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Pictured here are a few highlights from March 2007. Boy was it great to have the club back!

Bubba arranged for one of his famous music nights with (in his words) “a sweetheart singer from the Columns in New Orleans, Jeanne Louise”. He said “I thought if I could get this girl along with Dr. Jazz "Jim Harris" on piano, Jerry Jumonville (pictured far right) on sax and Dr. John’s drummer Freddie Stahlie backing her up it would be great music.” Bubba was right of course!



Pictured above is Mark Palermo’s Sapphire making a name for themselves during the **Heineken Regatta** in St. Maarten. See pages eleven and twelve for the full story as it was written for a sailing publication.



Pictured below is Past Commodore Kyle Bowser at his surprise birthday party at the club. He is pictured with his son Elliott who presented him with two artistic Kokopelli sculptures. Happy Birthday Kyle!



Wayne Jablonowski’s Phoenix multi-hull competing in TYC’s Two Against the Lake Race.





Commodore's Corner

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What a busy month! At the **Pre-Opening Work Party/Happy Hour**, a faithful group of volunteers finished the job of preparing for our opening on March 2nd. Thanks to **Carl & Nancy Ritzmann, Jim & J.B. Ilgenfritz, Kenny & Carole LaNata, Jeff & Kathy Hebert, Kyle Bowser & Val Monahan, Steve & Dodie Jones, Danny Green, Kevin Blank, Matt Chapman, Karl Boehm and Coasties Jim Liverette & Bronis Arroyo.**

Steve Jones and the **Race Committee** opened Tammany Yacht Club with a very successful **Two Against the Lake Sailboat Race** (See the Two Against Article). The Race Committee continued to build on that success with setting-up the Spring Bill Watson Series. We are advertising the Wednesday Night races to the public to attract potential new members. If you have a friend who might want to enter his boat in the competition or who might like to crew on a sailboat, invite them to the join the fun.

Take a look at our website: **tammanyachtclub.org**. **Kevin Blank** has really dressed it up. He has incorporated the latest **SpyGlass**, a current events/info space and race results. Kevin has under construction a brand new **MEMBERS ONLY SECTION**, a password

protected, interactive TYC Member Directory with photos. Get photos of you and your significant other to **Sandy McPeek or Kevin** to get them in the Directory.

There was a nice turn-out for the Annual General Membership Meeting on the March 16th. **Harold Pecunia** was recognized for his successful negotiations with Warren Properties for the renovation of our club house. The General Membership voted to accept four (4) new membership applications: **Roger & Harriet Toups, Sandy & Peggy Stone, Sonny Brennan and Tommy Burney**. When you see these new folks, make them welcome.

Plans for our **Grand Re-Opening Celebration** are shaping up. Friday, April 27th, we will have our post Katrina **Re-Opening Shower** to replace some of the equipment and supplies lost after the hurricane. See **Dodie's "TYC Needs your Help List"** on the bulletin board and on the website. Don't forget, cash will be accepted toward some of the larger items. Dinner will be Pot-Luck Hors D'Oeuvres. Saturday, April 28th, will be busy with Boat Rides open to the public, a Ribbon Cutting by the **Chamber of Commerce**, light hors d'oeuvres and dancing to the music of **The Arrivals**. More details will follow as the big event gets closer. When you get your invitations, please respond so we can know how many folks to plan for.

There are still a lot of minor and not so minor jobs to be done. Check the **THINGS TO DO** list on the bulletin board, choose an item and mark it off when you've completed it. There is also a **COMMITTEE SIGN UP SHEET** on the Bulletin Board. All the committees can use some help, so sign up for a committee and make your contribution to TYC.

The April Board Meeting will be at 1900 hours (7 pm), Monday, April 9, 2007, at **TYC**, 1196 Harbor Drive at Oak Harbor Marina.

See you at **Tammany Yacht Club**.

Harley McPeck

Good News for the future of TYC's Juniors Program!
The GYA presented Tammany Yacht Club with another \$1,000 check to go towards rebuilding our Juniors Program.



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MEMBERSHIP

By Barry Statia

Already we're quickly approaching the end of March, with April just over the horizon. Along with April comes the Club's grand re-opening on the 28th, an event where the membership committee personnel (Carl Ritzmann & Barry Statia) look forward to welcoming back all the members. Hurricane Katrina brought tremendous havoc to our lives and to our club, but we faced each challenge, and as a result, we made it back and the doors are open.

