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1196 Harbor Drive, Slidell, LA

April – May 2010



A Picture from the Past - May 1, 2004
May is Blessing of the Fleet
and
Crawfish Boil

Saturday May 8, 2010 Blessing at 3:00 PM At TYC Dock



Commodore's Corner Commodore **Martin Smith**

The Commodore's view of the Juniors Program is to get out of the way and let Bobby Tassin, Kyle Bowser, Mark Palermo, Tom Smith, and others get things done!

Have you seen the completed fence? The Board allocated \$5,000 to build a fence for the Juniors Program. Thanks to the manual labor of the sailors in helping put up the fence the cost was decreased to \$3,600. And thanks to Dan Boudreau for giving us a good price with the materials. The new area, open on the lagoon, is a perfect place for an outdoor party.

Have you noticed the launch for the boats that the sailors have built? These guys could use some help on rehabilitating the Flying Scot. Fiberglass skills and/or donations could help.

Kyle asked me if I knew anyone who gave CPR classes and yes, it was Rick Sutton, owner of Coral Reef Dive Shop. Kyle has five people lined up to take the course including his son, Elliott, and his son's friend, Matt. The CPR class is a prerequisite for taking the US Sail Level I sailing course which runs Thursday, May 27th through Friday, May 30th.

John Harkins has acquired *EIGHT* Optimist Prams for the Sailing Camp which begins Monday, June 7th. Keep your eye peeled for the write up given to us by John Sconza in the Times Picayune on Sunday, May 2nd. There are still slots open for the camp. Go to the website if you have a kid or know of a kid and download an application and schedule. Mail the application and check to Kyle Bowser at his home – 1258 cutter Cove, Slidell, LA 70458.

Jan Pecunia is assisting with the menus for our Friday night meals. We've already had a taste of her Cornish Hens on Friday the 23rd. We appreciate your efforts, Jan, and look forward to more selections.

Martin Smith, Commodore



TYC Summer Sailing Camp 2010

Hopefully everyone is aware of all the work that has been ongoing to ready TYC for small boat sailing and especially for the long-awaited return of Juniors Summer Sailing. The site is almost complete and ready to go. We plan to have three, 2-week sessions - Session 2 is sold out and we have about half of our spots still open for the others. Boats have been procured and/or in the process of getting repaired and prepped. TYC members are volunteering accommodations for our head instructor, coach boat use, a canopy for the Jrs site, etc. Elliot Bowser and Matt Perret are getting their prerequisites done to become US Sailing certified Level 1 Instructors, as are Kyle Bowser and John Harkins. We have secured a well qualified, experienced head instructor, Sophia Griscom – from her resume' below:

I'm a 20 year old student at McGill University in Montréal, Canada. My hometown is Southborough, MA, but have spent my summers in Chatham. I began sailing at Stage Harbor Yacht Club at the age of 8 and attended sailing school through the age of 16. I began racing competitively in Optimists at Stage Harbor at age 10, competing in local series and area regattas. I joined the 420 race team at 14, and team raced for 4 years until I "aged-out." After progressing through the sailing school, at the age of 13 I volunteered for a summer, and worked with the beginning sailors, and the following year I was hired as an Instructor-in-Training. The next summer I worked as a Junior Instructor, then two summers as an Instructor, and for the past two summers I've had the position of Senior Instructor. In my current position, I worked with the Head Instructor to manage a staff of 35 instructors and 240 students. I helped develop curriculum for classes, run practices and races, as well as lecture on topics that vary from basic knots and terminology to advanced racing tactics. I have coached Optimists and 420 racing teams at regattas throughout Cape Cod and the Islands. Recently the two classes that I have enjoyed working with the most are "Hermit Crabs" which are our youngest sailors, and the Adult class, which includes students with a wide range of sailing abilities. Last summer my home club hosted the Day Sailer North American Championship, and I had the opportunity to both help organize and compete in this wonderful regatta.



At this time, we ask the TYC membership at large to support the effort in any way that they can but to focus on a couple of areas. First, we still have openings in Session 1, June 7th to June 18th and in Session 3, July 12th to July 23rd. Please consider your extended family friends and neighbors and forward them the link to TYC, where they can access the camp brochure and registration forms:

http://www.tammanyyachtclub.org/
Otherwise, we would like to have some adult volunteers for the camp which could be helpful in different ways, such as running coach boats which supports the instructors on the water or perhaps maintaining radio watch at the club.

