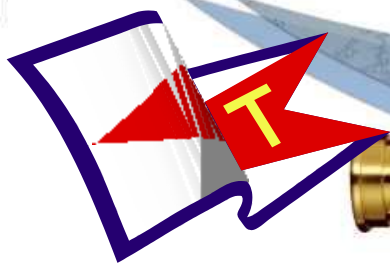


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## Junior Sailing Classes' Are Back At Tammany Yacht Club

These pictures are just a sample of TYC's instructors as they were going through their certification classes for the upcoming Junior Sailing Classes that begin June 7, 2010.



Jim Miller, talking to the class on conducting land drills.



The class going through the on the water drills



The Class going over the "Scoop" method of capsizing recovery.



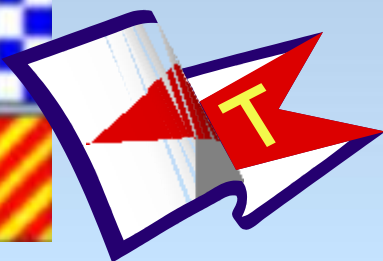
Matt giving a presentation about Risk Management in the US Sailing Level One certification class.

**Please See TYC Juniors Update**  
**For a full update on the Junior Program**  
**Also included are the applications for entering a child in**  
**the Sailing program**



# Commodore's Corner

Commodore  
Martin Smith



The Juniors Program has created a flurry of activity for Membership Chairman, Tom Smith. In the last two months TYC has received seven applications for membership including one for **Ronald Vaughan, Charter Member #5, and his wife Sonia**. The other new members are: **Travis and Angela Clem, William and Shirley Henkel, Jo Ann Mezaraups, Michael and Melinda Parks, Stephen and Cathy Pierce, and Brewster Stalter**. Be sure to welcome our new members and introduce yourself when you see them.

The Juniors Program Sailing Camp is well underway with the second session filled. Session I is filling up rapidly and until Kyle Bowser returns, Tom Smith is in charge of registration. He has recently received two more checks with two others expected any moment. To reserve a position an application and check must be delivered. Tom has placed sailing camp flyers and applications at the Club. You can also reach him at [tsmith@bayousteel.com](mailto:tsmith@bayousteel.com) for more information. Hurry or you might miss a session!

Ann and I visited both Gulfport (228-863-6796) and Long Beach (228-868-8279) Yacht Clubs in May for their Sunday Brunch. These trips were made with several purposes in mind not the least of which was their delicious food. Both brunches were buffet style featuring scrambled eggs, omelets to order, roast, fried chicken, and a choice of several fresh cooked vegetables. Long Beach had an assortment of pies for dessert including Key Lime Pie – my favorite. Gulfport had cobblers and ice cream plus various pies. Service at both clubs was excellent. The Club Manager at Long Beach was Clark Brennan. Both clubs are new and were a delight to visit.

Dick and Jean Almos visited Biloxi (228-374-6344) and Bay Waveland (228-467-4592) Yacht Clubs within the last 30 days. Ask them about the food which they said was excellent. As with all GYA clubs children were welcome at both of these locations.

Thanks to Jan Pecunia we have been treated to meals from Chateau Bleu. Don't forget to call in your reservations. The deadline for Friday night dinner reservations is on Thursday.

See you at the Club!

Martin Smith,  
Commodore



# TYC Juniors Update

## Junior Sailing Returns to Tammany Yacht Club

The landscape both on and off the water around Tammany Yacht Club will be taking on a new look starting Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. The future of our club will be seen sailing on the waters of the Grand Lagoon, TYC is so fortunate to have her in our back yard. After a total loss due to Hurricane Katrina, the floating dock is rebuilt thanks to many club members, volunteers, and the financial support of many local businesses. We have the site cleaned up, the containers painted and moved into an area enclosed by a newly constructed privacy fence.

