

Tammany Yacht Club



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1196 Harbor Drive, Slidell, LA

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At The Stroke of Midnight  
Carl Ritzmann 2011 Past Commodore hands off  
the Commodore's Hat  
to the 2012 Commodore  
Kevin Blank



Carl Ritzmann 2011 Past Commodore and incoming 2012  
Commodore Kevin Blank



# Commodore's Corner

Kevin Blank

I would like to start my first Commodore's Corner by wishing everyone a very happy New Year! I think 2012 will be a great year full of fun and friends at Tammany Yacht Club. I'm looking forward to helping this club be the best it can be.

I'm very fortunate that Carl and the 2011 TYC board left the club in great financial shape. It's now up to the 2012 board to keep the momentum going. We have some great volunteers on the board, so I'm confident that we will be up to the task and we'll keep everything running as smoothly as it did in 2011.

I feel that 2012 is going to be a year of fine tuning. Many of our programs were very successful this past year, but there's always room for improvement. This will require help of the board, committee heads, volunteers and the club. Our volunteers are the lifeblood of TYC. Without them, this club would not be able to function, let alone prosper. We all benefit from what our volunteers provide, so make sure you tell them how much you appreciate the work they do. And even though I said the four-letter word, "work", volunteering can actually be a lot of fun and very rewarding, so don't be scared to lend a hand!

My big goal for this year is to increase participation in all of TYC's events. From entertainment to racing, every event we have will benefit from seeing more members. Better participation will not only help the club's events, but will get our membership more involved and make our friendships stronger. I hope that everyone to make it their personal mission in 2012 to encourage more members to show up

and enjoy what TYC has to offer. If you are one of our newer members and you haven't had the opportunity to get a good feel for the different activities at Tammany, feel free to ask myself or any other member and we'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

So once again, Happy New Year and let's make 2012 the best and the most fun year yet!

Commodore, Kevin Blank



# TYC First Mates

Dodie Jones

Well here we are about to begin another year. Our luncheon was a fun event as always! For those who could not attend I would like to say you were missed and hope that you can make it to our next year's luncheon. We had a few new faces, Melissa Crawford and Desiree Young, whom I would like to welcome to our First Mates family! This year has been a busy one for all of us I know. I am excited about 2012 and hope that we continue to gain new members. The company we keep, the friends we make along our life's passages are truly blessings. Ladies our club has had some fun events this past year that we made happen so let's continue the successful momentum. We also plan to have a few good raffles this year to help bring in funds for our First Mates. We have our board elects in place for 2012:

President – Dodie Jones  
Vice- Debbie Smith  
Past Pres. – Val Bowser  
Secretary – Kathy Sexton  
Treasurer – Cathy Folse  
Members at Large – Shirley Henkel, Gloria Poole, Rae Ann Normand, and Desiree Young

Last but not least, let's have some fun this year and make our club a great place to socialize! Any ideas you may have for an event is always welcome so let's keep the team work going and we will be able to accomplish anything!

Dodie Jones





# First Mates 2012 Luncheon



Another wonderful event held at Palmettos in Slidell; we started our "Annual Event" with finalizing our "First Mates Board" for 2012 during our business meeting. Fun was had by all as we had a wonderful lunch and continued with our "Gift Stealing" which is always the highlight of the day; just when you think you have the perfect gift someone steals it from you and you start all over again while some are trying to hide what they got so they can actually go home with it.





# TYC Racing

Tom Smith

## Race News when It's too cold to Race

The racing season has unofficially closed. We did however have two boats participate in the Sugar Bowl Regatta this year. Wildcard (Rob Kiester) and Orion (Steve Jones) each placed in the 3 race regatta with Wildcard taking fifth in Spinnaker B and Orion placing second in non spinnaker.

This is the time of year a number of people are making their beginning preparations for the 2012 racing season. Repairs and changes can be done at a more relaxed pace. Steve Jones and I will be getting together to nail down this years race dates and get our dates on the GYA calendar in January.

