII to preserve your rights*

*Since it's founding almost 50 years ago, the TYC bylaws have required that the board of directors submit proposed changes in dues and initiation fees to members for approval. At the November Annual Meeting you will be asked to vote yes for changes in Article VIII, which will allow dues to be put on "automatic increases" of five percent per year. (That benign sounding five percent adds up to a \$120 increase over four years.) And, most importantly, you may not be told in advance when an increase is being made, or why it is necessary.*

*What exactly is the problem the board is trying to fix? Is it too much trouble to ask members to approve dues increases, as all previous TYC boards have done?*

*Vote no on the changes to Article VIII. Preserve your right to have a say in club financial affairs.*

~Don Künstler  
Commodore, 1975

# The Social Scene

By Erin Stypulkoski



Outgoing Social Chair Erin, flanked by friends Alison and Todd Regenold at the Kid's Halloween Party

My last Social Scene article comes at my favorite time of year—Indian summer/fall. I'd like to thank all the members who assisted me this past year in hosting a great series of parties and events, but especially the chairs of the bigger parties, which change in character each year: Chris Canada for the Valentine's Speakeasy; Trip Ames for the Cinco de Mayo Birthday Bash; Penny Wright-Mulligan for the Halloween Party; Susie Woodrum for the Crab Feed; Ann Watson for St. Paddy's Day; and Nancy Bilofsky for New Year's Day. There was much support from many others—as there needs to be—so thank you, everyone. It's been a fun year and hopefully you've enjoyed our social calendar of events at TYC.

October was busy, starting with Bistro Night on the 10<sup>th</sup>, featuring Milano's yummy lasagna as part of a full Italian meal, just before the general meeting and vote. Seventy-five or more members enjoyed this opportunity to come to

TYC for a casual meal with friends. Thank you, Mariellen Stern, Tracy Hansen, Jane Borodkin, and Bob and Patty Cerf for helping with set up and/or serving. Thanks also to Justin DeTray and Mike FitzGerald for tending bar and others who stepped in to help!

## Family Movie Night

On October 17 we enjoyed a great outdoor movie night co-hosted by the Paradise Cay Homeowners Association. The weather gods smiled and after a wet week we got a beautiful fall night. The young and young at heart watched *Mr. Peabody and Sherman* on a giant outdoor screen, courtesy of PCHA. Commodore Gary, PCHA President Mark Holmstrom, Michael Destein and others grilled hotdogs and bratwursts for an appreciative crowd of approximately 150 people. The bar did a lively business as members and guests ate in the club. Then the kids went out on the lawn for the movie while the grown-ups stayed in and enjoyed some adult time. There was even a popular official "movie popcorn" machine! Thank you to TYC member and PCHA President Mark Holmstrom for spearheading the event, Amy Lapp for help in the galley, bartenders Justin DeTray and Joe King, and the many others who helped pull off this memorable evening. We will definitely repeat this type of event. One nice result of the evening was a new member application turned in that night!



On the lawn beneath an autumn sky for Family Movie Night



## Kid's Halloween Party

The following Friday was the Kid's "Monster Mash" Halloween Party. There was an excellent turnout of 40-50 costumed kids and associated adults. This party was designed by and for kids. My daughter, Nina, pitched the event and along with her sister Keilah and their buddies, helped decorate the club and run some of the many activities, which included: dunking for apples, face painting, balloon popping, a treasure hunt, donuts on a string, a costume contest and cookie decorating. (I sometimes worry that we are contributing to ADHD!)

Thank you, Nina, Keilah, Emily, Tristan, Raquel and Emily. Thanks also to Telesha Destein for organizing the cookie decorating, Sherry Wangenheim for managing the bobbing for apples, Lee Royal for the "Guess How Many Candies" game and clean-up, Melanie Wegner for the fun window decorations and clean-up, my buddy Alison for assisting in the galley with cooking pizzas and, of course, a big thank you to Commodore Gary for tending bar and helping me with set-up and clean-up!

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### Orange is the New Black

The adult Halloween party, "Orange is the New Black," was the very next night, October 25. If you didn't see it, the TYC looked GREAT decorated for Halloween. The party was a blast, with very interesting costumes! Jon and Betsy Price, you are definitely strong contenders to win as couple for best costume and Geoff Mulligan, not sure I can look at you the same! I shouldn't do shout-outs though since there were so many excellent costumes.