If you haven't heard, Bubba scheduled a terrific singer on Thursday, 22 March. On Wednesday night we have the Bill Watson Series. Did you know that the Two Against the Lake event drew 15 boats? Also, there is a series of terrific social and racing events on the calendar. Yes, we're back, and we're even better than before because the club has been renovated. So it's time to visit with old friends, share the news and enjoy all the amenities the club has to offer.

While you're making plans to enjoy the club yourself, how about extending an invitation to a friend, neighbor or family member to join in on the fun? Bring them with you to the grand re-opening so they can experience the club's vitality and friendliness! Did you know we just approved the applications of four new members? With that said, do you know many people are not fully knowledgeable about the goals and aims of Yacht Clubs? Possible applicants may be hesitant to join because they might think they have to own a boat or spend a lot of money on competitive racing. Bring them to this event and let them experience our club first hand. By the way, if an active member signs up a new member, the sponsoring member and the new applicant, once accepted by the board, are both entitled to one of those mouth-watering Tammany Yacht Club steak dinners!

Carl and I welcome you back and hope to see you at the Club very soon.



APPARITION. . .

This is the first in hopefully a series of articles about our members and their boats. This story first appeared in the South Shore Yacht Club newsletter when Judy Konos was the editor. She submitted it for reprinting here. Thanks Judy!

John Harkins, "*Apparition*" first began as a dream conceived in the desert of Saudi Arabia while John worked for United Arab Emirates in Nigeria. He and his company weathered life threats and spent all after work hours securely locked behind closed doors in their hotel room, leaving them little to do but *think*.

There John pondered his early childhood when his father had influenced him with Navy stories. And how, as a child, he had become addicted to James A. Mitchner's "Adventures in Paradise" television series, with its working South Pacific schooner.

Taking his mechanical engineering degree and dreams in hand Harkins designed *Apparition's* interior to accommodate a couple, but by using his engineering experience, he made certain that *Apparition* could be reconfigured to hold up to 17 during racing situations. The desert lady, as he fondly calls her, is a 62 foot liveaboard sailing yacht based on a charter yacht designed for the North Sea with a 15 1/2 beam and a 8 1/2 foot draft.

The hull and rig were chosen for ease of handling and to accommodate a dinghy on the deck using a rig as a crane. The weight of the boat was not a significant factor during the design or construction, although Harkins knew that she would weigh almost half as much as the typical design. This results in a more nimble boat, but the rig is still the factor in lowering her potential performance.

As *Apparition* was being completed in the Southampton, England Ocean Shipyard in 1986, Harkins continued to race in the Arabian Gulf, Saudi Arabia, Scotland and England. In August of 1986, *Apparition* and her new owner left the shipyard with his *self-sufficient crew of one*, making stops in Spain, Gibraltar, the Canary Islands, Portugal, England, Barbados, the Grenadines, the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas and the southern U.S.

Apparition later crossed the English Channel, the Bay of Biscay, the Straits of Gibraltar, parts of the Mediterranean Sea, the Central Atlantic, parts of the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. During this time *Apparition* was raced in the Around the Isle race, the Wolf Rock Race, (a cruising class for the Fastnet Race), the Atlantic Rally for Cruisers, the Gulfport to Pensacola race and the Pensacola to Isla Mujeres, and Tamba bay to Isla Mujeres Mexico. Harkins and *Apparition* have won the 550 mile Race to Mexico three times.

"*Apparition*, says Harkins, has sailed safely in up to 50 knots of wind and in up to 30 foot seas. She has been a very safe and reliable home while traveling and racing. The fastest she ever sailed was off the Canary Islands in up to 40 to 50 knots apparent wind in a broad reach with yankee, fore, and main. "We were reaching at about 110 degrees, says Harkins, off the bow, and the knot log was reading above the limit at 12 knots. At times she would heel while slipping down the face of the 20 to 30' waves, and the booms would drag in the water, creating a rooster tail that would come 20 feet or more out of the water. She never felt out of control and we were in a hurry!"

John Harkins attributes *Apparitions* winning to his knowledgeable crew saying, "Their strengths are commitment; confidence; and team spirit." In the past, *Apparitions* crew has hailed chiefly from the South Shore but now that you are aware of the *Apparition* story and TYC member, John Harkins, you might want to ask him if he's planning on racing to Mexico, anytime soon?



