



Tradewinds Dock Lines

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From the Commodore:

The Commodore would like to thank various members for some new contributions to the Yacht Club. First I would like to thank Todd Miller and Mike Hoffman for building a new office upstairs which gives the Club use of the balcony. Tony DiMercurio and Doug Eder installed the office lights for Jason & Kyle. Second I would like to thank Lee Hogman for providing the new foul weather gear clothing hangers in the restrooms and outer foyer to keep the wet out of the clubroom. Tony D installed them in the various locations so that they are functional. Third, thanks to Bruce Cowin the WIFI is now available to all, over the whole area so members can use their computers in the club house or on your own boat in the slip. Fourth I want everyone to know that our Dock lines Editor Lee Hogman has been able to upgrade his home computer to be able to continue producing the Dock Lines. Thanks Lee. Fifth but not least, I particularly want to thank Dave and Kay Isom for allowing me to rent Windchime over the last five years for my home away from home.

Here we are nearly at the end of another season but do not forget the fabulous Halloween party on October 31.

All in all I think we have had another successful year. Looking forward to 2010!
~ David Grimes

Commodore



From the Vice Commodore:

It's nearing the end of another great season at Tradewinds Yacht Club. We have had some terrific parties this year. And I am very pleased we had quite a few new hosts. It's always good to have new ideas to throw into the mix. So thank you very much to all of our hosts for this year. You all did a fabulous job!!!

Our next event will be the election of new officers on Sunday, October 18th. Seems sort of silly since everyone is running unopposed. And I'd like to mention I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Vice Commodore this year. And I look forward to serving as your Commodore next year. With that in mind, if you have any thoughts about our Club – things you would like to see happen, new things to do please don't hesitate to contact me and let me know your ideas.

The next event will be our Halloween party, which is on Halloween this year. Hope to see you all there. The Docklines has another flyer attached for this party. So make sure you know what's happening at this event.

I will be setting up the arrangements for the Winter Gala and will keep you informed of the details.

~ Bonnie DiMercurio
Vice Commodore



Views of Lighthouse Landing on Kentucky Lake
The Harbor & The Lighthouse
(photos by Karen Morris)



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Next Up
TYC
Halloween
Party!!!
October 31st!
Hosted by
Bill & Ellie

Sailing Definition:

Seamanship:

The ability to get out of a situation that a wiser sailor wouldn't have gotten into in the first place...



From the Start Line...

by Tony DiMercurio

Well, we have completed the 2009 racing season with the last fall race on Sunday, October 11. And what a season it was. We enjoyed a renewed participation by the membership with two great racing series and a very successful Commodore's Cup. I can't even begin to thank the participants in making this a successful season both in bringing back the old racing gang and participation by some new members as well. I will attempt to bring you the highlights of the season though they are many.

Our spring series was comprised of old racing stalwarts **Annie's Song** captained by Bill Mackenzie, *Stardust* captained by Craig Swann, *Bacon in the Sun* co-captained by the legendary duo Bruce (Escaped Prisoner) and Jan (Frightened Nurse) Cowin, *Summer Wind* captained by Steve Hollingsworth, *Telarana* captained by Jim Mowry and *Hög Wild* captained by Lee Högman. We also welcomed newcomer *Delphia* captained by Craig Vera and are glad he is involved in the program. Competition was tough in the spring series and we were lucky to complete all six races. The final standings saw *Bacon in the Sun* finish first with four bullets followed by *Summer Wind* with three deuces and an ace. Third was wrapped up by *Stardust* with **Annie's Song** finishing fourth.

The Commodore's Cup was held on June 13 with good participation from CSA and CYC. We hosted 17 boats for the Cup races which were separated into two divisions-a Low and High PHRF non-spinnaker. First place honors for Low PHRF were taken by *Patriot* with Rex Carr skippering the boat to a great finish in light winds. Chuck and Margie Alyea finished second in *Bullet* with Terry Sharp finishing third in *Tejas*. The High PHRF Division was won by our own Gary Graul on *Ambrosia* with second place taken by Bruce and Jan Cowin on *Bacon in the Sun* and third place taken by Felicia Bamer from CSA on *Serenity X*. All enjoyed the camaraderie and war stories after the race with a great BBQ dinner provided by DJ's Cove. Tradewinds put out their best WELCOME mat for this event as we received great comments from our lake friends

