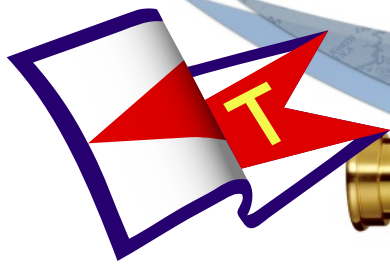


Tammany Yacht Club



# SpyGlass



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1196 Harbor Drive, Slidell, LA

May 2008

## Floating Dock Work Day

Thank you to Kyle, Bobby, Tom, Kenny, Mike, Josh, Sandy and Kevin  
for all of your hard work!  
The dock will be in the water soon!



Don't Forget!  
Blessing of the Fleet  
May 10th



## Commodore's Corner

The month of April went by quickly. The most important event of the month is that we hired a new club manager to replace Dodie, who is leaving us to join her husband in Guam.

Our new manager, for those of you that don't know yet is Lisa Lyons. Lisa was and will continue to be our bartender on Wednesdays and Thursdays as well as assuming her duties as club manager. She has a great deal of experience in the Slidell area, including restaurants Palmetto's, Michael's, and Shaffer's. Come by the club and visit Lisa and have a cocktail. The board feels she will do a great job.

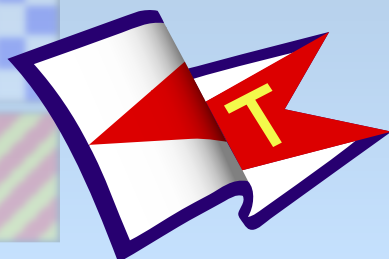
Lisa has lots of new ideas and great contacts for our Friday Night Dinners. Please come out and support her efforts, I am sure you will enjoy it. Carl Ritzmann helped grill pork tenderloins for my first Commodore's Grill this month as well as manned a grill for Steak Night relieving Martin Smith who has been my main assistant for several months. We are planning to grill filet mignons on May 9th.

We have purchased a new set of sails for the flying scots. Hopefully this will make us more competitive. Kyle Bowser and I shared most of the cost for these so there was little cost for the club for this. This should help us in sailing the Capdeville series, which is required by GYA. Thanks Kyle for the donation and the dedication that you have shown to the series and keeping TYC a part of the GYA.

On the 10th of May we will have a big party put on by the First Mates. The annual Blessing of the Fleet, Crawfish Boil and Crawfish Races will be held in conjunction with the Charter Day Regatta. First Mates will also provide live music in the evening. I hear there may be a guest appearance by our announcer of note. Time will tell but please make plans early to attend. First Mates need an accurate count soon to order enough crawfish.

And last but not least prayers go out to the following members who are not feeling well and are recuperating: Hetty Barnes, Gail Diamond, Mary O'Rourke, Roger Toups, and Eddie Reith. Get well soon folks we miss you! That's it for now. See you at the club.

Jim



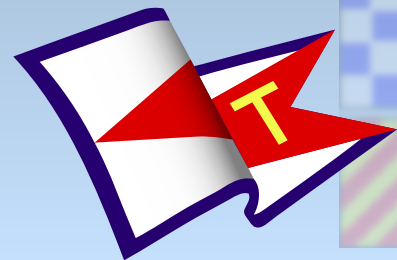


Thank you Race Committee!

The first Bill Watson Spring Series was a great success. With fourteen boats registered, this is the most participation Tammany Yacht Club has had on the water since before Katrina. If you have been up to the club on Wednesdays, you know first hand, seeing new faces as well as the regulars running around getting everything in order before heading out to the course between the bridges. Several volunteers with power boats have stepped up to help with the various race committee tasks that, without their help, would have made it difficult to continue this TYC Tradition. I would like to personally thank Martin Smith for helping with the recruitment of his race committee staff. It is those people who make it all happen. From displaying the signal flags to recording the participants and their finish times, he has been there every week before, during, and after the race along with help from Past Commodore Bill Yaeger and numerous others to make sure everything is in order. I can't thank Gary Knight enough for what he has done to help this year by providing and his vessel "Christy Lee" as the TYC committee boat. He has been there for us not only on Wednesdays, but on the first two of five Saturday Club races. On one occasion when Gary was delivering a boat from Florida, the Coast Guard Auxiliary stepped up to provide crew and their vessel in Gary's place. In a sailboat race you not only need a starting line but a weather mark is also required and club members Wayne Russ and Bubba Groce have each taken turns filling the position of scat boat. Thank both of you for your help as well. It is volunteers like these providing the effort and resources that allows the sailing members of our club to do what we are so passionate about, being out on the water, enjoying beautiful sunsets, and racing against good competition. Again thank each of you for your continued support. If anyone would like information on how you can help with race committee or become a participant in the race itself, just give me a call and we can make it happen.