Two Against the Lake Race is big success

Thanks to **Steve Jones** and the **Race Committee, Tammany Yacht Club** opened with a very successful event on March 3rd. On-Line Registration, orchestrated by **Kevin Blank** facilitated the race registration process. Thirteen sailboats participated in the traditional *Two Against the Lake Race*. Competing vessels, including mono-hull sailboats and multi-hull speedsters, raced in two classes based on boat configuration. Mono-hull boats sailed a course of about 37 miles and the multi-hull boats went approximately 42 miles. A unique feature of this endurance race was the crew composition—each boat had only 2 crew members. A separate 14 mile race was sailed by two Fish class boats. The weather was nice with wind that was variable enough to make a challenging race. The winning boats and owners were in order: multi-hull—**Phoenix (Wayne Jablonowski), Sprint 750 (Bob Hodges), & Little Wing (Mike Parsons)**, Spinnaker—**Land Shark (Harley Nethken), The Bear (Caron Choate) & Esprit De Vie (Gerald Kuehler)** and Fish class—**AJ (Buzzy Brennan) & Hornet (Jared Brennan)**. Trophies were awarded not only for race results, but for the fastest boats with various crew combinations: parent & child, combined ages over 100 and male & female.



Back at the club house, another competition was underway. Several members of TYC cooked up batches of their favorite soups for the **Soup Cook-Off**. **Hetty Barnes** triumphed in the Soup Cook-Off and we all enjoyed the good eating! Let's give a big thanks to all of the cooks who prepared their savory dishes for our pleasure.

Photos shown from top to bottom:

Two Against the Lake Fleet Photo.

Jalapeno(Ken Buhler) & Kokopelli (Kyle Bowser)

Two Fish Class boats AJ(Buzzy Brennan) & Hornet(Jared Brennan)





Thursday Night Music

I asked Bubba Groce to tell us a little bit about the musicians that TYC hosted on 03/22. Here is what he had to say. Thanks Bubba for “the rest of the story” about the great music we were treated to that night!

The Drummer “Freddie Staehle” Freddie is one of the most well known drummers in New Orleans. He won a Grammy for the Dr. John Gumbo Album featuring IKO IKO. His bio is about 10 pages long but he has played with Harry Connick Jr., The Beatles, Van Morrison, The Neville Brothers, Frankie Ford, Fats Domino as well as many others. He has played at TYC before. Freddie always says to me, “I love to play here better than anywhere else because the people here are nicer to me than anywhere else that I have played”. His words not mine.

Vocalist Jeanne Louise sang with the New Orleans symphony choir for 10 years after which she began singing the standards, her favorite style of music and has sung locally with a number of big bands. The highlight of her singing career was as the featured guest singer at the Daphne Jazz Festival. Jeanne Louise has worked as a muralist and faux finisher for over 30 years.

Jerry Jumonville was born and bred with the music of New Orleans in his veins, Jerry would wander the streets of New Orleans from an early age, drinking in the sounds of his idols such as Charlie Fairly. With such influences is it any wonder he plays with such passion. He left New Orleans to follow his dream, to where it was all happening in the 60's, the West Coast. His dreams were fulfilled, in his long career Jerry has played with Bonny Rait, Big Joe Turner, Leon Russell, Dr. John, Delaney & Bonnie, Bette Midler, Rod Stewart, Van Morrison, The Doobie Brothers, Rickie Lee Jones and these are only a few, Jerry, has in fact, performed on over 200 albums. He plays mainly tenor as well as alto, baritone sax and the horn. Besides being a world class tenor man, Jerry is also a wonderful arranger and scores many arrangements for many bands and artists.

The Piano Man was “Doctor Jazz”, Jim Harris who has also performed many times at TYC.

Dave Laudun did Vocals and Trumpet. Dave has played his horn and sung with most of the best musicians in New Orleans. He was one of the few trumpet players that Roland Stone would perform with and he shared the stage with Clarence Frogman Henry, Al Jackson, Rene Netto’, and the list goes on and on. Dave won a music scholarship to Loyola where he perfected his music skills.

Barney Smith on Guitar is a Rock and Roller from the fifties. His first band “Barney Smith and The Hep-Kings” was very popular at the New Orleans sock hops. Jerry Jumonville, Bubba Groce, Jerry Burns, Rusty Contelle and Cliff Fonseca were some of the original members of the band who performed for all the WWL gigs. Barney has performed the guitar work in the studio on many local CD's.

