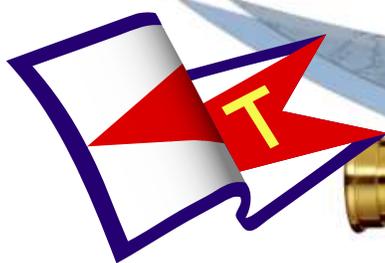


Tammany Yacht Club

# SpyGlass



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1196 Harbor Drive, Slidell, LA

July 2012

Get Ready for Lots of Fun at TYC!



4th of July Pary

Ronnie Kole  
Concert  
July 7th



# Commodore's Corner

**Kevin Blank**

June has been an exciting month for Tammany Yacht Club.

We have just finished up with our second session of summer camp. From everything I hear, our campers are having a great time and our new head instructor, Claire, is doing a great job. On Thursdays during sailing camp we've been having Family Sailing and it's great watching our campers and parents taking boats out.

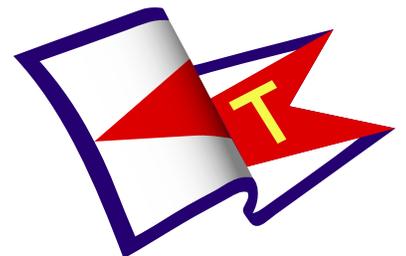
Our entertainment committee and First Mates have some nice events coming up in July. The club will be having a pot luck on July 4th. I hope everyone who is in town will be able to show up. On July 7th, the First Mates will be bringing Ronnie Kole up to the club to play. Details on both events can be found in later on in the SpyGlass. Don't forget our Calypso Party is coming up soon!

The attendance at Friday Night Dinners has been light in the past few months. I would like to remind everyone that besides steak night, the club has a great meals on Fridays, many times catered from one our local restaurants. The price of the mail includes the entree and dessert. When you combine that with the fellowship of your fellow members, it makes for very nice evening. You can sign up for Friday Night Dinners either by leaving a message on the phone or by signing up at the end of the bar by Thursday. If you

have any suggestions for meals, please let our club manager, Lacy, know the next time you're up at the club.

Our sailors have been very active this month. Crews have been practicing and skippers have been working on the logistics of getting their boats over and back for all the racing. I won't spoil all the great stories, so you'll have to read on to find out more. But we've had some great results and I'm very proud of the sailors and boat owners that made this success possible. I would also like to thank all the crew and TYC members that aren't racing on the boats. Without the help and support of our non-sailors, those on the race course wouldn't be free to bring home the glory to TYC.

We will be having a General Membership Meeting on July 20th. I encourage everyone to attend. We will be voting on some proposed by-laws changes and also working on our nomination committee. I hope to see everyone there!



# TYC First Mates

**Dodie Jones**

Ahoy ladies,

We are already into July with 2012 half over, hard to believe! This year has brought many tasks for all of us, keeping us so busy with our daily schedules and I can appreciate that. I would like to invite restored participation at our General Membership meetings so if you ladies can mark your calendars our next General Membership meeting will be in September. The meetings are a great time to voice, plan and prepare. All work and no play is not our motto though. You may be missing out on group trips, fun luncheons, and relaxing pool parties. I do want to thank those attending, because your involvement and support is always a value to our First Mates.

I know I have said this before, but this year the board has done an outstanding job! Being so innovative and managing to accomplish any tasks like pros as this is not always easy. This year we are sponsoring the juniors' summer sailing camp with trophies and participation certificates.

Events help fund our club, so come out and support your fellow First Mates, be a part of a great organization and help move us forward into the next year! There will be a music extravaganza by Ronnie Kole at TYC on July 7th so save the date! You won't want to miss this event!

As these hot days pass by it is always good to know that you can stop up at your club for a cool drink with good friends. Hope to see you soon.



# TYC Racing

Tom Smith

The results are in and our club had a very good showing in GYA offshore events this month. We had 4 boats start the Gulfport to Pensacola race under unusually difficult conditions. Bill Jobst and crew of Windsome retired after suffering a large cut on Bill's hand which required stitches. Kyle Bowser and crew of Kokopelli had a thru hull fitting leak and ran aground off of Mobile bay and retired also. Wayne Jabanouski and crew of Sapphire finished forth in Spinnaker A after a long bumpy ride. Victor Etichnique and the crew of Gotcha finished first in spinnaker C class after battling upwind for 25 hours. The crew was extremely tired and elated watching Victor and the Brennan boys accept the trophies from race officials.

