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1196 Harbor Drive, Slidell, LA

May 2012



Devin Keister - 1st place in Sunfish Class Aiden Keister - 1st place in Opti White Fleet Caleb Keister - 2nd place in Opti White Fleet Madison Clem - 1st in Opti Blue Fleet

### TYC Juniors won big at a recent regatta at Buccaneer Yacht Club





#### **Commodore's Corner**

#### **Kevin Blank**

Spring is in full force and about to turn in to Summer.

On April 22nd, Becky, Jerard Brennan and I took our Viper 640 over to Southern Yacht Club to participate in the 2012 Leukemia Cup. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate on Saturday, so racing was postponed until Sunday with three races in lots of chop on the south side of the lake. The party/auction on Saturday night was very well attended, almost breaking the Southern party attendance record. When everything was turned in, Team Snake Spit contributed \$1,500 towards the LLS. I would like to thank every club member who donated to this worthy cause. With your help, the Leukemia Cup was able to raise \$205,000 this year! Donations are still being accepted, so if you weren't able to donate before the race, you can still do so.

Summer Camp is filling up fast, so make sure you get those applications turned in. We have had a few work parties in the dry storage area and we're well on our way to getting everything in order before the campers arrive. The permanent board boat rack is about 80% completed, only waiting on a roof and some carpeting for the boat supports. The floating dock is getting some needed maintenance and the crane area is getting fender boards installed to make putting boats in the water safer to our members and the gelcoat.

On April 15th, TYC held their Jazz Brunch. If you weren't able to attend, you missed out on some great food, weather and a great band. The Entertainment Committee put together a great menu and found a nice, 3-piece ensemble to keep us entertained while we enjoyed our food and mimosas. Thank you for our Entertainment Committee and our volunteers who make such wonderful events possible. If you haven't been to one of our social events, you're missing out!

The events keep coming in May. We have our second series of our Wednesday Night Racing. Rumor has it that many will be using this series to practice for the upcoming Challenge Cup on June 22nd through June 24th in Pensacola. This weekend (May 5th) I will be representing TYC at Buccaneer Yacht Club for the GYA Opening Regatta. On the same day we will be having a pot luck at the club to watch the horses in the Kentucky Derby. Make sure you're there before 4pm! May 19th will be our May Day Regatta followed by our Charter Day Regatta/Blessing of the Fleet/Crawfish Racing on May 26th. Keep your eyes on the website and the weekly emails to make sure you don't miss out!

See you up at the club!





#### **TYC First Mates**

#### **Dodie Jones**

Well, spring is here and even with the many "April showers" we have managed to still have plenty of fun. TYC's Two Against the Lake race went off very well and the soup tasting was outstanding! I am never disappointed with our First Mates' talents in the kitchen. Congrats to Val Bowser as our 2012 winner for tastiest soup! All the soups had to be great with all the slurping going on and I have to say that this year there was not much left of any soup! It was a close count for sure! I want to thank each one who brought their soup in for the hungry sailors and fellow members to enjoy.

My hat is off to the Ladies heading the entertainment committee with the Jazz brunch! Really great food choices and terrific music setting the perfect brunch atmosphere! All your hard work truly shined for this event! Our very own Commodore even surprised us with an amazingly delicious shrimp sauce for the grits! Good cookin' Kevin! And special thanks to Kathy Sexton for her great organizational skills and making this event even more successful! For those who could not attend I know I may be repeating myself, but if you do not check your calendar and save the date you will definitely miss out on fun events at your club!

For the month of May we will have a "Roomba Raffle" to launch so that we can announce the winner at our annual "Blessing of the Fleet Crawfish Boil"! So ladies, remember to get your tickets at the bar soon and sell, sell, sell!

We all have such busy schedules these days and many have more on their plate than we know, so why not stop by your club, gather with your friends, meet some of our newest members and remember that attending your club events makes for a prosperous year. Look forward to seeing you at the club!





