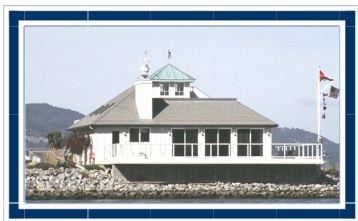


Westerlies

Tiburon Yacht Club



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OUTGOING COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Nancy Bilofsky

The Year in Summary

As the sun sets on my watch, I want to thank all members, especially my board and committee chairs, for supporting me and the club throughout the year, be it attending events, leading them, giving advice, encouraging me or working diligently but unseen. If TYC is anything, it's a welcoming club with many differences in opinions and ideas, but all with the same heart to have fun with friends old and new at TYC.

We expanded programs, having cooking classes, brunches, day cruising for non-boat owning members, and happy hours with live music. Old favorites remained, like the Family Holiday Party with Santa, crab feed, Super Bowl party, Easter egg hunt, July 4th party, ethnic dinners, Salmon Derby and summertime Friday Night Beer Can Race and dinner, among others. We broadened our volunteer reach and eased their labor occasionally with a contract caterer, bartender and after dinner cleaner.

The effort to be "welcoming to new members" succeeded in getting 14 fabulous new members. Several of them have already led events and two of them volunteered to be on the new board. This is the highest number of new members in at least a decade without a discount or waiver of initiation fee.

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INCOMING COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Shirley Vaughan

Hello There

Greetings from your future Commodore. How the heck did that happen? Well, partly because enough of you lovely TYC members have told me that you will support me in the upcoming year, and that means everything to me. I am a team player and with your help I will do my part to help keep this club alive and well for all of us to enjoy.

A Nod to Nancy

I do not aspire to start a revolution, but I do see that the club needs to continue to grow and change in order to survive. I think some positive changes were instituted in 2016, and hope you will all join me in thanking Nancy Bilofsky for her dedication and contributions as commodore. I feel we became a more unified group under her leadership, and that is exactly what was needed. We also welcomed some great new members and Nancy has been very diligent and gracious in her efforts to assimilate them into the fold. Let's keep that up!

Moving Forward

As I see it, going forward we need to honor our roots while building a club that is fresh, fun and relevant, and offers something to all of our members. This very publication is a good example, as well as the Tidings. Both Sheila Lyons and Bob Mott have indicated that,

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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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A heartfelt



TO OUR
VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Appreciation

By Commodore Nancy Bilofsky

TYC is a conglomerate of volunteers motivating each other to make TYC a fun and friendly place. The board and committee chairs have toiled and thanked other volunteers all year. Please come and thank them at the catered Annual Dinner on Saturday, November 12.

In addition to the many volunteers thanked elsewhere in *Westerlies*, the committee chairs also need to be recognized. Special thanks to Apparel Co-chairs Freddie Greene and Deanne Gilbert for keeping TYC logo apparel in our lives; to Bar Chair Shirley Vaughan for adding extra warmth and spirit to every event; to Building and House Chair Peter Schoen and his assistant Bill Hoehler for literally keeping the roof from falling over our heads; to Cruise Chair Marshall Gross for anchoring the cruise program; to Historian, Program Chair and Tidings Editor Bob Mott for stepping up, for decades, when needed to keep members informed and entertained; to Marketing Chair and Webmaster Walt Bilofsky for connecting members with TYC events in all media; to Membership Chair Nataliya Anon, with Ian Matthew and Susie Woodrum assisting, for working to be welcoming to new members; to PICYA delegates Bob and Patty Cerf for including TYC in the larger Bay Area boating community; to Race Chair Cam Tuttle for keeping racing alive and well at TYC; to Social Chair Rita Pirie for bringing the club a year of wonderful parties; to Stores Chair Susan Hoehler for keeping the galley and bathrooms stocked; to Webmaster Eric Lyons for keeping TYC connected in a digital world; to *Westerlies* Editor Sheila Lyons for giving TYC seven years of news and sharing; and to YRA delegate Ian Matthew for keeping TYC within the Bay Area racing family.

