

TYC Elects New Officers - Newly Elected Commodore Shocked!

The photo says it all...



(from above, clockwise) Stephen Hollingsworth, as the new Commodore, addresses the club members present at the TYC Winter party. David Isom relinquishes command and assumes his place on the Board of Directors. The new officer corps for TYC: Bruce Cowin, Race Chair, Bill Mackenzie, Secretary/Treasurer, Theresa Hollingsworth, Vice Commodore, Stephen Hollingsworth, Commodore and Eric Smith, Board of Director
(photos by Da' Grimey)

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View From the Top

First and Foremost, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2006 season. This will be TYC's third year on Carlyle Lake and due to the efforts of our past Commodore, Officers BOD's, Marina Ownership and Charter Members, we have a firm foundation to work and grown upon. So, with that said, my first order of business would to personally thank everyone for all of their time and hard work. Everyone should be very proud of what we have created.

As the 2006 season approaches, my first priority as Commodore for TYC this year is to explore and define (details to follow) the true nature of this young club. There no doubt that we have the finest membership on the lake but there is no time like the present to show our newest members and other clubs why TYC is so special. With spring upon us and as you roam the marina, take notice of your fellow members working on their boats and offer a helping hand. I would also like to put this call out to all of our members. Over the last three years, there have been a few members (friends) that have given up their boating time to take care of TYC

and due to our cause, they may spend another year just catching up on much needed maintenance and repairs on their own personal boats. So, in the finest tradition of TYC, I ask everyone to donate some of their time and maybe pickup a sander or brush or just offer to fetch a cold beer and lets get these boats back into the water so we all can enjoy the summer together.

Social and Race Events! Your officers have been working hard preparing and scheduling events for TYC and I am excited to say that it looks like another active and fun year at TYC, so I encourage everyone to check the TYC web site often for updates and to mark your calendars.

Leukemia Cup! I would like to encourage the membership to take special notice this year and participate in the 2006 Leukemia Cup that takes place over Memorial Day weekend. In our efforts to fight this horrible illness that effects so many people, TYC will be taking a more active role this year and will be starting a campaign this spring to encourage participation among its membership. Please watch the TYC web site for news and updates and start soliciting sponsors for our first Annual Sail-Thon.

More to come....

Stephen M. Hollingsworth
Commodore, Tradewinds Yacht Club
SummerWind, Sail No 207

Next Up -
Fleet Day at West
Marine in St.
Charles March 26,
2006 Sunday
11 AM - 4 PM
10% off electronics
20% off balance of
store
Couple of Door
Prizes
Soft Drinks &
snacks

Sailing Definition:

Clew - an indication from the skipper that he might know what to do next...

2005 Tony Awards...

by Tony DiMercurio

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, honored guests, marina slumlords and all the ships at sea. Let's take note that a full year has gone by and we are still a group. The Tony Awards committee's annual combination nomination meeting, skin flick review and recital exam was held in a hollow tree in Dupo this year. Once again the banquet for past recipients was well attended with only about 100 or so former award winners absent. It was noted during the meeting that the frequency of Tony Award-quality incidents is on a dramatic rise. In response to this alarming trend, the Tony Awards committee has decided to create the Tony Scholarship Fund to help in training our sailors. To date, a total of eight pennies, one Canadian quarter and a ten peso piece have been collected and we thank the homeless for their generosity.

The first award this year goes to a previous winner in the same event that still hasn't learned. In early Spring, with the water too shallow my Miss-B-Haven was tied up at the power boat dock, the keel stuck in the mud so the boat acts like an anchor. But a trusted friend and sailor tells me not to fear, we can get her out – come on, it'll be fine! With the propeller throwing a cloud of mud and debris and tons of people on board with no food or water or BEER, Miss-B struggles forward for several yards until she finds another mud bank on the bottom. Try as I might and with lots of so-called help, my boat doesn't go anywhere until a fishing boat that was illegally fishing in the marina, pulls us out of the harbor, after many failed attempts, I might add. So with a muddy bottom, several stained pair of pants and the whereabouts of the new mud bank still unknown, we got my boat into her slip. With that, the "Cornfield Plowing" award goes to: **Dave Isom**.