## TYC Racing

#### Tom Smith

We have had interesting spring weather canceling two Wednesday night races and significantly lengthening the Two Against Race. Twenty boats started the Two Against Race, and due to a lengthy absence of wind, most of the Mandeville and New Orleans boats dropped out while close to home.

Wayne Jablonowski on Phoenix won the 'multihull division'. Bill Jobst and Windsome won 'non-spin' with Victor Echenique on Gotcha finishing second. In 'spinnaker A' Mark Palermo on Sapphire was first followed by Weston Stanley on Cherry Baby. 'Spinnaker B' winner was Michael Finn on the wavelength 24 followed by Sandy Cohen on Bali Hai.

The special class winners were Victor and Desi for Male/Female, Michael Finn and son for Parent/Child, and Tom and Dave for the Century trophies. The first mates again did a great job with the soup contest and actually kept things going until midnight as most of us were late arriving. This years soup contest winner was Val Bowser.

After finally starting racing on Wednesday nights the competition has been good and we have had 12 boats participating total for the series. Kyle Bowser and Bill Jobst have first places wrapped up for the first series going into the final week but second is up for grabs in spinnaker and non-spinnaker.

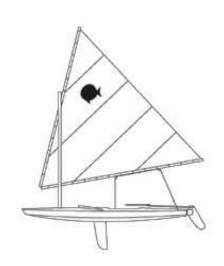
We have begun the meeting and selection process for challenge cup and we do plan on fielding a team again this year after making it back last year for the first time since Katrina. Happy sailing and we're looking forward to seeing even more boats out as the weather continues to improve heading into summer.



## TYC Juniors Angela Clem

With spring, comes JR regattas!! We traveled to Gulfport Yacht Club the weekend of March 17th and spent two days racing alongside the dolphins. Devin Keister sailed on the Laser and our Opti triplets (Aiden and Caleb Keister, and Madison Clem) sailed their very last Green Fleet races. We had a GREAT time GYC, thank you!

Our next adventure was to Buccaneer Yacht Club for the Youth Championships. The wind Gods were definitely with us...... 25-27 MPH!! Those of you who haven't been to BYC, it is very tricky to get out around the rocks to the bay. Several kids from other clubs got stuck on the rocks, broke center boards, etc.





Devin Keister sailed on the Sunfish, FLYING, and never flipped while all the others did!! The Opti triplets advanced to White and Blue Fleet for the first time, and did great!!!

TYC JRS cleaned up at the awards ceremony.....

Devin won 1st place in Sunfish

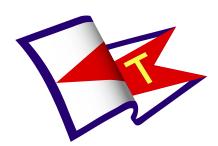
Aiden won 1st place in Opti White Fleet

Caleb won 2nd place in Opti White Fleet

Madison won 1st in Opti Blue Fleet

The next time you see our JRS be sure to pat them on the back for a job well done!!!!





## **Upcoming Events**

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
			Bridge Group Wed. Night Series 2	First Mates Meeting		Kentucky Derby
<u>6</u>	7	<u>8</u>	9	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
			Bridge Group Wed. Night Series 2 CG Meeting	9 3	Poor Man's YC Meeting	Rental
13	14	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	17	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
	Board Meeting		Bridge Group Wed. Night Series 2			May Day Regatta
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	23	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
Grill Your Own			Bridge Group Wed. Night Series 2	9	Steak Night	Charter Day Regatta Blessing of the Fleet and Crawfish Boil
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	1	2
Bilge Poker Run			Bridge Group Wed. Night Series 2		}	20's Party

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.tammanyyachtclub.org. If you would like to submit your event to the calendar, please email spyglass@tammanyyachtclub.org.



