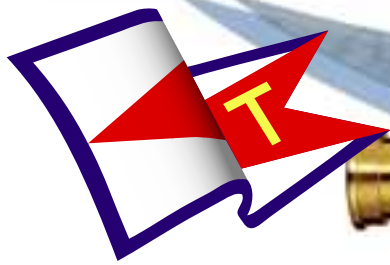


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June 2011



Wednesday Night Racing at it's Finest



Commodore's Corner

Carl Ritzmann

Nancy and I had the honor of attending the GYA Annual Meeting held at Pensacola Yacht Club on April 30 and May 1. The meeting was held in conjunction with the GYA Opening Regatta. TYC had a good showing of sailors and supporters which sends the message that TYC is involved in GYA activities. Attending these meetings gives me the opportunity to meet with other Commodores and discuss what they are experiencing within their clubs and pick up some hints along the way. It also gives us time to meet with some old friends such as Tim and Marguerite Burr. Tim is a Past Commodore of TYC in 1992 and 1993. Shortly thereafter he and his family moved to Pensacola where he was Commodore in 2009. Running into old friends like this makes these meetings more enjoyable. As I have said before, our involvement in GYA is essential to our future as a yacht club and I highly recommend anyone that wants to attend a GYA event to do so, I know that you will enjoy it.

Summer Sailing School is about to get underway with the first session starting on June 6th. Last report shows that we have more kids signed up this year than last year. We have a few openings available and if you know of anyone interested get them to sign up as soon as possible. Thanks to everyone who has helped in preparing for the school, without the hard work of our volunteers we would not be able to put on such a fine event. Thanks again!

Another project that coincides with the sailing school is the Jib Crane. All the obstacles have been overcome and as of this writing the foundation has been poured, the crane is ordered and is expected to be delivered around the 1st of June. The installation will be done shortly after

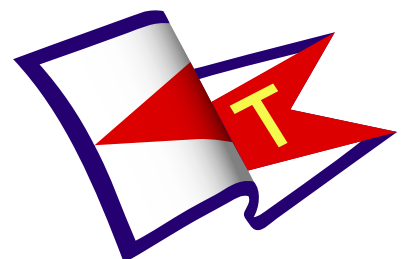
its arrival and it should be ready to use during the sailing school. So many people were involved to make this project a reality it would take an entire article to mention all the names, in fact Kyle is working on doing just that so look for more information in a future SpyGlass about how this project got started and who helped make it a reality.

Thanks to the efforts of Jan and Harold, we have had a dramatic increase in the number of rentals. Sometimes the rentals conflict with other activities and we need to remember that these rentals provide us with an important source of income. It is helpful to be courteous and hospitable during the rentals and to show that TYC appreciates their business. We may just pick up more business along the way and maybe a new member or two.

The First Mates did a splendid job with the Blessing of the Fleet and Crawfish Boil. From the looks of the crowd everyone had a great time and got their fill of crawfish. Thanks to everyone who helped make this one the best ever.

The Entertainment Committee is planning a 50's party on June 4th and a Fourth of July Party. Also in the planning stage is a cruise to Madisonville the last weekend in June.

See you at the club!
Carl



TYC First Mates

Dodie Jones

Congrats to our First Mates!

I want to thank many of our First mates for the awesome help and guidance that made our annual “Blessing of the Fleet Crawfish Boil” such a wonderful success! Special thanks to Dick Almos for blessing the boats and announcing the crawfish races, Jan Pecunia as our very best “crawfish bookie” along with her assistants Becky Black and June Collins, Harold Pecunia our professional “crawfish spray” coordinator, the decorating crew June Collins, Debbie Smith and Debbie & Tom Smith’s daughter Tiffany and Granddaughter Olivia! Ladies, the desserts were delicious as always! And not to forget Tom Smith & Steve Jones on the dance floor detail and of course Val Bowser and Angela Clem for volunteering behind the bar! Thanks to all for your much needed help! These events would not go off so successfully without the great volunteers we have at our club. I must say we had a very nice turn out with old and new faces in the crowd enjoying fun betting, good food and great music. This year has been a pleasurable one so far for Tammany Yacht Club and I am looking forward to the many upcoming events!

