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At The Stroke of Midnight

Carl Ritzmann was passed the Commodore's Hat

Carl Ritzmann the incoming 2011 TYC Commodore was passed the Commodore's Hat by the 2008 Past Commodore Jim Ilgenfritz. The hat will be worn proudly this year.



Jim Ilgenfritz 2008 Past Commodore and incoming 2011 Commodore Carl Ritzmann



Commodore's Corner

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that 2010 is over and we are in 2011. It's even harder for me to believe that I'm writing my first article as your new Commodore, an honor that I will cherish throughout the year.

The "Jeans to Jewels" New Year's Eve Party was a huge success. The club was beautifully decorated and as someone said "it was simply elegant". A special thank you to everyone that helped make this the premier event that it was. I won't even attempt to mention everyone by name as I'm sure to leave someone out.

Now that the holidays are over one would think we would have time to relax...not so. Beginning this week we have our Calendar Planning Meeting on January 5th, LSU in the Cotton Bowl on January 7th, Saints-vs-Seahawks NFL Playoff, and the GYA Winter Meeting in Fairhope, AL on January 8th and 9th. The TYC Board Meeting is January 11th and the General Membership Meeting and Inauguration of Officers and Board Members on January 21st. And let's not forget the Saints who are in the playoffs with more football to watch at the club.

A special thanks to the outgoing Board Members and especially Past Commodore Martin Smith who stepped up to lead our club for two years as Commodore.

This year's Board promises to be one of the strongest in some time. Of the nine members on the Board, seven are from the 2010 Board and many have served the club on previous Boards. The experience that this brings will allow us to continue building on our strong points and eliminate the weak ones.

The New Year will bring its challenges, or as some people say, opportunities. We will be asking members to contribute more time and help than in years past. With our current financial position we will need to have more volunteer events such as potluck meals, volunteer bartending and good old fashioned parties that have always been a success.

Even though it's been cold and most of us have not been thinking about boating, a group of TYC racers entered the Sugar Bowl Regatta and Steve Jones took first place overall non-spinnaker. Congratulations go to Steve and his crew.

Finally I want to thank everyone for the confidence you have shown to Nancy and me as we start our journey as your new Commodore and Commodore. So many of you have helped us in the transition process and so many more have offered to help. We really appreciate your support.

So let's get moving and make 2011 the best year ever for TYC!

Carl Ritzmann

Commodore



News from TYC First Mates

TYC FIRST MATES GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING December 11, 2010 Board of Director's Election

The First Mates enjoyed their annual Christmas luncheon, election of the 2011 Board of Directors, and a gift exchange at Palmettos Restaurant.

First Mates 2011 Board of Director's are:

President: Dodie Jones
Vice President: Peggy Stone
Secretary: Becky Black
Treasurer: Debbie Smith
Members-at-Large:
Cathy Folse
Kathy Hebert
Gloria Poole
Kathleen Scherer

Ladies, the word is out that the TYC First Mates know how to PARTY.

TYC FIRST MATES "ROOMBA" RAFFEL WINNER

Drawing was held New Year's Eve. The Winner was our very own Becky Black held the winning ticket.



Becky, can the club borrow your old Roomba?

Thanks goes out to Harold Pecunia for the idea, thanks to Jan Pecunia for making all of the raffle tickets, and a special thanks to all of the ladies who sold tickets to benefit the First Mates which in turn benefits TYC – **That is what it's all about.**

TYC FIRST MATES Outgoing President Val Bowser

This has been a wonderful year for the First Mates! We have increased our membership to thirty-one. All of our events, from the Super Bowl Party in January to the Christmas Luncheon in December, were enormously successful. In fact, we had so much fun at the luncheon that I forgot to thank the wonderful board that I had the honor of working with this year. They are the reason that the First Mates are getting bigger and better! I would like to thank the following members of the board: Carol Whited – Vice-President, Peggy Stone- Secretary, Debbie Smith – Treasurer, Members-at-Large – Kathy Hebert, Sylvia Savoie, Kathleen Scherer, and past President – Ann Courrege. Thanks to all their hard work and tireless efforts, the First Mates were able to provide the club with two new TV's, an X-Box, games, tables, framed pictures, and a new door for the Junior's room; new porch fans and outdoor rugs for the balcony, shrubbery and a sign for the Junior's boatyard, and \$1500.00 toward a new Flying Scot for the TYC sailing program.