The Giant's game was on the screen that night, followed by a game of "hide the chicken". (Not Trip Ames, who came dressed as a chicken. If you've seen *Orange is the New Black*, you'll understand). After standing in line for prison fare and eating at long club tables, which worked perfectly for this theme, we danced the night away. The DJ put on a great light show along with the music, and the bartenders, in costume, did an awesome job with specialty cocktails designed just for the evening. We all had a great time. Thank you, Penny and Geoff Mulligan for organizing this fun event—and at the bargain price of \$20! Enjoy the pictures—the ones that aren't censored, that is!

### COMING UP

**November 1:** TYC Race Awards Dinner

**November 22:** TYC Annual Meeting & Dinner—Gary's and my last event as commodore and social chair, as the new board of directors gets voted in. Invitations are in the mail. We are planning a nice evening for this formal event (as formal as TYC gets) and we hope to see you there.





# RACE NOTES

BY JIM BLISS



There are two races to report on since the last *Westerlies*: the Short-Handed Races, originally scheduled for October 4, and the Joan Storer Regatta on October 11.

## Short-Handed Races

Ten boats registered for the Short-Handed Races on October 4, evidence of the popularity of these races. Unfortunately, the wind did not cooperate. Without wind, and with no sign of wind building, the races were postponed. After much discussion and consideration, it was decided to reschedule these races to October 18. That would allow for more boats to participate. Thanks to Eric Lyons and Susie Woodrum for serving as the first race committee on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

The second attempt to start the Short-Handed Races was no more successful than the first. Again, the start time was 12:00 but there was no wind, so we postponed for 30 minutes. While the wind did come up from the east, it was not enough to race and overcome the ebb tide. We checked every 30 minutes but by 2:30, decided to postpone the race once again. Only three boats had sailed to the start area, patiently drifting in the light air and tide before returning to their berths. Ironically, by 3:15 the wind was normal and would have been enough to start but didn't leave enough time to finish two races. Thanks to Floyd Fulmer and Paula Blake for serving as race committee.

The lesson learned from the Short-Handed Races is to schedule a later start time to avoid having boats wait in the start area for the late arriving winter wind.

## Joan Storer Regatta

The Joan Storer Regatta is held in memory of a former TYC member. It is one of the few races on the Bay open only to women skippers and their crew. There may be one male aboard each entry but he may not touch the helm. Here is an excerpt from *NorcalSailing.com*'s race report:

*Five boats started at 1:05 in a wind from the east and a growing flood tide. By 2:00, the wind shifted to a normal southwest direction. Susan Hoehler in Joyride was the fastest boat in the race, and the only one to fly a spinnaker. Mariellen Stern finished second in Cinnamon Girl, and Shirley Vaughan finished third in Red Hawk.*

*Unlike the South Bay the Sunday before, the North Bay cooked up a modest but consistent breeze with enough velocity to overcome a ripping flood. Due to the southeasterly wind direction, the course consisted of a one-tack beat, followed by a broad reach, a jibe mark in the worst of the current, a broad reach on the opposite jibe, and a one-tack beat to the finish.*

*Susan Hoehler's J/105 Joyride was, by far, the fastest boat in the race, and the only one to fly a spinnaker. Despite the flood, Joyride ate up the rectangular 4.6-mile course in less than an hour.*



*Susan Hoehler and Mariellen Stern, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place skippers in the Joan Storer*



*Some of the ladies of Joan Storer, and the non-profit their entry fees contributed to.*

*Finishing in contact with each other were Shirley Vaughan's Hawkfarm Red Hawk, Mariellen Stern's cold-molded 26-footer Cinnamon Girl, and the C&C 29 Siento el Viento with a guest skipper at the wheel. All three experienced a 90-degree wind shift just before the finish line and had to tack to cross.*

Thanks to Bill Hoehler and Gerry Gunn for serving as race committee.

## Coming Up

Only three races remain this season: the Red Rock Race on November 1 (followed by the Race Awards Dinner), the Short-Handed Races, which need to be rescheduled for mid-November, and finally the Wild Turkey Race on November 28.



## Support Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC)



TYC Dues notices will be in the mail soon and it is once again time to ask you to support RBOC by including a \$20 RBOC voluntary contribution when you send in your dues. RBOC volunteer directors from across the state contribute generously of their time, working with legislators on your behalf to oppose restrictive bills, supporting those that are beneficial and proposing changes where necessary to protect boater interests. They also work in partnership with *BoatUS* as it lobbies on your behalf at the federal level on boating-related issues.