Shirley Vaughan instigated Happy Hours with music, Rene Matthew and Rekha Dutt taught cooking classes. Thank you, Shirley, Rene and Rekha for bringing new events to TYC. Also, a thank you to new member Michael Zhao for cooking Asian fusion for the September General Meeting dinner.

And last-but-not-least, thank you, Walt, for being there whenever needed.

The Social Scene

By Rita Pirie

October has come to a close and November is upon us, marking the 'changing of the guard' at TYC. The election of officers and directors takes place on November 12 at TYC's Annual Meeting and Dinner. This is our most upscale party of the year. I hope you will participate and enjoy the evening's fabulous, catered sit-down dinner. Invitations have been mailed. (Thank you, Suzanne Jolma!) Please reserve early as seating is limited.

OCTOBER RECAP

October was busy at TYC! The month started off on the 7th with a dinner cooked by Melanie Wegner and her Dream Team and served in conjunction with that evening's general meeting. The Joan Storer Regatta, organized by Mariellen Stern, was held on the 15th, followed by Rekha and Amitabh Dutt's incredible Indian feast, enjoyed by 60 of our members. A Sunday brunch cruise to Terrapin Crossroads in San Rafael on October 23 was organized by Walt Bilofsky. And last, but not least, was the return of the Red Rock Regatta and Halloween Costume Party on October 29, put on by Lauren and Dick Selmeier. A TYC Halloween tradition started a few years back by Carolyn and Mike Fitz-Gerald, this fun party featured a catered dinner and live band. Many thanks to all of you who helped with these October events!

APPRECIATION TIME

Since this is my last article as your 2016 social chair, I would like to take a moment to thank all my party chairs and helpers over the year:

- **Susan and Bill Hoehler**, organizers of last December's Christmas Bus trip to West Marin;
- **Carol Gunn**, who organized the Family Holiday Party and visit by Santa in mid-December;
- **Ann Watson**, who kicked off 2016 with a New Year's Day Open House;
- **Susie Woodrum**, who brought us the never-to-be-missed Crab Feed;
- **René Matthew**, for her South African Cooking Class and Dinner;
- **Jane Clark**, for taking charge of February's Super Bowl Chili Cook Off;
- **Vice Commodore Shirley Vaughan**, who introduced the Friday evening Happy Hour with entertainment;
- **Chris and Bill Canada**, along with **Roslyn Ewing**, who brought back the TYC Ski Cruise in March;
- **Jessica Pressman**, for a fabulous Easter party with egg hunt;
- **Carol Campbell**, for leading the team effort that brought us the Fourth of July Barbeque and Party;
- **Walt Bilofsky, Jerry Fults and Wayne Behrens**, whose efforts made the Salmon Derby a big success.

These events, as well as the ones I took charge of, could not have been possible without a small village of faithful helpers. I apologize for not listing everyone, but you know who you are. Thank you, thank you, thank you for all your assistance during my year as social chair!

In closing, I would like to remind our members to please volunteer often and RSVP in a timely manner. Your club depends on you! Your help and consideration is always much appreciated.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER

November 5 - Annual Race Awards and Dinner (see pg. 7)

November 12 - Annual Meeting and Dinner

COMING UP IN DECEMBER:

December 3 - Christmas Bus (see pg. 5)

December 11 - Family Holiday Party (see pg. 8)

October's Indian Dinner: Not possible without you!

The Indian Dinner is possible because of all the volunteers who help in the kitchen. As you all know, Indian food is labor intensive and the only reason we can offer this dinner is because of all the help we get from the volunteers.

A big thank you to all the chefs and helpers: Mike and Carolyn Fitz-Gerald, Suzanne Jolma, RaeAnn Gustafson, Christine Miller, Ann Tunney, Jane Borodkin and Beth.

~ Rekha Dutt

OUTGOING COMMODORE'S COMMENTS (continued)

Changes this year included the bylaws amendment to allow associate members to convert to regular membership. For the first time, members could save the club money by choosing the online version of the Members Handbook. Rental policies were changed to allow nonmembers, with a member sponsor, to rent, but at a higher rate than members.

