

It's Been a Busy Season!
Hi Gang - your Commodore and Dock Lines Editor here to say that it's been a very busy season and a long time between newsletters for you.

Since the last Dock Lines, we've had the TYC Boat Show, TYC/CYC Party, A seafood extravaganza, the Murder Mystery and a surprise birthday party for Da' Grimey!

Photos of most of those events are included in this edition. The TYC Boat Show was awesome! Hosted by Bonnie & Tony DiMercurio, we had many hors d'oeuvres and drinks and many of the

boats were all spiffy'd up. Mother Nature once again brought the rains during the day. By the time the weather cleared, the party had kicked into gear and most of those attending had sampled enough of the drink entries to forgo the walking of the docks (wink!) Mary Olczyk won the hors d'oeuvres contest with her pineapple salsa and Marianne's Voodoo drink shared the winning drink entry with Bruce and Jan Cowin's Blue Margaritas.

I was really bummed that I missed the



Seafood Extravaganza put on by Marianne & Jim Moore. The reports by those attending told of fabulous food and a great time by all.

More kudos to Jim & Marianne for putting on a surprise birthday party for Da' Grimey! Spectacular pork roasts and sides made up the main menu, with Dave himself cooking up the roasts - who better, right? The food was awesome and Da' Grimey was surprised and had a great time with the rest of us that were there - Happy Birthday Ol' Man (wink!)

Also during the past few weeks, we've held our TYC nominations and elections. Da' Grimey has been elected as

our Commodore, Bonnie DiMercurio as our Vice Commodore and Tony DiMercurio as Sail Fleet Commander/Race Chair. Jan and Bruce carry on as our Secretary/Treasurer, per our club's By-Laws for a second term.

The new board

of Directors for next season will consist of Bob Truttman, Craig Swann and yours truly, as Bonnie and Jim Mowrey's terms were over. The "official" change of command will once again be held during our Winter Gala in January.

That's all I have for now. Several events coming up as the season winds down. But as long as the weather is good, we'll be out having fun!

Lee Högman
TYC Commodore



*The "jam session" during the TYC/CYC party was a blast!!!
(photo by Da' Grimey)*

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*Next Up -
Race #5
October 18th*

*The TYC
Halloween Party
Hosted by Ellie
& Bill
November 1st!*

Sailing Definition:

Rhumb Line:
*Two or more
crew members
waiting for a
drink...*

Marina News

Another part of this season that was not exactly "normal" has been the high water caused by the much-more-than-normal rainfall this area has received. Whereas we are very used to everything *but* "normal" as far as weather goes on the lake, this year Mother Nature gave us plenty of wet days to keep the lake above Summer Pool most of the season. The high water has even put the dredging of the Haul-Out Pit on hold because the front-loader can't reach down deep enough in high water to dig out the pit. Greg has stated that as soon as the water level drops enough, the pit will be dug out.

The high water has also apparently inspired the Corps to add more rock to the wall around Harbor 1 at the marina. They are also adding rock to the levy wall near the bend in the levy just north of the marina. But there's not been word about expanding the levy for Harbor 2 or moving the levy for Harbor 1 yet.

Talks with Greg Kintz about some of the projects at the marina have included repairs to the

lights on the docks (done), adding a fire pit and a flag pole near the clubhouse and getting another or a new refrigerator. A small "fire place" appeared on the open patio this season in place of a permanent pit. That may suffice for a while, with higher priorities for other projects. Greg is fully agreeable to have a nice flagpole installed if someone can come up with the pole. Anyone know of an old mast laying around?

With Fall already here and the colder weather on the way, remember that the water to the docks will be disconnected in the near future. The key to when that will happen is based on the low temperatures. Jason can't set a firm date for that so please check the weather allegations and figure that the water will not be available when the temperatures drop below freezing.

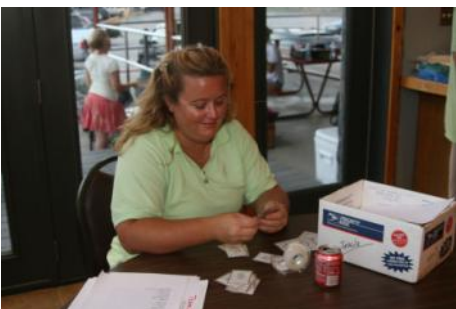
Also of note near the marina is that the Keyesport Lodging cabins, across from the Green Acers camp grounds is open again. Angie and Dave Cluk have got the place now and are asking \$65/night or \$120/2 nights. Reservations can be made by calling (618) 749-5543.

Another change coming is that Milly's By The Lake is up for sale. Your editor hasn't been privy to the whole story, but the tavern, including the mini-hotel are for sale for now. Milly's remains open for business.