Kyle

# Thank You Race Committee!





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## Some Boat “Stuff” I Wish I’d Done

While getting WINDSOME ready for her next cruise, I found two maintenance items that badly needed attention. Now I know all of you readers check things carefully every week (or maybe every year), but I thought my maintenance tales might be worth passing along, especially since it’s the season for getting ready.

Just in case you couldn’t identify the items in the photograph, the first item (the round one with paddles) is the impeller from WINDSOME’s raw water pump. Although some pumps are easily accessible, yours probably lives behind something-or-other so that only a contortionist with small hands could possibly unscrew the pump cover and change the impeller within the recommended service interval. That interval is 600 hours on WINDSOME, but a shorter interval is recommended if you sail in sandy conditions, i.e. if you are prone to running aground.

Since WINDSOME’s bottom paint only has scratches from barnacles, I thought it would be safe to extend the maintenance interval to..say 1200 hours. (Dumb, wasn’t it?) Besides, I’ve been changing impellers on schedule all my life and I’ve never encountered a broken impeller blade. Well, as you can see, my luck ran out.

The down side of this maintenance oversight is that now I have to take apart the heat exchanger and hope that I can find the missing impeller blades before they make friends with cooling tubes and overheat the engine, something that only happens in rough weather when you need full power. Alternatively, I could hope that the blade pieces passed through the cooling tubes and are now part of the ocean floor, but somehow I don’t feel that lucky.

So...this year get intimate with your engine and change the raw water pump impeller on schedule like a good sailor.



The second item (the bar with 4 bolts) is more insidious. Shortly after WINDSOME was built, an air conditioner was installed in the aft space behind the engine. I had never considered the possibility that there might be bolts under the AC, much less bolts responsible for holding the rudder on the boat. Fortunately, I replaced the old AC, and to my surprise, I found 4 bolt heads, two with what appeared to be minor corrosion. (For those really “in-the-know” the bolts were not grounded although the ground wire passed within an inch.) I decided to tap the nuts with my trusty hammer, and I truly mean “tap”, not “hit”. We didn’t sink, but the nuts simply fell off what remained of the ½ inch stainless steel bolts, leaving only two rust stains and the 2 remaining bolts! Had we not replaced the AC, the corrosion would have remained hidden, and the remaining two bolts would have been next to go. Offshore, we likely would have been looking for big leaks from thru-hull bolts we didn’t know existed...while we sailed in rudderless circles and the Coast Guard checked our EPIRB number.



The message from all this is to check all bolts for signs of crevice corrosion, especially those that hold your boat together. Alternatively, you could check your EPIRB. Or better yet, check both.

And then have a carefree sail.

