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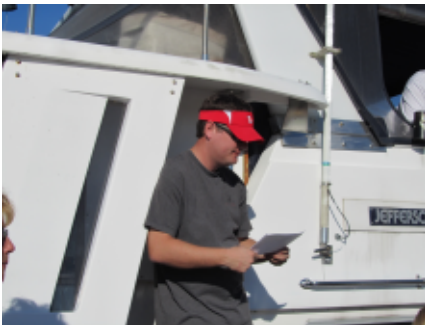
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November 2011

## OCTOBER WAS A BUSY MONTH AT TYC

October 1st was the Leen Polderman Regatta, Annual Dock Party, and Jib Crane dedication.



Kevin gives results for race



Who is in First Place



All Flags are Flying  
at  
TYC



Did someone "Yell" FOOD



Commodoreess Nancy Ritzmann &  
Commodore Carl Ritzmann  
Christen TYC's "Jib Crane"





# TYC First Mates

Ahoy First Mates,

This year has certainly flown by and I hope you all have enjoyed every minute of it. The next couple of months I am sure will be eventful for everyone as the Holidays near and plans compile for so many of you. Our first mates did not have an actual event project for October, but many of you have offered very helping hands with assisting the TYC entertainment committee and it is very much appreciated. For those of you who were not able to attend the "October Fest" at TYC followed by some great football games, you definitely missed a nice time. The Beer bathed Brat's cooked by our very own Commodore Carl Ritzmann and Tom Smith were amazing! Debbie and I were going to just through them on the grill, but they showed us how it is supposed to be done. Great food, great game by LSU, friends gathering for camaraderie and drinks, all was good. These are the things you are missing my good friends. We do have our Annual luncheon coming up December 3rd, which is right around the corner! It will be held at Palmetto's again this year since last years was such a huge success! The time along with our menu selections will be announced very soon so check your e-mails ladies and remember, this will also be our election day plus we do a gift exchange, no more than \$25, so I do hope that many of you try to come out. It really is a good time for all. So many of us get busy with everyday things and don't really have much time for catching up with friends and just socializing. Let's make this luncheon another one to remember!

Dodie Jones

The nominating committee is pleased to announce the slate of candidates for the 2012  
First Mates  
TYC Board of Directors

President	Dodie Jones
Vice President	Debbie Smith
Secretary	Kathy Sexton
Treasurer	Cathy Folse

Members at Large Listed  
Alphabetically  
Shirley Henkel  
Rae Ann Normand  
Gloria Poole  
Desiree Young

The election will be held at the First Mates Christmas Luncheon on DEC 03, 2011 in accordance with the By-Laws.

Voting must be done in person.

Thank you,  
The Nominating Committee



# TYC Racing

## Kevin Blank

### Wednesday Night Wrap-up

Our Fall Wednesday Night Series wrapped on October 5th. This series we had 15 boats that showed up to race. Every year it seems like one or two more boats stumble their way on to the race course and make it around the buoys. In non-spinnaker, there was some close competition with Gotcha finishing the series in third, Orion finishing in second and Breakaway finishing first. In the spinnaker division, the top three were even closer with Weather Witch in third, Wildcard finishing second and Kokopelli getting the first. Congratulations to all our Wednesday night sailors!

### Single-Handed

Well, I was feeling a little mean when I set the course for the Single-Handed race. The wind was forecast for the 20's, so I decided to send them on a little bit longer course from the #2 to the Causeway, down to the south hump then back to the #2. It was over 33 nautical miles in very breezy conditions. Steve's wind meter on top of his house recorded the wind at a high of 32 mph. 5 boats bravely started the race. The competitors were Kokopelli (Kyle Bowser), Nightshift (Sandy Stone), Born to Run (Tom Smith), Orion (Steve Jones) and Windsome (Bill Jobst). All of the competitors finished within an hour of the first boat to cross the line which is one of the tightest finishes I've seen in the race for a while.