Three US Sailing Certified Instructors, **Sophie Griscom**, a 20 year old student attending McGill University in Montréal, Canada, **Elliott Bowser**, a recent graduate of University of Louisiana Lafayette, and **Matt Perret**, a student currently attending Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, will be teaching the necessary skills to over 50 students in 3 sessions this summer. Sophie will arrive in Slidell this Friday. She has been hired as our Head Sailing Instructor and is a US Sailing Certified Level One Instructor. Elliott and Matt (former TYC juniors) recently completed over fifty hours of instruction that included the Louisiana Boater Safety Course, The Emergency Responder CPR & First Aid Certification, and US Sailing Level One Instructor Certification. These certifications insure that our instructors are highly skilled in the teaching of sailing fundamentals with the emphasis on **Safety, Fun, and Learning**. The instruction they received not only consisted on how to teach sailing in a safe environment, but they were also instructed in a hands on powerboat handling and skills certification that qualify them to operate the two safety boats we will be using throughout this summer. Special thanks go out to TYC members **Steve Jones** and **Tom Smith** for providing us the use of these two power boats.

Several other members have stepped up, purchasing various equipment and boats that are essential to the success of this program. Donated materials from **Dan Boudreaux** of Pontchartrain Hardware and **David Lamulle** of Lamulle Construction, along with the volunteer efforts of **Bobby Tassin**, **Kevin Blank**, **Sandy Stone**, and **Mike Vincellette**, made our new floating dock possible. **Karl Boehm**, **Carl Ritzmann**, and **John Harkins** have all purchased small boats for our young sailors to use this summer. **Mark Palermo** has also purchased a canopy to erect in the fenced in area beside the club and is handling the purchase of sailing camp T-shirts for the students. Past Commodore **Jim Ilgenfritz** purchased two large Igloo water jugs for sailing camp use. I personally want to thank **Scott Collins** for introducing me to the idea of using old extension ladders as a way to construct a ramp to connect the fixed section of our dock with the floating section. It not only made a perfect transition ramp, but the finished design allows for it to be completely folded up in the event a tropical system with a very high tide approaches, protecting our investment from damage. Our current commodore, **Martin Smith**, has done a great job behind the scenes making sure his dream of this camp stayed energized. It was Martin along with **Bobby Tassin** who met with Warren Properties and convinced them to allow us to rebuild our facility so this juniors program could move forward. If anyone is interested in contributing to the Junior Sailing Program, the First Mates have a pledge board in the club house to accept donations.

As of this printing we have room for three more students in session 1 (June 7<sup>th</sup> through June 18<sup>th</sup>) and ten more in session 3 (July 12<sup>th</sup> through July 23<sup>rd</sup>). Session 2 has already been filled to the 18 student capacity. If you know of a child from the ages of 7 to 15 and would like to introduce them to the enjoyment of learning to sail, please fill out a registration form and send it to me. Our session size is limited to a 6:1 student/instructor ratio. The knowledge gained in this camp will not only teach sailing skills, but will prepare each student for the many aspects of boating outside of sailing. These include how to approach a dock, securely tie up their boat, use various knots, as well as many other boating skills and procedures that will stay with them the for the rest of their lives. I am very proud that Tammany Yacht Club is once again providing an environment for the youth of this community to experience this exciting sport that otherwise may never have been possible. Thanks again go out to everyone who has helped to make this possible.

Kyle Bowser ~ Past Commodore TYC

## BLESSING OF THE FLEET, CRAWFISH RACES AND CRAWFISH/SHRIMP BOIL

Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**TYC FIRST MATES** hosted the TYC Blessing of the Fleet, Crawfish/Shrimp Boil and Crawfish Races on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The activities for the day included the TYC May Day Sailboat Regatta, with TYC hosting a poker run stop for the St. Tammany Fraternal Order of Police. The FIRST MATES followed these activities with The Blessing of the Fleet, Crawfish Races, Crawfish/Shrimp Boil and ending the evening with music by DJ –Dave. It was certainly a busy-active day for all Tammany Yacht Club members and guests with dancing till the wee hours of the morning. From all indications and comments, fun, fun, fun !!! was had by all.

**TYC Chaplain Dick Almos** presided over the Blessing of the Fleet with a blessing of good journeys and safe passage of crew, skippers and passengers to the 40 boats docked at Tammany Yacht Club. The activity included Tammany Yacht Club boats as well as boats from the annual St. Tammany Fraternal Order of Police Poker Run. Chaplain Dick Almos was assisted by Nancy Ritzmann and Tom Smith.

