

Tammany Yacht Club **Spy Glass**



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May 2019

Sailing Photo of the Month





Commodore's Corner

Larry Whited

The Bill Watson Memorial WedNite Spring Series II has commenced. There are now two fleets (spinnaker and non-spin). Come out and watch the race in your power boat or hitch a ride with one of the participants. If you want a ride, just be at the TYC dock by 5:50pm. Also mark on your calendar the TYC opening Regatta, May 5. Even if you're not a sailor, come to the club and celebrate Cinco de Mayo. There may be a margarita in your future. Check the Club Calendar on the web site for all the events we have scheduled.

We had a terrific Birthday/Steak night in April. Over 50 epicurean devotees enjoyed sumptuous filets, ribeyes, salmon and tuna. Thanks to Head Steak Chef, Tom Smith, gilling over 30 steaks at the same time on one grill. Laura Curtis and Tiffany Lane kept all the adult beverage glasses full – no easy task. Brenda McCoy did her usual superb job of pulling the all the salad, fixings, and desserts together and then serving the hungry horde. Yours truly filled in for Sandy Stone and grilled the salmon. I also did the tuna steaks sous vide style. It was one of the best tuna steaks I have ever had if I say so myself. I may try a sous vide salmon serving next month if there's any interest. If you haven't attended this monthly event recently, you're missing out. Just sign up at the club or reply to the email flyers we send out. If you don't tell us you're coming, we won't have anything for you to eat!

Steve Jones was our sole Birthday member in attendance, so he was the single recipient of the TYC chorus of Happy Birthday.

We were fortunate to have TYC Member #1 in attendance at Steak Night. Guy Geller – our first Commodore and Founding Father and his wife Pat entertained and educated many of us with their recollections of the early days of TYC. It turns out, according to Pat, that pre-TYC she and Guy were living on their boat in Bayou Liberty Marina. Every Friday, many of the "local boat dwellers" would come to THEIR boat for snacks and drinks – as boaters (sailors especially) are wont to do. Eventually she "encouraged" Guy to entertain the idea of a formal yacht club. There's a lot more to this story as you may guess. I hope we have a chance to hear more of it. Guy has compiled a history of the club and excerpts will appear periodically in the Spyglass. I'm looking forward to reading them.



Commodore's Corner

Larry Whited

Part 2

The new TYC web site (still www.tammanyachtclub.org) should be online as you read this. We've added many new features and plan to update the site regularly to keep it fresh and timely. Thanks to Beverly Cummings and Kevin Blank for their efforts in this non-trivial task. Check it out. Let us know how you like it and what you would like to see posted. Also don't forget to look at the TYC Facebook page. You might see yourself.

The 2019 Sail Camp Registration and Medical Release forms are on the web-site. This is a GREAT program! Pass along the information to everyone you think might be interested.

Don't forget the Good Eats on Thursdays and the 2 for 1 specials on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5-7.

As always, you only get out of the Club what YOU put into it. See you there.

Larry Whited
TYC Commodore





Race Committee

Bobby Tassin

Race Committee by Bobby Tassin

WedNite sailing is mid-way and Spring Series I sponsored by The Jablonowski Law Firm is in the books: <http://tammanyachtclub.org/2019/WednesdayNightSpringSeries1/WednesdayNightSpringSeries1.html>

Wayne Jablonowski presented some sweet soft coolers embroidered by Mark Poole to the first two places in Spinnaker and four deep in Non-Spinnaker.

Thanks to the skippers and crew and again, Thank you to Mark and Gloria and Dodie, Beth, Red and Kathleen, Larry, Wayne J, Wayne S, Mark P, Kevin and Mike Parks and yours truly for WedNite and Two Against The Lake RC support.

The first race of Spring Series II was Wednesday, April 24th. Series II is sponsored by Blaize Charters:



<http://blaizecharters.com>

We will still have a Non-Spinnaker class with its own start and a fun triangle course. We will also have a Spinnaker class which will typically run WL2's. For these courses it is always best to have a second RC markset boat on the water to get it all set up as desired.



