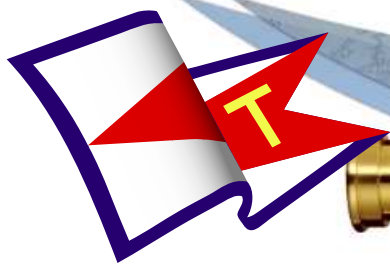


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May 2009



In loving memory





Commodore's Corner

**Commodore
Martin Smith**

After accolades, Harold Pecunia presented an award to Ronnie Kole making him an Honorary Life Member. Ronnie later said what he was hoping for was a lifetime of free drinks. Thanks, Ronnie, for all you have done for Tammany Yacht Club.

Following the presentation Ronnie and his trio gave us a concert that was very much appreciated by the 68 persons who attended. The venue being small (much like Kole's Korner originally) was a perfect setting. One of the most amazing feats of the night by Ronnie was his asking a dozen people their favorite song. He began playing the introduction for each of these songs from memory. Unbelievable!

While we feasted on Allan Little's hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, the sailors were enjoying their hot dogs along with their shirts.

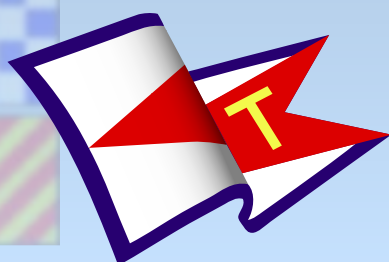
Seriously, the sailors had a great start with plenty of air and then it suddenly became less and less. I was in Sea Breeze (a power boat) and Ted Katsorchis took many pictures, one of which he printed the same day, framed it, and got many signatures of the sailors.

During the last two months we have signed up seven new members Joe Sexton, Laurie Saucier, Chris Cerullo, Red Schwab, Chris Broome, Dave Moore, and Keary Everitt. These were sponsored by Mike Vincellette, Tommy Thompson, and myself. Come on guys and gals! I know you can equal these efforts.

Past Commodore, Jim Ilgenfritz, gave a Past Commodore's Party (at his expense) which was "savored," especially the drinks – or to be more exact "slurped." That is to say, everyone enjoyed the free drinks compliments of Jim. Thanks, Jim.

We had boiled shrimp for the Birthday dinner. Kenny's Seafood (who also provided the lobsters for the Sweethearts Valentine's Day Party) provided these delicious crustaceans.

The attic behind the store room was cleaned out by Earl Savoie, June and Scott Collins, Danny and Gilda Green, Jan Pecunia, Callie, Ann Courrage, and myself. Earl literally filled the dumpster downstairs with about a half dumpster still in the dining room. The boxes were taken out, put on tables, and closely examined by the ladies. We found a pirate's chest, a list of events for the Pirate's Party in '03. There will be a pirate's party before the end of the year.





The ceiling in the attic has little clearance resulting in many bumps on the head. I think I had more than anyone else. If you believe that bumps on the head indicate intelligence, I am now a genius. Well, maybe they'll go down and I won't be so smart.

Another interesting find was a hermetically sealed box labeled "empty boxes."



On Saturday April 18th, Gilda and Danny Green, Earl Savoie, Jan Pecunia, Ann Courrage, Commodore Martin Smith, Scott and June Collins and Callie took on the daunting task of cleaning the storage area (under the eaves and through the short door). Believe me it was a mess. Danny thought it hadn't been cleaned out in 20 years. However, it has been cleaned several times in the past 20 years.....even I (of limited memory) participated. It is really easy, after a function, to simply stuff things into the storage area without labels and without washing and without thought as to who might need to find the articles the next time. We did find things that I'm sure found their way into the storage area from the original club - way back when. We now have things in a fairly organized manner and labeled. If all will put things away, clean and labeled after the next party or function - it will save time and (most importantly) save money. How much stuff was there?.....About a dumpster full plus enough for about half of the next available dumpster!

June Collins

Welcome back Red Schwab.

Welcome new members:

Chris Broome

Dave Moore

Keary Everitt





First Mates



Ahoy from First Mates Corner – Ann Courrege President

First Mates will have their board meeting on Thursday, May 7th, at 7:00 P.M., at Tammany Yacht Club.