The Tammany Yacht Club Crawfish Races, organized by Jan and Harold Pecunia and Dick Almos who wore another hat to preside over the announcing of the individual Crawfish Races. This year the kids of Tammany Yacht Club were there to cheer the crawfish jockeys to the finish line in the four races staged. There was one escapee of the bunch, Number 16, who survived in the Tammany Yacht Club kitchen for four days before being captured and released into lake to join the other members of his race team.

The delicious boiled crawfish and shrimp with boiled corn and potatoes were supplied by Kenny's Seafood and devoured by guests and members. Delicious desserts were supplied by Debbie Smith, Peggy Stone and Kathleen Scherer. This was followed by the music of DJ Dave Lemarie where members and guests danced all night. The night ended with exhausted guest, members and our wonderful staff Cali and Meredith with a successful evening and great party! The profits from this event will be used for our **Tammany Yacht Club Juniors Room**.

Thank you to the following for all their help in planning and overall assistance Kathleen Scherer (Chairperson), Chaplain Dick Almos, Lucille Bienvenu, Mary Brisbi, Angel Causey, Travis and Angela Clem, Dottie and Norman David, Bubba Groce, Dodie Jones, Rob Keister, Jane Kendrick, Barry Lama, Darren Melancon, Rae Ann Normand, Jan and Harold Pecunia (Crawfish Races), Nancy Ritzmann, Joe Sexton, Debbie and Tom Smith, Red Schwab, Peggy Stone, Arleen Terranova, Carol and Larry Whited and of course our staff Meredith and Kali. It was a great crew to work with.

Many thanks to all who participated both in work and fun to make this a successful event for our **First Mates and the Juniors' Room**.

Kathleen Scherer



Straight Jacket docked after "May Day Regatta"  
Getting ready for "Blessing of the Fleet"



Deacon Dick Almos of Christ Episcopal  
Church Slidell and TYC's personal Chaplain



## Additional Pictures Of May Day Regatta/Blessing of the Fleet



Deacon Dick Almos reading scripture from "John 6:6-16" as he prepares these boats and sailors for their journey on the seas this season.



Scott and June Collins "Bless you and this boat 'Ain't RitzSea'" as you travel on the water.



Deacon Dick even took time to Bless the Dog after Blessing Boat and Family.



God Bless Val and Kyle and  
"Cast the Demons out  
Of this boat Kokopelli"

**Additional Pictures  
Of  
May Day Regatta/Blessing of the Fleet**





## Let's Not Forget the Crawfish Races



Angel Causey and her Mother Kathleen Scherer check out the crawfish that wear numbers on their shell so the winner can be determined in each race, yes it is a little bit like horse racing.

TYC will do anything to have fun and pass a good time.



Harold Pecunia on the left with the blue bucket which contains the crawfish for the first race explains the rules of the race to new on-lookers while others are still picking their numbered crawfish inside. No one can touch an entrant

during the race; sometimes the judge must spray the entrants with water to get them moving. When the horn blows the crawfish will be turned out on the white circle, the winner is determined by which crawfish reaches the red outer circle first, you have to see this to believe it.

## TYC First Mates CHALLENGE BOARD

Adventurous spirits like nothing better than a CHALLENGE. TYC First Mates is asking all members to step up to a great challenge. At the club entrance is an easel with the TYC First Mates Challenge Board. Your pledge of a few dollars will benefit the refurbishing of the Juniors Room. All monies will be used to provide a fun, pleasant and safe environment for children of Club members and participants in our Juniors program. Just sign your name and pledge your amount for a good cause. If you would like to make an anonymous donation, there is a First Mates drop box on the glass case. Cash donations may be deposited in the box, but please place the amount on the board.

The TYC First Mates wish list (for starters):

- 32" or greater flat screen TV with wall mount (this configuration will provide extra floor space in the Juniors room, as well as be out of the action)

- X box and games

- Webcam and monitor

Your pledge, cash donation or donation of any of the above items will be appreciated.

