

Westerlies

Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay
Tiburon, California



NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
6:00PM

Longitude 122° 28' W.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Ann Watson

What a privilege it has been to serve as your commodore this past year and to experiment along the way. The board and all my committee chairs were the backbone of club management. So many others have helped along the way with typical TYC spirit. I appreciate each and every one of you. And thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed what the club has to offer. Having fun is an equally important form of volunteering.

My watch's first action was to secure the point of sale (POS) system in time to obtain very favorable terms. We then held extra weekend sessions to tweak last year's draft strategic plan to provide more detail, including succession planning and improved integration among club activities.

On the social front, 10 fun Friday nights were arranged by social and 14 by the Friday night beer can dinner committee in addition to 10 by your commodore and vice commodore. Beer can dinners branched out from do-it-yourself burgers to include catered evenings, barbeques, taco fiestas, Lily Kai buffets, food trucks and other varied options. TYC was open a total of 36 Friday nights, an unprecedented number. Volunteer bartenders consistently stepped up, saving us the expense of hiring outside help, but

larger venues featured professional help. Bar and POS training boosted bar volunteerism. Bar offerings were enhanced by premium cocktails and premium wines. There were eight parties—including social's rocking 50's birthday party—plus a rib fest and two wine tasting events. In addition, the Christmas bus rolled and the TYC Salmon Derby made a return after a couple of years' hiatus. The Commodore's Picnic returned to Angel Island. An evening of fine dining celebrating Mardi Gras brought a restaurant to our backyard. And as I write this, the race awards and annual dinners are on the horizon.

Club usage increased with not only mah jongg and Tai Chi activities, but also weekly dominoes nights and children's music classes. Children's activities included TYC's first Easter egg hunt, the Christmas and Valentine's crafting parties and the children's Halloween party. Earlier serving hours at the club accommodated those with young, hungry mouths to feed. And for our preteens and teens, the club now has an Xbox wired to one of the big screen TVs.

As for clubhouse improvements, we've spiffed up the club in honor of its 15th anniversary with a new back patio and new back stairs and railings. There's also a new front stair railing and walkway. An extensive exterior project replacing siding and fascia boards along with repainting has been completed. Landscaping has been restored and is being maintained by a new gardener. Next up is replacement of the flat roof after the rainy season

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Important Dates

**Deadline for Annual
Dinner Registration
November 4**

**Race/Cruise Award
Dinner
November 7**

**Westerlies Deadline
November 23**

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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Peter thanks his team after the win.

No Bitter End for TYC's House Committee Chair *Peter Schoen Wins Gill Scuttlebutt Sailing Club Championship*

The Bitter End Yacht Club's Pro Am Regatta is the only sailing regatta in the world where regular sailors have the opportunity to crew for and sail against America's Cup winners, Olympic Medalists, Volvo Ocean Race winners, and legends of the sport—all in the tropical setting of North Sound, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands. Past winners have included: Coutts, Cayard, Baird, Read, Brady, Holmberg, Johnstone, Ulmer, Musto, and many others.

On October 25 the spotlight focused on the amateurs—guests of the resort who came to the Caribbean to crew for the six professional skippers invited to compete for the championship. Morning and afternoon buoy races were held in Hobie Waves, Hobie Getaways, and Lasers in the qualification series for the Scuttlebutt Sailing Club Championship.

After the seven qualifying races, TYC Staff Commodore Peter Schoen was among the four finalists. Then on October 29, Peter put the lessons he learned crewing for the pros to good use, winning the championship in an IC 24, the same boat used for the Pro Am Regatta.

Congratulations, Peter. TYC is proud to call you one of our own.

The Social Scene

By Telesha Destein

I hope you are enjoying this fall season and the warm weather here at the yacht club. I can't believe November is here. The first weekend of the month brings us a spooky Saturday Halloween Night and the great "fall back" where we gain an extra hour. In theory this is a great concept, except for those with toddlers (like me) whose child will wake up on Sunday morning an hour earlier. Now that's scary!

What a busy year this has been for TYC's social scene. There were a committed group of people who worked hard to keep the club alive on Friday nights, both in and out of race season. Thank you! Some nights were busier than others, but we honored our commitment to keep the club open for Friday night dinners and I truly believe the benefit to the membership is immeasurable.

We were so lucky to have JC Raby's band play for us again in October. Paired with the lobster truck and the new Wii game for the kids, the club was rockin'! Pasta Pomodoro, Lily Kai and Sol Food also topped the menu choices this year.



The family Halloween party was a hit! The Stypulkoski sisters, Keilah and Nina, are incredible party planners, and pulled together this party for almost 80 people! Every child was able to decorate cookies, make a Halloween craft, play games, participate in the Halloween parade and win a prize. Check out the pictures from the event (adorable costumes and so many smiles!)