### **Friday Night Dinners**

May 4th Birthday Night Enchilada Casserole, Rice, Beans, Salad, Bread, and Dessert

\$11 Members \$13 Non-Members

May 11th

Chicken Marsala, Risi e Bisi, Vegetable, Salad, Bread, and Dessert \$14 Members \$16 Non-Members

May 18th
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Bread and Dessert
\$11 Members \$13 Non-Members

May 25th Steak Night

Choice of Beef Filet, Ribeye, or Tuna Steak, Potato, Salad, Bread and Dessert \$19 Members \$24 Non-Members

Make your reservation by the Thursday before each Friday Night dinner. Sign up at the bar or call TYC at 985-649-5222.

### TYC May Birthdays

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Jean Almos 1		Margaret Russ	15
Stephen Brennan	4	Kevin T Blank	28
Charles Huff	6	Braford Carey	29
David Bolyard	11	Jan Pecunia 30	)
Joseph Sexton	12	Julie Bolyard 30	)
Mark T. Palermo	13	Nigel Beale 31	-



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



# **TYC Entertainment May Events and Activities**

We would like to encourage members to come up to the club Saturday May 5th for the Kentucky Derby.

Put on a fancy hat, bring a pot-luck dish, and have a great time watching the races!

Your TYC Entertainment Committee is working hard to put on fun events at the club. So far this year we have had live music at both the St. Patrick's Day party and the Jazz Brunch. June Collins took the lead for the St. Patrick's Day party and Kathy Sexton headed up the Jazz Brunch. Both did a wonderful job and those that attended had a great time. Participation is key! The more members attending our events the bigger and better they can be. Coming up we have a 20's themed party June 2nd. Always check your calendar for TYC Entertainment Committee events as well as First Mate events. As always, if you have any ideas our would like to help plan an event, please let up know! Your Commodore Kevin Blank volunteered his cooking skills and made a wonderful shrimp sauce for the 'Shrimp and Grits' at the Jazz Brunch.

Becky Blank
Entertainment Chair

### **TYC Jazz Brunch Photos**





### TYC Membership

J.D. Deutschmann

TYC would like to welcome our newest members: Garreth Lawrence and Lee Singleton, III

TYC would like to also welcome back Laurie Saucier.

This brings our total membership to 103, which includes 65 active members, 9 charter members, 7 honorary members, 3 honorary life members, 13 non-resident members and 3 youth members.

2012 TYC Membership Cards are available at the bar for anyone how has not yet picked theirs up.

### **TYC Membership Adventures**

I thought it would be fun to share some individual memories of great times on the water. I would hope that you will also submit yours.

One of my early memories was a long while ago, pre-teens. I first grew up as a river rat in Louisville, Kentucky on the Ohio River. Then later spent many years on TVA lake much larger then Pontchartrain. The lake was a much cleaner and easier navigation, no current and clear water.

It was late spring on the river and the water was running very fast after the seasonal rains. We were on a early model Gibson houseboat with twin V-drives and plenty of horse power. Believe it or not it would plane. After a few hours of cruising we decided to stop at a favorite hamburger joint. Docking space was limited and the only slip open was the very end, typically not an issue just another slip.

However on the down river cat walk was a diving board that stuck out about 6'. The river was running heavy and the wind blowing in the same direction, fast as well. No wonder it was open! Probably against better judgment we went for it. Normal practice in this condition was to approach up wind, "crab" toward the spot and punch it when you are passing in front of the slip. Well you can see where this is going. We did all eat burgers but not before putting the diving board through the side of the cabin. It fit perfectly into the window of the Head. No one was hurt and just needed a few repairs. The funny thing was that not liking all of the excitement from docking my mother usually hid out in the head, fortunately not on this trip.

Michael Bauer



### **TYC Membership Adventures**

TYC Friends.

One of our usual things on Velvet Elvis is that we use the relative quiet of Easter weekend for a multi-day cruise. I don't usually get around to writing it up, but I did a little post on it this year. In an unusual twist, there were no humorous misadventure this year. In fact, this is probably the best mishap-free/best weather combination that we've had on a multi-day outing.

Fair winds, Ben R22 Velvet Elvis



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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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