

# Westerlies

## Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay  
Tiburon, California



NEXT GENERAL MEETING:  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18  
6:00PM

Longitude 122° 28' W.

### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Gary Stypulkoski

"Rumor Has It" is a great song by Adele and rumors have been circulating around the club regarding a few things, including the special general meeting on Thursday, September 18 at 6:00pm. I felt it would be good to use the *Commodore's Comments* to clarify what is on the agenda for this important meeting.

Some members want to know why we are asking for a dues increase after 13 years and if it is really necessary. Others are asking about the agreement we are working on with the yacht harbor. The purpose of this special meeting is threefold:

- 1) to share our key findings from the survey conducted late last year;
- 2) to review the strategic plan the board has been working on; and
- 3) to discuss and vote on a dues increase of \$8 per month.

#### **September 2014**

##### **Westerlies**

##### ***Important Dates***

**Last Friday Night Race  
& Dinner**

**September 12**

**Special General Mtg.**

**September 18**

**Commodore's Cruise**

**September 19-21**

**Westerlies Deadline**

**September 26**

**The Survey:** This most recent survey provided some interesting insights. Our membership is greying with only 26% of our members under the age of 60. Half of our members live in the Cay. Twenty percent of our members have children under the age of 18 and 54% feel the club is child-friendly. Seventy-two percent of the members would like to see more

activities for kids. This is an area the board would like to improve upon.

Half of the members would like the club to continue primarily as a volunteer club and the other half would like to increase the number of catered events. The preference for more catered events is strongest among members with children and those under 50 years old. Eighty-four percent of members rated the social program good or higher. The board has continued to arrange a mix of Bistro Nights with hired bartenders and plans to continue doing so. We are working out the details to continue having the club open on Fridays with a mix of volunteers and hired bartenders. We want members to have more use of the club and more fun, but this comes with a small cost.

**The Strategic Plan:** Tied closely to the membership survey, this plan provides future commodores and boards direction as to areas of focus. There are many different constituencies in the club: racers, cruisers, boaters, social, younger members, older members and kids. The board is working on making everyone welcome and satisfied with at least some TYC offering, overlapping wherever possible, and retaining our core values while retaining existing members and attracting new ones.

**Dues Increase:** A dues increase, and reason for that increase, is where many of the rumors have been circulating. The board is proposing a dues increase of \$100 for regular members, or just over \$8 per month. TYC has one of the lowest dues structures of any

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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](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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**[erinstyp@yahoo.com](mailto:erinstyp@yahoo.com) or (415)272-4210**

*\*Does not include cleaning fee, refundable security deposit, or catering.*

# *The Social Scene*

*By Erin Stypulkoski*

Welcome to Fall! I hope you've enjoyed the summer here at TYC, a time devoted to our famous Friday Night Races and guest-hosted dinners as well as the VC's always rockin' Fourth of July party. (I heard that the tacos done by the Deisinger's and the Natural Blonde crew on August 8 were wonderful; and the Sloppy Joe's that Susan Hoehler and Sondra Blake did the week before were really good, too.)

Even though a new season is just about upon us, we still have a couple of Friday night races to look forward to, both with exciting dining options. On September 5 Rekha and Amitabh Dutt host their famous Indian dinner, and the next—and final—Friday Night dinner on September 12 will be a meal of barbecued baby back ribs, beans and cole slaw hosted by new members Michael and Telesha Destein. What a great way to finish up the race season. Warm thanks to all our summer dinner hosts and also to Susie Woodrum, the Friday Night Guru who coordinated (coerced?) these wonderful dinners.

## **COMING UP**

The Commodore's Cruise and Picnic at Marin Yacht Club is coming up the weekend of September 19. (See announcement on page for details.)

This year's Halloween party is on October 25, so mark your calendars now. It's sure to be a sell out, especially since former Queen-o-Fun Penny Wright-Mulligan is chairing. (Remember the trailer trash themed party of '09?) Specific details will be in next month's *Westerlies*.

The following month, the Race Awards Dinner (November 1) and TYC's Annual Meeting and Dinner (November 22), that fancy-schmancy thing we do every year, wraps up the 2014 term for Commodore Stypulkoski. Speaking of whom, Gary and I have been MIA at TYC most weekends this summer as we've been off enjoying the "tropical" Delta. Now that we're back, we look forward to seeing you again during evenings at the club.

## **Thanks for Another Friday Night**

*By Ruth Fults*

Friday night, August 15 was a fun night at TYC. The racers had great wind and the race committee (Eric Lyons and Jim Bliss) set a short course, so all were in for dinner early.

Thanks to the following people for helping feed the hungry racers: Kitchen chef René Matthew with crew Lynne and Jeff, Bea Lufi and Patty Cerf who made sure dessert went out. Sue Walder volunteered for bar duty and worked alone until Justin Detray and Joe King stepped up to finish. Luckily Ian Matthew was there to close the bar.

