

Tammany Yacht Club

Spy Glass



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BEAUTIFUL SUNSETS FROM THE BALCONY



Picture courtesy of Linda Phillips



Commodore's Corner

Michelle Rabalais



As some of you may or may not know, Michelle has had some very serious health battles over the last several weeks and months. Please continue to keep Michelle and Vincent in your thoughts and prayers as they adjust to these new challenges in their lives.

In her temporary medical recess, our Vice Commodore Nick has taken over as acting Commodore while Michelle continues to heal. Please be patient with the temporary upset that is happening whilst we get administrative business under control and powers are temporarily shifting.

With that being said, we are always seeking volunteers for other committees and positions. If you have any extra time and are willing to step up and help out, please reach out to Nick. Our board is working overtime right now pulling our club together to make it as spectacular as ever. It can only be done with good leaders and good members willing to step up and volunteer.

On a very sad note, our bartender Zach has experienced an extremely devastating loss of his beloved two year nephew, Preston Ordone. His sister and brother-in-law were severely injured as well. Please, please, please keep Zach and his entire family in your thoughts and prayers as well. A Go-Fund-Me account (Support Katelynn and Jaelan's Healing Journey) has been set up to help the family during this horrible time of loss and heartache.



Vice Commodore's Corner

Nick Colletti



Dear TYC members:

As Acting Commodore, I want to assure everyone that we will stay the course and continue moving forward with confidence and commitment. Our leadership team remains strong, and we are focused on maintaining stability and momentum.

On behalf of all of us, I want to extend our heartfelt wishes to Commodore Michelle for a full and speedy recovery. We look forward to welcoming her back when the time is right.

Also, be on the lookout for upcoming events—there are some exciting things on the horizon, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Fair winds and following seas,

Nicholas Colletti/sg

Vice Commodore / Acting Commodore



House Manager

Patty Heindel Smith



Patty Smith has taken over as our House Manager - Congratulations Patty!

This is a very important position, as Patty has the duty of oversight of daily operations of the goings on behind the bar and assisting in planning of weekly events. Any suggestions for new drinks and events can be directed to her.

Please be courteous to all board members and volunteers. Sometimes it can be a very thankless job and at times can be a difficult position to handle. If you are not aware, Patty is a court stenographer for the Jefferson Parish Court system. Her day job comes with a hefty workload and so does being House Manager. We are always looking for members to help and volunteer when their schedules allow. I'd like to also mention that there is a lot of manhours put in by the board members and committee members to plan special events. Participation is highly appreciated and help is always welcome. Especially with setting up and dismantling/cleaning up afterwards.

As a tidbit Patty and Tom were married January 9th down in Key West, Florida. The ceremony was held on the beach at sunset. Their elopement was crashed by 18 others for their destination wedding. All attendees are members of TYC. We had an absolute blast on the trip and made wonderful memories. Kathleen and Red Schwab had an extra memento - poor Kathleen tripped and fell the morning of the wedding. She broke her arm in multiple places and her and Red spent that day at the ER. Upon returning back to Slidell, she did have to undergo surgery to repair her arm and wrist. She is much better now.

Thanks again Patty for stepping up and helping out!!!



Race Committee/LPRC Chairman

Dr. Bobby Tassin



TYC Racing - Dr. Bobby Tassin

TYC Mark Coordinates:

"T" — N 30° 10.923 / W 89° 50.099

"Y" — N 30° 11.238 / W 89° 49.372

"C" — N 30° 11.902 / W 89° 49.247

Oak Harbor/Eden Isles Channel Marker 1 — N 30° 12.640 / W 89° 48.034

Juniors Sail Camp: Online registration is now available through our website.

Sailing calendar:

WedNite Spring Series 2: 4/23 through 5/28 inclusive

Race to the Coast: June 14 - 15

GYA Offshore Challenge Cup: June 20 - 22

Gulfport to Pensacola: June 27 - 28

WedNite Fall Series: Skippers Meeting 8/27; Races 9/3 through 10/8 inclusive

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LPRC

Please recall what you volunteered for in 2024 as in 2025, TYC is the host club and we will have the regatta ending here. The fleet will sail over to TYC on Saturday for the "big" party and trophies, race at TYC on Sunday and return for another party and final trophy presentation. This year is the 40th anniversary of LPRC and as the anchor/host club for the event let us all pitch in again to make it special.