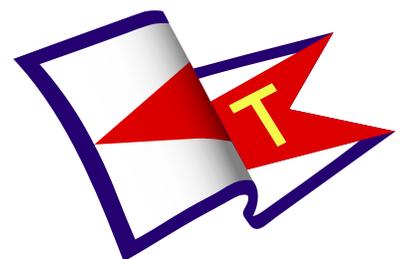
There were a lot stories to tell and adventures to relive but the bottom line of all of them were the facts that a lot of good sailors faced very difficult conditions and brought their boats back ashore in one piece. If sailing in difficult conditions offshore was on your bucket list and you missed this trip you missed your chance.

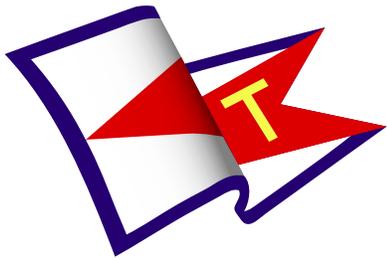
The GYA offshore challenge cup was held under the shadow of tropical storm Debbie. As always the racing was at a very high level and extremely competitive. Races were held on Friday and Saturday but were canceled on Sunday after weather conditions deteriorated

and safety concerns ruled the day. After the points were added Tammany Yacht Club was awarded the Mobile Cup as the winners of the three boat class. This is a trophy which we will display for the next year at our club. This was won by our club once before in 2005. The scores of Sapphire, Gotcha and Kokopelli all were included in the scoring.

Participating in this regatta requires a large commitment by the owners of these boats and we need to thank all of them for representing us well in the Gulf coast sailing community. A lot of fun was had and Pensacola Yacht Club hosted a great event under trying conditions. Also hats should go off to all of the crew who all did their parts to bring the trophies home.

The spring sailing season now is complete but the die hard sailors will continue doing renegade racing on Wednesday nights as long as crew can be gathered. Be on the dock at 6:30 and we will find you a spot.





# Upcoming Events

## July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
			4th of July Party	Family Sailing Night First Mates Meeting		Ronnie Kole to Play
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
	Summer Camp Session 3 Board Meeting	Summer Camp Session 3	Summer Camp Session 3 CG Meeting Bridge Group	Family Sailing Night Summer Camp Session 3	Summer Camp Session 3 Poor Man's YC Meeting	
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
	Summer Camp Session 3	Summer Camp Session 3	Bridge Group Summer Camp Session 3	Family Sailing Night Summer Camp Session 3	Summer Camp Session 3 General Membership Meeting	
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
	Summer Camp Invitational	Summer Camp Invitational	Bridge Group Summer Camp Invitational	Family Sailing Night Summer Camp Invitational	Summer Camp Invitational Steak Night	50th Anniversary of Scott and June
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
			Bridge Group	First Mates Meeting		Brennan Rental

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.tammanyachtclub.org>. If you would like to submit your event to the calendar, please email [spyglass@tammanyachtclub.org](mailto:spyglass@tammanyachtclub.org).