Planning an event can sometimes become challenging, not to mention pricing it to fit most people’s budget without a loss for our club. I know we have many members who may not know where their dollars go when attending an event. Our events and activities

help our club in so many ways and so any time we can get members together at TYC is a good thing. Coming together, volunteering, well attended dinners & events all plays a part in keeping your club prosperous. The price of the Crawfish Boil on May 14th was based on an attendance of 40 and I came to this determination by carefully reviewing past events at our club. We have a smaller membership than most clubs in our area with fundamentally the same expenditures, so therefore we have to be careful not to lose money. With many events we break even, so when we do make a profit it is monetarily supporting our club. I want to thank everyone who attended this event! We definitely had a great time! Hope to see you at the club soon!



TYC Racing

Kevin Blank

May Day Regatta

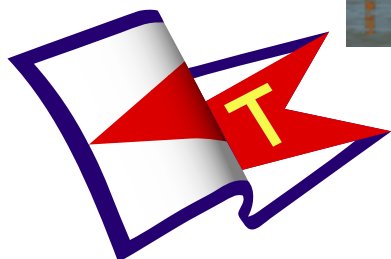
Our May Day Regatta was held on May 7th. Six boats made it to the line for some wonderful sailing conditions on Lake Pontchartrain. The tightest competition came from Weather Witch and Wildcard with the boats trading first and second place finishes during the three races held. In the end, Wildcard came out with a win having two first place finishes.

Charter Day Regatta

Even though we seem to have had never ending wind for almost the entire Spring sailing season, our Charter Day Regatta on May 28th found the one lull in our breeze. The first race started in 6 to 8 knots. Snake Spit was able to finish in first by a large margin. Unfortunately, by the time the second race started, the breeze decided to shift and die leaving the fleet at the mercy of a falling tide and the extra current from the Spillway. The current was running so strong that three of the four boats were pushed in to the windward mark! The racers finished the day with cupcakes at the club for Kevin's birthday.

Upcoming Races

Our Renegade Series will start on June 8th. For this series, we don't use a race committee boat and we take our own finishing times after a staggered start. Starting times will be determined by the race chairman. Don't forget about the New Orleans to Gulfport race, Challenge Cup and Gulfport-Pensacola after that. TYC will be invading the Gulf Coast!



TYC Juniors

Michael Bauer

Do today's moments of time produce later memories for future adults? Of all the activities that parents promote with children what do you think will be their permanent memory? Will it be the baseball or soccer games? Will it be the dance, piano, or music lessons? What will mold their character for adulthood? I am sure that most activities will offer life lessons; what about sailing. Just like any sport junior sailing can be consuming but rewarding.

So the day begins at 4:00am to finish packing and loading the truck; getting ready for a beautiful Saturday on Mobile Bay. While driving to the yard we must stop for that "special treat" breakfast – Donuts, Waffle House, Betsy's or just something different. After eating we pull into the yard to hook up as the sun just hints to peek over the horizon.

One final check on the trailer and gear then we are off. Now to say a trailer is really a gross understatement of what should be called an engineering marvel! It is an experiment to see how many boats can be transported at once; a 420, a Sunfish, and three Optis. Fortunately nothing moves as we pull out. After two minutes on the road dad wonders if the boys are dreaming of sailing that afternoon. Three hours later when pulling into Mobile the boys wake. Surely they have sleep enough and are ready for the mass hysteria. Lifting, unloading, rigging, sunscreen, suits, carrying to the water and launching is the drill. Eventually they are ready to race. Final briefings are finished just before boarding.