A Look Forward

I urge everyone to show incoming Commodore Shirley and the new board support by voting, attending the Annual Dinner on November 12 and answering her call to get involved. TYC will be in good hands with Shirley at the helm. She will continue the steady course that serves TYC well of trying new things, expanding on successes, and listening to the membership.

I am grateful to TYC members for letting me take a turn at the helm and experience the joy and challenge of bringing fun to the club, and for the serenity of knowing that TYC is always where old and new friendships thrive. Thank you.

Commodore Nancy Bilofsky



INCOMING COMMODORE'S COMMENTS (continued)

after many years of outstanding service for which we are eternally grateful, they are stepping aside. While that is a tremendous loss, let's look at it as an opportunity to shape the future of club communications. Less email, more social media? Should we still have a printed newsletter? A TYC phone app? Anyone have thoughts to share about that? We need you. And we also need a lot more of you to seek out a role in the club that suits you.

Thanks to Ann Watson and the Nominating Committee, I have a great board. Thank you all for your commitment! We will continue to hire support where it makes sense, but we will always need our precious volunteers, and we still have a number of committee chairs to fill.

Invitation to Serve

To those of you who have already spent countless hours in the galley, or on various committees, or behind the bar, we thank you. And we ask that you continue to find the time and the desire to do that. As a very wise person (Susie Woodrum) always says "Many hands make light work", and I am determined that if you sign up for a job, there will be many hands to help. Think you would like to help plan parties? Want to learn about racing? Maybe you've had a nice long break, and it's time to come back.

And to those of you who have not yet heeded the call, we invite you to see what keeps us all coming back to serve. It's a great group of people and a rewarding experience. I promise. Please don't wait for the call; reach out and let me know what you might have to offer. I welcome your input. I need your help. Don't make me call you...

Almost-Commodore Shirley Vaughan





Magical Christmas Bus Tour of West Marin

Back by Popular Demand!

The Christmas Bus Rolls Out of Paradise Cay

10:00 AM, Saturday December 3rd

For \$35 you will be treated to the magic of West Marin's beauty along with the food, wines, produce and crafts only West Marin has to offer.

Bring your lunch money and credit cards if you wish to shop!

First stop is lunch at a down home West Marin restaurant.

A visit to a delightful crafts and collectables store, a bakery, cheese and olive oil tasting, ending with a visit to the Washoe House to fortify for the trip home, are all part of the experience...time permitting.

We will be back in the Cay by 6:00pm for those of you with a full social schedule.

Libations for the bus ride are never discouraged. There is only room for 40 persons, so get your reservations in post haste. Children under 18 are discouraged as there will be a good bit of holiday cheer being passed around.

Bus pickup and return to Trinidad and Martinique in Paradise Cay. Novato pickup point can be arranged.

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

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

Checks are needed now to arrange for the bus!

RBOC (Recreational Boaters of California)

Dues notices will be in the mail soon and it is once again time to ask you to support RBOC by including a \$20 voluntary contribution to RBOC when you send in your dues. RBOC volunteer directors from across the state contribute generously of their time, speaking on your behalf when elected officials, government agencies and others propose laws, rules or requirements that impact boating. They also work in partnership with *BoatUS* as it lobbies on your behalf at the federal level on boating-related issues.

Here are a few of the issues RBOC has pursued on behalf of recreational boaters:

Work with the State Water Quality Resources Board as they implement regulations for copper-based antifouling paint used on recreational vessels. RBOC is also working with the USEPA Office of Water on a federal level to approve a new, more accurate model for measuring metals in salt water that will directly impact state and regional decisions on copper bottom paints.

Continue to work with the Division of Boating & Waterways to insure necessary state resources are committed to combat invasive marine growth in the Delta.

Stopped legislation that would authorize the use of boater-generated state taxes and fees for the cleanup of abandoned commercial vessels.

On the federal level, they are working with *BoatUS* to oppose the EPA's proposal to increase ethanol levels in gasoline from 10% to 15%.

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 do, go to www.rboc.org. If you would like to receive emails from RBOC on important issues as they come up, sign up for email alerts on their website.