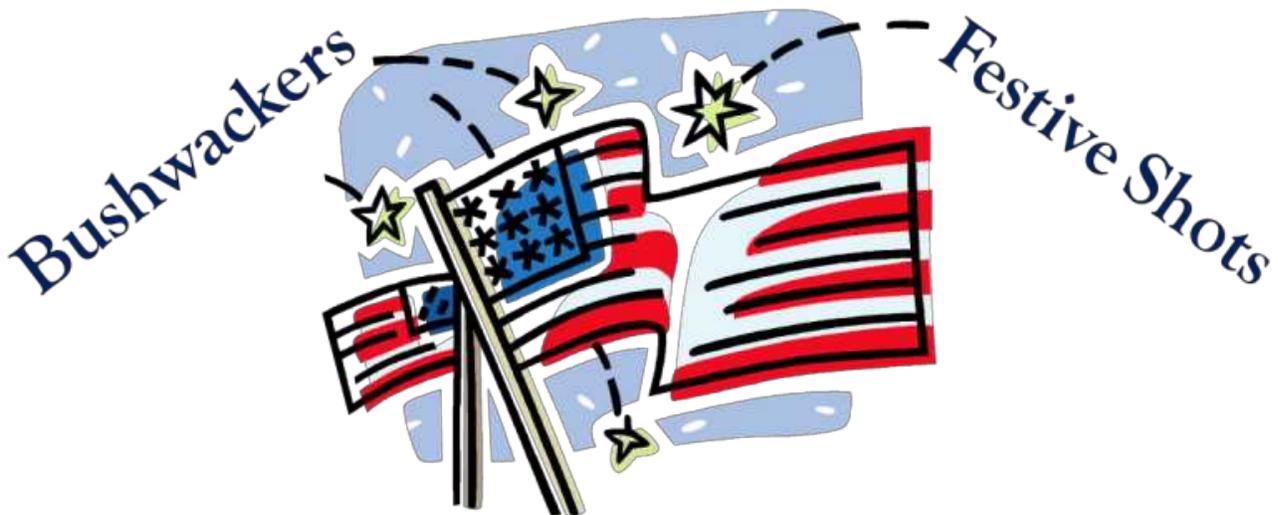


Tammany Yacht Club's  
**4<sup>th</sup> of July**  
**Party**

**Pot-Luck Event**

Bring a dish, something to grill, a side, or dessert.

**Starting at 4pm**  
**Fireworks at 9pm**



**Prizes for the Best**

Grilled Entrée, Non-Grilled Entrée and Side Dish / Dessert

No need to sign up. Show up and have a great time!





# **“Ronnie Kole Concert at TYC”**

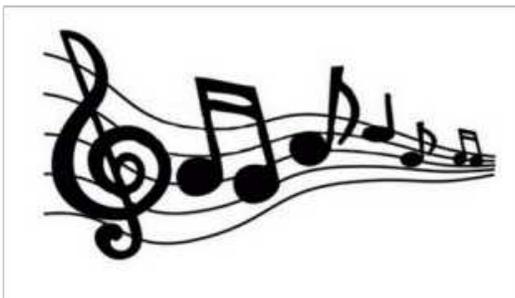
**July 7, 2012**

**Hors D’ oeuvres at 6 pm**

**Music at 7 pm**

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The members of the Queen Ann Bridge Group continues to play Wednesday nights at TYC.

# Fun at TYC

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# Fun at TYC

## 20's Party



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Chris Darkshani and Guest



Kevin and Becky Blank



Steve and Dodie Jones



# Challenge Cup

## Sapphire

### THE CHALLENGE CUP ADVENTURE FROM THE HELM OF SAPPHIRE

#### PRELUDE

When I first began discussing with Beth the purchase of Sapphire, I told her of this great dual purpose boat, this “Cruiser / Racer”, and that we would be in cruising mode most of the time and race in the TYC Wednesday Night races (non-spin of course). So when I first took possession of Sapphire, and Mark asked if I would be willing to race her in Challenge Cup if he put a crew together, I hesitated for a second and said absolutely. So much for the cruising boat, as the salon cushions came off, the wood protection and lee cloths went on to hold sails, the salon table and stateroom doors were never installed, and the boat was stripped of anything not needed to race. I wonder if Beth believed me in the beginning.....we have yet to cruise.

#### PREPARATION

I had not raced in a Challenge Cup series in more than 10 years, but I am well familiar with the event and well aware that the competition is the best that the Gulf Coast has to offer. And to sail Sapphire properly, a full and experienced crew was needed. Mark immediately began contacting some of his previous crew, and he put together a team. I also took advantage of that effort in the practice racing on Wednesday Nights, having some of my great family crew on hand to learn from those familiar with the boat.

A great crew was put together by Mark, consisting of TYC members Mark Palermo, Tom Smith, Jerry Berndsen, Jonathan Bauer and myself, rounded out with Julie Bylsma, Ken Weise, my nephew Brandon Bassett and friend Michael Cali.

Rob Keister was also a team member, but unfortunately work got in the way at the last minute. Mark Oswald, long time Sapphire sailor, was there to teach the team the ropes in our practices, but he re-injured his back before the races, he was missed as crew, and I wish him a full and speedy recovery.