They head off in opposite directions. Each Green (Opti), Blue (Opti), Sunfish, and 420 fleets have different course locations. The parents take a breath, grab water, binoculars and hitch a ride on a chase boat. After a few hours of watching and coaching (where allowed), the racers start to return. All classes come back with stories of the battle – some good some not so good! Work before play, each sailor has their duty and order of storage. The boats are de-rigged and stowed for the night. Next comes playing in the pool for fun and relaxation. The rest of the day includes showers, dinner, a movie or ice cream, and hotel sleeping. "Moments" later the alarm clock rings for day 2 of the same course.

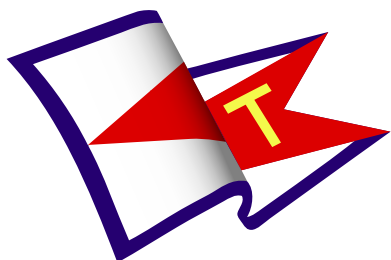
At the end of all the races the juniors and parent gather for the awards. This is a typical ceremony of success where the proud are recognized and others think about what they need to do better next time. However some are not so typical and maybe really make you think about the traditions that precede this sport. The winning trophy this day was presented by an elderly lady on behave of her father, the trophies name sake. With stories of sailing in the 1930's and how this "Gentleman among men" grew to love the sport and founded this series with the hope that juniors continue the sailing with honor.

It is three hours back home for unpacking, getting ready for school and some needed rest. Until the next weekend when it is off to Pensacola.

I hope to think that this will be a wonderful memory of an adult looking back on their childhood and maybe saying to their children, "when I was your age....."

Time will only tell.





Upcoming Events

June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Last Wednesday Night Race Series 2	2 First Mates General Membership Meeting @ 7pm	3 Birthday Night  Dinner	4 Rockin' 50's Party  7pm - Until
5	6 Sailing Camp Session 1 Starts	7	8 Renegade Racing Begins	9	10 No Dinner Private Rental	11 New Orleans to Gulfport Race
12 Grill Your Own @ 4pm Bring Your Own Meat \$4 for sides	13	14 Flag Day	15 Renegade Racing	16	17 Session 1 Ends Challenge Cup Dinner	18 Challenge Cup
19 Father's Day	20 Sailing Camp Session 2 Starts	21	22 Renegade Racing	23	24 Gulfport to Pensacola Race Steak Night	25 Gulfport to Pensacola Race
26 Challenge Cup	27	28	29 Renegade Racing	30		

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.



Tammany Yacht Club

Rockin' 50's Party

Put on your dancing shoes and poodle skirt for a rockin' good time!

Saturday, June 4th
7pm - Until

Members
\$10 with Reservation
\$12 at the Door

Non-Members
\$12 (\$14 at the Door)



There will be a Rockin' 50's DJ
playing all the chart topping hits of the 1950's.

Sign up to bring an appetizer or
dessert to be entered into our
"Favorite Fifties Food" contest.

Rumor has it the Bushwhacker
machine will be cranked up for
fun twist on a 50's shake!

Prizes to be Awarded:

"Best Dressed Female", "Best Dressed Male", "Most Rockin'
Couple" "Best 50's Appetizer" and "Best 50's Dessert"

Sign up at the bar or call TYC at 985-649-5222. No cancellations after June 2nd 10pm.



Friday Night Dinners

Check the TYC Calendar for List of Friday Night Dinners

June 3, 2011

Birthday Night!!!

Meatballs and Spaghetti

Members \$14.00

Non-Members \$16.00

June 24, 2011

Steak Night!!!

Choice of Filet, Rib-eye or Tuna

Members \$19.00

Non-Members \$21.00

June 10, 2011

No Dinner because of Private Party
Rental (Wedding Reception)

June 17, 2011

Stuffed Pork Loin and all the trimmings

Members \$14.00

Non-Members \$16.00



June Birthdays

17 J B ILGENFRITZ

18 BRENDA MCCOY

23 NANCY RITZMANN



Jan, Brad, and Jean celebrate their May birthdays at Tammany Yacht Club with Friends.