Thank you, ladies! I wouldn't have been able to do it without you, and remember, **FIRST MATES ROCK!!!**



RACING NEWS

Kevin Blank

Pictures provided from the last TYC race event from Gary Knight.





TYC JUNIORS

This is the Editor's Prize article for this Month which was written by Jackson Bauer, a twelve year's old (12). This article has not been edited; I think it will give everyone a great perspective of how great our TYC Juniors really are. I had the pleasure of sharing this article with a friend that teaches high school and college students to sail and he said he wished his students had Jackson's enthusiasm.

My Racing Experience

By: Jackson Bauer age 12

One Wednesday night I was hanging out up at the yacht club when I was approached by Mr. Steve Jones and I was asked if I want to sail on Orion during the Allstate Sugar Bowl Regatta. I told him done deal; I was waiting for that weekend for the next two weeks. As the race got closer and closer I got more excited.

So my dad and I drove into New Orleans all the way from Slidell. We arrived at a yacht club that we had never been to before and started looking for the boat that we were hoping to be a winning boat that weekend. Soon enough we found Orion, with all the other Tammany boats close by. We sat around and talked for a little while and eventually set off. As we rode out onto the dark blue water I stood on the bow and took a deep breath of icy cold air. Then we started to practice and before we knew it the five minute bell sounded. We sailed up to line and started to shark it. Seven other boats were zooming back and forth with us. Then 5...4...3...2.....Start. We were off, first across the line and were in first, we were going about 5-7 knots and we stayed that way...The whole race. We got first and there was no question about it.

The second race was right after the first and we didn't have that great of a start. We were last across the line and were moving fast. After we rounded the weather mark we were going down wind. As I pushed out the boom started to count how many boats were behind us, 4...5.....6...7, I said "Were in second place!" My dad said "Count again." 5...6...7...8, "Were in first!" I said. I couldn't believe in one leg we had past up 8 boats. We ended up coming in first by 1.37 seconds. Talk about close race.

The next day my dad and I showed up really early to explore and look around the marina. It was 35 degrees and blowing 20 knots. We saw Mr. Steve and his son walk up and we got strait to work on reefing the main and changing the jib to a smaller one. We set off and as soon as we got out of the marina we started heeling. It was going to be a rough day. About 20 minutes later the race was starting we were first across the line and were only racing against 3 other boats. We went to lay line and tacked, Mr. Steve asked me to go skirt the jib, I walked on the low side of the boat a slipped. Luckily I grabbed the lifeline before going into the water. Both my legs were soaked with freezing cold water. I sprinted to the high side of the boat and stayed there. Two boats had fell behind by then and we were still in first, Neck and neck with the second place boat. We rounded the mark and were going back to weather where we would finish. We just plain out-sailed them in the upwind mark. We ended up beating them by 8 seconds. I was ready for some hot coco.

We got back to NOYC and I got me a cup of hot coco and relaxed until the award ceremony. At the half time of the saints game is when they called everyone to the award room. They called up Orion and Mr. Steve told me to go get the award. So I walked up shook the mans hand and walked back. I handed it to Mr. Steve and smiled. I was ready to go home and relax. We got in the car and took the causeway home and of course I fell asleep I woke up what felt like a minute later was 1 hour later and we pulled into the yacht club. I went the kid's room and went to sleep. Such a long day!

I had a great weekend and I want to thank Mr. Steve Jones, Derek Jones, and Michael Bauer for making it a great racing experience. Also I want to thank the NOYC Race committee for a great race. I had so much fun and taking home a first place trophy makes it even better. Mr Steve is a great skipper.

Jackson Bauer





Friday Night Dinners

Due to some changes at TYC we are unable to publish the full January Friday Night Dinners. Please bear with us as we make some changes for the betterment of TYC. This Friday night is also the Cotton Bowl therefore we thought it fitting to have Football Food.

75th Annual AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic
LSU Tigers vs. Texas A&M Aggies

Friday Night Dinner Menu

For

January 5, 2011

Friday Night Dinner – Birthday Night
Game starts at 7:00pm

Dinner starts at 7:30pm

Hamburger and fixin's \$7.00

Hotdogs and fixin's \$5.00

Potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw,

And

Dessert Birthday Cake

Reservations not required, but please call the club and give us a head count so we can be prepared for you and your guests.