Bubba Groce was on Sax and Drums.
 “Me, I am not very good.” (I think that the rest of us would disagree with that assessment!) Thanks Bubba for another wonderful night of music!





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Cancer Survivor Sails to Raise Awareness about America's Wetland

Ryan Finn of New Orleans will battle the winds and waves of the Atlantic Ocean in his Mini 6.5 yacht in an effort to raise awareness about Louisiana's coastal land loss and its importance as the state's first line of defense against hurricanes. On June 6, 2007, Finn will participate in the Bermuda 1-2, a two-legged nautical race sailing single-handed from Newport, Rhode Island to St. Georges, Bermuda and back again with crew, Clark Thompson.

Finn learned to love solo sailing when he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma at age 20. While going through chemotherapy and radiation, he became fascinated with single-handed sailing, and decided that after treatment he would sail across a large body of water by himself. Finn has not fallen short of this goal. His first single-handed passage was from New Orleans to Savannah, and he has completed multiple races since then.

"The upcoming Bermuda 1-2 will be a great opportunity for me to help energize America both about the extreme sport of single-handed sailing, and also about the need to save coastal Louisiana. As America's WETLAND disappears, so does the fragile ecosystem that supports millions of birds and wildlife" said Finn.

America's WETLAND - home to 79 rare, threatened, and endangered species and wintering habitat for more than 5 million waterfowl and songbirds - is vanishing from the coast of Louisiana. The area loses 24 square miles a year, or the equivalent of a football field every 38 minutes. America's WETLAND protects the nation's most important petrochemical complex and is vital to America's economic and energy security, as it produces and transports 30 percent of the nation's domestic crude oil and 34 percent of its natural gas.

The America's WETLAND Campaign, the largest, most comprehensive public education campaign in the State's history, was launched to raise public awareness of the impact of Louisiana's wetland loss on the state, nation and world. The initiative is supported by a growing coalition of world, national and state conservation and environmental organizations and has drawn private support from businesses that see wetlands protection as a key to economic growth.

The Ryan Finn Ocean Racing Kick-off Party is Friday, April 13th at the New Orleans Yacht Club 7pm.



Sailboats coming into the pier.



Another beautiful sunset at TYC.



Tammany Yacht Club hours

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday & Thursday	5-10 PM
Friday	5-11 PM
Saturday	2-11 PM
Sunday	1-9 PM

Club hours may be extended at the discretion of the Club Manager or the ranking Board Member.

Don't forget that on Thursdays, your second drink is free and either a light supper or hors d'oeuvres are frequently served. Also, be sure to sign up for Friday night dinners by Thursday evening and cancel if you can't make it to avoid a penalty.

Manager: Dodie Jones TYC Phone: 985-649-5222

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6:30pm Long Range Planning Committee 7:00pm TYC Board Meeting		7:00pm Bill Watson Race Series 7:00pm Coast Guard Auxillary Flotilla Mtg.	6:30pm Happy Hour	7:30pm Dodie's Special	2:00pm-6:00pm Rental	
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TYC General Membership Meeting

The semi-annual General Membership Meeting of Tammany Yacht Club was well attended. This was the first one to be held at the club since Hurricane Katrina.

At left are: Dick Almos, TYC Chaplain, Jim Ilgenfritz, Vice Commodore, Harley McPeek, Commodore, Kenny LaNata, Secretary, Pam Carpenter, Member At Large, and Steve Jones, Treasurer.

Below are several of the members in attendance.



Easter Breakfast at TYC

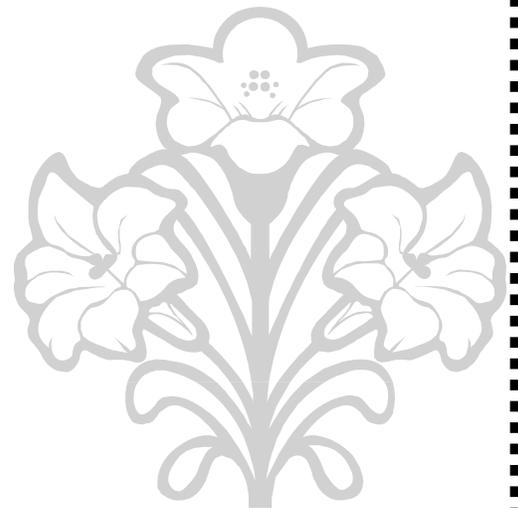
Bring your family and friends to TYC for Easter Breakfast to include: Ham, Sausage, Bacon, Eggs, Grits, Biscuits, Gravy, Hash Browns, Toast and Coffee. \$5.00

11:00 am – 2:00 pm Easter Sunday, April 8

Mimosas and Bloody Marys (at bar prices) will be available. Other drinks available when the bar opens at the normal time, 1:00 pm.

