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Joyce Knight

Our very own
Queen of Selene
2011



Happy
Mardi Gras!



All hail “Krewe of Bilge King Neptune XXXI, Robert “Red” Schwab.” Red, who is also a member of TYC, was caught on film lofting throws to TYC fellow member’s at TYC’s Commodore Carl Ritzmann’s dock. The Krewe of Bilge paraded through the Eden Isles community canals.



Commodore's Corner

Carl Ritzmann

The month of February seemed to be the month of The First Mates as all of the club activities centered on the Super Bowl Party and the Sweetheart Dinner. Of course it wasn't the same this year without the Saints in the Super Bowl, but we still managed to have fun. Speaking of having fun, our new Sweetheart, Tom Smith, was in rare form at the Sweetheart Dinner. Of course Tom had to do the traditional dance on the bar and gave the ladies a thrill. Congratulations go to Tom and all of the nominees who work so hard for our club.

Mardi Gras is in full swing and we can be thankful for some beautiful weather. Many of our members were in the Krewe Bilge Parade. This year's King was Red Schwab who has been a member of TYC and a personal friend of Nancy and mine for several years. The "TYC Boat" was hosted by J.D. and Kathy Deutschmann and had distinguished riders Martin, Ann, Earl, Sylvia, James and Dawn. As always Gary's boat was decked out carrying all the Bilge dignitaries'. I even heard there was a party with a bunch of TYC members at some person's house on Moonraker...and if my memory serves me correctly I had a good time. There is still more Mardi Gras fun to be had, enjoy and be safe.

The month of March brings with it daylight savings time, spring, the beginning of Wednesday night racing and the St. Patrick's Party on the 19th. March also means the beginning of the boating season. With the weather becoming more moderate we can start planning some cruises to nearby favorite spots. Expect to see more about that later.

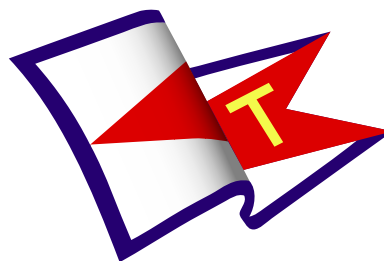
One of the things we have come to enjoy is

reciprocal privileges at other GYA clubs. Part of the reciprocal privileges was to charge back purchases to your home club. Times are changing and so is the way we handle charges with other clubs. Biloxi Yacht Club recently announced that they will no longer allow visitors to charge back any purchases to your home club. They will however accept credit or debit cards for payment. At our last board meeting we also adopted this policy, meaning that we will no longer bill another yacht club for charges made at our club by a visitor. All visitors from another club can pay by credit or debit card and of course cash. I expect that before long all reciprocal charges will be handled in this manner. Also, when you visit other clubs ask if they accept credit or debit cards and pay for your purchases that way instead of charging back to our club. It helps cut down on bookkeeping and billing expenses.

I don't know about you, but I hope Punxsutawney Phil was correct is his prediction of an early spring. I'm ready for some boating!

See you at the club!

Carl



TYC First Mates

Dodie Jones

Ahoy First Mates,

I am very happy to announce that we have 2 more members Mary Brisbi and Dottie David who joined us in February. This is certainly a good year for the First Mates. February started out loaded with fun beginning with the well attended Super bowl Party! The First Mates truly out did their selves this time with all the pot luck dishes we could handle! Everything was delicious and there was plenty for all! Our beloved Commodore was able to come through in a pinch and short notice with raw oysters, with Kyle was busy non-stop throwing some succulent ones on the grill, and the oyster shucking by Tom Smith and Steve Jones all-in-all made the evening a successful one! Thanks guys!! The following weekend the social fun continued with our 30th annual Sweet Heart Dinner. Delicious lobsters from Kenny's Seafood, yummy twice baked potato's from Jambalaya & Co., perfect ambiance and conversation with good friends and thanks to Kyle Bowser we had excellent music throughout the evening. Our Sweet Heart nominees made the event rewarding. This year the voting was difficult! Our nominees were Michael Bauer, Dan Boudreaux, Mark Poole, Joe Sexton and Tom Smith. Michael Bauer and his wonderful wife Dee could not attend the dinner, but Michael and Dee you were missed! Picking just one was almost impossible to do this year, as has probably been in the past as well since our Tammany Sweet Heart's all do so much for their club! The Sweet Heart Elect for 2011, Tom Smith seemed to have the most fun with a delightful dance on the bar in the latter part of the evening and he even made the First Mates \$24! You go Tom! It was difficult to convince him to even get on the bar, but once up

there and dancing we could not seem to get him off! He may be grooming a career in entertainment! This evening could not have gone off with such success if it had not been for the behind the scenes support. I want to thank the "many volunteers" who helped with decorating, some started many days in advance getting table center pieces ready, purchasing decorations, and keeping me on track with the many details, traditional practices, etc. that needed to be done beforehand. It was great because of the wonderful "team effort" by our First Mates! Thanks again ladies! First Mates keep the good ideas coming in for more successful events at Tammany Yacht Club! There have been some requests for a "Cocktails & Dance" night which I am sure will be another great evening. I have to say, even though we are only a few months into the New Year, our membership growth, our enthusiasm and determination has made me feel honored to be a part of the First Mates.