My second award goes to an individual new on the Tony scene but has made such an impact on the committee that the



Tony awards himself a Tony Award, but has to accept on behalf of himself, as he was not there to receive it... (photo by Da' Grimey)



committee had to revive an old award method. I, of course, voted against this but was outvoted 1-0. Here is a list of this individual's accomplishments according to you people:

- Is the admiral of a fleet of derelicts and hurricane rollovers
- Walked off the end of his dock ogling the pretty girls
- Thought he ran out of gas and sailed back into the marina only to find out he really didn't run out of gas
- Raised a crushed beer can for a mast on his boat and spent the season with my anchor line wrapped around it.
- Almost losing the mast off a boat while it was in its cradle
- Wearing the ugliest green sailing gear we have ever seen.

There is no way I can afford enough material to present an award for each of these events, not to mention the potential for future awards. So we have revived the, do-it-yourself trophy affectionately named the, "Caution-Disaster Area" award. And **Todd Miller** is hereby directed to award himself this trophy yearly. Everyone is hereby reminded that there is a 500 foot "Do Not Enter" danger zone around Todd.



Remember that there is a 500 foot "Do Not Enter" danger zone around Todd (photo by Da' Grimey)

The third award is presented to a new and upcoming sailor who has showed a lot of promise for making a lot of fun at him in the future. It seems while racing in the Leukemia Cup Regatta, he managed to unknowingly cause a protestable collision between two other boats which brought him immediate attention from the Tony committee, not to mention the rest of the lake. In response to helping to put Tradewinds on the map, so to speak, we not only elected

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Hello all, just a quick introduction from your new secretary/treasurer. My name is Bill MacKenzie and along with my wife Anne, we own Annie's Song on F dock. She is an O'day 25. As the new treasurer, I just wanted to remind everyone that the Tradewinds Yacht Club dues are \$40.00 per family and are due by March 1st. Please mail your application or renewal form along with your check made out to Tradewinds Yacht Club to me at 12617 Big Bend RD. Kirkwood, MO. 61322. This year the Racing fees, like last year, will be collected the morn-

ing of the race by me or someone assigned by me if I can't attend. Hopefully, I will make all of the races. The race fee is still \$10.00 for our local prhf races. The fees for the lake wide racing events will be determined at a later date. Please watch for the flyers. Also like previous years, the costs to attend special dinners or parties at the lake will need to be sent to my address in Kirkwood. I'm really looking forward to getting my boat wet again, winning races (dreaming) and meeting new and old friends at the best marina on the lake. Also, I am going to change my name to Will if I hear anything like, "Oh No, here comes DOLLAR BILL" or "THE BILL COLLECTOR!" Thanks.

Bill MacKenzie

Race Deck

A note from the 2006 Race Committee Chairman:
 First thing, I want to say is thank you for nominating and electing me to be the Race Chair (RC) for 2006. I feel very privileged to be voted into this position, and thank you all for having the confidence in me to do the job. You already know that I will do my very best.

This is something I've never done before, I have a lot to learn, and hope you will all hang in there with me and support the race program. Thorsten has provided a bunch of material he collected over the past couple of years while he was RC, and that gives me a great starting point for planning the 2006 program. Please feel free to provide any suggestions and tell me what you would like to see the race program be, and what you would like to get out of it. I have a couple of ideas formulating already – like a practice day for race starts. Race starts can be an intimidating situation,



Bruce Cowin, our newly elected Race Chair accepts his "Demolition Derby" Tony Award... (photo by Da' Grimey)

there's so much to think about and concentrate on **while at the same time avoiding collisions.**

I want to also thank Thorsten for doing such a fine job as RC. He put this thing to-

gether for our new yacht club, the new marks, flags, skippers meetings, and etc. He did a great job of scheduling the races, including the other yacht clubs, and keeping us notified of lake wide race opportunities. Thorsten is a great example of what the RC should do and be, and besides that I really like the way he says "schpinaker". Though he will be a tough act to follow, I plan to do much of those same things.

You may already know that I have a strong passion for sailing, cause I'm out my slip and on the lake as often as I possibly can be. I've found that participating in the race program just for fun, for the experience, and to build my sailing skills is the attitude that has worked well for me. That way, even if though I've never made a first place finish, I got out of it what I expected to, and I thoroughly enjoyed every minute. I consider myself very lucky because my wife also shares the same passion for sailing, and is the best crew I could ever expect. I want the 2006 race season to be great fun, a great experience, and a sailing skill builder for everyone (including the wives).