Congratulations go to Kokopelli for winning the Spinnaker Division and Orion for winning the Non-Spinnaker Division.

Kevin Blank



Getting set for the  
Last Wednesday night  
race of the Season.





# LPRC Race Recap

Kevin Blank

I'm going to start off with saying that this was one heck of a weekend for Tammany Yacht Club. Tammany hosted the first part of the regatta starting with a skippers meeting on Thursday night. Racing started on Friday with the first race scheduled at noon. When the boats arrived on the race course, the breeze was so light, that nobody thought they would be able to start a race. By the time 12pm rolled around, the breeze had freshened to 10-11 knots. All during the first upwind leg, the wind gained strength and boats had to switch to smaller head sails for the second lap. By the finish of the first race, the winds were at a sustained 18-20 knots with gusts reach 26 as the front rolled in. Because of the wind and waves, the second race was abandoned and the boats sent back to TYC.

Friday afternoon and evening the sailors were treated to our great hospitality. As soon as results were finished, The SoulaBillySwampBoogie Band got started and kept everyone's toes a-tappin' for the next 4 hours. All the while, videos of the mark rounding's and the race tracking were being shown on the televisions. There was a lot of good feedback and many people were saying they had never spent this much time at TYC and it was a great party. I would like to personally extend a huge thank you to everyone that helped out.

Saturday morning brought the distance race, more breeze and bigger waves. By the start of the distance race at 10am, everyone had already switched down to their smallest headsail and put on their PFDs. The race started near the Bayou Liberty #2 and most had reached the south hump in the Causeway in a little over 2 hours. The race was mostly downwind in a sustained 20 kts plus of breeze and big, following seas. Surfing the name of the game and I think every TYC boat hit double digits on the waves. There were plenty of wipeouts and a number of destroyed spinnakers.

On Sunday, the breeze decided to lay down a little and allowed the race committee to get three races off without too much drama. Kokopelli was sailing like clockwork, putting three first places in the books and taking Boat of the Day. After racing, the sailors returned to NOYC for awards where Wildcard took third overall in the series and Kokopelli, in addition to Boat of the Day, took first in their class and also Boat of the Regatta! Congratulations to Kyle Bowser and crew for a well-sailed regatta and bring home the Red Jacket to TYC!

Boats that participated:

Kokopelli (Skipper: Kyle Bowser) - 1st in Class E, Boat of the Day (Sunday), Boat of the Regatta

Wildcard (Skipper: Rob Keister) - 3rd in Class C

Born to Run (Skipper: Tom Smith)

Gotcha (Skipper: Victor Echenique)

Weather Witch (Skipper: Kenny LaNata)

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# LPRC Race Recap

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## Volunteers:

Gary Knight (Supplied Committee Boat Friday and start Saturday)  
Scott and June Collins (parking, funny money)  
Dick Almos (parking)  
Carl and Nancy Ritzmann (lots of little things)  
Joe Sexton (grill duty)  
Mark and Gloria Poole (grill duty, outside bar)  
Kyle and Val Bowser (PA equipment, organization)  
Dodie Jones (race committee)  
Lloyd G and fiancée (race committee)  
Wayne and Beth Jablonowski (race committee)  
Bobby Tassin (race committee)  
Karl Boehm (race committee)  
Mike Parks (race committee)  
Tom and Debbie Smith (morning duty, outside bar)  
Barry Statia (outside bar)  
Bill and Susan Jobst (race committee, funny money)  
Karen Allen (funny money)  
Doris Burvant (funny money)  
Becky Black (funny money and signage)



Return to TYC Dock  
Friday



Kokopelli During LPRC Race



# LPRC Knot and Shot

by  
Joe Sexton

The traditional Knot and Shot Competition was held at the LPRC party this past Friday evening. There were thirteen participants and the competition was fierce.