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



TYC House Committee

Val Bowser

We are finally having smooth sailing with the house committee! After five months, we have purchased new glasses and carafes for the bar, upgraded the well drinks, and established new drink prices. This has not been an easy task, and the house committee should be commended for all of their hours of work.

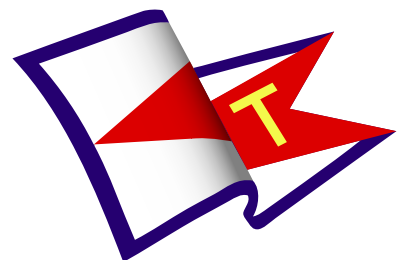
So many volunteers have stepped up to keep the club going without a club manager. Much thanks to Dodie, Nancy, Carl, and JB for shopping for Wednesday night races and Friday night dinners. Thanks also to Dodie for taking charge of and assisting Lacy with ordering for the bar, taking inventory, and accepting deliveries. Debbie has also been invaluable for being at the club for deliveries and anything else we might need done! Tom has been working overtime taking care of all the maintenance problems, and believe me, they add up! Lacy is doing a wonderful job as our new lead bartender. She is in charge of scheduling our bartenders times and duties and is always coming up with new ideas.

A big thanks is due to Jan and Harold for their tireless work with the rentals. I don't think we have ever had so many rentals scheduled in five months. Thanks also to Joe Sexton and Mark Poole for cooking those great smelling burgers every Wednesday night!

Although we seem to have all duties covered right now, we are always in need of volunteers. Please offer your time to the club so that we don't burn out all of those that have been working so hard.

I'm sure I'm forgetting someone, but if so, I'll catch you in the next article! If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please let Tom or me know.

Val Bowser

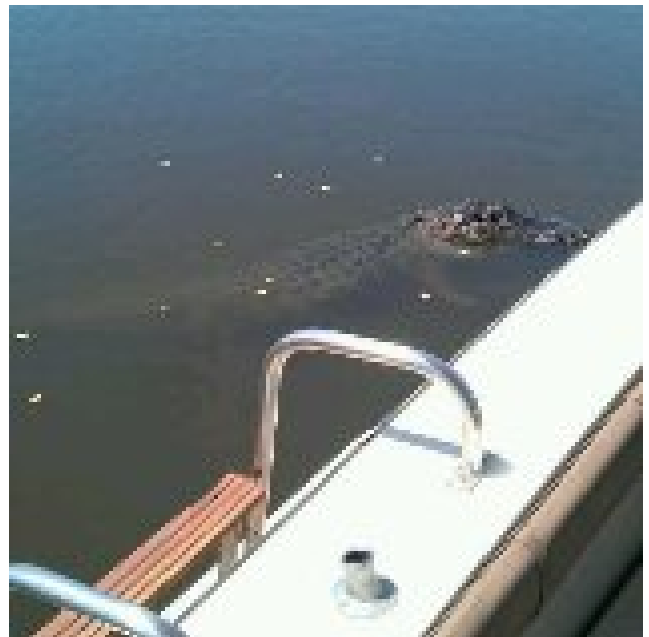


TYC Member Adventures

Gator (Louisiana not Florida) Meets Huskers

When returning from Lake Pontchartrain with our friends visiting from Nebraska, we decided to extend our boat trip and explore Bayou Liberty before we returned to our home on Bayou Bonfouca. After being unable to “raise” the new Bayou Liberty Bridge, literally and figuratively, we returned back toward the lake. About 200 yards from the lake inlet to the bayous, we noticed an unusual log near the western shore. A quick throttle reduction brought the boat to a drifting stop. The “log” immediately started moving in our direction. Since we hadn’t thrown any marshmallows in his direction, we weren’t sure what was on his mind. The now identified alligator was getting larger and larger. He came right to the boat and gave us many photo ops. Apparently, it’s mating season, and he didn’t like our encroachment. Our boat is 10 ft wide, and he was longer than that, so a somewhat verifiable length was 11-12 ft. Think about this the next time you rinse the fish slime off your hands over the side of your boat, or take your worst enemy water skiing....