I encourage everyone at the Trade Winds marina to give the 2006 Race Program a try, new sailors as well as the old salty dogs (and you know who you are). It has been a very rewarding experience for me, and I know it will be for you too.

Sincerely, **Bruce Cowin**



Thorsten Schaeette presents the TYC Race Chair Flag to the NEW TYC Race Chair, Bruce Corwin (photo by Da' Grimey)

2006 Race Schedule

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| April 29th - Race Clinic | June 3rd - TYC Race #3 | September 9th - TYC Race #7 |
| May 13th - Sail-A-Thon | June 17th - TYC Race #4 | September 23rd - TYC Race #8 |
| May 20th - TYC Race #2 | July 15th - TYC Cup | October 7th - TYC Race #9 |
| May 27/28 - LCR | August 12th - TYC Race # 6 | October 21st - TYC Race #10 |

Are you ready for the 2006 sailing season at TYC? The 2006 race series will be starting very soon, with our first race scheduled for May 13th. So it's time to get that sander and bottom paint going, so you can get some practice in before race day.

This will be a fun activity for all yacht club members, those new to sailing, and those seasoned old salts. And, you can build and improve your sailing skills at the same time.

Here is "what's new" for the 2006 race season;

- Spring & Fall Series
- More Reverse PHRF starts
- Crew Sign-up Sheet
- "Make-up" race schedule
- Committee Boat Volunteer Sign-up Sheet

On April 29th there will be a race clinic in the morning, and an afternoon of practice starts. We plan to cover all sorts of related topics such as racing rules, start sequence, using a hand

bearing compass, what is a PHRF, and racing strategies. Everyone that races their boat needs to complete the race declaration form and turn it in to me. Everyone's PHRF will be calculated based on what you've declared. There are many ways to participate even if you don't want to race using your boat. I'm posting a Crew Sign-up Sheet on the bulletin board at the marina. You will build sailing skills, make new friends, and have fun at the same time. I'm also posting a sign-up sheet for participants to volunteer for Race Committee boat duty. It would be very impressive if everyone that participates would also volunteer. Stephen has posted the race schedule in the Race Deck page on the yacht club web site. I've arranged our race schedule such that there shouldn't be any conflict with the various lake wide races like the Leukemia Cup Regatta. If you have any questions about the 2006 race program, please feel free to contact me.

Email – pplashfive@aol.com, phone 314-315-3026.

- Bruce

2005 Racing Winners!



Drwain Springer is awarded the TYC 2005 Race Season 1st Place Award



Thorsten & Ulli Schaeffe are awarded the TYC 2005 Race Season 2nd Place Award



Bill Mackenzie is awarded the TYC 2005 Race Season 3rd Place Award

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Bruce Cowin the new TYC Race Chair but also award him the, **“Demolition Derby Cup” Tony** award.

The fourth award winner tonight is definitely no stranger to this award as everyone here knows. Not only is he guilty of repeated acts of idiocy such as this but also from depending upon people like you for advice. Many of you people convinced him that the lake was high enough to haul his boat and he was stupid enough to listen, until that is, the pig ran aground 100 feet from the haul out pit. Even a energetic tug-of-war with a dozen people pulling and almost that many on board, couldn't get that pig unstuck. One of the trailer-sailors of the group figures to be able to claim the biggest boat he ever towed by getting his Blazer to drag the boat into the haul-out pit. Low and behold the trick works and the lucky awardee, along with the supporting cast of at least 10 on the boat cheer as the hitherto lake-bottom-mud-married vessel lurches into position for hauling.



So the **“Sailing Pig” Award** goes to **Tony DiMercurio**. Sorry I couldn't be here tonight as I am attending a sneak preview of **“Brokeback Mountain.”** So I will accept this trophy on my behalf.