We will have our first General Membership meeting March 10th at 7pm. I encourage all First Mates memebers and anyone interested in knowing more about the Frist Mates to attend.

Sincerely your President,

Dodie Jones



TYC Racing

Kevin Blank

Alright TYC Racers, it's time to dust off those boats and sails and time to get back on the water! If you're like me, you spent the last two months itching to get back on the race course. The time change is coming which means it's time for Wednesday Night Racing. March 9th will be our skippers meeting and racing starts on March 16th. The rules are the same as last year. You must race in 50% or better of the races to be considered for the overall series results. There will be a \$10 race fee for each Wednesday race. Half of the race fees for that evening will be given away in a drawing of skippers present. So make sure you stick around at the club!

Our TYC Championship series will start on March 26th with our TYC Opening Regatta. We're going to change up the scoring a little bit this year. There will be five one-day regattas held. You must race in 3 or more regattas in order to be considered for the overall series. Because we can't predict the number of races we will be able to fit in to one day of racing, the score for the series will be based on your position in the regatta, not individual races. We will incorporate the same scoring system as the Capdevielle series which is called the Cox-Sprague Scoring System. We will take your three best finishes from the five regattas and use this score to rank you for the series. You must declare if you wish to be scored for Spinnaker or Non-spinnaker for the series of regattas.

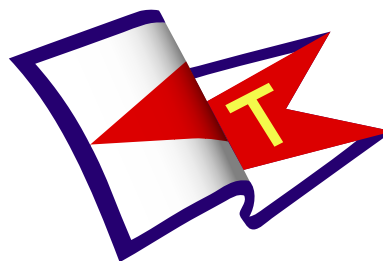
For those unfamiliar with the Cox-Sprague system, it's a system designed to weight your finish based on the number of boats actually participating in your class. This means a second place in a group of 10 boats is worth more than a second place when only 4 boats are racing. Since the system is designed to compare regattas with different numbers of boats

racing, it's the fairest system, even if a bit complicated.

We have some new boats in the TYC handicap fleet. Victor and Desiree have moved up from the Catalina 27 to the Tartan 10. That makes the second Tartan 10 in the TYC fleet. Sandy Stone decided the Pearson wasn't big enough, so he switched up to a Beneteau 375. Can't wait to see the new boats on the water!

Even though it's just under 4 months away, it's time to start thinking about Challenge Cup. The last time TYC participated in this event was the June before Katrina. We're hoping to return to the Challenge Cup with four boats representing TYC in Gulfport. Challenge Cup is a yacht club team based event where the crew on each boat must be at least 50% from the club the boat is representing. If you would like to learn more, please contact either Tom Smith or Kevin Blank. We will be organizing boats and crews over the next few months.

If anyone is interested in sailing Capdevielle for the Mardi Gras Regatta, March 12th and 13th, please contact Tom Smith.



TYC Juniors

Angela Clem

On February 5th Bay-Waveland Yacht Club hosted the 2011 Superbowl Regatta. One of the coldest days of the year there was a fantastic turn out with Finns, Sunfish, and 420's.

Our very own Devin Keister and Madison Clem braved the BITTER cold to race the 420 in 8 races that day!!! As the parents huddled up indoors watching through binoculars we all wondered how our children could sail in such conditions.....the

answer was
THE LOVE OF SAILING!



Devin and Madison scored 40 points and worked as a team for TYC. When you see these two incredible juniors around the club pat them on the back for a job well done....and for that matter any of our juniors!!

TYC juniors do almost everything together these days and show real spirit and class in this sport. TYC should be PROUD that these fine young BOYS and GIRL represent the club on and off the water.



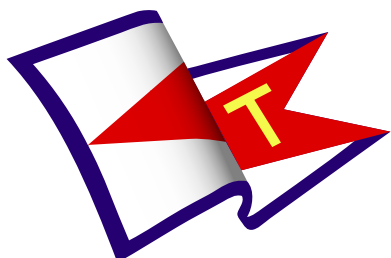
Upcoming Activities

Juniors will be representing TYC in the Mardi Gras Regatta, March 12th and 13th at New Orleans Yacht Club.

The Juniors will resume sailing every Sunday from 1-5pm starting March 20th.

Just a reminder that summer camp is filling up quickly with just a few spots left in the second session. For more information on TYC's summer sailing camp visit www.tammanyachtclub.org and click on the Juniors Program link.