Recall that as a member of TYC, you have reciprocal privileges to visit any GYA yacht club. Policies vary by club and by event, so when planning a visit, call ahead for details.

<https://www.gya.org/member-clubs/>

Fair winds and follow seas!





TYC Summer Sailing Program

Parents – This summer, get your kids away from the Video games and YouTube Videos. They can be outdoors with other kids learning a lifelong skill and a fun, non-impact sport that promotes both teamwork and self-reliance. Girls participate on an equal footing with boys. See the smiles on their faces when they learn they can control a boat by themselves using only the wind, and see the boost in their self-confidence that extends into all areas of their life, including school.

Kids – Come get out on the water, splash around, make new friends, and learn something really different. And have FUN doing it! It's not hard, any kid that wants to can learn. By the end of the session, you can be sailing your own boat, playing water tag with the other kids. Bigger kids can learn how to race. (It's an Olympic event) No previous boating experience is necessary. Age limits are generally from 7 to 15. Kids should be in reasonable physical condition (a medical release form is necessary), be comfortable in and around the water, and know how to swim. They should provide their own life jacket, to make sure it fits well. The club provides the boats and other gear.

Each session is two weeks long,

Monday through Friday from 9 am – 4 pm

Sail Camp 2025 Sail Camp Dates are:

June 02-June 14 – Session One

June 16-June 27 – Session Two

July 07-July 18 – Session Three

Sail Camp Pricing:

Child/Family Member of TYC Member: \$450 / 2-week session

Non-Member: \$500 / 2-week session



Membership

Mark Phillips



During this year's membership drive in April, we gained ten (10) new members. Growth in our membership is very important for our club and we need new membership to help the club continue to flourish and to grow.

Please remember to wear your name tags and take the time out to get to know all the new members. Help spread the joy and comradery of our beautiful club. We have so much to offer and your continued support will secure the success of Tammany Yacht Club for years to come.

Please help me in welcoming all the following new club members:

Christy Roach

Larry and Carol Whited

William and Rita Floberg

Bobby and Cheri Baudier

Jack and Wendy Quillin

Judy and Denny Davis

Jim and Penelope Carrington

Mitchell Dixon

Joseph and Tina Redondo

John Breeden and Tara Doskey

Welcome

Thanks to all who helped raise our membership numbers this year!



TYC Annual Rodeo

Rene Marques & Mark Phillips



TYC held its annual fishing rodeo on Saturday, April 5th. It was another successful event and well attended, despite the inclement weather.

The winners of this year's rodeo was Larry Wagner in our adult division and Dean Walter was our youth division winner, with a clean sweep on all three of our youth divisions - heaviest redfish, heaviest trout, and heaviest other species! Way to go!! A big congratulations to our two winners.

I want to give a big thank you to all club members and volunteers that helped with all stages of planning and preparing and setting up for this big event. It takes plenty of manhours to make the rodeo a reality and we could not do it without all of the help. Another huge shoutout to the rodeo sponsors who helped make the rodeo a fun and successful event as well.

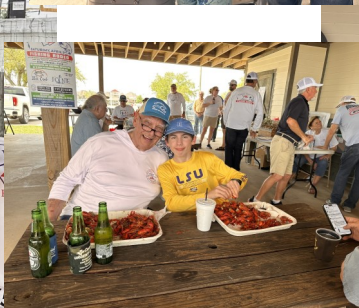
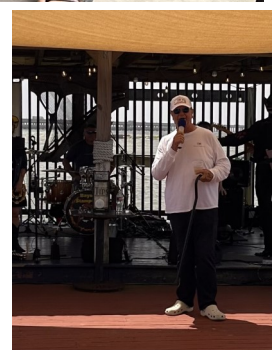
After expense expenditures, the rodeo was able to make \$8,000! This is a club sponsored event and is a fund raiser that supports the Wish to Fish Foundation. We will be donating \$4,000 to the Wish to Fish Foundation on TYC's behalf.