#### GULFPORT TO PENSACOLA

After a nice close reach in Mississippi Sound out to Ship Island, we turned left into Misery (remember the movie with Kathy Bates and James Caan?). Directly upwind in 15 + knots for 60 plus miles and then 20-25 knots for 30 miles was no picnic. Amazing though how after you finish, all of the brutality of the race is forgotten (almost) and the stories are fun to tell.

More kudos to our C Class Champions Gotcha for their excellent winning performance in the Gulfport to Pensacola Race. Just finishing that race was an accomplishment, but winning, superb!

#### CHALLENGE CUP

The first race on Friday began in an easy breeze, and with Sapphire in B Class, we watched with excitement as A class took off. Getting ready for our start, with the line pin end favored, we maneuvered around the line, picked out our position, and with the crew’s watches all reading 30 seconds to go we were on the line moving with no one around. So we crossed the line with full speed exactly 5 minutes after the first class had started. But, no one was starting with us. OH OH! What was going on? And our class flag was still up. Well, we all know that the sailing instructions, and notices provided at the skippers meeting are always an important part of racing, and that holds true in the Challenge Cup. I was at the skipper’s meeting, and



## Sapphire

listened to everything said, and only later in the race did my brain cells connect and I remember that there was a one minute break between the start of one class and the warning signal of the next. BIG mistake. Maybe the first but not last skipper error.....

Luckily, the pin end of the line was favored, so a quick jibe around and a tack close to the line found Sapphire at the pin end with full speed at the gun, with the rest of the fleet on our weather hip. A great and exciting beginning for us despite the timing screw-up, as we had position and speed, and boats to windward had to tack off to the right. After sailing upwind for a while we found ourselves in the top of the fleet, trading the lead with My Sharonna, the J111 out of Pensacola YC. But before we reached the first mark, the wind began to die out. When about 200 yards from the weather mark, we tacked over to fetch the mark, and then got caught in lighter air and an adverse current. We watched as the boats we had been leading found a convenient puff and lift to the mark. We struggled to the mark, and then wind shifted and the next two legs of the shortened course were "follow the leader" reaches. So despite stellar crew work, we settled for a 5th in class. And for the TYC goal, we finished ahead of Final Finale 2 Again (Gulfport YC), our competition in the 3 boat fleet.

The wind that day never did come up, and after floating around for a couple of hours, the races were called for the day with only one race in.

Saturday brought news of the developing storm in the lower gulf, and fresh breezes for racing. All three races were similar for Sapphire that day, except for the starts. First, the starts....., all 3 starts that day were some of the most intense and exciting sailing I have done in many years. Every boat had experienced skippers, and you had to be aggressive at the starts or you would be buried in the back of the pack. In the first race, the line was square, and we held our position close to the boat end of the line. Coming in close to the Committee boat, I thought I

would be over the line, but with 5 seconds to go a space opened up enough for Sapphire to fall off and run the line. We hit the line with speed and clear air, although out of fear of being early I was a little late turning up. The second and third starts were not so easy.

In the second race, the line was clearly boat end favored, we worked our way close to the committee boat, and with 10 seconds to go Lesson # 1 (SYC) tried to squeeze in between us and the boat. Mark encouraged me to close them off, which I did only half heartedly, but enough to cause Lesson # 1 to stall at the start, but I left them room to get in. (The adrenaline sure starts to flow when my new (to me) 15,000 lb. boat is ready to bump a 20,000 lb. boat.) We took off with boat speed, and they had to immediately tack for clear air.

The third start was in conditions similar to the second, except I completely mis-judged the line. I thought the line was square, but it was WAY boat favored, and we and three other boats, including Lesson # 1 and Man-O-War (Mobile YC), got squeezed out. We had to tack away from the line and jibe back, starting at the back of the class a minute late. I learned something on that start, I hope I remember it.

In each of the three races on Saturday, we found Sapphire to have good boat speed to windward with Mark calling tactics placing us in the right place. However, off the wind, I sailed the boat slower than the boat is capable of probably caused by my lack of recent experience with a symmetrical Spinnaker (I am too used to my trimaran, powering up downwind generating apparent wind and moving fast). I noticed that on most of the downwind legs that Juggernaut (Pont YC) sailed much lower and faster, often passing us on the downwind legs while we passed them upwind. But Juggernaut was skippered by Dave Bolyard, taking only a little of the sting out of it.