The fifth award goes to another rookie who made not only a big splash with this bit of behavior but also created a story which will outlast even the youngest sailor. It was a dark and stormy night at the marina, but with some light still in the clear evening sky as a group of unsuspecting TYC members sat around the clubhouse. From out of the shadows a figure walked from the distance, pausing to apparently peer into the various trash receptacles and vehicles in the parking lot. Our award winner provides commentary to our TYC group about the apparent lack of financial means and questionable domicile of the wondering figure who turns out to be none other than our own Bob **“Homeless Guy” Truttman**. So therefore the, **“Politically Incorrect and We Like It” award** goes to **Lisa Howard**.

The last award recipient needs no story. His anchoring

skills almost cost me my boat and one of my best friends, Grimey. I didn't know you could t-bone two boats at anchor, get an anchor line from one boat stuck between your keel and rudder, leave the engine going, get clear, and not spill your beer but **Jim Moore** knows how to do this should you be interested in learning. As a multi-year, multiple award winner, Jim please add the **“Anchoring Genius” award** to your collection.

Oops, did I say “last award?” Well, it should have been. The committee wrestled with this next matter for a long, long time. I voted against giving out this award but was again out-voted one to nothing. This award could, in fact, possibly affect the very future of the Tony awards. However we cannot show favoritism for sexual favors received. And speaking of which,

last night may have been my last night for those. Cardinal rule #1 in Sailing 101 is that you don't step on the sails – ever. The results will cause hurt and injury, may require surgery and will probably



No one was immune - Bonnie accepts her Tony Award (photo by Da' Grimey)

change your ideas of fashion trends in footwear and orthopedic braces. This year's **“Peggy Fleming” award** is hereby presented to my lovely wife, **Bonnie DiMercurio**.

The history of the Parking Lot Regatta Trophy goes back to Boulder, in the year that lake level made launching boats only a wet dream for everyone. We had lots of great parties in the parking lot, since no one could launch their boats to go sailing and it was at one of these communal drink fests that that aforementioned award was drunkenly conceived. There were lots and lots of rules and award criteria presented, voted on and recorded. Unfortunately, none of those bar napkins survived the night and the group had to rely upon their memory on the morning after to make the list of rules. Therefore, the award criteria is that: (1) only cradle boats can qualify and (2) the award goes to THE last boat in the water before December 31st of that year. This year's **“TYC Parking Lot Regatta” award** goes to a multi-year award winner, who, as you might have already guessed, is, **Mr. Dan Sargent**.

Expecting the Unexpected

Adapted from the SailNet Article
by Don Casey

Three times during the Great Depression my grandfather loaded his family into a Model T Ford and made round trips between Dallas and Los Angeles. I still recall the wonder I felt as a small boy, my feet just reaching the front edge of the porch glider and lime sherbet melting unnoticed in my bowl, as he told me about those trips. His stories always stopped at some unexpected hazard and my part was to get it going again. "What did you do then, Grampa?" I would ask wide-eyed, unable to see how the trip could continue.

"Well," he would say, "we just turned that old jalopy around, pulled her down into reverse, and *backed* right up that mountain."

More than once when our keel has been solidly embedded in the bottom or our batteries flat as a flounder, I have thought about those stories, about my granddad's matter-of-fact approach to adversity, and looked for a way to back up my own mountain. What about you? Sailing comes loaded with the potential for the unforeseen: thin water, mechanical failures, navigational difficulties, changing weather, shorted electronics, injury, and dozens of others. How prepared are you to deal with the unexpected?

Anticipation - The secret to adapting successfully to the unexpected is **to expect it**. This is not really a contradiction of terms. Take the weather for example. What skipper has not been "caught out" as friendly white clouds give way to fire-breathing black monsters and gentle seas turn frighteningly rough?

Changing weather is as inevitable as death and taxes, especially for anything longer than a day sail. So why should it be unexpected? Experienced sailors expect the weather to change and equip their vessels with an array of sails for varying conditions.

If you are counting on your engine to trump the weather and keep you moving in calm conditions or propel you safely into port when wind and seas increase, you are overlooking the most common of glitches - engine failure. Never happened to you? Then consider yourself lucky - and overdue. In the event of engine failure, an effective anchor can be your greatest ally, yet how many sailboats carry

only minimal ground tackle? Some astoundingly carry none at all. Like engines, anchoring systems also fail.

Preparation The best test of your boat's preparation is to consider every essential item aboard and ask yourself, "what if it fails?" If your answer is "I don't know," your preparation is incomplete. Now is the time to think about it, not when the item actually does fail.

