

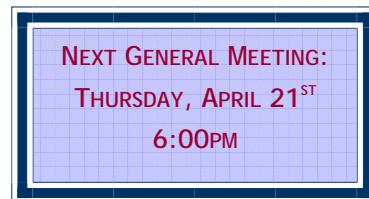
Westerlies

Tiburon Yacht Club



Latitude 37° 54' N.

Paradise Cay
Tiburon, California



Longitude 122° 28' W.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Drew Clark

Hope you all made it safely though and stayed reasonably dry during what has been the wettest winter we've seen in recent years. It does seem like it's rained just about every day this month. But being a little inconvenienced by the rain is nothing in comparison to those who suffered such significant personal and property losses from the devastating 9.0 earth quake and subsequent tsunami. The results of such a catastrophe are far-reaching and impact all of us in ways that will take years to play out. Our hearts go out to friends, family and those we know in Japan and we wish them well in their recovery. Forecasts are calling for a better April so I guess we can take the ark off hot-standby and look forward to some great sailing and cruising weather. Oh...can anyone help me figure out what to do with all of those pairs of animals? I'm especially concerned about that hungry-looking pair of Lions...

Last month was chock-full of great club activities, including the annual ski cruise to Lake Tahoe (thanks Stan and Nancy...you guys rock!); our annual cruise up to Napa (all had a great time despite the absence of the Mustard Festival this year); the final race of the Midwinters; our really yummy and fun St. Patty's Day party (way to go Jane and Marcia! And was that really St. Patrick, regally attired and bearing a dispatched snake?); and the always fun cruise-in of Corinthian Yacht Club members who, as I write this, are just now noshing on some delicious eggs Benedict over at our club. Details from some of these and other well-attended events can be found elsewhere in this issue...and be sure to check out the photos!

TYC's 2011 Junior Sailing Program is still taking shape. (Thanks, Gary, for stepping up.) As in past years, we're thinking of holding classes on selected weekends and, of course, we'll need significant parental and volunteer involvement to make this successful. If you have a child interested in sailing in the Cay, contact **Gary Stypulkoski** at 415.789.5808 or garystyp@gmail.com.

Looking ahead, we've got a terrific agenda of fun activities for TYC members. First up is the Commodore's Cocktail Party on April 3rd from 4-6pm. Bring a friend or a potential new member and enjoy a cocktail or two on

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The Social Scene

By Jane Clark

An Old Irish Blessing

May love and laughter light your days
and warm you heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours
wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours!

March sure was a fun-filled month with lots of activities including the annual ski cruise hosted by **Stan and Nancy Behrens**; the cruise-out to Napa Yacht Club led by **Marshall and Shelby Gross**; and even an appearance by St. Patrick himself.

I wanted to share this old Irish Blessing with you as we reflect back on the wonderful St. Patrick's Day party and all who contributed to make it so much fun. Over 65 TYC'ers shared a variety of tasty pot-luck appetizers, sides and desserts, chomped down on yummy corned beef and Irish cheddar sliders, and sampled the Sullivan's fabulous Irish coffees and Bea's famous green Jello shots. What a fun night. Thank you, **Marcia Sullivan**, for taking the lead in organizing such a fun event. Thanks also to all those who participated and contributed wonderful and delicious potluck dishes. The social chair thanks you, the commodore thanks you, and St. Patrick thanks you! We truly are blessed. Here's a list of helpers

by name:

Set up & clean up – **John Sullivan, Gerry Gunn, Carole Gunn, Marcia Sullivan, Myrna Pesce** and many others who jumped in to help.

Decorations & flower arrangements -- **Marcia Sullivan, Rita Pirie, Carole Gunn, Nancy Bilofsky**

Flower donations -- **Jane and Roy Borodkin**

Bar – **David Parkinson, Mike Fitz-Gerald, Allen and Joan Dekelboum**

Reservation/Money collection – **Myrna Pesce**

Kitchen help -- **Jane Clark, Otto Schreier, Susie Woodrum, Carolyn Fitz-Gerald, Nancy Behrens**

Jell-O shots -- **Bea Lufi**

Irish coffee server – **Esther Mott**

St. Patrick – **John Sullivan**

Re-live the evening while viewing the party photos on page 9 of this issue.

Coming Up...

What's up in April besides, hopefully the sun? You won't want to miss the Commodore's Cocktail party on April 3rd. There will be a hosted bar from 4-6pm. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share.

Keep this month's event calendar handy to remind you of the Richardson Bay cruise-in (April 16th) and check the *Cruise News* section of this issue for word on the Petaluma cruise-out (April 15-17).