Winning the Knot and Shot competition involves drinking a shot of rum, tying a bowline knot in a line, lassoing a makeshift piling on a platform from a certain distance, pulling the piling and platform to you, grabbing a beer that has been placed in a coosie on the platform, chug-a-lugging the beer, and then placing the empty beer bottle upside down on top of your head to signify that it is empty. It is both a competition and a spectator sport with onlookers cheering on their favorite contestants.

This competition consisted of three rounds. The first round involved thirteen participants. The top five scorers in the first round went on to participate in the second round. The third round was a playoff match between the top two scorers in the second round.

Completion times ranged from a minute and twenty-five seconds down to an incredibly low 16.4 seconds. Several Tammany Yacht Club members (e.g. Matt, Travis, and Ronnie) turned in very respectable scores slightly in excess of 30 seconds. Kyle Bowser achieved the best score of the TYC participants at 21 seconds. However, the winner was Sam Vasquez of Gulfport Yacht Club with a time of 16.4 seconds!



Knot and Shot Winner  
Sam Vasquez of GYC



TYC's Kyle Bowser  
Runner Up



Elliott Bowser  
TYC



Girl's Knot-n-Shot Too  
Go Angela



## VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE SINGLE-HANDED FLEET

Bill Jobst

On Friday morning, forecast winds for Saturday's single-handed race were still at 25 knots out of the east. It was time to either prepare to race in high winds or decide to watch the LSU football game. Since I've only missed a few of Tammany's single-handed races, I decided to toughen up and begin race preparation. Changing to my cruising headsail requires a bit of physical effort, but with wind dockside at a paltry 15 knots, my huffing and puffing during the sail change lasted only for an hour. Next came the staysail packing. Because of the forecast winds, rubber bands and matchsticks (one of the most important things I learned in college) were used to keep the staysail bundled during the hoist.

The wind doesn't read weather forecasts, and at the starting line on Saturday morning, the wind was from the NNE rather than east. That was great news! I immediately cancelled plans to start with my spinnaker pole and staysail ready for downwind sailing. Things were looking good for this aged sailor since the race now appeared to be a broad reach under main and jib from Bayou Liberty to the Causeway, another broad reach along the Causeway, and finally a beat back home. All I would need to do was reef the main for the second and third legs of the race. (I should mention that there were only a handful of entrants at the start. Presumably most sailors appreciated the "sportiness" of sailing in 25 knot winds and chose to watch the LSU game.).

Things were comfortable until a few minutes after the start when the wind clocked to the east, as forecast, allowing ORION to put up her monster whisker pole. Since I can barely match ORION's speed, even with my staysail, I hove to for some major sail realignment. Several years ago my crew said that I was not allowed forward of the steering wheel, so my foredeck skills proved to be a bit rusty. By the time I got the staysail up and the cruising jib out on a pole, the fleet was a group of white dots about two miles ahead. But now I was SURFIN'! I had time between waves to think about how I was going to untangle the foredeck mess that I had just created. I couldn't think of an easy solution.

I had gained considerably by the time we reached the Causeway mark, but was still tail-end-Charlie. I decided to reach south along the Causeway with the jib out on starboard and still on the pole. I let the staysail sheet run free so that it could blow to starboard along the jib. I crawled forward between waves and stowed the staysail down the forward hatch without incident. My only thought was that the waves breaking over the bow were warm, so if I fell overboard and had to wait several hours, the swim (with lifejacket) might be enjoyable. Now it was time to get the spinnaker pole down.

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# VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE SINGLE-HANDED FLEET

Bill Jobst

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Usually getting the pole down is a simple matter of pulling the release for the jib sheet, swinging the pole forward, up over the bow pulpit, and down into its resting place on deck. Unfortunately I couldn't get the jib sheet to release from the pole. After multiple tries, I clawed my way back to the cockpit to reflect on this new problem.

