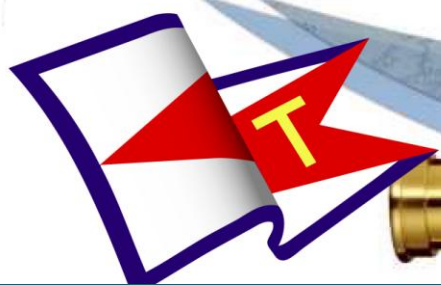


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**TYC's 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

TYC's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was kicked off with Deacon Dick Almos delivering a prayer for TYC's past, present and future – asking God to watch over all of us.



Guy Geller Past Commodore Reads an interesting portion of **THE HISTORY OF THE SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB** By Flora K. Scheib



Commodore Martin Smith (standing) introduces (left) Past Commodore Harley McPeck & (right) Guy Geller.



Harley McPeck Past Commodore 2007 Highlights the TYC Post Katrina.



# Commodore's Corner

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party was a smashing success all the way from remembrances of dancing on the desk to the trials of organizing the Club...through the agony of Katrina to the joy of the Juniors Program. The program opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by our Club Chaplain, **Reverend Dick Almos**.

Tammany has three Honorary Life Members, **Guy Geller**, our First Commodore, **Harold Pecunia**, and **Ronnie Kole**. Guy and Harold were recognized. **Jan Pecunia** was recommended but excused herself since she was not a member. Thanks, Jan, for your many contributions. Our Honorary Life Members are **Mary Brisbi**, **Sally Brothers**, **Kathy Hebert**, **Peggy Hickey**, **Joyce Seale**, and **Ann Jane Watson** whose Commodore husband's are deceased.

Past Commodores in attendance were asked to stand, give their name and year served. All remembered their name but few could recall the year they served. They are **Nigel Beale**, **Kyle Bowser**, **Scott Collins**, **Guy Geller**, **Jim Ilgenfritz**, **Barry Statia**, and **Bill Yauger**, **Harley McPeck**, and **Ann Shepard**. We were honored with the presence of the Gulf Yachting Association Commodore and our member, **David Bolyard**, as well as the Past Commodores from South Shore Yacht Club **John Benz** and **Norman David**.

The program continued with tales of the past, present and future for Tammany. **Guy Geller** spoke on the excitement of starting the Club on July 25, 1980. There were quite a few of those present who started in the early days at the original site on Bayou Liberty. In the beginning of the Club Board members took turns tending bar! Each member would bring their own bottle and would have to pay when they were served. These early members enjoy being served by one of Tammany's current bartenders.

**Harley McPeck** gave us a thumbnail sketch of the vibrant Tammany Yacht Club pre-Katrina followed by the various meetings held post-Katrina during the 18-month period we were without a Club. Katrina took many of our members far away and not everyone returned. Those who did can recall the

feeling of unity and family when we met after Katrina.

**Kyle Bowser**, one of the people who pushed the Juniors Program acknowledged the resurgence of Tammany. He acknowledged that I had pushed the sailors for 2 years to get the program started. Circumstances and desire overcame the inertia with help from many of the sailing group. **Bobby Tassin** and I met with Tracy St. Amour, V.P. of Warren Properties, to secure permission to keep space for the storage of sail boats for the Juniors Program. **Bobby Tassin** advertised in US sailing publications for a senior sailing instructor qualified with US Sail. He came up with a winner, **Sophie Griscom**. Kyle took the lead with getting more sailing instructors by taking the US sponsored sailing course with himself, his son, **Elliott Bowser** and **Matt Perret**. All became Certified Sailing Instructors. The only problem they mentioned with the course was learning about power boats. The three instructors, Sophie, Elliott, and Matt did a fantastic job in teaching our juniors. Kyle assumed the responsibility for the financial workings of the program and took much of his time away from his business to attend to the bookkeeping, certificates, etc. In some informal races both Matt and Elliott acknowledged that Sophie was the better sailor. Our friend and sailing instructor, Sophie, who is from the Boston area and attends college in Montreal, likes Tammany enough to return. Thanks, Sophie!