Race Committee

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Our next event is the TYC Opening Regatta, the kick-off for the Club Champion series. This is a series of five regattas through the year - Opening (usually April), May Day (usually May), Charter Day (late May, early June), Leen ("Lane") Polderman (Sept or Oct) and Commodore's (early November). The dates are planned ahead but subject to change and so **Sunday May 5th is the Opening Regatta**. These weekend events usually start at 10AM; we try to do three races; then head back to the club. For some of these regattas we have stuff at the club after - like May Day is usually the day of the Fleet Blessing and Crawfish Boil and sometimes we coordinate the Leen Polderman or Commodore's Regatta with a pig roast. Like the WedNite Series II, the TYC Club Champion series is also comprised of Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker divisions.

2019 TYC Sailing Calendar – upcoming events

April 24th – WedNite Spring Series II began (six week series)

May 5th – Opening Regatta*

May 25th – May Day Regatta* (followed by Blessing of the Fleet and Crawfish)

*TYC Club Champion Series Regatta

Here's to fair winds and following seas!





Hola Amigos!

TYC Opening Regatta & Cinco de Mayo

Regatta begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 5th.

Spinn and Non Spinn Divisions

Aiming for 3 races

Post race (2 - 5 pm) we will have a taco bar, queso, salsa, chips and tres les leches cake.

Come celebrate with us \$1 off Margaritas





TAMMANY YACHT CLUB



Bill Watson Memorial Wednesday Night Spring Series II
Spinnaker and Non-Spinn Divisions

Series II runs for six weeks every Wednesday
April 24—May 29

Series II Sponsored by
Blaize Charters



Juniors

Sandy Stone

Thanks to the members who have donated time, energy and money to refurbishing the Optis. Please get in touch with me if you have signed up to DIY an Opti. The club would like for all Optis to be ready to launch at the Blessing of the Fleet on May 25.

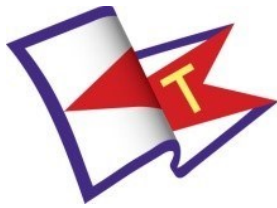
The countdown to Sail Camp is in full swing. Instructors are lined up and registration is in progress.

Anyone with a few hours on their hands, all help is appreciated. A volunteer to stay in the club and be available for emergencies allows all of the instructors to be on the water teaching the campers.

We look forward to another fun year watching the kids learn new skills and test their previous experience.

Safety first on the water—lifejackets save lives!





MEMBERSHIP: "IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY"

Our club will only be as good as we make it.

Great news, we have two new members approved at the last board meeting.

Please approach your friends, neighbors and relatives concerning membership.

If you sponsored a new member in the past year, when was the last time you went with them to the club?

Sustained membership is a constant task that needs attention.

This is a WE membership effort. Any and all suggestions are welcomed.

Thanks,

Dave Lemaire, Membership Chairman, 985-788-5301



Editor's Comments

Peggy Stone

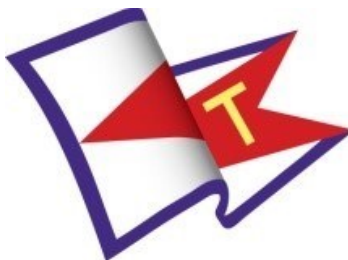
Once again, I must thank all of the people that have sent in pictures and articles. Dodie Jones is our on the water photographer and credit goes to her for the outstanding cover shot. Thanks to Kevin Blank for getting the Spyglass to your inbox.

If you and a group of fellow club members are out having dinner or celebrating a special occasion, be sure to have a picture taken and send it to spyglass. It is fun to see the activities our members are enjoying. Traveling on an adventure— send those pictures!

The month of April brought our sailors out on the water. The first spring series brought great evening conditions. There was not a weather cancellation during the series. Beautiful sunsets, full moons and some cool nights gave the sailors the opportunity to enjoy the midweek racing. Check out the action photos to feel the thrill of racing.

This month brings sad news to TYC. One of our founding members, Luis Tonizozo has passed away. Guy Geller has written a moving tribute to the skills of this remarkable sailor. Please be sure to take a few minutes to read Guy's article. I gained a better understanding of the formative years of our club. Our thoughts and prayers go to Luis's wife, Jeanne, and family.