Chefs of the Day: Charlie Purvis and Martin Smith

Come on out and share your club with your family and friends and your fellow TYC members. Hope to see you there!!





High Drama on the High Seas of the Caribbean for Team Paul Mitchell

The starting horn sounded and Race-1 was under way. It was a good start for Palermo, but in his opinion, “only good”. *“We got on the line with good speed and in clear air. I know as the helmsman it was up to me to set the pace for the crew. A good start – good morale.”* Unfortunately, that was the highlight of the race. *“We never seemed to get in phase. We were just like the Saints in the Bears playoff game – one step forward, two steps back. And, like the Bears, home field advantage played a role for the CSA (Caribbean Sailing Association) racers.”* It became very obvious, very quickly that even the slightest mishap would have severe consequences. Team Paul Mitchell finished 8th in Race-1 – ouch!

Immediately following the race Palermo pulled everyone to the back of the boat. Standing behind the wheel he encouraged “*Forward Focused*” dialog among the crew. The team was disgusted with their individual performances. The “**where we go one, we go all**” team motto was resonating. *“My turn was coming as the crew awaited thoughts from their skipper. I chimed in with a very calm but confident voice. Guys, we have a fast boat. We have an outstanding crew. We are better than this. Let’s stay focused on flawless execution, less chatter and more initiative. The crew became quiet and intensely focused. One of the younger crew members spouted “Now let’s go and get a BULLET!”* Game on.

Team Paul Mitchell adopted an aggressive “*shock and awe*” mindset for Race-2. *“My personal goal was to go from a “good” start to a “great” start. That’s exactly what happened.”* The crew was pumped. *“Way to go skip!”* The positive reinforcement continued – *“you’re higher and faster skipper, keep it up!”* Team Paul Mitchell started on top of the four fastest in the class and consistently pulled away from the boats to windward. *“We were right smack in the middle where we wanted to be and pulling away from everyone,”* said Leroy McMillan, Tactician. The adrenaline meter was pegged.

It became obvious that Team Paul Mitchell had the fastest First 40.7 in the class. *“We ‘herded’ the top boats of the class to the left side of the course. We banged the left hard and tacked on a huge knock. Just like that on the first leg we were an easy 10-12 boat lengths ahead of the nearest competitor. That’s a quick and substantial lead. We were popping on all eight cylinders,”* continued McMillan. After a flawless spinnaker set and near perfect downwind leg Team Paul Mitchell was about to engage one of the faster boats in the class at the leeward mark. Then “*fit hit the shan*”, said Palermo.

Heavy winds, high seas, collisions, concussions, protests, disqualifications – it’s not unusual to experience some kind of adversity during competitive yacht racing. For Skipper Mark Palermo and Team Paul Mitchell it was “all of the above” during the **Heineken Regatta** in St. Maarten. The first time participant representing Tammany Yacht Club and Pontchartrain Yacht Club (Sapphire, USA-472) assembled a diverse Gulf Yachting Association team with representation from five different GYA affiliated yacht clubs.

The crew included: Mark Oswald, First Mate and Mastman (PontYC), Lee Crona, Genoa Trimmer, Leroy McMillan, Tactician, (PYC), Jeff Lindhiem, Mainsail Trimmer, (PontYC), Sam Vasquez, Controls (GYC), Dave Grafton (SRYC), Troy Kloewer, Corporate Representative from John Paul Mitchell Systems, Beverly Hills, CA., Maury Niebur, Genoa/Spinnaker Trimmer, Annapolis, Maryland, and Tony, a long time resident from Antigua.

Conditions were incredible. Wind speeds averaged 21 knots under blue skies and 85 degree temperatures. Combined courses covered nearly 110 miles of buoy and point to point races. The top wind speed recorded on Sapphire was 34.7 knots. Team Paul Mitchell thrived in the intense conditions maintaining position in the front of the pack throughout most of the regatta. The crew pushed the boat but not always to her limits - and that was ok. Team Paul Mitchell made it common practice to pick off boats by exploiting their mishaps in the heavy seas and winds.