My time as social director is coming to a close, but I want you to know how much I enjoyed serving the club this year. Thank you so much for all of your support. I wish I could continue this momentum into next year. We saw so much new excitement and active engagement at the club and I

hope this will continue under next year's leadership.

I hope to see many of you at the Annual Dinner Meeting. It will be a great chance to vote for our new leadership and let our voices be heard about our vision for the club—including the social scene at Tiburon Yacht Club!

Ciao!

~Telesha

Coming Up:

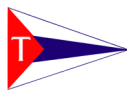
November 14 - Annual Dinner & Meeting. Invitations have been mailed.

Get your RSVPs in by November 4!

December 5: Christmas Bus (see pg. 6 for details)

December 20: Family Holiday Party (see pg. 6 for details)





when prices return to normalcy. TYC's house committee held a successful work party in May in addition to fixing innumerable clubhouse glitches.

Our membership databases have been simplified, updated and made more user friendly. We gained nine new members, all actively participating in the club. These include three associate members, four regular members, one crew member and one junior member who is tearing up the race course. Sponsors are now being encouraged to help integrate their applicants into club activities. An updated new member guide facilitates participation. The recent retention study and related tasks under the Strategic Plan will guide future membership acquisition and retention. Efforts are also underway to craft a path to regular membership for our active associate members.

Our racing fleet increased this year, as did the number of races with the addition of the Sinko de Mayo. A spectacular Joan Storer Regatta sponsored by her three children reinvigorated this venue. Race and race committee clinics helped bring new participants into the fold. Cruise continued its mostly monthly forays afield but stepped-up efforts to increase cruise participation are needed. A day cruise was successful and more day cruises are planned for those without the time to devote an entire weekend to cruising.

Discussions are underway to obtain monthly rental payments for use of club property by outside groups with the harbor's blessing. This will soon improve our bottom line. We're grateful that recent dredging in the harbor improves access for our fleet. In the meantime, our clubhouse has not only been rented by TYC members, but also by charities at donated or discounted rates. TYC sponsored such maritime groups as the Sea Gals, the Classic Yacht Racing Association and the Folk Boat Association. The prestigious Safety at Sea Seminar, run by Ashley Perrin, comes to TYC in mid-November as an outside rental. We're hoping to see Ashley again soon and to further increase outside rentals. Tapping into the small wedding market is still a goal.

And the icing on the club's cake is a brand new website featuring modern computing options. It will enhance all aspects of TYC for years to come.

It's been a productive year for TYC that's sure to continue on Nancy Bilofsky's watch. I wish her and her board well as she assumes the helm. Let's raise a glass in their honor at the annual dinner. The club continues to evolve and grow along a steady course. Thanks to all who have stepped up to assure the future of TYC.



HOWLING AT THE MOON...

Lunar eclipse draws crowd

An unusual lunar eclipse on September 27 became more special for over 90 TYC members and guests,

including about 20 children, because we enjoyed it together. The club's deck was a perfect viewing platform as the guest of honor rose through low clouds into a clear sky.

Before moonrise, most attendees enjoyed Papa Murphy's pizza and Ruth Fultz's delicious homemade salads. Walt Bilofsky and a few others set up telescopes and many brought binoculars to assist in the viewing.

With overwhelming attendance, many helpers contributed to the success of the event, including: bartenders Alice Shinn, Tracy Hansen, and Lon Woodrum; set-up helper Patty Cerf; galley helpers Carole Gunn, Deane Gilbert, and Joan Dekelbourn; cleaners Barbara Campbell, Rene and Ian Matthew; and overall helpers Ruth Fultz, Ann Tunney, and Walt and Nancy Bilofsky.

Fireworks as Safety at Sea Sails into TYC

November 15 & 16

TYC is proud to host Racing Yacht Management's prestigious Safety at Sea training. This training for international sailors conforms to the requirements of the International Sailing Federation for offshore racing. Topics include survival techniques, medical aspects of sea survival, search and rescue techniques, heavy weather seamanship and man overboard recovery. Classes include both on and off the water instruction.

Of interest to TYC members will be the pyrotechnic display just north of the club on Monday, November 16 at 10:00am. It should be quite a show.

RACE NOTES

BY MARIELLEN STERN



The Double-Handed Racers (Missing: Dennis and Kelsie Deisinger, Jeff Brucia and crew)

SHORT-HANDED RACING

The Short-Handed races were scheduled for October 3rd. Because of strong winds, only the Double-Handed race, which consisted of six boats, was run. The day started out with flat water and a 10 to 12-knot breeze out of the southwest. Within 10 minutes of the first warning, the breeze built out of the west to 20 to 25 knots.