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January Birthdays to be Celebrated

Please show up for Birthday night if you are not listed below and you're "BD" is in January – come get your free drink for your "BD".

- 1 Pat Geller
- 2 Marguerite Burr
- 4 Marylyn Pickard
- 8 Wayne Jablonowski
- 15 Dick Almos
- 22 Kenny LaNata
- 28 Ted Katsorchis
- 28 Rae Ann Normand
- 31 Kathy Hebert

December Birthday Celebrated at TYC

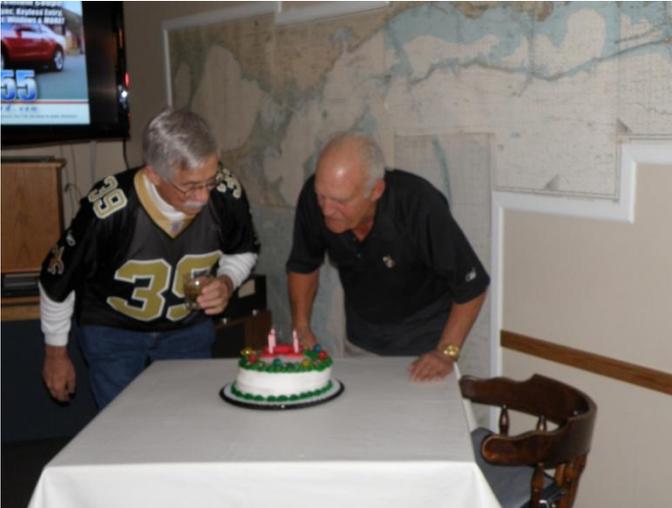


Jan Pecunia surprised Harold with a "Birthday Cake" and food. Harold was quite surprised since he had celebrated it once before in December during a Saints Football game.

This was a great treat for everyone that had been decorating for the New Year's Eve Party.



Harold always enjoys all the women around him and the women enjoy Harold.....



Scott Collins and Harold Pecunia celebrate their birthday during Saints Football game.



Wear this wig with honor.



Hetty Barnes presents Harold with one of her prized possessions

Member Comments Corner

Comments are welcome from any member including Junior Members. The editor will be happy to include comments monthly. They need to be sent to TYCSPYGLASS@GMAIL.COM by 22nd of each month.



Member Updates

We have several of folks in our TYC family that need your good thoughts and prayers.

Karen Allen had surgery (December 30th) and is still in Slidell Memorial Hospital.

Pam Carpenter had a fall and has damaged her sternum.

Hetty Barnes begins what is supposed to be her second to last round of chemo...if her blood analysis continues to be good she'll be off her chemo by mid February. If there's any change from this I'll let you know later this week. After she completes her chemo her oncologist will monitor her through her quarterly blood tests. Hetty is expected to slowly regain her strength this year

Sally Brothers is recovering from a fall the day after her birthday on Dec 4th. Her cast is off from a damaged wrist; the other wrist is doing OK but her back is still quite sore.

As we approach a brand new year, let us ALL be mindful of others, careful in our actions and, as always, keep our friends and loved ones in our hearts and prayers.