Our fall series started in September although I noted good winds this year during what us race chairs call the summer doldrums where the winds cease, the temperatures go up and life becomes a little more difficult. However, this did not happen this year as the temperatures were more moderate, the winds good to great and the lake level reasonably high through the summer months. Fortunately, these conditions lasted into the fall series months of September and October. The fall series was very well attended with *Bacon in the Sun*, newcomer but old racing stalwart *NaBoLiSk* captained by Bob Howard, **Annie's Song**, *Summer Wind*, newcomer *Nep-*

tune's Fury captained by Todd Miller, newcomer *Lake Effect* captained by Craig Isom, *Stardust*, *Hög Wild*, and *Telarana*. At the start of the series it was obvious that *NaBoLiSk* with crew Dave and Kay Isom was going to be a real problem to the heroes of the spring series, *Bacon in the Sun* and *Summer Wind*. Bob and crew finished the fall series with five bullets and a fifth place. We can only wonder what happened on that race as Dave and Kay Isom were in Florida at the time. Second place was a real shoot-out with strong contention between *Bacon in the Sun* and *Summer Wind*. But the tale of the watch is final and *Summer Wind* won second place with the tie-breaker finishing with four deuces to **Annie's Song's** single bullet, a deuce and three trays. *Bacon in the Sun* takes third place honors with **Annie's Song** again taking fourth.

It is great to see newcomers doing so well in our racing program. I noted with enthusiasm the gains in experience shown by Craig Vera with *Delphia* and Craig Isom with *Lake Effect*. It should be obvious to this year's winners that next year may be a completely different and more difficult year with these up and coming racing stars. I noted with GREAT interest the two third place finishes *Lake Effect* placed in the fall series.

All in all it was a great season with great participation by our members resulting in more war stories to be told around the campfire for years to come.

On an administrative note, I appreciate the support from the members for me to be your race chair for a second year. I still want to formalize the program so succeeding race chairs have an easier time administrating this program.

Some of the features of this year's program include one hour long races with a simple triangular course that most racers agree is a friendlier program. Also, the double headers appear to meet acceptance by most racers allowing us to complete our program around light wind and low lake level type days. Sunday races will continue as well to allow those that must work on Saturday to race and qualify in the program. As it stands now, you must start a minimum of four races per series to qualify for an award and I will only consider your best three races. Obviously, if you race all six races, your chances of winning increase. Costs will remain the same next year at \$10/race but I will offer a chance to pre-pay your racing at the beginning of the season for a 25% savings.

Financially, the program is solvent depending on what kind of trophies I buy. We turned over a \$240 profit from the Commodore's Cup to the general fund. We have grossed \$540 from series racing with a debit of \$28 for starting horns. The balance after the purchase of trophies will be given to the club general treasury as an investment for future equipment needs or repairs. At this point, I believe all expenditures, whether for racing or general club use should be approved by the BOD.

Again, thanks for both your support in this past year and your confidence in me to return for a second year. I will try not to disappoint you. See you next year at the Start Line.

~ Tony DiMercurio
Race Chair 2009

Why Sail? by Craig Swann

Why would anyone spend their precious time and money travelling a fair distance to perpetually clean, repair, maintain, and occasionally actually sail a boat? I realize I'm preaching to the choir, here, but most non-sailors aren't going to understand the answers I propose to these questions. Contrary to appearances, it's not all work.

There are as many reasons to sail as there are boats. Mainly, it seems, we sail to build connections to our family, friends, ourselves, nature, and our spirituality. Kay Isom reminded me of the family aspect, back in August, with her joyous rediscovery of how enjoyable it was to sail with family and spend time close to them covered out for the night. One look around the marina or a walk through the clubhouse will bear testament to the friendships forged between fellow sailors. The camaraderie among sailors is unparalleled.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the racing aspect. Many of us enjoy the sport and competition. In all honesty, I have to say I'm a lot more competitive than I would like to admit. Jim Mowrey often reminds me of how sailing helps us get back to ourselves. He tells of how within the first few hours at the boat, the pressures and stresses of work and daily life ebb away and he can just be "Jimmy".



So many of you relate to me how it feels to hoist the sails, cut the motor, and make that connection with the wind and the water, this seems like one of the more prominent reasons we sail. "Nighttime" Jim Mowrey says, "makes all waters equal. We could be sailing anywhere in the world." Our beloved mud puddle is transformed by moonlight into this mystical magical place.

That brings me to the spiritual aspect of sailing. I have likened sailing to having a conversation with God. Go wherever you want with the boat, but you must take the path dictated by the wind, not the path or schedule you would necessarily choose. More than that, I believe it encompasses all our other reasons for sailing, as well. Connecting with our family, friends, ourselves, and nature seems core to connecting with our souls. Perhaps, it is this awareness that makes us sing like no one's listening, dance like no one's watching, and sail like it's the last time we ever will.