Upcoming Events

March 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Final Wednesday Before Sailing Starts	3 First Mates Board Meeting	4 <i>Krewe of Sebebe</i>  No Friday Night Dinner	5
6 No Juniors Meeting	7	8  Mardi Gras!	9 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Skipper's Meeting for Wednesday Night Series	10 First Mates General Membership Meeting @ 7:30pm	11 Poor Man's YC Meeting No Friday Night Dinner	12
13 <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i> No Juniors Meeting Grill Your Own @ 2pm Bring Your Own Meat \$4 for sides	14 TYC Board Meeting	15	16 Wednesday Night Racing	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 	18 Birthday Night Spaghetti and Meatballs Salad, Bread, and BIRTHDAY CAKE! 	19  <u>St. Patrick's Day Party</u> Corned Beef and Cabbage, Green Beer, Music, and Great Fun! 
20 <i>First Day of Spring</i> Juniors Sailing Mardi Gras Bead Recycling	21	22	23 Wednesday Night Racing	24	25 <i>Steak Night</i> Choice of Beef Filet, Rib-Eye or Fish Baked Potato with trimmings, Mushroom Sauce, Salad, Bread and Dessert - \$19.00	26 TYC Opening Regatta
27 Juniors Sailing	28	29	30 Wednesday Night Racing	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 spyglass@tammanyachtclub.org.



Friday Night Dinners

Check the TYC Calendar for List of Friday Night Dinners

With Mardi Gras parades and other activities we won't be having traditional Friday Night Dinners for the month of March. We will still have Steak Night on March 25th.

Birthday Night March 18th

Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner

Salad, Bread, and of course Birthday Cake!!



3 LEE PICKARD

10 SUE PURVIS

17 CAROL WHITED

18 KYLE BOWSER

21 CHARLIE PURVIS

22 R. B. WILLIAMS

25 MARY BRISBI

29 JO ANN KATSORCHIS

Show up for Birthday Night and celebrate with cake. Also, get a free drink on your birghdat. If you have a birthday this month and your name isn't on the list, please let Membership know. Email spyglass@tammanyachtclub.org.





St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 19th @ 7pm

\$12 for Members
\$14 Non-Members



Corned Beef and Cabbage



 **Shepherds Pie**

Green Beer 

 **Desserts**

Music and More



Membership

Mark Poole

New member candidates or anyone with membership questions should feel free to contact me "anytime" for new member applications and/or information.

Contact information:

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Thanks,
Mark Poole



Stanley Guess and Val Bowser celebrate
TYC's February's Birthday.

If you have any member updates or photos you would like to share in the SpyGlass, please send them to spyglass@tammanyachtclub.org.



First Mates Annual Sweethearts Dinner February 12, 2011



2011 First Mates Sweetheart - Tom Smith





TYC couples celebrate Valentine's Dinner at the Oak Harbor Waffle House with white table cloths, candle light, and special menu.



Gary Knight was a trouper with his boat during the Krewe of Bilge parade while his wife Joyce was recovering from heart surgery at SMH – All of Joyce's friends were thinking about her and sending her well wishes with each bead they threw.

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Boat belongs to TYC member JD Deutschmann and Cathy Folsie; on board is Earl and Sylvia Savoie, Martin Smith, Ann Courrege, Dawn and piloted by James Claunch.



Krewe of Bilge: Nancy Ritzmann, Kathy Sexton, Pam Carpenter, and Val Bowser with dog Jada.

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Editor's Comments

Congratulations goes to Scott and June Collins for spotting there Club number which was super imposed in the sail of the sail boat on page 7; they received a "Steak Dinner" for finding their number.

TYC Active Member numbers will be picked at random each month, this number will appear somewhere within the monthly SpyGlass, it will be the members responsibility to notify the editor by the fifteenth (15th) of month giving them the member number and the location of the number. The member number can be within any article or within a photo. The winning member will be published in the following month's SpyGlass; location of the past months member will be posted along with the location. Members can only win once per year.

Please contact the editor with your questions at spyglass@tammanyachtclub.org.

Marine Items for Sale

No items at thits time.

We are adding a new column to the SpyGlass – MARINE ITEMS for SALE - This column is free for TYC members. If you have a marine related item you would like to sell please send your information to spyglass@tammanyachtclub.org. A brief description, price, picture if desired, and contact name and phone number are required. You will need to renew the ad on a monthly basis. This is a courtesy for members' personal marine items only.



TYC Committees

Suggestions. . .

Comments. . .

Complaints. . .

In a sincere effort to serve our Members, please comment on the club's services, operation, entertainment, club appearance, food, and etc.

We would like your comments GOOD or BAD.

If you desire to discuss any problem you have or observed, arrangements can be made to talk with an appropriate committee person who will follow-up on the discussion.

It is your choice to identify yourself or not.

A suggestion box will soon be available in the club along with comment cards.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to receiving your comments.

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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, your second drink is free and hors d'oeuvres are occasionally served. Also, be sure to sign up for Friday night dinners by the required time and cancel if you can't make it to avoid a penalty.

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