Bill and Susan Jobst  
Aboard S/V WINDSOME

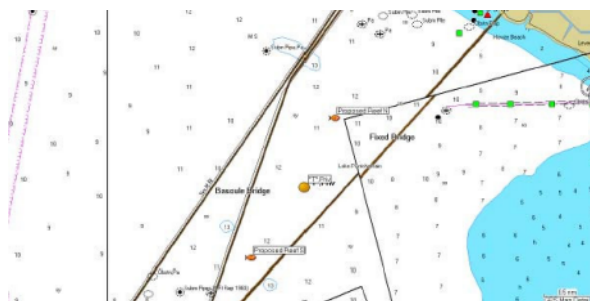


# PROPOSED ARTIFICIAL REEF

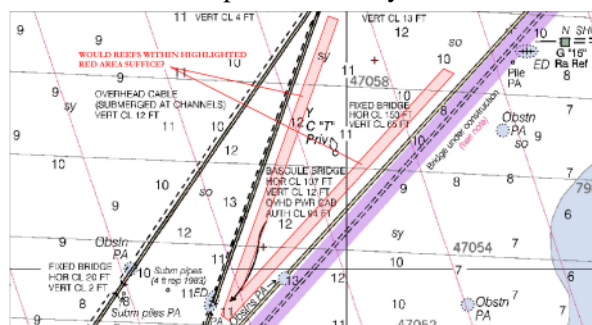
As many of you know, there is a movement in the works to build an artificial reef with the remains of the existing I-10 twin span once the new bridge is constructed and in use. In a report by Times Picayune staff writer Christine Harvey we learned, if approved, the new proposal would place two reefs between the I-10 twin span and the Hwy 11 Bridge. One location is at N30 10.169 W89 50.744 southwest of our club race mark "T" and the other at N30 11.618 W89 49.745 which places it in the middle of our sailing area. As you can imagine, this would totally disrupt not only any racing that our club currently enjoys between the bridges, but would shut down virtually all recreation sailing for anyone that lives in Eden Isles, Oak Harbor, and Clipper Estates. While our position on this issue is not to derail the idea of creating an artificial reef, we do want to make sure that in doing so, it does not change our waterfront community in a way that prevents any sailing between the bridges. The proposal was presented to the Department of Transportation and Development by The Coastal Conservation Association of Louisiana as a way to attract more fish to the area. According to the Times Picayune report, CCA got the idea to build the reefs from Dudley Vandenborre, who has been running a charter fishing business from his Eden Isles home for the past decade. John Walther, a volunteer coordinator with CCA said the reefs would not interfere with boat traffic as they would lay several feet below the lake's surface. This may be true for a fishing vessel but that is certainly not the case when it comes to sail boats. Most of the boats that frequently sail in this area have a draft of 5 to 8 feet and with the average depth of the lake between the bridges being 10 to 12 feet, anything placed on the bottom in this area would restrict sailing activity. Since learning of this proposed idea, I went through various local agencies working my way up until I was put in contact with Patrick Fink of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. After learning of our concerns, Patrick and I have had several conversations by both email and telephone. I sent him a chart showing how the proposed placement of the northern most reef was a definite problem for the Slidell sailing community. Since then he has offered a compromise from the original plan however this new proposed site is still in areas that would be a danger to sailing vessels. I informed him of this and have offered an alternative that would allow for one reef between the bridges providing it is at least 1/4 nautical mile south of the Tammany Yacht Club "T" mark. I then presented the idea of placing the other reef along the southwest side of the channel on the east side of the I-10 twin span from channel marker "9" southeast to channel marker "3". I explained how this new location would protect the channel from silting in as well as helping to prevent coastal erosion in the area northeast in the event of another storm. He told me the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Department is very adamant about the construction of a reef in waters that are open to shrimping. I told him that with openings on each end of this stretch of channel, fisherman and shrimpers would still have access to the area known as "Middle Ground" in which to fish. As of this report, I have not heard if this latest proposal is something that will be considered, however I will be in contact with Mr. Patrick Fink in the next few days to explore this and other alternative sites for this project. Below are graphics showing the options to date. As additional information becomes available, I will fill you in with the details.

Kyle

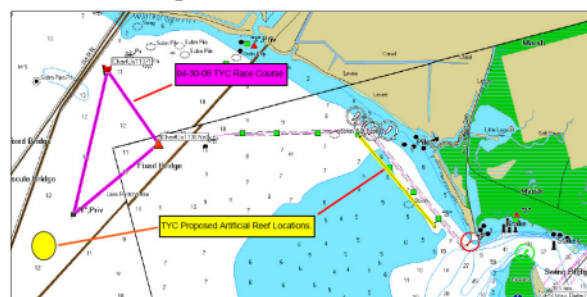
Original proposed plan as reported by NOAA



Revised plan offered by NOAA



The plan I submitted to NOAA





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- 6 DANNY GREEN
- 11 DAVID BOLYARD
- 13 MARK PALERMO
- 15 MARGARET RUSS
- 25 CHARLES LAMARCHE
- 26 JEAN ROBERTS
- 28 KEVIN BLANK
- 29 BRAD CAREY
- 30 JULIE BOLYARD
- 30 JAN PECUNIA
- 31 NIGEL BEALE





## DON'T FORGET.....

The first Friday night of each month is Birthday Night. If you have a birthday during the month, come on out and let us help you celebrate it.


If you have a birthday this month and you are not on the list, please let Sandy McPeck know.

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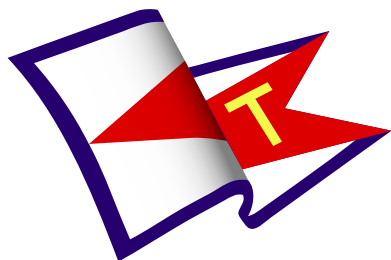
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# Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Friday Dinner	3
4	5	6	7 Wed. Night Racing	8 First Mates Board Meeting	9 Friday Dinner	10 Charter Day Regatta Blessing of the Fleet
11	12 Board Meeting	13	14 Wed. Night Racing	15	16 Friday Dinner	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Friday Dinner	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Steak Night	31

Make sure the following events are in your calendar. A full listing of all events happening at the club can be found online at <http://www.tammanyachtclub.org>. If you would like to submit your event to the calendar, please email [zagnut003\\_5@yahoo.com](mailto:zagnut003_5@yahoo.com).



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 Saturday - 2pm to 11pm  
 Sunday - 2pm till Close

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 your can't make it to avoid a penalty.

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