It's an exciting time at TYC and this summer will be wonderful to see kids back on the water in our area!



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SWEETHEART BANQUET AND PARTY

Little did Earl Savoie know that when he was helping with decorations and grilling dinner, he was working on his own party! On Saturday, February 27th Earl stepped into those infamous boxers as the First Mates 2010 Sweetheart due to all his hard work for TYC. Also nominated for Sweetheart were Larry Whited and Wayne Russ.

Thanks to the following for all their help in decorating and setting things up for the event: Jan and Harold Pecunia, Nancy Ritzmann, Carol Whited, Debbie and Tom Smith, Rae Ann Normand, Mary Brisbi, Bubba Groce, Dottie and Norman David, Jean Almos, Dodie Jones, Kyle Bowser, and of course, Earl Savoie. The decorations were beautiful, the lobsters and steaks were delicious, and a great time was had by all





Sweetheart Earl

Friday Night Dinners

Don't forget to sign up early for Friday Night Dinners! We've got some good ideas for different dinners coming up soon, so keep your eyes peeled. If you do make a reservation for any of our special events and something comes up, please make sure to cancel your reservation before the cutoff time for the event. If you make a reservation and don't show up for the event, your account will be charged.

Friday Night Dinner Menu For May 2010

May 7: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, bread and Birthday cake 10 \$10.00

May 14: Chateableu Restaurant Presents:

Stuffed Pork Loin with apple/pork sausage dressing, salad, sweet potato pone (mashed sweet potato w/pecan topping),

corn and dessert.

May 21: Baked bone in chicken breast, salad, rice, corn and dessert.

\$11.00

May 28: Steak night: Choice of Ribeye, Filet, Salmon or Tuna – salad, baked potato

and dessert.

\$19.00









Commodore's Comments on French Polynesia!

Most of French Polynesia lies above the Tropic of Capricorn and east of longitude 150°W. Although the distance is further than Hawaii it is a little further east. We sailed from Los Angeles on Air Tahiti Nui arriving in Papeete Saturday, March 13th at about 8 PM. We cleared customs – no problem and were on board the *Paul Gauguin* by 10 PM – transportation provided by the ship. The ship departed at midnight.

Ann and I were still tired the next morning so we called for room service and ordered coffee and breakfast. It was quite a surprise to be thanked for ordering! It was even more surprising that the waiter was at the door with the breakfast in little more time than it took to cook!

We were at sea most of the day headed for the Tuamotu Archipelago, a group of islands being the eastern most part of French Polynesia. We landed and anchored off the island of Fakarava. There were no taxies and no shore excursions. We wandered along the paved road which served the 300-plus residents (the same approximate number of passengers aboard the *Paul Gauguin*) marveling at the clear water, the waves constantly breaking beyond the reef, and looking longingly at the sail boat anchored out. Fakarava has the second largest atoll in French Polynesia. An atoll is a reef which rings the island and Fakarava atoll was filled with Motus (islets) with pink sand beaches shaded by coconut palms and crystal clear waters. It was all aboard at 5 PM.

The next day was at sea where we became acquainted with the ship and the various places for food and libation. Drinks were included on the *Paul Gauguin* but it seemed to lessen the need for another drink! I immediately made friends with Nelson, the bartender on the pool deck. He, in short order, learned to serve my Mount Gay Rum and Diet Ginger ale and Ann's Absolut and Tonic.

The ship's daily journal en route to Fatu Hiva gave direction as to how to look for the "green flash." The "green flash" occurs occasionally at sunset as the sun sinks into the sea. At the last moment before the upper tip of the sun sinks into the sea you might see a moment of brilliant green flash. Although the appearance is rare so much so that few people, including sailors, have ever seen it, I've been privileged to see it three times.

The ship had planned to call on the most remote and least populated islands first. We saw a total of nine islands one of which was a private island, Taha'a. The cruise ship had developed this motu and had a grand barbeque and party. I ignored the advice I had given Ann to use sun screen. Before 30 minutes were up I paid with a peeling nose and chapped lips. The island was filled with coconut palms which had been harvested while green, the tops chopped and a mixture of booze and coconut milk was available and highly sought after.