Thanks to all the volunteers who make this great club a special place to be.

(Commodore's Comments *continued from page 1*)

comparable yacht club on the Bay. However, our fixed and variable expenses (occupancy, utilities, property taxes, insurance, bar expense, maintenance, etc.) have all increased, some significantly over the last few years. No different than your own family expenses. The board has been working on an analysis of our expenses for the past 13 years and this will be presented at the meeting. Volunteerism is also down and we have started to use independent contractors to assist behind the bar and in the kitchen. We are also looking at additional repairs to the club due to deferred maintenance and some much needed improvements, such as replacing the rear stairs and refurbishing the barbecue area. TYC is also working out an agreement with our landlord regarding more cooperation with the club and its activities, the marina parking lot, access road and a dedicated area to side tie when boats are visiting the TYC. This is a new expense for the club. TYC bylaws require that 20% of regular members attend this general meeting and that 2/3 of the regular members present cast a "yes" vote for the proposed increase. To help secure the financial viability and security of the club, your board hopes we will have your support for this modest dues increase. The bar will be open and there will be pizza.

**Commodore's Cruise/Halloween Party:** Mark your calendar for the Commodore's Cruise to the Marin Yacht Club September 19-21. If you've never cruised before, this will be an easy one as it's only a short sail or drive. Details are still being worked out but we are doing our best to have the Saturday barbecue poolside at Marin Yacht Club. All we ask is that you bring your favorite side dish. I'll be doing the cooking and providing drinks. Also mark your calendar for the Halloween Party on October 25, which I guarantee will sell out.



# it's an **ORANGE** is the new **BLACK** **HALLOWEEN!**

**Saturday, October 25th | Party starts 6:30 at TYC**

Come as your favorite inmate, prison guard, or in costume as your favorite TV character!  
Theme encouraged so please research on Netflix if you're interested.



## **\$2,500 Scholarships Available**

PICYA and The Western Boating Safety Group are again offering \$2,500 scholarships to students whose parents, grandparents or guardians are members of a PICYA affiliated yacht club.

Applying for one of these scholarships is easy. It requires completing an application, writing a short essay picked from one of three topics, providing an official school transcript, and a list of volunteer and school activities in addition to providing a written statement of need.

Additional details and the application are on the PICYA website. Go to [www.picya.org](http://www.picya.org) and first click on *Resources* (at the top of the page) and then on *PICYA Scholarships* on the drop-down menu.

Applications must be postmarked by **September 30, 2014**. If you have questions, contact Patty or Bob Cerf, or one of the members of the Scholarship Committee listed on the PICYA website.

Last year Dennis Deisinger's daughter, Kelsie, was a recipient of one of these scholarships.

*If you can't repair it, maybe it shouldn't be on board.*

*- Lin and Larry Pardey*



# CRUISE NEWS

BY JON PRICE

## CRUISE-OUT TO SF YACHT CLUB, AUGUST 22-24

Four TYC boats arrived at San Francisco Yacht Club on Friday, August 22, followed by two more on Saturday. Friday evening found our group not wildly adventurous from a gastronomic standpoint, so we elected to dine at the club instead of venturing into Tiburon and its noteworthy choice of good restaurants. We were well rewarded. Cuisine at SFYC is especially good.

During Saturday some ventured into the shops in downtown Tiburon, while others hung out at the club watching many competition boats coming and going, amongst which was **Yucca**, an historic 77-year-old beautifully restored racing boat. SFYC staged three regattas over the weekend. This is a serious racing club.

That evening we assembled on *Sea Turtle* and *Adagio* for cocktails and munchies, then on to the club dining room where we were once again rewarded with excellent fare.

As distances go, this cruise was definitely one of the shorter destinations, but well worth it in ambience and a most pleasant gathering point.

## COMING UP

**September 19-21** - Commodore's Cruise to Marin Yacht Club

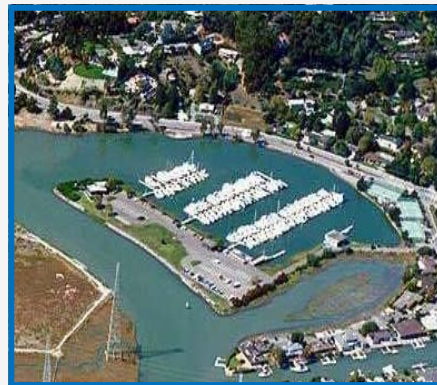
**October 3-5** - Five Club Cruise to Tinsley Island. (See flyer on page 6.)