## Sapphire

### THE MOBILE YACHT CLUB TROPHY

The TYC team went to the Challenge Cup with the goal to win the three boat class, which consisted of TYC, Gulfport YC and Biloxi YC. At the end of day one, we were in second, only a few points out, behind GYC but ahead of BYC. That gave the TYC team encouragement, if each boat on the team took care of its own class, then we could win. And that is exactly what each boat did. The Gotcha Team took 2 out of three races against both boats in its class, and Kokopelli and Sapphire bested their competition in all three races. TYC won the three boat class and the Mobile Yacht Club Trophy, to be displayed in the club for the next year. GREAT JOB TEAM.

Extra Special congratulations needs to go out to Kyle and the beach boys team on Kokopelli, they went to extraordinary efforts to get Kokopelli to PCola prepared to race despite all odds against them. I don't know if any other group of sailors would have even tried, much less succeeded. Without their efforts there would not have been a TYC Team.

And more kudos to our C Class Champions Gotcha for their excellent winning performance in the Gulfport to Pensacola Race. Just finishing that race was an accomplishment, but winning, superb!

One more thanks, to Mark Palermo for both spearheading the Sapphire crew and for giving me an excellent introduction to my new boat, cutting months off of the learning curve. I can't wait to see what boat he chooses as the next "Sapphire".

### P.S. THE CRUISER

Now I am ready to take a leisurely cruise back from Pensacola with my loving and long enduring Beth. Salon cushions and table are going on the boat, maybe even the BBQ grill.

Wayne Jablonowski



# Challenge Cup

## Gotcha

TYC wins the Mobile Trophy at the 44th annual Offshore Challenge Cup.

This is a GYA three day, seven race series, which alternates between Gulfport Yacht Club and Pensacola Yacht Club. All GYA clubs from Texas to Florida are eligible to participate. Each club enters a team of three or four boats, competing in Performance Handicap Rating Formula classes....Sport Boat-A, B, C and D, with handicap ratings of 15 to 213 seconds per mile. After each race, individual finishes are computed, and each team is scored with their three best finishes, allowing a throw-out for each of the four boat teams. All teams compete for this overall trophy, but the three boat teams also compete against each other as a separate division, with no throw-out, for the Mobile Trophy.

Due to tropical storm Debby, this year's event, hosted by Pensacola Yacht Club, had to be shortened to only four races

TYC entered SAPHIRE in B class, GOTCHA in C class and KOKOPELLI in D class. We did not enter a fourth boat in the Sport Boat A class. The following is a synopsis of the weekend on board Dr, Echenique's Tarten Ten, GOTCHA, our C boat entry:

By the time we chose GOTCHA for our C class boat, we only had a few light air Wednesday nights and Sundays to get the boat up to speed. We re-tuned the mast and attempted to go through sail selection to determine just what makes the boat point and go fast. We did speed testing and tacking drills with KoKopelli, which helped us expose some of our weaknesses. After changing some of the running rigging and the spinnaker launching procedure, we were ready to go. Dr. Vick with Jarred, Jacob, Chris, Mark, Tom Smith and Desiree sailed GOTCHA in

the survival test that was the Gulfport to Pensacola race, finishing first. With the boat now in Pensacola and a clean bottom, courtesy of Tom Smith, we were ready for battle.

Looking over the C class competition before the start, the favorites appeared to be the J30 Zephyr for NOYC, The Melges 20 for SYC, the J29 SUPERDUCK for PYC and MOONGLADE the Pearson Flyer for MYC. However, our main focus would be on the two class C three boat entries, PIRAHHA the B25 for GYC and MADNESS the S2-9.1 for BYC.

The first race on Friday was a light air slug-fest, with boats trading positions depending on location, location, location. Although we were in good company with SUPERDUCK, MOOONGLADE AND MADNESS close at hand, a dying wind and adverse current proved to be all of our downfalls. We finished ninth in a ten boat fleet. Unfortunately, PIRAHHA finished first and MADNESS sixth. Additional racing was called when the wind refused to materialize by late afternoon.