Race Committee on shore was Susie Woodrum and Ruth Fults. The start at 12:20pm was in a 15 to 20-knot increasing wind. Soon there were gusts to 30 on the first weather beat. The J105, *Natural Blonde*, with Dennis and Kelsie Deisinger was first around the first mark, TYC, followed by *Miramar*, *Galante*, *Lion* and *Diversion*.

It was a gusty run to G7 where there was a big wind hole just before the mark and all boats rounded together headed towards ISO (the birdcage). About halfway back on the close reach from G7 to ISO, the wind came back with a vengeance. Line honors went to *Miramar*, with *Galante* (Otto Schreier and Jim Bliss aboard) finishing first on corrected time and winning this race for the eighth time.

THE JOAN STORER REGATTA

Held on October 17, this was the 25th Anniversary of the Joan Storer Regatta and the first time in the history of our club that anyone has ever sponsored an event. Thanks to the Storer family; it was a very special day.

It began at TYC with a champagne toast to Joan and Richard Storer with their daughters, Janet and Shelly, and granddaughter, Darcy, present. Son John Storer couldn't attend, but his presence was felt and his generous support of the race with the donated trophies, hosted food and drink was truly appreciated.

Then it was out on the water for the 10 boats with mostly female skippers and crews. There was perfect 15 to 20-knot sailing on a challenging 7.5-mile course with five mark roundings and a heavy flood tide. The division split was at PHRF 180, putting six boats in Division 1 and four in Division 2. Thanks to shore side Race Committee Don Kunstler and Pete Riopel for picking a great course and making the day possible.

Afterwards, racers were treated to abundant hospitality that included platters of fruit and cheeses, assorted sandwiches and an open bar. Patty Cerf kept everyone's glass topped off. No sailor went thirsty. Photos from this event are on page 8.

Results:

Division 1:

1. Jeff Brucia, MiraMar, Frers 41
2. Dennis Deisinger/Micherice Tao, Natural Blonde, J105
3. Lon Woodrum, Lion, Olson 25

Division 2:

1. Evie Ashcroft, Jalina, Folkboat
2. Anna Schreier, Galante, Folkboat
3. Mariellen Stern, Cinnamon Girl, Custom 26' Sloop

Coming Up:

November 7 - Race/Cruise Awards Dinner catered by Lily Kai. Watch your email for more information.
November 27 - Wild Turkey Race



A fun time was had by all at the 25th Anniversary of the Joan Storer Regatta

Magical Christmas Bus Tour of West Marin



*Back by Popular Demand
The Christmas Bus Rolls out of Paradise Cay
10:00am, Saturday, December 5*



Get your checks in NOW!

Treat yourself to the magic of West Marin's beauty along with the food, wines, produce and crafts only West Marin has to offer. **\$35 to ride**...but bring your lunch money and credit cards if you wish to shop!

Bus pickup and return: Trinidad and Martinique in Paradise Cay.
Novato pickup point can be arranged. Back in the Cay by 6:00pm

First stop will be lunch at a down-home West Marin restaurant followed by visits to a delightful crafts and collectables store, a bakery, and cheese and olive oil tastings. Last stop, to fortify for the trip home, is the Washoe House. All are part of the experience, time permitting.

Libations for the bus ride are never discouraged. However, children under 18 are discouraged as there will be a good bit of holiday cheer being passed around.

Room for 40 persons only, so get your reservations in post haste.

To hold a space send your check, **payable to TYC**, to:

*Susan Hoehler (bus monitor and song leader)
39 Antilles Way
Tiburon, CA 94920*

Susan needs your **checks now** to arrange for the bus.



TYC's Family Holiday Party In support of Toys for Tots Sunday, December 20, 2015

2:00pm - Crafts for kids, tree trimming,
snacking and egg nog

3:00pm - Santa comes by boat!

4:00pm - Fire trucks arrive to collect gifts for Toys for Tots

**If you can help with crafts, cookies or snacks,
contact Carole Gunn**

at

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CRUISE NEWS

BY ANN WATSON

This article, which should have appeared in the September edition of Westerlies, was lost in the shuffle during last month's preparations. It comes to you late but not irrelevant.

TYC STORMS THE BEACH AT ANGEL ISLAND

After a multiple year hiatus, TYC returned triumphant to Angel Island for the annual Commodore's Cruise and Picnic over September 18-20 at Ayala Cove. Cruising over by boat were Hal Mooz, Steve Nimz, Bill and Susan Hoehler, Walt and Nancy Bilofsky, Brian and Lisa Forster, Jon and Betsy Price, Eric and Sheila Lyons, Bud Conrad, Don Kunstler and Lon and Susie Woodrum, many bringing human cargo. They were duly rewarded with Commodore's Cruise flags.