*A Beautiful Day at SFYC*

## **Commodore's Cruise to Marin Yacht Club Friday, September 19 – Sunday, September 21**

***A Great Chance to Use Your Boat...  
Sign up for Dinner on Friday...  
and a Free Lunch On Saturday!***



Skippers, here's a great chance to get out on your boat for a day or a weekend, find out about TYC's cruising program, tour some of our cruising yachts and yachtlets, and enjoy a delicious dinner and/or picnic lunch!

All members are welcome to enjoy the picnic lunch—the big event of Commodore's Cruise to Marin Yacht Club on **Saturday, September 20 at noon**—and tour the open boats. The picnic is free to TYC members, whether arriving by boat or car, but **please add to the commodore's barbecue and drinks menu by bringing a side dish or dessert to share.**

The Marin Yacht Club will be serving dinner the evening of **Friday, September 19**. If you'd like to join the cruisers in the restaurant that night, be sure to contact **Erin Stypulkoski** at [erinstyp@yahoo.com](mailto:erinstyp@yahoo.com).

Skippers are especially encouraged to come by boat, either for the day or the whole weekend. Either way you get mileage credit in the cruise program and a **special Commodore's Cruise pennant** for your boat. But don't wait too long...dock space needs to be reserved in advance.

So come join the fun over the weekend and experience the joy of cruising! Questions? Erin can help!





## Ahoy Mateys & Wenches

Ye be invited to join Captain Jack Sparrow  
and SFYC, SYC, CYC & MYC  
for a swashbucklin good time at  
Tinsley Island  
October 3 - 5, 2014

### BREAKING NEWS

JOIN US AT  
DELTA YACHT CLUB  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29 TH -  
FRIDAY OCTOBER 3RD  
\$50 / NIGHT PER BOAT

Map yer course for Tinsley Island and sail on over  
A bounty of fun awaits ye on this hidden island run by Blackbeard  
Grog will be served to deserving mates, treasures await and  
merrymaking will abound but beware ye might  
walk the plank and meet up with Davy Jones

Cost - \$125 a night Friday & Saturday nights per boat

\$62.50 Thursday & Sunday nights

plus \$30 cruise fee per adult,

3 Hosted cocktail parties

BYO all grub & grog, cooking implements,

pewter & tankards

Ice, stoves & BBQs provided

Dominoes & Bocce Ball Competitions

Themed Table Decorating & Dress Up ~ Prizes awarded

Dancing to Ralph the Seperator Friday & Saturday Nights



### REMINDER

TINSLEY HOUSE RULES

Sign up Today ~ Contact Trip Ames 415 435-1602 or [tripames@comcast.net](mailto:tripames@comcast.net)



# RACE NOTES

BY JIM BLISS



There are six races to report on since the last *Westerlies*. As usual, the detailed results are posted on Jibeset.

## Friday Night Race #10 - August 1<sup>st</sup>

Nine boats turned out for the tenth Friday Night race of the season. They were split into two divisions, based on PHRF. The wind was light, only five knots from the south west, and the tide was a beginning ebb. Both divisions were given Course 1 twice around, so the course could be shortened in case the wind died. When it did die, the course was shortened so all could finish. Lon Woodrum in *Lion* took first in Division 1, and Ian Matthew in *Siento el Viento* took first in Division 2. Thanks to Shirley Vaughn and Floyd Fulmer for serving as race committee.

## Friday Night Race #11 - August 8<sup>th</sup>

There were eight boats that showed up for this race. Conditions were typical, with the wind about 15 knots from the south west, and the tide beginning to ebb. All boats declared Non-Spinnaker, so there was only one division. It was a close race, but the bigger boats with the lower ratings proved faster on corrected time, with the top three—*Natural Blond*, *Triple Play* and *Bravo*—all finished within half a minute of each other. Thanks again to Shirley Vaughn and Floyd Fulmer for serving as race committee.

## Friday Night Race #12 - August 15<sup>th</sup>

This was a challenging race because of the strong wind, about 25 knots growing to 30. None of the seven starting boats opted to fly spinnakers, so we left them in a single division and gave them a shorter course so they wouldn't get so 'beat up' by the wind. Ian Matthew in *Siento el Viento* finished first on corrected time, with Richard Selmeier in *Hurricane Gulch* close behind. Jon Price in *Adagio* did well for his first time out, finishing third. Thanks to Eric Lyons for taking the lead in the race committee.

## Fox Hat Race - August 16<sup>th</sup>

The Fox Hat Race is interesting because the course requires racers to round Angel, Alcatraz and Red Rock islands in any order. Each racer can then chose their route based on their research of the wind and tide at each island. Of course a fast boat helps and of the five boats that entered, the fastest boat by far was *Double Trouble*, a J125 owned by Tom Siebel and sailed by Charlie Ogletree. While he finished over an hour ahead of the other four boats in elapsed time, his rating was so low that his corrected time was only 16 minutes ahead of Ian Matthew in *Siento el Viento*, who took a different route around the islands. A very interesting race indeed. Thanks to Ian Matthew who ran the race from his boat.