Each of the three sailing classes once completed sailed to **Val and Kyle Bowser's** house for a swim. When our 3<sup>rd</sup> class made their trip to Val and Kyle's home they were over flown by **Jeff Ward** in his helicopter with Kyle taking pictures. Our intrepid sailors made landfall and were greeted by **Erik Sanzenbach**, Managing Editor of the *St Tammany News*. Erik took many pictures and we had the full front page in the Social Section of Sunday's edition of the *St Tammany News*. If you haven't seen it, it's posted at the Club.

West Marine sent their representative, **Ron Stewart**, who presented a gift certificate to our junior who was the last one to start the trek to Val and Kyle's house. Our friends at West Marine also donated safety gear



I wound up the program by saying the future of the Club **IS** the Juniors Program. The program is on board for next year with Sophie at the helm. The average age of Club members has dropped significantly and we have signed on Youth Members between the ages of 22 and 30. Too bad, Kevin – you're not the youngest member anymore!

The evening was capped off with music provided by *Here's Johnny* assisted by our own musicians **Bubba Groce, Norman David, Sandy Stone**, and South Shore member **Preston Ingram**. Bubba would like to put together a Tammany Yacht Club band. If you can play call him at 504-236-6188.

Everyone enjoyed the music, the bar did well, and the food was excellent. **Ann Courrege** coordinated the feast beginning with a steamship round of beef and cold hors d'oeuvres from **Chateau Bleu**, a spinach and artichoke casserole prepared by **Kathleen Scherer** and **Meredith Enxing**, meatballs by **Sylvia Savoie**, and cocktail wieners by **Ann Courrege**. A birthday cake was provided by **Paul's Bakery** in Picayune.

There's lots of sailing and partying on Wednesday nights with the First Mates providing the extras for the burgers. Thanks, Val and all the First Mates who provide these extras.

Martin Smith  
Commodore

## TYC Juniors Update

The Juniors summer program has come to an end for the summer of 2010. It was a howling success so much so that we had 3 two week sessions and a final one week session for advanced juniors. We are having requests from parents and juniors to have some weekend gatherings for them to continue improving their skills to prepare them for pleasure and competition.

The Flying Scot is getting a few more minor touch-ups, but she is ready for sailing.

The Wednesday night renegade races were a great opportunity to get some of the Juniors and their parents out racing and back to TYC for burgers. . Kyle and Val are hosting the Jr sailors for a cruise over and pool party on the second Thursday of each session. The third session had a surprise with Jeff Ward and his helicopter flying Kyle Bowser over them taking aerial photos as they proceeded to the pool party.



Jeff --- There have been times when our adult sailors would have welcomed a little wind from a helicopter to push them along when the winds are dead still.

Thanks Jeff - The aerial photos have been a great hit with everyone at TYC.





Scott and June Collins follow the juniors with their daughter and grandchildren aboard giving them an idea of what they will hopefully be doing next year during their summer visit.



What a beautiful sight for the resident's on Marina drive.



Chuck Coghlan and son Merrick round the bend as they leave the TYC Lagoon



Come-on Kyle wave!!!!



3<sup>rd</sup> Session Juniors have landed on the beach next door to Kyle and Val's for a swim party...





**Instructor** Matt Perret finds time to show Juniors some of his pole dance routines.



What a welcome sight to see the Juniors return to the TYC Lagoon....



**Instructor** Sophie Griscom's job was never done – she is loading up one of the watch boats for another day of sailing.



### Second Junior Sailing Class

(First row R-L) Brady Parks, Aaron Parks, Grant Boehm, Aja Palermo. (Second row R-L) Cole Vallelungo, Kyle Boehm, Aiden Keister, Caleb Keister, Gabby Ayala. (Third row R-L) Ava Palermo, Kasey Kerr, Sydney Huth, **Sophie Griscom – Head Instructor**, Kyle Bordelon, **Elliott Bowser – Instructor**. (Back row R-L) **Matt Perret – Instructor**, Devin Keister, Jake Kerr, **Jonathan Bauer –Assistant Instructor**



### Third Junior Sailing Class

Front Row R-L)Caleb Keister, Myles Monnier, Danielle Conners, Jenna Leali, Luke Besh, Andrew Besh, (Second row R-L)Kale Ruano, Jack Besh, Damian Robinson, Aiden Keister, William Neely, Ben Neely, **Sophie Griscom- Lead Instructor**, (Third row L-R)**Elliott Bowser – Instructor**, Marshall Monnier, Hanna Barde, Jonathan Bauer, Kyle Bordelon, Devin Keister, **Matt Perret - Instructor**. Not pictured: Merrick Coghlan

Thank you Cali, Meredith and Lacy for ensuring that we adhere with the LA Alcohol and Tobacco Laws – keep up the good work. If you aren't sure **ASK for that ID.**





## Wednesday Evening Racing and Burgers go Together

“Burgers” by Joe Sexton and Mark Poole – Thanks guys.