The Annual Club Birthday Party/Casino Night is scheduled for May 7th. We have quite a fun-filled evening planned including blackjack, craps, roulette, and a talent show. So if you've "got talent" to share, please let me know so I can schedule your time on stage. Send an email to TigressVictoria@gmail.com.

As for the casino, the tables are professional quality gaming tables, staffed with knowledgeable dealers, and even a pit boss. The dealers will provide guidance to help you learn and WIN! When the casino closes, turn in the casino chips to the dealers who will count them up before some great prizes are awarded. Please see the flyer on page 4 for details.

Gutenkunst Sails to Win

Many of you will recognize the surname of Mill Valley bowman, **Morgan Gutenkunst**. He's the son of **John Gutenkunst** who is married to past-TYC commodore, **Lesa Gutenkunst**. Morgan, an amateur sailor aspiring to pro status, recently crewed aboard the winner of the *Oracle RC44 Cup San Diego*, a five-day event held in San Diego harbor. The 24-year-old Morgan has sailed as bowman under the leadership of **Paul Cayard** aboard the winning boat, *Katusha*, since its launch in September 2009.

The RC44 was designed by four-time America's Cup winner **Russell Coutts** and the Tour is now one of the most competitive classes on the international yacht-racing circuit. Last year Gutenkunst raced the entire 2010 RC44 tour including six regattas. The RC44 San Diego was the first event for 2011 and with four back-to-back races a day it was hard work for the best of sailors.

"It's very tiring and stressful because the boats go the same speed, the water was dead flat so all the boats got to the windward mark pretty close," Cayard said.

Gutenkunst said the most challenging part of his job is calling the starts during match racing. As one of only two amateur bowmen in the RDC44, he is up against bowmen with Volvo Ocean Races and America's Cup experience.

"It's been great sailing on *Katusha*," Gutenkunst said. "It's given me a bunch of opportunities to meet new people, plus it's a super high level of sailing."

Gutenkunst, who has traveled the world as an amateur sailor, is at the end of the run for an amateur and hopes to pursue a professional sailing career – a challenge involving getting enough sailing to make a living. But given his connections, he thinks he may have a chance. Cayard sounds most proud of his young protégé stating that Morgan has an outstanding attitude for a young person trying to break into professional sailing as "he's still a very humble guy" and "there's no job that's beneath him."

Lesa and husband John must be quite proud, too!

Sailor's Night Vision Cap



Don't be the last one on your dock to get one! We ended up completely selling out the first order and are now taking orders for another dozen.

Every boater should have one of these. Think how handy this cap would be up in the Delta, finding your way back to your boat in the dark after a cocktail party! No more stumbling around anchorages and marinas and dim parking lots after dark.

LED lights under the brim turn on red or white reading lights (the red ones are to protect your night vision) while a super bright LED at the front can be turned on separately to illuminate objects up to 60 feet away.

TYC is offering these caps with the embroidered burgee, including shipping, handling and CA sales tax complete for only **\$29.95**.

Contact Bob Mott
at (415) 435-3952
or email
robtmott@comcast.net



HOT TIP!

For ladies at TYC who purchased the TYC sandals and have experienced tearing of the sole near the thong, **Pat Tostenson** has a fix: Pull up the cracked area and using a hot glue gun, fill with hot glue. Then press the sole back in place, hold for a few seconds and sandals are as good as new!





TYC Birthday Party & Casino Night

Saturday May 7, 2011

6pm – 10pm

\$30 Per Person

Professional Casino Tables! ♣ Experienced Dealers!

- ❖ **Blackjack**
- ❖ **Roulette**
- ❖ **Craps**
- ❖ **Casino cash**



- ❖ **TYC's Got Talent Show**
- ❖ **Heavy hors d'oeuvres and treats**
- ❖ **Ticket for a Free Beer, Wine or Soft Drink**
- ❖ **Fabulous Prizes**

TYC's Got Talent show! If you have a talent to share, send an email to Jane Clark TigressVictoria@gmail.com to participate.

Make reservations at TYC.org and send a check by May 1st to:
Jane Clark, 228 Jamaica St., Tiburon, CA 94920



PROGRAM NOTES

BY JANE CLARK

We have an informative and interesting program planned for the **General Meeting on April 21st**. The Sea Scouts will be speaking about their organization and yes...demonstrating a few knots!

A Little History: Sea Scouting was founded in 1912. In 1998, the Boy Scouts of America re-organized their Exploring Program into the Learning for Life Exploring Program within the new Venturing Division. Sea Exploring was placed in the Venturing Division and was renamed *Sea Scouts*.