Race two started Saturday morning in moderate conditions. Although we appeared to fare better, the final results proved that we were not up to speed as of yet. SUPERDUCK won, with the Melges 20 only seconds behind. We were close to ZEPHYR AND MOOONGLADE all day, but couldn't push out ahead, finishing a disappointing eighth place. However with both PHIRAHHA and MADNESS in ninth and tenth, we were satisfied with the results.

The wind was building as race three started and we felt comfortable with our positioning at the first leeward mark. However, as we approached the turning mark, the spinnaker jammed at the top of the mast and no amount of pulling or effort seemed to



## Gotcha

set it free. With Tommy and Chris pulling hard, Kevin directing and the media boat frantically snapping pictures we continued to sail downwind while the rest of the fleet proceeded upwind. When we finally were able to free and drop the sail we were at the back of the fleet with a lot of catching up to do. The Melges 20 finished first with SUPERDUCK second and MOONGLADE third. We again finished eighth. Although ZEPHYR led through most of the race, she had her own problems and finished ninth, while PIRAHHA finished tenth and MADNESS seventh.

The fourth race, which turned out to be the final race, started with winds in the upper teens and gust in the twenties. This proved to be GOTCHA's liking. We rounded the first mark just behind SUPERDUCK, who appeared to be in first place. (We are still not sure of just where the Melges 20 took the lead, as we lost track of her for the entire race). We held this position close to SUPERDUCK all the way around to the final turning mark, with MOONGLADE AND ZEPHYR closing fast. The final downwind leg to the finish saw MOONGLADE pass us and ZEPHYR fall further behind. The Melges 20 took first, MOONGLADE second, SUPERDUCK third, GOTCHA fourth and ZEPHYR fifth. Good news, MADNESS finished seventh and PIRAHHA ninth. Our fourth place finish was significant, helping the TYC team to move to the top of the three boat division. Going from a seven point deficit to a five point lead.

At 6PM Saturday the race committee informed the fleet that they intended to start at least one race Sunday, weather permitting. When Sunday morning arrived, Tropical Storm Debbie had intervened and all racing was canceled.

I believe it was the same all over the race course, but in the C class, the competition was fierce. Lots of lead changes, close mark roundings and really good

sailing and racing. SYC won in overall class C and also won the overall GYA Championship. But the three TYC boats also accomplished our primary goal and won the Mobile Trophy for the best three boat team.

Sitting back and watching from the helm, I can confirm that the crew work on GOTCHA was exceptional. I can't say enough for how well and near flawlessly they worked together. Kevin Blank, with Tom Collins and Chris Darkshani on the bow. Jarred Brennan on the spinnaker and genoa trim. Desiree Young working the pit. Jay Toncrey on main and tactics and Dr. Victor Echenique working the pole and checking speed. With such exceptional crew work, I can't help but feel that we should have done better, but I guess we did enough.

Kenny LaNata

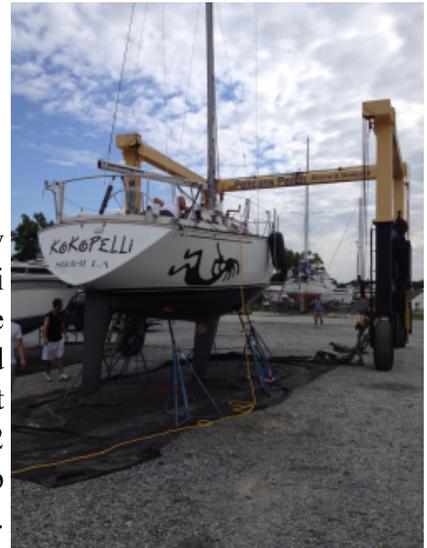




Tom, Desiree, and Victor show off Gotcha's trophies for Winning first to finish as well as first correct in C-Class of the Gulfport to Pensacola Race.



Kyle secures the fixed prop on Kokopelli solidifying his entrance in D-Class for Challenge Cup.



Kyle and the crew of Kokopelli worked up to the gun repairing and prepping the boat for the 2012 Challenge Cup Race in Pensacola.



Challenge Cup participants enjoyed the support of other TYC members during the weekend of racing.



Between races on Gotcha during the 2012 Challenge Cup Race





The TYC Challenge Cup team takes home the first place trophy for a three boat club.

TYC members came together to wish Victoria farewell as she moves on to her next life chapter.



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