A very special thank you to the Blue Crab. They did a great job working with us and hosting this event. They also supplied the boiled crawfish **FREE** of charge.

Please continue to patronize all of our sponsors when possible. Without them and their support, we would not be so fortunate.

Information for next year's event will be posted when we have the details.









Entertainment

Kentucky Derby



TYC
KENTUCKY DERBY

PARTY & EXTRAVAGANZA **SATURDAY, MAY 3RD**

CLUB OPENS AT 1 PM
BLESSING OF THE FLEET AT 2PM
CRAWFISH RACE AT 2:30PM

Decorated Derby Hat Contest
Special prize for best decorated hat!

50/50 Raffle
Play for your chance to win \$\$!

Free Boat Safety Inspections by the Coast Guard Auxiliary

Afterwards, we'll keep the party going with a guest DJ & dancing!

Congratulations to our beautifully decorated Derby Hat Contests winners:
Nancy, Adrienne and Mary



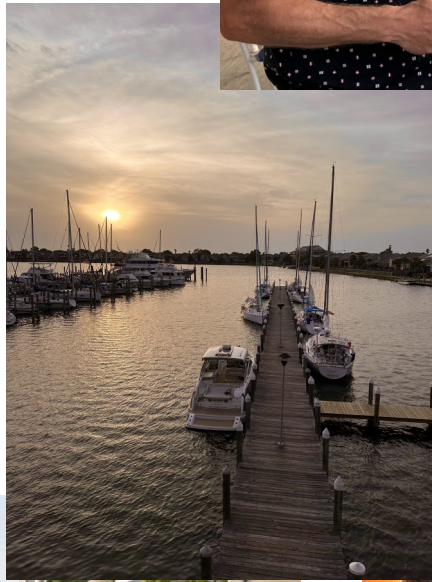
Entertainment

Crawfish Boil - April 18th

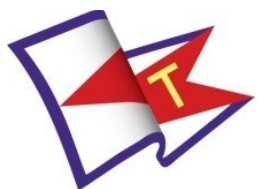


Wednesday Sail Night with CSA Group

May 14th



**Membership growth is so important
for our club and we would like to
recognize our newest members**



“WELCOME ABOARD”

Christy Roach

Larry and Carol Whited—Returning members

William and Rita Floberg

Bobby and Cheri Baudier—Returning members

Jack and Wendy Quillin—Returning Members

Denny and Judy Davis

Jim and Penelope Carrington

Mitchell Dixon

Joseph and Tina Redondo

John Breeden and Tara Doskey



I spy a clue: Check out upcoming issues of the SpyGlass for short bios on our newest members and maybe some tidbits about some of our older members...



Memorial Day

Remembering Veterans



Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of summer season.

Memorial Day originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war - a tradition that began with a World War I poem written by a World War I brigade surgeon who was struck by the sight of the red flowers growing on a ravaged battlefield.



"In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



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Editor's Comments

Wendy Quillin



Ahoy all and welcome to the May issue of SpyGlass.

I am Wendy Quillin and I have volunteered to undertake the position of editor - with zero experience, but ready to help make the SpyGlass fun and informative and a place to visit to remind us of all the good times at the Tammany Yacht Club.

As a little background grit, my husband Jack and I were previous members of TYC during the COVID years and met a lot of great people that have become great friends, some who have become more like family. We are glad to be back and look forward to making more friends.

To "spy" a little into my past, I was born and raised in St. Bernard Parish. We all know what Hurricane Katrina did to St. Bernard Parish, but Jack and I stayed and rebuilt our house. After realizing that our home town would never ever be the same, we made the decision to move to Slidell in November of 2010 to be closer to friends. We moved to Clipper Estates to enjoy the waterfront living, purchasing a pontoon boat to cruise the canals and the lake.

Jack and I have just celebrated our 21st wedding anniversary on May 5th. We have a blended family together which did consist of five children. We each lost a son in motorcycle accidents - Jack Jr. the day we married - 5/5/2004 and Justin a week after Mother's Day in 2011. Jack Jr. was 19 and Justin was 21. One daughter and her family live in Slidell and the other daughter in Mandeville. My son's family lives in Panama City Beach, Florida.