Today: Sea Scouts is a co-educational program offered to young adults (male and female) between the ages of 14 and 21. It's a chance to learn and have fun at the same time. Sea Scouts learn to sail, row, and keep a boat in shape. Opportunities include cruising local waters or sailing on long cruises far from home as well as learning to scuba dive and take care of boats. Sea Scouts are active in camping, social events, tours, regattas, excursions, and seamanship contests. They also have a chance to develop maritime skills that can lead to careers later on. Join us on April 21st to learn more about the Sea Scouts.



World Champion San Francisco Giants Cruise

Say Hey, Giants Fans!

TYC has 50 game tickets to Giants vs. Cleveland Indians

Saturday, June 25, 2011

This is a twilight game, starting at 6:05pm so it should be light for the entire game.

Seating is in the lower box, as before, but on the third base/left field side.

The first 25,000 fans in the stadium will receive an Aubrey Huff bobble head!

Game Tickets: \$36 each / First Come, First Served!

Send checks (*made out to TYC*) to Allen Dekelbom at the address below.

Cruisers: Only Three Berths Left!

Additional berths *may* become available 60 days before the game.

To reserve, send a \$10 check (*made out to TYC*) to Allen.

It's going to be a great weekend! Stay tuned for more about the ferry from Tiburon next month...

Allen Dekelbom, 49 Marblehead Lane, Novato, CA 94949



THE TYC RACING FLEET WANTS YOU!

The 12th Annual *Don Wan Regatta* will be sailed on Saturday, April 16th. We hope you will be a part of the fleet for fun and fair racing to celebrate “opening day” of the spring and summer season. And be sure to join the post-race snacks, drinks and camaraderie in the clubhouse.

We'll have a “cruiser” division for new racers and those who only race very occasionally. (Check the registration form on page 10 of this issue.)

The TYC roster lists 30-35 race-worthy boats. If you haven't been part of the fleet lately, expect a phone call in early April encouraging you to race and offering course sheets, a chart of mark locations, plus the 2011 racing schedule.

TYCee you on the water!

Race Committee: **Rob Hutchinson and Ian Matthew**

Committee Boat: **Don Künstler**

Telephone Crew: **Mike FitzGerald** **Otto Schrier**
 Gerry Gunn **David Parkinson**
 Bob Mott **Dick Selmeier**
 David Smith

(Commodore's Comments *continued from page 1*)



me. Oh, by the way, we've got some great new wines to try so be sure to come by and let us know how you like them.

Speaking of new members, I wanted to let you know about a concerned group of TYC members that has generously given time and (most importantly) their collective wisdom. They've come up with some innovative ideas and initiatives for recruiting new membership that are vital to keeping TYC among the best and most fun yacht clubs in the region. Thanks especially to **Don Künstler** and **David Smith** for stepping up. We'll cover this subject in more depth next time.

Other events this month include the Don Wan Regatta, Petaluma Butter and Eggs Cruise and, coming up on May 7th, our annual TYC Birthday Party/Casino Night. Make sure to mark your calendar for this one. It's going to be loads of fun with good food and a chance to show off your prowess around the blackjack, roulette and craps tables.

The traditional start of the boating season commences May 1st with Opening Day on the Bay. This year marks the 48th anniversary of the blessing of the pleasure craft fleet in Raccoon Straight from 1030 – 1200. For those of you planning to participate in the always-fun boat parade (organized by our good friends at CYC who invite us to join in the fun), this year's theme is 'Giants of the Bay'. (For more details see the flyer on page 8 or contact CYC's **Kelley Park** at parkell@gmail.com.) For TYC racers, this also means that the 112th annual Great Vallejo Race is just around the corner (April 30th and May 1st) and that summer is only a month or so away. I don't know about you, but I'm ready for some sun and fun on the water!

See you on the water!

~ Drew

CRUISE NEWS

By MARSHALL GROSS



The weekend of March 11, nine TYC boats made it up and down the Napa River for the two-day party in Napa. We all met at the Mare Island Bridge at 2:00pm on Friday afternoon. We joined the Napa Valley Yacht Club for tacos on Friday night. On Saturday, the most strenuous activity I could see was the regular gin game aboard *Tribute*.

Those on the cruise were: The **Royals** on *Dancing Free*, the **Cerfs** on *Blazer*, the **Grosses** on *Solitaire*, the **Bilofskys** on *Golden Phoenix*, **Commodore Clark and Jane** on *Tigress*, **Steve and Ron** on *Tribute*, the **Pescos** on *West Wind*, the **Dekelbouns** on *Black Coral* and **Rick and Susanne Blake** on *Sea Turtle*.