Sail camp is one month away. If you have children, grandchildren or neighbors with interested kids, sign up is under way. The website has all of the information necessary. I have included a few extra tidbits for those not familiar with the program.



A life well lived!

To those who knew Captain Luis Tonizzo it saddens me to tell you that Saturday (4/20/19) I received information that he passed away from a heart attack on Good Friday. Luis was a founding member of TYC. He put Tammany Yacht Club on the world sailing map by competing in the 1980 OSTAR (Observer Single Handed Transatlantic Race) and later in the 1984 OSTAR where he won Class IV. Slidell attorney Jim Bates, also a TYC member competed in the 1984 OSTAR and placed third in Class IV.

Luis, a professional ship's Captain, sailed his Dufour 27 named Egret from Slidell to Newport, RI to Plymouth, England to qualify as a competitor in the 1980 OSTAR from England back to Newport. The shortest great circle route if attainable is 2810 nautical miles. He finished in 33 days, 5 hours and 25 minutes, placing seventh in Class J. He received numerous accolades for his successful finish including a proclamation from the Louisiana Secretary of the Senate representing the Governor.

TYC did not yet have a bona fide club house so the presentation was made from the bed of a pickup truck on the side of Liberty Marine by then founding Commodore Guy Geller. During his acceptance speech Luis Tonizzo vowed he would build a 35 foot boat, compete in 1984 and win Class IV. He did both; winning his class in 20 days, 23 hours 40 minutes! Jim Bates finished 3rd in 22 days, 18 hours and 9 minutes aboard Big Shot, a modified J35. TYC, the up-start little yacht club on the Bayou did very well among world class single handed sailors in boats of up to 56 feet. Luis was credited with the shortest route traveled of the 91 boats that started the race.

Luis Tonizzo was born in Argentina, attended the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy in KingsPointe, NY. He was the Navigator on numerous ships traveling the world while honing his skills. When not aboard ships, he lived in Slidell with his parents until he and Guy Geller (Rusty) managed to pay for an apartment on Bayou Bonfouca until Rusty married his high school sweetheart. Luis traveled all of the oceans on Merchant Ships and rose to the rank and responsibility of Ship's Captain. He and his wife Jeanne owned and operated the SilkRoad Trading Company, Inc. on Front Street specializing in Oriental rugs and memorabilia. They moved to Maine a number of years ago where Jeanne still resides. While there Luis suffered a number of health problems which he defeated to return to the sea which he loved.

His demise came about as he was docking a ship during a tremendous storm; the successful docking completed he suffered a heart attack and died at the age of 72. Those who knew him will miss him: those who did not know him would have had a more complete life if they had.

Rest well dear friend!

Past Commodore
Guy Geller





Frequently Asked Questions

Sail Camp

Why does TYC hold sail camp?

Sail camp is the future of our club. You have heard this at every general membership meeting. Living in a waterfront community, sail camp gives children an opportunity to learn basic and advanced water safety skills as well as learn to sail. Sail camp is also a large contributor to the overall budget of TYC. For several years after Katrina, we did not have sail camp. It has been through the efforts and support of members that the camp has been reestablished.

Where is sail camp held?

The side yard is the storage yard for the sail camp boats. The camp is held in the yacht club , the yard, and on the water—basin and lake.

What is the age for campers?

Campers as young as 7 have enrolled. The average age is 9-14. More info is to be found on the Tammany website.

How long is sail camp?

Each session runs for two weeks. We have three sessions.

Who teaches sail camp?

Instructors have completed a certification course as outlined by US Sailing.

The 40+ hour course is comprehensive as to instruction methods for all ages and abilities. This year we will have instructors that have come through the ranks in the Tammany Sail Camp program. Congratulations to these outstanding young sailors!





Pirate's Day in the Bay Come out and join the festivities. Friday and Saturday May 17th & 18th



TYC member Kevin Jordan has graciously offered his establishment "The Parrot Head Bar and Grill at the Bodega, 111 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, one block off the beach as a meeting place for TYC friends to hang out.