Our focus for this racing season will be to increase participation in Wednesday night and club racing events. If anyone has any new or creative ideas to stimulate additional participation please see Steve or Tom and we'll put them in action.



**KICK OFF :**  
at Southern Yacht Club 6:30pm

**Gary Jobson, National Spokesperson**  
*World class sailor and Olympic commentator.  
Survivor of lymphoma.*

*As a survivor of lymphoma, Gary's dedication to The Leukemia Cup Regatta has grown all the more and he is doing everything in his power to work with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to accelerate cures for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.*

**KICK OFF**  
RSVP

[www.leukemicup.org/msla](http://www.leukemicup.org/msla)

**Regatta Dates**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Leukemia Kick-Off, Save the Date,  
January 12



# TYC CHRISTMAS TREE TRIMMING 2011



TYC tree trimming is always chore with everyone unwrapping ornaments that were carefully put away from the year before. Some of us just put ornaments anywhere and everywhere; then we have others that can step away from the tree and move an ornament up or down two or three branches which make all the difference in the world. We pull out all of those items that are placed throughout the club to make "Christmas" noise which will get us in the spirit; you have Kyle that is doing surgery on one of the "Snow Men" that did not want to co-operate, but did when he finished. We have Val who brought "Stocking" that she carefully created one for each of the people that take care of our needs during the year (Lacy, Brenda, Frank, and Victoria) so we could give them a little something for all they have done throughout the year. We also have people like Normand that tried to hug the "Christmas Tree" and of course we always have people enjoying themselves at the bar.



# Friday Night Dinners

Here is the lineup for the month of January.

January 6:

Birthday Night

Lasagna, Italian Vegetable,  
Salad, Bread and Birthday Cake

\$14 members \$16 non-members

January 13:

Pork Loin with Gravy,  
Spicy Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable,  
Salad, Bread and Dessert

\$14 members \$16 non-members

January 20:

Chicken breast with artichoke and  
mushrooms in a light cheese sauce,  
Penne Pasta, Salad, Bread, and Dessert

\$14 members \$16 non-members

January 27:

Steak Night

Choice of Filet, Ribeye, or Tuna Steak,  
Sweet or White Potato, Salad, Bread,  
and Dessert

\$19 members \$24 non-members

January  
BIRTHDAYS

Pat Geller	1
Marguerite Burr	2
Wayne Jablonowski	8
Bennie Fulkerson	12
Becky Blank	14
Dick Almos	15
Victor Echenique	19
Kenny LaNata	22
Ted Katsorchis	28
Rae Ann Normand	28
Kathy Hebert	31



December Birthday Celebration Boys  
Scott Collins & Harold Pecunia are  
proud to be celebrating another  
"Birthday" at our Friday night dinner.

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!!!

**985-649-5222**





# Club Merchandise Update

The Merchandise in the case will be visibly 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  
[www.shangrileau.com](http://www.shangrileau.com)  
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## 2011 Boat Parade

by  
Joe Sexton



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).



New Year Eve  
Commodore Kevin & Becky Blank  
and  
Past Commodore Carl & Nancy Ritzmann  
Enjoy the Evening



2011 Past Commodore Carl and Nancy had a great year and are ready to hand off the Commodore duties to 2012 Commodore Kevin and Becky; Carl and Nancy will be there to help Kevin and Becky have as good a year as they had if not better.



# New Year's Eve Visitors and Guests



Pictures Right to Left: Larry & Carol Whited visit with members from NOYC AI & Janet Blanchini.

Jan Pecunia welcome's guests Lawrence and Diana Tedesco.

Don & Carol Tesdell guests.

TYC always enjoy having visitors from neighboring Yacht Clubs as well as guests that are interested in learning more about TYC.





# New Year's Eve 2011



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The ladies like "Top Hats" and the men like "Tiaras".





# New Year's Eve 2011



These are "Dancers".





# New Year's Eve 2011



"We love Parties"



# New Year's Eve 2011



Go Kevin & Becky





## 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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Member at Large	Rob Keister
Past Commodore	Carl Ritzmann

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Membership	Sandy Stone
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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.

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