It was quite the sight on the docks as the owners of *Joyride*, *Don Wan*, *Tribute* and *Golden Phoenix* puffed out their chests and vied for the most fluttering flags. Don was the clear winner with 39. Let's just say he had the age advantage.

The weather was brutally hot in the sun, but our elevated campsite, known as Platform, was under lots of shady trees and caught some breeze. A posse of early arrivers, led by Susie Woodrum, hiked over to the point to watch the Big Boat Series. But there was no wind in the slot, and the boats were at the dock.

I had lots of help from Suzanne Jolma, John Orvis and Eric Lyons getting the coals started and the grill cleaned. Indeed, much like punching an already lit elevator button, the grill got cleaned multiple times by various manly members. Everyone pitched in and set up the aptly named groaning boards. How Ed Merrick got his New Orleans baked beans over on *Don Wan* without a spill is amazing. Among many additional delights were doubled-dipped chocolate nuts, chicken salads, coleslaw, gluten-free pasta salad, potato salad, watermelon salad, a couple of pies, along with ice cream, cakes, cookies and homemade brownies. Somehow with no plan, it always works out. Lots of table hopping transpired as folks mixed and mingled and nibbled.

About 50 picnickers (including some kids-hurrah!) enjoyed the sumptuous feast. However, there was one snag: Jon "Hamburglar" Price brought everything in the club refrigerator but forgot the burgers in the freezer. Luckily Hal for the burgers and more charcoal, saving the day.

In the meantime, the commodore grilled hot dogs to stave off hunger while nervously eying the state of the coals. Wine and beer also helped. Because the grill was a big one, we were able to cook the burgers very quickly and serve everyone pretty fast. Kudos to Suzanne Jolma on her flipping skills. After lunch some napping in the shade broke out. Swimming called to some. A few stayed to listen to the music at the café later in the afternoon. We all welcomed the water breezes on our respective trips back. For some of us however, there were hot and sweaty marches back to the club. New member Valerie Carter was a huge help unloading *Golden Phoenix* as were Walt and Nancy. Jon Price made multiple trips across the hot parking lot.

An Angel Island picnic is much like planning D-Day. It can't happen without lots of help from boat owners willing to not only load up and bring everything, but to unload and push it to the campsite (some of the way uphill), then strike it all and take it back. It is amazing how much ice can weigh; we had two tubs full to keep drinks icy cold. Cases of wine, beer, waters, Capri Suns and soft drinks had to get to Platform on the many dock carts that boaters contributed. Jon Price did yeoman's labor taking the bulk of the food over and almost all of the drinks. We all had a big case of dock cart envy when we saw his Cadillac of carts. Steve brought lots of waters. Walt brought 94 quarts of ice and all the barbeque tools, platters, knives and serving utensils I packed. Don brought all the buns, plates, cups, cutlery and napkins. Shirley Vaughn did the shopping for all of the liquids and organized them for transport. Brian Forster loaned us the tub from his wedding to Lisa, and brought coolers and ice.

Thanks so much to everyone who helped make this a big success. If I have neglected anyone, please forgive me. I hope this marks the return of a TYC tradition and that we do it again, because a good time was had by all.

A note of thanks: to Ian and Rene Matthew for donating TYC's shiny new microwave!

WINNER'S CIRCLE:
25TH ANNIVERSARY JOAN STORER REGATTA
OCTOBER 17, 2015



1st Place Div. 1 "Miramar"
 Jeff Brucia and crew



1st Place Div. 2 "Jalina"
 Evie Ashcroft and David Thompson



2nd Place Div. 1 "Natural Blonde"
 Micherece Tao and Dennis Deisinger



2nd Place Div. 2 "Galante"
 Anna Schreier



3rd Place Div. 1 "Lion"
 Lon Woodrum, Tracy Hansen, Susan Woodrum, Steve Nimz
 and Joan McCammon



3rd Place Div. 2 "Cinnamon Girl"
 Janine Wilford, Hilary Johnson and Mariellen Stern

TYC Calendar for November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 1	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 AM Music with Megan</p> <p>2:00 PM Mah Jongg</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM Tai Chi</p> <p>7:00 PM (PCHA meeting)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 PM Dominos Night!</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 PM Annual Race & Cruise Awards Dinner</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>Safety at Sea Course</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 AM Music with Megan</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 AM Tai Chi</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 PM Dominos Night!</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</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</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 AM Tai Chi</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 PM Dominos Night!</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1:00 PM Wild Turkey Race</p>	<p>28</p>
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Vice Commodore	Nancy Bilofsky
Rear Commodore	Justin DeTray
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Treasurer	Alice Shinn
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