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 lil' buccaneers' parade, 11am
 craft vendors, 11am til 7pm
 pirate play zone*, 11am til 7pm
 costume contest, noon
 pirate cruise aboard the Betsy Ann Riverboat* 3pm til 5pm
 pirate invasion parade, 5:30pm
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Saturday, May 25, 2019



Opening Regatta

Blessing of the Fleet and

Crawfish Boil



Save the Date



Spring Series 1



Spring Series 1





Spring Series II

Race 1



Bill Watson Memorial Spring Series 1

Congratulations!



Class A Straight Jacket, Seduisant, Crazy Diamond

Class B Nightshift, Weather Witch, Windsome



**Happy Birthday to our
Former Commodore Steve Jones**



**happy
biRthday**



April Steak Night & Birthday Night



Steve gets all of the
Happy Birthday
Wishes!!



Life was meant for good friends and Great Adventures

Desiree, Victor, Sandy and Peggy visited the Annapolis Boat Show, Annapolis Yacht Club, Eastport Yacht Club and had the opportunity to congratulate the St. John's College Croquet Team at the famous Harry Browne's.





Upcoming Events

June 2019

June 3-14	Sail Camp Session1
June 7-9	Pontchartrain Landing Cruise by Land or Sea
June 8	Sawgrass Regatta New Orleans to Gulfport
June 14-16	Challenge Cup
June 21-22	Gulfport to Pensacola
June 17-28	Sail Camp Session 2

The upcoming months find TYC members gathering for events in and out of the club. Pirate's Fest in Bay St. Louis the weekend of May 17-19 is sure to be a great event. Look for TYC members at Parrot Head Bar and Grill at Bodega 111 Court Street in Bay St. Louis owned by TYC member and racer Kevin Jordan.

Pontchartrain Landing dates are June 7-9. Pontchartrain Landing bills itself as a unique Marina, Villa and RV Resort. There are many options for those without a boat or RV. Call them at (504)-286-8157 to discuss options suitable to your needs. From luxury campers for 2 to condos for couples, there is a unit to make your home away from home for the weekend. On site facilities include a pool, hot tub, restaurant, laundry, showers, and small provision store. The location is next to Seabrook Marine on France Road. Advanced reservations are required.





Sara Smith	5-01
David Bolyard	5-11
Mark Palermo	5-13
Frank Tounier	5-18
David Smith	5-19
Carole Guillio	5-22
Beth Conyers	5-25
Kevin Blank	5-28
Julie Bolyard	5-30
Jan Pecunia	5-30
Nigel Beale	5-31



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May 31, 2019

7:30 pm



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Beef Rib eye, Tuna or Salmon \$20 members; \$25 nonmembers

Potato and Salad only \$8

Salad only \$6

Child's plate \$8

Entrees include potato, salad, mushrooms, rolls and dessert.

Dinner Bell rings at 7:30





May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	
			Good Eats 6:30			
			Happy Hour 5-7	Happy Hour 5-7	Happy Hour 5-7	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Opening Regatta				Good Eats 6:30		
Cinco de Mayo				Rental	Rental	Rental
				Happy Hour 5-7	Happy Hour 5-7	Happy Hour 5-7
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day		Board of Directors 7 pm		Pirate Fest	Pirate Fest	Pirate Fest
			Bay St Louiis			
			Good Eats 6:30			Rental
			Happy Hour 5-7	Happy Hour 5-7	Happy Hour 5-7	Happy Hour 5-7
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Rental						Regatta
				Good Eats 6:30	Rental	Blessing of the Fleet
			Happy Hour 5-7	Happy Hour 5-7	Happy Hour 5-7	Crawfish Boil
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Bilge Poker Run	Memorial Day				Steak Night 7:30	
				Happy Hour 5-7	Happy Hour 5-7	