Saturday night six boats elected to have a progressive dinner at the dock while three crews found a suitable restaurant in Napa.

The cruise page on the TYC web site is open for sign ups for our next cruise to Petaluma for the Butter & Eggs Festival, April 15 through 17. That is always a fun event. There will be several yacht clubs that make it up to Petaluma so plan on arriving in Petaluma early on Friday for the best berthing.

Any questions, contact me at thejewelcaseinc@comcast.net.



Photos courtesy of
Walt Bilofsky
&
Marshall Gross

CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

ANNOUNCES THE
48th ANNIVERSARY
BLESSING OF THE PLEASURE CRAFT
OPENING DAY
SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011

IN RACCOON STRAIT
1030 TO 1200 HOURS
ALL YACHTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

INSTRUCTIONS:

All vessels are to proceed under power (including sailboats).
Enter the Raccoon Strait Restricted Zone at the Northeast end,
taking Pt. Campbell (Angel Island) to PORT.
Proceed on a Southwesterly heading down Raccoon Strait, observing the 6-knot speed limit.
(Caution: Check you tides and currents.)
Pass between the Blessing Vessel (private yacht *Anakalia*)
and the Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon.
AT NO TIME pass between the Blessing Vessel and Angel Island (Pt. Stuart).
Exit the Raccoon Strait Restricted Zone at the Southwest end.
Then proceed to the City Front for the PICYA Decorated Boat Parade



HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY

“CÉAD MILE FÁILTE — A Hundred Thousand Welcomes”

Photos: Sheila Lyons

Don Wan Regatta

- When: **Saturday April 16th – Two Races** - First warning gun at 12 noon.
- Where: Waters off Paradise Cay
- Divisions: Three – **spinnaker**, **non-spinnaker** and “**cruiser**” for those who do not race regularly but who are interested in finding out what fun racing is. Spinnakers will not be allowed in this cruiser division!
- Courses: To be selected by the Race Committee for each race from the 2010 TYC standard courses as posted on the TYC web site. (www.tyc.org)

Entry Fee: \$20

Enter on-line on race page at www.tyc.org or by mailing in this form

Don Wan Regatta – Entry Form

The undersigned wishes to enter the above race series and agrees to abide by the Racing Rules Sailing and TYC Sailing Instructions (available on the club web site www.tyc.org or at the club). The undersigned further agrees to hold the TYC, its officers and all committees concerned blameless and free of liability of any nature whatsoever for any accident to him/herself, crew, boat or others. If the undersigned is found to be at fault by a final protest committee decision, or admits such fault in an accident involving damage to property or persons during the regatta, the undersigned agrees to pay any insurance deductible expense incurred by the other parties involved in the accident who are not at fault.

Signature: _____ Name: _____

(please Print)

Boat Class: _____ Sail Number: _____ PHRF: _____

(attach copy of certificate)

Division: **Spinnaker / Non-Spinnaker / Cruiser** (You can change your mind!)
(circle one)

Boat Name: _____ Yacht Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

ENTRY FEE: \$20

Please return form by April 12th to:
Enclose check for \$20 payable to TYC

Ian Matthew
TYC Race Co-Chair
5 Pacheco Creek Dr.
Novato, CA 94949

Phone (415) 883-6339 or e-mail: race@tyc.org

April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2:00pm Commodore's Cocktail Party		7:00pm - 8:30pm PCHA Board meeting	Club Cleaning			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				6:30pm TYC Board Meeting	Petaluma Cruise - Petaluma Butter & Egg Days	Petaluma Cruise - Petaluma Butter & Egg Days 1:00am Don Wan Regatta 6:00pm - 11:00pm Richardson Bay YC Cruise In
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Petaluma Cruise - Petaluma Butter & Egg Days			Club Cleaning	6:00pm General Meeting		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Westerlies Deadline	Tiburon Mist Homeowner's Meeting				

May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		7:00pm - 8:30pm PCHA Board meeting				6:00pm TYC Birthday Party
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<i>Mothers Day</i>		Private Party		6:30pm TYC Board Meeting		12:00pm Behrens Regatta
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				6:00pm General Meeting	6:30pm Friday Night Racing	12:00pm H.O. Lind #1 & #2
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Private Party					Cruise: Solano YC (Suisun City) via Benicia 6:30pm Friday Night Racing	Cruise: Solano YC (Suisun City) via Benicia
29	30	31				
Cruise: Solano YC (Suisun City) via Benicia	Cruise: Solano YC (Suisun City) via Benicia <i>Memorial Day</i>					

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