After some head scratching, I realized that I had been pulling on the wrong release wire. So forward I went again, this time dropping the outboard end of the pole into the water because I failed to reset the topping lift rope clutch on my previous effort. With a boat speed over 6 knots, lifting the pole out of the water was impossible without mechanical help. Fortunately, I was able to get the topping lift around my winch, winch the pole out of the water and swing it forward. But now I had a new problem. Because of the wind force on the jib foot, I couldn't lift the pole under the jib and over the bowsprit without crawling forward to the bow, lying on my back and lifting the outer end of the pole up and over by hand...all between waves. Now back to the cockpit to rest a bit before putting in the double reef.

WINDSOME is a centerboard boat, and despite a 7' 9" draft, she likes to heel unless the mainsail area is reduced... we are talking 35 degrees of heel. The reefing process requires that the mainsail luff for a few seconds while the reef is put in. Without crew the "few seconds" was more than enough time for the boat to head up, tack, and sail hove to with the jib back-winded. If you haven't tried it, sailing hove to is comfortable, but forward progress is near zero, and it's not a way to win a race, especially with the boat pointed back toward Mandeville. It does, however, make the reefing process easier.

Well, after a jibe to get back heading south, the fleet was several miles ahead and the mantra was "live to fight another day." The beat from the Causeway back to Bayou Liberty was wet and uneventful, except for the point where apparent wind dropped from 26 knots to 17 knots. I clearly needed more mainsail power, so out came the reef. I got back to the cockpit just in time to see the wind speed kick back to 25 knots. I didn't feel much like more foredeck activity, so I cruised home "on my ear" making more sideways progress than windward progress.

The single-handed race leaves most skippers saying "never again". But time heals bruises, damaged equipment is repaired and bad memories are softened. Perhaps I'll feel better when the next single-handed race day comes...especially if there is a trophy for racers over age 65.

Congratulations to my competitors who probably had less excitement than I did. Also the race committee, Gary Knight and Kevin Blank, did their usual superb job while bumping up and down for 8 hours and watching us racers "have fun".



## TUG By Winston Cavendish

Oh river, how you drive me mad, one day you are a wild child, and another day you are smooth as Mississippi molasses on a hot summer day.

Now night along the Mississippi is a sight to behold, as my tug boat search lights cut through the thick fog and reveals a ghostly ship drifting south to the gulf water , sailor beware, of unseen ships!

Oh engine don't fail me now, for without your powerful motors, our small vessel would surly sink as we push our river boxes up and down the big river.

Now, the river runs high and the river runs low, she either above the bank or below the bank make up your mind river, make up your mind!

Danger is everywhere on the big river from the sand bars, drifting logs, brake away barges and large ships out of control. We fight tides and dangerous currents for our survival.

Now some call our vassal Captain Andy, Cooper Smith, John Boy but whatever you call us, "we are a tug."

Loneness is a way of life on the river for Captain and crew, seven days on and seven days off; our family survival depends on our life or death on the river.

Now sometimes as we bring our cargo from the sparkling waters of Minnesota to the Gulf Stream water, I look at the fantail of my craft, and can't help but think. What it would be like if we stop pushing and pulling cargo up and down the great river?

Why, the river surly would stand still, the great ships and river boxes would stop bringing their valuable freight to the world, and the world would stop coming to America, All because of a small vessel, "We Call a Tug."

I dedicate this poem on November 3, 2004 to the Captains and crew that sail our inland seas and waterways, called the mighty Mississippi.

Written by Winston Cavendish



# Friday Night Dinners

Here is the lineup for the month of November.

November 4, 2011 BIRTHDAY NIGHT!!!!

NOVEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS

Apple Valley Stuffed Pork Loin with Apple  
Pork Gravy  
Sweet Potato Pone  
Corn Souffle  
Salad, Bread, Dessert  
\$14.00 Members \$17.00 Non-Members

Bill Pleasants	6
Debbie Smith	9
Peggy Stone	13
David J Lemaire	12
Wayne Russ	20
Dan Boudreau	24
Emilie Coulter	27
Bob Blanchard	29
Karen Allen	30

November 11, 2011

Veal Medallions Scaloppini (Sauce of  
Wine, Bell Peppers, Onions)  
Egg Noodles  
Broccoli au Gratin  
Salad, Bread, Dessert  
\$14.00 Members \$17.00 Non-Members

November 18, 2011

Steak Night!!  
Choice of Filet, Rib-Eye or Fish Filet  
Mushrooms and Onions Sauce  
Baked Potato with Trimmings  
Salad, Bread, Dessert  
\$19.00 Members \$24.00 Non-Members



Larry Whited and Cathy Folse  
Celebrated their October Birthdays  
at our Friday Night Dinner

November 25, 2011

Grill Your Own!!!!  
Pits will be available  
\$5.00 each to cover cost of sides

Please make your reservations by the **Thursday PM** preceding each of  
the above dates to properly order adequate food. Come out and enjoy  
the beautiful fall weather and share the camaraderie of other TYC  
members and friends!!!

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# TYC ANNUAL DOCK PARTY





# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION of 2012 BOARD



Carl is having a courage  
building session before  
his final General  
Membership Meeting



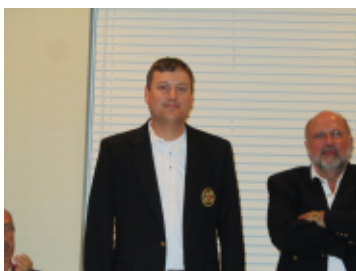
This is the Last General  
Membership meeting for  
2011; not the "Last  
Supper"



When does the show  
start!!!



Commodore presents  
Kyle with "Jib Crane"  
trophy; TYC token of  
thanks



Kevin Blank – 2012  
Commodore  
Joe Sexton 2012  
Treasurer



Jan Pecunia gives us a  
TYC club rental update  
Great as usual



# Club Merchandise Update

The Merchandise in the case will be visible priced this week. (Prices Tags)

We will also add several new TYC merchandise items to the inventory in the case; hats, visors, backpacks, and more.

Thanks... Mark

Mark Poole  
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## Notes from the TYC Board

By Joe Sexton, Secretary

- To provide additional fiscal control, the Board has voted to impose a \$500 limit on house account balances. Should a particular account reach that amount in mid-month, the member may pay the balance at the register via cash, check, debit card, or credit card prior to incurring additional charges.
- The pressure washing of the balcony at the club has been completed.

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



## Editor's Comments

We have another great 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.

Please have your articles and photos in by the 22nd of each month to ensure that we have time to organize the newsletter.

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](mailto:SPYGLASS@TammanyYachtClub.org). 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.

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## Member Suggestions

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

A suggestion box is available in the club along with comment cards. You may also email your comments to [comments@tammanyachtclub.org](mailto:comments@tammanyachtclub.org).

Your comments are reviewed on a weekly basis - some have been taken care of and others are being worked.

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

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**Mary Boshart - Vice President**





## Wooden Boat Festival TYC Land Lover's



Jan - Harold Pecunia/ Dick – Jean Almos went to the "Festival" by "Land Yachts" and entertained Tom – Debbie Smith / Bill – Shirley Henkel that came by boat to an afternoon of LSU Football. A festival cannot get in the way of an LSU game. Looks like everyone is having fun.....

## A Blast from the Past



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TYC and the Big Band

Left to right

Kort Hutchison, Russel Mell, Big Randy Steed, Norman David, Harold Pecunia, Dave Laudun, Bubba Groce, Bub Stone and Mark Konos in the back.



# LPRC After The Win





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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. Also, be sure to sign up for Friday night dinners by the required time and cancel if your can't make it to avoid a penalty.

**Deadline for submission to the SpyGlass is the 22nd of each month.**

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