The outfitting of our Juniors room is the First Mates project for 2010. We are hoping to provide these items before Sail Camp begins in June. Our Wednesday night burgers have been a huge source of funds this year. First Mates receive \$1 for every burger plate sold, yielding about \$30 a week. Volunteers are still needed for the remaining few weeks of race season.

The future of our club depends upon attracting new members. Providing a good environment for children to have fun is a strong point for our club. Please help TYC First Mates to make this project a big success.

Sign up now –Dare ya!

## Late Breaking News:

### TYC COMMODORE HANDCUFFED AND HAULED OFF TO JAIL



At approximately 12:15 PM on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> the Slidell Police Department showed up at the office of Martin Smith, Commodore of Tammany Yacht Club. Smith was arrested, handcuffed, loaded into squad car 3383, and hauled off to “jail.” Smith was placed behind bars at the Palmetto Lock Up. His crime: **Fund Raising for Muscular Dystrophy!**

Due to “good donations” Smith was quickly released on his own recognizance.

Smith gives special recognition and sincere thanks to his fellow Tammany Yacht Club members for this speedy release. Together Tammany Yacht Club was responsible for raising over \$900 – more than half of his required “bail.”

TYC is commended for their support of this worthy cause!





## THIS JUST IN FROM ISLA MUJERES

There was a wedding in Isla Mujeres - Yes!!!! We now have Val and Kyle Bowser. The boat Kyle raced on may not have won first place, but Kyle came in First Place when he and Val exchanged vows on the beach at sunset Thursday, 20 May 2010. This ceremony was witnessed by Lisa and Mark Palermo, Becky Black and Kevin Blank; most of the crew from Sapphire stood as the groomsmen.



# 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 June 2010

- June 4:**      **Stone's Restaurant Presents:**  
OSSO BUCCO - vegetable, salad, bread and Birthday cake  
\$15.00
- June 11:**    **No Dinner Served** – Poor Man's Yacht Club will be meeting. Club will still be open for Member's enjoyment.
- June 18:**    **Chateau Bleu Restaurant Presents:**  
Coq au Vin - vegetable, salad, bread and dessert.  
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## Kentucky Derby Party May 1, 2010 Host by Bradford Carey

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Kathy Young & Joe Sexton



Betty Young



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Jackie Boyd



Carl Ritzmann, Kelly Richard &  
Jim Hawkins in from NC.



Bob Boyd





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## June 2010

Today June 2010 Go << >>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Last Race of Wed. Night Series	3 Parents meeting for Summer Camp	4 Birthday Night	5
6	7	8	9	10 First Mates Board Mtg.	11 Gulfport to Pensacola PMYC Meeting	12 Gulfport to Pensacola
13 Gulfport to Pensacola	14 TYC Board Meeting	15	16 Bilge Meeting	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Steak Night	26
27	28	29	30	1	2 Birthday Night	3
4 July 4th Party	5	6	7	8 First Mates Board Mtg.	9	10 Meigs Regatta - Capdevielle



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## July 2010

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Birthday Night		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
July 4th Party				First Mates Board Mtg.		Meigs Regatta - Capdevielle
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Meigs Regatta - Capdevielle	TYC Board Meeting				General Membership Meeting	PMYC Luau
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				Steak Night		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				First Mates Board Mtg.	Birthday Night	

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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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### EDITOR'S NOTE

Members and Readers of Tammany SpyGlass

Today is June 1, 2010 this article should reach everyone's email by midnight. I am sure there are errors and I will accept any suggestions good or bad.

I would like to thank everyone that contributed articles and pictures for this issue.

You should always be able to review the SpyGlass at <http://www.tammanyachtclub.org>. If you wish to send an article or picture for the SpyGlass that can be sent to [TYCspyglass@gmail.com](mailto:TYCspyglass@gmail.com) or [spyglass@tammanyachtclub.org](mailto:spyglass@tammanyachtclub.org). If you would like to add or change your email address send to the same email accounts.

Please have articles and photos to me by the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

## Race Results By Kevin Blank

### Wednesday Night Racing

We're fast approaching the end of the second series. The second Spring series has Wildcard leading the Spinnaker division and Blown Circuit leading the Non-spinnaker division. Only 5 races will be scored in this series because it was discovered in Race 2 that the permanent T or Tammany mark has gone missing. There has been no contact from the marknappers and no requests for ransom have been made.