Our board members are:

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CAROL WHITED – 718-4215

At our First Mates General Membership meeting, the following was decided:

May 23rd: Annual “Blessing of the Fleet”, Crawfish Races, and Boiled Crawfish with Corn and Potatoes.

June 26th: Bingo will be held after our Steak Dinner .

July 4th, 6:30 P.M.: NASCAR POOL will be held for the Daytona race . You do not have to be present to win.

This will coincide with the clubs 4th of July celebration.

August 29: Carol Whited will hold a workshop for our members to learn to make wreaths.

September 26: “Garage Sale”.

We will be making and selling “Lighted Glass Blocks”. We will be having a Workshop to make them, and selling them for \$30.00.

Discussion on having a Raffle was discussed. We will raffle several things

One of our new members is a trained ballroom dancer. We will ask him if he would give us lessons.

There will be more to come at a later date.

If you should know any mates that would like to join “The First Mates”, please let me know.

Thank you,

Ann Courrege





WHAT IS HAPPENING AT TYC MAY, 2009

ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WE WILL BE HAVING HAMBURGERS AND CHEESEBURGERS WHILE RACING IS GOING ON. THE COST IS \$7.00.

FRIDAY, May 1st:MONTHLY BIRTHDAY DINNER. WE WILL BE HAVING BRENDA'S MEATBALLS. FOR THE MEMBERS THAT MISSED OUR SIMPLE SUPPERS, YOU MUST TRY BRENDA'S MEATBALLS.

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH: FIRST MATES BOARD MEETING 7:00 P.M

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH:FRIED PORK CHOP DINNER

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH:"MOTHER'S DAY"

MONDAY, MAY 11TH:TYC BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH:GARLIC STUFFED ROAST DINNER

FRIDAY, MAY 22ND:CHICKEN STIR FRY DINNER

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD: ANNUAL FIRST MATES "BLESSING OF THE FLEET". WE WILL BE HAVING THE CRAWFISH RACES ALONG WITH BOILED CRAWFISH, CORN, POTATOES, ETC.

FRIDAY, MAY 29TH:STEAK NIGHT.

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH:CHARTER DAY REGATTA (TYC SERIES)

SIMPLE SUPPERS ON WEDNESDAY WILL BEGIN AGAIN AS SAILING SERIES WILL BE FINISHED AT THE END OF MAY.

IF ANY OF OUR MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO COOK ONE OF OUR "SIMPLE SUPPERS", PLEASE LET ME KNOW. WE WOULD LOVE TO TRY YOUR FAVORITE RECIPEE.

WE HAVE BEEN HAVING WONDERFUL DINNERS. IF YOU ARE NOT EATING FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS AT TYC, YOU ARE NOT EATING THE BEST FOOD SLIDELL HAS TO OFFER. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR MAKING OUR FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS SO GOOD. TO MAKE A RESEVERSATION, PLEASE CALL TYC (985)649-5222.

PLEASE COME, JOIN US, AND SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CLUB MEMBERS.
ANN COURREGÉ (MAMA DONNA)



Our beloved Past Commodore Jeff Hebert passed away last Thursday, April 23, 2009.

He and Kathy had been married for 37 years.

Jeff was our Commodore for the year 2000. He was a positive force in Tammany Yacht Club taking it upon himself to keep the Club furnished with Burgees, license plates, and other items.

Jeff will be sorely missed.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MAY**

- 1 JEAN ALMOS
- 6 DANNY GREEN
- 11 DAVID BOLYARD
- 13 MARK PALERMO
- 15 MARGARET RUSS
- 28 KEVIN BLANK
- 29 BRAD CAREY
- 30 JULIE BOLYARD
- 30 JAN PECUNIA
- 31 NIGEL BEALE

If we missed your birthday this month,
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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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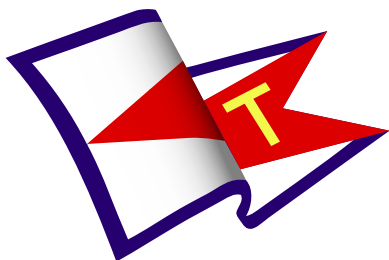