Thank you for your past and future support of this worthwhile organization and its hardworking volunteers.



DOUBLE-HANDED RACERS

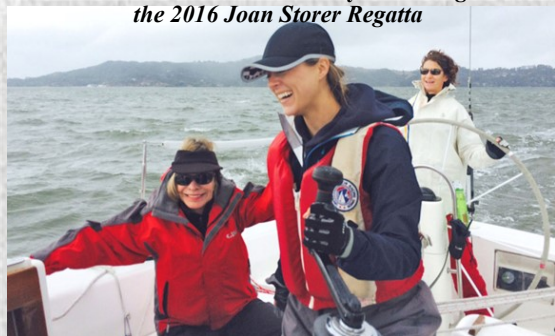
Race Officer Ian Matthew presided over this year's Double-Handed Race, which took place on October 1.

Five boats sailed in nice Bay conditions. *Lion* won the day, with *Cinnamon Girl* and *Galante* coming in 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Skippers and their crews gathered in front of the DeWitt Double-Handed trophy for this photo back at the club. (Missing from photo: Cinnamon Girl crew member Hillary Johnson)



Joan Storer's granddaughter, D'Arcy, takes the winch aboard Joyride during the 2016 Joan Storer Regatta



RACE NOTES

Saturday, October 15 was a stormy one. It was also the date of TYC's Joan Storer Regatta. Despite gusts of up to 30 knots, three brave boats out of the eight who were registered got out on the water and finished the 7.5-mile race course.

First place went to Bill and Susan Hoehler's *Joyride*. Richard and Lauren Selmeier's *Hurricane Gulch* took second, and Pat Broderick's *Wyliecat 30, Nancy*, came in third.

As many members know, the Joan Storer Regatta is a memorial race in honor of a former TYC member who passed away from pancreatic cancer in 1989. Half of the regatta's entry fee goes to fund cancer research and hospice. Originally, the regatta was for women skippers only, with only one male allowed on each boat. But like last year the rules were relaxed, requiring that 50% of those aboard be female.

Janet Wright of Truckee, Joan Storer's daughter, and Janet's daughter D'Arcy—who had never been sailing before—sailed aboard the Hoehler's *Joyride*. Joan's son John couldn't make this year's event, but treated the sailors to a hosted bar, sandwiches and hors d'oeuvres. In addition, every participant received a custom "Joan Storer Regatta 2016" TYC burgee. This is the second year in a row that John Storer has sponsored this regatta.

Regatta organizer Mariellen Stern presented the Storer family with honorary TYC memberships during the post-race party and awards ceremony. The Storer kids grew up in Paradise Cay and have fond memories of TYC.

We anticipate another fun event next season!

Celebrate TYC's Hardy Boaters at This Year's

Annual Race and Cruise Awards Dinner



Saturday, November 5

5:30pm Bar Opens

6:30pm Dinner

\$18 adults; \$10 children under 12

***TYC Member Michael Zhao will be cooking a Chinese meal for all.
RSVP at tyc.org NOW!***

COME ONE! COME ALL!

(Children of all ages...babies to 100 years...and members' guests, too)

to

TYC'S HOLIDAY PARTY!

DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

TIME: 2:00pm to 5:00pm

2:00: Crafts for kids, time for egg nog ("spirited" or not), cookies and snacks, decorating the tree, and talking with friends, both old and new.



3:00:



SANTA ARRIVES! (BY TIBURON FIRE BOAT, WEATHER PERMITTING)

SANTA WILL LISTEN TO WISH LISTS FROM ALL THE CHILDREN.

4:00:

TIBURON FIRE TRUCK arrives to pick up Toys for Tots donations. Children can check out the truck, even try steering!



IT'S A FUN EVENT FOR ALL!

PRICE OF ADMISSION:

Unwrapped gifts for children (babies through teens) as a donation to the Toys for Tots program. Please also bring non-perishable food for Marin Food Bank. There are so many in need of help!