We come to the water for a break from our daily lives. In an increasingly complex world we work harder, longer hours under more stress than ever. Our recreational time has become sacred and we all appear to approach it with a certain reverence. Each time we hoist the mainsail and the last sputtering of the motor dies out, we are given a new lease on life and our souls are restored.

Fair Winds.....

Craig

Marina News

The Army Corps of Engineers has started dredging the marina harbors on Carlyle Lake. They are currently dredging down at CSA, working 12 hour shifts to clear out the harbor and will be headed up to Tradewinds next. Our harbor dredging is expected to start here sometime around the end of October. I'm not sure how long it will take them but the dredging crew is supposed to have all of the harbors done by sometime in December. The dredging crew moves over to work Boulder after completing our marina.

Also, the corps will be adding rock to the levy from

roughly just north of the haul out pit, around the public ramp and jetty walls, all the way around to the beach. The ACE are re-rocking the levies in some areas because the levies have eroded, are old and some of the rock is starting to crumble. Both projects are being funded with stimulus money from what I understand. If anyone has any questions or needs clarification on anything, please come visit or give me a call. Either I or Kyle will be here until 5 every day until the season ends.

Thanks,

Jason Eveland

Tradewinds Marina

TYC Sailors Racing in 2009







Eric & Ellen ~ May Life Grant You the Very Best! Fair Winds & a Following Sea. We miss you!



Craig & Dave rename Craig's boat with the help of many! Welcome "Stardust" to TYC!!!





Tradewinds Yacht Club would like you to join us for a
HAPPY HALLOWEEN
PARTY ON
October 31, 2009

Time: 6 PM

Where: Marina Clubhouse

We will have a chili cook off. There will be prizes for the best chili, best chili side dish, best dessert, and best costume. Dinner will be followed by a game and bonfire. So please bring your best chili, side dish or dessert and your drinks.

If you have any questions please contact your hosts:

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Tradewinds Yacht Club 2009 Schedule

March 14	St. Patrick's Day Lunch Hosted By David Grimes
April 18	Customer Appreciation Day/ Welcome Back Party Hosted By Lynda Chaney
May 9	Spring Race #1
May 16	TYC Leukemia Fund Raiser Hosted By Bonnie Dimercurio
May 17	Spring Race #2
May 22-24	Leukemia Cup Regatta Hosted by CSA
June 6	Spring Race #3
June 13	Tradewinds Cup Race/TYC Cup Dinner Hosts: Bruce & Jan Cowin
June 14	Spring Race #4
June 20	Spring Race #5
June 27	Carlyle Lake Fireworks at the Dam - TYC Raft-Up
July 4	Murder Mystery/Pot Luck Dinner Hosts; Todd & Katherine
July 11	CYC Steak Night by Judd Worley Music by The John Bourgeois Group
July 18	Spring Race#6
July 18	Bunko Party Hosted By Jeff & Cheri Lyne
August 15	Hawaiian Party/Hosts Lisa Dimercurio & Tessa Peterein
August 22	TYC Sails to CYC Party
August 29	Fall Races #1 And #2
Sept. 12	CSA Strawberry Daiquiri Race/Party - This Is A Ladies' Race
Sept. 13	TYC Nomination Meeting
Sept. 19	Fall Race #3
Sept. 19	"Talk Like a Pirate" Party/Hosted By Lee Högman
Sept. 27	Fall Race #4
Oct. 3	Party Hosted By Duane & Peg Siegfried
Oct. 4	Fall Race #5
Oct. 11	Fall Race #6
Oct. 17	CYC Moonlight Race
Oct. 18	TYC Election for 2010 Officers
Oct. 31	Halloween Party/Hosted By Bill Gau & Ellie Leutkemeyer
Jan. 2010	Winter Gala - Date & Location Not Decided

Dock Lines Once Again...

I won't bore you with the sorted details, but for a myriad of reasons, our "*Dock Lines*" has not been able to be produced over the last several months. The long story will be saved for drunken hours well past when the sane are soundly sleeping, our boats gently rocking in the harbor, some night in the future. The short story is that I didn't have the computer tools I needed. To correct

the problem, I got a copy of the latest Microsoft Office suite for my home computer and can now provide you with what I hope is a decent newsletter, worthy of our club. Thank you for your patience over the last several months!
Lee H. Högman
Editor, "*Dock Lines*"



Boat names & Logos in Trade Winds Harbor





*The Pinta' & Nina in Grafton this past September
(Photos by Karen Morris)*

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Moonrise Over the Marina - by Karen Morris

TYC Coming Attractions

TYC Winter Gala -
January 2010

Kountry Korner Café

Open for breakfast & lunch.

Sundays presents an "all you can eat" chicken dinner, 12 Noon until 7:00 pm.

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~ Jimmy Buffet , Son of a son of a sailor