## Friday Night Race #13 - August 22<sup>nd</sup>

It was another windy evening for Race #13, with wind from the south west between 20 and 25 knots. All eight boats declared Non-Spinnaker, so there was only one division. Silvano Payne in his J/105, *Triple Play*, finished first in elapsed time and also in corrected time. Otto Schreier finished second and Richard Selmeier finished third. The top four boats finished only 35 seconds apart, demonstrating how the Friday races continue to be close competition. Thanks to Floyd Fulmer and Paula Blake for serving as race committee.

## H.O. Lind Race 5 & 6 - August 23<sup>rd</sup>

There were 12 boats in the H.O. Lind Races 5 & 6, split into Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions. In Race 5, *Joyride* took first in the Spinnaker Division, while *Galante* took first in the Non-Spinnaker Division. In Race 6, *Joyride* was first again in the Spinnaker Division and *Galante* again took first in the Non-Spinnaker Division. These results made the race for the series very close. In the Non-Spinnaker Division, *Lion* and *Galante* both finished the series with 12 points after one throw-out. Because *Galante* had four firsts, while *Lion* had four seconds, *Galante* won the series. In the Spinnaker Division (excluding non-TYC boats), *Joyride* finished with 15 points, four less than *Siento el Viento*'s 19 points, so *Joyride* got the gold. Thanks to Dick Selmeier and John Williams for their work as race committee.





*For SEVEN years now, The Leukemia Cup of the Bay Area has been the nation's top producing regatta for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, thanks to the fundraising efforts of sailors and their friends, and the host San Francisco Yacht Club!*

*In 2014, this great charity event is expanded to include the Bay Area Power Fleet, showing their numbers, cruising the Bay's best ports, and joining the effort in support of Blood Cancer Cures. On Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> the Power Fleet will be out in force to cheer on the racing fleets, and bring the message of "Sailing for a Cure" to the Greater Bay Area public with a grand parade around the Bay shores.*

***WE WANT YOU TO JOIN THE FLEET IN THIS GOODWILL EFFORT!***  
***Whether under power or sail, we are in this together!***

*Power Yachts and Motorsailers are welcome to enter this fleet.*

**THE COURSE:**

- *Each vessel registers with the Leukemia Cup and is provided an online web page for fundraising, large or small. (registration fee is a \$75 tax-deductable donation)*
- *Vessels are asked to fly banners provided for the event showing why we are on the water this day.*
- *Most vessels are asked to host Honorary Skippers (Blood cancer patients and survivors) and family, and/or representatives from significant sponsors. Hosting is at the owner's acceptance.*
- *The fleet, originating from around the Bay, having boarded guests at convenient locations, will assemble in a designated area adjacent to the Leukemia Cup starting area to enjoy the regatta starting action. The fleet will be accompanied by StFYC RIB guide boats to assure safety and a clear course.*
- *Once the last start has cleared, the fleet will cruise around the Bay parading the busy shores of Sausalito, the City Front, and Raccoon Straits, ending at Tiburon.*
- *Although guest docking is not available at San Francisco Yacht Club, passengers may disembark at a designated location in the SFYC Harbor, or the vessel may anchor in Belvedere Cove, and shore boat services via StFYC RIB used to attend the events at SFYC.*
- *All aboard vessels that choose to return to home ports are invited to attend the ceremonies and BBQ at SFYC by auto.*

**PARTICULARS:**

- *Vessel owners, on request, will be provided a donation acknowledgement for their operating expenses in this event.*
- *All parties will be required to sign a liability waiver agreement, protecting the owners, operators and the organizers.*
- *Active fundraising is not required, but is, of course, encouraged. The goal of this effort is to unite all Bay Area boaters behind the cause, and support the very effective actions of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society toward finding cures for this dread disease.*

***JOIN THE FLEET NOW BY REGISTERING AT <http://www.leukemicup.org/gba/>***



# September 2014

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	Aug	1	Sep	2	3	4	5	6
		Labor Day 2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jong		10:00am - 11:00am Adv. Tai Chi 7:00pm PCHA Meeting			5:00pm Gen. mtg/Indian Dinner/Race	11:00am Private/Charity Event
7		8		9	10	11	12	13
3:00pm private event/Jennings		2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jong				6:30pm TYC Board Meeting	6:00pm Race & Ribs & Fixins	12:00pm Tornberg Regatta
14		15		16	17	18	19	20
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		Westerlies Deadline 2:00pm - 4:00pm Mah Jong					Halloween	Race Awards Dinner 12:00pm Red Rock Regatta

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