I worked as a paralegal and legal secretary for 20+ years. I have an Associates Degree and a Paralegal Certificate. I am also a licensed Louisiana Notary Public with statewide jurisdiction. Jack worked in the refining business for 42+ years before retiring in 2018. First at Murphy Oil Company, then ExxonMobil and then PBF Entergy. Now we spend our days doing whatever needs to be done - or just doing nothing, because we can. We enjoy boating, drinking too much, playing too hard, socializing and traveling in our motorhome. We also spend our time taking care of our elderly parents and their affairs. Jack's mom is 92 and lives at the Anderson Memory Care facility in Slidell. My parents are both 77 this year and live in Carriere, MS.



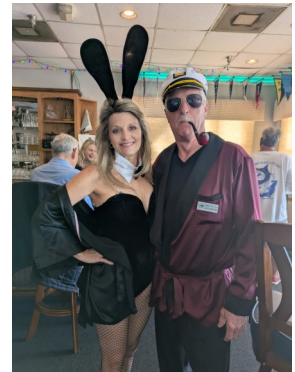


This is most of my family (left to right): Jack, his mom Ramona, grand-daughter Alex, and daughter Shelby; ME, my brother Joe, his wife Rachel, my mom Brenda, my son Josh, our son-in-law Jeff (Shelby's husband) and my dad Eddie in the front. (Picture is from November 2020)

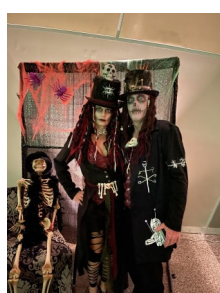


We have two of the cutest, sweetest and most spoiled rotten pups - Lucy and Buster - Maltese pups that are littermates. They will be three years old next month. Our lives revolve around these two little monsters and we would not change a thing. They travel everywhere we go in the motorhome.

We have a great group of friends in Slidell and we are constantly on the go. But there is always time to make more friends and make more memories. We are so happy to be back as part of the TYC. I look forward to celebrating the good times while also supporting those in times of need. My intent is to make the SpyGlass a little witty so that maybe members might actually read it because they never know what I will say or print...right??!! Sort of like when we showed up dressed like this for the Easter dinner in April...



Jack and I try to never turn down an invitation to go somewhere or try something new. We like to participate in special events and occasions and dressing up...as exhibited below...



For Jack and I, age is just a number and we are not planning on growing up any time soon!





Where every hour is a HAPPY HOUR when you are with good friends...

If you have not already done so, please sign up on the TYC website to receive updated information via email. This is the best way to stay up-to-date on upcoming events. An email blast is usually done on Tuesday or Wednesday regarding the Wednesday night races and the details about Tasty Thirsty Thursday weekly. A big shoutout to Beth for her awesome weekly emails and the special event flyers. I have some stiff competition there...

Join us every Thursday for Happy Hour beginning at 5:00pm, followed by "Tasty Thirsty Thursday" delicacies beginning at 6:30pm. Again, emails are the best way of staying up-to-date. You can also follow our Facebook page for weekly events and details.

For potluck TTT, you can bring a dish to share with at least 12 servings or pay \$10 per person. The Club opens at 5:00pm. Dinner is served at 6:30pm.

It's 5 o'clock somewhere!





STEAK NIGHT



Sunday, May 25th

Cocktails at 5:00 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Sign up by 8:00 pm on Thursday - **Reservations are required.***

Filet \$23, Rib Eye \$25, Tuna \$25, Salmon \$23

Potato and Salad only \$10

Salad only \$8

Child's plate \$10

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

Dinner Bell rings at 6:00

*Reserve on TYC website, at the bar or by phone.



In honor of Memorial Day...wear your **red**, **white** and **blue** colors



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that we can no longer allow walk-in/last minute purchases on steak night. This is because all meat/fish are purchased fresh to order for that night. Previously the club would order additional and freeze unconsumed meat/fish. I'm sure no one wants frozen meat/fish when the next steak night comes around. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.