Or, in the words (not quite yet immortal but I’m sure he’s working on it) of Commodore Martin Smith: “Keep on burgering”.

Junior Sailing Camp has come to an end, but we still have people that want to race and eat burgers so grilled to order and the trimmings will continue to be offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 9:30pm as long as there is wind and there are enough mouths to feed. Please plan to continue to come out on Wednesday evenings, bring family and friends, and enjoy a drink, a burger, a sunset, and a nice time with other TYC members.

## RACING RESULTS and NEWS

Kevin Blank

Racing Report - Can't Keep a Good Boat Down

Even though we ended the official Wednesday night series almost two months ago, you can't stop the sailors from racing. Without a race committee and without any marks except those that are permanently attached, a handful of boats have kept the Wednesday night spirit alive with renegade racing. The course has been from the entrance of the Oak Harbor channel, out to the four fixed pilings near the Hwy. 11 opening and back, no matter what the wind direction. A simple course for simple fun, but that all ends on September 1st.

September 1st is the skippers meeting for our Fall Wednesday Night Racing series. The skippers meeting will be at 7pm where we will discuss the basics and scoring for the upcoming series. September 8th marks the first race of the series. The series will continue through 6 races until October 13th.

Another race that everyone needs to put on their calendars is TYC's Single-Handed Against the Lake on October 9th. Of course we will be finishing up our club

Championship Series this fall with two more races. Also with a change of format this year is LPRC at the end of October.

LPRC is now a three day event, October 29th, 30th and 31st. There will be 5 races total, 4 around the buoys and 1 distance from the Northshore to the Southshore. Another change is there are more classes that are invited and will be split up. LPRC is planning on seeing a Multihull class come together and hopefully two Sportboat classes will encourage more boats to come out and play.

Keep your eyes on the website and calendar for updates to our racing schedule. If you haven't already, join the TYC Sailors Yahoo Group and stay in touch with what's going on. A link to sign up is on the front page of [www.TammanyYachtClub.org](http://www.TammanyYachtClub.org).

Kevin

## HURRICANE UPDATE

**Will it be an active hurricane season?** The answer is, it probably will be. The latest seasonal outlooks for tropical storm activity in the Atlantic Basin (includes Gulf of Mexico) is for well above normal tropical cyclone activity. In fact, most of the outlooks call for between 14 and 20 tropical storms (39+ MPH), 8 to 13 of which are expected to reach hurricane strength (74+ MPH). In an average season, only 9 or 10 tropical storms occur in the Atlantic Basin.

What's it all mean for us? It means that if you haven't developed a hurricane preparedness plan yet, don't delay. *Do it now*, especially since August and September are usually the most active months of hurricane seasons. Incidentally, the probability of *at least one major hurricane strike* along the northern and western Gulf Coast this year is predicted to be 50%, according to one outlook.

I've left a variety of information on hurricanes on the trophy case to the right of the TYC front door (as you walk in). Check it out and you'll be your neighborhood tropical storm expert over night.

Dave Barnes  
Meteorologist



## 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 August 2010

- Aug 6:** **Touch of Italy Chicken Parmesan, salad, bread and Birth Day Cake.**
- Aug 13:** **To Be Announced Later.**
- Aug 20:** **To Be Announced Later.**
- Aug 27:** **Steak night:** Choice of Rib eye, Filet, Salmon or Tuna – salad, baked potato and dessert.  
\$19.00

## August Birthday's to be celebrated

### Friday 6 August 2010 before the Friday Night Dinner

- 4 Karl Boehm**  
**4 Sonny Brennan**  
**7 June Collins**  
**8 Dave Barnes**  
**11 Lori Brignac**  
**19 Dawn Harkins**  
**20 Jane Watson**  
**21 Ann Courrege**  
**21 Russ Carpenter**  
**21 Sandy Stone**  
**24 Tom Smith**  
**25 Jan LeMaire**

- 25 Hank Robison**  
**26 Etchie Yauger**  
**26 Kathleen Scherer**  
**28 Jackie Boehm**  
**29 Susan Jobst**  
**30 Alan Coulter**

## New Members of TYC

We would like to welcome our new members:



J.D Deutschmann and wife Cathy

Look around when you are at the club, if you see someone that you don't know, introduce yourself – you might find out you have something in common other than boating and or partying like (Tennis, bridge, reading, quilting or traveling).





