

Tammany Yacht Club



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1196 Harbor Drive, Slidell, LA

December 2011

2012 Commodore Kevin Blank and Board Members

Invite you to the  
NEW YEARS EVE PARTY  
DECEMBER 31, 2011

Mark your calendar for December 31, 2011 as you will not want to miss our New Year's Party. For your dancing, listening, and pleasure of bringing in the New Year TYC presents none other than "The Arrivals". Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, and last but not least champagne at midnight. Look for your invitation in the mail and be sure to make your reservations early. We hope to see everyone there.

**Tammany Yacht Club's  
2011 New Year's Eve Party**

Saturday, Dec. 31st  
7:30pm - 'Til  
Heavy Hors D'oeuvres  
Champagne at Midnight

Live Music!  
8:30pm - 12:30am  
by "The Arrivals"

Prepaid Reservations  
(until Dec. 27th)  
Members:  
\$30 per person  
Non-members:  
\$40 per person

Dress Code: Jeans to Jewels

No cancellations after Dec. 20th.  
Pricing after Dec. 27th:  
\$40 for members, \$50 for non-members

**Happy New Year!**

Two champagne glasses filled with yellow liquid, clinking together. The background is a grey gradient with white fireworks exploding.

# Commodore's Corner

Carl Ritzmann

There is an old saying that goes “time passes by fast when you’re having fun” and all I can say is I must have had a blast! I can’t believe that the year is almost over and I’m writing my last article as Commodore. There is so much I want to say and so many people to thank, but the Spyglass isn’t big enough for an article that size. I do want to thank the Board, Committee Chairs, and everyone that helped make 2011 one of the best and most successful years in some time. I hope to thank each of you individually during the next few weeks for all that you have done.

We are officially in the Holiday Season and that means that things tend to slow down a bit at TYC. Our next big event is the New Year’s Eve Party and the planning committee has already met and is hard at work to make the 2012 party one of our best. We will have live music by “The Arrivals” who are always a club favorite. Let us know if you would like to help as we need more volunteers.

Other items of interest in December are the Tree Trimming on December 1st and the First Mates Christmas Luncheon on the 3rd. Steak Night will be on December 16th this month and the Christmas Boat Parade is scheduled for the 17th. I hope TYC will be well represented in this parade. Seeing the decorated yards from a boat at night is truly beautiful. If you need more information contact Gary Knight.

Congratulations go out to Kevin and Becky who were married in the Bahamas on November 11, 2011. Now that they have returned, Kevin is busy getting ready to take over as Commodore on January 1. Good luck Kevin, I know you’ll do a good job. The 2012 Board has a lot of

members with experience and also introduces some members who have not been on the Board previously. New blood is vital to the future of our club. I am proud to be a part of the 2012 Board as Past Commodore and look forward to another great year.

As my term as Commodore comes to an end, there are so many things that Nancy and I will miss. It truly has been a great year and we even managed to have some fun along the way. Thanks again to everyone who helped and supported us during the year.

I’ve been going through my checklist of things that I need to do before the end of the year: Have picture taken, purchase Past Commodore’s Flag, order Past Commodore’s Patch, attend last GYA Meeting, write last Commodore’s article, and prepare agenda for last TYC Board Meeting as Commodore. Yep, I think I’m ready.

In closing, I want to thank my wife and our Commodore Nancy for all that she has done during the past year. Not only was she my right hand person, but my confidant as well. There were some rough times and she was always there with a smile and a hug and that’s when I knew things were going to be alright. As Ralph Kramden used to say: “Baby you’re the greatest!”

See you at the club.

Carl



# TYC First Mates

Dodie Jones

I would like to start by saying "congratulations" to Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Blank who were married on November 11, 2011! Becky I just know this coming year will be an exciting one for you both!