ALSO NEEDED:

8 people to bring 2 dozen cookies each and 8 people to bring a simple snack
2 bartenders for each of 3 shifts: 2-3pm, 3-4pm, 4-5pm...you choose which shift you'd like

Contact carolegunn@comcast.net if you'd like to help.



CRUISE NEWS

THE CRUISING LIFE AT TYC

CRUISING WRAP-UP

TYC continued its active cruise-out program this year. Thank you, Marshall Gross for serving as cruise chair. It was a wonderful year starting in March with a wet and windy weather-driven land cruise, led by Lon and Susie Woodrum, to see the tall ship being built in Sausalito.

April's cruise to Encinal Yacht Club, led by Marshall, gave us great weather to offset March's. May's Memorial Day weekend cruise was led by Jens Erlingsson, joining in the Petaluma Yacht Club's fun-filled weekend of celebration. Walt Bilofsky headed up the June South Beach Cruise to San Francisco, taking advantage of the nearby restaurants and farmers market at the Ferry Building. Jon Price led July's cruise to Loch Lomond Yacht Club where we saw their new surrounding developments. The August Delta cruise, led by Marshall, had perfect weather and ambient lighting, great for star and planet gazing from Walt's telescope. September's Commodore's Cruise to Marin Yacht Club was led by Commodore Nancy with assistance from Walt—who arranged boat rides around the San Rafael Canal—and Jackie Royal, who organized potluck contests.

The annual multi-club cruise to Tinsley Island continues to be led by Trip Ames. This year's Five Star Cruise to Tinsley took place the last weekend of September. Thank you cruise leaders for adding more fun to cruising with TYC.

A new feature, coordinated this year by Walt, is the mini day cruise, giving non-boat owning members opportunities to get out on the water. It was launched at the April Commodore's Cocktail Party when about 26 members and prospective members were treated to a beautiful day on the Bay by skippers Walt, Marshall, Jon, and the Woodrums, just before cocktails. The Commodore's Cruise and Picnic had skippers Marshall and Steve Nimz volunteering for mini cruises. Two other mini cruises went to Terrapin Crossroad for brunch. Thank you, Walt, for implementing a new feature and including non-boat owning members. Thanks to the skippers for sharing your boats.

To help get more boats out on a cruise, we partnered with the Petaluma and Oxbow Yacht Clubs during our cruise to the Delta Yacht Club. We partnered with Petaluma YC again for the South Beach cruise. This partnering arrangement may serve us well in the future by adding more cruisers, but with less work.

This successful cruising season has been the result of work by cruise leaders, participating skippers, first mates and others. It brought out new member cruisers like Cami and Jeff Noble and an infrequent cruiser like George Federighi. Thank you all for your contributions to a wonderful year of TYC cruising!



NEW MEMBERS CORNER

TYC extends a warm welcome to these new members...

Physicians Tiffany Townsend and Pete Gorenberg share a special interest in diving and wilderness medicine. They moved to the Cay over the summer.



Sherry Smith is currently on the BahaHaHa and spends as much time as possible on a boat. She's a former triathlon coach and brings that passion and competitive spirit to sailboat racing.



Stacy and Don Azcarate are thrilled to be TYC members. They recently settled into the Cay with their 14-year-old son and sail their 45-ft Juneau every chance they get.



Pellie and Dave Anderson sail the J/109, Kind of Blue. He is a former navy surface warfare officer.



Additional new members whose photos we did not receive in time for publication include:

***Jonathan Killip
Steve Melen***

Welcome, all new members. We look forward to seeing you around the club!

TYC Calendar for November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM TYC Kids' Playdate <input type="checkbox"/> 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games	Nov 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 AM Tai Chi <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM (PCHA meeting)	2 <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM (board meeting)	3 (club cleaning)	4	5 5:30 PM Annual Race & Cruise Awards Dinner
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13	14 <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM TYC Kids' Playdate <input type="checkbox"/> 2:00 PM Mah Jongg Games	15 <input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 AM Tai Chi	16	17 (club cleaning)	18	19 <input type="checkbox"/> 11:00 AM private rental 11:00 AM Jane Clark - Private
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