## Member Updates

**Ann Courrege** is recovering from surgery at Slidell Memorial Hospital with hopes of returning home this Monday or Tuesday under Martin Smiths care.

**Bob Blanchard** is back at work after giving us a scare during TYC's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party. Bob recently had heart bypass surgery and it appeared that his blood pressure dropped to quickly causing him to drop – paramedics were called and he spent the evening in SMH. Thanks for the brief intermission – Mary take good care of him.

**June Collins** –As June so eloquently writes “The news is good out of MDA from my latest trip to Houston. Both “markers” ( the free Kappa/Lambda ratio and the Bence-Jones protein) for my Myeloma that had started moving in the wrong direction and have changed course thanks to the Revlimid therapy. So I will be on the new protocol for a while. Other than that – **the old girl is still kickin’ – upright and able to take nourishment.**” June you have such a way with words.-

**Val Bowser** – Has started a radical radiation treatment of 6-7 weeks on her hip. Val says “It was explained to me that if I decide on the traditional 15 day treatment I would be "resigning" myself to the fact that my cancer would be "manageable" and probably without the possibility of going away. The more aggressive 33 day treatment would give me a chance to actually kill all the cancer cells in the hip and possibly prevent a reoccurrence. Of course, nothing is guaranteed. Wouldn't it be great if it was?! The really good news is that I won't have to live in Houston. I was put in touch with a doctor from MD Anderson who is now practicing at Mary Bird Perkins Clinic. He is very familiar with the six week radiation protocol. I saw him in Baton Rouge yesterday and he spent three hours with me discussing my case in detail and for the first time I felt encouraged and relieved. I'm starting radiation tomorrow at the Perkins clinic in Covington, so I'll be able to continue working. A more intensive "image guided" radiation will be done in Baton Rouge the last week and a half to two weeks of treatment.” **You go girl.**

Keep our entire membership in your prayers.

Please call me (Nancy Ritzmann) with any updates you may have on any of our members so when can contact them. 504-577-3023or email me at tycspyglass@gmail.com

## July 4<sup>th</sup> TYC Celebration

All of the TYC membership was invited to Phil Vehorn's home for a celebration with band, food and a lot of socializing. **Phil** – Thanks for the party, fun was had by all – Wish we had pictures to Share so everyone that did not make it would know what that missed.

## Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration at TYC

We celebrated with a Flag Raising ceremony lead by Gary Knight.. Members and guest brought a covered dish to share with each other. Tom Smith and Martin Smith “no kin” provided ribs which they both had their own recipe, both of which were excellent. Kevin Blank grilled a great sausage to share with everyone. Fun went into the evening as usual.

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## Editor's Note

I would like to thank everyone for their input for the SPYGLASS, articles and pictures. I would like to apologize for not using more of the pictures sent to me, I had problems adding pictures; hope to have the problem solved for the next issue. I thought it best to get this out in a timely basis without the pictures.

Still Learning

Editor: Nancy Ritzmann

## UP COMING EVENTS

**SATURDAY AUG 7<sup>TH</sup>** I hear there will be a “**SAINT'S PARTY**” **Starting at 5:00pm.** Don't know all of the particulars yet --- Be checking your email for an update. Bring a covered dish too. **It** will be a great time for sure.

See next Page for our Annual Calypso / Island Party Announcement.

## General Membership Meeting

Nomination Committee was selected to select the 2011 board, they are: Bill Jobst and Dave Barnes will continue for the second year of their term on the nominating committee. Kyle Bowser and Scott Collins are the new members. I you are interested in serving on the board or have someone you would like to nominate contact one of the above.



# Calypso / Island Party

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August 21, 2010



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Saturday 2pm to 11 pm  
Sunday – 1pm till 9pm

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

Don' 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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