Larry and Carol Whited



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



TYC Member Adventures



Sandy shows off his Tammany Yacht Club burgee in the garden of the Monte Carlo Yacht Club in Monte Carlo, Monaco where preparations were under way for the Grand Prix.

Sandy and Peggy took a Mediterranean cruise to celebrate their 40th anniversary. Leaving from Barcelona they visited Monte Carlo, Florence, Rome, Sicily, Greece, Corfu, Croatia and Venice.

Peggy says their "favorite aspect - the friendly, inviting people. OK maybe for Sandy the racing sailboats in Barcelona."

I would like to thank the members of Tammy Yacht Club. Several weeks ago the best friend of my younger sister and her daughter were traveling from Florida to Texas and stopped to spend the night with me; I brought them to TYC for dinner on Friday night and what a wonderful evening they had.

They were made to feel so welcome. They will always remember Slidell because of our club everyone's friendliness. The food was delicious, but the members were the best. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.



Karen Allen

PS If they moved to Slidell they would certainly want to join Tammany Yacht Club.



Tom, Steve, Carl, Kevin, and Mike after assembling the new drills.

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TYC Member Adventures



The TYC Juniors have their boats packed up and are up bright and early for racing in Mobile.



Kyle Bowser, Rob Keister, and Sandy Stone work together to trip the pilings and frame up the hole in preparation for cement. Even after all their hard work and the heat of the day, they were still smiling in the end.

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TYC Member Adventures

TYC Commodore
Carl Ritzmann
assists Rev. Dick
Almos as he
blesses the TYC
Race Committee
boat, Christi Lee.

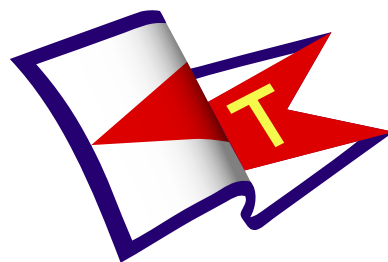


Joice and Gary Knight aboard their vessel, Christi Lee.

Blessing of the Fleet



The crew of Wildcard (foreground) and Jiga Watts await their blessings.



Crawfish Races

Tools of the trade. . .



June, Jan, and Becky take bets as TYC members cheer on their picks in the First Mates annual crawfish races.



Harold checks the crawfish for vital signs and applies their racing numbers.



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TYC Member Adventures



TYC was packed with smiling faces and dirty fingers as everyone enjoyed their crawfish.



Michael, Devon, Dee, Jonathan and Friends

First Mates Annual Crawfish Boil



Kevin, Becky, Val, and Kyle



Peggy, Debbie, Tom, Olivia, Tiffany, Josh, Sandy, and Dave



Carl, Nancy, and Friends



Kathy, Jean, Dick, Harold, and Jan

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Editor's Comments

We have an amazing SpyGlass this month. Each issue is only as good as the content and this month many members contributed articles and photos to make it what it is. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

It takes time to put the SpyGlass together and we need a weekend to get it all together. Please have your articles and photos in by the 22nd of each month to ensure that we have time to organize the newsletter. When sending pictures it is greatly appreciated when members include the names of those in the photos and a little info so we can caption. If you see a photo you like and would like a copy, just let us know.

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

If you are out on the water or just relaxing at the club be sure to snap some photos and send them in for the next SpyGlass. Please email pictures and any member updates or stories to SPYGLASS@TammanyYachtClub.org.

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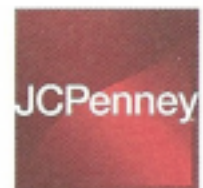
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We are adding a new column to the SpyGlass – MARINE ITEMS for SALE - This column is free for TYC members. If you have a marine related item you would like to sell please send your information to spyglass@tammanyachtclub.org. A brief description, price, 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.

Member Suggestions

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

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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, 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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