Duplication of equipment is one good answer to "what if it fails?" With two winch handles aboard, a lost one is only an economic disaster. Dual batteries forgive injudicious use of electrical power. Dual steering compasses are not a particularly bad idea. And GPS has become so cheap that a spare is a viable option. But if both units agree that you are in Bismarck, then what?

What is really needed is duplication of **function**. Instead of carrying a back-up steering compass, put a hand-bearing compass aboard. It can be pressed into service to replace a damaged main compass but it is also useful for its primary function. Carrying different *types* of anchors is preferable to exact duplication or carrying the same anchor in two or more sizes. A variety of anchors not only gives you a backup in case you lose an anchor, but you will be able to deal with a broader range of bottom conditions.

Backup equipment need not be sophisticated or expensive. A lead line is an adequate stand-in for the depth sounder. A few plastic jugs filled with water can soften the blow of discovering a leak in the main tank. A tapered wooden plug would be nice to have aboard when you back the shaft out of its coupling.

Anticipate not only equipment failure, but also crew failure. Expect someone to fall overboard - in the worst possible conditions - and be sure that you have both the skill and the equipment to retrieve that person. Expect illness or injury and equip your boat with first aid supplies. The farther from assistance your course takes you, the more extensive your medical supplies should be.

Ingenuity However, no

matter how well you perform this exercise, how far-sighted you are, and how carefully you prepare the boat, eventually you are going to encounter a problem that you have not anticipated. Expect it, and call upon the one thing that should be in every skipper's kit - ingenuity. My granddad took an ample supply in his old Model T. You better have some aboard your boat.

I have seen juice cans replace fuel pumps, sails lashed over hull damage, cushion covers stitched over torn sails, galley tables used as rudders, and fiberglass used to cast a broken bone. I once spent an entire day adapting a junk-pile power-steering pulley to replace the broken pulley that drove our rapidly defrosting freezer. And we once pushed our 14,000-pound boat more than 100 miles with our three-horsepower dinghy. Where there is a will, there is probably a way - if you look hard enough.

Sailing is a fluid activity, in both senses. The more you participate, the more you will encounter the unforeseen. And the more prepared you will be to deal with it. Don't bemoan or curse the unexpected when it happens to you. A primary attraction of sailing for most of us is the promise of adventure and excitement. What adventure is there in knowing everything that is going to happen? When the unexpected does happen, accept it and adapt.



Grad Student Wins Life Jacket Design Competition

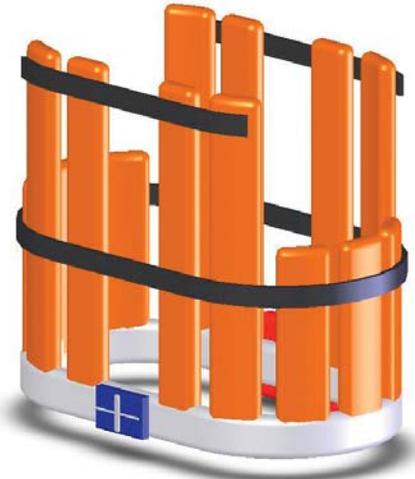
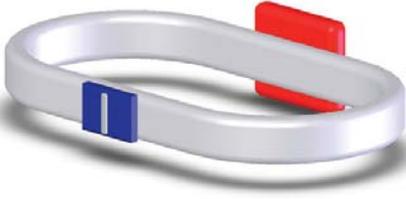
Innovative Designs Throw Away the "Rule" Book

Adam Malcom, a graduate student in the University of Virginia's Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Program, was awarded the \$5,000 grand prize in the first Innovations in Life Jacket Design Competition sponsored by the BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and the Personal Flotation Device Manufacturers Association (PFDMA). The award was presented during ceremonies at the Miami Boat Show on February 16.

"Boaters complain that life jackets are uncomfortable, restrict movement, or make you hot. So we decided to sponsor a competition to encourage innovative ideas to design a life jacket that more boaters might wear," said BoatU.S. Foundation President Ruth Wood.

Competition criteria included wearability; reliability; cost; and innovation. What was notably absent from this list was the need to adhere to any of the established life jacket design regulations. Two design elements emerged as judges' favorites: the use of high-tech fabrics that could improve upon current designs, and devices that were the least obtrusive," she said.