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Upcoming Events

May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Birthday Dinner Meatballs & Spaghetti	2 May Day Regatta
3	4	5 Clipper's Homeowner's Meeting	6 Racing:Spring Series 2	7 1st Mates Board Meeting 7pm	8 Dinner:Fried Pork Chops	9
10 Mother's Day	11 TYC Board Meeting 7pm	12	13 Racing:Spring series 2	14	15 Dinner:Garlic Stuffed Roast	16
17 Rental	18	19	20 Racing:Spring Series 2	21	22 Dinner:Chicke n Stir Fry	23 1st Mates Blessing of the Fleet & Crawfish Boil
24 Bilge Poker Run	25	26	27 Racing Ends:Spring Series 2	28	29 Steak Night	30 Charter Day regatta(tyc Series) Rental
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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.



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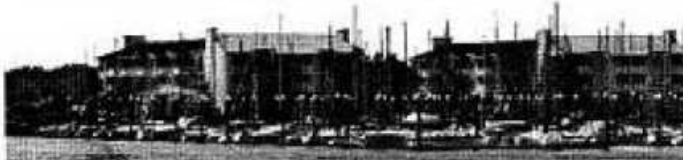
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Sailing Report

Good luck/bad luck, good choice/bad choice, what was it?

This year's Two Against the Lake race reminded me of what makes sailboat racing so interesting and challenging. It's always a combination of choices and to some extent luck. It's true, you make your own luck by your choices of sail selection, sail trim, tactics and strategy, but sometimes an iffy choice can put you just far enough behind to dump loads of bad luck on you or just far enough ahead to make you golden with an abundance of good luck. Sometimes you can't tell the difference between a good choice and good luck. If you're not sure what sail to go with and the one you choose turns out to be the correct one, was it a wise choice or a lucky choice. Have you ever noticed how lucky the competition can be, while you're making smart choices and finding yourself in the tank due to "bad luck"? Also, have you noticed that some seem to get lucky all the time? (Is that really good luck or good choices?) Did one fall behind because they were in the wrong spot at the wrong time or because of a bad choice? Were the leaders just lucky or was their success mostly the result of good choices? In truth, we all wind up in either first place or last place due to both choices and luck.

Weather conditions for this year's race were challenging to say the least, you definitely paid for any bad choices and both good luck and bad luck was all around. We had boats that seemed to have made insurmountable gains on the fleet, only to have those gains erode as the fleet played catch up because of a calm wind at the turning mark. The leaders didn't panic, they stayed the course, keeping their boat in position to keep or regain their lead. Still nothing could overcome the fact that when the fleet bunched up; the race was starting over. This could be viewed as "bad luck" for the leaders and a "lucky" advantage for any boat that was getting time.

I did see some truly bad luck out on the course, and I don't really believe that it was all the result of bad choices. Sometimes, you just can't buy a break. We race against Kokopelli more than any other boat throughout the year, so we naturally always use them as a gage, keeping an eye on them to see if we're going well. It seemed that everytime that I checked them out, they were the recipient of some really bad luck. Finding themselves dead downwind of the weather mark when they were laying it not far behind the leaders just moments before. Going backwards against the tide while the rest of the fleet was riding the current down toward the next mark. Sailing into a hole that they couldn't avoid, while the rest of the fleet still had wind. Getting headered after rounding the mark, while the fleet ahead was being lifted. Finding the balance of the race to be a reach and a parade, with nothing to work with and no possibility of getting back in the hunt. This may have been the result of one bad choice, heaping loads of bad luck on them throughout the balance of the race or maybe they were just unlucky. Anyway, that's sailboat racing. You're always the recipient of good luck and bad luck. Good choices pay off and sooner or later you pay for bad choices, but sometimes you're just CURSED. Kyle and Matt should be glad that they didn't choose to go to the casino last weekend.

Kenny LaNata

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Sunday - 1pm till 9pm

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Don't forget that on Thursdays (and now Saturdays as well), your second drink is free and hors d'oeuvres are occasionally 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.

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