### May Day Regatta

The second of the 5-regatta TYC Club series was held on May 8th. Two races were held with 6 boats attending. The weather made the first race challenging. During the first downwind leg, a small squall blew through the course causing Kokopelli to lose their chute, Wildcard was forced under the I-10 bridge with their spinnaker wrapped around their forestay and Snake Spit had to bow out because there wasn't enough crew to hold the boat down in 20+ knots of breeze. The weather calmed down for a more controlled second race.

#### Results:

1st Spinnaker - Kokopelli, 2nd Spinnaker - Good Groceries, 3rd Spinnaker - Weather Witch

1st Non-Spinnaker - Rcondo

### Charter Day Regatta

Not a great turnout for this regatta with many boats either lacking crew or skippers out of town. Three races were held in light and shifty conditions. Most of the racing ended up being a match race between Wildcard and Weather Witch with Weather Witch beating Wildcard two races to one to win the day. Rcondo again was the only non-spinnaker to show up. We want to see more of our non-spinnaker racers out for the club races in the Fall!

### Regatta al Sol - Pensacola to Isla Mujeres, Mexico

May 13th started the 26th Regatta al Sol for the Racing Division. Sapphire showed up for the start an hour early wearing sombreros and singing happy birthday to their skipper, Mark Palermo. There was good breeze from the Southeast with 5 boats fighting for position to start the 566 mile trek to Mexico. Sapphire got off the line in good shape even though at one point, the much taller rig of the TP-52 canted over Sapphire's mast and threatened to end it all before they left. Sapphire out-performed the other 40.7 Beneteau (Lunami) in the upwind, choppy conditions on the way to the "fence". The "fence" consisted of two points that all the boats had to past to the east of. This was put in place by the race committee to make sure all the boats stayed well clear of the oil slick.

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## RACE RESULTS continued

Before dark on the first day, Sapphire was far enough ahead of Lunami that they could no longer see them on the horizon. Little did they know that Lunami would stay just over the horizon for the next few days to cause trouble later on. The next two days consisted of life on the port rail. The breeze was always out of the East-Southeast to Southeast keeping Sapphire tight reaching or beating on their Southerly course. By the second day, a number of the crew became seasick. Three members of the crew became so sick in fact, that Dr. Holiday Inn Express (Kevin Blank) had to administer shots of anti-nausea medication in order to get the crew members eating and drinking water again.

On the night of the third day at sea, the position report came in that Lunami was less than a mile away. During the day they caught some favorable current and breeze and were able to close the gap on Sapphire. Some time around 10 or 11pm that evening, Sapphire was only 0.3 miles ahead and could clearly see their bow lights. At this point Mark Palermo pulled out his "Do it for the Gipper" speech and we raced off on the course set by navigator, Kyle Bowser. This course would take Sapphire almost perpendicular to the Loop Current in order to spend as little time as possible fighting the 3.5 knot current. More sail changes were ordered by David Bolyard (32 changes in total for the race) and Sapphire showed up at the northbound current the next day around noon.

For the next couple of hours, strong current and confusing position reports kept the crew of Sapphire on the edges of their seat (or rail). Not knowing how far ahead they were of Lunami or if Lunami had passed them in night caused the crew to push hard through the current. By late afternoon Sapphire made it out of the current and was making 7.5 knots good towards Isla Mujeres. The sailing was easy with a pod of 20 spotted dolphins showing up to play in their wake.

With only a few miles to go before the finish, the wind dropped and Sapphire put up their light headsail to keep their boatspeed up. Then as the finish was in sight, a storm came from the South forcing Sapphire to drop their headsail to the deck and sail under main alone to the finish making wide tacking angles and generally slow progress.

Sapphire finished third in the racing division, only 14 minutes behind second place, Big Booty. On the island, the Sapphire was the biggest crew by far becoming well known by their uniforms and their spirit.



shot prior to the start of the race.



Crew picture at dinner.



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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 you can't make it to avoid a penalty.

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