The nine islands visited were, Fakarava, Fatu Hiva, Hiva Oa, Ua Huka, Nuku Hiva, Huahine, Bora Bora, Taha'a, and Moorea. Bora Bora has my vote for the prettiest island. The island's beauty was only surpassed by the friendliness of the Polynesians. Larry Whited has promised to take our photographs and put them in format where they can be shown on the big screen TV. This will probably be shown on a Thursday night

Martin Smith, Commodore

TYC General Membership Meeting

A general membership meeting was held on the evening of Friday, March 16, 2010. Items of business included the following:

- **Spyglass Editor** Beginning with the current issue, Nancy Ritzmann will become editor of the Spyglass. It is her goal to expand the range of content and she seeks the involvement and contributions of everyone to accomplish that. Ideas, suggestions, contributions, text articles, photographs and content of any kind should be sent via e-mail to TYCSpyglass@gmail.com.
- <u>Treasurer's Report</u> Larry Whited, TYC Treasurer, has worked long and diligently to produce an accurate statement of the end-of-first quarter financial condition for TYC which he presented and discussed. While revenue and profit still suffer when compared with pre-Katrina figures, the organization maintained a positive cash flow and managed to make a small profit during the January, 2010 thru March, 2010 time period.
- <u>Juniors Program</u> A number of items related to the Juniors Program were discussed, including the completion of a fence around the storage area (since completed) and the upcoming 2010 Summer Junior Sailing Camp. Four two-week sessions will be held in June, July, and August in which different types of sailboats, basic sailing principles, and small boat safety and handling will be taught.
- <u>Award of Appreciation</u> Long-time member Harold Pecunia was presented with an award of appreciation for his many past contributions to TYC.



Thank you Harold for all you have contributed to TYC We know Jan was there with you "All-of-the-way"

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Thanks to everyone who lent a hand to paint the containers and enclosed them behind the new fence.



















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Slidell, LA





If you would like to submit an item to the TYC calendar, please email Kevin (zagnut003 5@yahoo.com)

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July 4th Party				First Mates Board Mtg.		Meigs Regatta - Capdevielle

EDITOR'S NOTE

Members and Readers of Tammany SpyGlass

This is my first SpyGlass issue after agreeing to be the SpyGlass Editor along with Joe Sexton's support and input to create an enjoyable and informative newletter. I would like to apologize for the delay of this month's publication and any errors that might appear and omitting any articles that should have appeared. My plan is to have every SpyGlass delivered to your present email address by the 1st day of every month. I welcome any articles, pictures and events that you would like to share with our members and readers. We are a very diverse yacht club we have sail boaters, motor boaters and land yachters (Motor home lovers).

I would like to thank everyone that contributed articles and pictures for this issue. I have asked Dave Barnes to provide articles concerning the weather in our area as he feels the need to refresh our memory to prepare for hurricane season or any other weather information for our enjoyment.

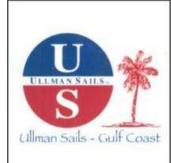
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Please have articles and photos to me by the 22nd of each month. If you send photos please include the names of people or boats or land yachts.

Thanks for any comments or input you may have. Nancy Ritzmann







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







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RACE RESULTS

By Kevin Blank

Two Against the Lake

Held on April 10th

Kokopelli won the fastest TYC boat on corrected time

Results at: http://www.tammanyyachtclub.org/2010/TwoAgainst2010/Two_Against_the_Lake.html

Pictures at: http://picasaweb.google.com/kblank/TwoAgainstTheLake2010

TYC Opening Regatta

Held on March 20th

Results at: http://www.tammanyyachtclub.org/2010/OpeningRegatta/OpeningRegatta.html

First Wednesday Spring Series

Results at: http://www.tammanyyachtclub.org/2010/Wed_Night_Spring_10/Wed_Night_Spring1_2010.html

Second Wednesday Spring Series

First race on April 28th, last race on June 2nd with awards for both series afterwards

Trimaran Nationals Quick Report

Tammany Yacht Club was represented by Wayne Jablonowski with his F31R "Phoenix" at the 2010 Trimaran Nationals. The Nationals were held at Fort Walton Yacht Club from April 14th to the 17th. 18 trimarans showed up to race in three different classes. Phoenix raced in the Open Fleet to an class finish of 4th place, running up against the likes of champion sailors like Randy Smyth. Another TYC sailor, Kevin Blank, also participated, crewing for Metairie sailor Mike Parsons on his F24.









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Tammany Yacht Club Hours

Monday & Tuesday - Closed

Wednesday - Thursday - 5pm to 10pm

Friday - 5pm to 11pm Saturday - 2pm to 11pm Sunday - 1pm till 9pm

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

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 your can't make it to avoid a penalty.

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