T.Y.C Murder Mystery

by Todd Miller

Well, thank you to all concerned for attending the third annual T.Y.C Murder Mystery. This year things were shaken up a bit since our former sailing grounds, Isla de Piratas, had been closed to sailing, rumor still stands that



*Katherine getting the game setup (doing all the hard work...)
(photo by Da' Grimey)*

it was due to killer Carp having eaten entire boats during a solitary night at the moorings. Fortunately for all I was able to find another fine sailing area, Bahia de Piratas, for our continued fun, and of course the always unfortunate murder that we were able to solve the third year in a row due in large part to our fine detective skills and wonderful knowledge of nautical facts, though Barroness Black widow Bonnie and her mutinous crew, truly fictional characters, believe the questions more fiction than fact.

It was a wonderful evening with loads of laughter and drunken disorderly sailors, exactly what a yacht club family is all about!

Katherine and I are looking forward to next years Mystery and can't wait to see you all there!



*Todd at center stage, conducting the Murder Mystery game
(photo by Da' Grimey)*



*New Sailing Grounds for the Murder Mystery game
(photo by Da' Grimey)*

Disclaimer... Views expressed herein are not necessarily those of TYC or individuals other than the rogue writer of this article.



Seaworthy Magazine: Inspecting Your Boat's Mast and Rigging Surveying Your Rig:

(summarized from the full article)

What to Look For and Why

Whenever a mast tumbles overboard, the two seemingly obvious offenders are the mast itself—the aluminum extrusion—and the wire stays and shrouds that support the mast. In practice however, these are rarely the culprits. The offenders, in most cases, are the tangs, turnbuckles, and chainplates and the smaller, but no less significant, screws, bolts, terminal fittings, clevis and cotter pins that hold everything together. These can be inspected in a couple hours or less. All you need for an inspection is a magnifying lens, a mirror, some toilet paper, your fingernails, a boatswain's chair, and a pair of reasonably good eyes.

Fittings –look for obvious problems like rust and distortion and use the magnifying glass to find smaller cracks

Turnbuckles and Chainplates - Chainplates are highly stressed, and will work and cause leaks where they come through the deck. Turnbuckles should be wiped clean and lubricated at least once a year; more often if they are open or are adjusted frequently

The Mast and Boom - If possible, inspect your mast while it is unstepped. If you do go aloft, make sure there are experienced hands below to hoist you up.

Welds and Rivets - Aluminum welds on the mast and boom should be inspected, especially where there may be a lot of stress. Rivets should be examined, and any that are loose or missing should be drilled out and replaced with the next-larger size.



Rigging Checklist

- ☐ Are chainplates aligned with the turnbuckles, stays, and shrouds?
- ☐ Are there any signs of leaking around chainplates?
- ☐ Are terminal fittings (swage fittings, Sta-Lok, Norseman, etc.) free of cracks, bends, and rust?
- ☐ Are turnbuckles sufficiently lubricated so that they turn freely?
- ☐ Are turnbuckle barrels secured to the threads, either with rings, cotter pins, or by tightening locknuts?
- ☐ Is the standing rigging free of broken strands of wire?
- ☐ Is the mast straight, without being cocked to either side or bowed in the middle?
- ☐ If the mast is stepped on deck, is it supported properly down below?
- ☐ Are there any signs of galvanic corrosion at the base of the mast or where dissimilar metal fittings (winches, cleats, etc.) are attached to the mast? On a painted aluminum mast, corrosion is indicated by bubbles around the fittings. On an unpainted mast, corrosion is indicated by heavy concentrations of white powder (some powder is acceptable) and pockmarks around fittings.
- ☐ Are any rivets or screws missing from sail tracks or other fittings?
- ☐ Do welds on the mast and boom appear to be rusted?
- ☐ Do spreaders bisect the shrouds at equal angles?
- ☐ Are spreader ends secured to the shroud?
- ☐ Are spreader ends protected, either with tape or with a rubber boot?
- ☐ Are all cotter pins taped?
- ☐ Do "T" terminals show any indication of stress?
- ☐ Are halyard fittings, especially the sheaves, crushed, split, or badly worn?
- ☐ Are masthead mounts for wind indicators and radio antennas tight?
- ☐ Are problems with the forestay fittings (cracks, bends, and rust) being hidden by the roller furling gear?



**TYC/CYC Party
Hosted by
Mike & Bobbie
Strode
Awesome Party
-Thank you!!!**



Tradewinds Yacht Club Meeting Minutes

9/14/2008

I. Call to order

Lee Hogman called to order the nomination meeting of the Tradewinds Yacht Club at approximately 11:00am.

II. Nominations

a) Commodore: David Grimes was nominated by Bonnie DiMercurio, seconded by Sue Hanes. David accepted the nomination. No other nominations; motion to close the nominations for Commodore was seconded. Nominations for Commodore were closed.

b) Vice-Commodore: Bonnie DiMercurio was nominated by Todd Miller, seconded by Kay Isom. Bonnie accepted the nomination. No other nominations; motion to close the nominations for Vice Commodore was seconded. Nominations for Vice-Commodore were closed.

c) Sail Fleet Commander (Race Chairperson): Tony DiMercurio was nominated by Danny Sargent, seconded by Dave Isom. Tony accepted the nomination. No other nominations; motion to close the nominations for Sail Fleet Commander was seconded. Nominations for Sail Fleet Commander were closed.

d) Director: Craig Swann was nominated to the board by David Grimes, seconded by Bonnie DiMercurio. Marianne Moore was nominated to the board by Craig Swann, seconded by Sue Hanes. Craig Swan and Marianne Moore accepted the nominations. No other nominations; motion to close the nominations for Board of Directors was seconded. Nominations for Director were closed.