May 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 TTT	2	3
4	5	6	7 WedNite Spring Series	8 TTT	9	10
11 Mother's Day 	12	13	14 WedNite Spring Series	15 TTT	16	17
18	19	20	21 WedNite Spring Series	22 TTT	23	24
25 Bilge Poker Run Steak Night	26 Memorial Day 	27	28 WedNite Spring Series	29 TTT	30	31



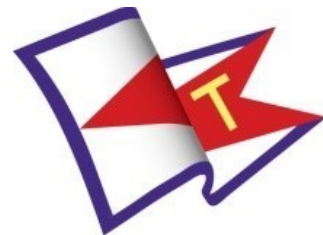
June 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5 TTT	6	7
	<i>Junior Sail Club - Session 1 (June 2 - 13)</i>					
8	9	10	11	12 TTT	13	14 <i>Race to the Coast</i>
	<i>Junior Sail Club - Session 1 (June 2 - 13)</i>					
15 <i>Race to the Coast</i>	16	17	18	19 TTT	20 <i>GYA Offshore Challenge Cup</i>	21
	<i>Junior Sail Club - Session 2 (June 16 - 27)</i>					
22 <i>GYA Off-shore Challenge Cup</i>	23	24	25	26 TTT	27	28 <i>Gulfport to Pensacola</i>
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29 <i>Gulfport to Pensacola</i>	30					



Upcoming Events



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Check for up-to-date events

If you have not already done so, please sign up on the TYC website to receive updated information via email. This is the best way to stay up to date on all upcoming events.

Krewe of Bilge Poker Run: Sunday, May 25

Steak Night: Sunday, May 25 ***Reservations ARE required***

Bingo Night: Saturday, July 12

Tasty Thirsty Thursday: Fish Fry: July 3

Hot Dogs Across America: July 4

Sailing Events:

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Session 3: July 7 - 18

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Single-Handed Race: Skippers meeting 10/3 and Race 10/4

****The club is open to members during rentals. Events subject to change without notice. *****





HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Christian Orfanello - 5/3

David Bolyard - 5/11

Terry Smith - 5/12

Mark Lambert - 5/17

Tony Bird - 5/20

Jim Bates Jr. - 5/22

Tyler Smith - 5/23

Keith Ponchot - 5/23

Rick Gunderson - 5/24

Beth Jablonowski - 5/25

Rene Marques - 5/27

John Maynard - 5/29

Julie Bolyard - 5/30

Jan Pecunia - 5/30

Nigel Beale - 5/31



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Commodore: Michelle Rabalais
Vice Commodore: Nick Colletti
Past Commodore: Rene Marques
Rear Commodore: Mark Phillips
Secretary: Patricia Heindel Smith
Treasurer: Robert 'Bryon' George
Members at Large: Beth Applewhite, Keith Boos, Dave Lander

Committee Chairs

House Chairman: Patty Heindel Smith
Juniors/Summer Camp: Dr. Bobby Tassin
Membership: Mark Phillips
TYC Entertainment: TBA
Finance: Tom Smith
Racing: Dr. Bobby Tassin
Cruising: TBA
Past Commodores' Council: Rene Marques
TYC Rodeo: Rene Marques, Mark Phillips

Other Key Volunteers

Chaplin: Michael Doucet
Fleet Surgeon: Dr. Bobby Tassin
GYA: Dr. Bobby Tassin
LPRC: Wayne Jablonowski,
Dr. Bobby Tassin, Wayne Sewing
SpyGlass: Wendy Quillin
Webmaster: Beth Applewhite



TYC CLUB HOURS

Monday/Tuesday: CLOSED
Wednesday: 5 - 10 P.M.
Thursday: 5 - 10 P.M.
Friday: 5 - 11 P.M.
Saturday: 5 - 10 P.M.
Sunday: 4 - 9 P.M.

**TYC reserves the right to
close early starting at 9:00
P.M. and on Holidays**

SPYGLASS

The deadline for submission to the SpyGlass is the 28th of each month. Please email your articles or photos to:

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