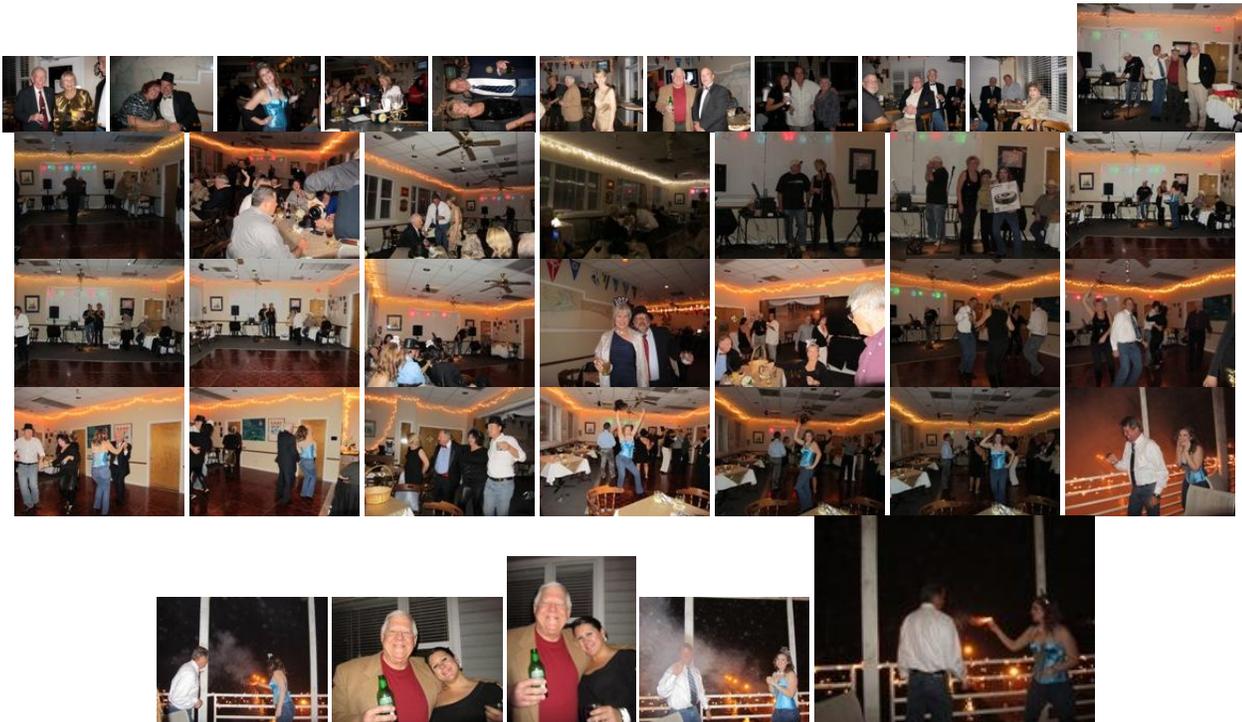
Please call me (Nancy Ritzmann) with any updates you may have on any of our members so we can contact them. 504-577-3023 or email me at tycspyglass@gmail.com



**New Year's Eve
"Jean's to Jewels"**



**2011 Comodore Carl and Commodoreess Nancy Ritzmann
would like to thank everyone who joined TYC for our
"Jeans to Jewels"
Party – Stay Tuned for what is to come this year.**





Through it now!!!

Colin Normand & Charlene Volz always sit at the same place when at TYC



Debbie and Tom Smith mad the door collect tickets and greeting our guests



JB arranges flowers for party.



Lacey & Dannelle/Bar Keep



Donna Ritzmann & Brenda McCoy keep kitchen running smooth.



Yes we are cute.



**Like Mother – Like Daughter
Sherry & Angie**



**Al – it looks like your whole group is on the floor
having fun....Happy New Year and Happy Birthday**



**Happy Birthday Al Gomez
Thank you for bringing all of your
friends**



**Happy Birthday Michael Bauer
"Love your Flip Flops"**





*First Mates Christmas 2010
Luncheon at Palmettos Restaurant*








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Rear Commodore	Tom Smith
Secretary	Joe Sexton
Treasurer	Larry Whited
Member at Large	Sandy Stone
Member at Large	Rob Keister
Member at Large	Mark Poole
Past Commodore	Martin Smith

TYC Committee Chairpersons

Membership	Mark Poole
Entertainment	Becky Black Debbie Smith
Finance	Kyle Bowser
First Mates (President)	Dodie Jones
House Committee Co House Committee	Valerie Bowser Tom Smith
Race Committee	Kevin Blank
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SpyGlass Editor	Nancy Ritzmann
Chaplain	Rev. Dick Almos
Fleet Surgeon	Dr. Bobby Tassin

Tammany Yacht Club Hours

Monday & Tuesday Closed

Wednesday – Thursday - 5pm to 10pm

Friday – 5pm to 11pm

Saturday 2pm to 11 pm

Sunday – 1pm till 9pm

Club hours may be extended at the direction of the Club Manager or the ranking Board Member who is present.

Deadline for submission to the SpyGlass

is the 22th of each month.

Please send your submissions via email to

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