III. New business

a) A brief financial update was provided by the Secretary / Treasurer on the current financial status of the club. We have had two financially successful events: the CYC to TYC party, hosted by Bobbie & Mike Strode - \$255 cost for food, for a wonderful pulled pork dinner and the fabulous Seafood Boil hosted by Jim and Marianne Moore - \$219 to the Yacht Club. There have been enough donations specifically made to purchase a Margaritaville Drink Machine for club members to use.

b) We will be placing an order for TYC Burgees soon, there was a show of hands for those interested in purchasing one. New members are given a burgee when they become members of TYC.

c) Andres will be the site of the 2009 Winter Gala. There are plans to upgrade the food and cut

the bar time by 1 hour, to improve the event.

d) A concern was noted about getting the boats out of the water. Suggestion for Lee Hogman (Commodore) to draft a letter to the Trade Winds marina owners stating the concerns and requesting a resolution. Additional concerns to be included are the security at night, the non-functional gate and burned out lights on the E and G docks.

e) Craig Swann (Vice Commodore) wanted everyone to know that new members Ron and Rachael Edelman had a wonderful time at the murder mystery party (hosted by Todd and Katherine Miller). Ron offered the use of his snow cone machine anytime.

f) Lee Hogman asked if anyone would be interested in taking over the Dock Lines (Newsletter). He needs club members to write articles, especially about events that have taken place. Suggestion was made for the event hosts to write a few lines about the night of the event. Suggestion was made to have a typewriter in the clubhouse for others to write a few lines about events. The club members agreed that the hosts will be specifically requested to write a small article following their event. This will be communicated via e-mail to club members.

g) Minutes of this meeting will be posted on the TYC web site as soon as possible.

h) TYC fundraiser for LLS will be held October 11, 2008. TYC will offer boat rides for a donation to LLS for \$30 per person. Call Bonnie DiMercurio (house phone) to make reservations. If you know of any groups or individuals that may be interested, please let them know and encourage them to sign up. There will also be a poker run like we did in May for when the guests return from the boat ride. The donations will be tax free for 2008, but will go towards the 2009 LLS fundraiser for the Yacht club.

i) Discussion about event notifications. TYC communications are by e-mail and USP mail. The preferred is USP mail. All events need a mail notification to be sent 30 days prior to the event.

Some of the events this year had date changes and the notifications did not get to all club members.

j) It was reported that the Halloween party / chili pot luck has been rescheduled to Nov 1st.

Confirmation pending. Hosts: Bill Gau & Ellie L.

IV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tony DiMercurio, Nancy Sill seconded the motion. Lee Hogman adjourned the meeting at about noon.

Minutes submitted by: JC / BC

Minutes approved by: Lee Hogman

Thank you,

Bruce & Jan Cowin, TYC Sec/Tres

ELLIE & BILL'S SUPER HALLOWEEN BASH

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2008 Tradewinds Yacht Club Schedule

April 19th - Welcome Back/New Member Party & Customer Appreciation Party
- Hosted by Lynda Chaney & Sponsored by Tradewinds Marina.

May 3rd - TYC LCR Fundraiser Event

May 10th - TYC Spring Series Race #1

May 17th - TYC Spring Series Race #2

May 23rd/24th/25th - *Memorial Day Weekend – Leukemia Cup Regatta, CSA*

May 31st - Spring Race #3

June 7th - TYC Spring Race #4

June 14th - TYC Cup & Regatta Party

June 21st – Lake wide CYC Commodore's Cup

June 21st – TYC Spring Race #5

June 28th - Lake wide Cove #1 Fireworks Raft-up – & Lake wide 2nd Annual Carlyle Lake Blessing of the Fleets (Near CSA)

July 12th – TYC Boat Show – Hosts: Tony & Bonnie DiMercurio

July 26th – CYC to TYC Party - Hosts: Mike & Bobbi Strode

August 16^h – TYC Party Hosts: Jim & Marianne Moore

August 30th – TYC Fall Race #1

September 13-14^h – Lake wide CSA Whale of the Sail

September 13th – TYC Fall Race #2 & Party Hosts: Todd & Kathryn Miller

September 14th – TYC Nominations Meeting

September 27th – TYC Fall Race #3

October 4th – Lake wide BYC Commodore's Cup & Chili Supper

October 4th – TYC Fall Race #4

October 5th – TYC Election Meeting

October 18th – TYC Fall Race #5

October 25th – Lake wide CYC Great Race

November 1st – Halloween Party Host(s): Bill Gau & Ellie Luetkemeyer

January 24th 2009 – Winter Gala, Andre's in St. Louis

Happy Birthday Grimey!!!



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TYC Coming Attractions

**TYC Winter Gala -
January 24, 2009
Andrea's
6:00 - 10:00 P.M.**

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