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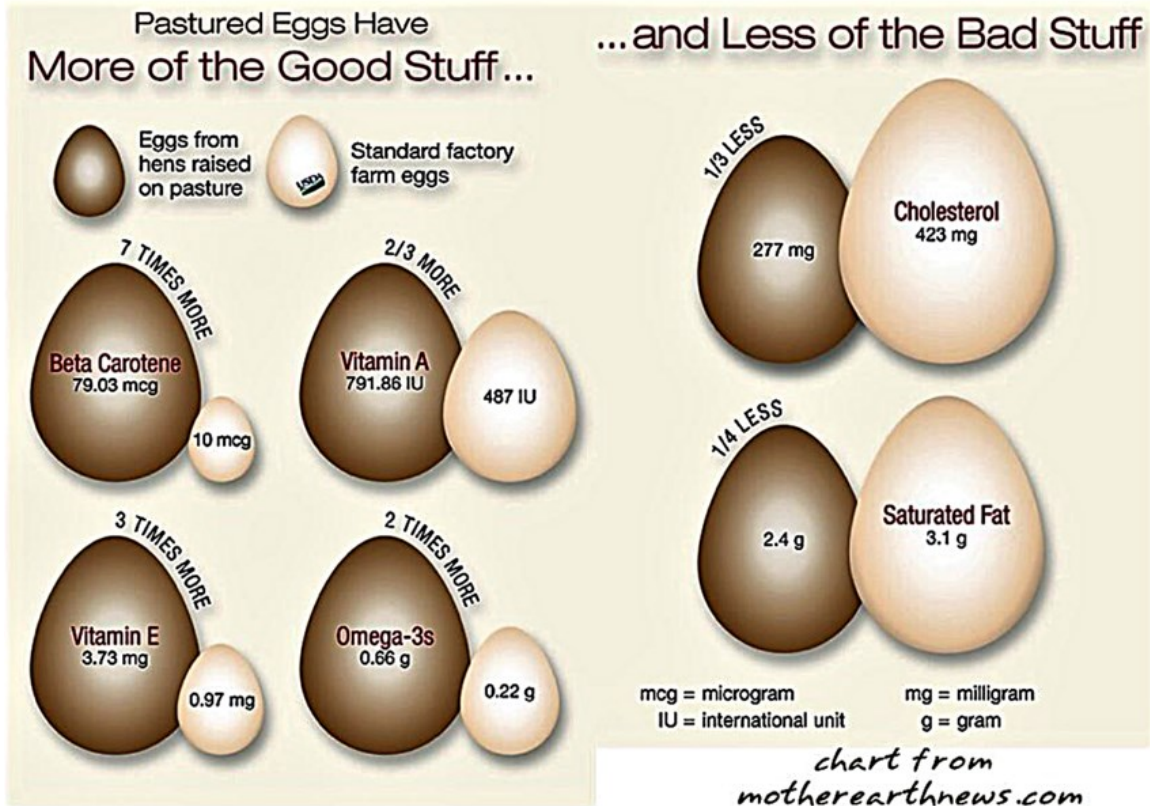


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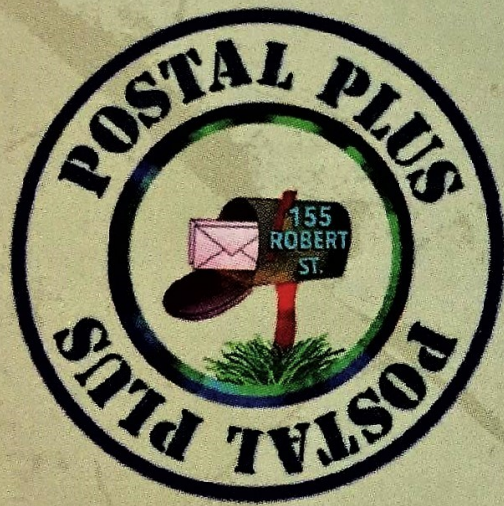
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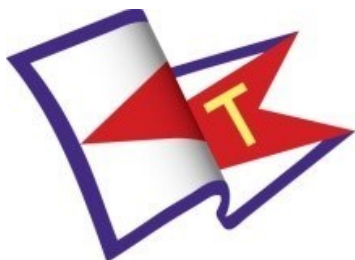
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