In the end ruthless tactics on and off the water prevailed against Team Paul Mitchell in the Spinnaker-5 Class. *“This truly was a ‘you’re not in Kansas anymore’ experience for all of us,”* expressed the humbled skipper. The theater, Caribbean Sea, played to the advantage of the more experienced Heineken Regatta competitors, more so than Palermo expected. Team Paul Mitchell finished 5th overall in a class of 11 yachts, 6 of which were nearly identical to Palermo’s Sapphire. Team Paul Mitchell beat 5 of the 6 other First 40.7’s. According to the international press covering the event *“Team Paul Mitchell had a very respectable first outing. The average first timer in the Heineken Regatta usually brings up the rear.”* - Sailing World Magazine.

There were a total of four days of racing. The first day was the St. Maarten Yacht Club Commodores Cup. This was a one-day regatta that served as a tune up for the Heineken Regatta. Three “bang the buoys” races in heavy winds, fierce currents and wicked waves made even the easiest task tricky. In sizing up the competition during the pre-start for Race-1 the testosterone was raging on every boat - all 237 of them.



Team Paul Mitchell had cleverly positioned Sapphire for an inside overlap maintaining rights and position on the faster hybrid racer, A40. Two boats moving at high speeds in huge waves and wind in close proximity is inherently dangerous. Crews for both boats began screaming as they converged. Then CRASH! *"We had just taken one on the chin (bow) - hard. My boat began to spin out and an accidental jibe incurred,"* said Palermo. "JIBING" exclaimed the entire after guard, but it was too late. BOOM! Mark Oswald, 'Oz', took a hard hit to the head as the boom flew across the boat. He collapsed to the deck like a wet noodle. *"Man down skipper"* yelled Dave Grafton, bowman. The mid-ship crew took responsibility for Oz, assisting the 6'5", 225lb. semi-conscience Mast-man back and forth during and tacks and jibes for the remainder of the race.

The A40 immediately admitted fault following the collision and commenced doing his penalty turns. Just like that he went from second to last. *"The really sick thing is that none of us considered for a moment to withdraw. Our will to win and competitiveness could be questioned no longer,"* expressed Palermo. Team Paul Mitchell got the bullet and finished 1st in a decisive win in Race-2.

"We did withdraw from the regatta following Race-2 and immediately transferred Oz to Sea Rescue who in turn got him to the hospital. Sam went along on my behalf," said Palermo. He suffered a concussion. Palermo personally went to the hospital later, consulted with the doctor, and brought Oz back to Team Paul Mitchell Crew quarters. *"He won't be racing tomorrow in day-one of the Heineken Cup - double ouch",* expressed a somber Palermo to the already lean crew during the days debriefing later that evening. *"Fortunately, Maury helped us pick up Tony, a local First 45 owner whose boat was benched for the event due to rigging issues. Maury and Tony made a huge contribution to our effort,"* said Lee Crona, Palermo's new First Mate.

The intensity carried into the Heineken Regatta Friday, Saturday, and, Sunday. Lazy Dog, representing Puerto Rico, also a First 40.7, mopped up during last year's event winning class and other fleet honors. There was no surprise that the media would follow the emerging "match racing" competition between Team Paul Mitchell and Lazy Dog. *"Sergio (Palermo's counterpart), knew we had a slight edge on speed. But he also knew he had a more experienced crew. He converged and covered us relentlessly. We were now engaged in two races: class racing against 10 other outstanding boats and a match race with the previous year's champion boat - Lazy Dog. I loved every minute of it,"* said Palermo.

The media also loved it. The intensity in the Spinnaker-5 class became the talk of the regatta. *"I was taken by the comment of one correspondent who opened his first interview with: "So, you are the guys giving Lazy Dog fits." "US?"* Palermo replied with a stunned expression, *"I think you've got that backwards. We can't seem to shake those 'Freakin Ricans'. They were on us like red beans on rice".* The media was humored by the native New Orleanian's home town culinary analogy.

Team Paul Mitchell's on and off the water demeanor won favor with competitors, media, islanders, and regatta organizers. *"When you sail under the umbrella of a corporate sponsorship you are expected to win, and, also expected to be an ambassador of good will. That is a very hard balance to strike in yacht racing. Our motto is "Have fun, be #1 - in that order".* Team Paul Mitchell took great delight in being recognized as "The gringo's with the lingo". *"We're also here racing for all our GYA friends. We hoped to make them proud."* - Mark Palermo.