During the past year RBOC has:

- Successfully lobbied against SB 623, legislation that proposed an outright ban on copper-based bottom paints. They continue to work with the State Water Quality Resources Board on implementing AB 425, which requires the Department of Pesticide Regulation to determine a leach rate for copper-based antifouling paint used on recreational vessels and to make recommendations for appropriate mitigation measures to protect aquatic environments from the effects of exposure to copper bottom paint.
- Supported SB 941, a boat operator certification requirement in California which will phase in over seven years. Operators of boats propelled by an engine will have to pass an approved boater education examination and obtain a vessel operator card issued by the Division of Boating and Waterways. Online courses such as the free *BoatUS* Foundation course will be an option. The phase-in starts in 2018 for those 20 years old and will apply to everyone by 2025. Fees for the certificates will be limited to covering the cost of the program.
- RBOC continues to work with the California Natural Resources Agency and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to limit negative impacts on recreational boating by the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. They are lobbying for full mitigation of the negative impacts and assurances of reliable access to all Delta waterways by recreational boaters.
- On the federal level, RBOC is working with *BoatUS* to limit EPA requirements for ethanol in gasoline.

A 2009 *BoatUS* article said, "RBOC is one of only a few statewide boating organizations in the country, and its record is unmatched by any other state boating group in the U.S." This and all of RBOC's work benefiting California boaters is done on a limited budget funded entirely by voluntary contributions like yours. All RBOC contributions are segregated and presented to RBOC at a regular PICYA delegate meeting.

For more information on RBOC and the work they have done this past year, go to their website at [www.rboc.org](http://www.rboc.org). Thank you for your past and future support of this worthwhile organization and its hardworking volunteers.



## Bus Tour de Noel 2014



The holiday season would not be complete without the magical bus tour of West Marin.

We are in the planning stages and need to know who is free to celebrate on **Saturday, December 6.**

The bus would leave Paradise Cay from Martinique between Trinidad and Jamaica promptly at 10:00am with a pick up stop in Novato (Atherton Avenue bus stop on Hwy101) at 10:20am and return to TYC by 6:00pm.

Lunch at a West Marin restaurant, olive oil and cheese tasting, shopping opportunities and a stop for a "final, final" are all on the itinerary. We hopefully will be able to hold the cost to last year's price of \$35/person. *Sign up early so that we can work out the final pricing.*

Guests are always welcome. BYO holiday cheer! Song sheets provided.

Please call or email **Susan Hoehler at 415.435.2068** or [shoehler@comcast.net](mailto:shoehler@comcast.net) as soon as possible if you are interested.

Final details will be in the December *Westerlies*.

# November 2014

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
26	Oct	27		28	29	30	31	1	Nov
		Westerlies Deadline 2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jong		10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi	Club Cleaning		Halloween	Race Awards Dinner 12:00pm Red Rock Regatta	
2		3		4	5	6	7	8	
End Daylight Savings Time		2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jong		9:00am Meeting 10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi 7:00pm PCHA Meeting		Club Cleaning		Private Party	
9		10		11	12	13	14	15	
Private Party		2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jong		Veterans Day 10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi	Club Cleaning	6:30pm TYC Board Meeting		Private Party	
16		17		18	19	20	21	22	
		2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jong		10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi		Club Cleaning		TYC Annual Dinner	
23		24		25	26	27	28	29	
		Westerlies Deadline 2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jong		10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi	Club Cleaning	Thanksgiving	12:00pm Wild Turkey Race		
30		1	Dec	2	3	4	5	6	
				7:00pm PCHA Meeting			5:30pm Gen. Mtg./Pizza	Christmas Bus - Merry Merry!	

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30	Nov	1	Dec	2	3	4	5	6	
				7:00pm PCHA Meeting			5:30pm Gen. Mtg./Pizza	Christmas Bus - Merry Merry!	
7		8		9	10	11	12	13	
						6:30pm TYC Board Meeting			
14		15		16	17	18	19	20	
TYC Children's Holiday Party								11:30am Private Rental	
21		22		23	24	25	26	27	
				5:30pm Rental		Christmas			
28		29		30	31	1	2	3	
		Westerlies Deadline				New Year's Day			

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