First Mates we will have the opportunity to excel with our events this coming 2012. November was filled with the hustle and planning for our Annual December luncheon. We did not have any special events by the First Mates for November, but with the Holidays coming I am sure we all have enough on our plates. Palmettos and Val Bowser have come up with a terrific menu and I am confident that our meals will be delicious as always and the service will be most gracious. I am looking forward to it and hope you all are as well. The luncheon will be a great time to nominate our Sweet Hearts for 2012, so get your thinking caps on as I know each year it gets harder and harder to choose with so many of our sweet hearts making good things happen for our club. Please feel you can present any of your event ideas too. We of course have our annual events such as the Sweet Hearts Party, May Day Regatta with the Crawfish races and so many more that we will need volunteers for. The teamwork this past year has been outstanding and is our secret for success.

Ladies have a very happy holiday this month and see you at the club!

Dodie



# TYC Racing

Kevin Blank

## Wrapping up racing in 2011

On November 12th, TYC held the final race of the Championship Series with the Commodore's Cup. With a number of TYC members out of town (some at Disney World, others in the Bahamas), four boats made it to the starting line. Weather Witch and Kokopelli raced in spinnaker with Orion and Breakaway competing in non-spinnaker. Weather Witch beat Kokopelli in all three races, taking first and Orion beat Breakaway in two of the three races taking first in non-spinnaker.

Final results for the entire series along with the trophy presentation for our TYC Championship Series will be during our January General Membership Meeting. If you weren't able to make it for the races this year, definitely make plans to race in 2012.

The last PHRF race of 2011 on the lake will be the Sugar Bowl Regatta held by Southern Yacht Club on December 3rd and 4th. A few TYC racers will be on the south side of the lake, so if you're around, cheer them on!





# Commodore's Cup

Photos  
by  
Joe Sexton



Kevin and Becky Blank  
Wedding  
11/11/11 on the Atlantic side of Elbow Cay in the Abacos, Bahamas



TYC wishes you the very best life has to offer.



# Friday Night Dinners

Here is the lineup for the month of December.

December 2nd- meatballs and spaghetti, Italian green beans with artichokes, salad, bread, and dessert  
(birthday cake)

\$14 members

\$17 non-members

December 9th - Coq au Vin with mushrooms, carrots, and onions

Risi e bisi - rice with green peas

Salad, bread, and dessert

\$14 - members

\$17 non-members

December 16th - Steak night.

\$19 members

\$24 non members

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Michael Jacobs	6
Scott S. Collins	7
Lisa Cappel	9
Normand David	14
Sally Brothers	15
Kenneth Diamond	16
Juanita Gibbs	10
Michael Parks	26
Holly Tassin	22
Robert Tassin	28
Harold Pecunia	30
Michael J Bauer	31



It is all about "US"  
IT's "OUR" Birthday  
Debbie Smith & Peggy Stone



We will get them  
all OUT.....

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.shangrileu.com](http://www.shangrileu.com)  
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## SIMPLE SUPPERS 1st and 3rd Wednesday Evening

TYC will be serving Simple Suppers the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening of the month until Burgers make their come back during the Sailing Season.

Maybe some Chili, Soup, Gumbo, and who knows what else... We may even think of some special drinks to try.

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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.

A special thanks to Kathy Sexton for help editing the SpyGlass while Becky Blank is working long hours; without Kathy's help I would have missed a number of errors.

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	Mark Poole
Member at Large	Sandy Stone
Past Commodore	Martin Smith

### TYC Committee Chairpersons

Membership	Sandy Stone
Entertainment	Becky Black / Debbie Smith
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First Mates (President)	Dodie Jones
House Committee	Val Bowser / Tom Smith
Race Committee	Kevin Blank
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LPRC Reps	Kenny LaNata, Kevin Blank, Tom Smith
Club Merchandise	Mark Poole
Nominating	Scott Collins
Cruising	Tom Smith
Member Photo	Nancy Ritzmann
Rules Committee	Joe Sexton
SpyGlass Editor	Nancy Ritzmann / Becky Black
Webmaster	Kevin Blank
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### **Tammany Yacht Club Hours**

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.**

Please send your submissions via email to [spyglass@tammanyachtclub.org](mailto:spyglass@tammanyachtclub.org)

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