Unofficial preliminary results showed that Team Paul Mitchell would be "in the silver" finishing a very respectable 3rd in class. However, confusion over a protest and miscommunications between regatta officials and Team Paul Mitchell resulted in a disqualification in one race pushing Palermo back to 5th overall. He didn't take that well - at all.

"I came more than 2,500 miles by sea to win on the water, not in the protest room. The protest was bogus, but what makes this hard for me to accept is the manner in which it was handled - lesson learned," expressed an exasperated Palermo.

Sint Maarten and the Heineken Regatta was a glorious experience for the jovial Team Paul Mitchell crew. It truly was a paradise setting - incredible racing in near perfect conditions followed by fantastic parties featuring awesome reggae concerts, copious amounts of Heineken beer, fabulous island cuisine, and RUM! *"I expect to campaign the Caribbean Circuit every other year as to not conflict with our commitment to the Isla Mujeres campaign,"* said Palermo.

Palermo's delivery crew has moved Sapphire back to Red Hook, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. for two weeks of needed repairs and maintenance in preparation for the **International Rolex Cup**, March 23-25. *"It is time for us to focus on the next leg of our Caribbean Circuit. Most of the boats we raced in the Heineken Regatta will be at the Rolex Cup. We will be like a 'wolf in sheep's clothing'"*.

- Mark Palermo, Team Paul Mitchell Spokesperson

PS: Sapphire came in second in class in the Rolex Cup, maybe we'll have another article to look forward to!



Pictured here is Sapphire during the **Heineken Regatta** in St. Maarten,



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At left, Nancy Ritzmann hauled in the big catch of the day, Jim Ilgenfritz, complete with cabbage. Pictured below, Carl, Nancy, Danny and Gilda enjoying the St Patrick's Day parade from home.



At left, Jan Pecunia, Jean Almos, Hetty Barnes, Mary Brisbi and Dave Barnes enjoying a night of music. At right, Danny & Gilda Green celebrate St. Pat's in the French Quarter.



Above, Jackie Boehm and Jim Richarddt at Kyle's surprise birthday party. Below,



Silas McKinley and Sally after a long drive to Slidell from St. Louis. They told us that they were amazed by our progress and looking forward to the marina opening so that they can move their boat back to the neighborhood.



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Now that we are open and back in business there are some things we need in order for our Club to run smoother. We are asking for your generosity for cash donations or a donated purchase from this wish list. If you can help it would be so greatly appreciated! If you have any question please feel free to call me anytime at 985-710-3445.

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And as you all may already know, we also lost a huge inventory of wine and champagne. Any donations will go to good use!

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Si and Sally with the sailboat wall sculpture that they donated to the club. Nice to see boats of all sorts active again!

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CRUISING THE LOOP!

Saturday afternoon we had visitors at the club, Gary "Bear" and his wife Tonie Hanson from League City Texas. They are on their way around the east coast and back down the inland river system, and promised to stop in on their way back home, probably in November. If you care to keep up with their travels, their "blog" is on the Internet at www.bearwithme.talkspot.com. TYC got a nice write up there, and it is reprinted here with their permission, along with a couple of pictures.



Saturday, March 17 Lake Pontchartrain The winds died down about noon so we started across a *smooth* lake on a picture perfect day. Just as we finished securing the boat in the slip, a smiling, friendly man approached us and introduced himself. Ed, who lives aboard his boat the I Love Lucy with his wife Lucy, had seen our Great Loop burgee (pennant). They were leaving to cruise the Great Loop the next morning! He promised to bring Lucy over when she returned from her last provisioning shopping trip.

TYC has a nice bar with a balcony overlooking the marina, 2 dining rooms and a full kitchen. The best part: Frank, the bartender, had the A & M v. Louisville game on (we seldom get but 1 or 2 channels and they're often fuzzy). We cheered the Aggies on to victory while another couple came in to decorate for a friend's surprise birthday party that night. We had a nice visit and they urged us to join the party that evening.

We learned that the TYC and the restaurant had just reopened 2 weeks ago. It was a long road back, and later that evening we heard many more Katrina tales. Despite what they had been through, you heard resolve, strength, and sympathy for those who were still suffering, never any self pity. On the left is Kelley who was decorating with her husband Jim and invited us. They are such a fun couple! We were hesitant to go but we were made so welcome and had a great time.



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