Malcom's winning entry was essentially the latter - a slender belt worn around the waist. The unit would stay out of the way and not retain body heat. When activated either manually with a ripcord or automatically via a CO₂ gas cylinder, slender, symmetrically-arranged air bladders stored inside the belt inflate rising up to surround the wearer on all sides. No secondary action, such as sliding flotation over the head, is necessary. You simply float much like you would in an inner tube. For more information about the life jacket design contest, or to see the winning entry as well as the Honorable Mentions, go to: <http://www.boatus.com/Foundation/Lifejacketdesign/winner.asp>.



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Fighting Blood Cancers

Leukemia Cup Regatta - The LCR is quickly approaching. Please get those boats registered even if you don't intend to race. The fund-raising packets are in the mail for those that participated last year. If this will be your first year to enter the LCR, contact the St. Louis LLS Chapter and request one! Registration is still tax deductible and you will get some terrific stuff in your Skipper's bag. Again for this year are incentive prizes for those raising over certain levels in donations for the LLS. Each participant can win a prize based upon his or her total amount raised. Now is the time to start planning your fund raising efforts, set your goal and start making contacts for your donations. Let's make a big showing of TYC by having a huge group participate in this event. Register your boats, whether you race or not, and then come down to CSA for a terrific, fun-filled weekend. The T-Shirt design contest is again featured this year for the long and short-sleeved shirts and other apparel - Lee's design won last year's event! You could win too! For more information, get a fund raising packet, get registered and more, please contact the St. Louis LLS Chapter at: (314)878-0780.

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Racing for the Cure... Lake Carlyle, Illinois 2005

TRADEWINDS YACHT CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCE NEW ANNUAL AWARD: TYC PERSON OF THE

The **TYC Person of the Year Award** is a new award created by the TYC BOD to recognize that club member whose efforts go "above and beyond" in contributing their time and energy for the betterment of the club.



Lee Högman awarded the 1st TYC Person of the Year Award (photo by Thorsten Schaeette)

Your humble *Dock Lines*

Editor received the 1st ever award from the BOD based on my efforts to help folks around the marina and for providing you our TYC newsletter. The award plaque is a work of art with the TYC banner and flag across the top and a metal placard affixed to the wood-grained base that displays the awardee's name and year awarded, with room for probably 19 more years of awards. I'd like to personally thank our Board Members for their generosity while I question their wisdom, especially since I didn't know anything about the award until it was too late. (wink...) I'm just happy to call Tradewinds "home" and have such a fantastic "family"!



It won't be long now before the harbor will be back to normal...

TYC Coming Attractions

- Welcome Back Party - April 22nd
- Leukemia Cup Regatta - May 26/28
- TYC Boat Show - June 3rd
- Light of the Sky - July 4th
- Tradewinds Cup - July 15th

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Discover your own "New World" with Odyssey Sailing at the new Trade Winds Marina. The new world was discovered by sailors and you too will discover a new world of adventure and fun. Odyssey Sailing can introduce new sailors to the wonderful world of sailing at Trade Winds Marina, on

Lake Carlyle in Illinois. Our students reap the benefits of learning to sail using the American Sailing Association program which has successfully produced over 150,000 safe and knowledgeable sailors worldwide. The emphasis of our school is on promoting the safety and enjoyment of this great sport. Smaller class sizes means more time practicing what you have learned.

Introduction to Sailing and the Basic Keelboat Sailing are the ASA courses taught at Odyssey



Sailing - a modified *Basic Keelboat* course is available for folks that have a limited schedule. Started in 2005, graduates of Basic Keelboat course will be able to rent the instruction vessel for a full or half day, based on availability.

TYC Members get a 15% discount - This is a great way to get the whole family "aboard." Students will quickly learn in a week's time that many sailors only acquire after years of experience. So, are you ready to discover your own "New World"? Then e-mail Bob Weber at: BobWeber@OdysseySailing.com or call him at (314) 960-3226. See the TYC web site for the Odyssey Sailing site link.



"Cruising has two pleasures. One is to go out in wider waters from a sheltered place. The other is to go into a sheltered place from wider waters"
- Howard Bloomfield